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dnsx is a fast and multi-purpose DNS toolkit allow to run multiple DNS queries of your choice with a list of user-supplied resolvers.

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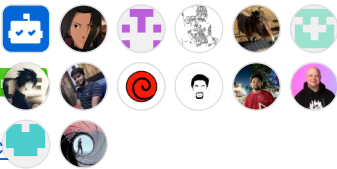
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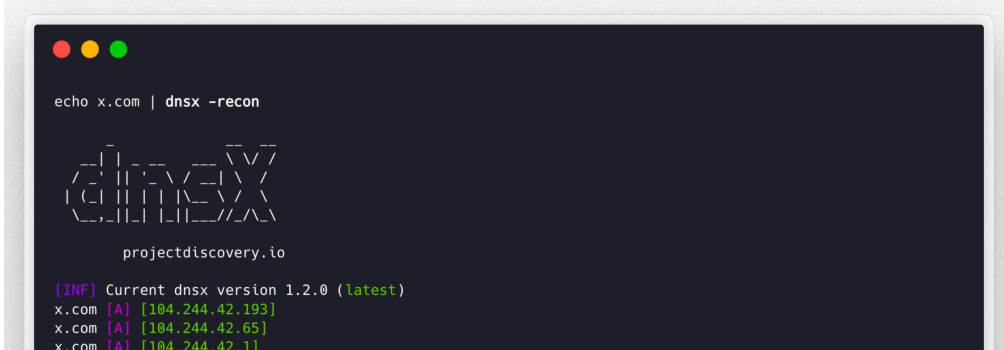
A fast and multi-purpose DNS toolkit designed for running DNS queries

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dnsx is a fast and multi-purpose DNS toolkit designed for running various probes through the [retryabledns](#) library. It supports multiple DNS queries, user supplied resolvers, DNS wildcard filtering like [shuffledns](#) etc.

Features



- Simple and Handy utility to query DNS records.
- **A, AAAA, CNAME, PTR, NS, MX, TXT, SRV, SOA** query support
- DNS **Resolution** / **Brute-force** support
- Custom **resolver** input support
- Multiple resolver format (**TCP/UDP/DOH/DOT**) support
- **stdin** and **stdout** support
- Automatic **wildcard** handling support

Installation Instructions

`dnsx` requires **go1.21** to install successfully. Run the following command to install the latest version:

```
go install -v github.com/projectdiscovery/dnsx/cmd/dnsx@latest
```



Usage

```
dnsx -h
```



This will display help for the tool. Here are all the switches it supports.

INPUT:

- l, -list string list of sub(domains)/hosts to resolve (file or stdin)
- d, -domain string list of domain to bruteforce (file or comma separated or stdin)
- w, -wordlist string list of words to bruteforce (file or comma separated or stdin)

QUERY:

- a query A record (default)
- aaaa query AAAA record
- cname query CNAME record
- ns query NS record
- txt query TXT record
- srv query SRV record
- ptr query PTR record
- mx query MX record
- soa query SOA record
- any query ANY record
- axfr query AXFR
- caa query CAA record
- recon query all the dns records (a,aaaa,cname,ns,txt,srv,ptr,mx,soa,axfr,caa)



-e, -exclude-type value dns query type to exclude (a,aaaa,cname,ns,txt,svr,ptr,mx,soa,axfr,caa) (default none)

FILTER:

-re, -resp display dns response
-ro, -resp-only display dns response only
-rc, -rcode string filter result by dns status code (eg. -rcode noerror,servfail,refused)

PROBE:

-cdn display cdn name
-asn display host asn information

RATE-LIMIT:

-t, -threads int number of concurrent threads to use (default 100)
-rl, -rate-limit int number of dns request/second to make (disabled as default) (default -1)

UPDATE:

-up, -update update dnsx to latest version
-duc, -disable-update-check disable automatic dnsx update check

OUTPUT:

-o, -output string file to write output
-j, -json write output in JSONL(ines) format
-omit-raw, -or omit raw dns response from jsonl output

DEBUG:

-hc, -health-check run diagnostic check up
-silent display only results in the output
-v, -verbose display verbose output
-raw, -debug display raw dns response
-stats display stats of the running scan
-version display version of dnsx
-nc, -no-color disable color in output

OPTIMIZATION:

-retry int number of dns attempts to make (must be at least 1) (default 2)
-hf, -hostsfile use system host file
-trace perform dns tracing
-trace-max-recursion int Max recursion for dns trace (default 32767)
-resume resume existing scan
-stream stream mode (wordlist, wildcard, stats and stop/resume will be disabled)

CONFIGURATIONS:

-auth configure projectdiscovery cloud (pdc) api key (default true)
-r, -resolver string list of resolvers to use (file or comma separated)
-wt, -wildcard-threshold int wildcard filter threshold (default 5)
-wd, -wildcard-domain string domain name for wildcard filtering (other flags will be ignored - only json output i

Running dnsx

DNS Resolving

Filter active hostnames from the list of passive subdomains, obtained from various sources:

```
subfinder -silent -d hackerone.com | dnsx -silent
```

```
a.ns.hackerone.com
www.hackerone.com
api.hackerone.com
docs.hackerone.com
mta-sts.managed.hackerone.com
mta-sts.hackerone.com
resources.hackerone.com
b.ns.hackerone.com
mta-sts.forwarding.hackerone.com
events.hackerone.com
support.hackerone.com
```

Print **A** records for the given list of subdomains:

```
subfinder -silent -d hackerone.com | dnsx -silent -a -resp
```

```
www.hackerone.com [104.16.100.52]
www.hackerone.com [104.16.99.52]
hackerone.com [104.16.99.52]
```

```
hackerone.com [104.16.100.52]
api.hackerone.com [104.16.99.52]
api.hackerone.com [104.16.100.52]
mta-sts.forwarding.hackerone.com [185.199.108.153]
mta-sts.forwarding.hackerone.com [185.199.109.153]
mta-sts.forwarding.hackerone.com [185.199.110.153]
mta-sts.forwarding.hackerone.com [185.199.111.153]
a.ns.hackerone.com [162.159.0.31]
resources.hackerone.com [52.60.160.16]
resources.hackerone.com [3.98.63.202]
resources.hackerone.com [52.60.165.183]
resources.hackerone.com [read.uberflip.com]
mta-sts.hackerone.com [185.199.110.153]
mta-sts.hackerone.com [185.199.111.153]
mta-sts.hackerone.com [185.199.109.153]
mta-sts.hackerone.com [185.199.108.153]
gslink.hackerone.com [13.35.210.17]
gslink.hackerone.com [13.35.210.38]
gslink.hackerone.com [13.35.210.83]
gslink.hackerone.com [13.35.210.19]
b.ns.hackerone.com [162.159.1.31]
docs.hackerone.com [185.199.109.153]
docs.hackerone.com [185.199.110.153]
docs.hackerone.com [185.199.111.153]
docs.hackerone.com [185.199.108.153]
support.hackerone.com [104.16.51.111]
support.hackerone.com [104.16.53.111]
mta-sts.managed.hackerone.com [185.199.108.153]
mta-sts.managed.hackerone.com [185.199.109.153]
mta-sts.managed.hackerone.com [185.199.110.153]
mta-sts.managed.hackerone.com [185.199.111.153]
```

Extract **A** records for the given list of subdomains:

```
subfinder -silent -d hackerone.com | dnsx -silent -a -resp-only
```



```
104.16.99.52
104.16.100.52
162.159.1.31
104.16.99.52
104.16.100.52
185.199.110.153
185.199.111.153
185.199.108.153
185.199.109.153
104.16.99.52
104.16.100.52
104.16.51.111
104.16.53.111
185.199.108.153
185.199.111.153
185.199.110.153
185.199.111.153
```

Extract **CNAME** records for the given list of subdomains:

```
subfinder -silent -d hackerone.com | dnsx -silent -cname -resp
```



```
support.hackerone.com [hackerone.zendesk.com]
resources.hackerone.com [read.uberflip.com]
mta-sts.hackerone.com [hacker0x01.github.io]
mta-sts.forwarding.hackerone.com [hacker0x01.github.io]
events.hackerone.com [whitelabel.bigmarker.com]
```

Extract **ASN** records for the given list of subdomains:

```
subfinder -silent -d hackerone.com | dnsx -silent -asn
```



```
b.ns.hackerone.com [AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET, US]
a.ns.hackerone.com [AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET, US]
hackerone.com [AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET, US]
www.hackerone.com [AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET, US]
```

```
api.hackerone.com [AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET, US]  
support.hackerone.com [AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET, US]
```

Probe using [dns status code](#) on given list of (sub)domains:

```
subfinder -silent -d hackerone.com | dnsx -silent -rcode noerror,servfail,refused  
  
ns.hackerone.com [NOERROR]  
a.ns.hackerone.com [NOERROR]  
b.ns.hackerone.com [NOERROR]  
support.hackerone.com [NOERROR]  
resources.hackerone.com [NOERROR]  
mta-sts.hackerone.com [NOERROR]  
www.hackerone.com [NOERROR]  
mta-sts.forwarding.hackerone.com [NOERROR]  
docs.hackerone.com [NOERROR]
```

Extract subdomains from given network range using PTR query:

```
echo 173.0.84.0/24 | dnsx -silent -resp-only -ptr  
  
cors.api.paypal.com  
trinityadminauth.paypal.com  
cld-edge-origin-api.paypal.com  
appmanagement.paypal.com  
svcs.paypal.com  
trinitypie-serv.paypal.com  
ppn.paypal.com  
pointofsale-new.paypal.com  
pointofsale.paypal.com  
slc-a-origin-pointofsale.paypal.com  
fpdb.paypal.com
```

Extract subdomains from given ASN using PTR query:

```
echo AS17012 | dnsx -silent -resp-only -ptr  
  
apiagw-a.paypal.com  
notify.paypal.com  
adnormserv-slc-a.paypal.com  
a.sandbox.paypal.com  
apps2.paypal-labs.com  
pilot-payflowpro.paypal.com  
www.paypallabs.com  
paypal-portal.com  
micropayments.paypal-labs.com  
minicart.paypal-labs.com
```

[↗](#) DNS Bruteforce

Bruteforce subdomains for given domain or list of domains using d and w flag:

```
dnsx -silent -d facebook.com -w dns_worldlist.txt  
  
blog.facebook.com  
booking.facebook.com  
api.facebook.com  
analytics.facebook.com  
beta.facebook.com  
apollo.facebook.com  
ads.facebook.com  
box.facebook.com  
alpha.facebook.com  
apps.facebook.com  
connect.facebook.com  
c.facebook.com  
careers.facebook.com  
code.facebook.com
```

Bruteforce targeted subdomain using single or multiple keyword input, as d or w flag supports file or comma separated keyword inputs:

□

grafana.1688.com
grafana.8x8.vc
grafana.airmap.com
grafana.aerius.nl
jenkins.1688.com
jenkins.airbnb.app
jenkins.airmap.com
jenkins.ahn.nl
jenkins.achmea.nl
jira.amocrm.com
jira.amexgbt.com
jira.amitree.com
jira.arrival.com
jira.atlassian.net
jira.atlassian.com

Values are accepted from **stdin** for all the input types (`-list` , `-domain` , `-wordlist`). The `-list` flag defaults to `stdin` , but the same can be achieved for other input types by adding a `-` (dash) as parameter:

□

grafana.1688.com
grafana.8x8.vc
grafana.airmap.com
grafana.aerius.nl
jenkins.1688.com
jenkins.airbnb.app
jenkins.airmap.com
jenkins.ahn.nl
jenkins.achmea.nl
jira.amocrm.com
jira.amexgbt.com
jira.amitree.com
jira.arrival.com
jira.atlassian.net
jira.atlassian.com

DNS Bruteforce with Placeholder based wordlist

□

com
by
de
be
al
bi
cg
dj
bs

□

```

      _      _      _      _      _      _      _      _
     /_      \_      \_      \_      \_      \_      \_
    |  (  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
   \_      /_      /_      /_      /_      /_      /_      /_
                                     v1.1.2

```

projectdiscovery.io

```
google.de [142.250.194.99]
google.com [142.250.76.206]
google.be [172.217.27.163]
google.bs [142.251.42.35]
google.bi [216.58.196.67]
google.al [216.58.196.68]
google.by [142.250.195.4]
google.cg [142.250.183.131]
google.dj [142.250.192.3]
```

🔗 Wildcard filtering

A special feature of `dnsx` is its ability to handle **multi-level DNS based wildcards**, and do it so with a very reduced number of DNS requests. Sometimes all the subdomains will resolve, which leads to lots of garbage in the output. The way `dnsx` handles this is by keeping track of how many subdomains point to an IP and if the count of the subdomains increase beyond a certain threshold, it will check for wildcards on all the levels of the hosts for that IP iteratively.

```
dnsx -l subdomain_list.txt -wd airbnb.com -o output.txt
```



🔗 Dnsx as a library

It's possible to use the library directly in your go lang programs. The following code snippets is an example of use in go lang programs. Please refer to [here](#) for detailed package configuration and usage.

```
package main

import (
    "fmt"

    "github.com/projectdiscovery/dnsx/libs/dnsx"
)

func main() {
    // Create DNS Resolver with default options
    dnsClient, err := dnsx.New(dnsx.DefaultOptions)
    if err != nil {
        fmt.Printf("err: %v\n", err)
        return
    }

    // DNS A question and returns corresponding IPs
    result, err := dnsClient.Lookup("hackerone.com")
    if err != nil {
        fmt.Printf("err: %v\n", err)
        return
    }
    for idx, msg := range result {
        fmt.Printf("%d: %s\n", idx+1, msg)
    }

    // Query
    rawResp, err := dnsClient.QueryOne("hackerone.com")
    if err != nil {
        fmt.Printf("err: %v\n", err)
        return
    }
    fmt.Printf("rawResp: %v\n", rawResp)

    jsonStr, err := rawResp.JSON()
    if err != nil {
        fmt.Printf("err: %v\n", err)
        return
    }
    fmt.Println(jsonStr)

    return
}
```



🔗 📝 Notes

- As default, `dnsx` checks for **A** record.
- As default `dnsx` uses Google, Cloudflare, Quad9 [resolver](#).
- Custom resolver list can be loaded using the `r` flag.