

# OpenWrt-based DHCP/DNS server

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This document describes how to build a simple DHCP/DNS server on top of OpenWrt. We assume you already have a working OpenWrt installation and that you have configured basic networking (`/etc/config/network`) and the host's name (`/etc/config/system`).

The following will configure `dnsmasq` to provide DHCP (assigning `.1-.100`), and DNS (e.g., assigning the hostname `server.example.com` to the computer with MAC address `aa:bb:cc:dd:ee:ff`). The DNS service will also resolve the local host's name, as set in `/etc/config/system`.

```
config dnsmasq
    option domainneeded '1'
    option boguspriv '1'
    option filterwin2k '0'
    option localise_queries '1'
    option rebind_protection '1'
    option rebind_localhost '1'
    option local '/example.com/'
    option domain 'example.com'
    option expandhosts '1'
    option noegcache '0'
    option authoritative '1'
    option readethers '1'
    option leasefile '/tmp/dhcp.leases'
    option resolvfile '/tmp/resolv.conf.auto'
    option server '192.168.1.1' # Upstream DNS.

config dhcp 'lan'
    option interface 'lan'
    option start '1'
    option limit '100'
    option leasetime '12h'
    option dhcpv6 'server'
    option ra 'server'
    list dhcp_option '3,192.168.1.1' # Default gateway.
    list dhcp_option '121,192.168.0.0/16,192.168.1.1' # A static route.

config dhcp 'wan'
    option interface 'wan'
    option ignore '1'

config odhcpd 'odhcpd'
    option maindhcp '0'
    option leasefile '/tmp/hosts/odhcpd'
    option leasetrigger '/usr/sbin/odhcpd-update'

config host
    option name 'server.example.com'
    option ip '192.168.1.101'
    option mac 'aa:bb:cc:dd:ee:ff'
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