Data Communications

Assignment Element 1 & 2

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Introduction

Basically we have a network which is devices such as computers connected to each other. One of these networks is a wide area network called the internet. Devices such as computers communicate with each other when connected. Since it is interesting how networks work Iwill go into further detail using terms or words to describe how they work.

There are devices in a network called servers which connect computers to communicate with each other for example sending emails. A mail server is used for this common method of communication.

Devices ae connected to each other to send data to each other which is how the internet and email works. There are terms such as protocols and packets which describe how data is sent between devices in a network. A protocol is the way a message is sent between devices on a network such as email messages. It is the type of message being sent between computers (such as the format of the message), the way it is sent and received and the response to the message when it is received. In a network such as the internet the protocols are the machines which are the hardware and software, communicating with each other. Protocols are the way devices communicate with each other when connected.

Examples of protocols being used between connected devices are TCP (transmission control protocol), HTTP (hypertext transfer protocol) and SMTP (simple mail transfer protocol). The transmission control protocol and hyper text transfer protocol are used by a computer connected to the internet. A user connected to the internet goes to a website by typing in the web address in the browser software and the HTTP protocol is the way the website is sent to the user by the server. The protocol is the request of the website sent by the user to server and the server responding to the request by sending a live copy of the website to the user.

The simple mail transfer protocol is a simple protocol used for sending emails between computers on a network. The protocol is the email being sent from a computer to the computer it is connected to via a mail server. Once the connected computer receives the email action is taken such as a reply to the email message and then the reply is sent via the mail server to the sender. The SMTP can also be a response to an email message sent from a computer as a receipt telling the sender if the message was received or not. The Transmission Control protocol is the transmission of messages sent between devices on a network. It is the way emails are transmitted with the SMTP protocol while being sent and responded to. When a user on the internet requests a webpage with images the TCP is the transmission of the webpage with the images sent as a reply from the server to the user.

Another type of protocol is DNS which stands for Domain Name System. This is about the address of a webpage requestsed by a user connected to the internet. When the user requests a webpage a database known as a DNS database is connected to to get the IP address of the web address stored in the database while the rquested webpage is being sent to the user. Suppose the user requests the website www.afternerd.com by typing it in their browser. The address www.afternerd.com is the domain name and afternedr.com is the subdomain. The web address has an IP address say like 123.234.34.55 stored in the DNS database which is stored in a server known as a DNS server. Infact every device connected to a network is identified by an IP address so that they can be accessed.

The other term packets or data packets are the pieces of data being sent between devices. Data being sent between computers on a network are broken down into chunks known as packets and

the purpose of the first part of this assignment is to show data is being sent and received by devices connected to each other. To do this we first need a software on the computer called Wireshark which detects data packets while the computer is connected to a network such as the internet. The software captures data packets being sent to and received by the computer it is installed on. It is basically a packet sniffing tool or "packet sniffer" that 'sniffs' chunks of data being sent and received by the computer. I will be using this software in this assignment to show the packets captured by it and mention what the details of the captured packet show.

You can check what network or devices your computer is connected to and details of these connections such as servers by typing commands on the Command Prompt. A user can type commands as queries to get details of servers including their name and IP addresses from DNS servers. There are tools you can use in the prompt by typing the command in all one word and in all one word with options.

1. Run nslookup to obtain the IP address of a Web server in Asia. What is the IP address of that server?

So here we start using the nslookup tool in Windows in the Command Prompt to get the IP address of a server holding a web page in another location. This is by typing a command known as nslookup followed by the web page address on the command line shown in the screenshot below.

The screenshot above shows the IP address of a web server obtained in Asia is 95.101.136.51(which is usually the first one even though I have got the addresses of two web servers).

2. Run nslookup to determine the authoritative DNS servers for a university in Europe.

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Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\Users\21359035\nslookup -type=ns uel.ac.uk
Server: e100271tc0256s.student.tvu.ac.uk
Address: 10.48.49.41

Non-authoritative answer:
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns3.p05.dynect.net
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns4.p05.dynect.net
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns1.p05.dynect.net
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns2.p05.dynect.net
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns2.p05.dynect.net
ns3.p05.dynect.net internet address = 2001:500:94:1::5
ns4.p05.dynect.net internet address = 208.78.70.5
ns1.p05.dynect.net internet address = 208.78.70.5
ns1.p05.dynect.net internet address = 2001:500:90:1::5
ns2.p05.dynect.net internet address = 2001:500:90:1::5
ns2.p05.dynect.net internet address = 204.13.250.5

C:\Users\21359035>
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Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\Users\21359035\nslookup -type=NS uel.ac.uk
Server: e100271tc0256s.student.tvu.ac.uk
Address: 10.48.49.41

Non-authoritative answer:
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns2.p05.dynect.net
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns4.p05.dynect.net
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns1.p05.dynect.net
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns3.p05.dynect.net
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns3.p05.dynect.net
uel.ac.uk nameserver = ns3.p05.dynect.net
ns2.p05.dynect.net internet address = 204.13.250.5
ns4.p05.dynect.net internet address = 204.13.251.5
ns1.p05.dynect.net internet address = 208.78.70.5
ns1.p05.dynect.net AAAA IPv6 address = 2091:500:90:1::5
ns3.p05.dynect.net internet address = 208.78.71.5
ns3.p05.dynect.net internet address = 2081:500:94:1::5
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The command used here was nslookup with the option "-type=NS" and the domain uel.ac.uk(the address without using www.).

The nslookup command sends a query to the local DNS server for a record of authoritative DNS servers for the hosts at the uel site. The list of host names are provided here of the authoritative DNS servers with their IP addresses. The record is indicated as Non-authoritative by nslookup since the record has come from the cache of a server which is not an authoritative uel DNS server. The cache is a table of DNS records, held by servers and clients, of servers with their names and IP address which have recently been received.

3. Run nslookup so that one of the DNS servers obtained in Question 2 is queried for the mail servers for Yahoo! mail. What is its IP address?

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Command Prompt

Server: e100271tc0256s.student.tvu.ac.uk
Address: 10.48.49.41

Non-authoritative answer:
uk.mail.yahoo.com
canonical name = ds-geoycpi-uno-lite.gycpi.b.yahoodns.ne
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C:\Users\21359035\nslookup uk.mail.yahoo.com
Server: e100271tc0256s.student.tvu.ac.uk
Address: 10.48.49.41

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: ds-geoycpi-uno-lite.gycpi.b.yahoodns.net
Addresses: 2a00:1288:110:c304::1001
2a00:1288:110:c304::1000
87.248.100.137
87.248.100.136
Aliases: uk.mail.yahoo.com
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ns1.p05.dynect.net internet address = 208.78.70.5
ns3.p05.dynect.net internet address = 208.78.71.5
ns2.p05.dynect.net internet address = 204.13.250.5
ns4.p05.dynect.net internet address = 204.13.251.5

C:\Users\21359035\nslookup uk.mail.yahoo.com ns2.p05.dynect.net
Server: ns2.p05.dynect.net
Address: 204.13.250.5

*** ns2.p05.dynect.net can't find uk.mail.yahoo.com: Query refused
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Here the command nslookup uk.mail.yahoo.com ns2.p05.dynect.net was used to query one of the DNS servers from question 2 for the mail servers for Yahoo! Mail but I got the result saying ns2.p05.dynect.net could not find the mail server for yahoo mail and the query was refused. This must mean the query would not return a result when sent to the uel DNS server ns2.p05.dynect.net if the server cannot find the Yahpo mail server. The server ns2.p05.dynect.net would not return the IP address of the host uk.mail.yahoo.com if it could not find this host.

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timeout was 2 seconds.

*** Request to UnKnown timed-out

C:\Users\21359035\nslookup ns2.p05.dynect.net uk.mail.yahoo.com

DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.

Server: UnKnown
Address: 87.248.100.137

DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.

*** Request to UnKnown timed-out

C:\Users\21359035>
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I then did it the other way round with ns2.p05.dynect.net as the host sending the query to uk.mail.yahoo.com but the result was the DNS request being timed out and the address of an unknown server rather than the Yahoo mail server.

To fix this problem I used the google public server 8.8.8.8 with the nslookup command and uk.mail.yahoo.com as nslookup uk.mail.yahoo.com 8.8.8.8 shown below.

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DNS request timed out.
timeout was 2 seconds.
*** Request to UnKnown timed-out

C:\Users\21359035\nslookup uk.mail.yahoo.com 8.8.8.8
Server: google-public-dns-a.google.com
Address: 8.8.8.8

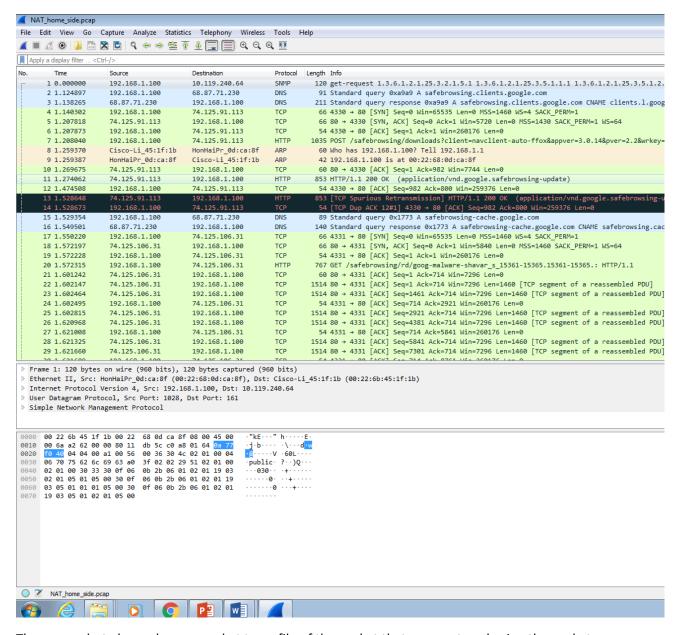
Non-authoritative answer:
Name: ds-geoycpi-uno-lite.gycpi.b.yahoodns.net
Addresses: 2a00:1288:110:c304::1000
2a00:1288:110:c304::1001
87.248.100.137
87.248.100.136
Aliases: uk.mail.yahoo.com

C:\Users\21359035>
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The IP address is 87.248.100.137(which is usually the first one).

Back to the software on the computer Wireshark, that is used to capture or 'sniff' data packets. We start here looking at lists of packets captured by the software while the computer was connected to the internet and a website on the internet was accessed. Data packets of the website accessed were captured as messages sent and received by the computer.

4. Locate the DNS query and response messages. Are then sent over UDP or TCP?

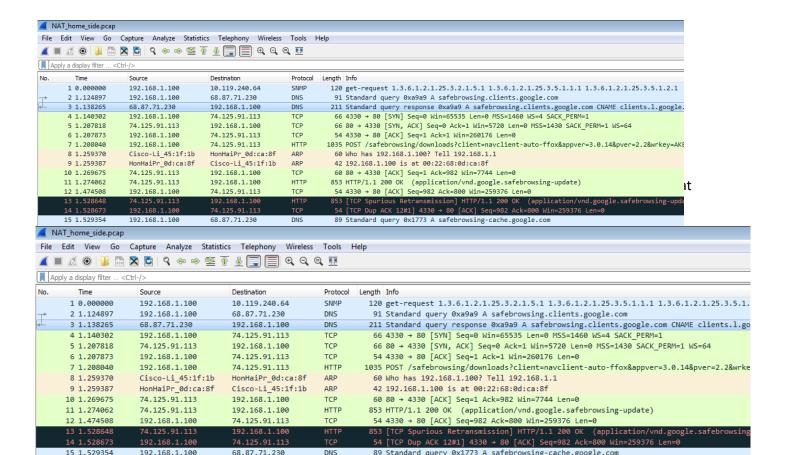


The screenshot above shows a packet trace file of the packet that was captured using the packet sniffing software called Wireshark.

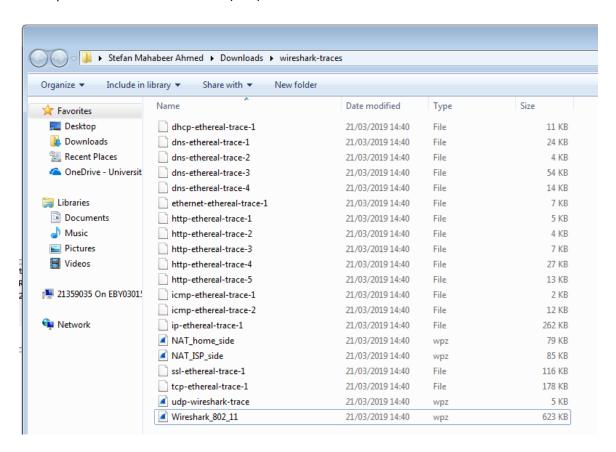
Details of each packet is listed including the number time taken to capture the packet, the source i.e. where it's coming from and the destination i.e. where it's going, the protocol used to exchange the message and the information(Info) such as whether they are queries or response messages or use the GET or POST methods to send information to the client from the server.

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	2 1.124897	192.168.1.100	68.87.71.230	DNS	91 Standard query 0xa9a9 A safebrowsing.clients.google.c					
4	3 1.138265	68.87.71.230	192.168.1.100	DNS	211 Standard query response 0xa9a9 A safebrowsing.clients					
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	5 1.207818	74.125.91.113	192.168.1.100	TCP	66 80 → 4330 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5720 Len=0 MSS=1					
	6 1.207873	192.168.1.100	74.125.91.113	TCP	54 4330 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=260176 Len=0					
	7 1.208040	192.168.1.100	74.125.91.113	HTTP	1035 POST /safebrowsing/downloads?client=navclient-auto-ff					
	8 1.259370	Cisco-Li_45:1f:1b	HonHaiPr_0d:ca:8f	ARP	60 Who has 192.168.1.100? Tell 192.168.1.1					
	9 1.259387	HonHaiPr_0d:ca:8f	Cisco-Li_45:1f:1b	ARP	42 192.168.1.100 is at 00:22:68:0d:ca:8f					
	10 1.269675	74.125.91.113	192.168.1.100	TCP	60 80 → 4330 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=982 Win=7744 Len=0					
	11 1.274062	74.125.91.113	192.168.1.100	HTTP	853 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/vnd.google.safebrowsing					
	12 1.474508	192.168.1.100	74.125.91.113	TCP	54 4330 → 80 [ACK] Seq=982 Ack=800 Win=259376 Len=0					
	13 1.528648	74.125.91.113	192.168.1.100	HTTP	853 [TCP Spurious Retransmission] HTTP/1.1 200 OK (appli					
	14 1.528673	192.168.1.100	74.125.91.113	TCP	54 [TCP Dup ACK 12#1] 4330 → 80 [ACK] Seq=982 Ack=800 Wi					
	15 1.529354	192.168.1.100	68.87.71.230	DNS	89 Standard query 0x1773 A safebrowsing-cache.google.com					
	16 1.549501	68.87.71.230	192.168.1.100	DNS	140 Standard query response 0x1773 A safebrowsing-cache.g					
	17 1.550220	192.168.1.100	74.125.106.31	TCP	66 4331 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=4 S					
	18 1.572197	74.125.106.31	192.168.1.100	TCP	66 80 → 4331 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=1					
	19 1.572228	192.168.1.100	74.125.106.31	TCP	54 4331 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=260176 Len=0					
	20 1.572315	192.168.1.100	74.125.106.31	HTTP	767 GET /safebrowsing/rd/goog-malware-shavar_s_15361-1536					
	21 1.601242	74.125.106.31	192.168.1.100	TCP	60 80 → 4331 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=714 Win=7296 Len=0					
	22 1.602147	74.125.106.31	192.168.1.100	TCP	1514 80 → 4331 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=714 Win=7296 Len=1460 [TCP					
	23 1.602464	74.125.106.31	192.168.1.100	TCP	1514 80 → 4331 [ACK] Seq=1461 Ack=714 Win=7296 Len=1460 [T					
	24 1.602495	192.168.1.100	74.125.106.31	TCP	54 4331 → 80 [ACK] Seq=714 Ack=2921 Win=260176 Len=0					
	25 1.602815	74.125.106.31	192.168.1.100	TCP	1514 80 → 4331 [ACK] Seq=2921 Ack=714 Win=7296 Len=1460 [T					
	26 1.620968	74.125.106.31	192.168.1.100	TCP	1514 80 → 4331 [ACK] Seq=4381 Ack=714 Win=7296 Len=1460 [T					
	27 1.621008	192.168.1.100	74.125.106.31	TCP	54 4331 → 80 [ACK] Seq=714 Ack=5841 Win=260176 Len=0					
	28 1.621325	74.125.106.31	192.168.1.100	TCP	1514 80 → 4331 [ACK] Seq=5841 Ack=714 Win=7296 Len=1460 [T					
	29 1.621660	74.125.106.31	192.168.1.100	TCP	1514 80 → 4331 [ACK] Seq=7301 Ack=714 Win=7296 Len=1460 [T					
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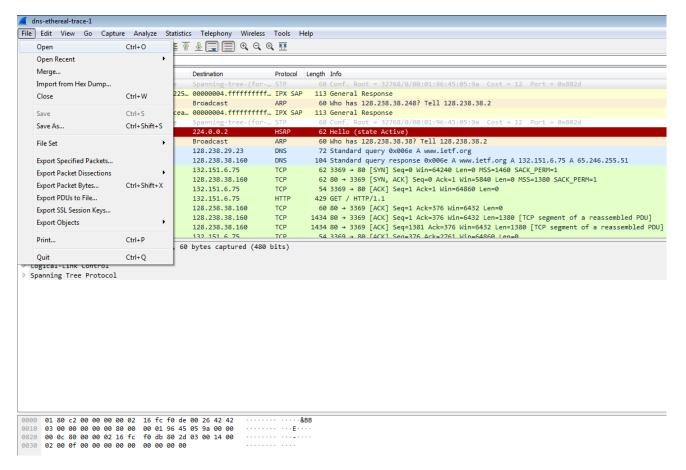
A close up of the packets captured on the trace file. The protocols used here are DNS, TCP and HTTP. DNS stands for Domain Name System which is used for the address of the website. The transfer control protocol os the TCP which is the protocol used to transfer the packet to and from the IP addresses.



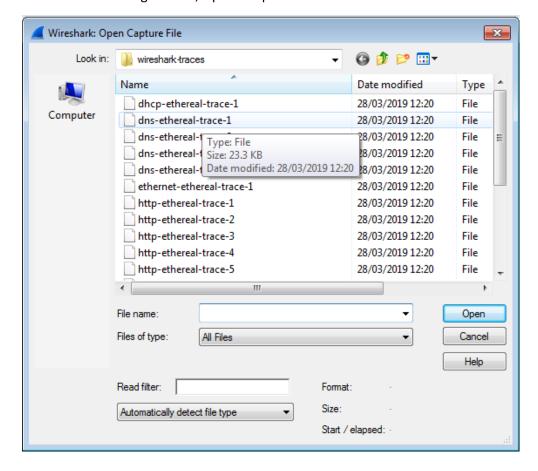
The DNS Query and response messages are shown here. It says if the DNS message is a query or a response under the information(Info) column.

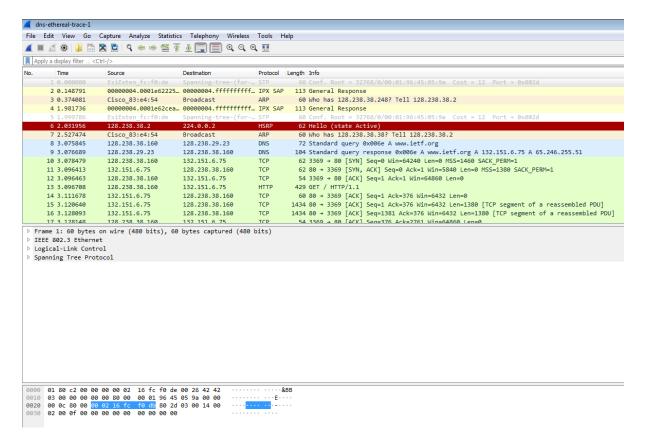


To answer the question here is the folder of trace files collected by Wireshark while following lab tasks on an author's computer. The dns-ethereal-trace-1 file located at the top is the file to use which has all the details of the DNS packet that was captured.

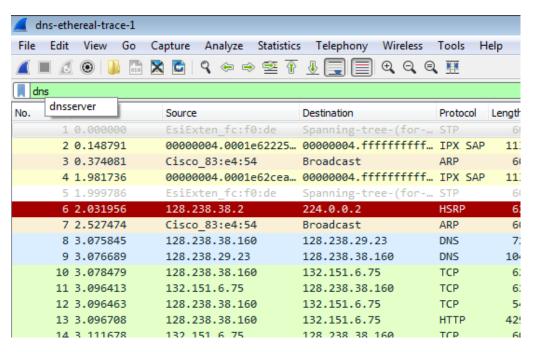


Back to Wireshark I go to File, Open to open a trace file called dns-ethereal-trace-1.

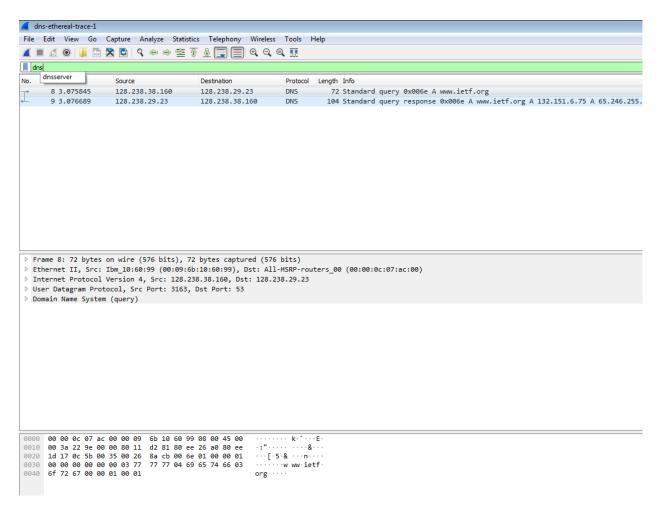




Details of the trace file are shown including a frame mentioning the size of the message captured in bits and bytes (in a shorter form of bits) and the type of interface it was sent over which in this case is Ethernet.



I type dns in the display filter box to filter the display to filter the display to show the packets captured that used the DNS protocol and press Enter.



The DNS query and response messages are located here.

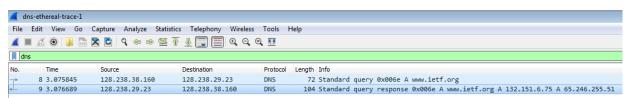


So by clicking on the message sent as a query I can look at the details of the message in the screenshot below.

Here we have the Frame, Ethernet Internet Protocol, User Datagram and the DNS Query details to look at which are viewed by clicking on the triangle next to each of them. Clicking on the triangle next to Internet Protocol version 4 expands all the details of the internet protocol used to send the query.

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Frame 8: 72 bytes on wire (576 bits), 72 bytes captured (576 bits)
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Ibm 10:60:99 (00:09:6b:10:60:99), Dst: All-HSRP-routers 00 (00:00:0c:07:ac:00)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 128.238.38.160, Dst: 128.238.29.23
    0100 .... = Version: 4
     .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
    Total Length: 58
    Identification: 0x229e (8862)
  ▶ Flags: 0x0000
    Time to live: 128
    Protocol: UDP (17)
    Header checksum: 0xd281 [validation disabled]
     [Header checksum status: Unverified]
    Source: 128.238.38.160
    Destination: 128.238.29.23
▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 3163, Dst Port: 53
Domain Name System (query)
0000 00 00 0c 07 ac 00 00 09 6b 10 60 99 08 00 45 00
                                                        ...... k.`..E.
0010 00 3a 22 9e 00 00 80 11 d2 81 80 ee 26 a0 80 ee
                                                        .:"..... ....&...
0020 1d 17 0c 5b 00 35 00 26 8a cb 00 6e 01 00 00 01
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0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 04 69 65 74 66 03
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0040 6f 72 67 00 00 01 00 01
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I click on the query response message...

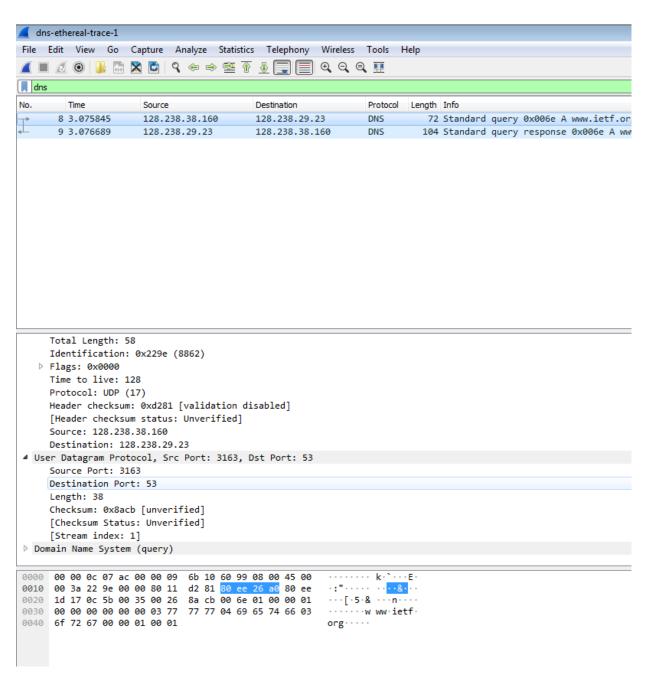


...to get the following details one of which is details of the User Datagram Protocol used to send the messages. The user datagram is sent with the query message from the client to the server.

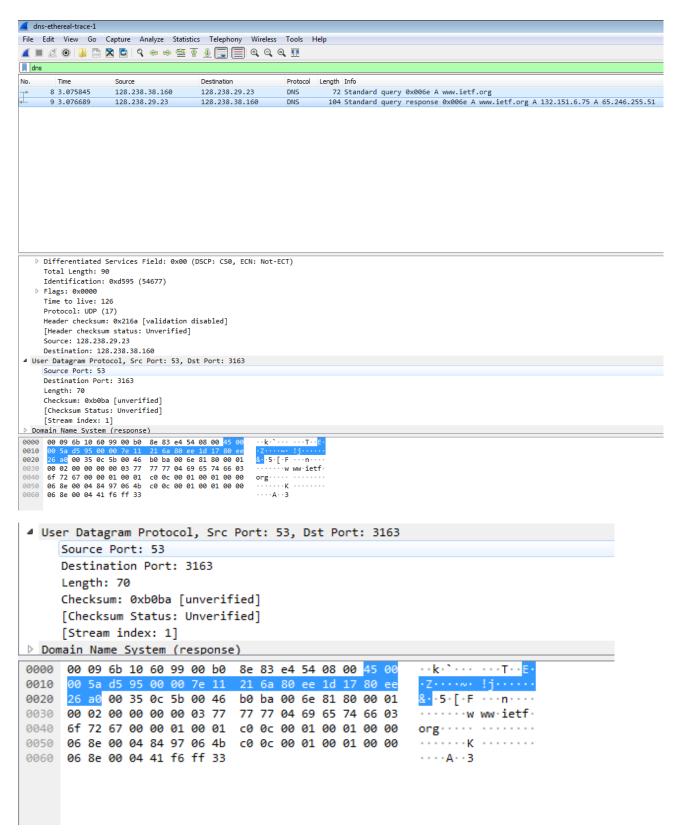
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Frame 9: 104 bytes on wire (832 bits), 104 bytes captured (832 bits)
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_83:e4:54 (00:b0:8e:83:e4:54), Dst: Ibm_10:60:99 (00:09:6b:10:60:99)
▲ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 128.238.29.23, Dst: 128.238.38.160
     0100 .... = Version: 4
     .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
  Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
     Total Length: 90
    Identification: 0xd595 (54677)
  ▶ Flags: 0x0000
     Time to live: 126
    Protocol: UDP (17)
     Header checksum: 0x216a [validation disabled]
     [Header checksum status: Unverified]
     Source: 128.238.29.23
     Destination: 128.238.38.160
▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 3163
Domain Name System (response)
0000 00 09 6b 10 60 99 00 b0 8e 83 e4 54 08 00 45 00
                                                       ...k.`... ....T.-.E.
0010 00 5a d5 95 00 00 7e 11 21 6a 80 ee 1d 17 80 ee
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0020 26 a0 00 35 0c 5b 00 46 b0 ba 00 6e 81 80 00 01
0030 00 02 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 04 69 65 74 66 03
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0040 6f 72 67 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00
0050 06 8e 00 04 84 97 06 4b c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00
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The DNS query and response messages are sent over UDP(which is the user datagram protocol).

5. What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of DNS response message?



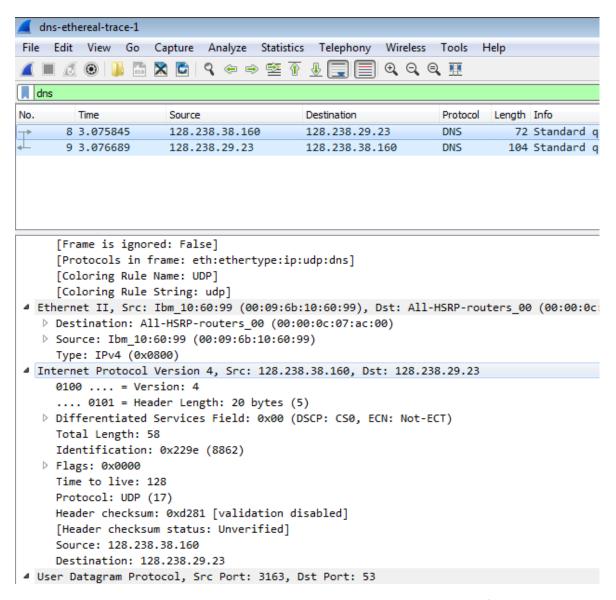
The destination port is 53.



The user datagram was sent back with the response from the server to the client.

The source port of the DNS response message is 53. The destination and source ports are where the messages go through to the client and the server when they are connected to and communicating with each other.

6. To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Use ipconfig to determine the IP address of your local DNS server. Are these two IP addresses the same?



The destination column and the internet protocol details show the destination for the DNS query message as 128.238.29.23.

The IP address the DNS query message is sent to is 128.238.29.23.

Since this trace file was captured from the computer at a different location to the one I am using this computer the IP address of our local DNS server is different to the one the query message was sent to but it would be the same if I was using the computer at that location. It would be the same IP address if I was running Wireshark on a live network connection.

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■ Domain Name System (query)
     Transaction ID: 0x006e
   ▷ Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
     Questions: 1
     Answer RRs: 0
      Authority RRs: 0
     Additional RRs: 0

    Queries

     [Response In: 9]
0000 00 00 0c 07 ac 00 00 09 6b 10 60 99 08 00 45 00 0010 00 3a 22 9e 00 00 80 11 d2 81 80 ee 26 a0 80 ee
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0020 1d 17 0c 5b 00 35 00 26 8a cb 00 6e 01 00 00 01
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0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 04 69 65 74 66 03
0040 6f 72 67 00 00 01 00 01
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7. Examine the DNS query message. What "Type" of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any "answers"?

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■ Domain Name System (query)
    Transaction ID: 0x006e

■ Flags: 0x0100 Standard query

       0... .... = Response: Message is a query
       .000 0... .... = Opcode: Standard query (0)
       .... ..0. .... = Truncated: Message is not truncated
       .... ...1 .... = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
       .... = Z: reserved (0)
       .... .... ...0 .... = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 0
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 0
  ■ Queries

■ www.ietf.org: type A, class IN

          Name: www.ietf.org
          [Name Length: 12]
          [Label Count: 3]
          Type: A (Host Address) (1)
          Class: IN (0x0001)
    [Response In: 9]
                                                       0000 00 00 0c 07 ac 00 00 09 6b 10 60 99 08 00 45 00
0010 00 3a 22 9e 00 00 80 11 d2 81 80 ee 26 a0 80 ee
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0020 1d 17 0c 5b 00 35 00 26 8a cb 00 6e 01 00 00 01
                                                      · · · [ · 5 · & · · · n · · · ·
0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 04 69 65 74 66 03
                                                      ····w ww·ietf·
0040 6f 72 67 00 00 01 00 01
                                                      org····
```

Examining the DNS query it is a type A query. This query is not a query for any name server to include the name of any server and their IP addresses.

```
■ Domain Name System (query)
    Transaction ID: 0x006e

■ Flags: 0x0100 Standard query

       0... - Response: Message is a query
       .000 0... .... = Opcode: Standard query (0)
       .... ..0. .... = Truncated: Message is not truncated
       .... ...1 .... = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
       .... = Z: reserved (0)
       .... .... ... o .... = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 0
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 0

■ Oueries

     Name: www.ietf.org
         [Name Length: 12]
         [Label Count: 3]
         Type: A (Host Address) (1)
         Class: IN (0x0001)
    [Response In: 9]
0000 00 00 0c 07 ac 00 00 09 6b 10 60 99 08 00 45 00 ······ k·`···E·
0010 00 3a 22 9e 00 00 80 11 d2 81 80 ee 26 a0 80 ee :"·····&···
0020 1d 17 0c 5b 00 35 00 26 8a cb 00 6e 01 00 00 01
                                                    · · · [ · 5 · & · · · n · · · ·
0030 00 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 04 69 65 74 66 03 ....w www.ietf.
0040 6f 72 67 00 00 01 00 01
                                                    org····
```

Being a DNS the query is for the web address www.ietf.org and getting its IP.

Before the DNS response message is sent back the message does not have any answers.

8. Examine the DNS response message. How many "answers" are provided? What do each of these answers contain?

```
Transaction ID: 0x006e
  ▲ Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
      1... .... = Response: Message is a response
      .000 0... = Opcode: Standard query (0)
      .... .0.. .... = Authoritative: Server is not an authority for domain
      .....0. ... = Truncated: Message is not truncated .....1 ... = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
      .... 1... = Recursion available: Server can do recursive queries
      .... .0.. .... = Z: reserved (0)
      .... .... 0 .... = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
      .... .... 0000 = Reply code: No error (0)
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 2
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 0
  △ Queries
     Name: www.ietf.org
         [Name Length: 12]
         [Label Count: 3]
         Type: A (Host Address) (1)
         Class: IN (0x0001)
     ^{\flat} www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 132.151.6.75
     www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 65.246.255.51
    [Request In: 8]
0000 00 00 6b 10 60 99 00 b0 8e 83 e4 54 08 00 45 00 0010 00 5a d5 95 00 00 7e 11 21 6a 80 ee 1d 17 80 ee 0020 26 a0 00 35 0c 5b 00 46 b0 ba 00 6e 81 80 00 01 00 00 00 00 7 7 77 77 04 69 65 74 66 03 004 6f 72 67 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00
                                                ··k·`··· ···T
·Z····~ !j··
                                                0050 06 8e 00 04 84 97 06 4b c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00 00 00 06 8e 00 04 41 f6 ff 33

■ Answers

    www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 132.151.6.75

      www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 65.246.255.51
     [Request In: 8]
     [Time: 0.000844000 seconds]
   Answers
      www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 132.151.6.75

    www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 65.246.255.51

      [Request In: 8]
      [Time: 0.000844000 seconds]
0000 00 09 6b 10 60 99 00 b0 8e 83 e4 54 <mark>08 00</mark> 45 00
                                                              ··k·`···T<u>··</u>E
0010 00 5a d5 95 00 00 7e 11 21 6a 80 ee 1d 17 80 ee
                                                                ·Z····~·!j·····
                                                              &··5·[·F ···n····
0020 26 a0 00 35 0c 5b 00 46 b0 ba 00 6e 81 80 00 01
0030 00 02 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 04 69 65 74 66 03
                                                               ·····w ww·ietf
                                                               org.....
0040 6f 72 67 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00
                                                              ....к .....
0050 06 8e 00 04 84 97 06 4b c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00
0060 06 8e 00 04 41 f6 ff 33
                                                               · · · · A · · 3

■ Answers

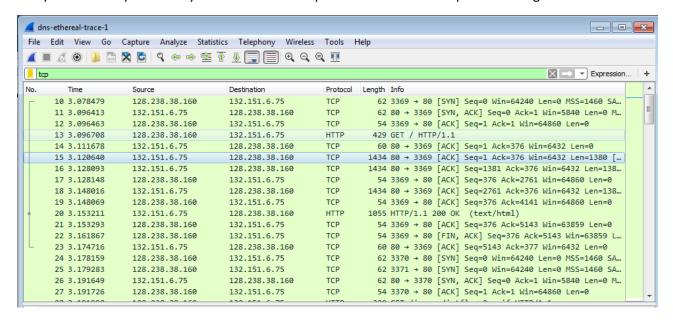
      www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 65.246.255.51
      [Request In: 8]
      [Time: 0.000844000 seconds]
                                                                 ··k·`···T··E·
0000 00 09 6b 10 60 99 00 b0 8e 83 e4 54 08 00 45 00
                                                                  ·Z····~ !j·····
0010 00 5a d5 95 00 00 7e 11 21 6a 80 ee 1d 17 80 ee
                                                                  &··5·[·F ····n····
0020
      26 a0 00 35 0c 5b 00 46
                                    b0 ba 00 6e 81 80 00 01
       00 02 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 04 69 65 74 66 03
                                                                  ·····w ww·ietf·
                                                                  org.....
0040
       6f 72 67 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00
                                                                  ....к .....к
       06 8e 00 04 84 97 06 4b
0050
                                   c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00
                                                                  · · · · A · · 3
0060 06 8e 00 04 41 f6 ff 33
```

■ Domain Name System (response)

```
Answers
      ■ www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 132.151.6.75
          Name: www.ietf.org
          Type: A (Host Address) (1)
          Class: IN (0x0001)
          Time to live: 1678
          Data length: 4
          Address: 132.151.6.75
      www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 65.246.255.51
          Name: www.ietf.org
          Type: A (Host Address) (1)
          Class: IN (0x0001)
          Time to live: 1678
          Data length: 4
          Address: 65.246.255.51
     [Request In: 8]
     [Time: 0.000844000 seconds]
                                                          · · k · ` · ·
0000 00 09 6b 10 60 99 00 b0
                               8e 83 e4 54 08 00 45 00
0010 00 5a d5 95 00 00 7e 11 21 6a 80 ee 1d 17 80 ee
                                                         ·Z····~·!j·····
0020 26 a0 00 35 0c 5b 00 46 b0 ba 00 6e 81 80 00 01
                                                         &--5-[-F ---n--
      00 02 00 00 00 00 03 77
                              77 77 04 69 65 74 66 03
                                                         ·····w www.ietf
      6f 72 67 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00
                                                         org····
0050
      06 8e 00 04 84 97 06 4b c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00
                                                             ...K ......
0060 06 8e 00 04 41 f6 ff 33
                                                         · · · · A · · 3
```

Examining the response message, it is a standard query response as in a response to the query that was sent. It has two answers rather than one. The answers which were sent as the response message each contain the name of the host, an IP address and the type which is A as it is a host address not a query for names and IP addresses of a name server. They also contain the time the message was captured live and the length of the data. The two IP addresses sent as a response were provided using other protocols like HTTP and TCP since they are not the same as the addresses in the DNS query and response messages.

9. Consider the subsequent TCP SYN packet sent by your host. Does the destination IP address of the SYN packet correspond to any of the IP addresses provided in the DNS response message?



Considering the TCP SYN packet sent by the host here which means has been sent to and back in a sequence using a sequence number as shown in the info column. The protocols used for this are the TCP (Transfer Control Protocol) and HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol).

```
Domain Name System (response)

Transaction ID: 0x006e

Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
Questions: 1

Answer RRs: 2

Authority RRs: 0

Additional RRs: 0

Queries

Downw.ietf.org: type A, class IN

Answers

Downw.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 132.151.6.75

Downw.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 65.246.255.51

[Request In: 8]

[Time: 0.000844000 seconds]
```

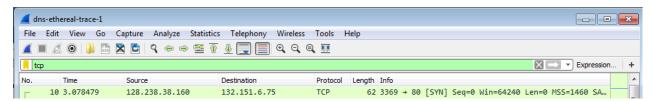
```
Class: IN (0x0001)
Answers

■ www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 132.151.6.75

        Name: www.ietf.org
        Type: A (Host Address) (1)
        Class: IN (0x0001)
       Time to live: 1678
       Data length: 4
       Address: 132.151.6.75

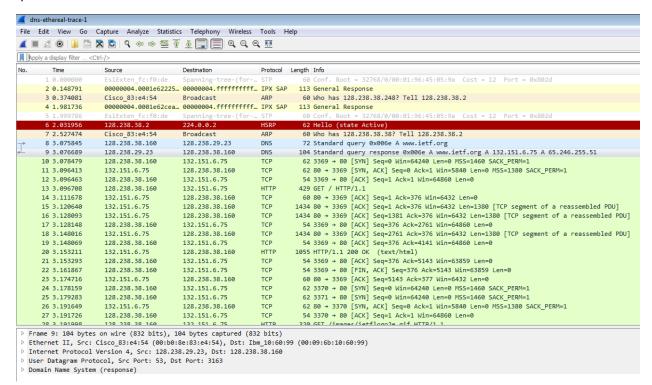
■ www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, addr 65.246.255.51

       Name: www.ietf.org
        Type: A (Host Address) (1)
        Class: IN (0x0001)
        Time to live: 1678
        Data length: 4
        Address: 65.246.255.51
  [Request In: 8]
  [Time: 0.000844000 seconds]
```



The destination IP address of the first SYN packet sent which is 132.151.6.75 is the same IP address, provided in the DNS response message, of the name server for the webpage address www.ietf.org: type A, class IN, shown above.

10. This web page contains images. Before retrieving each image, does your host issue new DNS queries?



The DNS query and response messages are listed above the messages that use the TCP and HTTP protocols to get the images. So yes the host does issue new DNS queries before retrieving each image.

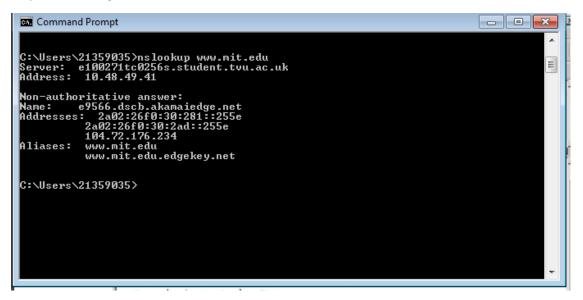
69 3.353502	128.238.38.160	132.151.6.75	TCP	54 3374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64860 Len=0
70 3.353528	132.151.6.75	128.238.38.160	TCP	60 80 → 3373 [ACK] Seq=2069 Ack=267 Win=6432 Len=0
71 3.353822	128.238.38.160	132.151.6.75	HTTP	320 GET /images/isoc-small.gif HTTP/1.1
72 3.368730	132.151.6.75	128.238.38.160	TCP	60 80 → 3374 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=267 Win=6432 Len=0
73 3.375649	Cisco_83:e4:54	Broadcast	ARP	60 Who has 128.238.38.248? Tell 128.238.38.2
74 3.377517	132.151.6.75	128.238.38.160	TCP	1434 80 → 3374 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=267 Win=6432 Len=1380 [TCP s
75 3.384003	132.151.6.75	128.238.38.160	HTTP	1269 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (GIF87a)
76 3.384056	128.238.38.160	132.151.6.75	TCP	54 3374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=267 Ack=2596 Win=64860 Len=0
77 3.384076	132.151.6.75	128.238.38.160	TCP	60 80 → 3374 [FIN, ACK] Seq=2596 Ack=267 Win=6432 Len=0
78 3.384100	128.238.38.160	132.151.6.75	TCP	54 3374 → 80 [ACK] Seq=267 Ack=2597 Win=64860 Len=0
79 3.388020	128.238.38.160	132.151.6.75	TCP	54 3374 → 80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=267 Ack=2597 Win=64860 Len=0
80 3.400310	132.151.6.75	128.238.38.160	TCP	60 80 → 3374 [ACK] Seq=2597 Ack=268 Win=6432 Len=0
81 3.998075	EsiExten_fc:f0:de	Spanning-tree-(for	` STP	60 Conf. Root = 32768/0/00:01:96:45:05:9a
82 4.231189	Cisco_83:e4:54	Broadcast	ARP	60 Who has 128.238.38.241? Tell 128.238.38.2
92 4 684800	110 120 20 1	224 0 0 2	uenn	62 Walla (state Astiva)

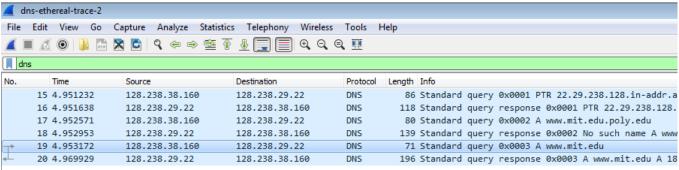
You can also see above the word get in capitals, under the Info column, which is the method used to get an image loaded onto the webpage.

Now I play with nslookup:

Doing an nslookup on www.mit.edu

11. What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of DNS response message?





```
    Frame 19: 71 bytes on wire (568 bits), 71 bytes captured (568 bits)

    Ethernet II, Src: Ibm_10:60:99 (00:09:6b:10:60:99), Dst: All-HSRP-routers_00 (00:00:0c:07:ac:00)

    Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 128.238.38.160, Dst: 128.238.29.22

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 3742, Dst Port: 53
    Source Port: 3742
    Destination Port: 53
    Length: 37
    Checksum: 0x5890 [unverified]
    [Checksum Status: Unverified]
    [Stream index: 3]

    Domain Name System (query)
```

The destination port for the query message is 53.

```
▶ Frame 20: 196 bytes on wire (1568 bits), 196 bytes captured (1568 bits)
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_83:e4:54 (00:b0:8e:83:e4:54), Dst: Ibm_10:60:99 (00:09:6b:10:60:99)
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 128.238.29.22, Dst: 128.238.38.160

■ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 3742

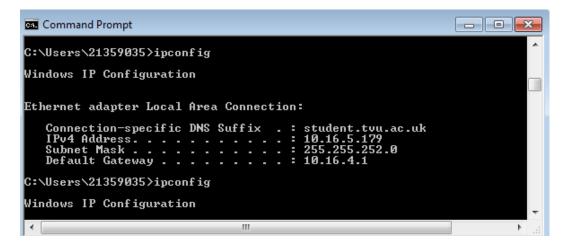
    Source Port: 53
    Destination Port: 3742
    Length: 162
     Checksum: 0xa318 [unverified]
     [Checksum Status: Unverified]
     [Stream index: 3]

■ Domain Name System (response)

    Transaction ID: 0x0003
  ▶ Flags: 0x8580 Standard query response, No error
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 1
    Authority RRs: 3
     Additional RRs: 3
   ■ Queries
```

The source port for the response message is 53.

12. To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Is this the IP address of your default local DNS server?



The DNS query message is sent to IP address 128.238.29.22. Not the IP address of my local default DNS server since this is only a trace file that was captured using a computer at a different location to the one I am currently using this computer in.

13. Examine the DNS query message. What "Type" of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any "answers"?

```
■ Domain Name System (query)

      Transaction ID: 0x0003

■ Flags: 0x0100 Standard query

        0... .... = Response: Message is a query
        .000 0... .... = Opcode: Standard query (0)
         .....0. .... = Truncated: Message is not truncated
         .... ...1 .... = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
         .... = Z: reserved (0)
        .... .... ... o .... = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
      Questions: 1
      Answer RRs: 0
      Authority RRs: 0
      Additional RRs: 0
                                                         0000 00 00 0c 07 ac 00 00 09 6b 10 60 99 08 00 45 00
 0010 00 39 27 a3 00 00 80 11 cd 7e 80 ee 26 a0 80 ee 0020 1d 16 0e 9e 00 35 00 25 58 90 00 03 01 00 00 01 ....5% X......
 0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 03 6d 69 74 03 65 ·····w ww·mit·e
 0040 64 75 00 00 01 00 01
                                                        du····
O Domain Name System: Protocol
```

It is a standard type AAA query. It has no answers since it is the query before the response message is sent.

Shown above are details of the packet in hexadecimal and ASCII. No answers mean zeroes are shown.

14. Examine the DNS response message. How many "answers" are provided? What do each of these answers contain?

One answer is provided. It contains details of the name server for www.mit.edu. This includes (which I forgot to show) the name of the website, time taken to capture the packet during the live capture and the data length.

15. Screenshots

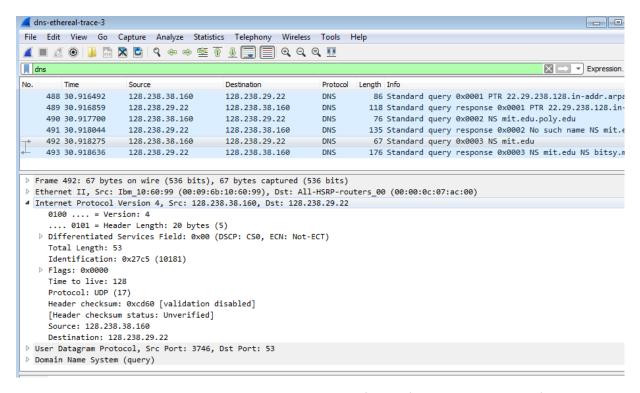
I now run this command:

nslookup -type=NS mit.edu

```
C:\Users\21359035\nslookup -type=NS mit.edu
Server: e100271tc0256s.student.tvu.ac.uk
Address: 10.48.49.41

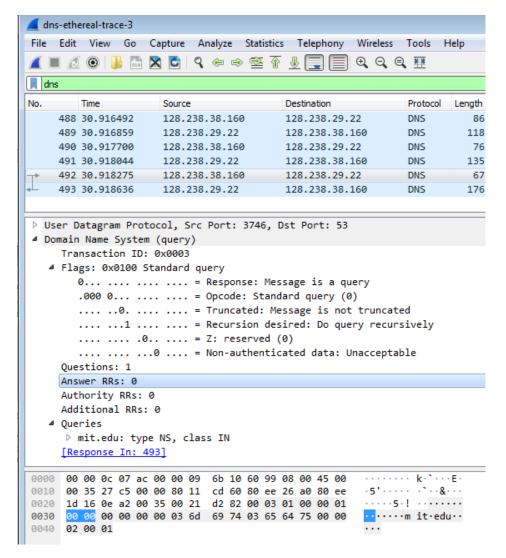
Non-authoritative answer:
mit.edu nameserver = ns1-173.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = ns1-37.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = use2.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = use3.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = use5.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia2.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia1.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia1.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia1.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia1.akam.net
ns1-173.akam.net internet address = 193.108.91.173
ns1-173.akam.net internet address = 2600:1401:2::ad
use2.akam.net internet address = 193.108.91.37
ns1-37.akam.net internet address = 193.108.91.37
ns1-37.akam.net internet address = 2600:1401:2::25
usw2.akam.net internet address = 2600:1401:2::25
usw2.akam.net internet address = 2.16.40.64
use5.akam.net internet address = 2600:1403:a::40
asia2.akam.net internet address = 95.101.36.64
asia1.akam.net internet address = 95.100.175.64
```

16. To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Is this the IP address of your default local DNS server?



It is sent to IP address 128.238.29.22. Not the IP address of my default local DNS server for the same reasons as mentioned in answer to question 6 and 12.

17. Examine the DNS query message. What "Type" of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any "answers"?



The type of DNS query is an NS type (query sent to the server for records of name servers), with no answers.

18. Examine the DNS response message. What MIT nameservers does the response message provide? Does this response message also provide the IP addresses of the MIT nameservers?

It provides nameservers bitsy.mit.edu(address 18.72.0.3), strawb.mit.edu(address 18.71.0.151) and w20ns.mit.edu(address 18.70.0.160). This response message provides the IP addresses of the MIT name servers as a list of additional records.

19. Screenshot provided below

```
.... .... 0000 = Reply code: No error (0)
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 3
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 3
  Queries
     Answers
    ▷ mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns strawb.mit.edu
     mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns w20ns.mit.edu
  ▲ Additional records
     bitsy.mit.edu: type A, class IN, addr 18.72.0.3
     ▷ strawb.mit.edu: type A, class IN, addr 18.71.0.151
     ▷ w20ns.mit.edu: type A, class IN, addr 18.70.0.160
    [Request In: 492]
    [Time: 0.000361000 seconds]
     00 09 6b 10 60 99 00 b0 8e 83 e4 54 08 00 45 00
                                                  ...W..~. a.....
     00 a2 00 57 00 00 7e 11 f6 61 80 ee 1d 16 80 ee
0010
                           c3 02 00 03 81 80 00 01
     26 a0 00 35 0e a2 00 8e
0020
     00 03 00 00 00 03 03 6d 69 74 03 65 64 75 00 00
                                                   ·····m it·edu··
0030
                                                   .....Q....
     02 00 01 c0 0c 00 02 00 01 00 00 51 00 00 08 05
                                                   bitsy····Q
0050
     62 69 74 73 79 c0 0c c0 0c 00 02 00 01 00 00 51
0060
     00 00 09 06 73 74 72 61 77 62 c0 0c c0 0c 00 02
                                                   ····stra wb·····
9979
     00 01 00 00 51 00 00 08 05 77 32 30 6e 73 c0 0c
                                                   ····Q····w20ns··
9989
0090
00a0
```

I repeat the previous experiment but with this command:

nslookup www.aiit.or.kr bitsy.mit.edu

```
C:\Users\21359035\nslookup www.aiit.or.kr bitsy.mit.edu

DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.

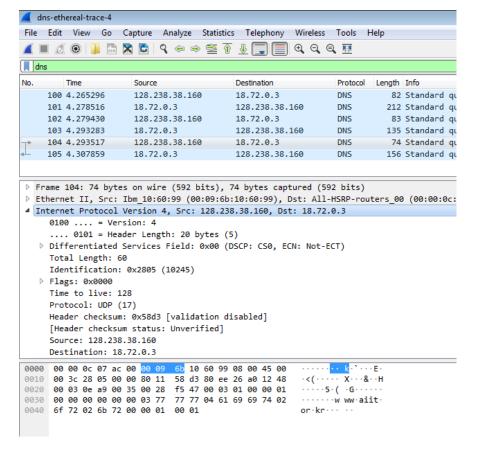
Server: UnKnown
Address: 18.72.0.3

DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.

C:\Users\21359035\nslookup www.aiit.or.kr bitsy.mit.edu

DNS request timed out.
```

20. To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Is this the IP address of your default local DNS server? If not, what does the IP address correspond to?



The DNS query message is sent to IP address 18.72.0.3. This is not the IP address of my local default DNS server. It is the same as name server at mit.edu which is bitsy.mit.edu.

21. Examine the DNS query message. What "Type" of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any "answers"?

```
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 128.238.38.160, Dst: 18.72.0.3

    User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 3753, Dst Port: 53

■ Domain Name System (query)

    Transaction ID: 0x0003

■ Flags: 0x0100 Standard query

       0... --- = Response: Message is a query
       .000 0... .... = Opcode: Standard query (0)
       .... ..0. .... = Truncated: Message is not truncated
       .... ...1 .... = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
       .... = Z: reserved (0)
       .... .... ... O .... = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
     Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 0
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 0
   Queries
     [Response In: 105]
                                                      · · · · · · · · k · ` · · · E ·
0000 00 00 0c 07 ac 00 00 09
                             6b 10 60 99 08 00 45 00
                                                      ·<(···· X···&··H
0010 00 3c 28 05 00 00 80 11
                             58 d3 80 ee 26 a0 12 48
                                                      · · · · · 5 · ( · · G · · · · · ·
0020 00 03 0e a9 00 35 00 28
                             f5 47 00 03 01 00 00 01
                                                      ·····w ww·aiit·
0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 77 77 77 04 61 69 69 74 02
                                                      or·kr··· ··
0040 6f 72 02 6b 72 00 00 01 00 01
```

It is a type A query. It does not contain any answers.

22. Examine the DNS response messages. How many "answers" are provided? What does each of these answers contain?

One answer is provided which contains the details of the host including server name, address, the type, the time taken to capture it live and the length of the data.

23. Screenshot

```
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_83:e4:54 (00:b0:8e:83:e4:54), Dst: Ibm_10:60:99 (00:09:6b:10:60:99)
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 18.72.0.3, Dst: 128.238.38.160

    User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 3753

■ Domain Name System (response)

    Transaction ID: 0x0003
  ▷ Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 1
    Authority RRs: 2
    Additional RRs: 2
   ■ Queries

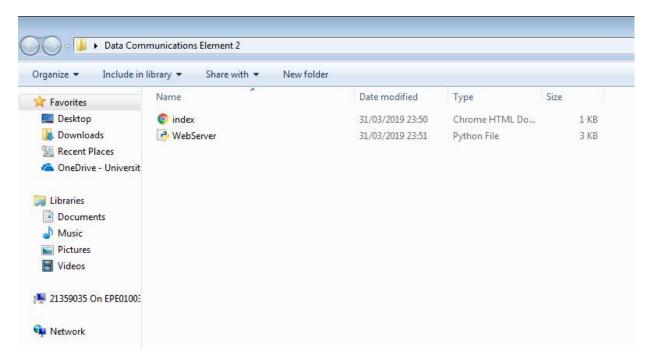
■ Answers

     Name: www.aiit.or.kr
          Type: A (Host Address) (1)
          Class: IN (0x0001)
          Time to live: 3338
          Data length: 4
          Address: 218.36.94.200
  D Additional records
0010 00 8e b5 43 40 00 f1 11 1a 42 12 48 00 03 80 ee
                                                      - · · C@ · · · B · H · · · ·
0020 26 a0 00 35 0e a9 00 7a 99 c7 00 03 81 80 00 01 & 5...z ......
0030 00 01 00 02 00 02 03 77 77 77 04 61 69 69 74 02 ······w ww·aiit·
0040 6f 72 02 6b 72 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 or·kr······
0050 00 00 0d 0a 00 04 da 24 5e c8 c0 10 00 02 00 01 0060 00 00 0d 0a 00 05 02 6e 73 c0 10 c0 10 00 02 00
                                                      ..... $ ^.<mark>.....</mark>
                                                      .....n s.....
0070 01 00 00 0d 0a 00 05 02 77 33 c0 10 c0 3c 00 01
                                                      .....w3....<..
0080 00 01 00 01 50 7a 00 04 de 6a 24 42 c0 4d 00 01
                                                      ....Pz·· ·j$B·M··
                                                      ....Pz....j$C
0090 00 01 00 01 50 7a 00 04 de 6a 24 43
Text item (text), 16 bytes
                                                                                Packets: 15
```

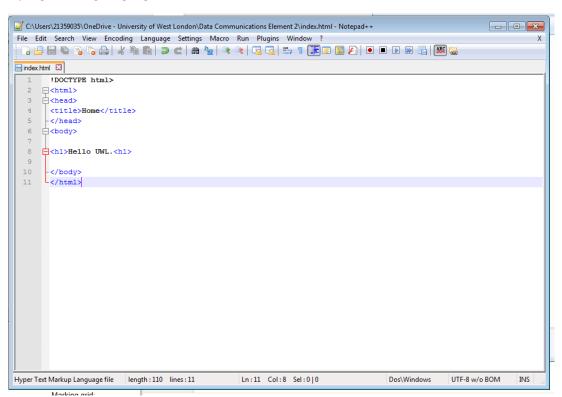
Element 2

This second part of this assignment focuses on communication between the server and the client. A network is devices connected to each other such as the computer connected to a server to request a webpage from it. The server is the computer which holds a live copy of the webpage and the client is the computer that has requested a copy of the webpage from the server. When the client requests the webpage from the server, the server receives the request and then sends the page to the client.

I am going to test the connection between the server and the client by creating a webpage using language known as html and store that file in the same folder as the code for the web server written using programming code in a language known as Python. I have to store them both in the same folder in order for them to connect to each other. So the web browser that will load webpage is the client and the web server file written in programming language is the server.



Here is the html file of the webpage in the same folder as the web server which is the server code in a programming language.



A screenshot of the html code for the web page.

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Below is the actual programming code of the web server written in the programminglanguage known as Python.
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#import socket module from socket import *
import sys # In order to terminate the program
serverSocket = socket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM)
#Prepare a sever socket and a port number for the server.
serverPort = 6789
# Bind the server socket to the server port
serverSocket.bind(("", serverPort))
# Server socket starts listening which means it is ready to receive a connection which is in a queue as
many as 1
serverSocket.listen(1)
#Fill in end
while True:
#Establish the connection
print('Ready to serve...')
# Create a connection to the client through a connection socket
connectionSocket, addr = serverSocket.accept()
try:
# Read the request sent by the client at the connection socket
message = connectionSocket.recv(1024)
# Split the message received at the connection socket and decode it
filename = message.split()[1]
f = open(filename[1:]).decode())
outputdata = f. read()
# Start sending a reply to the clients request
connectionSocket.send("HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n\r\n".encode())
#Send the requested file to the connection socket
for i in range(0, len(outputdata)):
        connectionSocket.send(outputdata[i].encode())
connectionSocket.send("\r\n".encode())
#Close the connection socket to the client
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connectionSocket.close()
except IOError:

#Send a response message if the file is not held by the server
connectionSocket.send("HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found\r\n\r\n".encode())
connectionSocket.send("<html><head></head><body><h1>404 Not
Found</h1></body></html>\r\n".encode())

#Close the connection socket to the client
connectionSocket.close()
serverSocket.close()
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sys.exit() #Terminate the program after sending the corresponding data

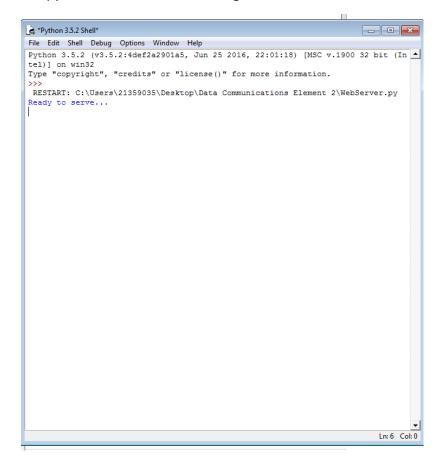
What the code above does

The code above is the code for the server. It makes the server receive the request from the client and send a message to client. To do that it first needs a connection socket created called the server socket and then a port number assigned to it using a variable called serverPort. The port number is binded to the server to create a connection to the client. The server starts listening to a request from the client. These number of client requests are in a queue as many as one. Once the server hears a request from the client a connection is ready and a connection to the client is made through a connection socket. The server prints a message 'Ready to serve...' when the server program code is being run with while being true.

A connection socket is created to connect to the client using the accept() method with the server socket. In the next part of the code starting with try the request sent by the client is read from the connection socket. A variable called message is then created with the clients port number 1024 being a parameter of the receive method .recv().

Before sending a response to the client the message, at the connection socket, is split and then decoded. It is then stored as output. A for loop is used to encode the response to the client and then send it through the connection socket to the client. If the requested web page file is not held by the server an exception error is sent displaying the message file Not Found.

The python web server code running. This screenshot indicates the server will be ready to serve...



And here is the webpage running having used localhost followed by the port number and the name of the html file.

