

Step 1. Manual Name Resolution

1. Send requests to the name servers following its hierarchy recursively.

- 1) Firstly, search the web for the name servers' IP addresses. Then use dig to ask for one of the root server, namely the a-server with IP address 198.41.0.4, for www.uwa.edu.au.

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Letter	IPv4 address	IPv6 address	AS-number ^[1]	Old name	Operator	Nr. of sites (global/local) ^[9]	Software
A	198.41.0.4	2001:503:ba3e::230	AS19836 ^[9] AS36619, AS36620, AS36622, AS36625, AS36631, AS64820 ^[note 2] ^[9]	ns.internic.net	Verisign	Distributed using anycast 5/0	NSD and Verisign ATLAS
B	199.9.14.201 ^[note 3] ^[9] ^[12]	2001:500:200::b ^[9]	AS394353 ^[9]	ns.lsi.edu	USC-ISI	Distributed using anycast 2/0	BIND
C	192.33.4.12	2001:500:2::c	AS2149 ^[9] ^[9]	c.psi.net	Cogent Communications	Distributed using anycast 8/0	BIND
D	199.79.113 ^[note 4] ^[9]	2001:500:2d::d	AS27 ^[9] ^[9]	terp.umd.edu	University of Maryland	Distributed using anycast 50/67	NSD ^[9]
E	192.203.230.10	2001:500:a8::e	AS21556 ^[9] ^[9]	ns.nasa.gov	NASA Ames Research Center	Distributed using anycast 125/141	BIND and NSD
F	192.5.5.241	2001:500:2f::f	AS3557 ^[9] ^[9] AS1280, AS30132 ^[9]	ns.isc.org	Internet Systems Consortium	Distributed using anycast 57/0	BIND ^[9]
G ^[note 5]	192.112.36.4 ^[note 6] ^[9]	2001:500:12::d0d ^[note 7] ^[9]	AS5927 ^[9] ^[9]	ns.nic.ddn.mil	Defense Information Systems Agency	Distributed using anycast 6/0	BIND
H	198.97.190.53 ^[note 8] ^[9]	2001:500:1::53 ^[note 8] ^[9]	AS1508 ^[23] ^[note 9] ^[9]	aos.arl.army.mil	U.S. Army Research Lab	Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland & San Diego, California 2/0	NSD
I	192.36.148.17	2001:7fe::53	AS29216 ^[9] ^[9]	nic.nordu.net	Netnod	Distributed using anycast 58/0	BIND

- 2) Secondly, we execute the dig command 'dig @198.41.0.4 www.uwa.edu.au', which give us back a list of name servers of the top-level domain 'au', it means that the root server only knows the 'au' name servers' IP. Then will pick up the first one 58.65.254.73 for the next step.

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Last login: Wed Oct  9 11:47:40 on ttys000
➔ ~ dig @198.41.0.4 www.uwa.edu.au

; <<>> DiG 9.10.6 <<>> @198.41.0.4 www.uwa.edu.au
; (1 server found)
; global options: +cmd
; Got answer:
; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 35707
; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 9, ADDITIONAL: 18
; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1472
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.uwa.edu.au.                IN      A

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
au.          172800 IN      NS      a.au.
au.          172800 IN      NS      c.au.
au.          172800 IN      NS      d.au.
au.          172800 IN      NS      q.au.
au.          172800 IN      NS      r.au.
au.          172800 IN      NS      s.au.
au.          172800 IN      NS      t.au.
au.          172800 IN      NS      u.au.
au.          172800 IN      NS      v.au.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
a.au.        172800 IN      A      58.65.254.73
c.au.        172800 IN      A      162.159.24.179
d.au.        172800 IN      A      162.159.25.38
q.au.        172800 IN      A      65.22.196.1
r.au.        172800 IN      A      65.22.197.1
s.au.        172800 IN      A      65.22.198.1
t.au.        172800 IN      A      65.22.199.1
u.au.        172800 IN      A      211.29.133.32
v.au.        172800 IN      A      202.12.31.53
a.au.        172800 IN      AAAA   2407:6e00:254:306::73
c.au.        172800 IN      AAAA   2400:cb00:2049:1::a29f:18b3
d.au.        172800 IN      AAAA   2400:cb00:2049:1::a29f:1926
q.au.        172800 IN      AAAA   2a01:8840:be::1
r.au.        172800 IN      AAAA   2a01:8840:bf::1
s.au.        172800 IN      AAAA   2a01:8840:c0::1
t.au.        172800 IN      AAAA   2a01:8840:c1::1
v.au.        172800 IN      AAAA   2001:dd8:12::53

;; Query time: 39 msec
;; SERVER: 198.41.0.4#53(198.41.0.4)

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- 3) Thirdly, we will send same request using the command 'dig @58.65.254.73 www.uwa.edu.au'. Similarly, it gives back a list of name servers on the top level domain 'edu.au', we will pick up the first one 65.22.196.1 for next step.

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➔ ~ dig @58.65.254.73 www.uwa.edu.au

; <<>> DiG 9.10.6 <<>> @58.65.254.73 www.uwa.edu.au
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 14255
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 4, ADDITIONAL: 9
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.uwa.edu.au.                IN      A

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
edu.au.                86400   IN      NS      r.au.
edu.au.                86400   IN      NS      s.au.
edu.au.                86400   IN      NS      q.au.
edu.au.                86400   IN      NS      t.au.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
q.au.                  86400   IN      A       65.22.196.1
r.au.                  86400   IN      A       65.22.197.1
s.au.                  86400   IN      A       65.22.198.1
t.au.                  86400   IN      A       65.22.199.1
q.au.                  86400   IN      AAAA    2a01:8840:be::1
r.au.                  86400   IN      AAAA    2a01:8840:bf::1
s.au.                  86400   IN      AAAA    2a01:8840:c0::1
t.au.                  86400   IN      AAAA    2a01:8840:c1::1

;; Query time: 80 msec
;; SERVER: 58.65.254.73#53(58.65.254.73)
;; WHEN: Wed Oct 09 20:50:18 EDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 283

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- 4) Fourthly, we will send same request using the command 'dig @65.22.196.1 www.uwa.edu.au'. Similarly, it gives back a list of name servers on domain 'uwa.edu.au', we will pick up the first one 130.95.63.191 for next step.

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➔ ~ dig @65.22.196.1 www.uwa.edu.au

; <<>> DiG 9.10.6 <<>> @65.22.196.1 www.uwa.edu.au
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 48758
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 5, ADDITIONAL: 3
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.uwa.edu.au.                IN      A

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
uwa.edu.au.            900     IN      NS      ns3.aarnet.net.au.
uwa.edu.au.            900     IN      NS      ns1.aarnet.net.au.
uwa.edu.au.            900     IN      NS      ns2.uwa.edu.au.
uwa.edu.au.            900     IN      NS      ns2.aarnet.net.au.
uwa.edu.au.            900     IN      NS      ns1.uwa.edu.au.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns1.uwa.edu.au.        900     IN      A       130.95.63.191
ns2.uwa.edu.au.        900     IN      A       130.95.63.192

;; Query time: 40 msec
;; SERVER: 65.22.196.1#53(65.22.196.1)
;; WHEN: Wed Oct 09 20:50:50 EDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 176

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- 5) Fifthly, we will send same request using the command 'dig @130.95.63.191 www.uwa.edu.au'. It gives back the www.uwa.edu.au and its alias. Now we know that the IP '130.95.63.191' is the one we need.

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➔ ~ dig @130.95.63.191 www.uwa.edu.au

; <<>> DiG 9.10.6 <<>> @130.95.63.191 www.uwa.edu.au
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 57543
;; flags: qr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

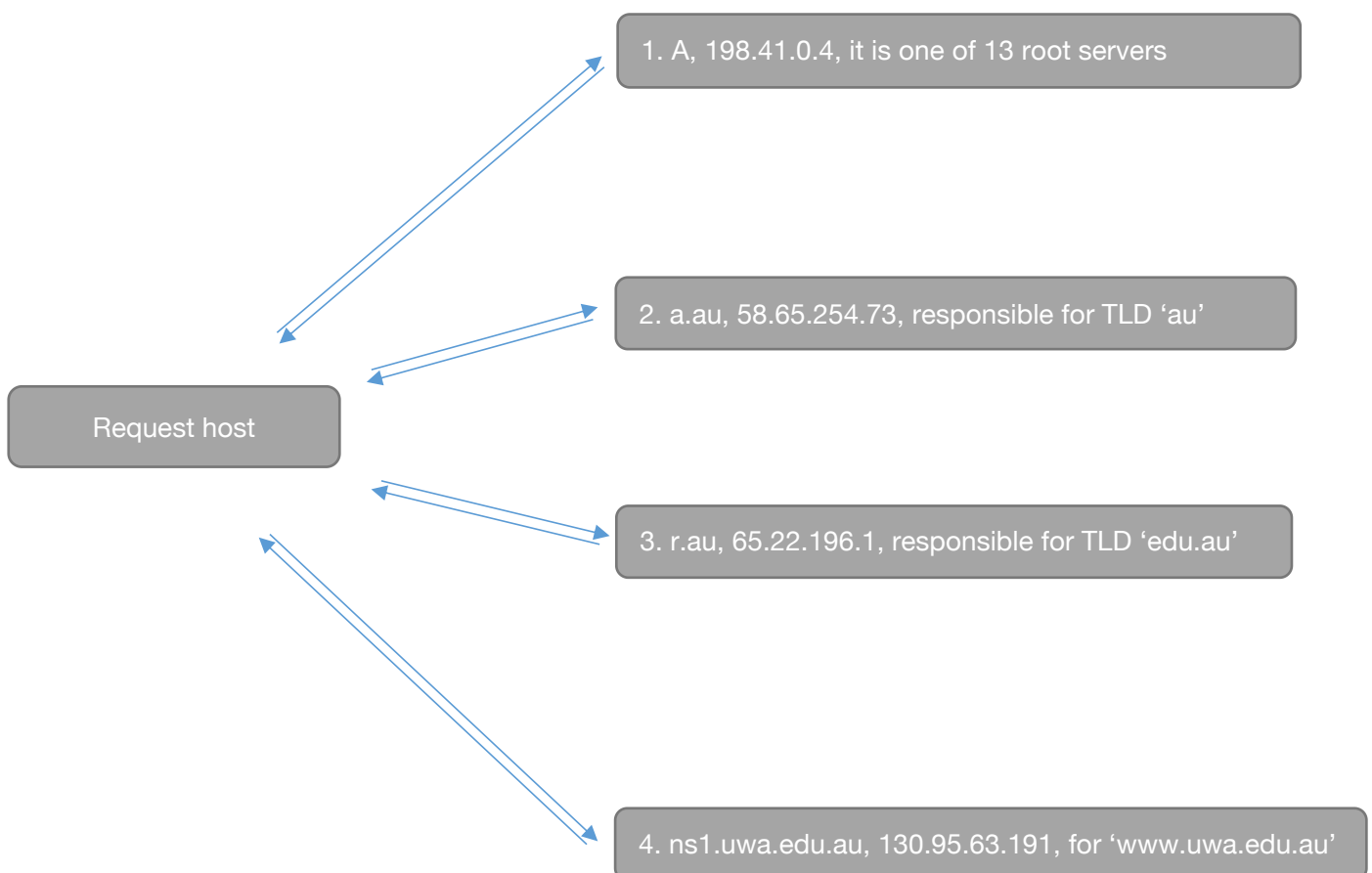
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.uwa.edu.au.                IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.uwa.edu.au.                300     IN      CNAME   www.uwa.edu.au.cdn.cloudflare.net.

;; Query time: 327 msec
;; SERVER: 130.95.63.191#53(130.95.63.191)
;; WHEN: Wed Oct 09 21:21:57 EDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 90

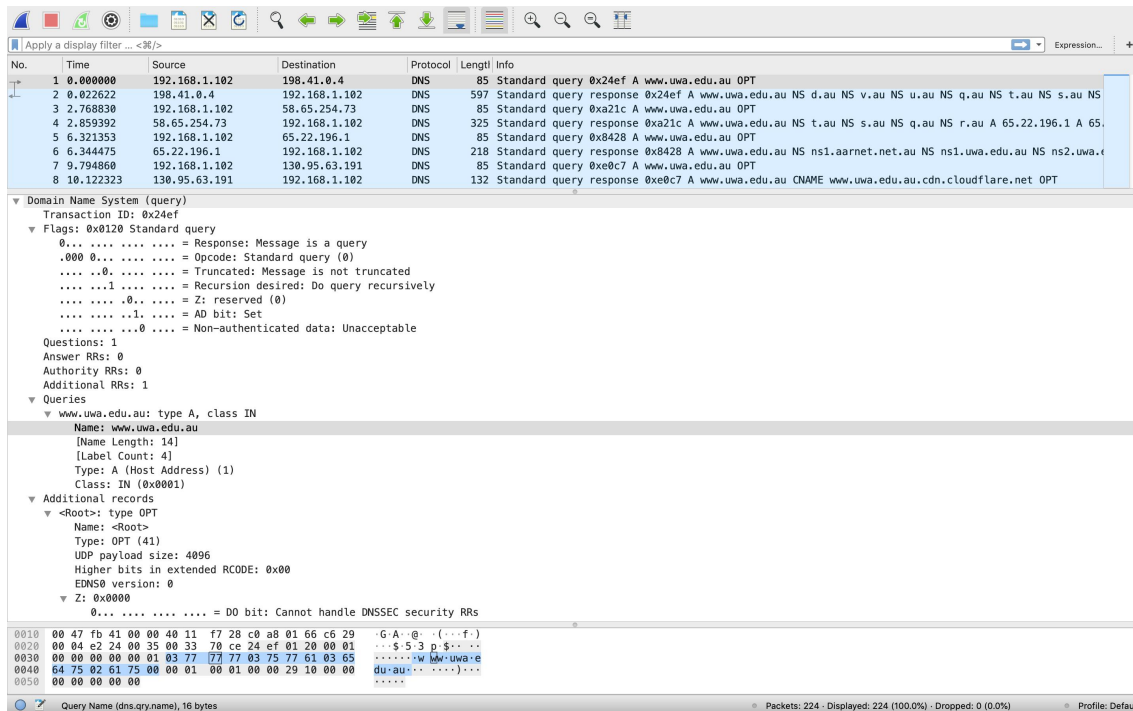
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- 6) Draw figure that shows the sequence of remote nameservers that you contacted and the domain for which they are responsible.



Step 2 & 3. Capture a Trace and Inspect the Trace

1. Set up the filter to be udp port 53, then repeat typing in the dig commands in Step1, which will help us get the trace.



Step 4. Details of DNS message

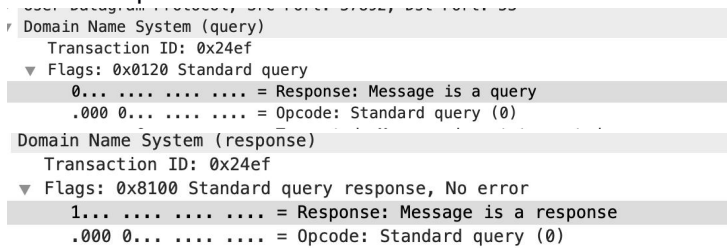
Look at the DNS header, and answer the following questions:

1. How many bits long is the Transaction ID?

As shown in the trace of the first request DNS message, we could see that the transaction ID is 0x24ef, it is four digit of hex number, which means it is of 16 bits long.

2. Which flag bit and what values signifies whether the DNS message is a query or response?

As is shown in the pics, the 1st flag bit marks if a DNS message is a query or response, '0' means query and '1' means response.



3. How many bytes long is the entire DNS header?

DNS header is 12 bytes:

2 bytes + 2 bytes + 2 bytes + 2 bytes + 2 bytes + 2 bytes

[Transaction ID] [Flags] [Questions] [Answer RRs] [Authority RRs] [Additional RRs]

Transaction ID: 0x24ef

▼ Flags: 0x0120 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
0.. = Z: reserved (0)
1. = AD bit: Set
0 = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable

Questions: 1
 Answer RRs: 0
 Authority RRs: 0
 Additional RRs: 1

▼ Queries

▼ www.uwa.edu.au: type A, class IN
 Name: www.uwa.edu.au

000	fc d7 33 c2 34 14 a4 83	e7 05 d7 85 08 00 45 00	..3.4... ..E.
010	00 47 fb 41 00 00 40 11	f7 28 c0 a8 01 66 c6 29	.G.A..@. .(..f.)
020	00 04 e2 24 00 35 00 33	70 ce 24 ef 01 20 00 01	...\$.5.3 p.\$..
030	00 00 00 00 00 01 03 77	77 77 03 75 77 61 03 65w ww.uwa.e
040	64 75 02 61 75 00 00 01	00 01 00 00 29 10 00 00	du.au... ..)

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 .000 0... .. = Opcode: Standard query (0)
0. = Truncated: Message is not truncated
1. = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
0.. = Z: reserved (0)
1. = AD bit: Set
0 = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable

Questions: 1
 Answer RRs: 0
 Authority RRs: 0
 Additional RRs: 1

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 Name: www.uwa.edu.au

000	fc d7 33 c2 34 14 a4 83	e7 05 d7 85 08 00 45 00	..3.4... ..E.
010	00 47 fb 41 00 00 40 11	f7 28 c0 a8 01 66 c6 29	.G.A..@. .(..f.)
020	00 04 e2 24 00 35 00 33	70 ce 24 ef 01 20 00 01	...\$.5.3 p.\$..
030	00 00 00 00 00 01 03 77	77 77 03 75 77 61 03 65w ww.uwa.e
040	64 75 02 61 75 00 00 01	00 01 00 00 29 10 00 00	du.au... ..)
050	00 00 00 00 00	

Questions: 1
 Answer RRs: 0
 Authority RRs: 0
 Additional RRs: 1

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 Name: www.uwa.edu.au

00	fc d7 33 c2 34 14 a4 83	e7 05 d7 85 08 00 45 00	..3.4... ..E.
10	00 47 fb 41 00 00 40 11	f7 28 c0 a8 01 66 c6 29	.G.A..@. .(..f.)
20	00 04 e2 24 00 35 00 33	70 ce 24 ef 01 20 00 01	...\$.5.3 p.\$..
30	00 00 00 00 00 01 03 77	77 77 03 75 77 61 03 65w ww.uwa.e
40	64 75 02 61 75 00 00 01	00 01 00 00 29 10 00 00	du.au... ..)
50	00 00 00 00 00	

Answer RRs: 0
 Authority RRs: 0
 Additional RRs: 1

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010	00 47 fb 41 00 00 40 11	f7 28 c0 a8 01 66 c6 29	.G.A..@. .(..f.)
020	00 04 e2 24 00 35 00 33	70 ce 24 ef 01 20 00 01	...\$.5.3 p.\$..
030	00 00 00 00 00 01 03 77	77 77 03 75 77 61 03 65w ww.uwa.e
040	64 75 02 61 75 00 00 01	00 01 00 00 29 10 00 00	du.au... ..)

Answer RRs: 0
 Authority RRs: 0
 Additional RRs: 1

▼ Queries

▼ www.uwa.edu.au: type A, class IN
 Name: www.uwa.edu.au

000	fc d7 33 c2 34 14 a4 83	e7 05 d7 85 08 00 45 00	..3.4... ..E.
010	00 47 fb 41 00 00 40 11	f7 28 c0 a8 01 66 c6 29	.G.A..@. .(..f.)
020	00 04 e2 24 00 35 00 33	70 ce 24 ef 01 20 00 01	...\$.5.3 p.\$..
030	00 00 00 00 00 01 03 77	77 77 03 75 77 61 03 65w ww.uwa.e
040	64 75 02 61 75 00 00 01	00 01 00 00 29 10 00 00	du.au... ..)

Additional RRs: 1

▼ Queries

▼ www.uwa.edu.au: type A, class IN
 Name: www.uwa.edu.au

000	fc d7 33 c2 34 14 a4 83	e7 05 d7 85 08 00 45 00	..3.4... ..E.
010	00 47 fb 41 00 00 40 11	f7 28 c0 a8 01 66 c6 29	.G.A..@. .(..f.)
020	00 04 e2 24 00 35 00 33	70 ce 24 ef 01 20 00 01	...\$.5.3 p.\$..
030	00 00 00 00 00 01 03 77	77 77 03 75 77 61 03 65w ww.uwa.e
040	64 75 02 61 75 00 00 01	00 01 00 00 29 10 00 00	du.au... ..)

Look at the body of the DNS response messages, and answer the following questions:

4. For the initial response, in what section are the names of the nameservers carried? What is the Type of the records that carry nameserver names?

The Authority section carried the names of the nameservers and the NS records carry these names.

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Transaction ID: 0x24ef
Flags: 0x8100 Standard query response, No error
Questions: 1
Answer RRs: 0
Authority RRs: 9
Additional RRs: 18
Queries
  www.uwa.edu.au: type A, class IN
Authoritative nameservers
  au: type NS, class IN, ns d.au
  au: type NS, class IN, ns v.au
  au: type NS, class IN, ns u.au
  au: type NS, class IN, ns q.au
  au: type NS, class IN, ns t.au
  au: type NS, class IN, ns s.au
  au: type NS, class IN, ns r.au
  au: type NS, class IN, ns a.au
  au: type NS, class IN, ns c.au
Additional records
  d.au: type A, class IN, addr 162.159.25.38

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Questions: 1
Answer RRs: 0
Authority RRs: 9
Additional RRs: 18
Queries
  www.uwa.edu.au: type A, class IN
Authoritative nameservers
  au: type NS, class IN, ns d.au
    Name: au
      Type: NS (authoritative Name Server) (2)
      Class: IN (0x0001)
      Time to live: 172800
      Data length: 4
      Name Server: d.au
    au: type NS, class IN, ns v.au
    au: type NS, class IN, ns u.au
    au: type NS, class IN, ns q.au
    au: type NS, class IN, ns t.au

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0030 00 00 00 09 00 12 03 77 77 77 03 75 77 61 03 65 .....w ww-uwa-e
0040 64 75 02 61 75 00 00 01 00 01 c0 18 00 02 00 01 du-au.....
0050 00 02 a3 00 00 04 01 64 c0 18 c0 18 00 02 00 01 .....d .....
0060 00 02 a3 00 00 04 01 76 c0 18 c0 18 00 02 00 01 .....v .....

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0040 64 75 02 61 75 00 00 01 00 01 c0 18 00 02 00 01 du-au.....
0050 00 02 a3 00 00 04 01 64 c0 18 c0 18 00 02 00 01 .....d .....

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5. Similarly, in what section are the IP addresses of the nameservers carried and what is the Type of the records that carry the IP addresses?

The IP addresses are carried in the Additional section and the A records carry these IP addresses.

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Authority RRs: 9
Additional RRs: 18
Queries
  www.uwa.edu.au: type A, class IN
Authoritative nameservers
Additional records
  d.au: type A, class IN, addr 162.159.25.38
  d.au: type AAAA, class IN, addr 2400:cb00:2049:1::a29f:1926
  v.au: type A, class IN, addr 202.12.31.53
  v.au: type AAAA, class IN, addr 2001:dd8:12::53
  u.au: type A, class IN, addr 211.29.133.32
  q.au: type A, class IN, addr 65.22.196.1
  q.au: type AAAA, class IN, addr 2a01:8840:be::1
  t.au: type A, class IN, addr 65.22.199.1
  t.au: type AAAA, class IN, addr 2a01:8840:c1::1
  s.au: type A, class IN, addr 65.22.198.1
  s.au: type AAAA, class IN, addr 2a01:8840:c0::1

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Additional records
  d.au: type A, class IN, addr 162.159.25.38
    Name: d.au
      Type: A (Host Address) (1)
      Class: IN (0x0001)
      Time to live: 172800
      Data length: 4
      Address: 162.159.25.38
  d.au: type AAAA, class IN, addr 2400:cb00:2049:1::a29f:1926
  v.au: type A, class IN, addr 202.12.31.53
  v.au: type AAAA, class IN, addr 2001:dd8:12::53
  u.au: type A, class IN, addr 211.29.133.32

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0030 00 00 00 09 00 12 03 77 77 77 03 75 77 61 03 65 .....w ww-uwa-e
0040 64 75 02 61 75 00 00 01 00 01 c0 18 00 02 00 01 du-au.....
0050 00 02 a3 00 00 04 01 64 c0 18 c0 18 00 02 00 01 .....d .....
0060 00 02 a3 00 00 04 01 76 c0 18 c0 18 00 02 00 01 .....v .....

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00d0 00 02 a3 00 00 04 01 63 c0 18 c0 2c 00 01 00 01 .....C .....
00e0 00 02 a3 00 00 04 a2 9f 19 26 c0 2c 00 1c 00 01 .....&.....
00f0 00 02 a3 00 00 10 24 00 cb 00 20 49 00 01 00 00 .....$.....I.....

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6. For the final response, in what section is the IP address of the domain name carried?

The Answer section carries the IP address.

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8 10.122323 130.95.63.191 192.168.1.102 DNS 13
Transaction ID: 0xe0c7
Flags: 0x8500 Standard query response, No error
Questions: 1
Answer RRs: 1
Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 1
Queries
  www.uwa.edu.au: type A, class IN
Answers
  www.uwa.edu.au: type CNAME, class IN, cname www.uwa.edu.au.cdn.cloudflare
    Name: www.uwa.edu.au
    Type: CNAME (Canonical Name for an alias) (5)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
    Time to live: 300
    Data length: 35
    CNAME: www.uwa.edu.au.cdn.cloudflare.net

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