

DNS lab: dig, part 1

In the following labs, we'll be using "auth1" as your work machine.
In reality, this is not very important, as we're only going to be using the 'dig' command.

DIG

1. Issue DNS queries using 'dig':

Note: make sure you explicitly specify the nameserver to query using the "@" syntax in dig:

```
$ dig @server_ip ...
```

If you do not specify the @server_ip, then dig will use the nameserver(s) listed in /etc/resolv.conf

1a. Run each command, look for the ANSWER section and write down the result.
Make a note the TTL as well.

Repeat the command. Is the TTL the same? Are the responses Authoritative?

	RESULT 1	RESULT 2
	-----	-----
\$ dig @10.20.0.254 your-favorite-domain a		
\$ dig @10.20.0.254 www.google.com. a		
\$ dig @10.20.0.254 afnog.org. mx		
\$ dig @10.20.0.254 NonExistentDomain.sometld any		
\$ dig @10.20.0.254 tiscali.co.uk. txt		
\$ dig @10.20.0.254 www.afrinic.net aaaa		
\$ dig @10.20.0.254 ipv6.google.com aaaa		

1b. Now send some queries to another caching server.

(Run each of the following twice, and note the time in ms for each attempt)

	RESULT 1	RESULT 2
	-----	-----
\$ dig @8.8.8.8 news.bbc.co.uk. a		
\$ dig @208.67.222.222 yahoo.com. a		
\$ dig @<a server of your choice> <domain of your choice> a		

How long did it take each answer to be received? (on the first, and on the second lookup)

2. Reverse DNS lookups

Now try some reverse DNS lookups - note here that we do not explicitly specify which nameserver dig should query. Which nameserver will be used ?

```
$ dig -x 10.20.X.1
$ dig -x 10.20.X.2
$ dig -x 10.20.X.3
```

... where X is an IP address in the range 1-25

Repeat for an IP address of your choice, on the Internet. Remember, you'll have to use 10.20.0.254 to be able to perform DNS queries on the Internet...

Now try to lookup:

```
$ dig 1.X.20.10.in-addr.arpa. PTR
```

... where X is in the range 1-25.

What do you notice ?

Let's try IPv6 now:

```
$ dig -x 2001:42d0::200:2:1
```

What are the differences you can observe in the results, between reverse DNS for IPv6 and IPv4 addresses ?

Note: you may possibly not get an answer for the v6 address - but compare the question section for the IPv4 and IPv6 reverse addresses.

3. DNSSEC & EDNS0

Try some of the queries above, this time add the "+edns=0" option.

For example:

```
$ dig @10.20.0.254 www.icann.org +edns=0
```

(you may want to use "more" to limit the output of the command to one screen at a time)

```
$ dig @10.20.0.254 www.icann.org +edns=0 | more
```

Notice the OPT PSEUDOSECTION, at the top of the output ?

What do you notice about the flags: section in the OPT section ?

Let's explicitly enable the BUFSIZE option, but not EDNS0:

```
$ dig @10.20.0.254 www.icann.org +bufsize=1024 | more
```

Notice that EDNS is set automatically, and notice the udp: size section in the OPT pseudosection.

Now, let's try and retrieve DNSSEC records:

```
$ dig @10.20.0.254 isoc.org DNSKEY | more
$ dig @10.20.0.254 www.isoc.org RRSIG | more
```

And finally, let's tell our DNS server that we support DNSSEC:

```
$ dig @10.20.0.254 www.isoc.org A +dnssec
$ dig @10.20.0.254 isoc.org NS +dnssec
```

Do you notice a new field in the "flags:" section of the answer ?

```
$ dig @10.20.0.254 www.isoc.org A
```

```
$ dig @10.20.0.254 isoc.org NS
```

Compare with doing dig WITHOUT the +dnssec option:

If you are already running a nameserver on your local server,
What happens if you send DNSSEC enabled queries to it ?

```
$ dig @127.0.0.1 noc.dns.nsrc.org A +dnssec
```

```
$ dig @127.0.0.1 dns.nsrc.org NS +dnssec
```