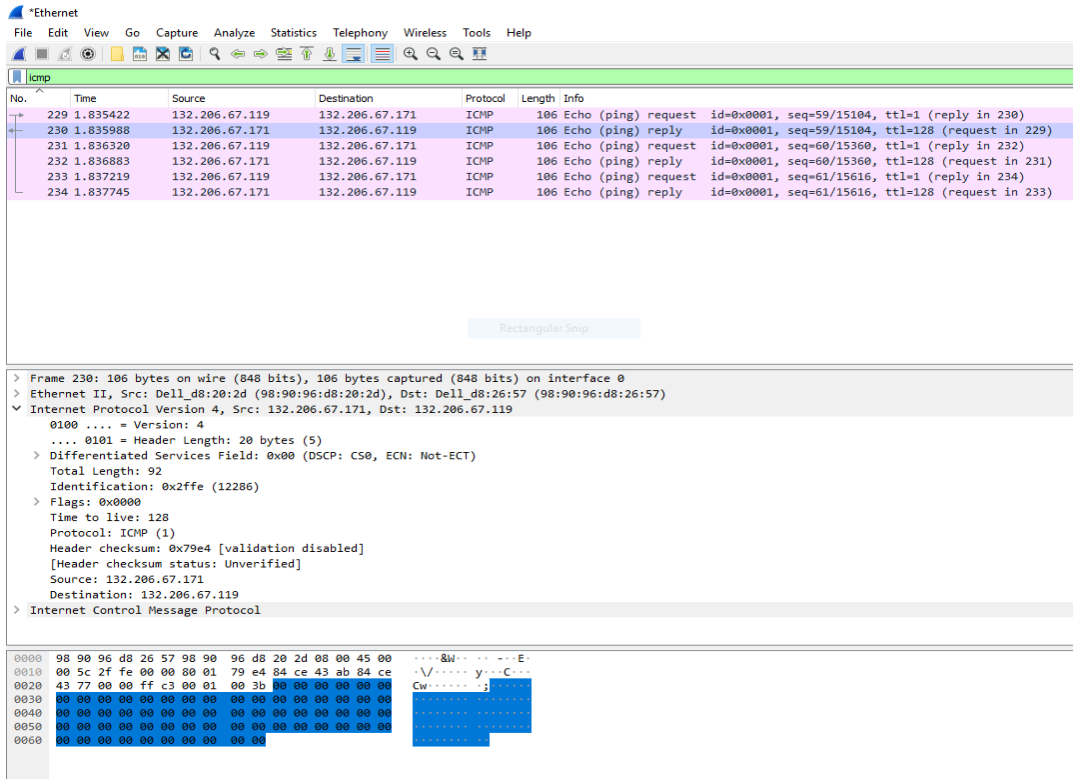


Part 1: Internet Protocol (IP)



Source: 132.206.67.119

Destination: 132.206.67.171

IP of DNS server: 132.206.44.21

1. How many ICMP packets are in the list plane?

There are 6 ICMP packets in the list.

2. How many probe packets are sent from the source to the destination for each TTL?

There are 3 probe packets sent from the source to the destination for each TTL.

3. The last few echo-request ICMP packets are followed by the echo-reply ICMP packets. Compare one of them with the corresponding reply. Determine which fields are similar and which fields are different? Explain the reason.

By comparing one packet echo with its query and its destination, we can observe that only few elements are different. The first element is the TTL values. These values are different because each subsequent packet has its TTL value incremented by 1. The source and destination MAC ID's are also different since they do not come from the same device. The ip address of the source is 132.206.67.119 and the ip address of the destination is 132.206.67.171. These are different due to the fact that the source must have information on the destination to know exactly where it is, this is a way to make sure they are a pair. The checksum is also another field that is

different between the two. For the similarities, the other fields are kept the same, such as the identifier and the data.

4. What are the TTL values for these last few packets? Determine the number of routers between the source and destination based on these TTL values.

The last few packets have a request TTL value of 1 and a reply TTL value of 128. Between the source and the destination, only 1 hop was required to reach destination since we were looking at another computer in the class. This makes sense as they should all be connected to the same router. Therefore, 1 router is between the source and its destination.

5. Examine the IP packet header of the last echo-request ICMP packet, what is the value in the “Protocol” field? What does this field indicate?

The protocol used is ICMP (01). This field indicated that you can reach destination when the TTL value is set to 0.

6. How many bytes are in this IP header? How many bytes are in the payload of this IP packet? Explain how you determined the number of payload bytes.

The ICMP header contains 20 bytes. Then the total length is 92 bytes. Therefore, we can calculate the payload by doing the total minus the header to have the size of the actually data. By doing so, we get 92-20, which is equal to 72 bytes for the payload.

7. Has this IP packet been fragmented? Explain how you determined whether or not the packet has been fragmented.

The IP packet is not fragmented, because the “more fragment” flag is not set, the bit is 0. This permits to determine if it was fragmented. If it were to be, the bit value would be set to 1.

Part 2: Domain Name System (DNS)

8. Use nslookup to determine the IP address of www.cbc.ca. What is the IP address of this web server?

The IP address of the web server is 184.28.201.38.

9. Use nslookup to determine the authoritative DNS servers for McGill University.

The authoritative DNS server name is pirns1.mcgill.ca and its IP address is 132.206.44.21.

10. What are the destination port number for the DNS query message and the Source port number of the DNS response message?

The destination port is 63084 and the source port is 53.

11. What is the destination IP address of the DNS query? Is this the IP address of your default local DNS server?

The IP address of the source is 132.206.44.21. The IP address of the destination is 132.206.67.119. The IP address of the destination does match with the address of the default local DNS server. Therefore, yes, this is the IP address of our default local DNS server.

12. Examine the DNS query. What is the “Type” of the DNS query? What does this “Type” mean? What are the other values for this field?

The type of the query is a standard query of type AAAA. This type returns a IPv6 address, that is commonly used to map hostnames to an IP address of the host. The other values of this field are the name of the host, the type of address and the class.

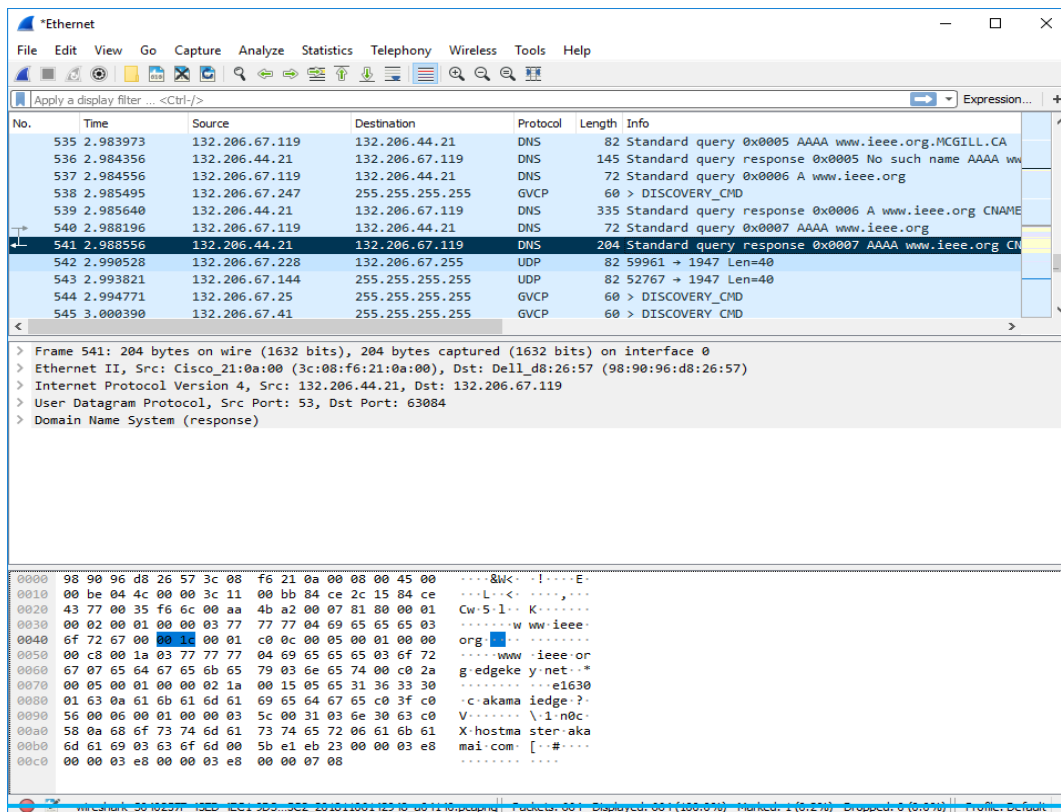
13. Which bit in the “Flags” field indicates that the message is a query or a response?

The bits in the Flags fields are first bit of the sequence. If the value is 0, this means that it is a request, and on the opposite, if the first bit is set to 1, then this is a response.

14. Which field of the response message contains the IP address of www.ietf.org?

The destination field of the response messages contains the IP address.

15. Provide a screenshot.



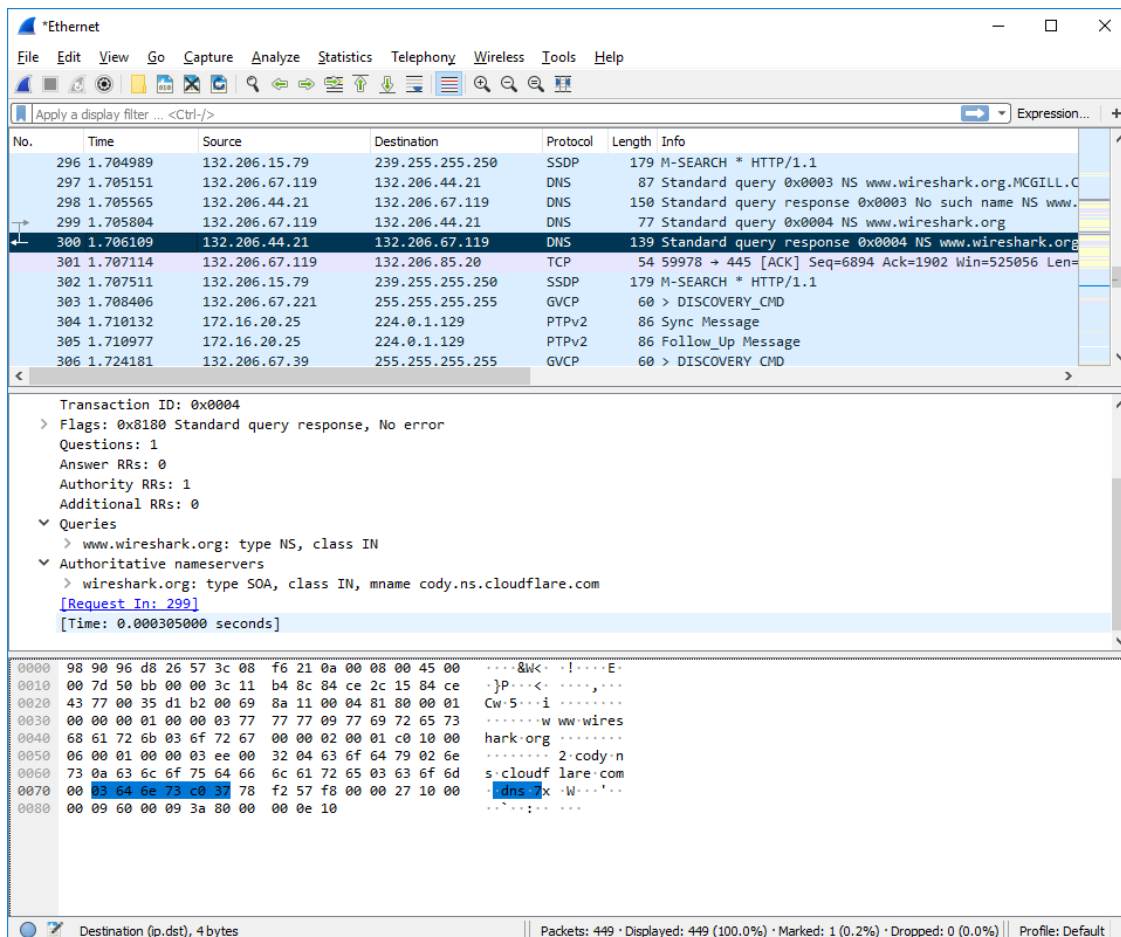
16. What is the destination IP address of the DNS query? What does this address correspond to?

The destination IP address of the DNS query is 132.206.67.119, and it corresponds to our local DNS server.

17. Determine the “Type” of DNS query. What is the authoritative name server of www.wireshark.org. What is the role of an authoritative name server?

The type of the DNS query is NS. The authoritative name server is the same as primary name server and is cody.ns.cloudflare.com. The role of an authoritative name server is to provide actual answer to the DNS queries. Therefore, it provides original and definitive answers to DNS queries. It does not provides just cached answers that were obtained from another name server. Therefore, it only returns answers to queries about DNS that are installed in its configuration system.

18. Provide a screenshot.



Part 3: User Datagram Protocol (UDP)

19. What transport layer protocol is used to transfer the DNS query and the response message?

The transport layer protocol used here is the user datagram protocol also known as UDP.

20. To setup the connection, how many UDP datagrams are exchanged between your computer and the server? Explain your answer.

UDP is a connectionless protocol. UDP is connectionless, but there are 26 UDP packets.

21. Select the first DNS packet in your trace. From this packet, determine the header fields of UDP.

The header fields of UDP consists of 4 fields: the source port, the destination port, the length and the checksum.

22. By consulting the displayed information in Wireshark's packet content field for the first DNS message, determine the length (in bytes) of each of the UDP header fields.

Each field is allocated 2 bytes, and thus, the total length of the header is 8 bytes.

A figure was provide to highlight the 4 fields.

The screenshot shows the Wireshark interface with the following details:

- Filter:** ip.addr == 132.206.67.119&&udp
- Packet List:** A table with columns: No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, Info. The first packet (No. 106) is selected.
- Packet Details:**
 - Total Length: 58
 - Identification: 0x6cb7 (27831)
 - Flags: 0x0000
 - Time to live: 128
 - Protocol: UDP (17)
 - Header checksum: 0x0000 [validation disabled]
 - [Header checksum status: Unverified]
 - Source: 132.206.67.119
 - Destination: 132.206.44.21
 - User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 55405, Dst Port: 53**
 - Source Port: 55405
 - Destination Port: 53
 - Length: 38
 - Checksum: 0x7960 [unverified]
 - [Checksum Status: Unverified]
 - [Stream index: 85]
 - Domain Name System (query)
- Packet Bytes:** Hexadecimal and ASCII representation of the packet data. The ASCII part shows '...m 5 & y...'.

23. The value in the Length field indicates the length of what? Verify your claim with your captured UDP packet.

The value in the length field indicated the total length in bits of the header plus its payload. From question 22, we can tell that the header length is 8 bytes. The payload is therefore 30 bytes of data. This can also be confirmed by counting the number of packets in wireshark.

$$\text{Total length} = \text{payload} + \text{header (udp)} = 8+30 = 38$$

24. What is the maximum number of bytes that can be included in a UDP payload? (Hint: the answer to this question can be determined by your previous answer)

The maximum number of bytes that can be included in a UDP payload can be expressed as $2^{16} - 1 - 8$, where we take out the space for the header (8 bytes), then we are left with 65527 bytes.

25. What is the largest possible source port number?

The largest possible source port number is $(2^{16} - 1) = 65535$.

26. Determine whether a checksum is provided for the first DNS message or not. What is the usage of this field?

Yes, checksum is provided. Checksum is used for error detection in UDP.

The image shows a Wireshark capture of network traffic on an Ethernet interface. The packet list pane shows a series of DNS queries and responses between 132.206.67.119 and 132.206.44.21. Packet 106 is selected, and the packet details pane shows the following information:

- Frame 106: 72 bytes on wire (576 bits), 72 bytes captured (576 bits) on interface 0
- Ethernet II, Src: Dell_d8:26:57 (98:90:96:d8:26:57), Dst: Cisco_21:0a:00 (3c:08:f6:21:0a:00)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 132.206.67.119, Dst: 132.206.44.21
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 55405, Dst Port: 53
 - Source Port: 55405
 - Destination Port: 53
 - Length: 38
 - Checksum: 0x7960 [unverified]
 - [Checksum Status: Unverified]
 - [Stream index: 85]
- Domain Name System (query)

27. Determine the destination port number for the DNS query message and the source port number of the DNS response. What is the relationship between the two? Which port number is a well-known port number?

The destination port number is 53 and the source port number is 53 too. The source port of the UDP packet sent by the host is the same as the destination port of the reply packet, and conversely the destination port of the UDP packet sent by the host is the same as the source port of the reply packet. A commonly well-known port number is the port 53.

28. List two other well-known port numbers used by UDP.

Two other well-known ports are port 38 and port 39.

29. Determine the IP address of your local DNS server (use ipconfig). Is it the same as destination IP address of the DNS query?

Local DNS server IP = 132.206.44.21. It is the same as the destination IP address of the DNS query.

30. Examine the DNS response message. How many “answers” are provided in this message? What do each of these answers contain?

Three answers are provided, each answer contains the IP address, the name of the host, the type of address, the class, the TTL and the data length. The Figure below shows the answer, and what the answer contains.

31. By checking the trace, determine whether UDP is a reliable protocol or not.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
186	0.836396	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	72	Standard query 0x8111 A www.ietf.org
187	0.836858	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	459	Standard query response 0x8111 A www.ietf.org CNAME www.ietf.org.cdn.cloudflare.net A 104.20.1.85 A 104.20.0.85 NS ns5.cloudflare.net NS ns4.cloudflare.net NS ns3.cloudflare.net NS ns1.cloudflare.net
233	1.673647	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	80	Standard query 0x72ed A datatracker.ietf.org
234	1.673651	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	80	Standard query 0x8a68 A mailarchive.ietf.org
235	1.673651	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	73	Standard query 0x8cb7 A iaoc.ietf.org
236	1.674138	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	311	Standard query response 0x72ed A datatracker.ietf.org CNAME ietf.org A 4.31.198.44 NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns0.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.yztl.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1...
237	1.674139	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	304	Standard query response 0x8cb7 A iaoc.ietf.org CNAME ietf.org A 4.31.198.44 NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1...
238	1.674139	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	475	Standard query response 0x8a68 A mailarchive.ietf.org CNAME mailarchive.ietf.org.cdn.cloudflare.net A 104.20.0.85 A 104.20.1.85 NS ns4.cloudflare.net NS ns5.cloudflare.net NS ns2.cloudflare.net
239	1.675035	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	76	Standard query 0x4618 A trustee.ietf.org
240	1.675035	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	72	Standard query 0x9e69 A www.iana.org
241	1.675036	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	71	Standard query 0x9e6e A www.iana.org
242	1.675066	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	274	Standard query response 0xa969 A www.iana.org CNAME www.iana.org A 4.31.198.40 NS ns0.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns0.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1...
243	1.675568	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	288	Standard query response 0x9e6e A www.iana.org A 4.31.198.44 NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns0.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1...
244	1.675568	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	307	Standard query response 0x4618 A trustee.ietf.org CNAME ietf.org A 4.31.198.44 NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns0.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1...
245	1.675647	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	72	Standard query 0x8e94 A www.iana.org
246	1.676656	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	72	Standard query 0x8e98 A www.iana.org
247	1.676656	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	83	Standard query 0x4283 A www.internet-society.org
248	1.677121	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	236	Standard query response 0x8e98 A www.iana.org CNAME www.iana.org A 192.0.32.8 NS gtel.dc.icann.org NS gtel.lax.icann.org NS gtel.mdr.icann.org NS gtel.nyc.icann.org A 192.0.47.252 A 192.0.32.252 A 192.0.36...
249	1.677122	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	289	Standard query response 0x8e94 A www.iana.org A 4.31.198.44 NS ns0.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1...
250	1.677122	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	336	Standard query response 0x4283 A www.internet-society.org CNAME d22qkxjrjyvi4.amazonaws.com A 54.230.118.91 A 54.230.118.205 A 54.230.118.250 A 54.230.118.8 NS ns1.dnsimple.com NS ns2.dnsimple...
251	1.678303	132.206.67.119	132.206.44.21	DNS	78	Standard query 0x8e88 A www.rfc-editor.org
252	1.678758	132.206.44.21	132.206.67.119	DNS	389	Standard query response 0xe480 A www.rfc-editor.org CNAME rfc-editor.org A 4.31.198.49 NS ns1.yztl.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1.seai.afillias-nt.info NS ns1...
288	1.956204	132.206.67.119	255.255.255.255	ICMP	50	> DISCOVERY_CID
404	2.818626	132.206.67.119	254.0.0.251	ICMP	288	Standard query response 0x0000 PTR 156784890-09 Web-based Configuration_http_tcp_local A, cache flush 132.206.67.119 AAAA, cache flush fe80:14c6:d936:56fa:b509 TXT, cache flush SRV, cache f...
703	3.957531	132.206.67.119	255.255.255.255	ICMP	50	> DISCOVERY_CID
804	4.754492	132.206.67.119	254.0.0.251	ICMP	246	Standard query response 0x0000 TXT, cache flush SRV, cache flush 0 3582 156784890-09.local A, cache flush 132.206.67.119 AAAA, cache flush fe80:14c6:d936:56fa:b509 NSIC, cache flush 1567848...

By checking, we can see that UDP is not reliable.

32. Explain your answer.

This is not reliable, because to be reliable, the user needs to be notified when UDP packets are lost or fail to arrive to their destination.

33. Why does DNS use UDP services?

UDP is much faster. TCP is slow as it requires 3 way handshake. The load on DNS servers is also an important factor. DNS servers (since they use UDP) don't have keep connections. DNS

requests are generally very small and fit well within UDP segments. UDP is not reliable, but reliability can be added on application layer. An application can use UDP and can be reliable by using timeout and resend at application layer.