## **DNS Security**

#### Ch 2: DNS Overview: Protocol, Architecture, and Applications

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# History

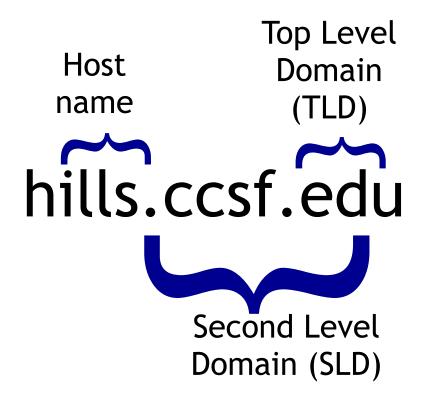
- On ARPANet, host names were mapped to IP addresses in a hosts.txt file stored on a single master server
- Other machines downloaded copies of hosts.txt periodically
- Unix stored this information in /etc/hosts
- This technique didn't scale well. DNS started in 1983.

# **Design Principles**

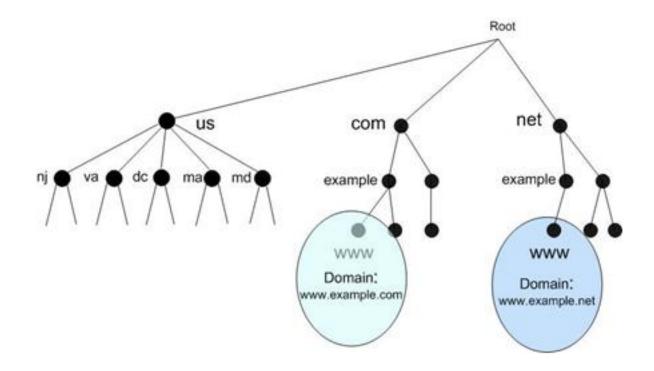
- Distributed storage
  - DNS data split across many servers
  - Smaller storage requirements for each server
  - Faster transfer of information
  - No single point of failure
- Hierarchical organization of data
  - Allows local control of names and avoids name conflicts

## **DNS Name Structure**

• Up to four labels separated by dots form a Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN)

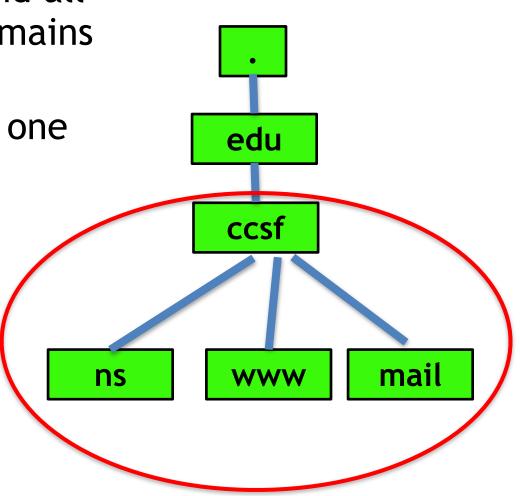


### **Hierarchical DNS Namespace**



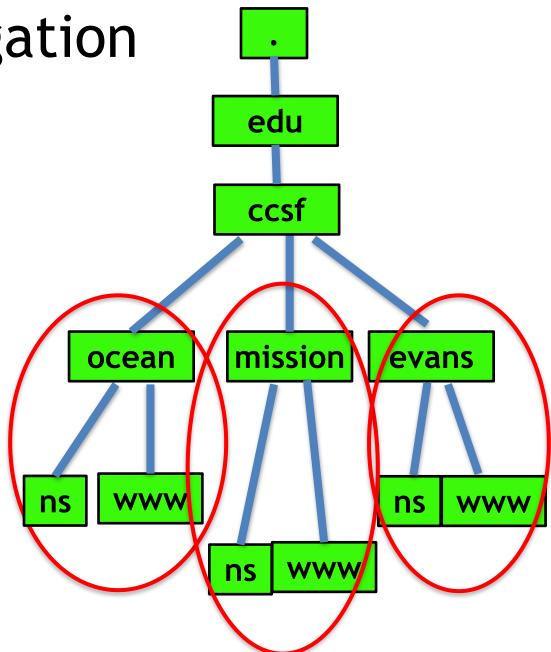
# **DNS Zones**

- Data for a domain and all or some of its subdomains is called a zone
- All of CCSF could be one zone, containing
  - ns.ccsf.edu
  - www.ccsf.edu
  - mail.ccsf.edu



# Domain Delegation

- CCSF could have separate nameservers on each campus, each responsible for their own subdomain
- The ccsf.edu parent domain would delegate responsibility for a subdomain to each campus, making many zones
- URLs would be longer – www.ocean.ccsf.edu

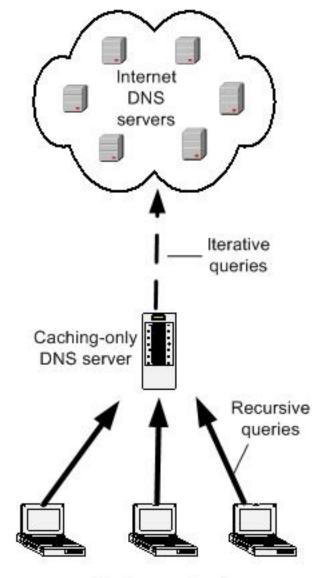


#### DNS Clients, Servers, and Resolvers

- DNS Client
  - A program like a Web browser using a domain name like www.ccsf.edu
- DNS Server
  - Stores and serves DNS data
- DNS Resolver
  - Software that accepts a query from a client, queries one or more DNS servers, and replies to the client

# **DNS Servers**

- Authoritative servers manage information about a domain
  - SOA (Start Of Authority)
- Caching servers store data they copied from other servers
  - Not authoritative for any domain
  - Cache records have a Time To Live (TTL)
  - Specified by SOA for each record



End-user hosts

# **DNS Queries**

#### • Recursive query

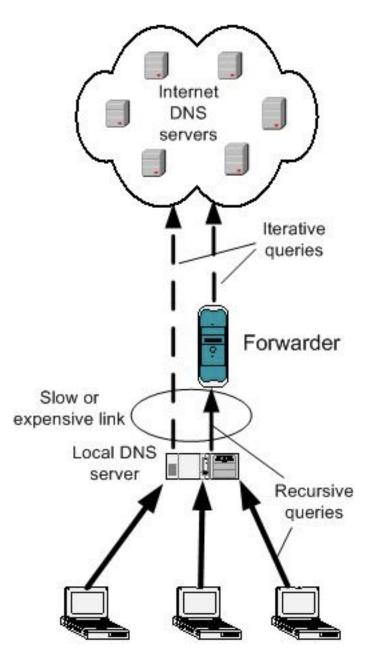
- Server will find the answer, even if it has to query other servers to get it
- Server will not respond with a referral to another server

#### Iterative query

- If server does not have the answer, it will send a referral to another DNS server
- Requester has to send another query to hunt for the answer

# **DNS Forwarder**

- Only external queries are sent to the forwarder in this example
- Can reduce traffic through slow or expensive links
- Because it can cache more records



End-user hosts

# **DNS Resolvers**

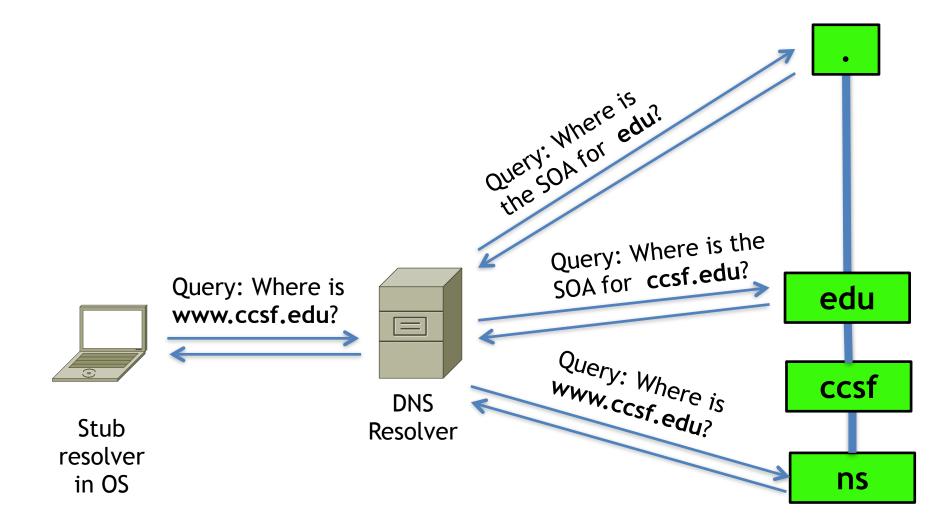
- Receive requests from client applications
- Query DNS servers
- Can cache data
- Stub resolver
  - Resolver connected to only one recursive server
  - Cannot follow referrals
  - Part of the operating system on the end device
  - Windows stub resolver caches
  - Linux stub resolver does not cache

## Local DNS Server

- Provided by Internet Service Provider (ISP)
- Configured at the client manually or by DHCP

C:\Windows\System32>ipconfig /all Windows IP Configuration	
Host Name	: Hybrid : No : No
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection Connection-specific DNS Suffix .	
Description Physical Address DHCP Enabled Autoconfiguration Enabled IPv6 Address Link-local IPv6 Address IPv4 Address Subnet Mask Lease Obtained	<pre>: Intel(R) PR0/1000 MT Network Connection : 00-0C-29-52-34-92 : Yes : Yes : 2::4(Preferred) : fe80::5a7:33af:ed86:b39f%11(Preferred) : 192.168.119.219(Preferred) : 255.255.255.0 : Sunday, September 08, 2013 12:06:16 PM : Sunday, September 08, 2013 12:36:16 PM : 192.168.119.2 : 192.168.119.2 : 192.168.119.2 : 192.168.119.2 : 192.168.119.2</pre>

### **Typical Name Resolution Scenario**



# **DNS Replication**

- Master server contains primary zone files
- Slave servers have copies of the zone files
- Zone transfer

– The process of copying the files

### **Root Servers**

- Named . - "dot"
- Has pointers to the top-level domains
   com, biz, mil, net, and so on
- If a DNS server has no data in the cache, e.g. after a reboot
  - Receives a recursive query
  - Is not the SOA for that domain
  - Must query root to find the TLD servers

### **Root Servers**

- Hundreds of servers
- Dispersed around the world
- 13 domain names
  - a.root-servers.net
  - b.root-servers.net

- . . .

– m.root-servers.net



#### DNS Resource Record Types and Classes

Each data element in DNS is called a **Resource Record (RR)** 

# Common RR Types

- A IPv4 address of host
- AAAA IPv6 address of host
- MX Mail exchange
- PTR Host name corresponding to IP address
- NS Host name of SOA name server
- **CNAME Canonical Name: alias**
- SOA Attributes of zone
- TXT General information

# Common RR Types

NAPTR Naming Authority Pointer

- SRV Service (for specific applications)
- SPF Sender Policy Framework

(used to control spam) Also included in TXT records as a transitional mechanism DNSKEY, DS, RRSIG, NSEC for DNSSEC

## dig any ccsf.edu

[Sams-MacBook-Pro-3:~ sa	ambowne\$	dig an	y ccsf.e	du
; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>;; global options: +cmd		sf.edu		
;; Got answer:				
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode:				
;; flags: qr ru ra; Que	ERT: 1, A	MNSWER:	8, AUTH	DRITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 4
;; QUESTION SECTION:				
;ccsf.edu.		IN	ANY	
;; ANSWER SECTION:				
ccsf.edu.	3600	IN	тхт	"v=spf1 include:spf.protection.outlook.com include:mentormail.cccapply.org -all"
ccsf.edu.	604800	IN	NS	ns6.cenic.org.
ccsf.edu.	604800	IN	NS	ns3.ccsf.edu.
ccsf.edu.	604800	IN	NS	ns4.cenic.org.
ccsf.edu.	604800	IN	NS	ns5.cenic.org.
ccsf.edu.	604800	IN	SOA	ns3.ccsf.edu, root.ccsf.edu, 2016091200 43200 3600 1209600 10800
ccsf.edu.	604800	IN	Α	147.144.1.212
ccsf.edu.	3600	IN	MX	0 ccsf-edu.mail.eo.outlook.com.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:				
ns6.cenic.org.	3306	IN	А	198,188,255,193
ns3.ccsf.edu.	604672	IN	A	147.144.1.247
ns4.cenic.org.	10347	IN	Α	137.164.29.67
ns5.cenic.org.	8924	IN	Α	137.164.29.69
;; Query time: 19 msec				
;; SERVER: 192.168.1.1#	<b>#53(192</b> .1	68.1.1	)	
;; WHEN: Tue Sep 13 09:			,	
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 363				
,,				

## dig any ietf.org

Sams-MacBook-Pro-3:~ sambowne\$ dig any ietf.org ;; Truncated, retrying in TCP mode. ; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> any ietf.org ;; global options: +cmd ;; Got answer: ;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 61776 ;; flags: gr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 25, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 5 ;; QUESTION SECTION: ;ietf.org. IN ANY :: ANSWER SECTION: ietf.org. "v=spf1 ip4:12.22.58.0/24 ip4:64.170.98.0/24 ip4:4.31.198.32/27 ip4:209.208.19.192/27 i 1800 IN TXT p4:72.167.123.204 ip6:2001:1890:123a::/56 ip6:2001:1890:126c::/56 ip6:2001:1900:3001:0011::0/64 ip6:2607:f170:8000:1500::0/64 -all" RRSIG TXT 5 2 1800 20170829151036 20160829141137 40452 ietf.org. zlj0eHXZRTNDs7n+MvHXq6h5DZ00 ietf.org. 1800 IN NG65470Xdx3/0expJFLhLwvP5Jp0 SahND0VZwk76m+bLxammfb050a01oZAbgT7VmlvaR3uFtfXp+LHxfYie Rzt3mC0SnBz7ips4F66z9200aH6KYU0T/So6pxvw2wbvi3zS9 y1pw459 jmxglnUSnfeNAf0GxNsnnXAfEP/jaF6E0ct7SvB0QT1fxWLRsdRBNHfu l4VAzpw01RdXuHmit8G2fnBkF6mY3Pg2Z4GCP+NVIC45nZ9yH2UCeAon bI512DPko6Y5e rsWC7/+X3QeQNQMlbLvIx0/9mgIgodErdMeIFcya1uF HFeCxw== DNSKEY 257 3 5 AwEAAaviQ1H6pE8FV8LGP0wQBFVL0EM9BRfqxz9p/sZ+8AByqyFHLdZc Ho0GF7CqB50KYMvG0qysuY 1800 ietf.org. ΤN 0loPlwbg7Ws5WywbutbXyG24lMWy4jijlJ UsaFrS5EvUu4ydmuRc/TGnEXnN1XQk0+waIT4cLtrmcWjoY80gud6lDa Jdj1cKr2nX1NrmMRowIu3DIVtGb0JmzpukpDVZaYMMA m8M5vz4U2vRCV ETLqDoQ7rhsiD127J8qVExj08B0113jCajbFRcMtUtFTjH4z7jXP2ZzD cXsqpe4LYFuenFQAcRBRlE6oaykHR7rlPqqmw58nIELJUFoMcb/BdRLq byTeurF lnxs= ietf.org. 1800 IN DNSKEY 256 3 5 AwEAAdDECajHaTjfSoNTY58WcBah1BxPKVIHBz4IfLjfqMvium4lgKtK ZLe97DgJ5/NQrNEGGQmr6f KvUj67cfrZUojZ2cGRizVhqkOqZ9scaTVX NuXLM5Tw7VWOVIceeXAuuH2mPIiEV6MhJYUsW6dvmNsJ4XwCgNgroAmX hoMEiWEjBB+wjYZQ5GtZHBFKVXACSWTiCtddHcueOeS VPi5WH94Vlubh HfiytNPZLrObhUCHT6k0tNE6phLoHnXWU+6vpsYpz6GhMw/R9BFxW5Pd PFIWBqoWk2/XFVRSKG9Lr61b2z1R126xeUwvw46RVy3hanV3vN07LM5H nigaYcl Bbhk=

### dig soa ccsf.edu

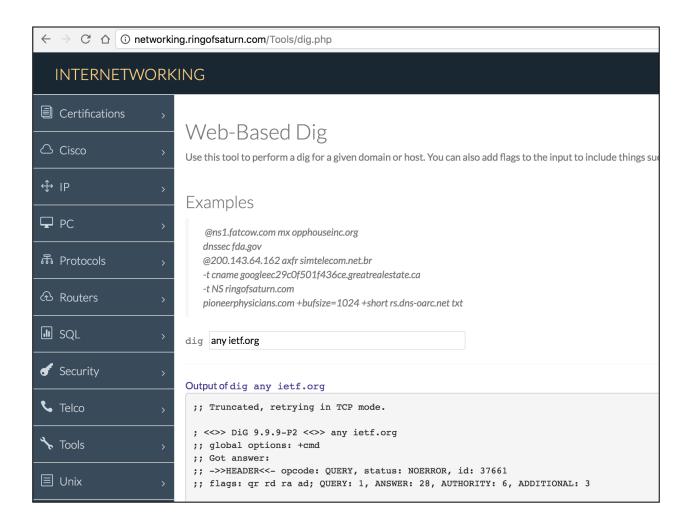
Sams-MacBook-Pro-3:Desktop sambowne\$ dig SOA ccsf.edu							
; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> S ;; global options: +cmd ;; Got answer: ;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QU ;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY:	ERY, status	: NOERROR	•				
;; QUESTION SECTION: ;ccsf.edu.	IN	SOA					
;; ANSWER SECTION: ccsf.edu. 86	399 IN	SOA	ns3.ccsf.edu. root.ccsf.edu. 2017082902 43200 3600 1209600 10800				
;; Query time: 60 msec ;; SERVER: 8.8.8.8#53(8.8.8.8) ;; WHEN: Wed Aug 30 11:52:06 2017 ;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 71							

## dig soa ccsf.edu +multiline

Sams-MacBook-Pro-3:Desktop sambowne\$ dig SOA ccsf.edu +multiline

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; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> SOA ccsf.edu +multiline
;; global options: +cmd
:: Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 27005
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; QUESTION SECTION:
:ccsf.edu.
                        IN SOA
:: ANSWER SECTION:
ccsf.edu.
                        86399 IN SOA ns3.ccsf.edu. root.ccsf.edu. (
                                 2017082902 : serial
                                 43200 ; refresh (12 hours)
                                 3600 ; retry (1 hour)
1209600 ; expire (2 weeks)
                                            : minimum (3 hours)
                                 10800
;; Query time: 86 msec
;; SERVER: 8.8.8.8#53(8.8.8.8)
;; WHEN: Wed Aug 30 11:54:20 2017
:: MSG SIZE rcvd: 71
```

# **DNS Looking Glass**



## **Reverse DNS Resolutions**

- Start with IP address and query to find the domain name
- Used to block spam email
  - If IP address of server doesn't have a valid domain name, or the domain name is blacklisted, the email is rejected

## PTR Records for RDNS

- Reverse the order of the IP address
- Add "in-addr.arpa"
- For example, 147.144.1.212 becomes
- 212.1.144.147.in-addr.arpa.

#### **Reverse DNS Lookup**

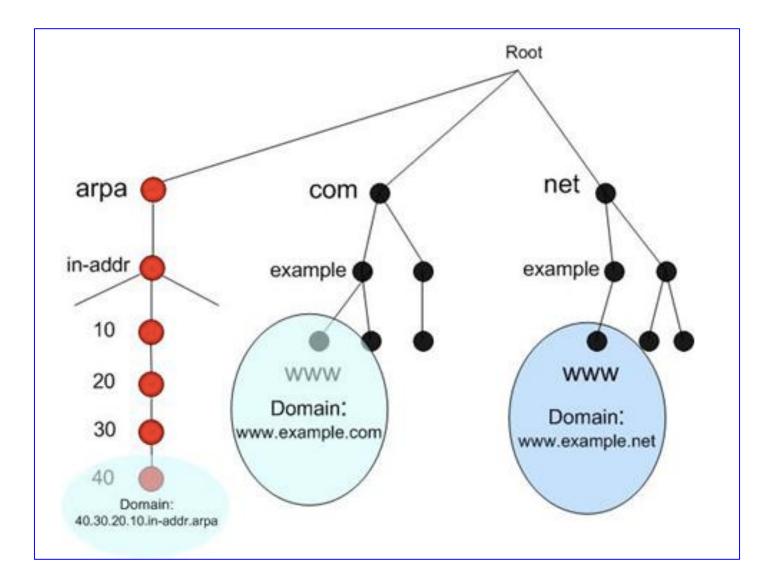
sambowne Tue Feb 10 16:50:54 . . . . . ~ \$dig -x 199.232.41.10 ; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> -x 199.232.41.10 ;; global options: +cmd ;; Got answer: ;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NXDOMAIN, id: 4088 ;; flags: gr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 0 ;; QUESTION SECTION: ;10.41.232.199.in-addr.arpa. PTR IN ;; ANSWER SECTION: 10.41.232.199.in-addr.arpa. 36000 IN CNAME rev-c41-10.gnu.org. ;; AUTHORITY SECTION: 300 S0A gnu.org. IN ns1.gnu.org. hostmaster.gnu.org. 2014031110 3600 120 1209600 3600 ;; Query time: 157 msec :: SERVER: 208.67.222.222#53(208.67.222.222) ;; WHEN: Tue Feb 10 16:52:25 2015 ;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 141

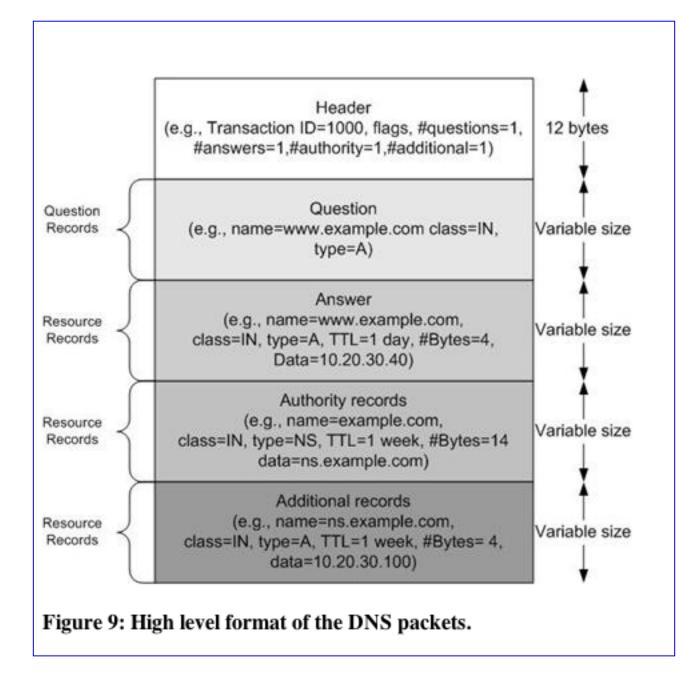
## Forward Lookup for Google

Sams-MacBook-Pro-3:~ sambowne\$ dig aaaa google.com ; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> aaaa google.com ;; global options: +cmd ;; Got answer: ;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 44671 ;; flags: gr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0 ;; QUESTION SECTION: ;google.com. TΝ AAAA ;; ANSWER SECTION: 114 ΙN AAAA 2607:f8b0:4005:806::200e google.com. ;; Query time: 797 msec ;; SERVER: 192.168.1.1#53(192.168.1.1) ;; WHEN: Tue Sep 13 09:09:14 2016 ;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 56

#### **Reverse Lookup for Google**

Sams-MacBook-Pro-3:~ sambowne\$ dig -x 2607:f8b0:4005:806::200e
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 38139
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;e.0.0.2.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.6.0.8.0.5.0.0.4.0.b.8.f.7.0.6.2.ip6.arpa. IN PTR
;; ANSWER SECTION:
e.0.0.2.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.6.0.8.0.5.0.0.4.0.b.8.f.7.0.6.2.ip6.arpa. 41360 IN PTR sfo03s06-in-x0e.1e100.net.
;; Query time: 649 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.1.1#53(192.168.1.1)
;; WHEN: Tue Sep 13 09:09:43 2016
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 129</pre>





	— 2 bytes — ►
	Transaction ID
	(e.g., "60345")
	Flags
e.g., QR=0, O	pcode=0, AA=0,TC=0,RD=0,RA=0,RCODE=0)
	Number of Questions
	(e.g., "1")
	Number of Answers
	(e.g., "1")
Nu	mber of Authority Records
	(e.g., "2")
Nu	mber of Additional Records
	(e.g., "2")

**DNS Packet Header Flags Format** 

Bit # 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Q R	Opcode	A A	T C		R A	z	A D	C D	RCODE
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- Flags specify:
  - Query or Response
  - Forward or Reverse
  - Recursive or Iterative

## Glue Records

- If the SOA for ccsf.edu is ns3.ccsf.edu the system fails
  - Q: Where is www.ccsf.edu?
  - A: Ask ns3.ccsf.edu
  - -Q: Where is ns3.ccsf.edu?
  - A: Ask ns3.ccsf.edu
- To prevent this, each domain has a **glue record** in their top-level domain zone specifying the IP address of the SOA

# Viewing Glue Records with dig

#### 1. Find a .edu root NS server

```
sambowne Tue Feb 10 16:57:51
~ $dia ns edu
: <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> ns edu
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 23660
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 6, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; QUESTION SECTION:
:edu.
                                         NS
                                 TΝ
;; ANSWER SECTION:
edu.
                                         NS
                                                  q.edu-servers.net.
                         170280
                                 TΝ
                                                  c.edu-servers.net.
edu.
                         170280
                                 IN
                                         NS
                                                  f.edu-servers.net.
edu.
                         170280
                                         NS
                                 TΝ
                                                  d.edu-servers.net.
edu.
                         170280
                                         NS
                                 IN
edu.
                         170280
                                 TΝ
                                         NS
                                                  a.edu-servers.net.
                                                  l.edu-servers.net.
edu.
                         170280
                                 IN
                                         NS
```

# 2. dig NS domain @root

```
sambowne Tue Feb 10 16:58:01
                  . .
~ $dig NS ccsf.edu @g.edu-servers.net
; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> NS ccsf.edu @g.edu-servers.net
;; global options: +cmd
:: Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 23224
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 4, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
;; QUESTION SECTION:
:ccsf.edu.
                               IN
                                       NS
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
ccsf.edu.
                       172800 IN
                                       NS
                                               ns4.cenic.org.
ccsf.edu.
                       172800 IN
                                       NS
                                               ns5.cenic.org.
ccsf.edu.
                                       NS
                                               ns6.cenic.org.
                       172800 IN
                                               ns3.ccsf.edu.
ccsf.edu.
                                       NS
                       172800 IN
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns3.ccsf.edu.
                                               147.144.1.247
                       172800 IN
                                       Α
```

# IPv4 Glue for Google

• 1. NS servers for .com

```
. sambowne Tue Feb 10 16:58:37
~ $dig ns com
; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> ns com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 29
;; flags: gr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 13, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; QUESTION SECTION:
                                 TΝ
                                         NS
;com.
;; ANSWER SECTION:
                        21893
                                 IN
                                         NS
                                                 m.gtld-servers.net.
com.
                                                 c.gtld-servers.net.
                        21893
                                         NS
com.
                                 IN
```

## IPv4 Glue Records for Google

```
sambowne Tue Feb 10 17:01:30
                     .
~ $dig NS google.com @m.gtld-servers.net
; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> NS google.com @m.gtld-servers.net
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 40276
;; flags: gr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 4, ADDITIONAL: 4
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;google.com.
                                IΝ
                                        NS
:: AUTHORITY SECTION:
google.com.
                                        NS
                                                ns2.google.com.
                       172800
                                IN
google.com.
                                                ns1.google.com.
                                        NS
                       172800
                                IN
google.com.
                                                ns3.google.com.
                       172800
                                IN
                                        NS
google.com.
                                                ns4.google.com.
                        172800
                                IN
                                        NS
:: ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns2.google.com.
                       172800
                                IN
                                        A
                                                216,239,34,10
ns1.google.com.
                                        A
                                                216.239.32.10
                       172800
                                IN
ns3.google.com.
                       172800
                                IN
                                        A
                                                216.239.36.10
ns4.google.com.
                        172800
                                IN
                                                216.239.38.10
                                        А
```

## **Bind Version Query**

#### • From c. 2015

```
Sams-MacBook-Air-2:~ sambowne$ dig @rudra.ccsf.cc.ca.us version.bind. txt chaos
; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> @rudra.ccsf.cc.ca.us version.bind. txt chaos
: (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 63154
;; flags: gr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
:: OUESTION SECTION:
:version.bind.
                                CH
                                        TXT
;; ANSWER SECTION:
version.bind.
                               CH
                                       TXT "9.3.5-P1"
                        Ø
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
                                           version.bind.
version.bind.
                                CH
                                        NS
                        Ø
;; Query time: 222 msec
;; SERVER: 147.144.3.238#53(147.144.3.238)
;; WHEN: Mon Sep 9 11:48:52 2013
:: MSG SIZE rcvd: 65
```

# Bind Version Query 9-13-16

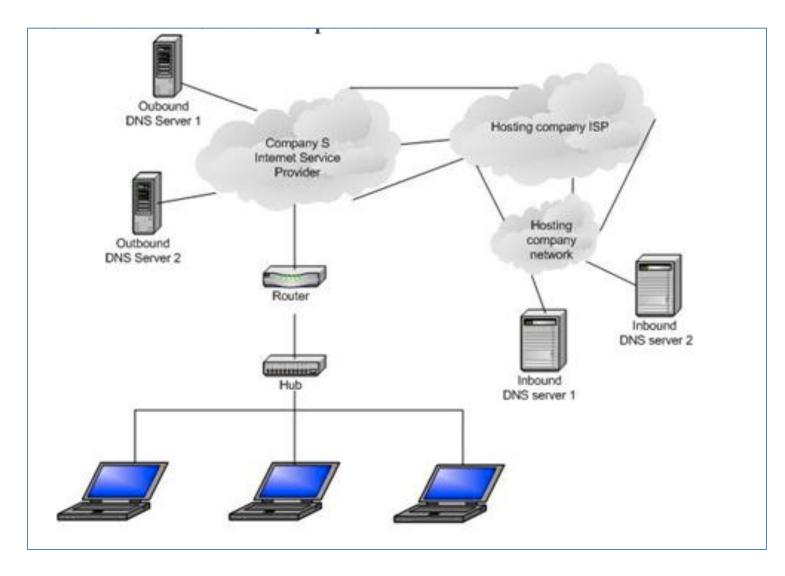
```
Sams-MacBook-Pro-3:~ sambowne$ dig @ns3.ccsf.edu version.bind txt chaos
; <>>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> @ns3.ccsf.edu version.bind txt chaos
: (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
:: Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 5704
;; flags: gr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;version.bind.
                                CH
                                        TXT
;; ANSWER SECTION:
                                CH
                                        TXT "[secured]"
version.bind.
                        0
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
version.bind.
                        0
                                СН
                                        NS version.bind.
;; Query time: 347 msec
;; SERVER: 147.144.1.247#53(147.144.1.247)
;; WHEN: Tue Sep 13 09:14:25 2016
:: MSG SIZE rcvd: 66
```

# ISC.ORG (Authors of Bind)

Sams-MacBook-Pro-3:~ sambowne\$ dig @ord.sns-pb.isc.org version.bind txt chaos ; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> @ord.sns-pb.isc.org version.bind txt chaos : (2 servers found) ;; global options: +cmd ;; Got answer: ;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 7861 ;; flags: qr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 0 ;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available ;; QUESTION SECTION: CH :version.bind. TXT :: ANSWER SECTION: version.bind. 0 CH TXT "9.10.3-P3" ;; AUTHORITY SECTION: CH version.bind. 0 NS version.bind. ;; Query time: 62 msec ;; SERVER: 2001:500:71::30#53(2001:500:71::30) ;; WHEN: Tue Sep 13 09:19:52 2016 :: MSG SIZE rcvd: 66

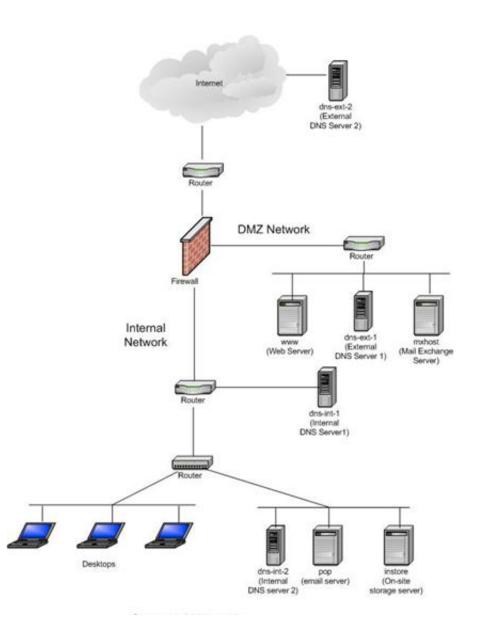
#### **Common Server Architectures**

# Small Company: Outsource DNS

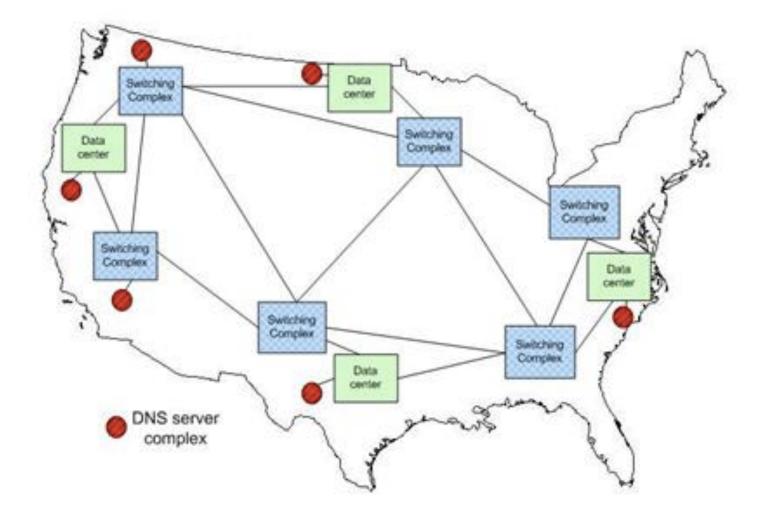


#### Medium Company

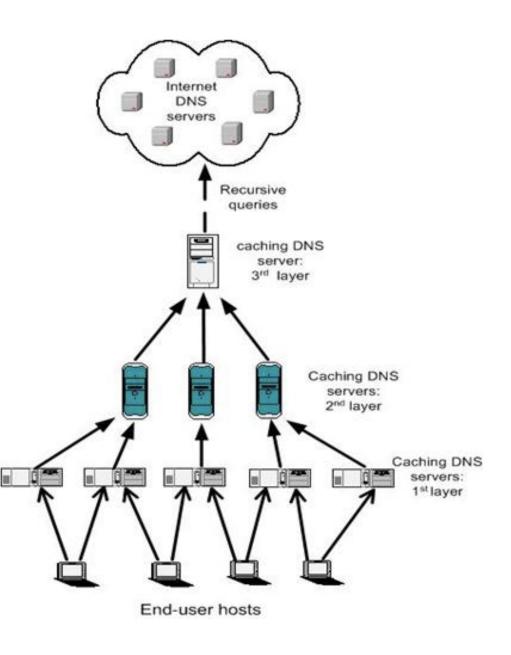
- Internal and external DNS servers
- Only public servers like www and mx on external DNS servers



### Large Company



# Hierarchical Caching Architecture



## Anycast

