

Domain Name System (DNS) (rfc1035)

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“phonebook of internet”

Hostnames vs. IP addresses

- hostname

- e.g., `www.cbc.ca` and `www.ucalgary.ca`
- easy to remember
- useful to humans
- variable length, full alphabet
- little to no location information

- IP addresses

- e.g., `194.40.217.50` and `194.150.245.142`
- fixed length, binary numbers
- useful to routers
- hierarchical, related to host location

Mapping Names to Addresses

- domain name system divides namespace by sub-trees (zones)
 - dots separate it as domain becomes more refined right to left
 - .ca, ucalgary.ca, cs.ualgary.ca, etc.
 - consider www.bank.com and mail.bank.com
 - and www.bank.com and www.bank.ru
- root is '.' and hardwired into DNS resolver
- top-level domain (TLD) is next: .com, .org, .ca, etc.
- turning domain to IP goes piece by piece
 - different computers are responsible for each node of subtree

```
; <<>> DiG 9.11.3-1ubuntu1.13-Ubuntu <<>> www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 60461
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:: udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca.          IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca.    3474    IN      CNAME   cpsc.ucalgary.ca.
cpsc.ucalgary.ca.       3474    IN      A       136.159.2.21

;; Query time: 10 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.0.1#53(192.168.0.1)
;; WHEN: Thu Mar 04 18:42:36 MST 2021
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 79
```

```
; <<>> DiG 9.11.3-1ubuntu1.13-Ubuntu <<>> -t TXT www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 17110
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca.          IN      TXT

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca.  3439    IN      CNAME   cpsc.ucalgary.ca.

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
cpsc.ucalgary.ca.      3466    IN      SOA      ns1.cpsc.ucalgary.ca. jenn.cpsc.ucalgary.ca.
2021030301 3600 7200 2419200 7200

;; Query time: 11 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.0.1#53(192.168.0.1)
;; WHEN: Thu Mar 04 18:43:10 MST 2021
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 108
```

DNS Zone

- set of hostnames / IPs all managed by one server
- e.g., `www.ualgary.ca`, `www.cs.ualgary.ca`, `mail.ualgary.ca` all part of `ualgary.ca` zone

Nameserver

- server software that answers DNS questions
 - e.g., what is the IP address for `www.ucalgary.ca`
- if it is **responsible** for knowing the answer it answers directly
 - i.e., it is the **authoritative nameserver** for the zone
- if it is a **recursive nameserver** it goes out on the internet and asks around
 - not all nameservers are configured to be recursive
 - clients may be subject to access control
 - e.g., an ISP provides nameservice only to customers
 - it will use cached values when possible
- different software does this service differently
 - BIND, PowerDNS, djbdns

Authoritative Nameserver

- for every zone somebody has to keep a file of the hostnames and the IP addresses
 - x.y.z is 10.3.5.23, etc.
- this is generally an administrative function done by a human
- most cases, one machine has the file
 - is called **primary DNS server** or **zone master**
- if there are multiple public nameservers then the zone data is replicated to additional secondary nameservers
 - all secondary servers are considered authoritative to the outside world
 - why would you want to use secondary nameservers?

Resolver

- this is the client part of the DNS system
 - it asks the questions about hostnames
- sends questions to a nearby nameserver
 - on UNIX systems they are specified in `/etc/resolv.conf`
- resolver is lightweight and relies on the server to do all the work

Resource Record

- DNS does more than give hostname-to-IP mappings
 - “A” record is IP address
 - “NS” record is nameserver for hostname
 - “MX” record is mail exchanger
 - “TXT” record is arbitrary text
 - can be descriptive or be used by computers
 - “CNAME” record is canonical name
 - multiple domains sharing a server
 - only need to update IP for the CNAME
 - “SOA” record is start of authorities
 - data about zone administrator

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Queries for a key (hostname+record type)

Replies is the key again and the value (the record)

Delegation

- when nameserver doesn't have the contents of a zone but know how to find the owner
- "I know the zone you want, go ask (hostname) for it"

Following a simple DNS Query

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List of Root Servers

| HOSTNAME | IP ADDRESSES | MANAGER |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| a.root-servers.net | 198.41.0.4, 2001:503:ba3e::2:30 | VeriSign, Inc. |
| b.root-servers.net | 199.9.14.201, 2001:500:200::b | University of Southern California (ISI) |
| c.root-servers.net | 192.33.4.12, 2001:500:2::c | Cogent Communications |
| d.root-servers.net | 199.7.91.13, 2001:500:2d::d | University of Maryland |
| e.root-servers.net | 192.203.230.10, 2001:500:a8::e | NASA (Ames Research Center) |
| f.root-servers.net | 192.5.5.241, 2001:500:2f::f | Internet Systems Consortium, Inc. |
| g.root-servers.net | 192.112.36.4, 2001:500:12::d0d | US Department of Defense (NIC) |
| h.root-servers.net | 198.97.190.53, 2001:500:1::53 | US Army (Research Lab) |
| i.root-servers.net | 192.36.148.17, 2001:7fe::53 | Netnod |
| j.root-servers.net | 192.58.128.30, 2001:503:c27::2:30 | VeriSign, Inc. |
| k.root-servers.net | 193.0.14.129, 2001:7fd::1 | RIPE NCC |
| l.root-servers.net | 199.7.83.42, 2001:500:9f::42 | ICANN |
| m.root-servers.net | 202.12.27.33, 2001:dc3::35 | WIDE Project |

192.112.36.4   Star

 Columbus, Ohio, US 

 anycast

Summary >

Geolocation

Privacy

ASN

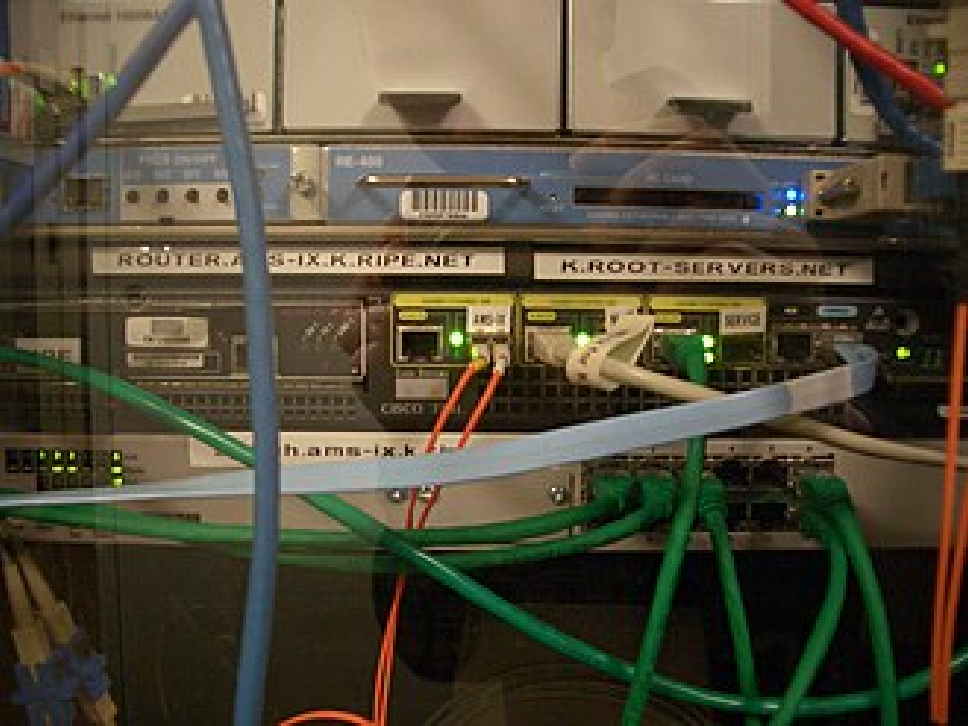
Company

Need more data or want to access it via API or data downloads? Sign up to get free access

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Summary

| | |
|----------|--|
| ASN | AS5927 - United States Department of Defense (DoD) |
| Hostname | g.root-servers.net |
| Range | 192.112.36.0/24 |
| Company | DoD Network Information Center |



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“authoritative” flag

It is considered a non-authoritative answer.

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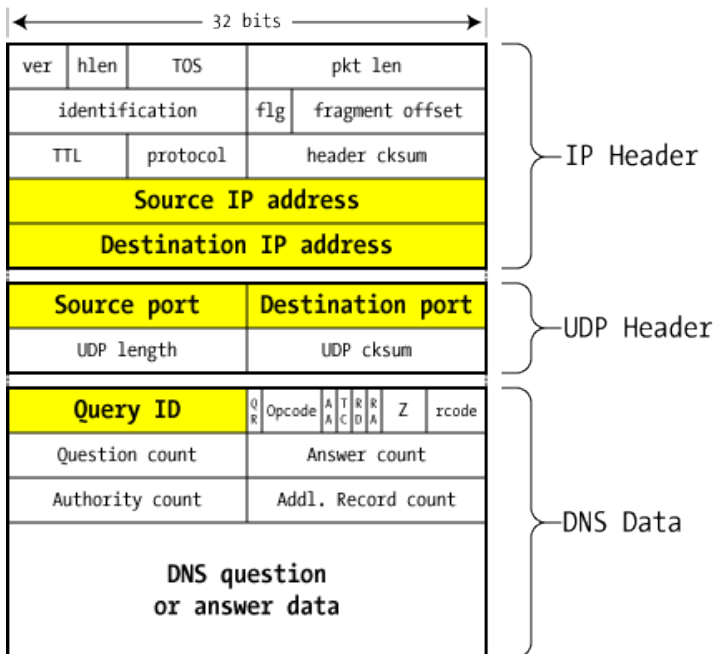
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Caching also helps

DNS is distributed: no one machine knows everything
They find what is needed through delegation

Fake Nameserver

- nothing stops Eve running a nameserver for anything she wants
- she can claim to be authoritative for anything she wants
- but no higher-level NS will delegate to her



DNS packet on the wire

DNS Packet

- source / dest IP address
 - sender and receiver of the packet
 - these are possible to forge, you can write what you want
- source / dest port
 - DNS servers listen on port 53/udp for queries
 - source port varies
 - sometimes is also 53
 - sometimes it's a fixed random port chosen by the OS
 - sometimes it's a random port everytime
 - source port doesn't matter as long as replies reach it

- query ID
 - unique identifier created in the query packet
 - left intact by the server
 - allows client to associate the answer
 - nameserver may have many queries at one time
 - include to the same server
 - query ID matches answers to awaiting questions
- QR (query / response)
 - 0 for query by client
 - 1 for response from a server

- AA: authoritative answer bit
- TC: truncated bit
 - answer can't fit in 512-byte UDP packet
 - try again with TCP
- RD: recursion desired
 - client wants the server to perform the lookup recursively
 - otherwise client will do the work itself
 - does not need to be honoured
- RA: recursion available bit
 - 0 means nameserver won't honour RD

- Z: reserved, must be zero
 - why do we do things like this?
- rcode: response code success or failure
- Question record count: number of questions
 - server reply repeats the question
- Answer / authority / additional record count
 - number of replies by the server
- DNS question / answer data
 - area storing data referenced by the counts

IP

UDP

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| 32 bits | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| UDP length | | | | | UDP cksum | | | | | | | | |
| QID = 43561 | | | | | 0 | Op=0 | | A A | T C | 1 | R A | Z | rcode |
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| Authority count = 0 | | | | | Addl. Record count = 0 | | | | | | | | |
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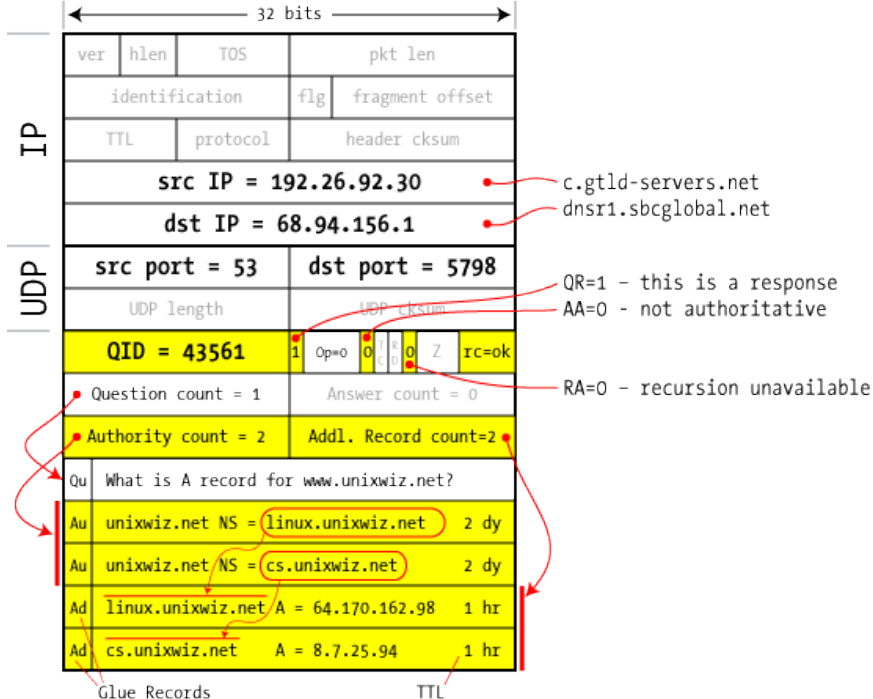
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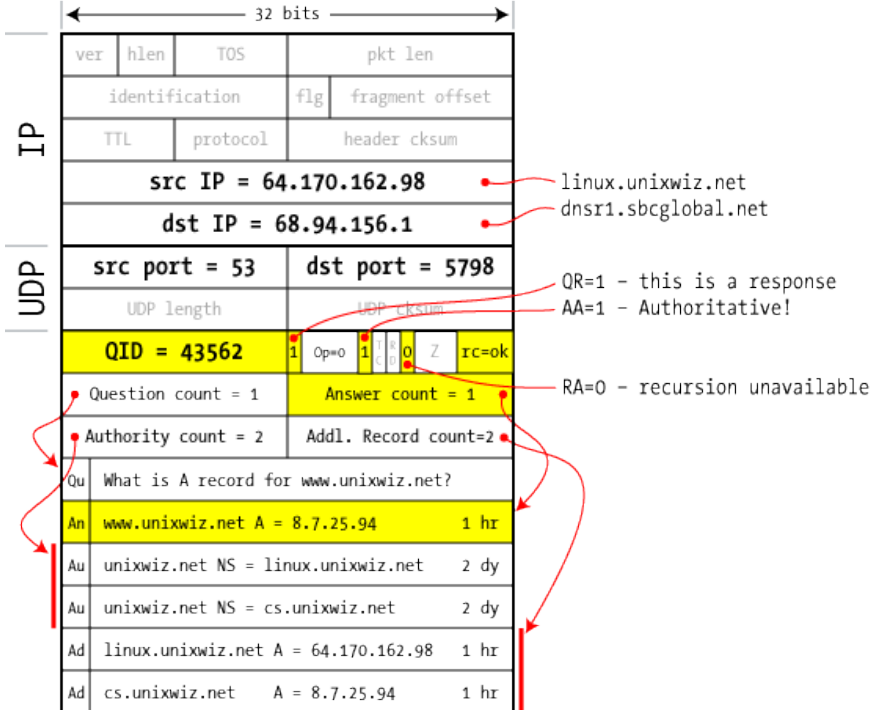
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- in practice the full effort is not needed
 - caching is used by recursive nameservers to speed up the process
 - authoritative answers can be cached to use again later
 - glue records send expected data needed afterwards
- DNS can't be cached forever
 - stale data breaks the system
 - IPs do change, etc.

DNS Time-to-Live (TTL)

- TTL is how long the data can be considered valid
- TTL set by **administrator of the zone**
 - can be minutes or weeks, up to administrator
- recursive nameserver does not need to guess how long to keep cache
 - once the record expires, it is removed from the cache
- not just A records are cached
- all other authority data is cached
 - NS plus glued A are cached with their own TTL

DNS Poisoning

- attacker manages to put bad data into a recursive nameserver's cache
 - bad information is given to unsuspecting clients
- DNS does not accept unsolicited responses
 - it must be a response to a pending query

DNS Query Checks

- response is on the same UDP port it was sent from
- question section matches the question in the pending query
- query ID matches pending query
- authority and additional section represent names that were being queried
 - **bailiwick checking**
 - prevents replies from piggybacking on other bad records

DNS Poisoning

- if the attacker can send bad data that passes all the checks it is accepted
- this affects not only the recursive nameserver but all its clients
- typically, it involves changing the IP for some website to the attacker's server
 - this allows an **off-path** attacker to act as a MITM or impersonator
- attacker doesn't need to be right everytime
 - bad packets are dropped but one good one will be accepted

Guessing the Query ID

- old nameservers just incremented it by one
 - not-cryptographically suitable randomness
 - need **unguessable** query IDs for this to be hard
- SECURITY BY DESIGN
 - Query ID was never **meant** to stop DNS poisoning

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Then it gets the query ID from the DNS request.

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- UDP port: often not random
- Query ID: learnable
- question matches query
 - spurious responses ignored
- bailiwick
 - cannot glue other domains

DNS Query Forcing

- attacker can force the DNS server to retrieve the query
 - simply ask for it
 - if it is cached eventually it will expire
- attacker sends a flurry of replies
 - candidate query IDs
- simple rule in response
 - first good answer wins
 - only attacker knows about it
 - there is no authentication on the response

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UDP packets can come from anywhere
and can spoof the sender's IP.

Poisoning Antidote: randomize the query ID

- if attacker knows QID=9999, then it floods with QIDs 10000–10030
- but if the QID can be any 16-bit value it makes it much harder
 - making and sending that many packets in DNS-resolution time is harder
- again: security by design
 - QID is only 16 bits because it wasn't meant for this purpose
 - if it were, it would be at least 128 bits

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Approach: highjack the authority records.

Kaminsky Attack

- nothing stops anyone from setting up a nameserver for anyone else
 - it can offer A records, MX records, claim to be authoritative
 - no one ever asks it any questions
- higher-level servers are configured with administration
 - .ca NS knows the .ucalgary.ca NS
 - it doesn't need to request it, it **knows it**
 - this is the distributed database

Kaminsky Attack

- but the resolver **doesn't** know the .ucalgary.ca or the .ca domain
 - that's why it's asking the distributed database for it
- if we poison responses for the .ca NS, we can poison *.ca trivially
 - we will be the ones **asked** to answer future queries
 - this means we don't need to invest any effort

Kaminsky Attack

- step 1: attacker requests a random name from the victim domain
 - e.g., vnrqpjvnlj.victimbank.com
 - this is unlikely to be in cache, so will require DNS query
- step 2: attacker sends a flurry of forged packets
 - not A record like before
 - instead delegate to another nameserver via Authority records
 - “I don’t know, but you can ask over there”
 - attacker can give honest NS for victimbank.com but fake glue records
 - glue points to attacker’s IP addresses
 - attacker now is treated as IP for victimbank’s authoritative NS

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Further Fix: RFC 7873

- client computes a “cookie” based on
 - its IP
 - server’s IP
 - some secret
- client includes cookie in DNS request
- server repeats cookie back
 - how does this stop poisoning?
- server also includes its own cookie back
 - this is used to defend DoS amplification (how?)
- requires both client and server support

What can we do to fix this?

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Let's use cryptography to trust DNS more.

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DNS is UDP so we need Datagram TLS (DTLS)

- secure all connections
 - from computer to local DNS server (resolver)
 - from resolver to root DNS server
 - from resolver to TLD DNS server
 - from resolver to authoritative DNS server

Issues with TLS DNS

- performance
 - DNS is lightweight
 - TLS is not
- caching
 - crucial for DNS scalability
 - we need **object** security, not **channel** security

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e.g., a **verifiable signature** that guarantees
who generated the data, signing is offline

- standardized DNS security extension
 - “currently” being deployed
- resolver works its way from DNS root to final name server
 - at each step it gets a signed statement for the next level’s keys
- resolver knows root DNS keys (offline, can’t bootstrap trust)
 - this is $O(1)$ data
- root DNS knows all TLD servers **and** their signing keys
 - this is only $O(1)$ more information per thing it was already storing

- the final answer is signed by the authoritative DNS server
- resolver can trust its signature because of a chain of support from higher levels
- all keys **and** signed results are **cacheable!**
 - critical for scalability
 - like tickets (object security)

Idea 3: DNS-over-HTTPS (DoH) (rfc8484)

- this is effectively DNS-over-TLS
 - DoH benefits by “looking like” HTTPS traffic
 - network operators cannot force their DNS resolver
- difference
 - HTTPS is used between you and a highly-shared resolver
 - that resolver then does insecure DNS on the open Internet
 - does not require DNS servers at every site to use DNSSec
 - resolver still performs all caching functions
- act as a DNS proxy with a secure connection
 - need to poison DoH resolver
 - e.g., peers on hotel WiFi cannot poison you

Enable DNS over HTTPS using:

☒ **Default Protection**

Firefox decides when to use secure DNS to protect your privacy.

- Use secure DNS in regions where it's available
- Use your default DNS resolver if there is a problem with the secure DNS provider
- Use a local provider, if possible [Learn more](#)
- Turn off when VPN, parental control, or enterprise policies are active
- Turn off when a network tells Firefox it shouldn't use secure DNS [Learn more](#)

☐ **Increased Protection**

You control when to use secure DNS and choose your provider.

- Use the provider you select
- Only use your default DNS resolver if there is a problem with secure DNS

Choose provider:

CIRA Canadian Shield (Default)



| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
|-----|----------|----------------|----------------|----------|--------|--|
| 170 | 5.379957 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 74 | 52872 → 443 [SYN] Seq=4992458011 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TS |
| 171 | 5.404472 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 66 | 443 → 52872 [SYN, ACK] Seq=1674013340 Ack=4092458012 Win=30660 Len=0 MSS |
| 172 | 5.404493 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 54 | 52872 → 443 [ACK] Seq=4992458012 Ack=1674013341 Win=64256 Len=0 |
| 173 | *REF* | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TLSv1.3 | 688 | Client Hello |
| 174 | 0.027275 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 60 | 443 → 52872 [ACK] Seq=1674013341 Ack=4092458646 Win=61440 Len=0 |
| 175 | 0.027284 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TLSv1.3 | 288 | Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Encrypted Extensions, Finished |
| 176 | 0.027294 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 54 | 52872 → 443 [ACK] Seq=4092458646 Ack=1674013575 Win=64128 Len=0 |
| 177 | 0.027707 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TLSv1.3 | 118 | Change Cipher Spec, Finished |
| 178 | 0.028269 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | HTTP2 | 224 | Magic, SETTINGS[0], WINDOW_UPDATE[0], PRIORITY[3], PRIORITY[5], PRIORITY |
| 179 | 0.028289 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | DoH | 281 | Standard query 0x0000 A cbc.ca OPT |
| 180 | 0.028676 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | DoH | 314 | Standard query 0x0000 A cbc.ca OPT |
| 181 | 0.089104 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TLSv1.3 | 314 | Application Data, Application Data, Application Data, Application Data |
| 185 | 0.095359 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TLSv1.3 | 293 | New Session Ticket |
| 186 | 0.095398 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 54 | 52872 → 443 [ACK] Seq=4092459367 Ack=1674013814 Win=64000 Len=0 |
| 187 | 0.095418 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 60 | 443 → 52872 [ACK] Seq=1674013814 Ack=4092459107 Win=66560 Len=0 |
| 188 | 0.095431 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 60 | 443 → 52872 [ACK] Seq=1674013814 Ack=4092459367 Win=68608 Len=0 |
| 191 | 0.114660 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | DoH | 470 | Standard query response 0x0000 A cbc.ca A 23.6.170.182 OPT |
| 192 | 0.114688 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 54 | 52872 → 443 [ACK] Seq=4092459367 Ack=1674014230 Win=63616 Len=0 |
| 195 | 0.119905 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 66 | 443 → 52872 [ACK] Seq=1674014230 Ack=4092459367 Win=68608 Len=0 SLE=4092 |
| 227 | 0.381449 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | HTTP2 | 114 | HEADERS[211]: POST /dns-query |

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 443, Dst Port: 52872, Seq: 1674013814, Ack: 4092459367, Len: 416

Transport Layer Security

- ▶ TLSv1.3 Record Layer: Application Data Protocol: http2
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HyperText Transfer Protocol 2

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- ▶ Stream: HEADERS, Stream ID: 17, Length 31, 200 OK
- ▶ Stream: DATA, Stream ID: 17, Length 107

Domain Name System (response)

Transaction ID: 0x0000

- ▶ Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error

Questions: 1

Answer RRs: 0

Authority RRs: 1

Additional RRs: 1

Queries

cbc.ca: type Unknown (65), class IN

Name: cbc.ca

[Name Length: 6]

[Label Count: 2]

Type: Unknown (65)

Class: IN (0x0001)

Authoritative nameservers

cbc.ca: type SOA, class IN, mname a1-29.akam.net

Name: cbc.ca

Type: SOA (Start Of a zone of Authority) (6)

Class: IN (0x0001)

Time to live: 130 (2 minutes, 10 seconds)

Data length: 52

Primary name server: a1-29.akam.net

Responsible authority's mailbox: hostmaster.nm.cbc.ca

Serial Number: 2015021305

Refresh Interval: 3600 (1 hour)

| Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------|--------|--|
| 170 5.378957 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 74 | 52872 → 443 [SYN] Seq=4092458011 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=2885954676 TSecr=0 WS=128 |
| 171 5.404472 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 66 | 443 → 52872 [SYN, ACK] Seq=1674013340 Ack=4092458012 Win=38660 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 WS=1024 |
| 172 5.404493 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 54 | 52872 → 443 [ACK] Seq=4092458012 Ack=1674013341 Win=64256 Len=0 |
| 173 5.406121 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TLSv1.3 | 688 | Client Hello |
| 174 5.433396 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 60 | 443 → 52872 [ACK] Seq=1674013341 Ack=4092458646 Win=61440 Len=0 |
| 175 5.433705 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TLSv1.3 | 200 | Server Hello, Change Cipher Spec, Finished |
| 176 5.433415 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 54 | 52872 → 443 [ACK] Seq=4092458646 Ack=1674013375 Win=64128 Len=0 |
| 177 5.433828 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TLSv1.3 | 118 | Change Cipher Spec, Finished |
| 178 5.434390 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | HTTP2 | 224 | Magic, SETTINGS[0], WINDOW_UPDATE[0], PRIORITY[3], PRIORITY[5], PRIORITY[7], PRIORITY[9], PRIORITY[11], PRIORITY[13] |
| 179 5.434410 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | DOH | 291 | Standard query 0x6060 A cbc.ca OPT |
| 180 5.434707 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | DOH | 314 | Standard query 0x6060 A cbc.ca OPT |
| 181 5.495225 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TLSv1.3 | 314 | Application Data, Application Data, Application Data |
| 185 5.501480 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TLSv1.3 | 293 | New Session Ticket |
| 186 5.501519 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 54 | 52872 → 443 [ACK] Seq=4092459367 Ack=1674013814 Win=64000 Len=0 |
| 187 5.501539 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 60 | 443 → 52872 [ACK] Seq=1674013814 Ack=4092459107 Win=68660 Len=0 |
| 188 5.501552 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 60 | 443 → 52872 [ACK] Seq=1674013814 Ack=4092459367 Win=68660 Len=0 |
| 191 5.520781 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | DOH | 470 | Standard query response 0x0000 A cbc.ca A 23.6.170.182 OPT |
| 192 5.520809 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | TCP | 54 | 52872 → 443 [ACK] Seq=4092459367 Ack=1674014230 Win=63616 Len=0 |
| 195 5.526026 | 149.112.121.10 | 192.168.0.116 | TCP | 66 | 443 → 52872 [ACK] Seq=1674014230 Ack=4092459367 Win=68660 Len=0 SLE=4092459107 SRE=4092459367 |
| 227 5.787570 | 192.168.0.116 | 149.112.121.10 | HTTP2 | 114 | HEADERS[211]: POST /dns-query |

Transport Layer Security

- ▼ TLSv1.3 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
 - Content Type: Handshake (22)
 - Version: TLS 1.0 (0x0301)
 - Length: 629
 - ▼ Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
 - Handshake Type: Client Hello (1)
 - Length: 625
 - Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
 - Random: aa539b90a4d97e409420e2ae03f565987ab26736b0af2650...
 - Session ID Length: 32
 - Session ID: 0457f28226ff7dbd5171530104f95ef6702289bf6f1e4494...
 - Cipher Suites Length: 36
 - ▶ Cipher Suites (18 suites)
 - Compression Methods Length: 1
 - ▶ Compression Methods (1 method)
 - Extensions Length: 516
 - ▼ Extension: server_name (len=35)
 - Type: server_name (0)
 - Length: 35
 - ▼ Server Name Indication extension
 - Server Name list length: 33
 - Server Name Type: host_name (0)
 - Server Name length: 30
 - Server Name: [private.canadianshield.cira.ca](#)
 - ▼ Extension: extended_master_secret (len=0)



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- Summary of CIRA Canadian Shield DNS resolver addresses

| Features | | IPv4 | IPv6 | DoH | DoT |
|------------------|---|----------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Private | DNS resolution only | 149.112.121.10 | 2620:10A:80BB::10 | https://private.canadianshield.cira.ca/dns-query | private.canadianshield.cira.ca |
| | | 149.112.122.10 | 2620:10A:80BC::10 | | |
| Protected | Malware and phishing protection | 149.112.121.20 | 2620:10A:80BB::20 | https://protected.canadianshield.cira.ca/dns-query | protected.canadianshield.cira.ca |
| | | 149.112.122.20 | 2620:10A:80BC::20 | | |
| Family | Protected + blocking pornographic content | 149.112.121.30 | 2620:10A:80BB::30 | https://family.canadianshield.cira.ca/dns-query | family.canadianshield.cira.ca |
| | | 149.112.122.30 | 2620:10A:80BC::30 | | |

It is recommended that you use both IP addresses in configuring your DNS settings for extra redundancy. We do not recommend using a third resolver because if your device has a problem accessing the CIRA Canadian Shield service then you might be browsing unprotected ***without*** your knowledge.

Even with HTTPS between you and your resolver,
is it still secure?

What can go wrong?

How can a shared resolver help security?