



Category: Network Traffic Analysis

Bracket: Bronze

Title: DNS Challenge **SOLUTION**

This challenge evaluates the participant's ability to understand a packet capture containing Domain Name System (DNS) traffic - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/01lku2zp3f8t0gt/NCL-2015-DNS.pcap?dl=0>. During the game, it was suggested to use the Wireshark program to solve the challenge.

1. What was the type of the DNS query requested?	AXFR
2. What domain was requested?	etas.com
3. How many items were in the response?	4
4. What is the TTL for all of the records?	3600
5. What is the IP address for the "welcome" subdomain?	1.1.1.1

Questions 1-2 can be solved by looking for a packet with "Standard query" in the info column (packet #4). Once found, the Wireshark dissector will yield the answers.





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> Frame 4: 84 bytes on wire (672 bits), 84 bytes captured (672 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: CadmusCo_97:3f:45 (08:00:27:97:3f:45), Dst: CadmusCo_38:db:ed (08:00:27:38:db:ed)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 1.1.1.2, Dst: 1.1.1.1
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1042 (1042), Dst Port: 53 (53), Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 30
▼ Domain Name System (query)
  [Response In: 5]
  Length: 28
  Transaction ID: 0x0000
  > Flags: 0x0000 Standard query
  Questions: 1
  Answer RRs: 0
  Authority RRs: 0
  Additional RRs: 0
  ▼ Queries
    > etas.com: type AXFR, class IN
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Questions 3-5 can be solved by looking for a packet with “Standard query response” in the info column (packet #5). Once found, the Wireshark dissector will yield the answers.

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▼ Domain Name System (response)
  [Request In: 4]
  [Time: 0.000778000 seconds]
  Length: 195
  Transaction ID: 0x0000
  > Flags: 0x8080 Standard query response, No error
  Questions: 1
  Answer RRs: 4
  Authority RRs: 0
  Additional RRs: 0
  ▼ Queries
    > etas.com: type AXFR, class IN
  ▼ Answers
    ▼ etas.com: type SOA, class IN, mname training2003p
      Name: etas.com
      Type: SOA (Start Of a zone of Authority) (6)
      Class: IN (0x0001)
      Time to live: 3600
      Data length: 47
      Primary name server: training2003p
      Responsible authority's mailbox: hostmaster
      Serial Number: 3
      Refresh Interval: 60 (1 minute)
      Retry Interval: 600 (10 minutes)
      Expire limit: 86400 (1 day)
      Minimum TTL: 3600 (1 hour)
    > etas.com: type NS, class IN, ns training2003p
    > welcome.etas.com: type A, class IN, addr 1.1.1.1
    > etas.com: type SOA, class IN, mname training2003p
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