

DNS Exercise 4.2: Setting up Reverse DNS (in-addr.arpa.) for a /24 IP Block

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We are going to delegate the reverse /24 for your group to your nameservers.

The allocation will be done based on your group number so if your Group is 1, that group will be responsible for 10.20.1.0/24, Group2 will be responsible for 10.20.2.0/24, etc...

You will therefore setup reverse DNS for 10.20.X.0/24, where X is your Group number. You will create master nameservice on your own machine, for the X.20.10.in-addr.arpa zone, and someone else will setup their machine to be a slave server for X.20.10.in-addr.arpa.

Then you will ask the administrator for the domain (your RIR in real life) above you (10.in-addr.arpa) to delegate the /24 to you.

Please refer to the previous DNS exercise for setting up a domain

Exercise

- * Write the domain allocated to you here: `____.20.10.in-addr.arpa.` (e.g. Grp12 will write 12.20.10.in-addr.arpa.)
- * Find someone who will agree to be slave for your domain. You must choose someone on a DIFFERENT table to you. (Remember RFC2182: secondaries must be on remote networks). You can have more than one slave if you wish.
- * Create your zone file in `/etc/namedb/master/X.20.10.in-addr.arpa` (where X is your Group number)

```
- - - - - cut below - - - - -
$TTL 10m
@      IN      SOA      auth1.grpXXX.dns.nsrc.org.  yourname.example.com. (
                                2011021601      ; Serial
                                10m              ; Refresh
                                10m              ; Retry
                                4w               ; Expire
                                10m )           ; Negative

      NS      auth1.grpXXX.dns.nsrc.org. ; master
      NS      auth1.grpYYY.dns.nsrc.org. ; slave

1      IN     PTR auth1.grpX.dns.nsrc.org.

$GENERATE 11-254 $ IN PTR server$.MYTLD.
```

- - - - - cut below - - - - -

Replace `yourname.example.com.` with your home E-mail address, changing "@" to "." and adding a "." to the end.

Replace MYTLD with the new domain you picked in the previous DNS delegation exercise.

We have chosen purposely low values for TTL, refresh, and retry to make it easier to fix problems in the classroom. For a production domain you would use higher values, e.g. `TTL 1d`

- * Edit `/etc/namedb/named.conf` to configure your machine as master for your domain (see slides for information how to do this)
- * Check that your config file and zone file are valid, and then reload the nameserver daemon:

```
# named-checkconf
# named-checkzone X.20.10.in-addr.arpa \
    /etc/namedb/master/X.20.10.in-addr.arpa
```

If there are any errors, correct them

```
# rndc reload
# tail /var/log/messages
```

If there are any errors, correct them. Some configuration errors can cause the daemon to die completely, in which case you may have to start it again:

```
# /etc/rc.d/named restart
```

- * Assist your slaves to configure themselves as slave for your domain, and configure yourself as a slave if asked to do so by another table. Again, the instructions for how to do this are on the slides. If you have changed your `named.conf` so that you are a slave for someone else, make sure there are no errors in `/var/log/messages` after you do `rndc reload`.
- * Check that you and your slaves are giving authoritative answers for your domain:

```
# dig +norec @10.20.X.1 X.20.10.in-addr.arpa. soa
# dig +norec @10.20.Y.1 X.20.10.in-addr.arpa. soa
```

Check that you get an AA (authoritative answer) from both, and that the serial numbers match.

- * Now you are ready to request delegation. Bring the following form to the classroom instructor:

```
Domain name:      __.20.10.in-addr.arpa.
Master nameserver: auth1.grp__.dns.nsrc.org
Slave nameserver:  auth1.grp__.dns.nsrc.org.    (optional)
```

- * You will not get delegation until the instructor has checked:
 - Your nameservers are all authoritative for your domain
 - They all have the same SOA serial number
 - The NS records within the zone match the list of servers you are requesting delegation for
 - The slave(s) are not on the same desk as you
- * Once you have delegation, find the names associated with

10.20.X.1 and 10.20.X.12

Try this:

- On your own machine

```
# dig +norec @10.20.X.1 -x 10.20.X.1
# dig +norec @10.20.X.1 -x 10.20.X.12
```

- On someone else's machine (who is not slave for you)
- On a machine elsewhere on the Internet, if you have access to one (www.dnsstuff.com)