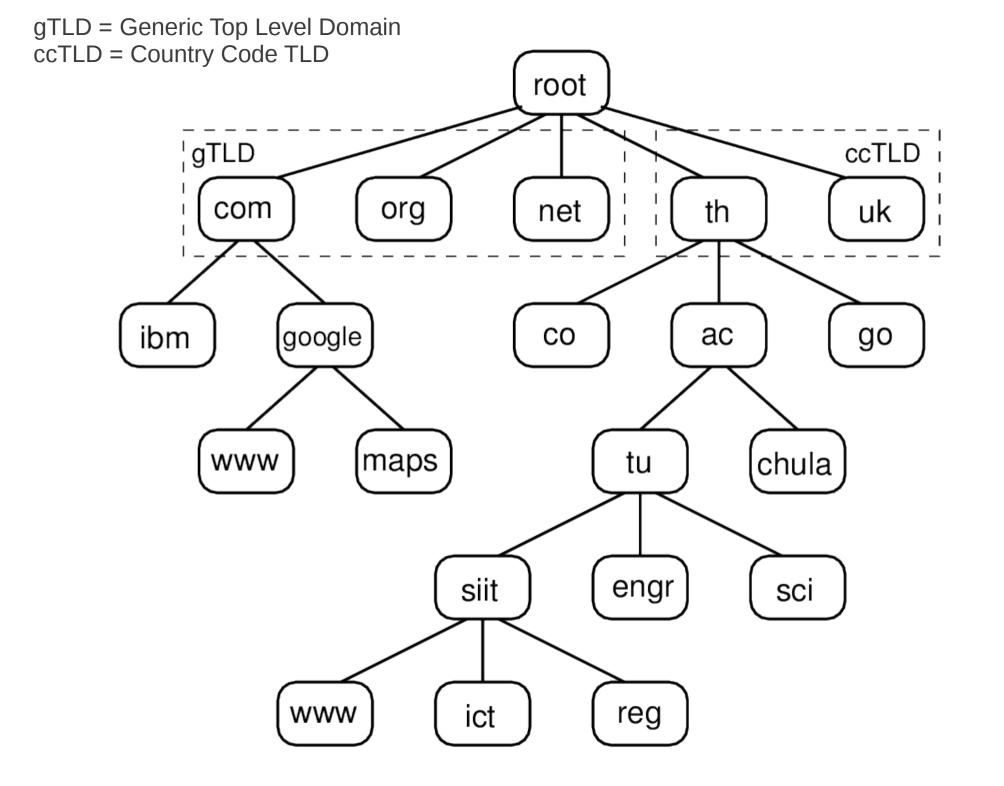
DNS Basics

Computers use IP Addresses

- To send an IP datagram to another computer on Internet (e.g. a web server), must know its IP address
- What is the IP address of the computer running ICT website?
 Registration? Facebook?
- Humans prefer words (compared to numbers)
- Domain names identify computers in Internet
- What is domain name of ICT website? Registration? Facebook?
- All computers in Internet have IP address; some (usually servers) also have domain name



Domain Name System (DNS)

- Map domain names to IP addresses
- Clients have DNS Resolver, configured with IP address of 1 or more DNS Servers
 - /etc/resolv.conf
- DNS servers store mappings from domain to IP
 - Server operators register their domain/IP with DNS server
- DNS protocol
 - Request/Response
 - UDP, Server port 53
- Hierarchy of DNS servers
 - Authoritative server is where domain/IP originally registered
 - Caching used in resolvers and DNS Servers

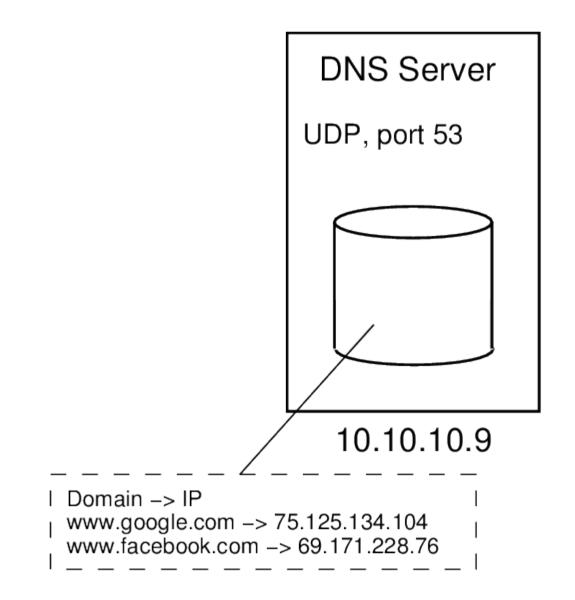
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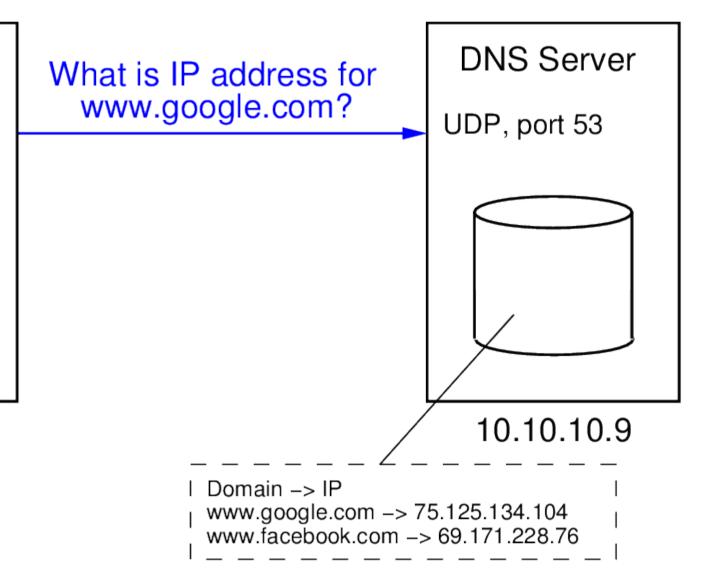
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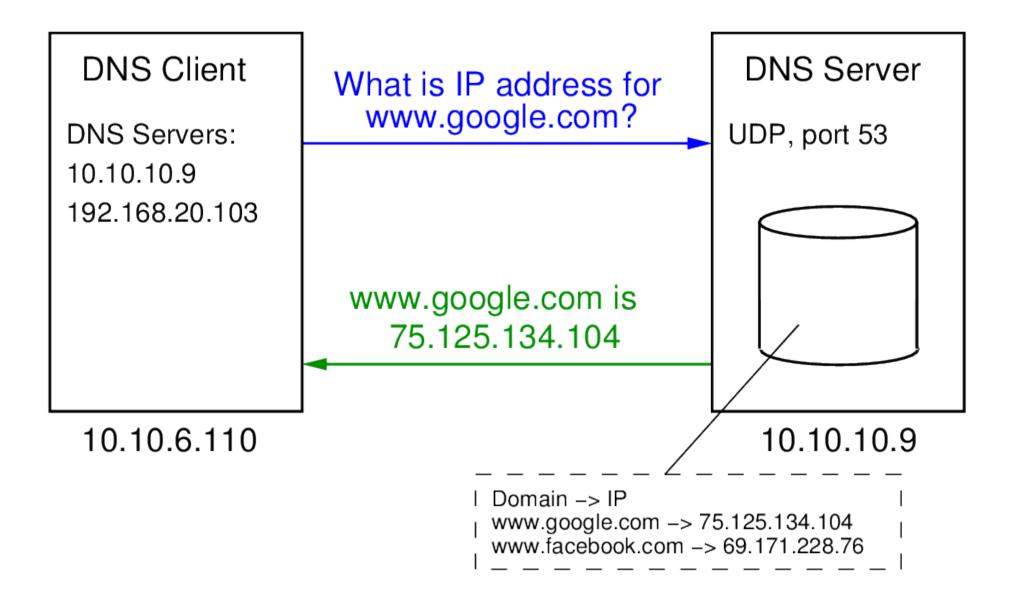


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Hosts file

- /etc/hosts
- List of local mappings of hostname to IP
- Used in addition to DNS