

# DNS (cont.)

- Resource Records
  - DNS is really a distributed, replicated database
- Several types of tuples in the database
  - SOA Start of Authority information for a zone
  - A IP Address record
  - MX Mail exchanger
    - priority and destination (host name) to accept mail
  - NS Name of the name server for this domain
  - CNAME Canonical name (DNS name)
  - PTR alias for an IP Address
  - HINFO Host Info (CPU and OS type information)
  - TXT other text information

## Name Servers

- A collection of servers is used to run DNS
  - root servers: handle top level domains
  - have pointers to servers for deligated sub-domains
  - areas of the namespace covered by a server called a zone
- Zones
  - has one primary server (zone information stored on disk)
  - secondary name servers (get info from primary)
    - secondary server may be located outside of the zone
- Namelookup
  - start at current name server
  - if not found, resolve down tree to correct zone server
  - data may be cached in servers
    - this information may be out of date
    - authoritative data comes from the primary/secondary NS

# Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

- Managed Nodes
  - things that can be configured or administered via SNMP
  - includes most computers, routers, bridges, network printers
- Management Stations
  - computers running the SNMP management software
  - this is where the configuration of managed nodes is done
- Management Information Base (MIB)
  - all possible data about all managed devices
  - each device type has a defined set of data it should maintain
- Management Protocol
  - what to send over the wire and how to authenticate it
  - proxy agent: third part to speak SNMP for dumb devices
  - traps: events sent to management stations from nodes

### The SNMP MIB

#### • Divided into 10 parts

- System: device names, manufacturer, model, serial #, etc.
- Interfaces: network adapters
  - keeps packet, byte, broadcast, and queue size info
- AT: deleted in SNMPv2
- ICMP: counts of errors
- IP: stats about the IP protocol
- TCP: stats about current and past TCP connections
- UDP: stats about UDP packets
- EGP: exterior gateway protocol
- Media Specific: Ethernet stats, ATM stats, etc.
- SNMP: stats about SNMP itself

### **SNMP** Protocol

- Six Message Types (plus a response)
  - Get-request: read one or more variables
  - Get-next-request: Request variable following this one
  - Get-bulk-request: Fetch a big table
  - Set-request: Updates one ore more variables
  - Inform-request: management-to-manager requests
    - indicates what variables the manager is managing
  - SnmpV2-trap: agent to manager trap request

# Email

- Dominate Email is RFC821/822
  - X.400 and Lotus notes are also rans for standards
- Basic components
  - message: the actual thing sent
  - mailbox: place where email is stored (may be a file or a directory)
    - identified by a unique name
    - user@dnhost is the standard format
  - transfer agent: something that sends email
    - usually speaks SMTP
    - under UNIX is a program called sendmail
  - user agent
    - program for reading and generating mail
    - can be remote: use POP, IMAP, or DMSP to talk to mailbox
  - alias
    - a virtual mailbox that maps to one or more real mailboxes
      - may also be a program to handle the inbound mail

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# Message Envelop Format

- Information associated with mail delivery
- Destination:
  - To: email address of primary recipient
  - Cc: email address of secondary recipients
  - Bcc: address for blind carbon copies
- Origination
  - From: person who created message
  - Sender: email address of actual sender
- In transit
  - Received: added by each MTA along the way
  - Return-Path: added by destination
- Misc Fields
  - Info: Date, Subject, Keyword
  - Handling: Message-id, Reply-To In-Reply-To, References