

Managing pi-hole DNS Server

Anything to do with pi-hole DNS

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DNSMASQ_WARN reducing DNS packet size

Objective: Get rid of the warnings in the Admin Web Interface
"reducing DNS packet size for nameserver OpenDNS Resolver to 1280"

STEP 1:

You can get rid of the warning by adding a config file like

`/etc/dnsmasq.d/99-edns.conf` and using an editor like nano or vi, add the following line below:

```
edns-packet-max=1280
```

STEP 2:

Then run `pihole restartdns` and your Pi-hole will not even try with larger packet sizes (our default is 4096).

```
pihole restartdns
```

More Information on the DNS Server accepted Maximum Packet sizes below:

Because this doesn't seem to be documented anywhere properly, I probed all the DNS servers currently offered by Pi-hole to find out their maximum DNS packet size:

| Name | Address | Maximum packet size |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Google (ECS) | 8.8.8.8 | 1400 |
| | 8.8.4.4 | 1400 |
| | 2001:4860:4860:0:0:0:8888 | 1400 |

| Name | Address | Maximum packet size |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2001:4860:4860:0:0:0:8844 | 1400 |
| OpenDNS (ECS) | 208.67.222.222 | 1410 |
| | 208.67.220.220 | 1410 |
| | 2620:0:ccc::2 | 1410 |
| | 2620:0:ccd::2 | 1410 |
| Level3 | 4.2.2.1 | 8192 |
| | 4.2.2.2 | 8192 |
| Comodo | 8.26.56.26 | 4096 |
| | 8.20.247.20 | 4096 |
| DNS.WATCH | 84.200.69.80 | 4096 |
| | 84.200.70.40 | 4096 |
| | 2001:1608:10:25:0:0:1c04:b12f | 4096 |
| | 2001:1608:10:25:0:0:9249:d69b | 4096 |
| Quad9 (filtered, DNSSEC) | 9.9.9.9 | 1232 |
| | 149.112.112.112 | 1232 |
| | 2620:fe::fe | 1232 |
| | 2620:fe::9 | 1232 |
| Quad9 (unfiltered, no DNSSEC) | 9.9.9.10 | 1232 |
| | 149.112.112.10 | 1232 |
| | 2620:fe::10 | 1232 |
| | 2620:fe::fe:10 | 1232 |
| Quad9 (filtered + ECS) | 9.9.9.11 | 512 |
| | 149.112.112.11 | 512 |
| | 2620:fe::11 | 1232 |
| Cloudflare | 1.1.1.1 | 1452 |
| | 1.0.0.1 | 1452 |
| | 2606:4700:4700::1111 | 1452 |
| | 2606:4700:4700::1001 | 1452 |

Change Password for Web interface

Objective: Change the login password for the Web Interface for piHole.

STEP 1: You can change the password by logging in via console or ssh to your piHole server and running the following command

```
sudo pihole -a -p
```