Examining Network Adress Translation (NAT)using Cisco Packet Tracer

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Examining Network Address Translation (NAT) using Cisco Packet Tracer involves several steps. NAT is commonly used to allow multiple devices on a local network to share a single public IP address for accessing the internet. Here's how you can set up and examine NAT using Cisco Packet Tracer:

1. Setting Up the Network Topology

- Devices Required:
 - 1. One or more PCs (for testing connectivity)
 - 2. One router (to configure NAT)
 - 3. One switch (to connect the PCs and the router)
 - 4. One server (to simulate an external network, like the internet)
- Steps:
 - 1. Place the Devices: Drag and drop the required devices onto the workspace.
 - 2. Connect the Devices: Use the appropriate cables (copper straight-through for PCs to the switch, copper cross-over for switch to router) to connect the devices.
 - 3. Assign IP Addresses:
 - Assign private IP addresses (e.g., 192.168.1.0/24) to the PCs and the router's internal interface.
 - Assign a public IP address (e.g., 200.0.0.1/30) to the router's external interface.
 - Assign an IP address to the server that simulates an external network (e.g., 200.0.0.2/30).

2. Configuring NAT on the Router

- Steps:
 - 1. Access the Router CLI: Click on the router and go to the CLI tab.
 - 2. Enter Global Configuration Mode:

Router> enable
Router# configure terminal

3, Configure Interfaces:

Set up the internal and external interfaces:

```
Router(config)# interface fastethernet 0/0
Router(config-if)# ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)# ip nat inside
Router(config-if)# no shutdown

Router(config-if)# interface fastethernet 0/1
Router(config-if)# ip address 200.0.0.1 255.255.252
Router(config-if)# ip nat outside
Router(config-if)# no shutdown
```

1. Configure NAT Overload (PAT):

Define an access list to match the internal IP range:

```
Router(config)# access-list 1 permit 192.168.1.0 0.0.0.255
```

 Configure NAT to translate the internal addresses to the external address:

```
Router(config)# ip nat inside source list 1 interface fastethernet 0/1 overloa
```

• This configures PAT (Port Address Translation), which allows multiple internal IPs to share a single external IP.

3. Testing NAT

- Steps:
 - 1. Ping from a PC to the External Network:
 - From one of the PCs, open the command prompt and try to ping the external server (e.g., ping 200.0.0.2).
 - 2. Verify NAT Translations:

On the router CLI, check the NAT translation table to see the active translations:

```
Router# show ip nat translations
```

3. Observe the Output:

- ☐ The NAT translation table should show the mapping of the internal private IP addresses to the external public IP.
- 4. Advanced NAT Configurations (Optional)

Static NAT: Map a single internal IP to a single public IP:

```
Router(config)# ip nat inside source static 192.168.1.10 200.0.0.10
```

• Dynamic NAT: Use a pool of public IPs:

```
Router(config)# ip nat pool MYPOOL 200.0.0.10 200.0.0.20 netmask 255.255.255.0 Router(config)# ip nat inside source list 1 pool MYPOOL
```

- 5. Observing the Traffic

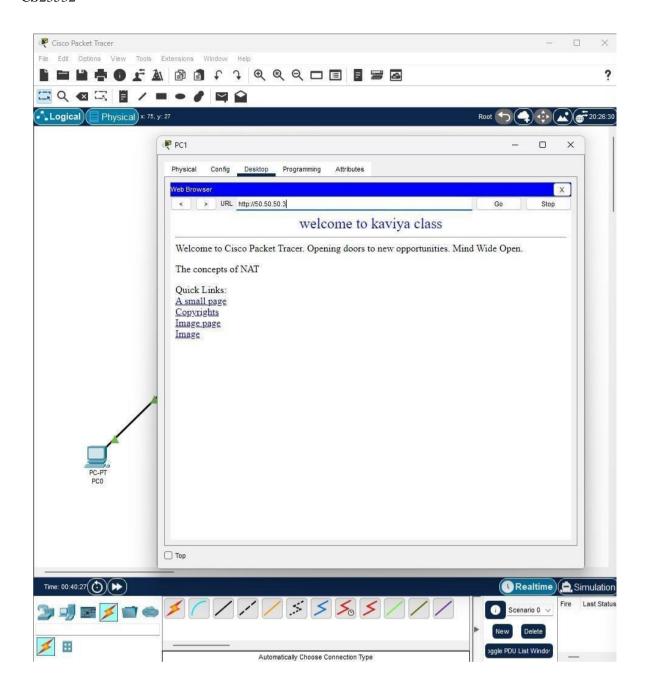
 Use the simulation mode in Packet Tracer to visually observe the NAT process as packets move from the internal network to the external network.
- 6. Saving the Configuration

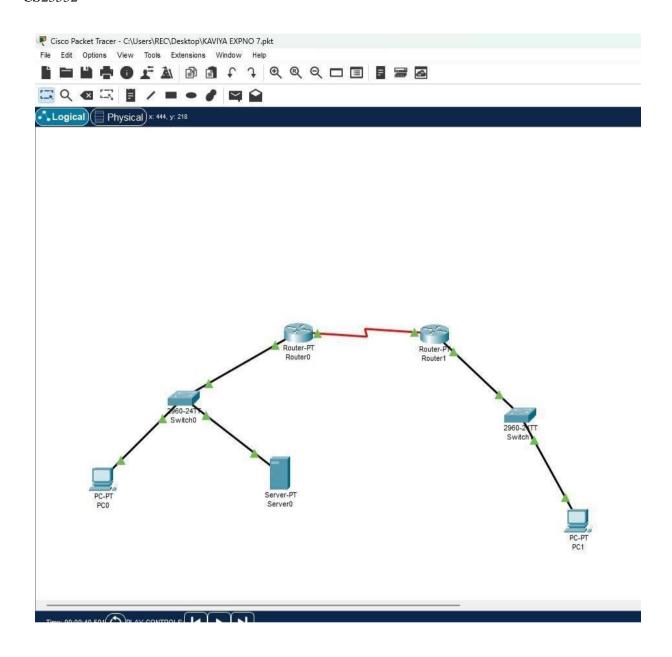
Don't forget to save the configuration on the router to avoid losing the settings:

```
Router# copy running-config startup-config
```

By following these steps, you can effectively examine and understand how NAT works in a network environment using Cisco Packet Tracer.

Output:





Result:

Network Address Translation (NAT) using Cisco Packet Tracer is examined