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WEEK 2 ASSIGNMENT 1

PACKET TRACER - BUILD A SWITCH AND ROUTER NETWORK

- ASSIGNMENT REPORT

1. Objective

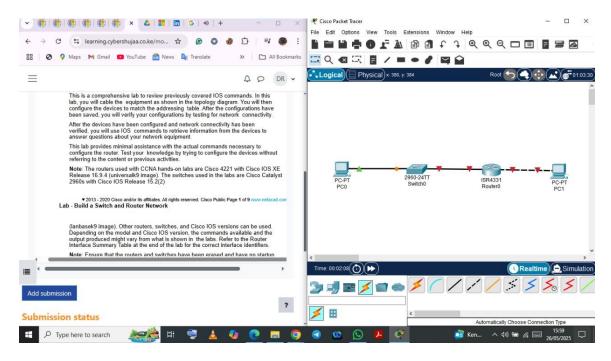
The objective of this lab was to design and configure a basic local area network (LAN) using Cisco Packet Tracer. The network includes a router, a switch, and two end devices (PCs). The aim was to ensure end-to-end communication across the network and understand how switches and routers function in a LAN environment.

2. Network Design Overview

The network topology consists of:

- One Router (R1)
- One Switch (S1)
- Two PCs (PC-A and PC-B)

All devices are interconnected using Ethernet cables. The switch serves as the intermediary between the PCs and the router. IP addresses were manually assigned to ensure devices are in the same subnet.



3. Configuration Details

IP Addressing Table

Device Interface IP Address Subnet Mask Default Gateway

PC-A	FastEthernet0	192.168.1.2	255.255.255.0	192.168.1.1
PC-B	FastEthernet0	192.168.1.3	255.255.255.0	192.168.1.1
R1	GigabitEthernet0/1	192.168.1.1	255.255.255.0	N/A

Router Configuration (CLI)

Router> enable

Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/1

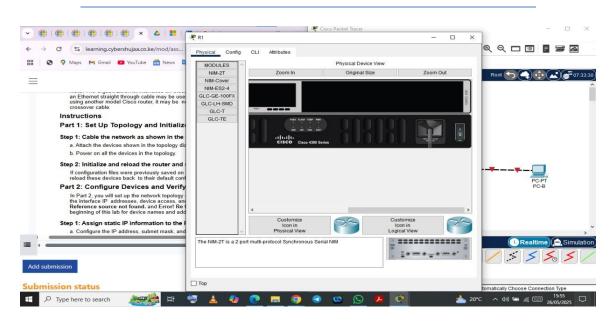
Router(config-if)# ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0

Router(config-if)# no shutdown

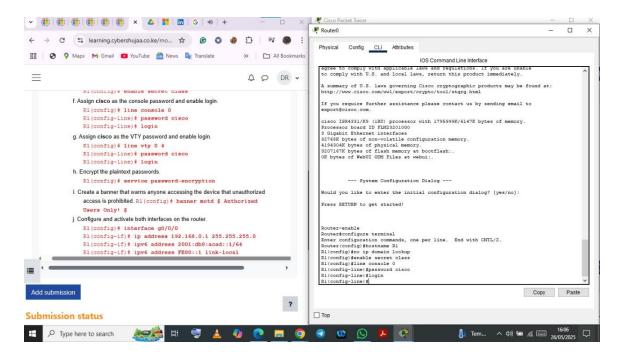
Router(config-if)# exit

Router(config)# exit

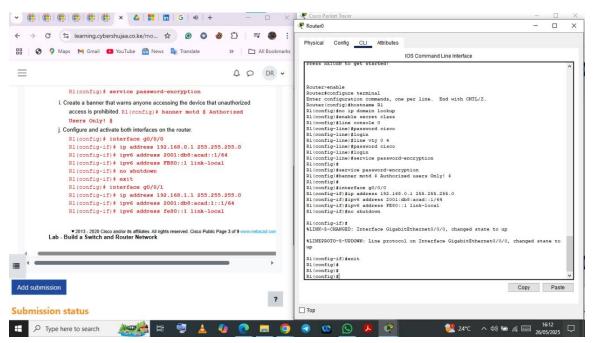
Router# write memory



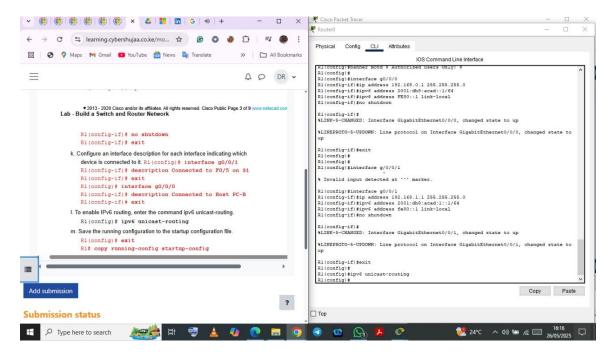
Powering on the router.



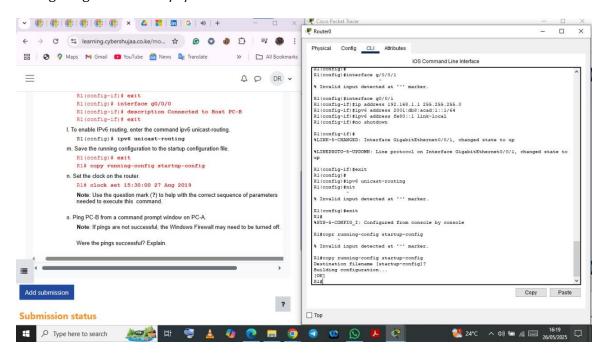
Configuring router: console, VTY, line passwords and encrypting the passwords.



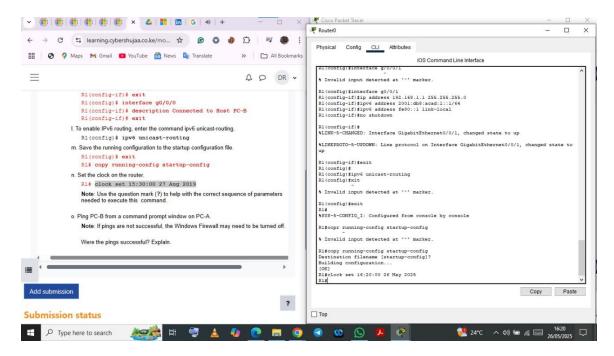
Configuring interface G0/0/0



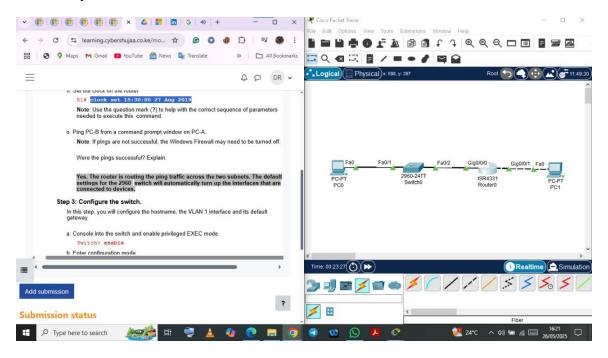
Configuring interface G0/0/1



Saving running configurations' file to startup file



Clock setup on router



Router successfully set up in the network.

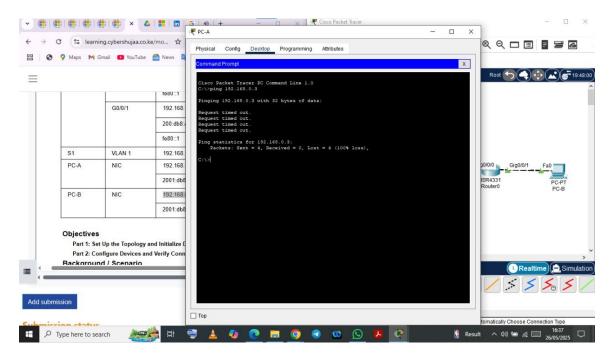
Question

Ping PC-B from command prompt window on PC-A

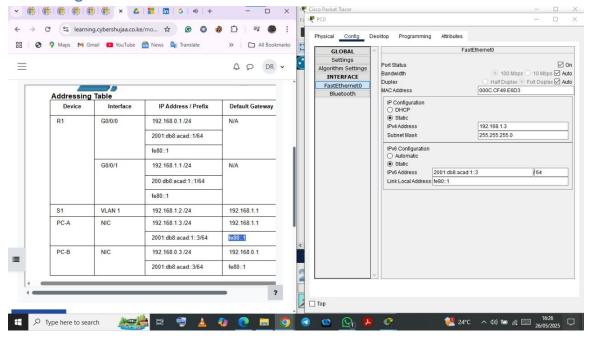
Were the pings successful? Explain

Answer

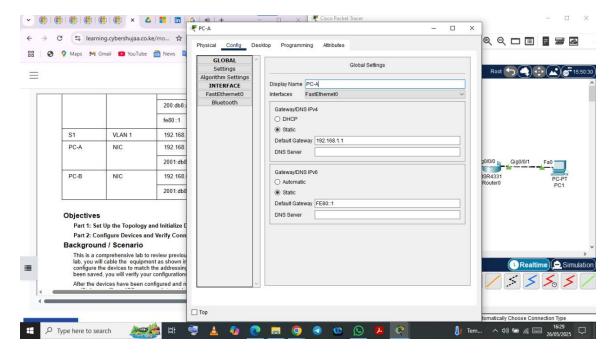
Pings were not successful as I had not set up IP addresses for the end point devices and the switch.



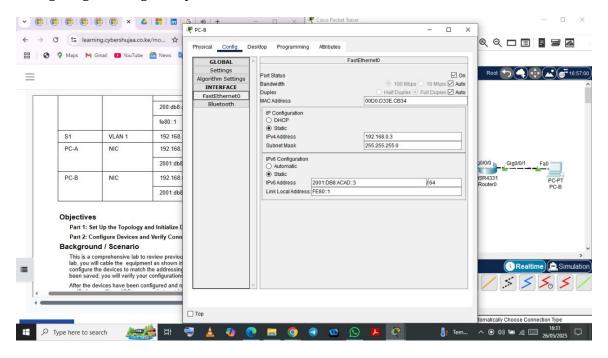
PCs Configuration



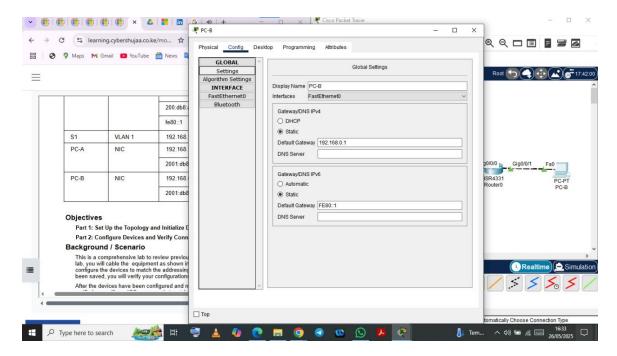
Configuring IP addresses on PC-A.



Configuring default gateway address and name on PC-A



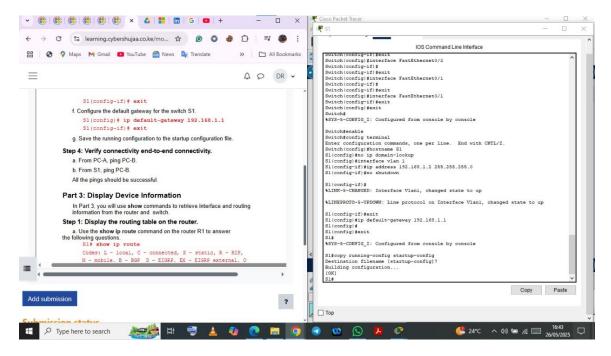
Configuring IP addresses on PC-B.



Configuring default gateway address and name on PC-A

Switch Configuration

This included configuring the name, IP addresses, subnet mask, and interface VLAN 1.



Question

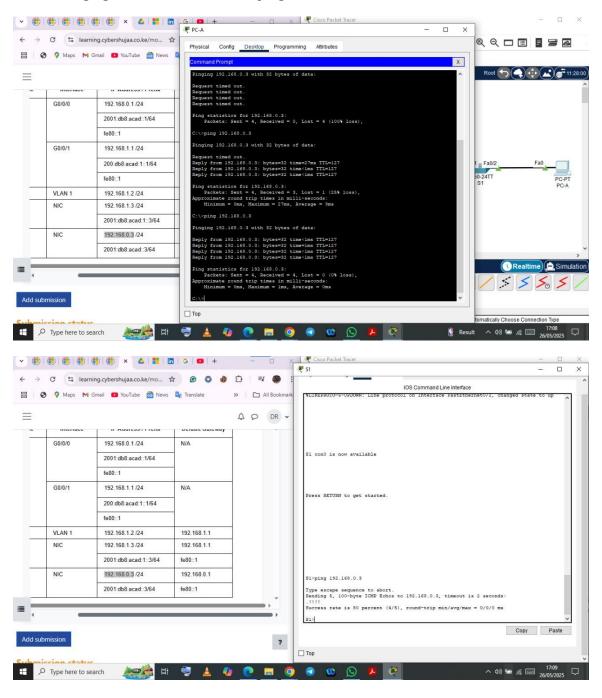
Ping PC-B from command prompt window on PC-A

Were the pings successful? Explain

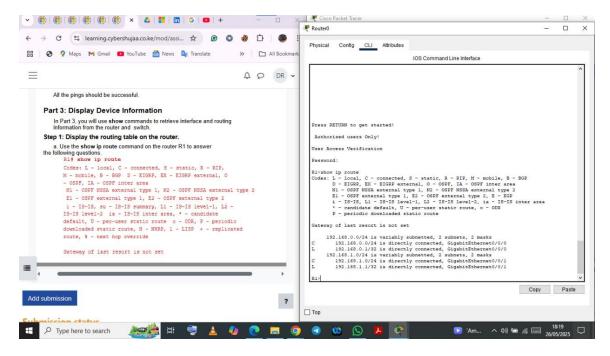
Answer

Pings were not successful as I had not set up the router interfaces correctly

After arranging the interfaces well, the pings were successful.



4. Display Device Information



Displaying routing table on router.

Question

What code is used in the routing table to indicate a directly connected network?

Answer

The C for directly connected subnet. An L for a local interface.

Question

How many route entries are coded with a C code in the routing table?

Answer

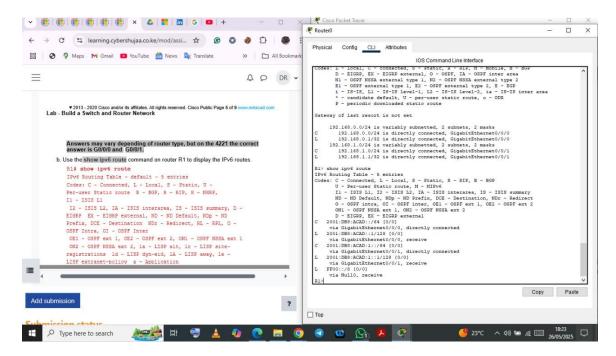
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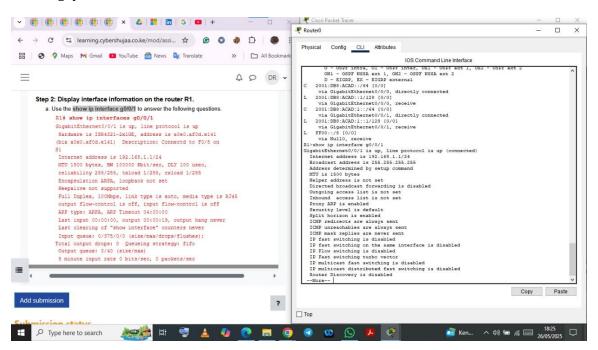
What interface types are associated to the C coded routes?

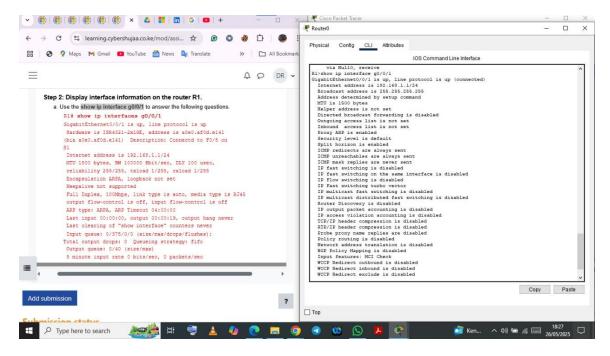
Answer

G0/0/0 and G0/0/1.



Showing ipv6 routes





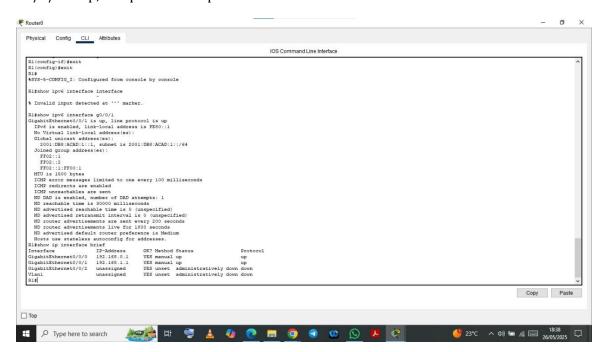
Displaying interface on router.

Ouestion

What is the operational status of the G0/0/1 interface?

Answer

G0/0/1 is up, line protocol is up.

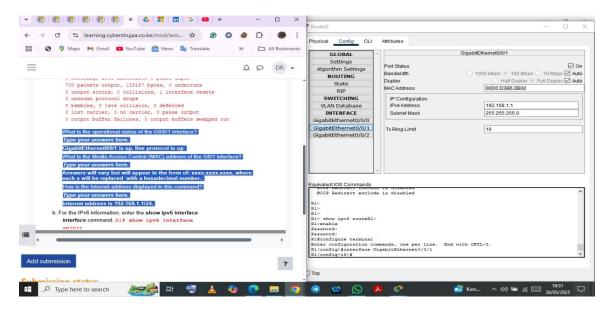


Question

What is the Media Access Control (MAC) address of the G0/1 interface?

Answer

00D0.D3B6.2B02

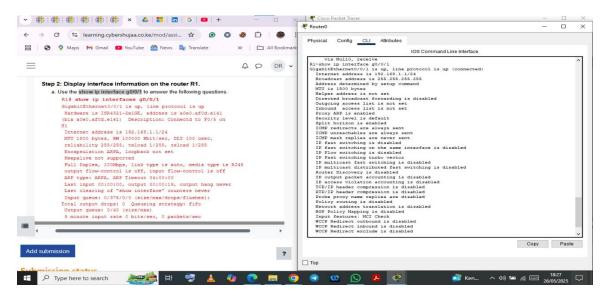


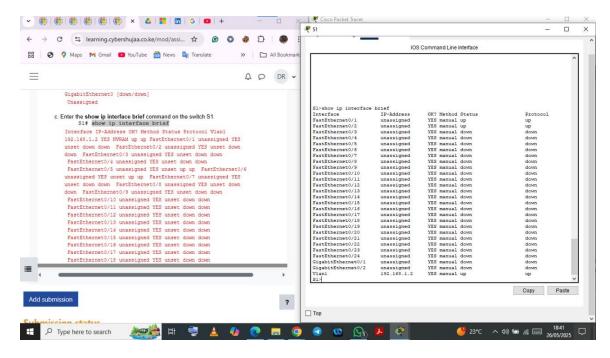
Question

How is the Internet address displayed in this command?

Answer

192.168.1.1/24.





Interface brief

Reflection Questions

1. If the G0/0/1 interface showed that it was administratively down, what interface configuration command would you use to turn the interface up?

Answer

R1(config-if) # no shutdown

2. What would happen if you had incorrectly configured interface G0/0/1 on the router with an IP address of 192.168.1.2?

Answer

PC-A would not be able to ping PC-B. This is because PC-B is on a different network than PC-A which requires the default-gateway router to route these packets. PC-A is configured to use the IP address of 192.168.1.1 for the default-gateway router, but this address is not assigned to any device on the LAN. Any packets that need to be sent to the default-gateway for routing will never reach their destination.

5. Challenges Faced

- Arranged the devices to wrong interfaces that prevented PC-A and switch from pinging PC- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{B}}$

These issues were identified and resolved through step-by-step troubleshooting.

6. Conclusion

This lab helped reinforce practical skills in building a LAN using Cisco Packet Tracer. It demonstrated how routers and switches work together to enable communication between end devices and how proper configuration and IP addressing are crucial to network functionality.