

OPEN SHORTEST PATH FIRST ROUTING

AIM: Construct a network with at least 6 routers connected with a suitable topology where each network connected with 5 Pc's. Implement OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) also known as Link State Routing.

THEORY:**Introduction to Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) Routing:**

Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) is a dynamic routing protocol commonly used in computer networks to determine the best paths for data packets to traverse a network. It belongs to the category of link-state routing protocols, where routers exchange information about the state of their links with neighbouring routers to construct a complete network topology. OSPF then calculates the shortest path to each destination using Dijkstra's algorithm and updates its routing tables accordingly.

Advantages of OSPF:

1. **Fast Convergence:** OSPF reacts quickly to changes in network topology, as routers only need to update information about directly connected links rather than the entire network. This leads to faster convergence times compared to distance vector protocols like RIP.
2. **Scalability:** OSPF is highly scalable and suitable for large and complex networks. It can efficiently handle networks with hundreds or thousands of routers without significant performance degradation.
3. **Load Balancing:** OSPF supports equal-cost multipath (ECMP) routing, allowing routers to distribute traffic across multiple paths to a destination if they have the same cost. This enables effective load balancing and optimal resource utilization.
4. **Hierarchical Design:** OSPF can be configured with hierarchical network designs using areas, which partition the network into smaller domains. This enhances scalability and reduces the amount of routing information exchanged between routers.

Disadvantages of OSPF:

1. **Complexity:** OSPF configuration and management can be complex, especially in large networks with multiple areas. Network administrators require a deep understanding of OSPF concepts and careful planning to ensure optimal performance.

2. **Resource Consumption:** OSPF routers consume more memory and processing power compared to distance vector protocols, due to the need to maintain detailed link-state databases and calculate shortest paths.
3. **Convergence Issues in Large Networks:** While OSPF generally converges quickly, it may experience convergence issues in very large networks with frequent topology changes, leading to suboptimal routing and potential instability.

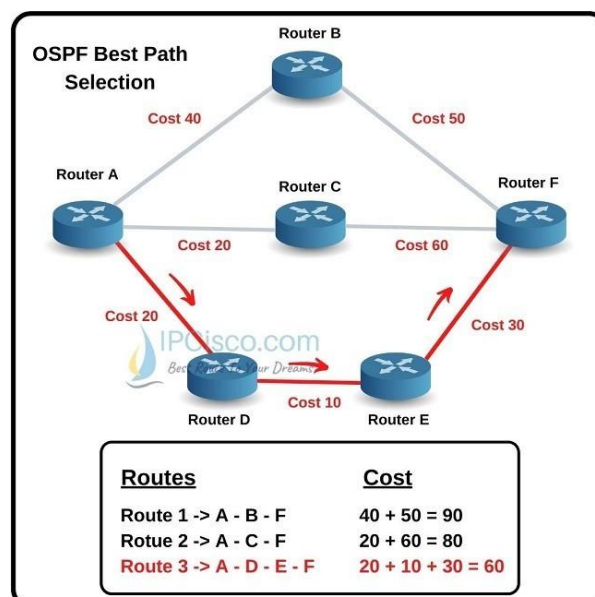
Real-World Application of OSPF:

OSPF is widely used in various real-world networking scenarios, including:

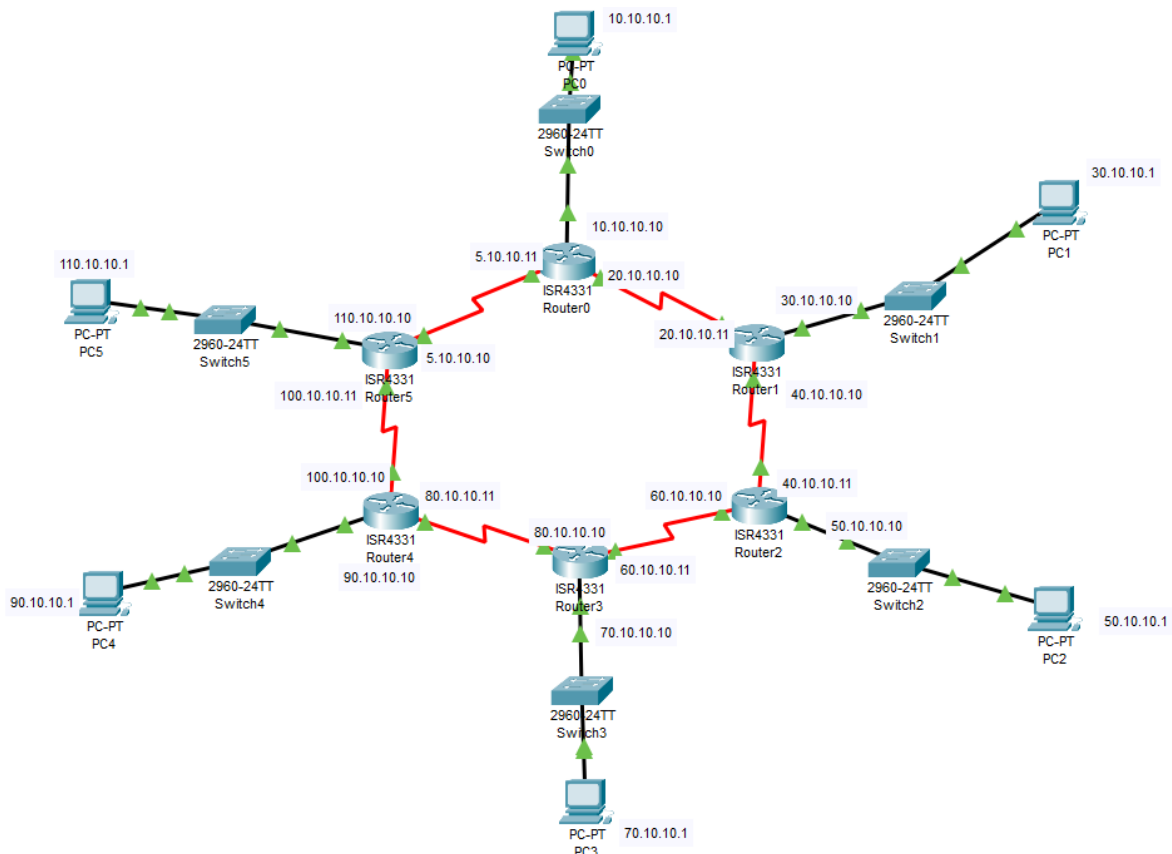
1. **Enterprise Networks:** OSPF is commonly deployed in enterprise networks, including corporate LANs and WANs, where scalability, fast convergence, and efficient routing are crucial.
2. **Service Provider Networks:** OSPF is also used by internet service providers (ISPs) and telecommunications companies to manage large-scale networks that provide connectivity to customers and support high-speed data transmission.
3. **Data Center Networks:** OSPF is utilized in data center environments to establish efficient communication between servers, switches, and other network devices. It helps optimize traffic flow and ensure high availability of services.

Example:

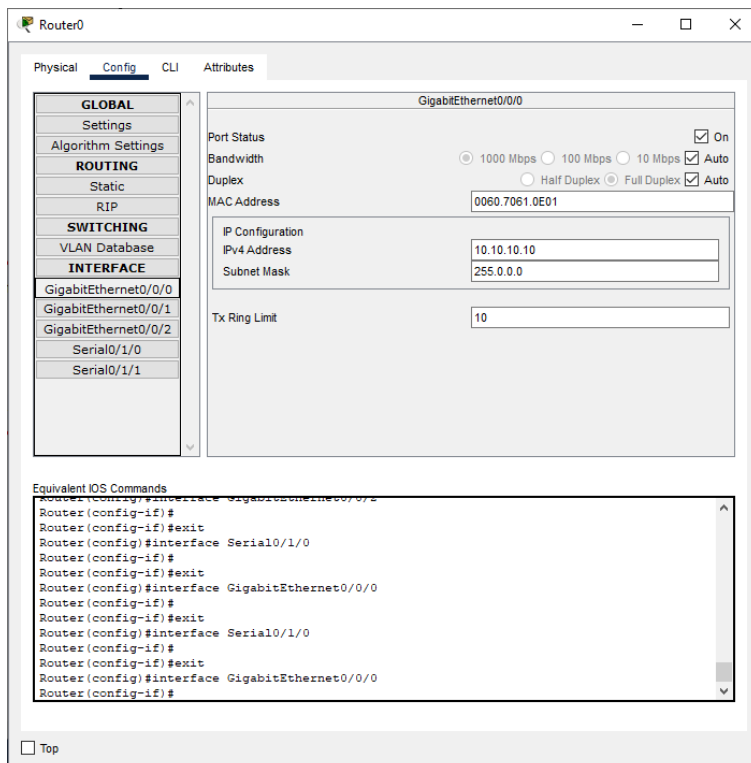
Consider a large university campus network divided into multiple areas using OSPF. Each area represents a different department, such as Engineering, Science, and Humanities. Routers within each area exchange link-state information to build a detailed network topology map. OSPF calculates the shortest paths from each router to destinations within and outside its area using Dijkstra's algorithm. As students and faculty members access resources located in different departments or external networks, OSPF dynamically updates routing tables to ensure optimal path selection and efficient data transmission.



Network Structure for Link State Routing Protocol



Configuration of Router (Gigabit Port used For End Device)



Configuration of Router (Serial Port used for connecting with other routers)

The screenshot shows the Router0 configuration window with the 'Config' tab selected. The left sidebar lists various configuration categories: GLOBAL, Settings, Algorithm Settings, ROUTING, Static, RIP, SWITCHING, VLAN Database, and INTERFACE. Under the INTERFACE category, the following interfaces are listed: GigabitEthernet0/0/0, GigabitEthernet0/0/1, GigabitEthernet0/0/2, Serial0/1/0 (selected), and Serial0/1/1. The main configuration area for Serial0/1/0 shows the following settings:

- Port Status: ☒ On
- Duplex: ☒ Full Duplex
- Clock Rate: 2000000
- IP Configuration:
 - IPv4 Address: 5.10.10.11
 - Subnet Mask: 255.0.0.0
- Tx Ring Limit: 10

Below the configuration area, there is a section for 'Equivalent IOS Commands' showing the following commands:

```
Router(config)#interface Serial0/1/0
Router(config-if)#
Router(config-if)#exit
Router(config)#interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)#
Router(config-if)#exit
Router(config)#interface Serial0/1/0
Router(config-if)#
Router(config-if)#exit
Router(config)#interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
Router(config-if)#
Router(config-if)#exit
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Router(config-if)#
Router(config-if)#
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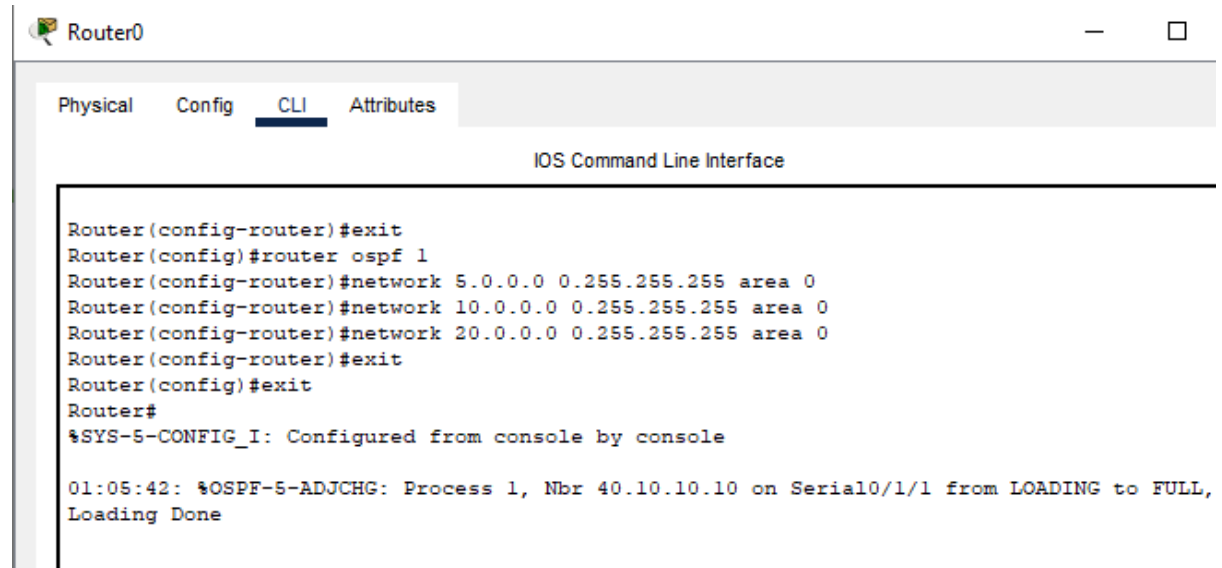
At the bottom left, there is a 'Top' button.

Configuration of PC

The screenshot shows the PC0 configuration window with the 'Desktop' tab selected. The 'IP Configuration' tab is active, showing the following settings for the FastEthernet0 interface:

- Interface: FastEthernet0
- IP Configuration:
 - ☐ DHCP
 - ☒ Static
 - IPv4 Address: 10.10.10.1
 - Subnet Mask: 255.0.0.0
 - Default Gateway: 10.10.10.10
 - DNS Server: 0.0.0.0
- IPv6 Configuration:
 - ☐ Automatic
 - ☒ Static
 - IPv6 Address: [Empty field] / [Empty field]
 - Link Local Address: FE80::290:2BFF:FED7:DE63
 - Default Gateway: [Empty field]
 - DNS Server: [Empty field]
- 802.1X:
 - ☐ Use 802.1X Security
 - Authentication: MD5
 - Username: [Empty field]
 - Password: [Empty field]

Implementation of OSPF protocol on the Router



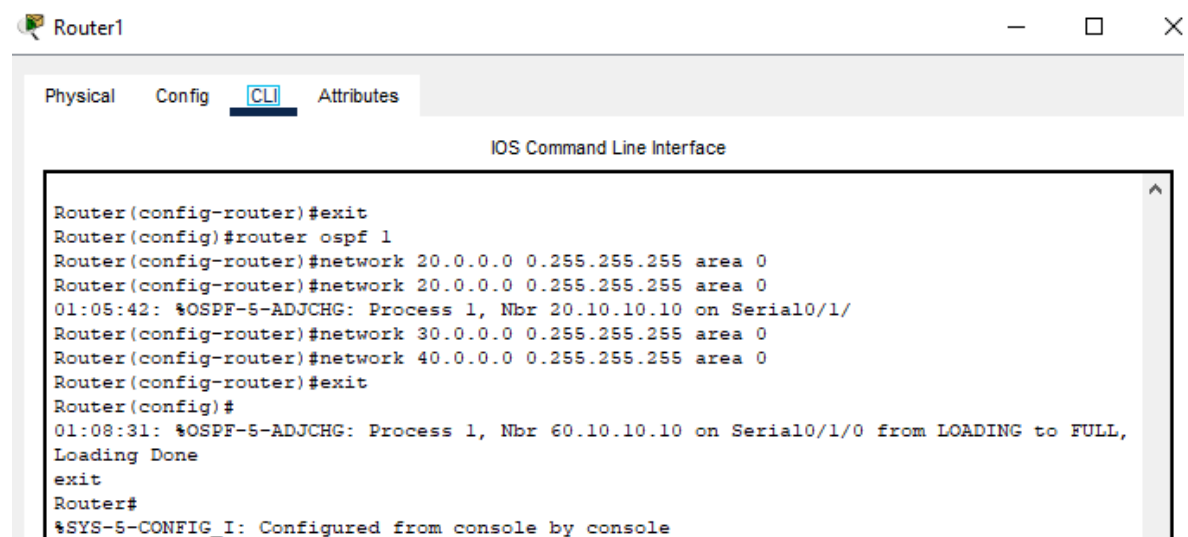
Router0

Physical Config CLI Attributes

IOS Command Line Interface

```
Router(config-router)#exit
Router(config)#router ospf 1
Router(config-router)#network 5.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 20.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#exit
Router(config)#exit
Router#
%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console

01:05:42: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 1, Nbr 40.10.10.10 on Serial0/1/1 from LOADING to FULL,
Loading Done
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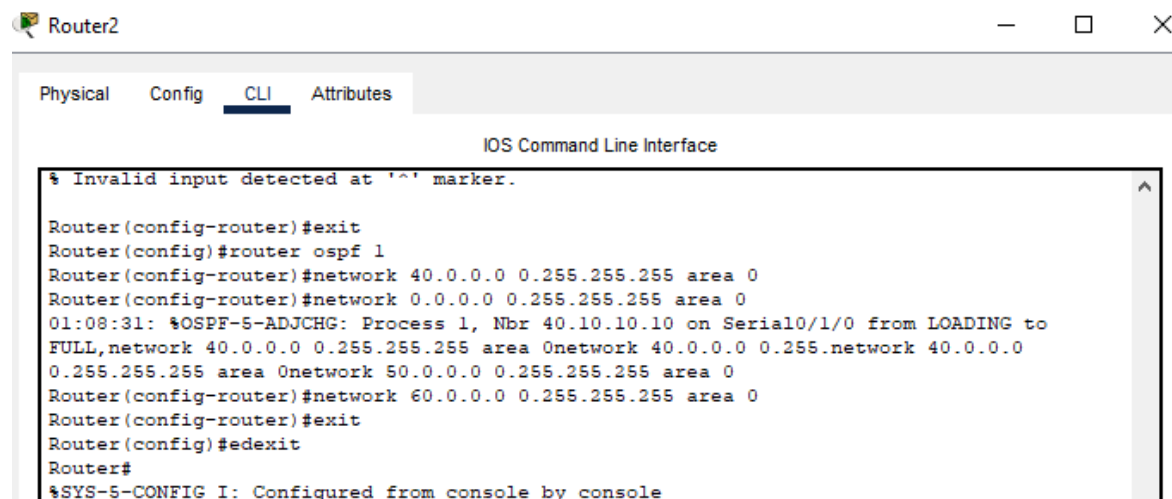


Router1

Physical Config CLI Attributes

IOS Command Line Interface

```
Router(config-router)#exit
Router(config)#router ospf 1
Router(config-router)#network 20.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 20.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
01:05:42: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 1, Nbr 20.10.10.10 on Serial0/1/
Router(config-router)#network 30.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 40.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#exit
Router(config)#
01:08:31: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 1, Nbr 60.10.10.10 on Serial0/1/0 from LOADING to FULL,
Loading Done
exit
Router#
%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
```



Router2

Physical Config CLI Attributes

IOS Command Line Interface

```
% Invalid input detected at '^' marker.

Router(config-router)#exit
Router(config)#router ospf 1
Router(config-router)#network 40.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 0.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
01:08:31: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 1, Nbr 40.10.10.10 on Serial0/1/0 from LOADING to
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0.255.255.255 area 0network 50.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 60.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#exit
Router(config)#edexit
Router#
%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
```

Router3

Physical Config CLI Attributes

IOS Command Line Interface

```
Router#configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)#router ospf 1
OSPF process 1 cannot start. There must be at least one "up" IP interface
Router(config-router)#network 60.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 70.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 80.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#exit
Router(config)#exit
Router#
%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
```

Router4

Physical Config CLI Attributes

IOS Command Line Interface

```
Router#configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)#router ospf 1
Router(config-router)#router ospf 1network 80.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 80.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0network 90.0.0.0
0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 100.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#exit
Router(config)#exit
Router#
%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
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Router5

Physical Config CLI Attributes

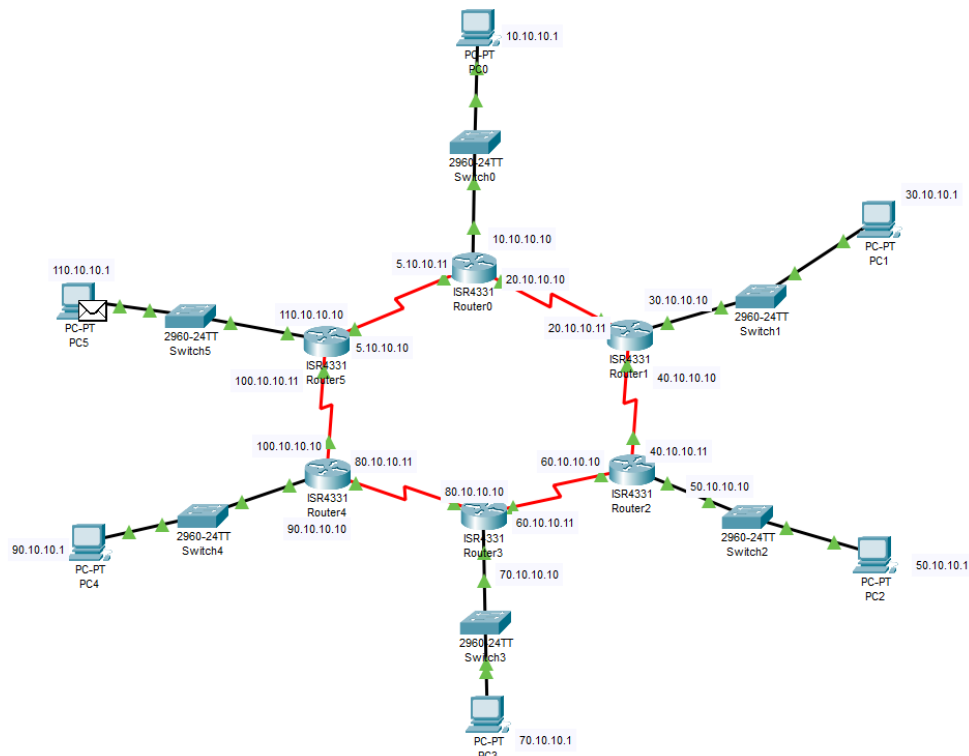
IOS Command Line Interface

```
Router>enable
Router#configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)#router ospf 1
Router(config-router)#network 100.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 110.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
01:26:41: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 1, Nbr 100.10.10.10 on Serial0/1
Router(config-router)#network 100.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 110.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 5.0.0.0 0.255.255.255 area 0
Router(config-router)#exit
Router(config)#exit
Router#
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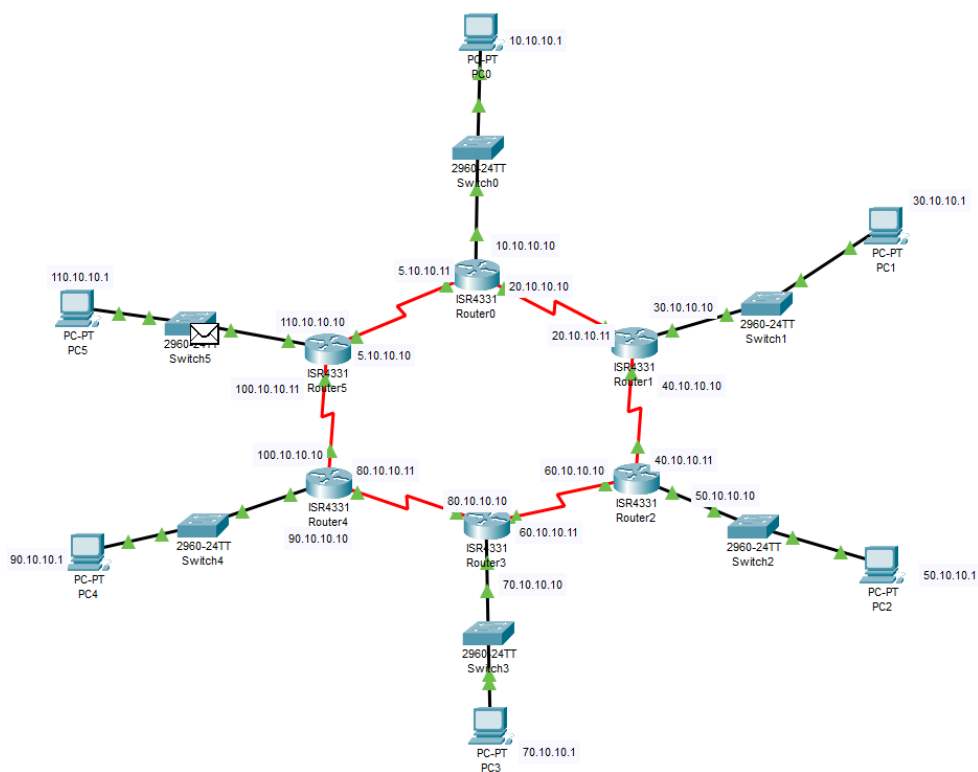
Verification of Connectivity

Sending a Simple PDU from PC 110.10.10.1 to PC 30.10.10.1

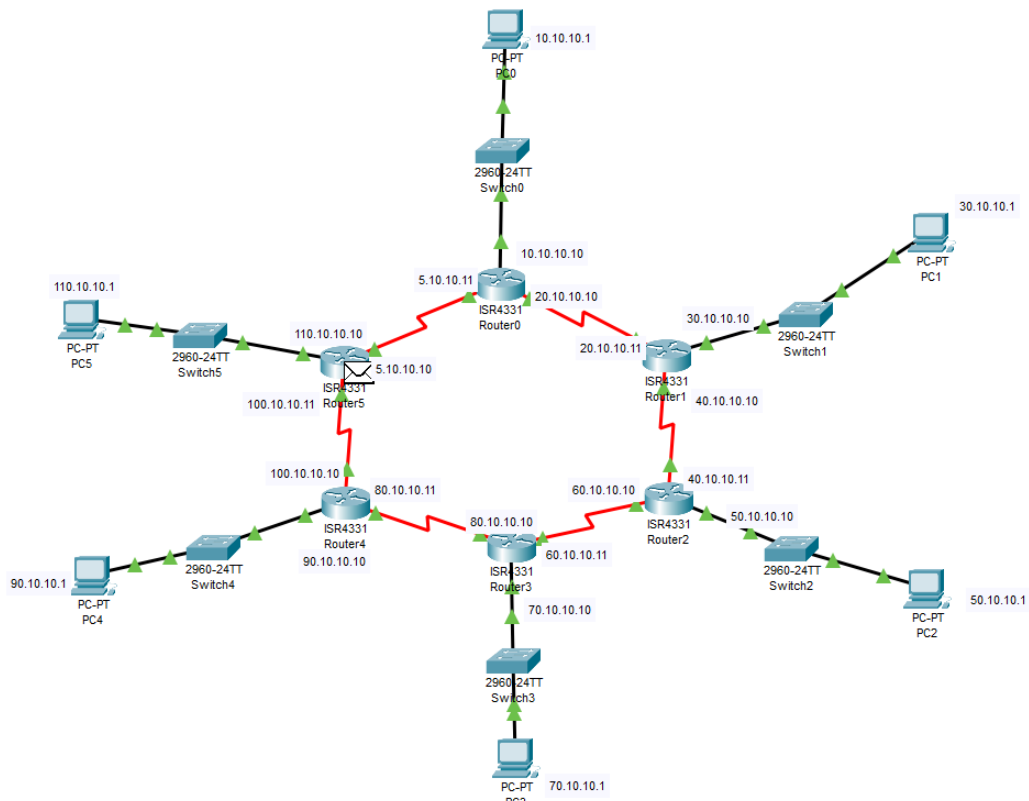
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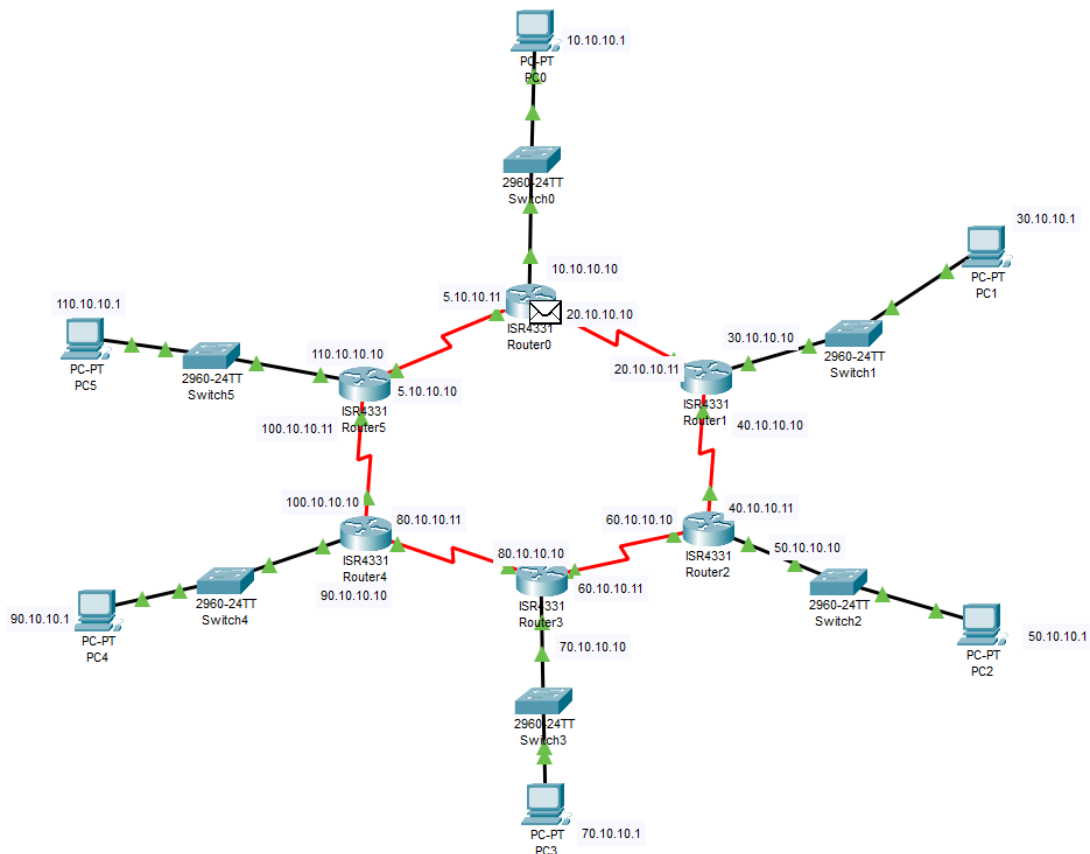
Step2:



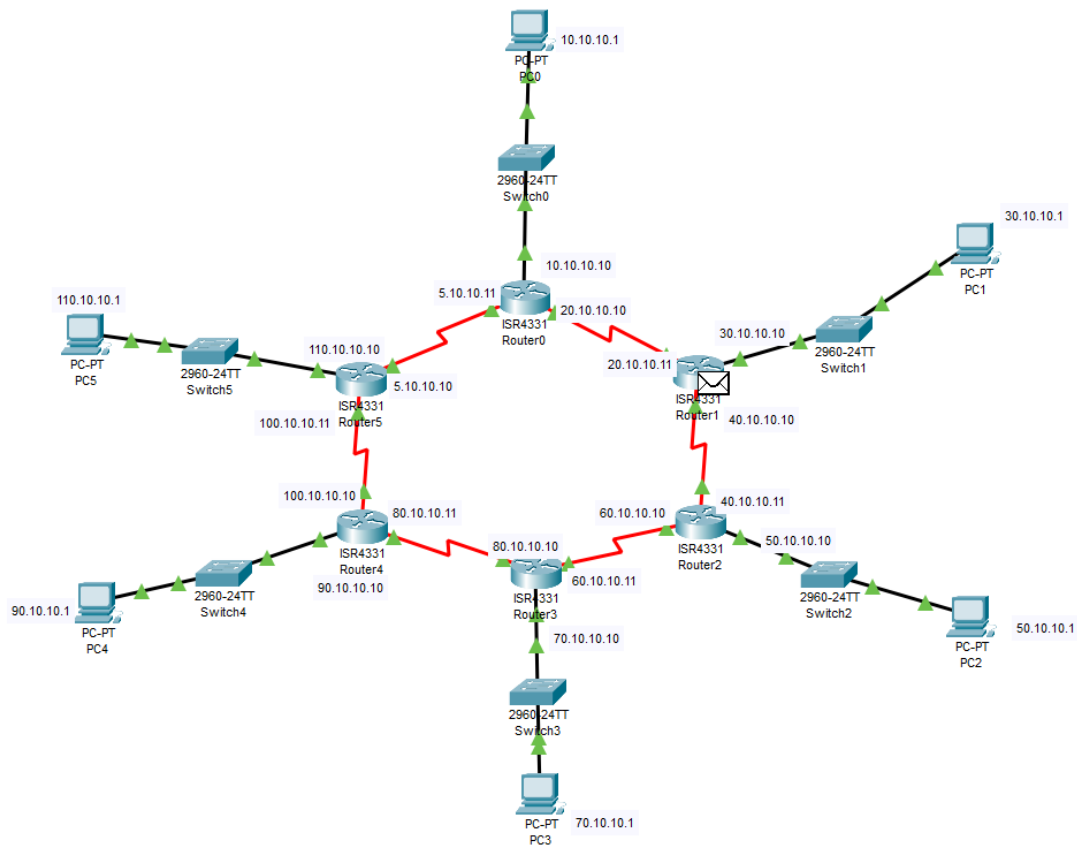
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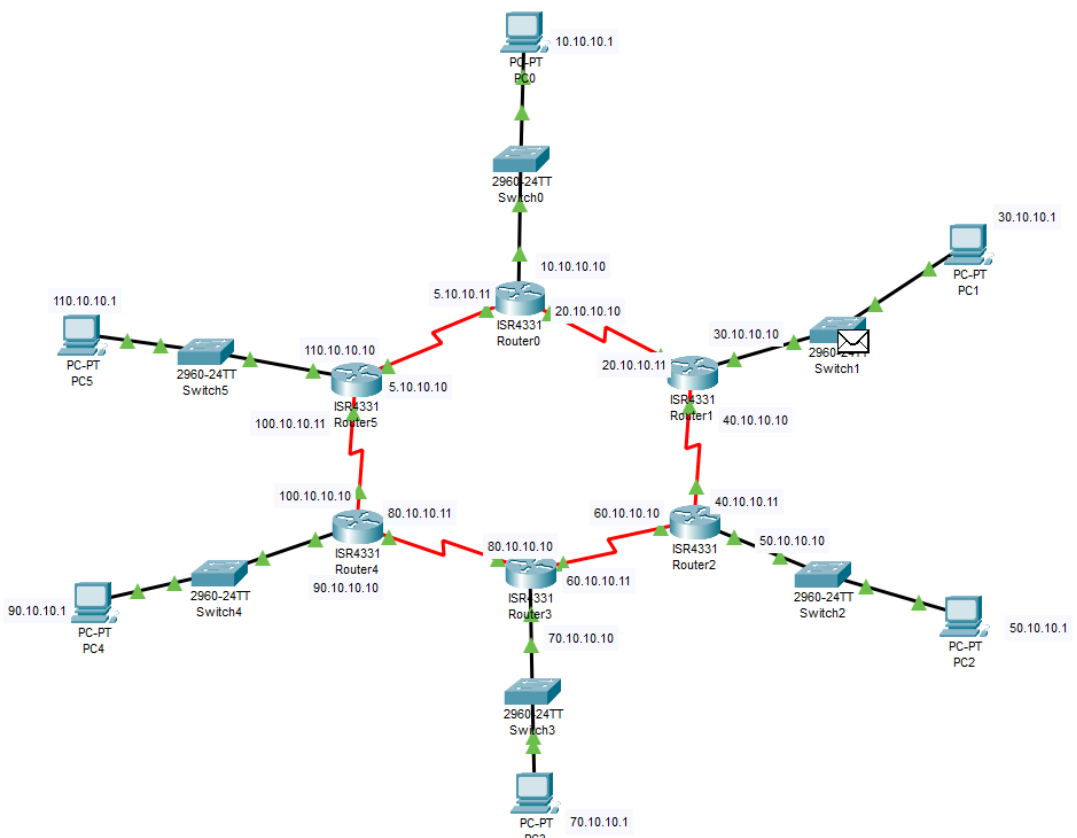
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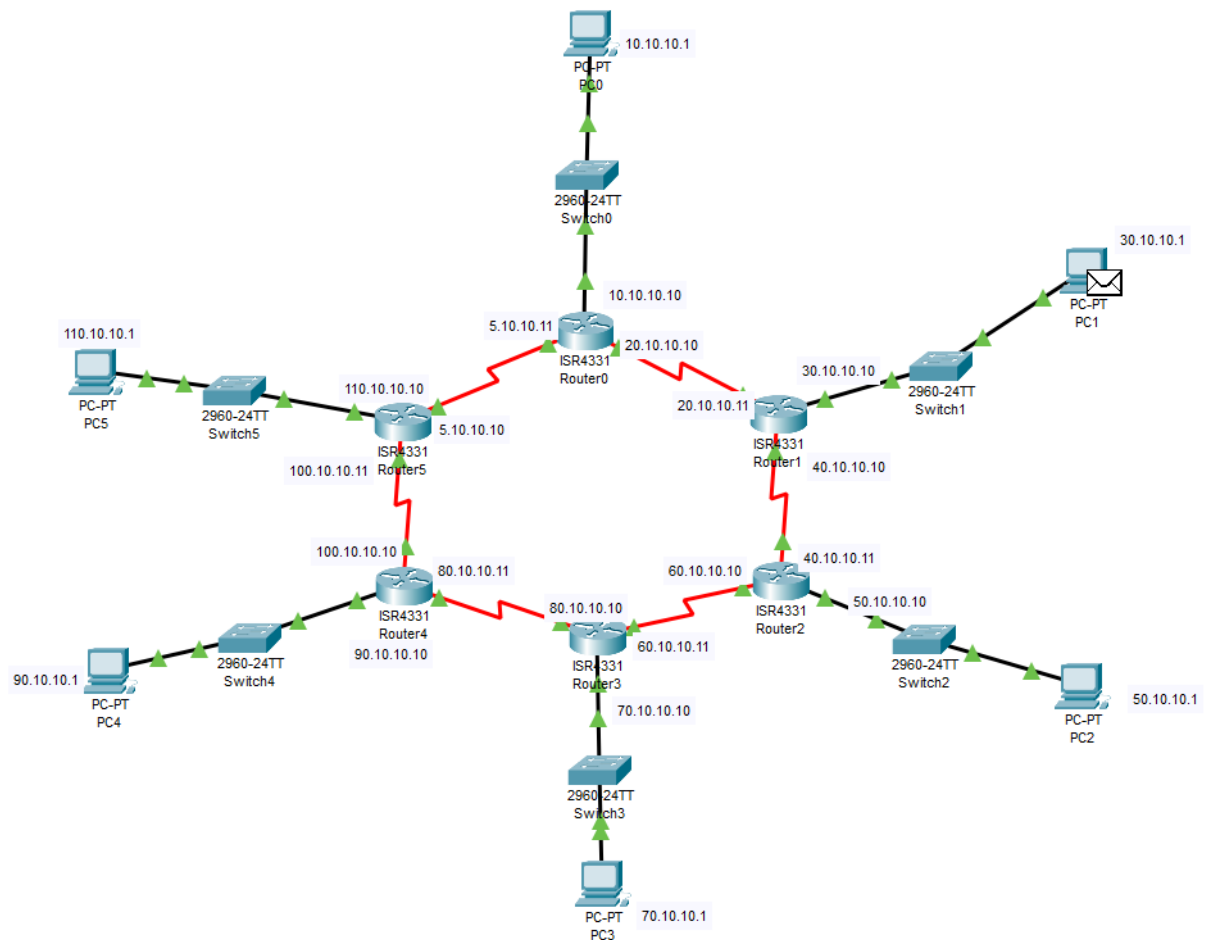
Step5:



Step6:



Step7:



A Simple PDU was sent successfully from PC 110.10.10.1 to PC 30.10.10.1

CONCLUSION:

The Link State Routing Algorithm in networking also known as OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) was studied, created and verified successfully.