

Aim → Implementation of basic Ethernet using Cisco Packet Tracer to understand and make IP, TCP and UDP Header analysis.

Objective 1 → An overview on headers (i.e. Ethernet, IP, TCP& UDP), ICMP, FTP & TFTP.

- Ethernet → i) A widely used technology for wired Local Area Network.
ii) Uses frames to encapsulate data, containing MAC address for source & destination.
iii) Supports speed from 10Mbps to 100 Gbps.

- IP → i) Internet protocol is responsible for addressing and routing packet of data across networks.
ii) It is basically of two types → a) IPv4 (32-bit address)
b) IPv6 (128-bit address)

- TCP → i) TCP stands for Transmission Control Protocol.
ii) TCP ensures reliable, ordered and error checked delivery of data between applications.

- UDP → i) UDP stands for User Datagram Protocol.
ii) The purpose of UDP is to allow low latency, connectionless communication.
iii) Common uses of UDP is streaming media and online gaming.

- ICMP → i) ICMP stands for Internet Control Message Protocol.
ii) Operates at the network layer, primarily for control messages.
iii) Used for troubleshooting and monitoring network connectivity.

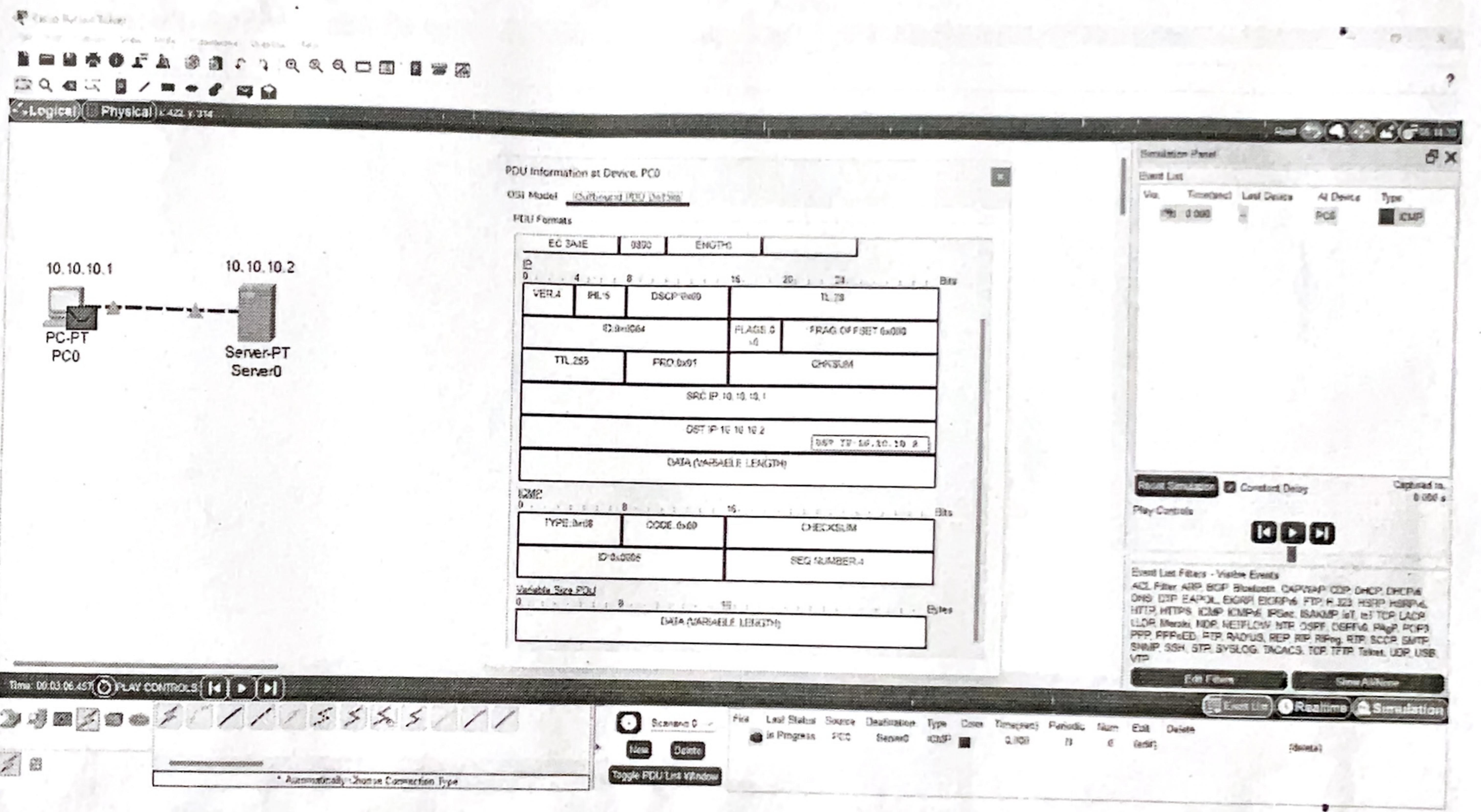
- FTP → i) FTP stands for File Transfer Protocol.
ii) Supports authentication and can operate in both active and passive modes.
iii) Used for uploading and downloading files from web servers.

TFTP \Rightarrow TFTP stands for Trivial File Transfer Protocol.

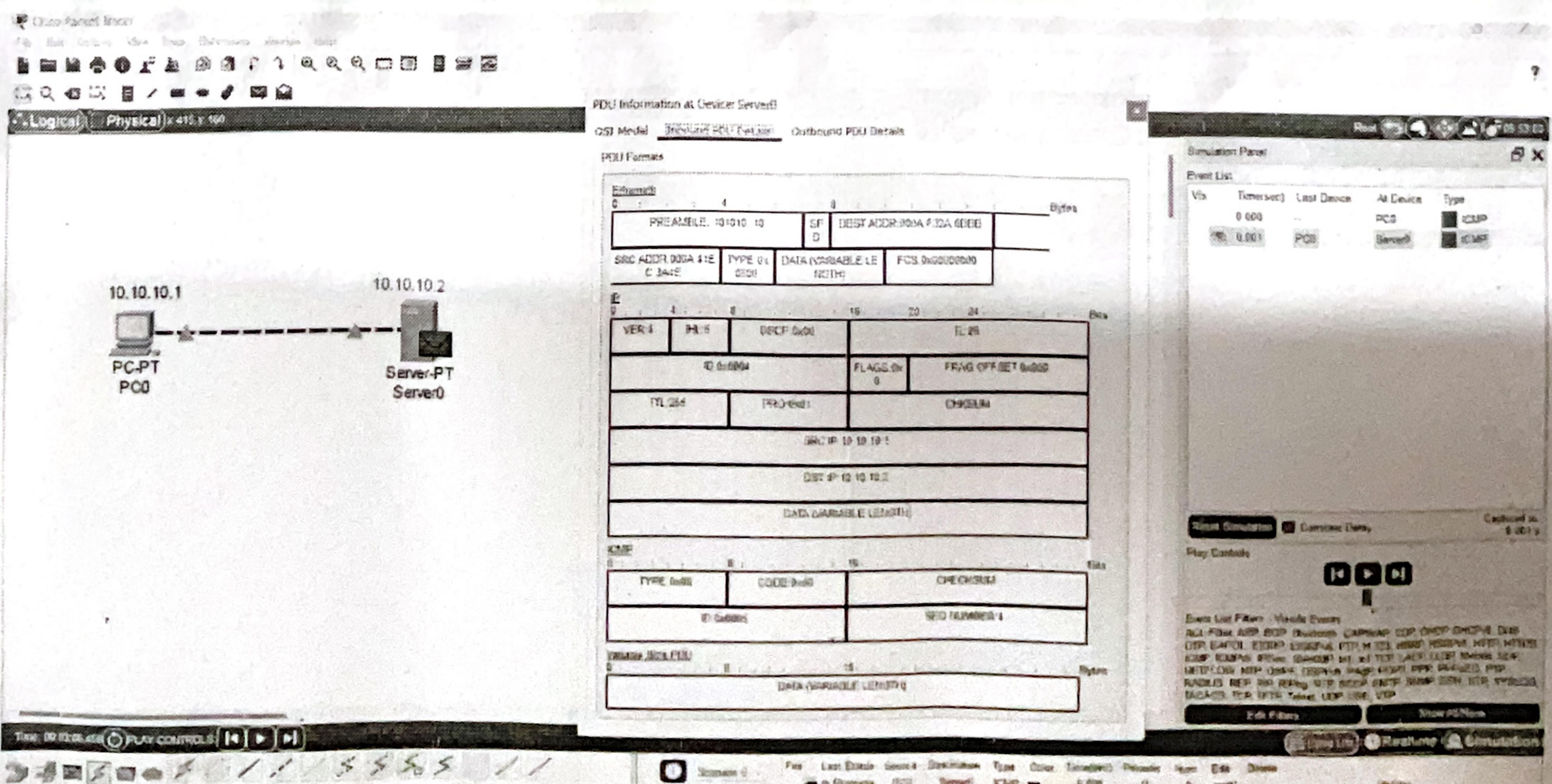
- ii) Purpose is a simple version of FTP for transferring files with minimal overhead.
 - iii) Common user booting devices over a network and transferring Firmware or Configuration files.

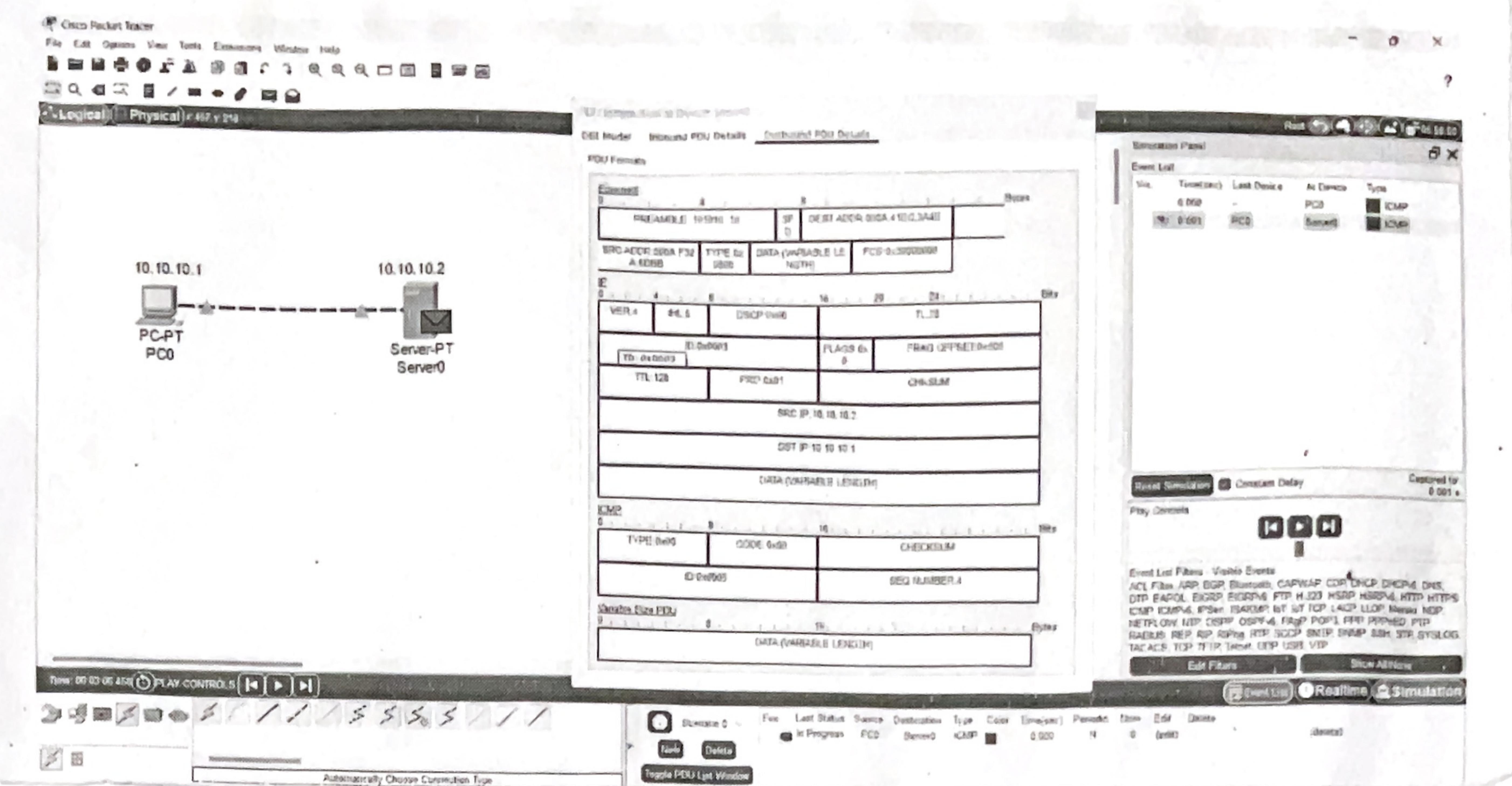
Objective 2 → Configuration of an Ethernet using the network devices in Cisco Packet Tracer.

- a) Connection between a host and a server by assigning both of them a IP address

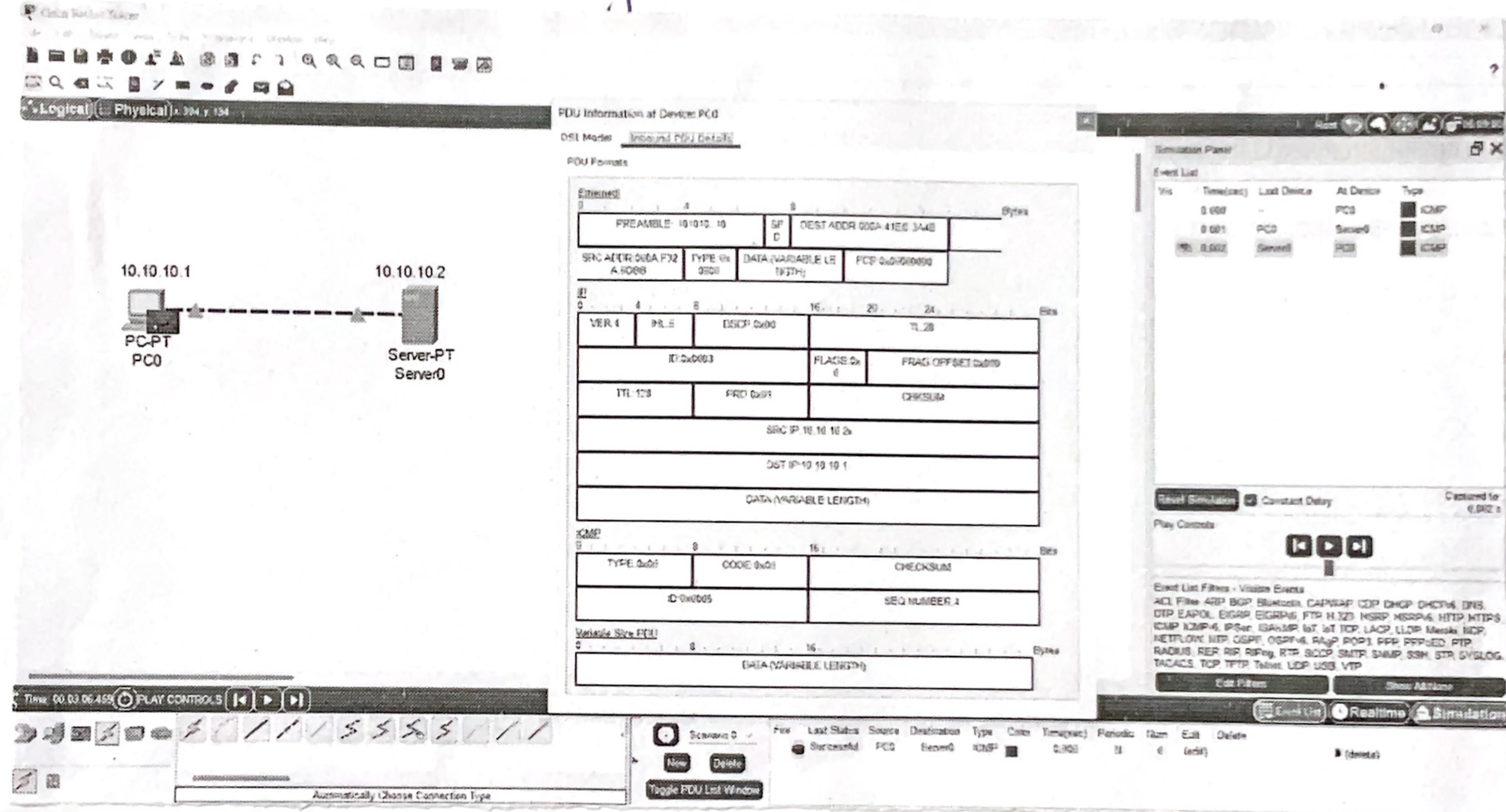


- ii) Receiving the message from the host



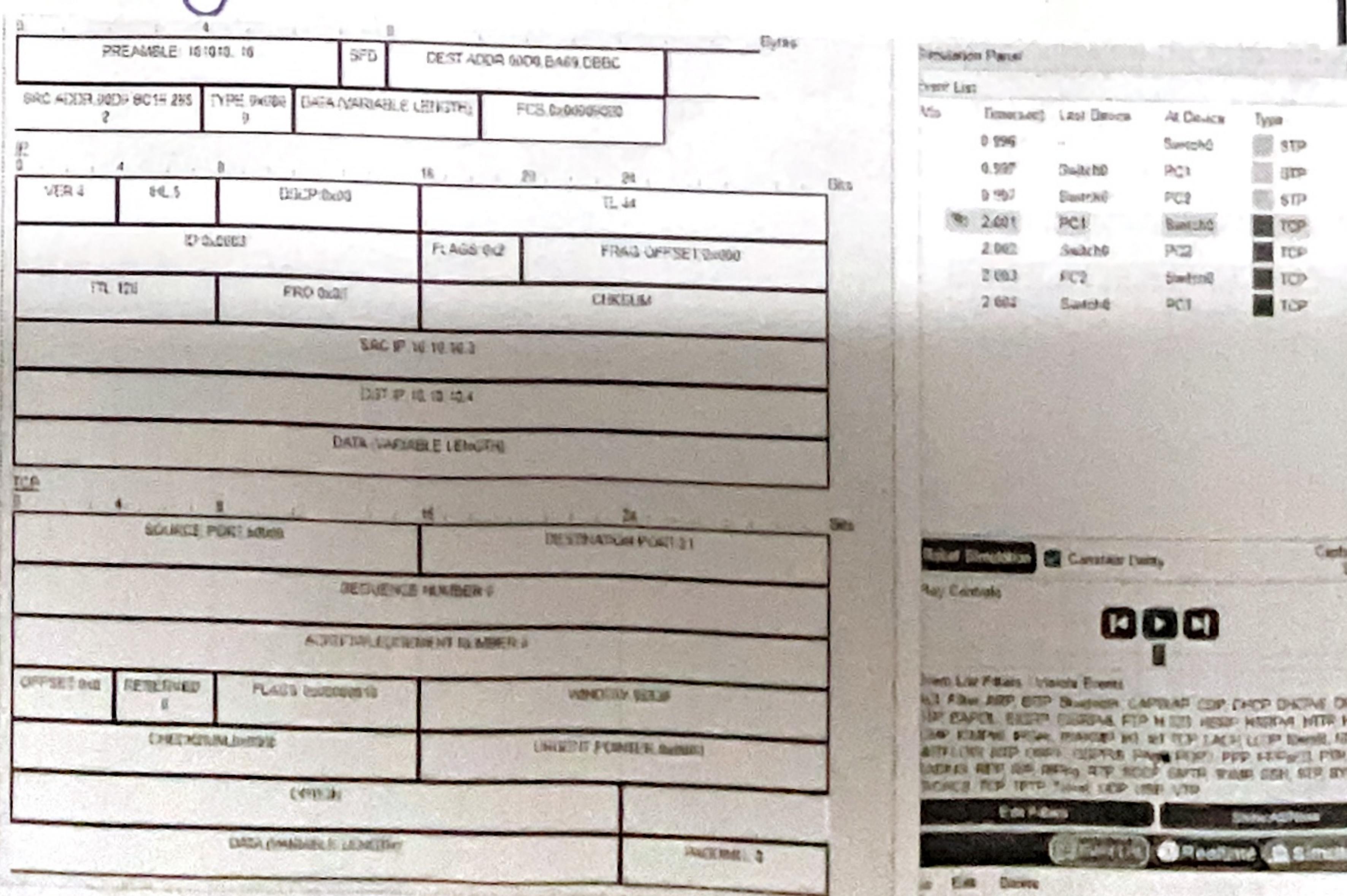
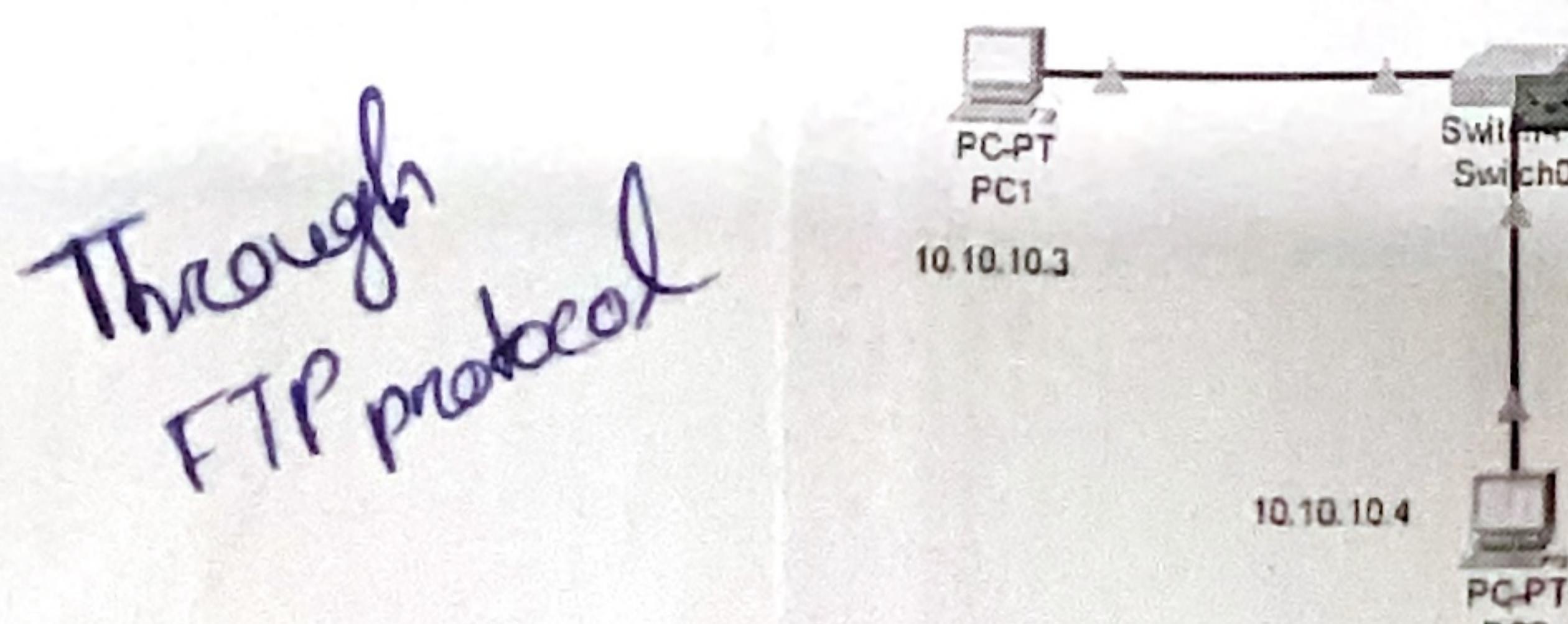


b) Message has been successfully received at the hostend.

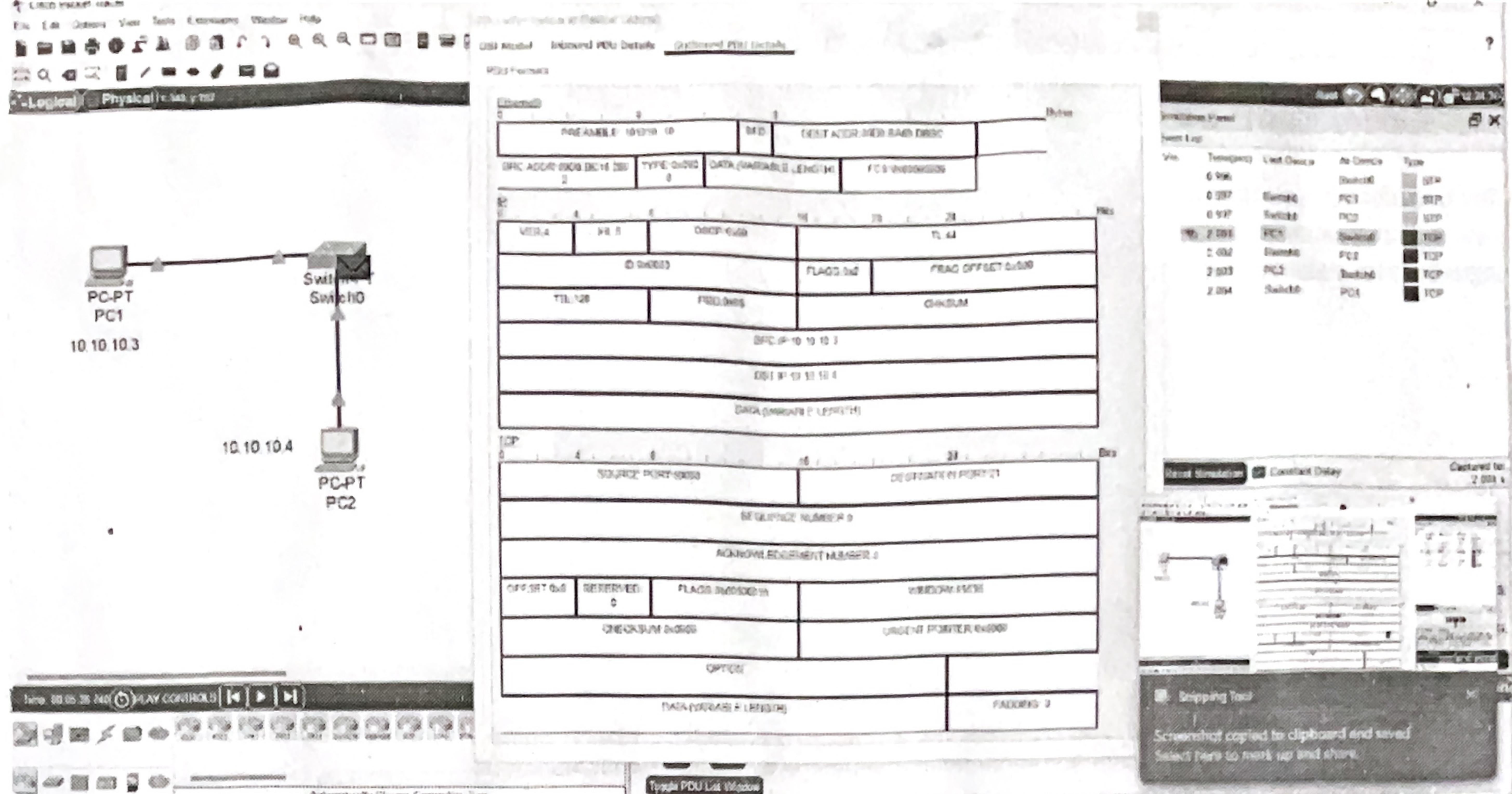


Objective 3 → Simulating the Ethernet by transmitting ICMP, FTP and TFTP messages between two end devices.

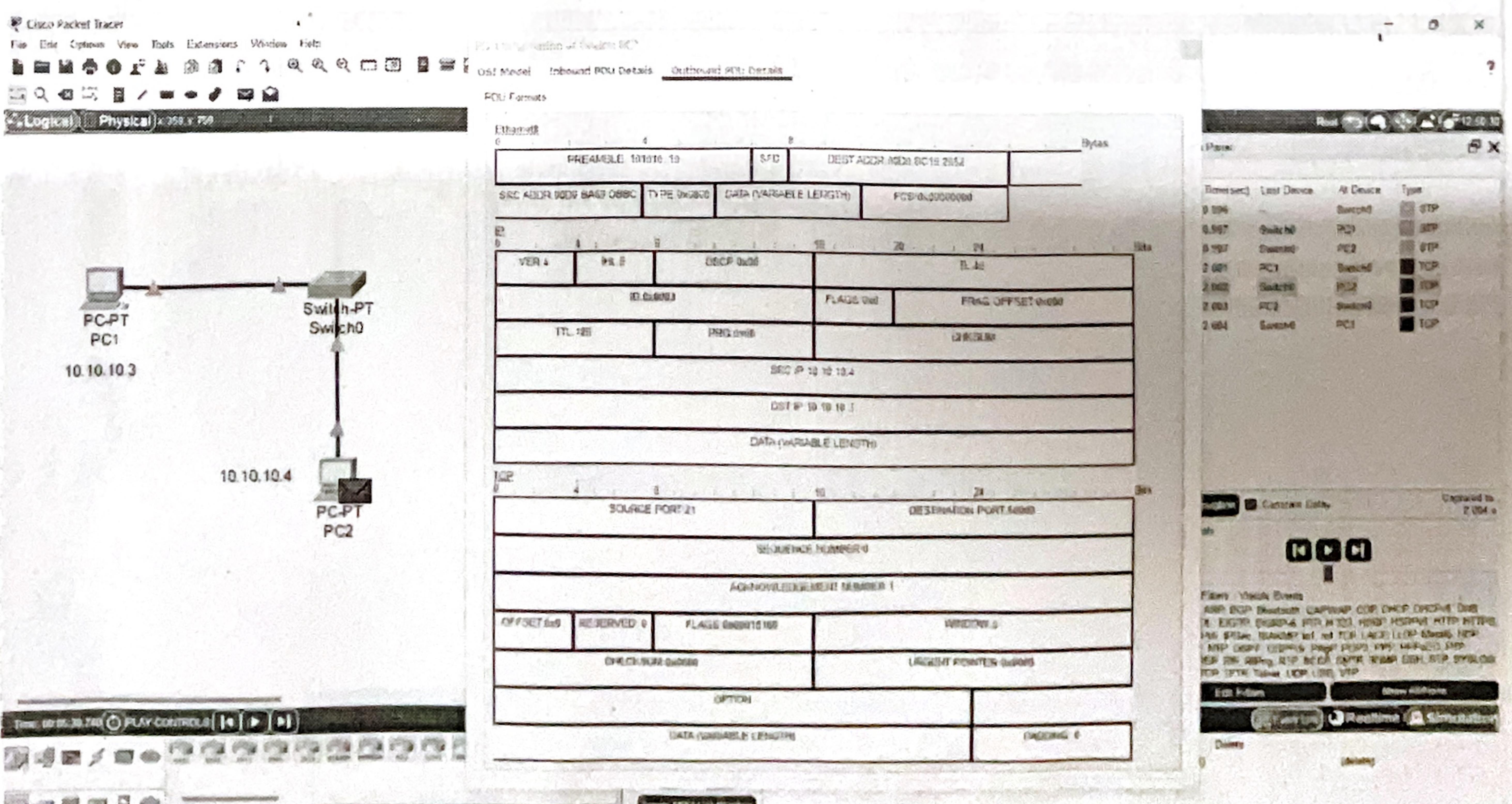
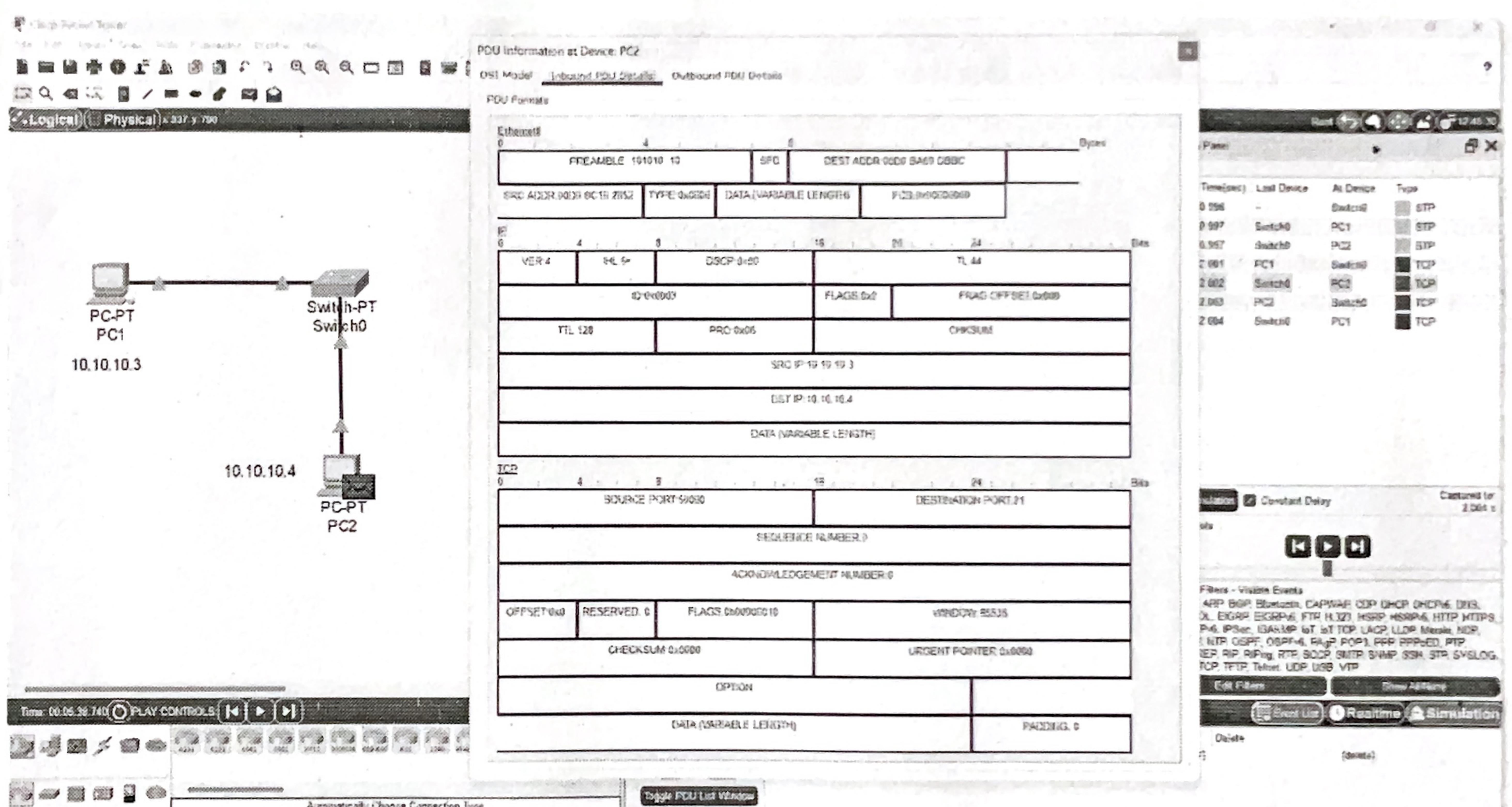
a) Connection between two host PCs "by using a switch between them with different IP address."



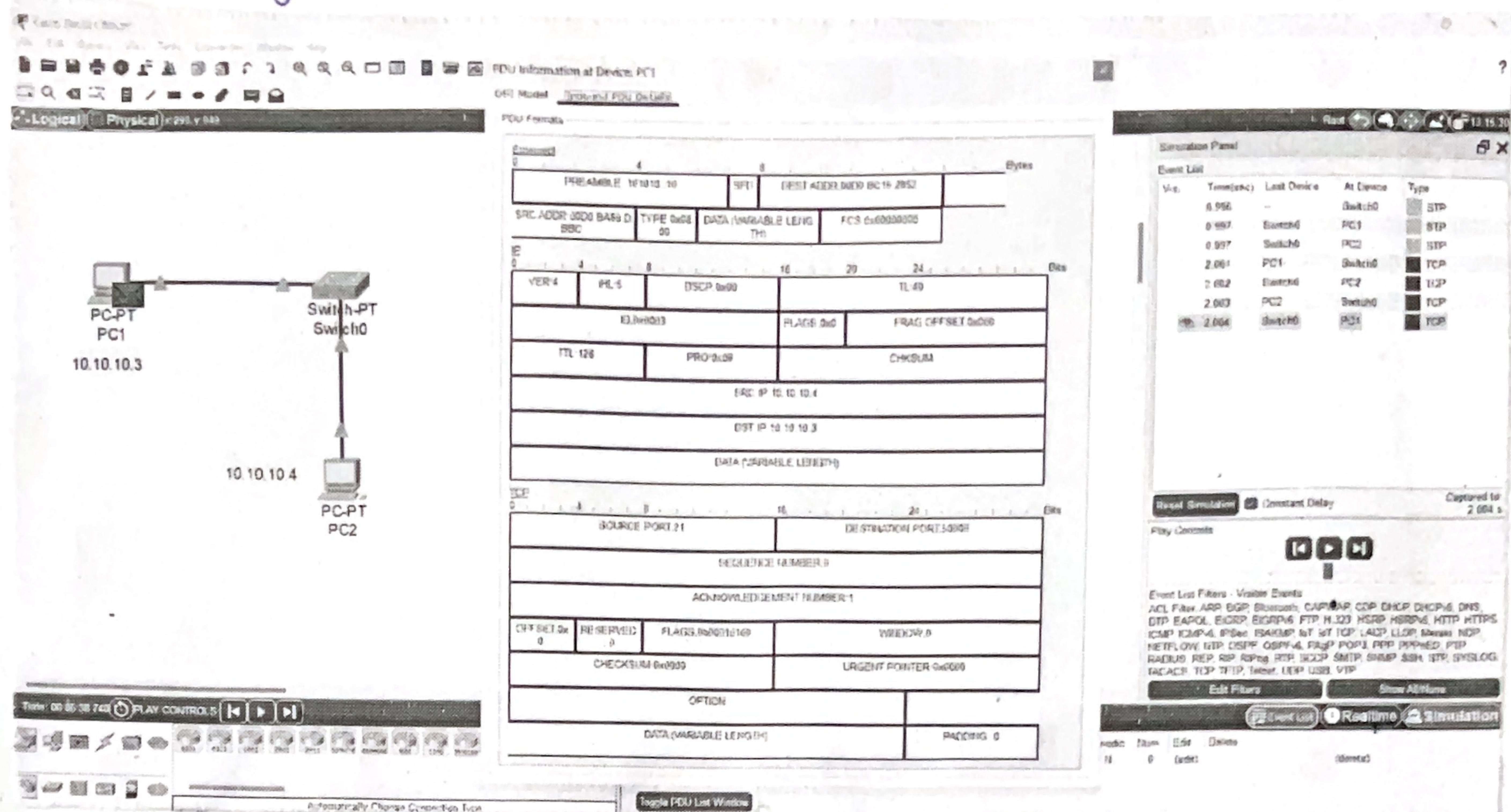
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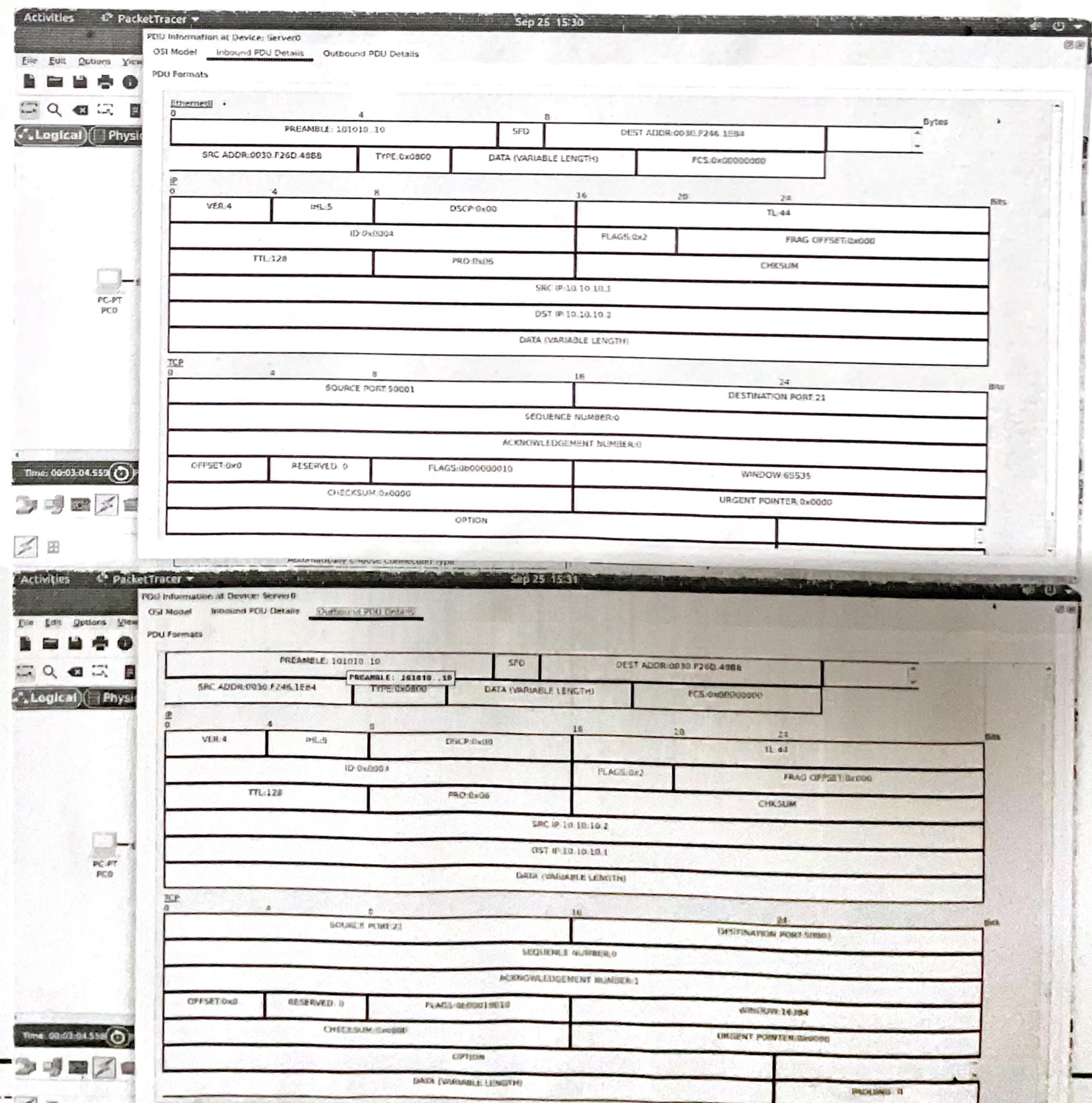
b) Transfer of message from Server to host 2



c) Finally message received in Host 1

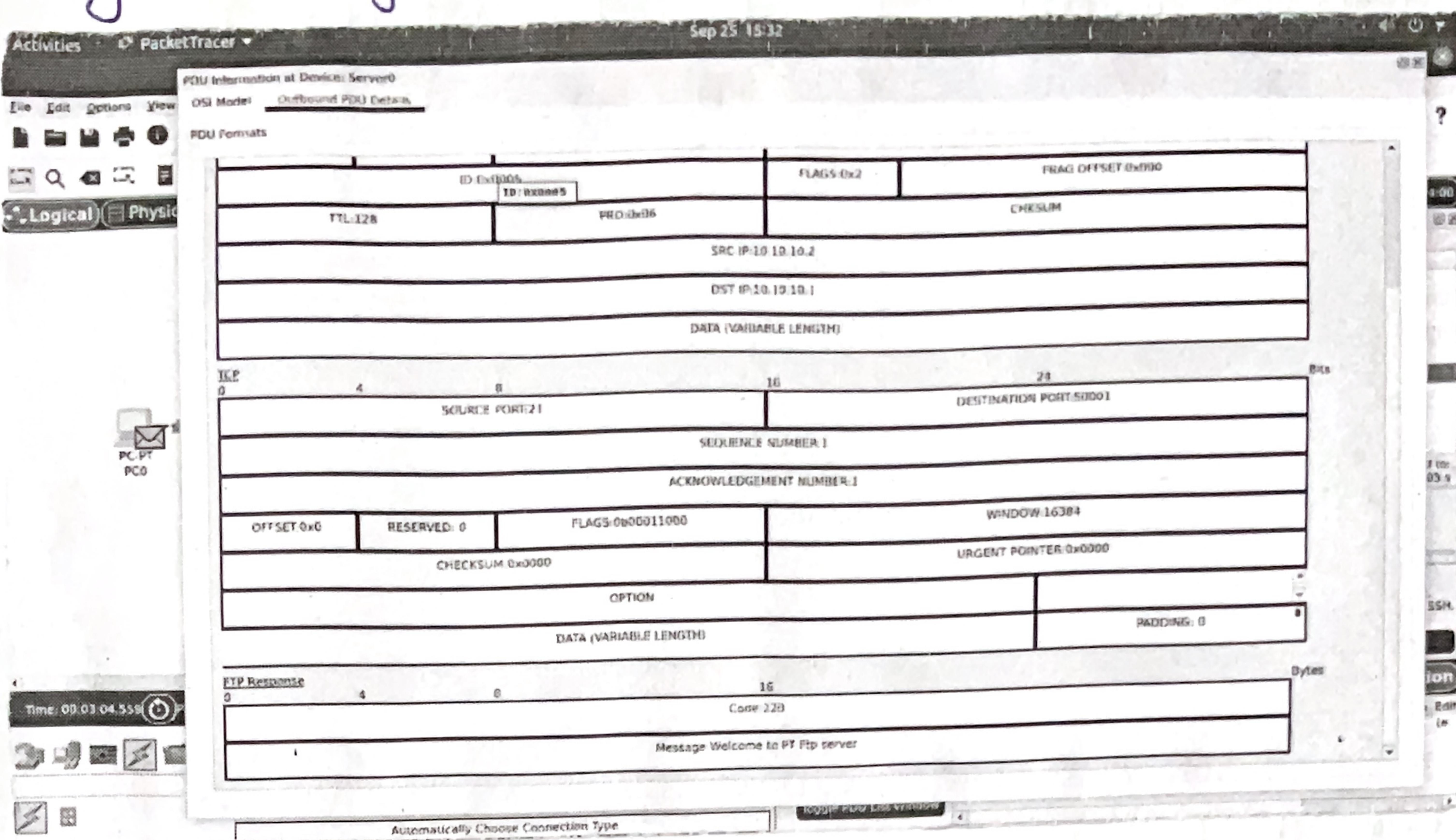


◆ Connection between 2 host PCs using server in between through TFTP protocol →



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e) Receiving the message back in Host 1



Objective 4 → Understanding and analyzing different fields of IP, TCP and UDP headers after simulation.

- Packet Tracer Inspection → Use packet tracer simulation mode or wireshark to capture packets. This allows you to view the header in real time.
- For IP headers: Check the source and destination IP address to verify routing and connectivity.
- For TCP headers: Analyze the sequence and acknowledge numbers to understand the flow of data and ensure reliable delivery.
- For protocol identification use the protocol field in the IP header to determine if the data using TCP or UDP, which impacts how data is managed and transmitted.
- This knowledge is foundational for anyone working in networking and network administration.

Conclusion → Implementing basic ethernet using Cisco Packet Tracer provides practical experience in configuring network devices and understanding communication protocols. This hands-on approach enables detailed analysis of IP, TCP, and UDP headers, enhancing knowledge of data transmission and error handling.

Exercises →

Q1) Given the value available in "fragment offset" field of IP header is 100. What is the number of bytes ahead of this fragment?

Ans → Given that, IP header = 100

The offset is measured in 8-byte blocks.

$$\text{So, bytes} = 100 \times 8 = 800 \text{ bytes.}$$

Q2) An IP packet has arrived with the first 8 bits as 0100 0010. What is the version and the header length?

Ans → Given, IP Packet : 0100 0010

Here, the first 4 bits represent the corresponds to version 4 (0100) that IP version (IPv4).

→ For header length: 0010 represent the header length in 3-bit words.

$$(0010)_{\text{base } 2} = (2)_{10}$$

$$\text{Header length} = 2 \times 4 = 8 \text{ bytes}$$

Q3) A TCP header in hexadecimal format is given below:

08320017 00000001 00000000 500207ff 60000000

a) What is the source port number?

Ans → The first 16 bits (4-hexadecimal) digits are:

$$\begin{aligned} 0832 &= 0 \times 16^0 + 8 \times 16^1 + 3 \times 16^2 + 2 \times 16^3 \\ &= 0 + 48 + 1280 \\ &= 1330 \end{aligned}$$

b) What is the destination port number?

Ans → Here, next 16 bits are

$$\begin{aligned} 0017 &= 0 \times 16^0 + 0 \times 16^1 + 1 \times 16^2 + 1 \times 16^3 \\ &= 0 + 0 + 16 \\ &= 23 \end{aligned}$$

c) What is the length of the header?

Ans → Hence, header \otimes = 5002

Let hex digit = S = (0101)

Header length = $8 \times 4 = 20$ bytes

d) What is the window size?

Ans → Window size found in the next 16-bits after header length.

$$\begin{aligned}07ff &= f \times 16^0 + f \times 16^1 + 7 \times 16^2 + 0 \times 16^3 \\&= 15 + 240 + 1792 \\&= 2047\end{aligned}$$

4) Given a UDP header in hexadecimal format 06 32 00 0D 00 1C E2 17. Find the following:

a) Source port number.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ans} \rightarrow \text{The first 16-bit digits are: } 0632 &= 0 \times 16^0 + 6 \times 16^1 + 3 \times 16^2 + 2 \times 16^3 \\&= 2 + 48 + 1536 \\&= 1586\end{aligned}$$

b) Destination Port number.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ans} \rightarrow \text{Next 16-bit after source port are: } 000D &= 0 \times 16^0 + 0 + 0 + 0 \\&= 13\end{aligned}$$

c) Length of User Datagram.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ans} \rightarrow \text{Next 16-bits are } 001C &= 0 \times 16^0 + 1 \times 16^1 + 0 + 0 \\&= 12 + 16 \\&= 28 \text{ bytes}\end{aligned}$$

d) Length of the data.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ans} \rightarrow \text{Length of the data} &= \text{Total length} - \text{Header length} \\&= 28 - 8 \\&= 8 \text{ bytes}\end{aligned}$$