

Addressing:

Host 1 NIC 192.168.1.1 C001.C001.C001

Router1

G0/1: A0A0.A0A0.0001 G0/0: A0A0.A0A0.0000

Router2

G0/1: B0B0.B0B0.0001 G0/0: B0B0.B0B0.0000

Host 2 NIC 192.168.1.129 C002.C002.C002

Path from Host A to Host B

1. Host1 sends out the Frame from its NIC:

- a. The ARP process constructs a request for the target IP address
- b. The device encapsulates the PDU into an Ethernet frame

c. SOURCE MAC: C0001.C0001.C0001

SOURCE IP: 192.168.1.1 DEST MAC: FFFF.FFFF DEST IP: 192.168.1.129

2. Switch1 (FastEthernet0/1) receives the frame:

- a. The frame source MAC address does not exist in the MAC table of Switch1
- b. Switch1 adds a new MAC entry to its table
- c. The frame destination MAC address is broadcast (FFFF.FFFF.FFFF)
- d. The Switch processes the frame and decapsulates the PDU from the Ethernet frame
- f. This is a broadcast frame so the Switch sends out the frame to all ports except the receiving port
- g Frame remains the same:

SOURCE MAC: C0001.C0001.C0001

SOURCE IP: 192.168.1.1

DEST MAC: FFFF.FFFF ← Broadcast MAC Address

DEST IP: 192.168.1.129

h. Switch1 (FastEthernet0/24) sends out the frame

3. Router1 (GigabitEthernet0/1) receives the frame

- a. The ARP process will run and provide information to all devices
- b. Host1 will now have information for its default gateway

NOW (AFTER DISCOVERING ARP AND GATEWAY) LET'S SEE THE FULL PATH

4. Host1 again sends out the Frame:

- a. The destination IP address 192.168.1.129 is not in the same subnet so gateway needed
- b. HOST1 sets next-hop to default gateway (MAC A0A0.A0A0.0001) in order to leave network
- a. The device encapsulates the PDU into an Ethernet frame

SOURCE IP: 192.168.1.1 ← Host1
DEST IP: 192.168.1.129 ← Host2

SOURCE MAC: C0001.C0001.C0001 ← Host1 NIC's MAC Address

DEST MAC: A0A0.A0A0.0001 ← G0/1 on Router1's MAC Address

5. Switch1 (FastEthernet0/1) receives the new frame with new information from Host1

- a. The frame source MAC address is now in MAC table of Switch1
- b. Switch looks in its MAC table for the destination MAC address (This is a unicast frame to A0A0.A0A0.0001)
- c. Switch1 sends the frame out that port (FastEthernet0/24 sends out the frame)

6. Router1 (GigabitEthernet0/1) receives new frame

- a. The frame's destination MAC address matches the receiving port on Router1
- b. The device decapsulates the PDU from the Ethernet frame
- c. The device looks up the destination IP address in the routing table
- d. The routing table finds a routing entry to the destination IP address
- e. The next hop is connected on GigabitEthernet0/0 (Router2)
- f. The next-hop IP address is in the ARP table

g. SOURCE IP: 192.168.1.1 ← Host1 IP Address
DEST IP: 192.168.1.129 ← Host2 IP Address

SOURCE MAC: A0A0.A0A0.0000 \leftarrow Router1 (G0/0) MAC Address DEST MAC: B0B0.B0B0.0000 \leftarrow Router2 (G0/0) MAC Address

h. The device encapsulates the PDU into an Ethernet frame (GigabitEthernet0/0) sends out the frame

7. Router2 (GigabitEthernet0/0) receives the frame

- a. The frame's destination MAC address matches the receiving port on Router2 (B0B0.B0B0.0000)
- b. The device decapsulates the PDU from the Ethernet frame
- c. The device looks up the destination IP address in the routing table
- d. The routing table finds a routing entry to the destination IP address
- e. The destination network is directly connected and the device sets destination as the next-hop
- f. The next-hop IP address is in the ARP table

g. SOURCE IP: 192.168.1.1 ← Host1 IP Address
DEST IP: 192.168.1.129 ← Host2 IP Address

SOURCE MAC: B0B0.B0B0.0001 ← Router2 (G0/1) MAC Address
DEST MAC: C002.C002.C002 ← Host2 NIC's MAC Address

h. Router2 encapsulates the PDU into an Ethernet frame and GigabitEthernet0/1 sends out the frame

8. Switch2 (FastEthernet0/24) receives the frame

- a. The frame source MAC address was found in the MAC table of Switch2
- b. Switch2 looks in its MAC table for the destination MAC address
- c. Switch2 sends the frame out the correct port (FastEthernet0/24)

9. Host2 receives the Frame on its NIC

- a. The frame's destination MAC address matches the receiving port's MAC address (C002.C002.C002)
- b. The device decapsulates the PDU from the Ethernet frame
- c. The packet's destination IP address matches the device's IP address
- d. Host2 sends acknowledgment or reply to its Default-Gateway (Router2-B0B0.B0B0.0000)

SOURCE MAC: C002.C002.C002 ← Host1 NIC's MAC Address
DEST MAC: B0B0.B0B0.0000 ← Router2 (G0/1) MAC Address