

Network Topology : 5

- This topology is designed with inter-VLAN configuration. For this setup, three VLANs are created: VLAN 100, VLAN 200, and VLAN 300.
- These VLANs are interconnected, and intercommunication is configured with the help of a multilayer switch, as shown in Figure 5.1

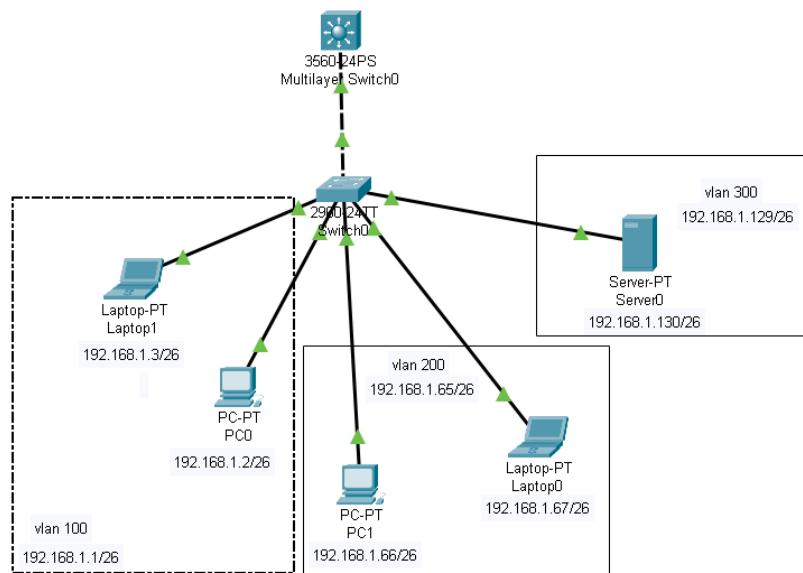


Fig: 5.1

The screenshot shows the Cisco IOS Command Line Interface (CLI) for a switch named "Switch0". The "CLI" tab is selected. The output of the command "show mac address-table dynamic" is displayed, showing the Mac Address Table:

```

Switch#show mac address-table dynamic
      Mac Address Table
      -----
      Vlan   Mac Address        Type      Ports
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      Switch#
  
```

Fig: 5.2

The screenshot shows a Cisco Switch interface titled "Switch0". The "CLI" tab is selected. The command "show mac address-table dynamic" is run, displaying the following Mac Address Table:

Vlan	Mac Address	Type	Ports
1	0090.21c6.b501	DYNAMIC	Fa0/6
100	0090.21c6.b501	DYNAMIC	Fa0/6
200	0090.21c6.b501	DYNAMIC	Fa0/6
300	0090.21c6.b501	DYNAMIC	Fa0/6

Fig: 5.3

- Figures 5.2 and 5.3 display the MAC tables of the switch before and after the ARP broadcast.

The screenshot shows a Cisco Packet Tracer Command Prompt window titled "Laptop1". The "Desktop" tab is selected. The user runs "ipconfig" and "arp -a" commands. The output shows IP configurations for FastEthernet0 and Bluetooth connections, and no ARP entries found.

```
Cisco Packet Tracer PC Command Line 1.0
C:\>ipconfig

FastEthernet0 Connection:(default port)

Connection-specific DNS Suffix...:
Link-local IPv6 Address.....: FE80::230:A3FF:FE54:9B7
IPv6 Address.....: ::

IPv4 Address.....: 192.168.1.3
Subnet Mask.....: 255.255.255.192
Default Gateway.....: ::

192.168.1.1

Bluetooth Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix...:
Link-local IPv6 Address.....: ::

IPv6 Address.....: ::

IPv4 Address.....: 0.0.0.0
Subnet Mask.....: 0.0.0.0
Default Gateway.....: ::

0.0.0.0

C:\>arp -a
No ARP Entries Found
C:\>
```

Fig: 5.4

The screenshot shows a Cisco Packet Tracer interface titled "PC1". The "Desktop" tab is selected in the top menu bar. A "Command Prompt" window is open, showing the output of several commands:

```
Cisco Packet Tracer PC Command Line 1.0
C:\>ipconfig

FastEthernet0 Connection: (default port)

Connection-specific DNS Suffix...:
Link-local IPv6 Address.....: FE80::201:63FF:FE2:5BEE
IPv6 Address.....: :::
IPv4 Address.....: 192.168.1.67
Subnet Mask.....: 255.255.255.192
Default Gateway.....: :::
                                         192.168.1.65

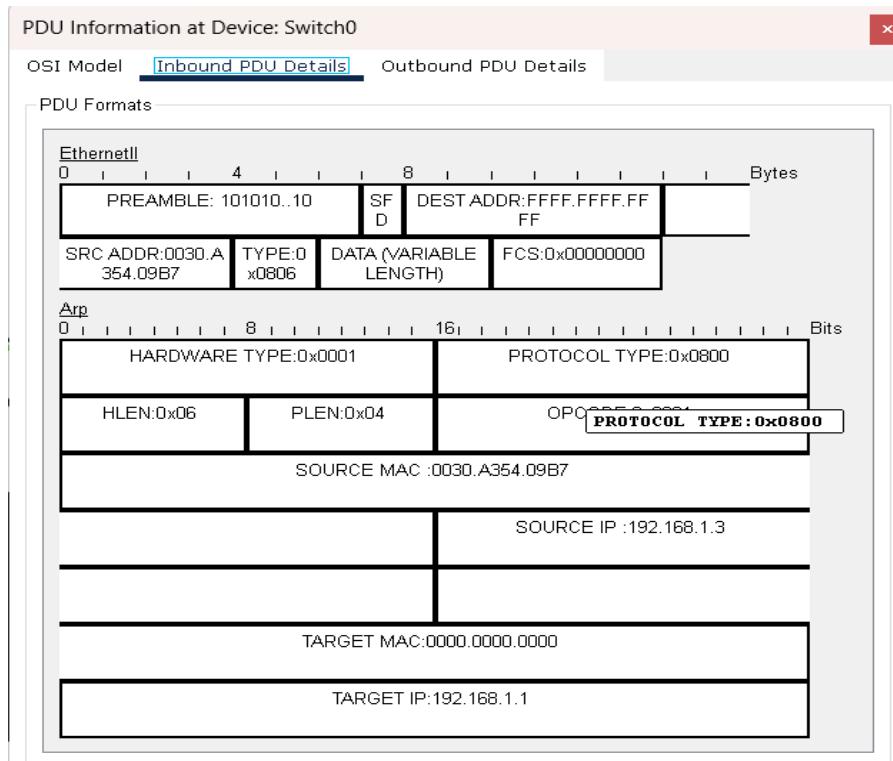
Bluetooth Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix...:
Link-local IPv6 Address.....: :::
IPv6 Address.....: :::
IPv4 Address.....: 0.0.0.0
Subnet Mask.....: 0.0.0.0
Default Gateway.....: :::
                                         0.0.0.0

C:\>arp -a
No ARP Entries Found
C:\>
```

Fig:5.5

- Before the ARP broadcast, the ARP cache in both the source and destination devices is empty.
- The source device has the IP address 192.168.1.3 and the destination device has the IP address 192.168.1.66. As shown in Figure 5.4 and Fig 5.5.
- These two devices are in different VLANs, where the source belongs to VLAN 100 and the destination to VLAN 200.
- When the ARP request is initiated from the source device 192.168.1.3, the switch broadcasts it, and it is forwarded to the default gateway 192.168.1.1.
- The multilayer switch then sends the ARP response back to the source device 192.168.1.3, where the source IP in the reply becomes the default gateway of the device, i.e., 192.168.1.1.
- We can see this process in Fig 5.6, Fig: 5.7 and Fig: 5.8.



Fig; 5.6

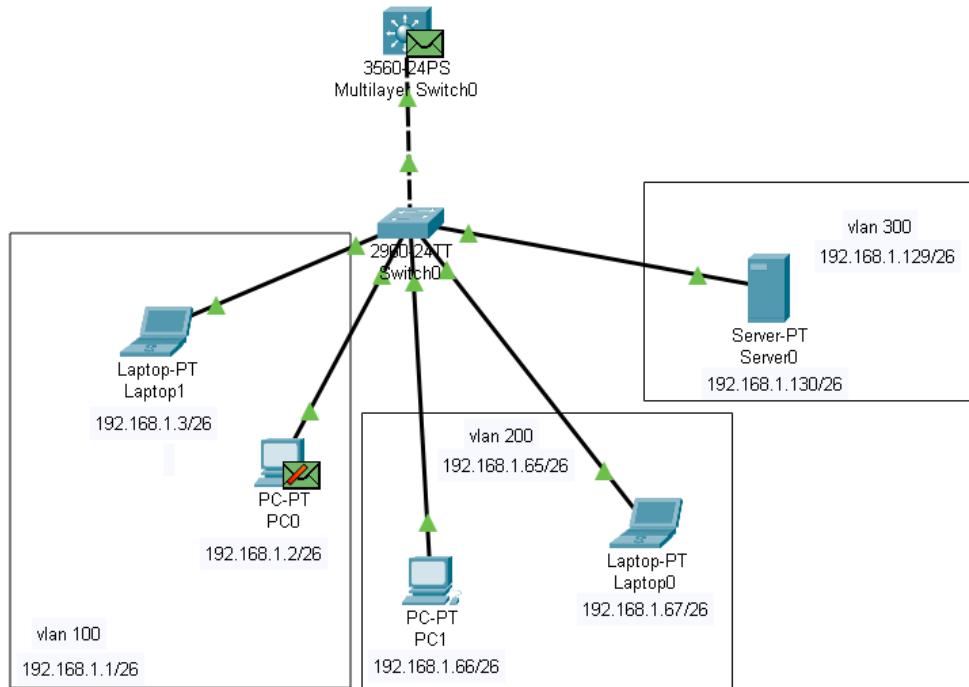


Fig: 5.7

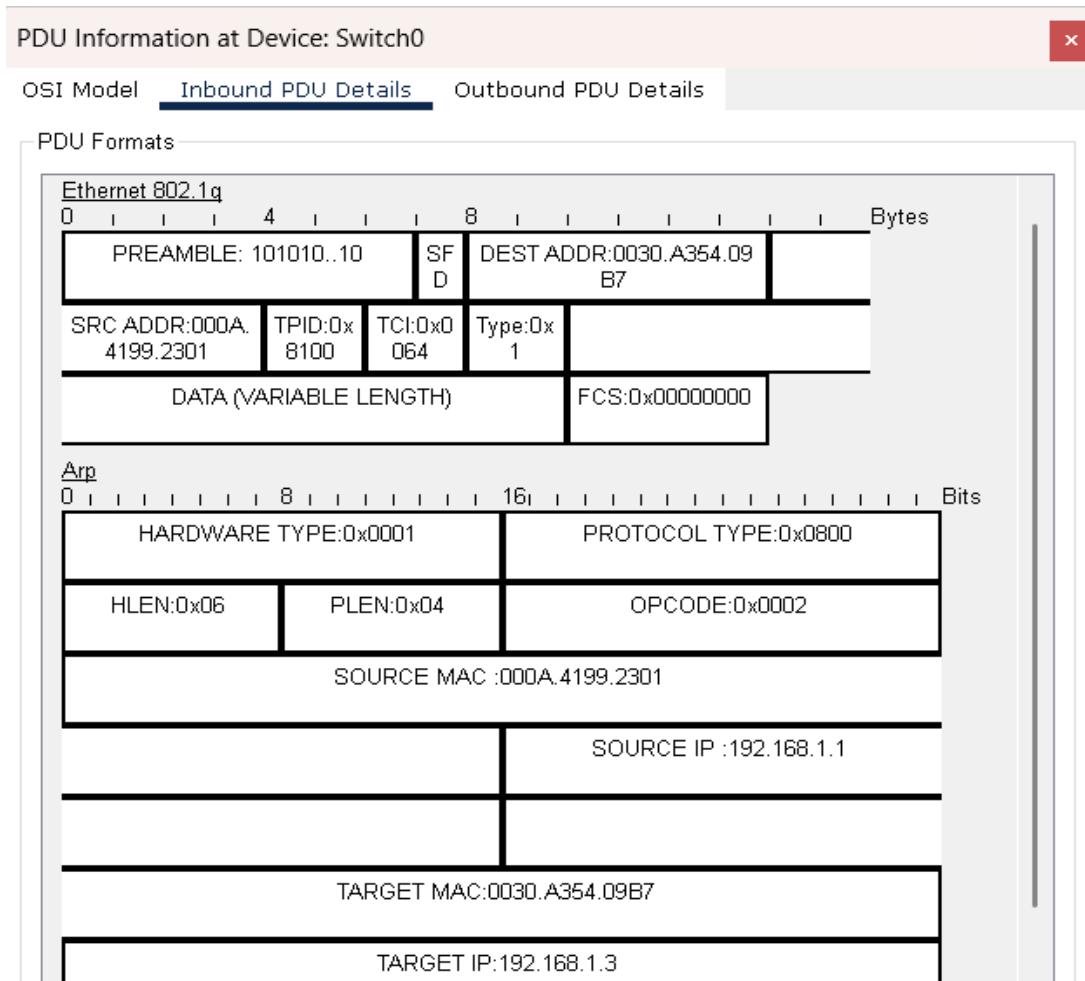


Fig: 5.8

- After this ARP exchange, an ICMP packet is sent from 192.168.1.3 to the destination 192.168.1.66.
- The ICMP type is 0x08 and the code is 0x00. Initially, the packet is dropped at the multilayer switch because it does not know the MAC address of the destination IP 192.168.1.66.
- At this point, the multilayer switch generates a new ARP request for the destination address. In this ARP request, the source IP is 192.168.1.65, since this is the default gateway for 192.168.1.66 as configured in the multilayer switch.
- The request is then broadcast within VLAN 200. The packet is dropped at 192.168.1.67 because it is not the intended target; instead, the search is for 192.168.1.66.
- In 5.9 and 5.10 we can see the packet initiation and drop at default gateway.

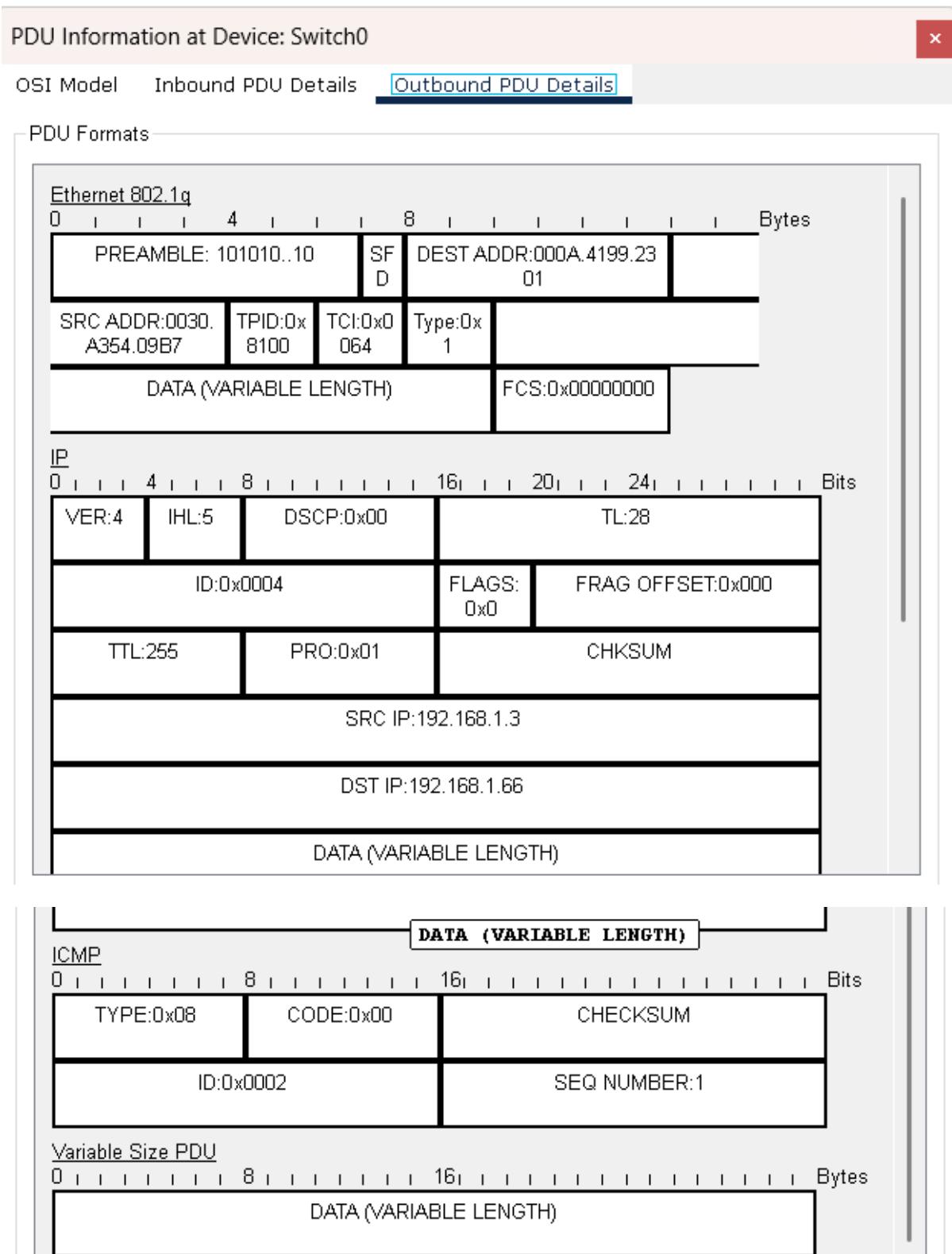


Fig: 5.9

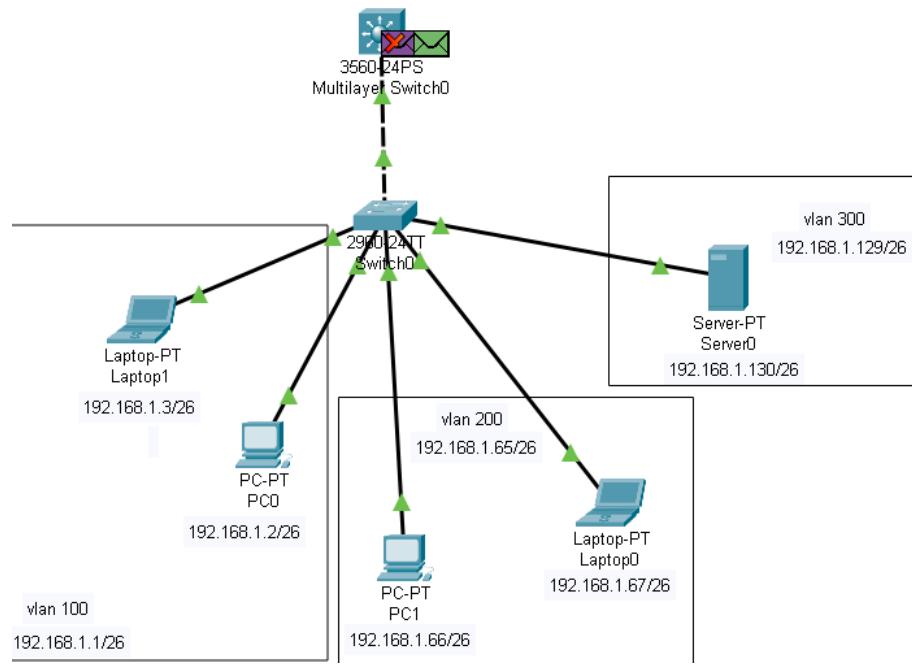


Fig: 5.10

- In this ARP request, the source IP is 192.168.1.65, since this is the default gateway for 192.168.1.66 as configured in the multilayer switch.
- The request is then broadcast within VLAN 200. The packet is dropped at 192.168.1.67 because it is not the intended target; instead, the search is for 192.168.1.66.

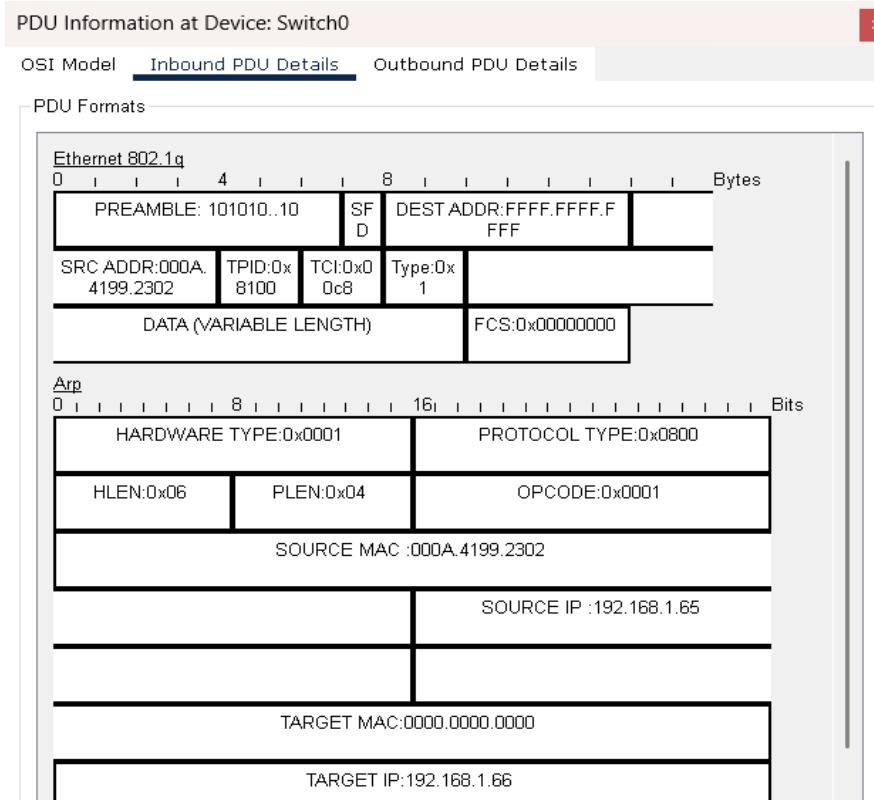


Fig: 5.11

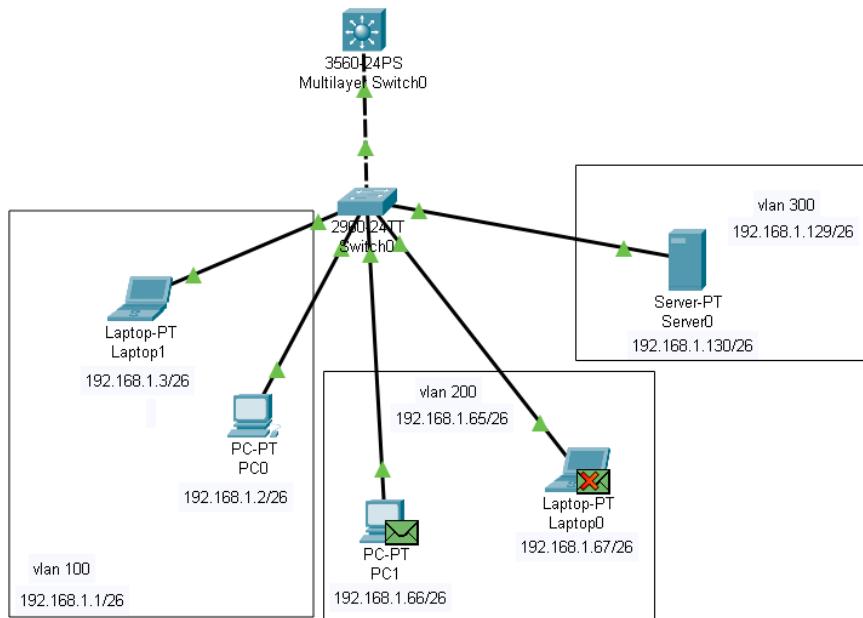
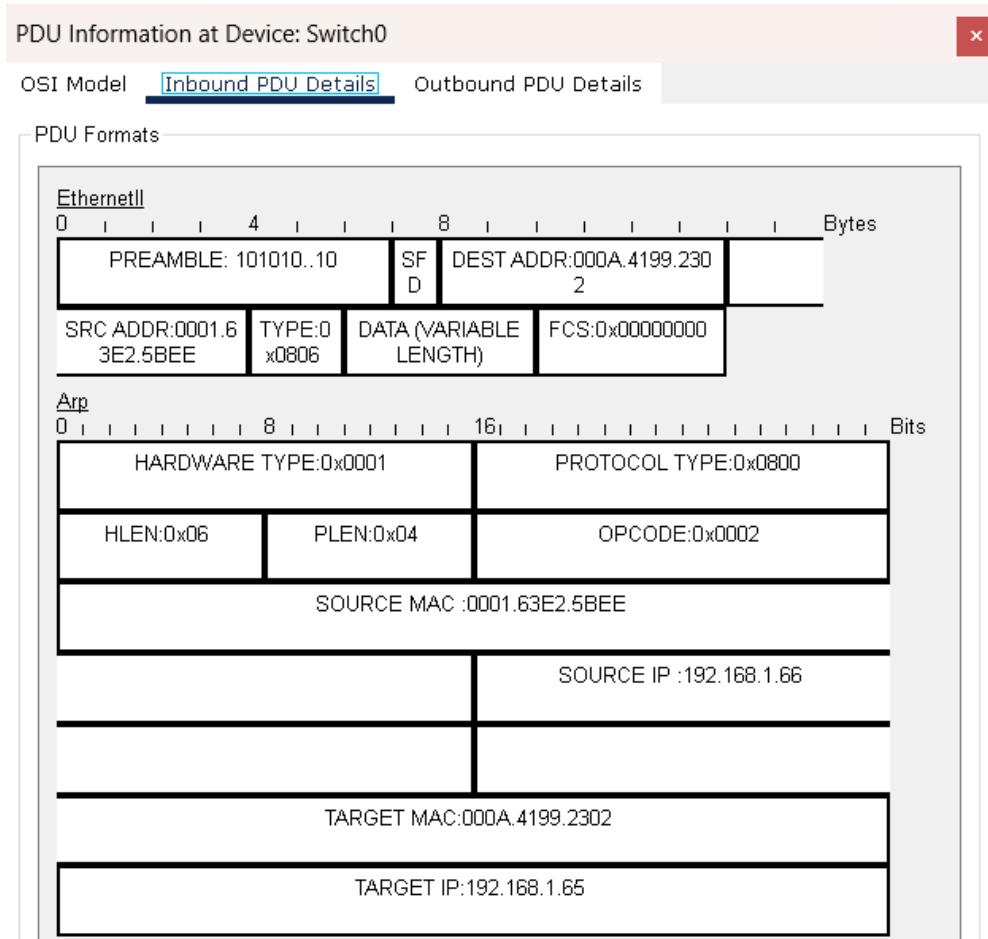


Fig: 5.12



- Once the correct device **192.168.1.66** is found, it replies with an ARP response to the default gateway.
 - This ARP response has the source IP **192.168.1.66** and is directed toward the gateway at **192.168.1.65**.
 - After receiving this reply, the ICMP packet flow resumes successfully from the source device **192.168.1.3** in VLAN 100 to the destination device **192.168.1.66** in VLAN 200.
 - The destination then sends back an ICMP echo reply to the source with type **0x00**, confirming successful inter-VLAN communication.

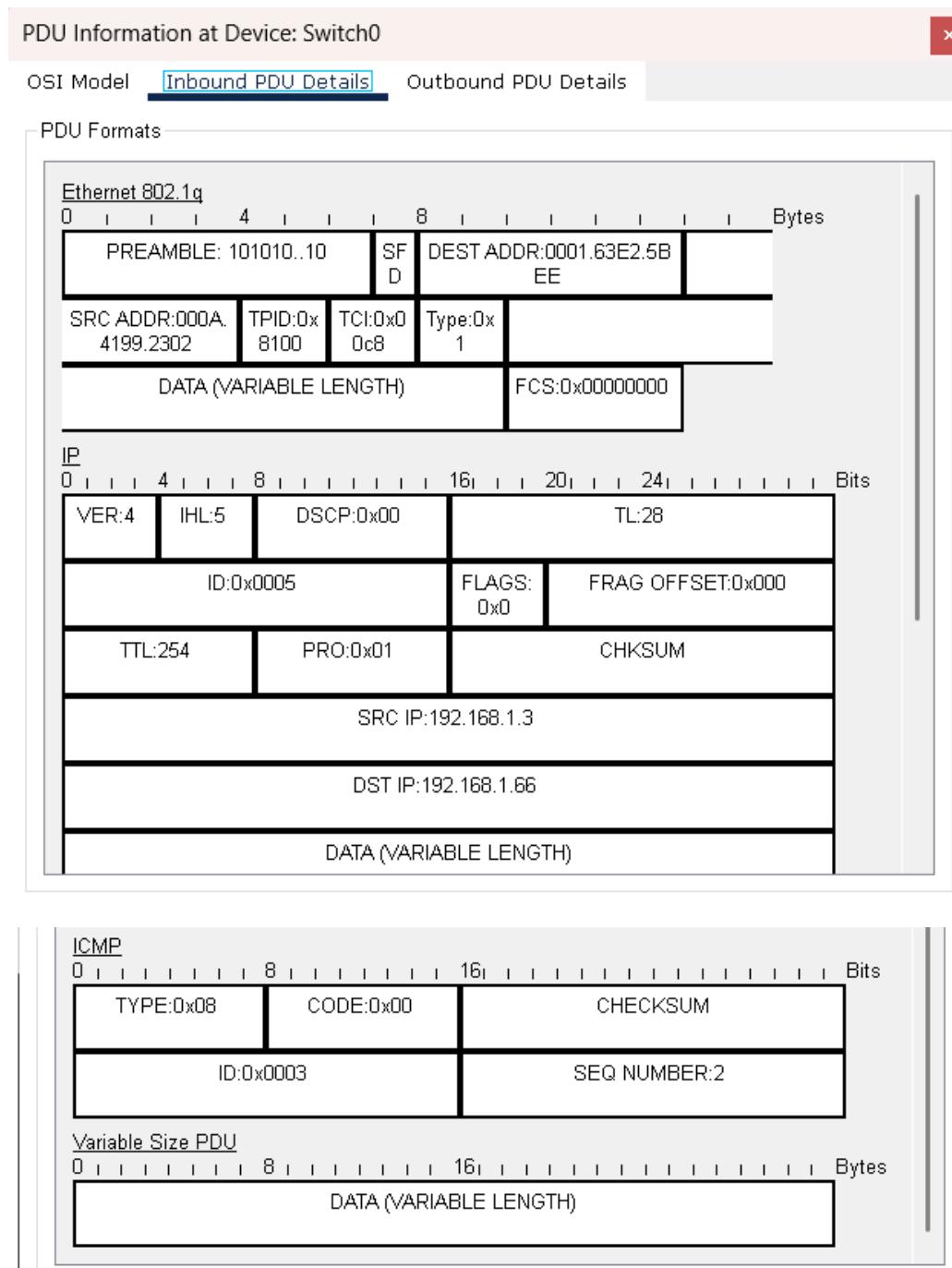


Fig: 5.14 – Echo Request

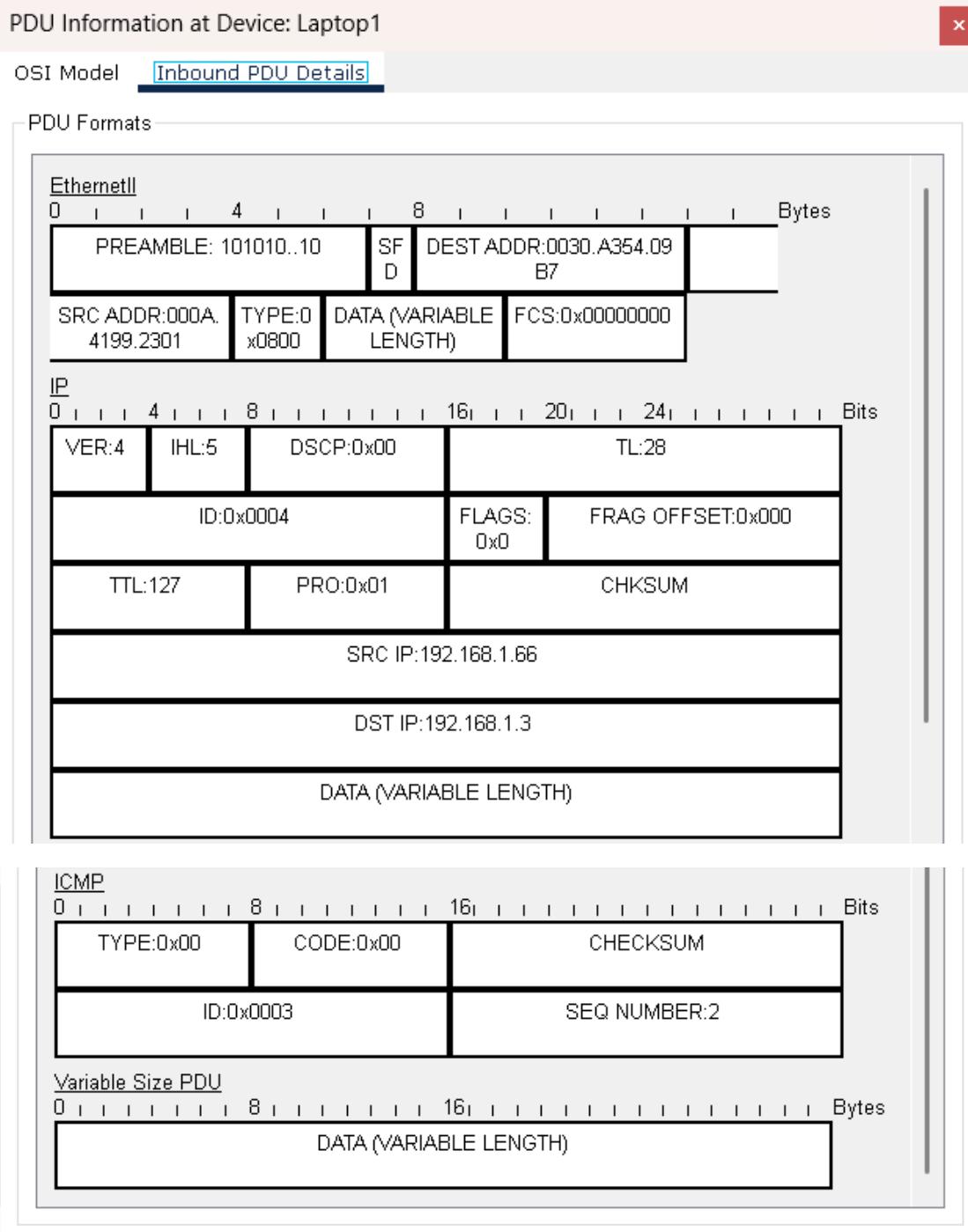
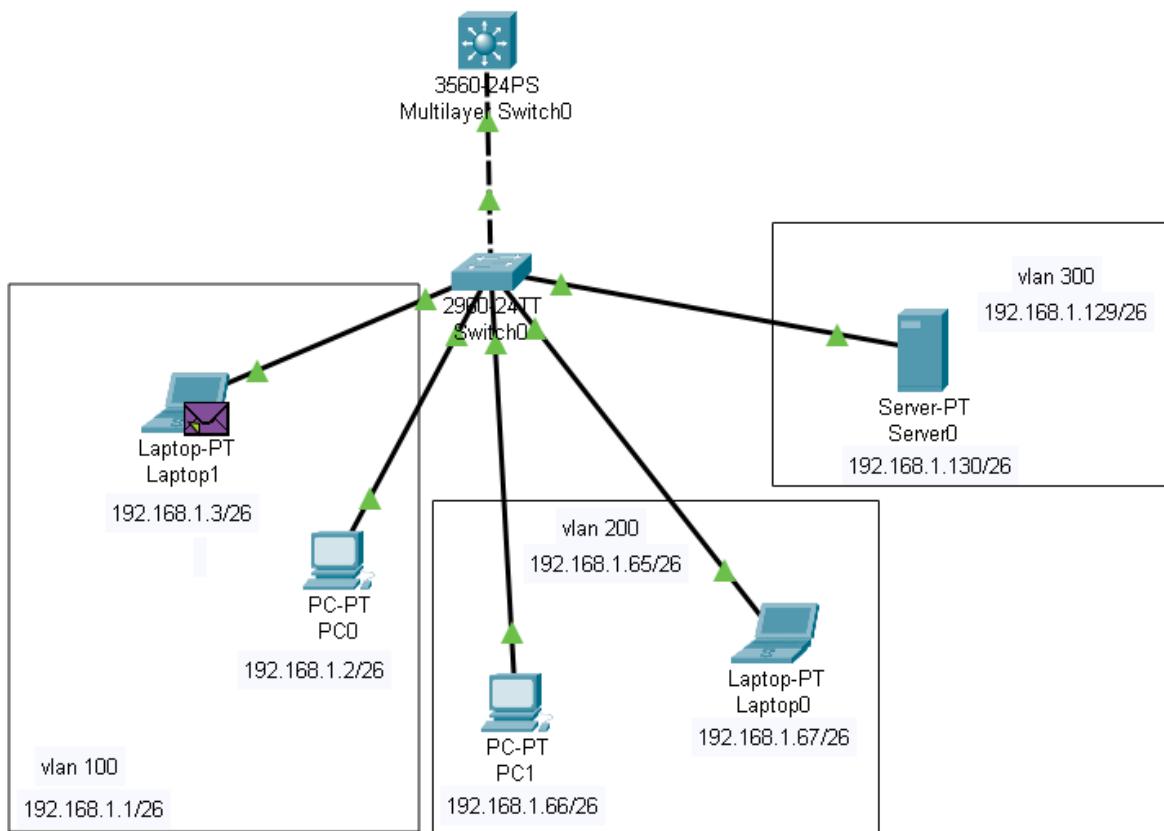


Fig: 5.14 – Echo Response



- This successful packet flow is achieved through inter-VLAN configuration, also called **Switch Virtual Interface (SVI)** configuration, on the multilayer switch.
- To configure this, the required VLANs are created on the switch: VLAN 100, VLAN 200, and VLAN 300. Each VLAN is assigned a subnet. For this setup, a /26 subnet is used, providing four subnets, and three of them are allocated to the VLANs.
- After creating VLANs on the switch, the interfaces are tagged according to their VLAN and subnet. In this topology, VLAN 100 has two devices, VLAN 200 has two devices, and VLAN 300 has one device.
- The port connecting to the multilayer switch is configured as a trunk port so it can carry traffic for multiple VLANs, and the corresponding port on the multilayer switch is also configured as trunk.

- On the multilayer switch, IP routing is enabled. Then, SVI interfaces for each VLAN are created with their IP addresses:

- VLAN 100 → IP 192.168.1.1, Subnet mask 255.255.255.192
 - vlan 100
 - interface vlan 100
 - ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.192
 - no shutdown
- VLAN 200 → IP 192.168.1.65, Subnet mask 255.255.255.192
 - vlan 200
 - interface vlan 200
 - ip address 192.168.1.65 255.255.255.192
 - no shutdown
- VLAN 300 → IP 192.168.1.129, Subnet mask 255.255.255.192
 - vlan 300
 - interface vlan 300
 - ip address 192.168.1.129 255.255.255.192
 - no shutdown

- For each interface VLAN, the commands include assigning the IP address, applying the subnet mask, and using the no shutdown command to activate the interface.
- Once these VLANs and SVIs are configured, inter-VLAN communication between VLAN 100, VLAN 200, and VLAN 300 is established successfully.