Computer Networks Lab

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Lab 1: Introduction to Packet Tracer, Peer-to-Peer Communication, Study of Cables and its Color Codes

• Procedure:

1. Open Packet Tracer:

- Launch Cisco Packet Tracer on your computer.
- Familiarize yourself with the interface, including the workspace, device selection, and tools.

2. Create a Simple Network:

- Drag two computers (PC-PT) onto the workspace.
- Drag a switch (Switch-PT) onto the workspace.
- Connect each computer to the switch using straight-through Ethernet cables.

3. Configure IP Addresses:

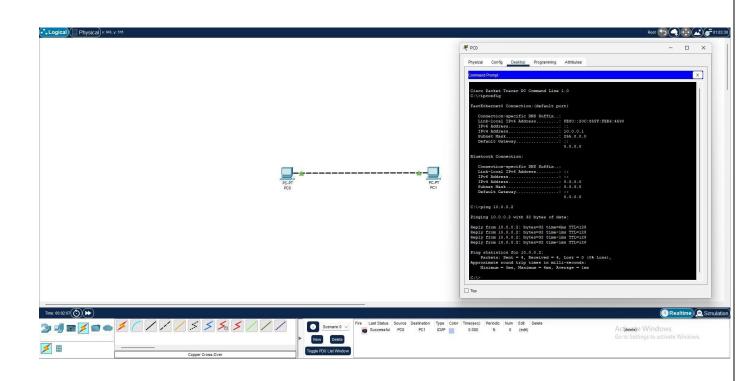
- Click on the first computer, go to the Desktop tab, and select IP Configuration.
- Assign an IP address (e.g., 192.168.1.1) and a subnet mask (e.g., 255.255.255.0).
- Click on the second computer, go to the Desktop tab, and select IP Configuration.
- Assign an IP address (e.g., 192.168.1.2) and a subnet mask (e.g., 255.255.255.0).

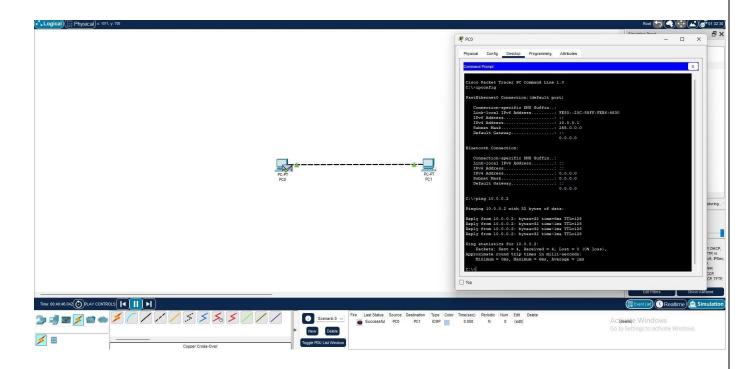
4. Test Peer-to-Peer Communication:

- On the first computer, open the Command Prompt from the Desktop tab.
- Use the ping command to test connectivity to the second computer (e.g., ping 192.168.1.2).
- Observe the response to ensure the computers can communicate.

5. Study Cables and Color Codes:

- Examine different types of network cables provided (Ethernet, crossover).
- Note the color codes for each wire in the cables:
 - Straight-through cable (used to connect different devices like a computer to a switch).
 - Crossover cable (used to connect similar devices like computer to computer).





Lab 2: Implementation of Network Topologies

- Procedure:
 - 1. Open Packet Tracer:
 - Launch Cisco Packet Tracer on your computer.

2. Implement a Bus Topology:

- Drag three computers onto the workspace.
- Connect them using a single backbone cable (Coaxial Cable).

3. Implement a Star Topology:

- Drag three computers and a switch onto the workspace.
- Connect each computer to the switch using straight-through Ethernet cables.

4. Implement a Ring Topology:

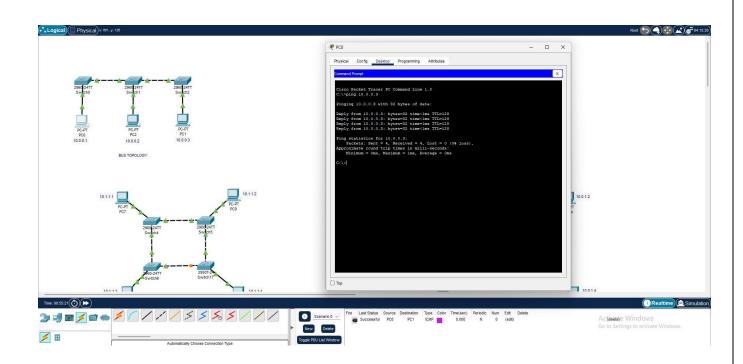
- Drag three computers onto the workspace.
- Connect them in a circular manner using crossover cables.

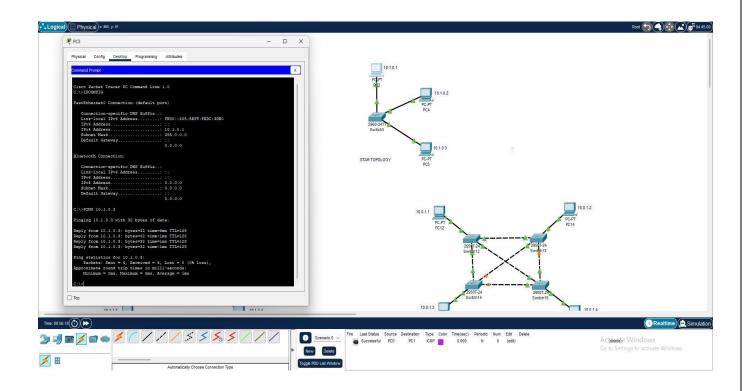
5. Implement a Mesh Topology:

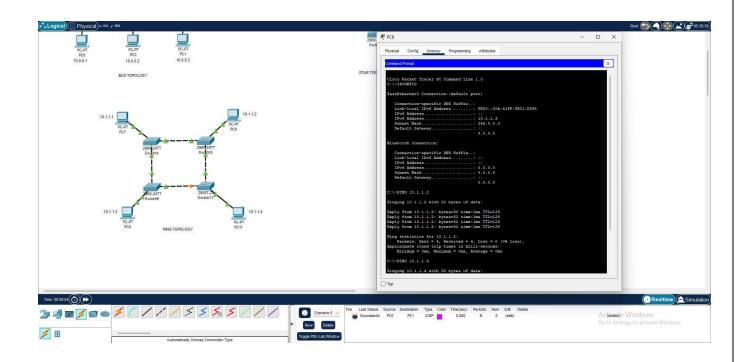
- Drag three computers onto the workspace.
- Connect each computer to every other computer using crossover cables.

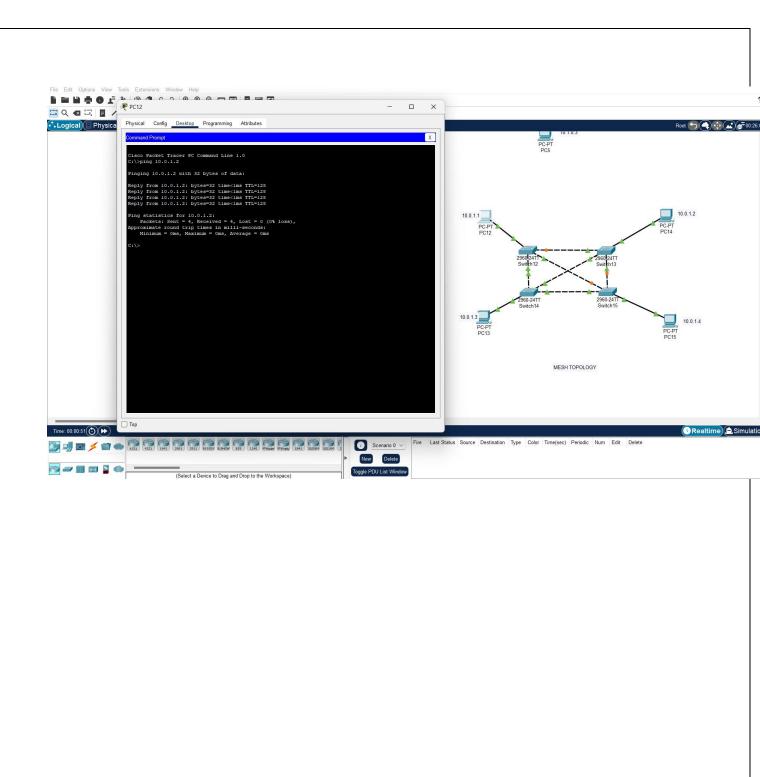
6. Test Connectivity:

- For each topology, assign IP addresses to the computers.
- Use the ping command to test connectivity between all computers.









Lab 3: Router Configuration (Creating Passwords, Configuring Interfaces)

• Procedure:

1. Open Packet Tracer:

■ Launch Cisco Packet Tracer on your computer.

2. Create a Simple Network:

- Drag a router and two computers onto the workspace.
- Connect each computer to the router using straight-through Ethernet cables.

3. Access Router CLI:

Click on the router, go to the CLI tab.

4. Set Up Passwords:

- Enter global configuration mode: enable, configure terminal.
- Set the console password: line console 0, password cisco, login.
- Set the enable password: enable password cisco.
- Set the VTY password: line vty 0 4, password cisco, login.

5. Configure Router Interfaces:

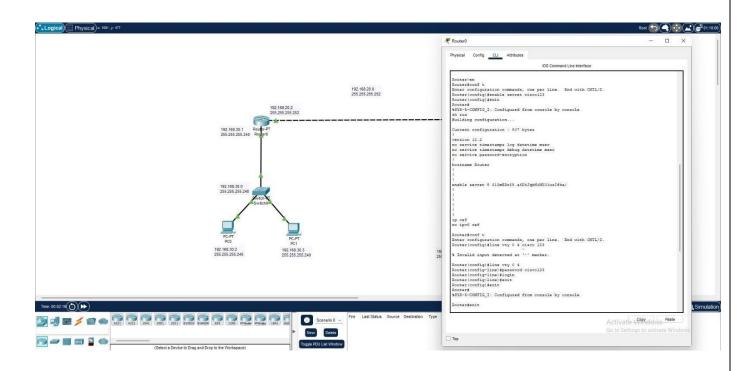
- Go to interface configuration mode for the first interface: interface gig0/0.
- Assign an IP address: ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0.
- Enable the interface: no shutdown.
- Repeat for the second interface: interface gig0/1, ip address 192.168.2.1 255.255.255.0, no shutdown.

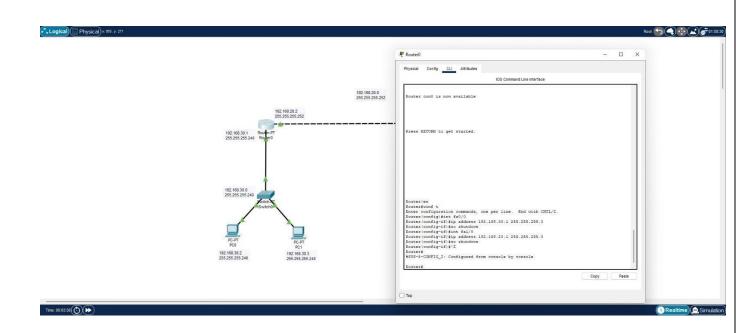
6. Configure IP Addresses on Computers:

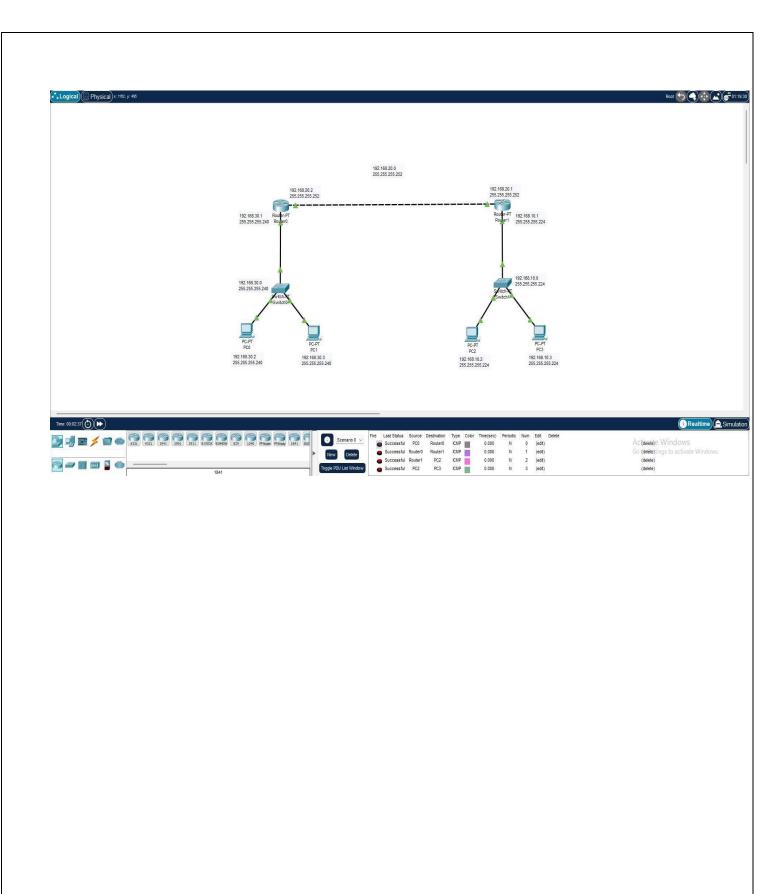
■ Assign IP address 192.168.1.2 and 192.168.2.2 to the first and second computer, respectively.

7. Test Connectivity:

Use the ping command to test connectivity between the computers through the router.

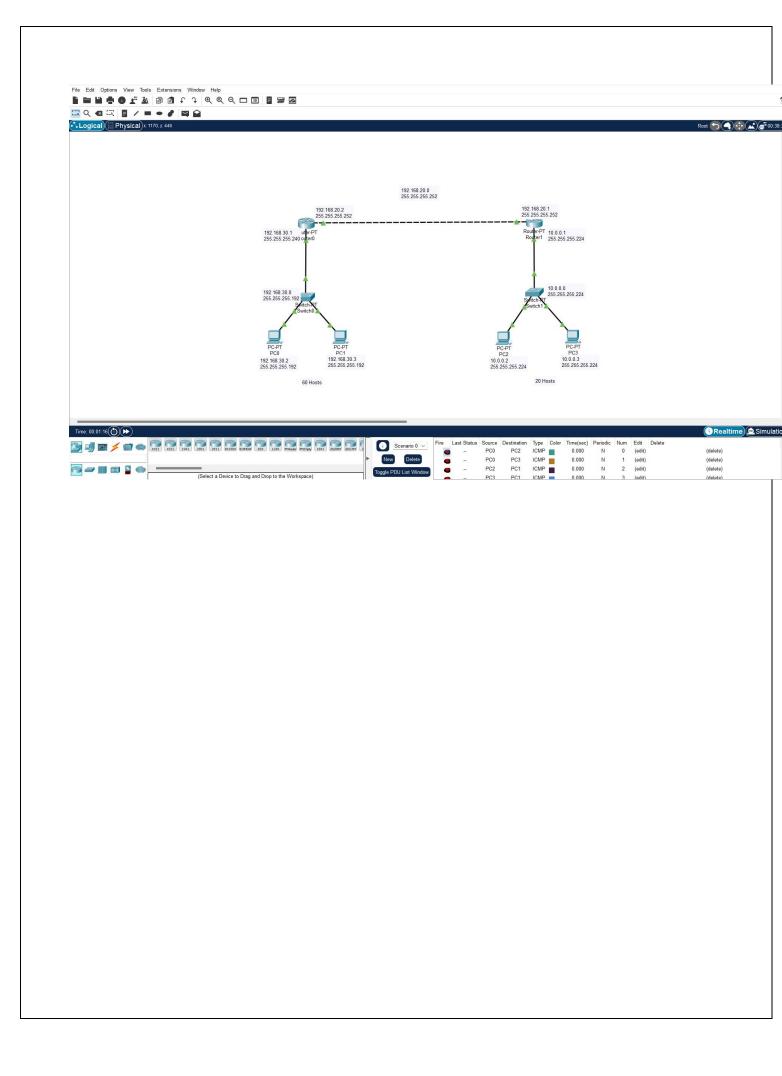


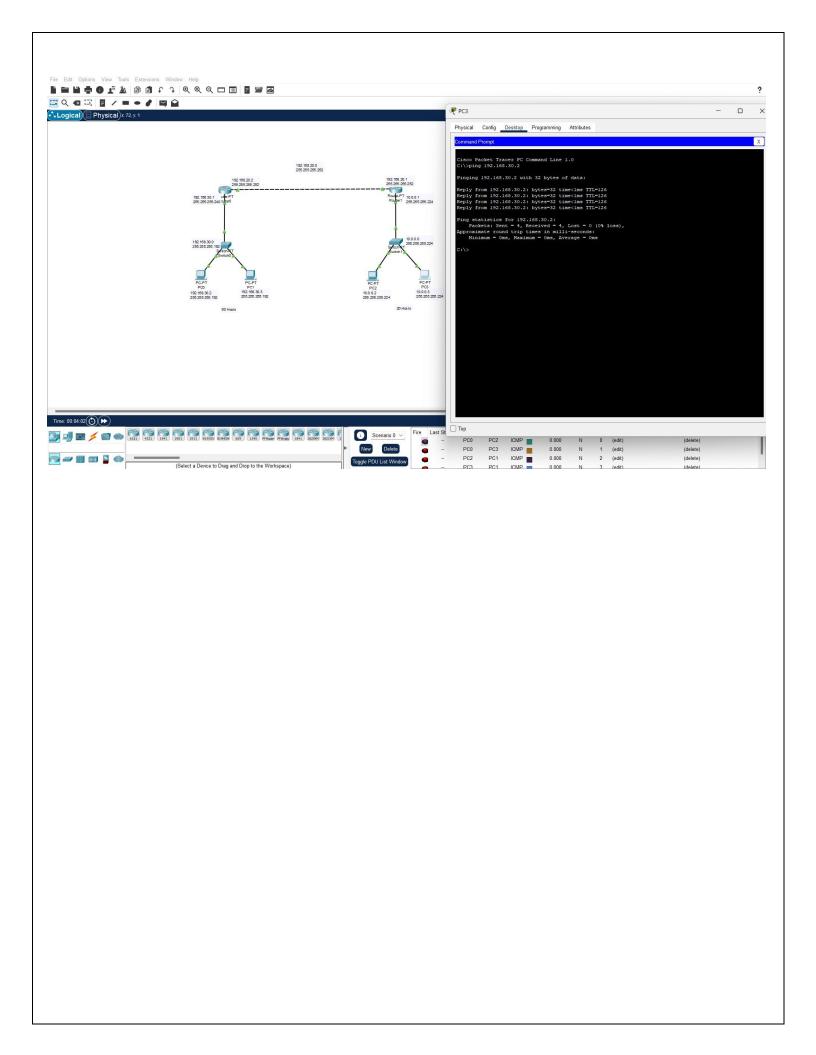


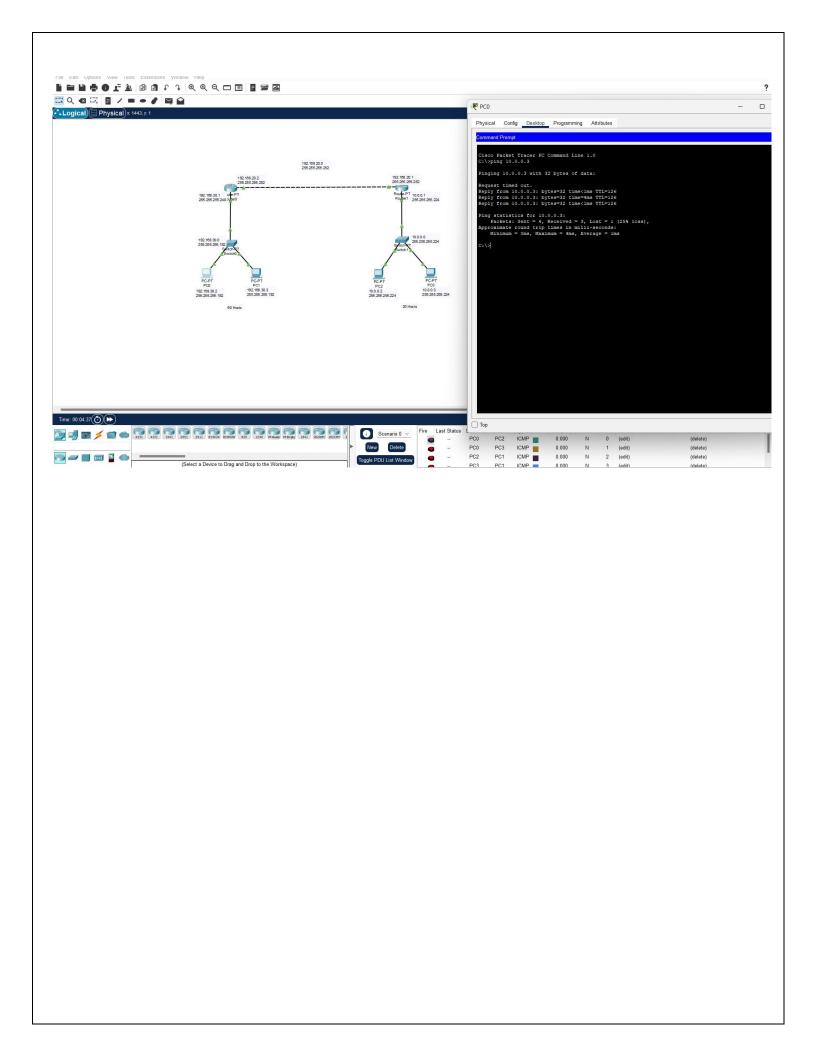


Lab 4: IP Addressing and Subnetting (VLSM)

- Procedure:
 - 1. Open Packet Tracer:
 - Launch Cisco Packet Tracer on your computer.
 - 2. Design Network Topology:
 - Create a network with three routers connected in a triangular fashion.
 - 3. Calculate Subnets Using VLSM:
 - Determine the number of required subnets and host addresses.
 - Divide the network into subnets using VLSM.
 - 4. Assign IP Addresses:
 - Configure the interfaces of each router with the calculated IP addresses.
 - Example:
- Router 1 to Router 2: 192.168.1.0/30
- Router 1 to Router 3: 192.168.1.4/30
- Router 2 to Router 3: 192.168.1.8/30
 - 5. Configure Interfaces:
 - Access the CLI of each router.
 - Configure the IP addresses on each interface.
 - 6. Test Connectivity:
 - Use the ping command to test connectivity between the routers.

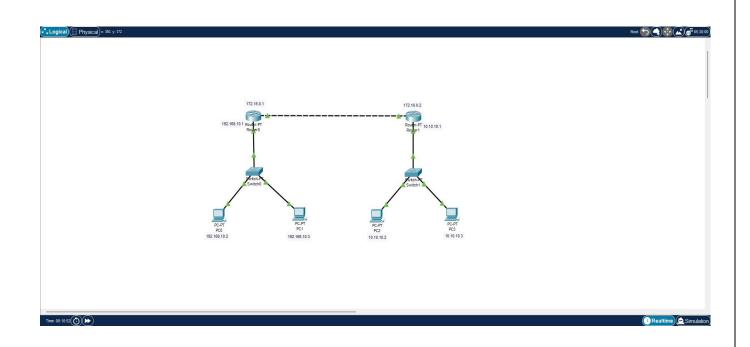


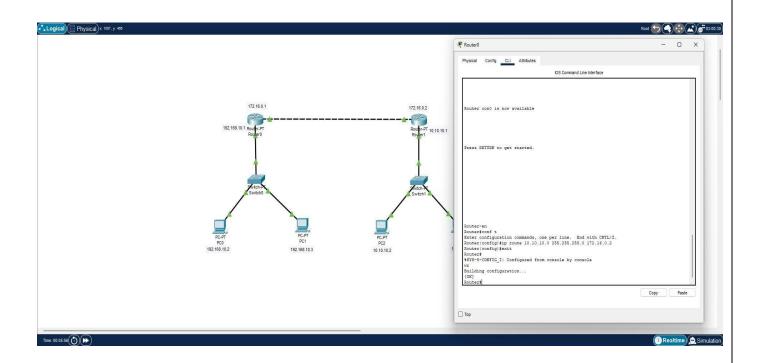


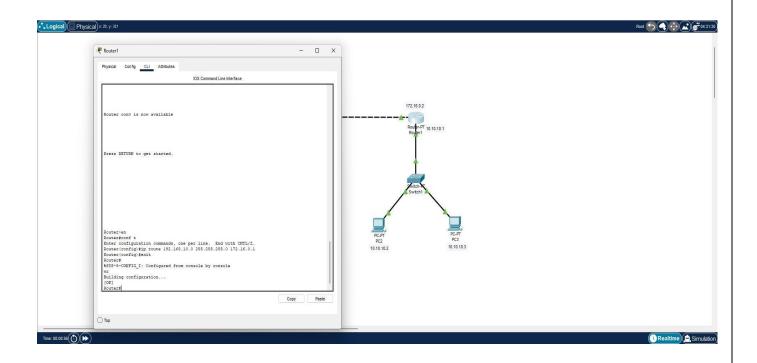


Lab 5: Static and Default Routing

- Procedure:
 - 1. Open Packet Tracer:
 - Launch Cisco Packet Tracer on your computer.
 - 2. Create a Network:
 - Drag required routers and computers onto the workspace.
 - Connect the routers using a serial connection.
 - Connect each computer to a router using Ethernet cables.
 - 3. Configure IP Addresses:
 - Assign IP addresses to each interface on the routers and computers.
 - 4. Configure Static Routes:
- **Example: On Router 1:** ip route 192.168.2.0 255.255.255.0 <Router 2Serial IP>
- Example: On Router 2: ip route 192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0 <Router 1Serial IP>
 - 5. Configure Default Route:
 - Example: On Router 1: ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 <Router 2 SerialIP>
 - Example: On Router 2: ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 <Router 1 SerialIP>
 - 6. Test Connectivity:
 - Use the ping command to test connectivity between the computers.







Lab 6: NAT Configuration

• Procedure:

1. Open Packet Tracer:

■ Launch Cisco Packet Tracer on your computer.

2. Create a Network:

■ Drag a router, a switch, and two computers onto the workspace.
■ Connect the computers to the switch and the switch to the router.

3. Configure IP Addresses:

- Assign private IP addresses to the computers.
- Assign a public IP address to the router's external interface.

4. Configure NAT:

- Access the router's CLI.
- Define an access list to match the private IP addresses: access-list 1 permit 192.168.1.0 0.0.0.255.
- Configure NAT overload: ip nat inside source list 1 interface <external interface> overload.
- Designate interfaces as inside or outside: interface <internal interface>, ip nat inside; interface <external interface>, ip nat outside.

5. Test Connectivity:

■ Use the ping command to test connectivity from the internal network to an external network.

