Questions on Network Topologies:

1. Star Topology:

- o Can you explain how the **star topology** is set up in Packet Tracer?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a star topology?
- o In a star topology, what happens if the central hub or switch fails?

2. Bus Topology:

- o How would you create a **bus topology** in Packet Tracer?
- What are the limitations of a bus topology in real-world networking?
- How does signal collision occur in a bus topology, and how is it managed?

3. Ring Topology:

- Can you demonstrate how a ring topology works in Packet Tracer?
- What is a key difference between the ring topology and the star topology in terms of data flow?
- o How does a ring topology handle data transmission failures?

4. Mesh Topology:

- Show how to set up a **mesh topology** using Packet Tracer.
- What are the main benefits of using a mesh topology in a network?
- How does mesh topology enhance network reliability?

5. Hybrid Topology:

- Can you give an example of a **hybrid topology** in Packet Tracer?
- Why would a business choose to implement a hybrid topology rather than a single topology?

Questions on Transmission Media:

1. Wired Transmission Media:

- o Can you demonstrate the use of **twisted-pair cables** in Packet Tracer?
- What are the key differences between **Cat5**, **Cat6**, and **Cat7** cables?
- How do coaxial cables compare to twisted-pair cables in terms of bandwidth and interference?

2. Fiber Optic Cables:

- How would you set up a network using **fiber optic cables** in Packet Tracer?
- What are the main advantages of fiber optics over copper cables?
- o Can you explain how **single-mode** and **multi-mode** fiber optic cables differ?

3. Wireless Transmission:

- o How would you configure a wireless network in Packet Tracer?
- o What are the advantages of using wireless media over wired media in a LAN?
- o How do wireless signals suffer from interference, and how can you reduce it?

4. Bluetooth and Infrared:

- o Can you explain how **Bluetooth** is simulated in Packet Tracer?
- How does infrared transmission differ from other wireless methods in terms of usage and range?

5. Comparison:

- Can you compare the strengths and weaknesses of wired and wireless transmission media in terms of cost, speed, and reliability?
- How would you decide which transmission media is suitable for a particular network scenario?

General/Follow-up Questions:

- Why is it important to consider network topology when designing a network?
- How do different types of transmission media affect network performance?
- Can you discuss some real-world examples where certain topologies or transmission media would be most appropriate?
- How does Packet Tracer help in visualizing and simulating these topologies and media?

Questions on WAN Setup:

1. Basic WAN Configuration:

- Can you explain how you set up a WAN in Packet Tracer that connects both wired and wireless LANs?
- What devices are necessary to create a WAN that connects multiple LANs?
- How do you configure routers in Packet Tracer for communication between LAN1 and LAN2?

2. Router and Switch Configuration:

- How did you configure the router interfaces to connect the wired LAN (LAN1) and wireless LAN (LAN2)?
- What commands did you use to configure the **routing tables** on the router to ensure packet transfer between the two LANs?

 Can you explain the difference between static routing and dynamic routing in this context? Which one did you use?

3. Subnetting and IP Addressing:

- How did you assign IP addresses to the devices in both LAN1 (wired) and LAN2 (wireless)?
- What subnetting scheme did you use to divide the network into different segments for LAN1 and LAN2?
- Why is it necessary to use subnetting when setting up a WAN?

Questions on Wired LAN (LAN1) Setup:

1. Wired LAN Configuration:

- o How did you configure the wired LAN (LAN1) in Packet Tracer?
- o What type of cables did you use for connecting the devices in LAN1?
- Why did you choose the specific network topology (e.g., star, bus) for the wired LAN?

2. Switch Configuration in LAN1:

- How did you configure the **switch** in LAN1 to ensure proper communication among wired devices?
- o Can you explain the role of **VLANs** in the wired LAN setup, if used?

3. Testing Connectivity in LAN1:

- o How did you test the communication between devices within LAN1?
- What Packet Tracer tools did you use to verify connectivity within the wired LAN?

Questions on Wireless LAN (LAN2) Setup:

1. Wireless LAN Configuration:

- o How did you configure the wireless LAN (LAN2) in Packet Tracer?
- Which wireless access points did you use, and how were they configured to ensure connectivity?
- What security measures did you apply to the wireless LAN (e.g., WPA2, MAC filtering)?

2. Device Connectivity in LAN2:

- How did you ensure that devices within the wireless LAN are properly connected and configured to communicate with each other?
- How did you assign IP addresses to the devices in the wireless LAN, and how are they different from the wired LAN?

3. Testing Connectivity in LAN2:

- How did you verify that devices in LAN2 can communicate with each other?
- What Packet Tracer simulation tools did you use to check the wireless signal strength and device connections?

Questions on Packet Transfer Between LAN1 and LAN2:

1. Demonstrating Packet Transfer:

- Can you demonstrate the transfer of a packet from a device in LAN1 (wired) to a
 device in LAN2 (wireless) using Packet Tracer?
- What steps did you follow to ensure that the packet reaches its destination in the wireless LAN?

2. Troubleshooting Packet Transfer:

- What tools in Packet Tracer did you use to verify the successful transfer of the packet between the two LANs?
- If the packet transfer fails, what troubleshooting steps would you take to resolve the issue?

3. Routing and Switching:

- How does the router in the WAN handle the packet transfer between the wired LAN and the wireless LAN?
- What is the role of the switch and access point in ensuring that the packet is successfully delivered to the wireless LAN?

4. Protocols and Packet Inspection:

- Which network protocols (e.g., TCP/IP, ICMP) are involved in the transfer of the packet between LAN1 and LAN2?
- How can you inspect the packet details in Packet Tracer to see the source and destination IP addresses?

General and Advanced Questions:

1. WAN Architecture:

- Can you explain the role of WAN in connecting multiple LANs and how it differs from a LAN-to-LAN connection?
- What are the challenges of managing a WAN with both wired and wireless networks in a real-world scenario?

2. Security Considerations:

- How would you ensure security during the packet transfer between wired and wireless networks?
- What additional security configurations would you recommend for this setup?

3. Scaling the Network:

- How would you modify the WAN to include additional LANs in different geographical locations?
- How would adding more wireless access points or switches affect the overall network performance?

General Questions on Error Detection and Correction:

1. Conceptual Questions:

- What is the purpose of **error detection** and **error correction** in data communication?
- o Can you explain the difference between **error detection** and **error correction**?
- Why is it important to apply error detection and correction techniques in communication systems?

2. ASCII Codes:

- Why are 7-bit or 8-bit ASCII codes commonly used in error detection and correction algorithms?
- How are characters represented in the **ASCII** encoding scheme?
- What is the difference between 7-bit and 8-bit ASCII codes, and why would you use one over the other?

Questions on Hamming Codes:

1. Basic Hamming Code Concepts:

- o What is the principle behind **Hamming Codes** for error detection and correction?
- o How does a Hamming Code detect and correct single-bit errors?
- o Can you explain the significance of parity bits in Hamming Codes?

2. Hamming Code Calculation:

- How do you calculate the number of **parity bits** needed for a given ASCII code?
- Can you demonstrate how to insert parity bits in an 8-bit ASCII code using Hamming Code?
- How do you detect and correct an error in a received ASCII code using Hamming Code?

3. Program-Specific Questions (Hamming Code):

- Can you explain the steps your program follows to encode an ASCII character using Hamming Code?
- How does your program detect an error in the transmitted code, and how does it locate the position of the error?

 If an error is found, how does your program correct the error in the received ASCII code?

4. Advanced Questions:

- What types of errors can Hamming Codes correct, and what are their limitations?
- How would you modify the Hamming Code algorithm if you needed to detect and correct double-bit errors?

Questions on Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC):

1. Basic CRC Concepts:

- What is the role of Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) in error detection?
- Can you explain the mathematical principle behind CRC, especially how polynomials are used?
- Why is CRC considered more reliable for error detection than simpler methods like parity checks?

2. CRC Calculation:

- How do you generate a **CRC code** for a given 7/8-bit ASCII message?
- Can you explain how the CRC generator polynomial is used to divide the data bits to produce the CRC checksum?
- How is the remainder from the division process used to detect errors in the received message?

3. Program-Specific Questions (CRC):

- How does your program generate the **CRC code** for a given ASCII message?
- Can you demonstrate how your program detects an error in the received ASCII code using CRC?
- What steps does your program follow if an error is detected in the received code?

4. Advanced CRC Questions:

- What are the common CRC polynomials used in network communications, and how do they differ?
- How does CRC differ from Hamming Code in terms of both error detection and error correction?
- o Can CRC correct errors, or is it purely an error detection method?

Comparison and Application Questions:

1. Comparison Between Hamming Codes and CRC:

- Can you compare Hamming Codes and CRC in terms of their efficiency in error detection and correction?
- o In what situations would you prefer using **Hamming Codes** over **CRC**, and vice versa?

2. Real-World Applications:

- Where are **Hamming Codes** and **CRC** typically used in real-world systems?
- How would you decide which error detection and correction technique to use in a network or communication protocol?
- Can you provide examples of how Hamming Codes or CRC are used in computer networks or data storage systems?

Program Debugging and Optimization:

1. Debugging and Testing:

- How did you test your program to ensure that it correctly detects and corrects errors?
- What were the most challenging parts of implementing Hamming Codes or CRC in your program?

2. Optimization:

- How would you optimize your program for faster error detection and correction?
- What could be the impact of large data sets on the performance of your error detection and correction program?

Basic Conceptual Questions:

1. Sliding Window Protocol:

- What is the Sliding Window Protocol, and why is it used in data communication?
- Can you explain the difference between flow control and error control in the Sliding Window Protocol?
- How does the size of the sliding window affect the performance of a network protocol?

2. Go-Back-N Protocol:

- o What is the **Go-Back-N (GBN)** mode in the Sliding Window Protocol?
- o How does the sender manage unacknowledged frames in Go-Back-N?
- What happens when a packet is lost or corrupted in Go-Back-N, and how does the protocol handle retransmission?

3. Selective Repeat Protocol:

- How does the Selective Repeat (SR) mode differ from Go-Back-N?
- o What are the advantages of using Selective Repeat over Go-Back-N?
- How are **out-of-order frames** handled in Selective Repeat, and how does the receiver manage the buffer?

Programming-Specific Questions:

1. General Program Flow:

- Can you explain the general flow of your program in simulating the Sliding Window Protocol in both Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat modes?
- How did you simulate peer-to-peer communication in your program?

2. Window Size:

- How did you implement the concept of a **sliding window** in your program?
- How does the window size affect the performance of your program in both Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat?
- Can you show how the window shifts in both protocols when acknowledgments are received?

3. Timeout and Retransmissions:

- How did you implement timeouts in your Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat simulations?
- What mechanism does your program use to retransmit lost or corrupted frames in Go-Back-N mode?
- o How does your program handle individual retransmissions in Selective Repeat?

Go-Back-N Specific Questions:

1. GBN Sender and Receiver:

- How did you simulate the behavior of the sender and receiver in Go-Back-N mode?
- Can you explain how your program handles the ACKs (acknowledgments) in Go-Back-N? What happens when an acknowledgment is lost?
- How does the sender react when a packet or acknowledgment is lost in Go-Back-N?

2. Retransmission in GBN:

- What triggers the **retransmission** of packets in Go-Back-N mode in your program?
- How does the program handle the retransmission of packets after a timeout in Go-Back-N?

Selective Repeat Specific Questions:

1. SR Sender and Receiver:

- How did you implement the sender and receiver logic for the Selective Repeat mode?
- In Selective Repeat, how does the receiver handle out-of-order frames, and how did you implement this in your program?
- How does the receiver buffer work in Selective Repeat, and how do you ensure that frames are delivered in the correct order?

2. Acknowledgment Handling in SR:

- How does your program send individual ACKs for each correctly received frame in Selective Repeat?
- What happens when an acknowledgment is lost in Selective Repeat, and how does the sender react?

3. Timeout and Retransmission in SR:

- o How did you implement timeouts and retransmissions in Selective Repeat mode?
- What happens if a packet is lost and not retransmitted in Selective Repeat? How does the receiver behave in such cases?

Comparison Between Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat:

1. Efficiency and Performance:

- Which protocol, Go-Back-N or Selective Repeat, is more efficient in terms of network utilization? Why?
- What are the trade-offs between Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat in terms of buffer size and bandwidth usage?
- How does error rate (packet loss) affect the performance of both Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat protocols?

2. Handling Lost Packets:

- Can you explain how Go-Back-N handles lost or corrupted packets differently from Selective Repeat?
- How does the retransmission strategy differ between Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat?

3. Complexity and Implementation:

- Which protocol was more challenging to implement in your program, Go-Back-N or Selective Repeat? Why?
- How does the computational complexity of Selective Repeat compare to Go-Back-N?

Advanced and Real-World Application Questions:

1. Real-World Use:

- Where are Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat protocols used in real-world communication systems?
- Why might Selective Repeat be preferred in some real-world applications over Go-Back-N?

2. Scaling and Optimization:

- How would your program handle larger window sizes or higher data rates? Would you need to optimize it for efficiency?
- What could be the impact of **network congestion** on the performance of Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat?

3. Handling High Latency:

- How would high latency networks (such as satellite communication) affect the performance of Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat protocols?
- How would you modify your program to improve performance in a high-latency environment?

Troubleshooting and Debugging:

1. Debugging:

- What challenges did you face while debugging the Go-Back-N and Selective Repeat implementations?
- How did you test your program to ensure that it correctly simulates the behavior of both protocols?
- What tools or techniques did you use to simulate packet loss, timeouts, and ACK loss in your program?

2. Common Issues:

- What are some common issues you encountered while implementing sliding window mechanisms, and how did you resolve them?
- How did you ensure that the program handles all possible edge cases, such as multiple packet losses or multiple ACK losses?

Basic Conceptual Questions on Subnetting:

1. What is Subnetting?

o Can you explain what subnetting is and why it is important in network design?

- How does subnetting help in reducing network congestion and improving performance?
- What are the main advantages of using subnetting in large networks?

2. IP Addressing:

- o Can you explain the structure of an **IP address** (IPv4)?
- What is the difference between Class A, B, and C IP addresses in terms of default subnet masks?
- What is the role of **network** and **host** portions in an IP address?

3. Subnet Masks:

- What is a **subnet mask**, and how does it relate to an IP address?
- How do you calculate the subnet mask for a given network based on the number of required subnets or hosts?
- What is the significance of **CIDR notation** (e.g., /24) in subnetting?

Questions on Subnetting Calculations:

1. Subnetting Basics:

- How do you determine the number of subnets and hosts per subnet when given a network address and subnet mask?
- If you are given an IP address and a subnet mask, how do you find the network address and broadcast address?
- Can you explain how you calculate the first usable IP address and the last usable IP address in a subnet?

2. Example Calculation:

- If you have a network address of 192.168.1.0/24, how would you divide it into 4 subnets? What would be the new subnet mask?
- Given an IP address of 172.16.5.33/16, how would you calculate the subnet mask for creating 64 subnets?
- If you are assigned 10.0.0.0/8, how many hosts can you assign with a /24 subnet mask?

Program-Specific Questions:

1. Program Logic:

 Can you explain the logic of your program for calculating subnets and subnet masks?

- What inputs does your program require, and how does it process these inputs to generate subnets?
- How did you implement the conversion between decimal and binary for IP addresses and subnet masks?

2. Subnet Mask Calculation:

- How does your program calculate the **subnet mask** based on the number of required subnets or hosts?
- Can your program handle both classful and classless IP addressing schemes? If so, how does it differentiate between them?
- How does the program display the subnet mask in both dotted decimal and CIDR notation?

3. **Generating Subnets:**

- How does your program generate a list of subnet addresses and broadcast addresses for each subnet?
- How does your program ensure that all subnets are calculated correctly without overlap?
- Does your program display the range of usable IP addresses in each subnet? If yes, how?

Practical Application and Real-World Questions:

1. Real-World Application:

- o In what situations would you use **subnetting** in a real-world network?
- Can you describe how subnetting is used in large organizations or Internet Service Providers (ISPs)?
- What are the potential consequences of poor subnetting design in a network?

2. Scaling and Optimization:

- How would you subnet a large network to accommodate both internal and publicfacing services?
- How would you handle VLSM (Variable Length Subnet Mask) in your program, and why is it important in real-world scenarios?
- o How does subnetting improve the efficiency and security of a network?

Advanced and Troubleshooting Questions:

1. Subnetting Edge Cases:

- How does your program handle edge cases, such as when there are too few or too many subnets or hosts?
- What happens if the input subnet size exceeds the total number of available addresses in the network?

2. IPv6 Subnetting:

- Can your program be adapted to handle IPv6 subnetting? If so, what are the key differences compared to IPv4 subnetting?
- How would you calculate subnets and subnet masks for an IPv6 network, given that it uses a much larger address space?

3. Program Debugging:

- What were the most challenging parts of implementing subnetting logic in your program?
- How did you test your program to ensure that it calculates subnet masks and IP ranges accurately?
- What were some common mistakes or errors you encountered during the development of the program, and how did you resolve them?

Comparative Questions:

1. Static vs Dynamic Subnetting:

- What is the difference between **static** and **dynamic** subnetting? How would your program handle both?
- How does **DHCP** fit into the context of subnetting, and how does it automate IP address allocation?

2. Subnetting vs Supernetting:

- Can you explain the difference between subnetting and supernetting (also known as route aggregation)?
- In what situations would you use supernetting, and how does it differ from traditional subnetting?

Optimization and Future Enhancements:

1. Optimizing the Program:

- How would you optimize your program to handle large networks with hundreds or thousands of subnets?
- Can your program handle **network address translation (NAT)**, and if not, how would you extend it to support NAT?

2. Future Enhancements:

- What additional features or enhancements could you add to the program, such as visualizing the subnetting process or adding support for IPv6?
- How would you integrate the program with real-time network tools to automatically configure network devices based on the calculated subnets?

Basic Conceptual Questions:

1. Routing Protocol Basics:

- What is the purpose of a **routing protocol** in a network?
- Can you explain the difference between routing and switching?
- o What is the difference between static routing and dynamic routing?

2. Link State Routing Protocol:

- What is the **Link State Routing Protocol**, and how does it work?
- Can you explain the key steps in the Link State routing process, such as link-state advertisement (LSA) and path calculation using Dijkstra's algorithm?
- How does a router maintain its link-state database, and how often does it update the network topology?

3. Distance Vector Routing Protocol:

- What is the **Distance Vector Routing Protocol**, and how does it differ from Link State routing?
- Can you explain how routers use the **Bellman-Ford algorithm** in Distance Vector routing?
- What is meant by the term **split horizon**, and how does it prevent routing loops in Distance Vector protocols?

Algorithm-Specific Questions:

1. Dijkstra's Algorithm (Link State):

- How does **Dijkstra's algorithm** find the shortest path in a network?
- Can you explain the data structures used in your program to implement Dijkstra's algorithm?
- How does Dijkstra's algorithm handle changes in the network topology, such as a link failure?

2. Bellman-Ford Algorithm (Distance Vector):

• How does the **Bellman-Ford algorithm** calculate the shortest path in a network?

- Can you explain the process of iterative distance updates in the Distance Vector protocol?
- What are the limitations of the Bellman-Ford algorithm, particularly in detecting routing loops?

Program-Specific Questions:

1. Program Design:

- Can you explain the overall structure of your program for implementing the routing protocol (Link State or Distance Vector)?
- What input does your program take (e.g., network topology, link costs), and how does it process this input to calculate routes?
- How does your program represent the **network graph**? Are you using adjacency matrices or adjacency lists?

2. Link State Protocol (Program-Specific):

- How does your program handle the process of link-state advertisements (LSAs)?
- Can you explain how the Shortest Path Tree (SPT) is built in your program using Dijkstra's algorithm?
- o How does your program react when a link or router goes down? How does it update the routing tables?

3. Distance Vector Protocol (Program-Specific):

- How did you implement the iterative distance updates in the Distance Vector routing protocol?
- How does your program ensure that routing loops are prevented, especially in the case of count-to-infinity problems?
- What mechanisms did you include in the program for route advertisement and for detecting invalid routes?

Routing Table and Path Calculation:

1. Routing Table Updates:

- How does your program build and update the **routing table** for each node in the network?
- How does your program ensure that the routing tables are consistent across all nodes in the network?
- Can you explain how your program selects the **best path** for a packet, based on metrics such as **hop count** or **link cost**?

2. Path Calculation:

- How does your program calculate the shortest path or least-cost path between two nodes?
- Can you explain how your program visualizes or outputs the calculated paths, and how it handles multiple possible paths?
- How does your program handle dynamic changes in the network, such as adding or removing links or nodes?

Error Handling and Efficiency:

1. Error Handling:

- How does your program handle errors such as unreachable destinations or link failures?
- What happens if your program encounters a **loop** in the network topology? How
 does it detect and resolve this?
- How do you handle situations where the network becomes disconnected, and some nodes are isolated?

2. Program Efficiency:

- How did you ensure that the routing algorithm is efficient in terms of both time and space complexity?
- Can your program scale to handle large networks with many nodes and links? What optimizations did you implement for scalability?
- How did you test your program to ensure it performs correctly under different network topologies and conditions?

Comparison and Protocol Characteristics:

1. Comparison Between Link State and Distance Vector:

- What are the key differences between the Link State and Distance Vector routing protocols?
- In what scenarios would you prefer to use Link State routing over Distance Vector, and vice versa?
- o Which protocol is more suitable for large-scale networks and why?

2. Convergence and Stability:

- How does convergence time differ between the Link State and Distance Vector protocols?
- What factors affect the **stability** of each protocol in dynamic or changing network environments?

 How do both protocols handle **routing loops**, and which is better at preventing them?

Advanced and Real-World Questions:

1. Real-World Applications:

- Where are Link State and Distance Vector protocols used in real-world networks?
 Can you name some protocols that are based on these algorithms (e.g., OSPF, RIP)?
- Why would an organization prefer to use OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) or EIGRP (Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol) over simpler Distance Vector protocols like RIP?
- How do these routing protocols integrate with interior gateway protocols (IGPs)
 and exterior gateway protocols (EGPs)?

2. Protocol Limitations:

- What are the limitations of **Distance Vector** and **Link State** protocols, especially in highly dynamic or large-scale networks?
- How do advanced features like hierarchical routing and area-based routing improve the efficiency of Link State protocols like OSPF?

3. Optimization and Improvements:

- How would you optimize your program to handle frequent network changes more efficiently?
- Can you think of any additional features that could be added to your program to improve its performance or usability (e.g., load balancing, fault tolerance)?
- How would you adapt your program to work with real-world network devices, such as routers and switches?

Troubleshooting and Debugging:

1. Debugging Challenges:

- What challenges did you face while debugging the implementation of Dijkstra's algorithm or the Bellman-Ford algorithm?
- How did you ensure that the routing calculations in your program are correct? Did you use any specific test cases or tools for verification?
- What were the most common mistakes you encountered while developing the program, and how did you fix them?

2. Testing and Validation:

 How did you test the convergence and stability of the routing protocol in your program?

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