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Title: Configuration of SMTP Server using Cisco Packet Tracer

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1 Objective(s)

- To build and design a network using Cisco Packet Tracer
- To learn about the step-by-step configuration of the SMTP Server using Cisco Packet Tracer
- To learn how to transfer mail from one client to another under different networks.

2 Problem analysis

The Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) is an Internet standard communication protocol for electronic mail transmission. Mail servers and other message transfer agents use SMTP to send and receive mail messages. Without an SMTP server, your email wouldn't reach its destination. Additionally, the SMTP server verifies that the outgoing email is from an active account, acting as the first safeguard in protecting your inbox from illegitimate email. It will also send the email back to the sender if it can't be delivered. This informs the sender that they have the wrong email address or that their email is being blocked by the receiving server. Packet Tracer provides Email Server Service to allow composing, sending, and receiving of email. To begin with, SMTP and POP3 (Post Office Protocol 3) services should be enabled to ON first. SMTP is a protocol for sending an email, while POP3 is the 3rd version protocol for holding and receiving an email.

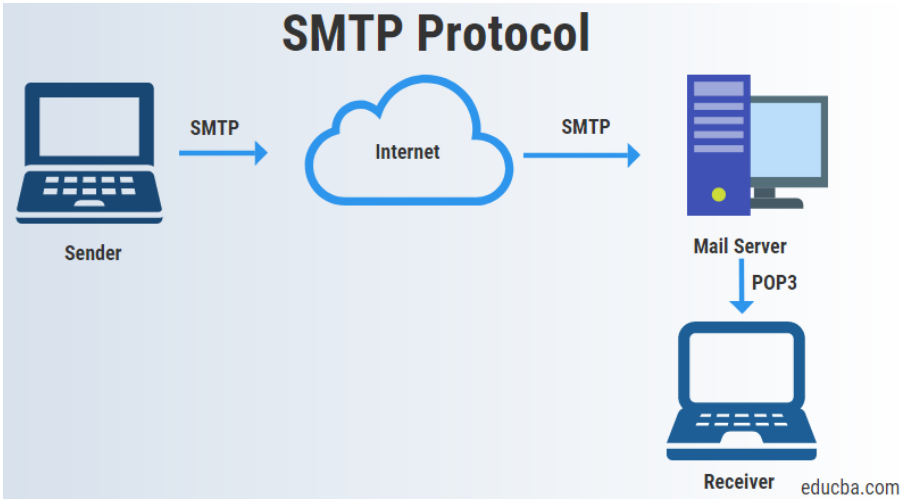


Figure 1: Mail Transfer

3 Procedure

1. Create a network topology by setting up all the necessary devices in Cisco Packet Tracer.
2. Configure static **IP addresses** on the PC, Laptop, Mail server, DNS Server, and other devices.
3. For SMTP Server Configuration, click on the Server and go to the EMAIL option, then on the right side click On to enable the SMTP and POP3. Then, set the domain name and create a user with a password.
4. Notice that a domain name is set for the mail server. For that reason, a DNS server is required for resolving this domain name to an IP address. For DNS server configuration, click on the Server. Then select the DNS option and on the right side, turn on the DNS. After that, set the domain name and IP address. Finally, add them to the server.
5. Now, configure the mail client on the PCs. Click PC and click the Desktop tab > Email. Enter your Name, Email address, incoming Mail Server, outgoing Mail Server, user Name, and Password. Finally, save the information. After completing the process, the Mail Browser window displays. Now, the client can compose, reply, delete, and receive email.

4 Configuration

1. Build the network topology

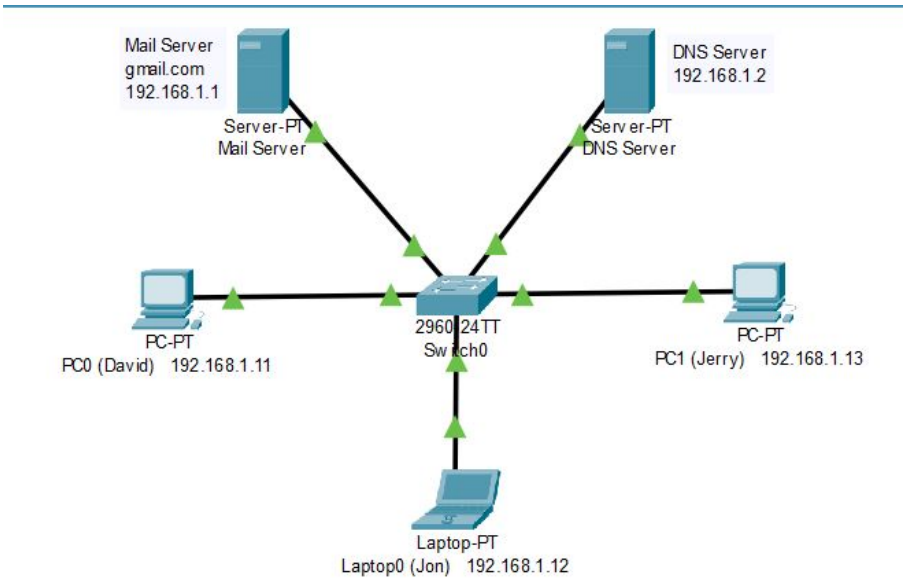
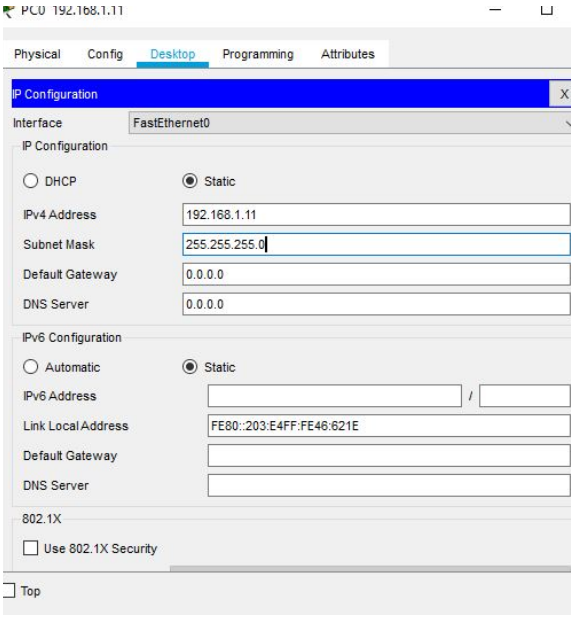


Figure 2: Build the network

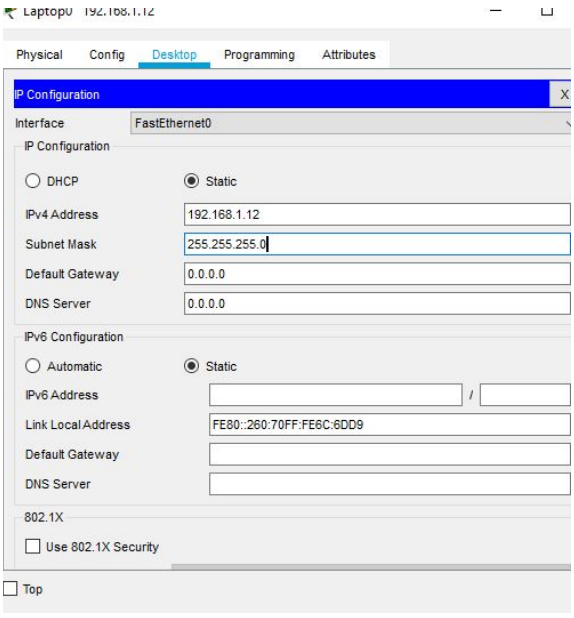
2. Configure static **IP addresses** on the PC, Laptop, Mail server, and DNS server (Figure 3).
   a) Click the device and go to the **Desktop tab** > **IP Configuration**.
   For PC0 (David): Set 192.168.1.11 as IP address and 255.255.255.0 as Subnet Mask.
   For Laptop0 (Jon): Set 192.168.1.12 as IP address and 255.255.255.0 as Subnet Mask.
   For PC1 (Jerry): Set 192.168.1.13 as IP address and 255.255.255.0 as Subnet Mask.
   For Mail Server (gmail.com): Set 192.168.1.1 as IP address and 255.255.255.0 as Subnet Mask.
   For DNS Server: Set 192.168.1.2 as IP address and 255.255.255.0 as Subnet Mask.

3. Click on the **Server** and then clicking on the **"Services"** option to mail server configuration (Figure 4(a)).
   (a) Click on the **EMAIL** option then at the right side click **On** to enable the SMTP and POP3.
   (b) Set the domain name to **gmail.com** and click **Set**.
   (c) Create **users** with **password**. Click **"+"** to add the user.

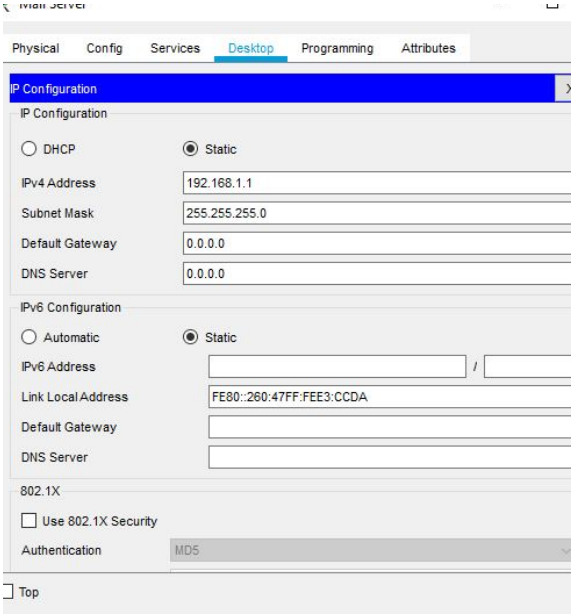
4. For **DNS** server configuration, click on the **Server** and then select the **"Services"** tap.
   (a) Click on the **DNS** option then at the right side turn **On** the DNS.
   (b) Set **name** to **gmail.com** and **address** to **192.168.1.1** (IP address of mail server). Finally, **add** them to the server (Figure 4(b)).



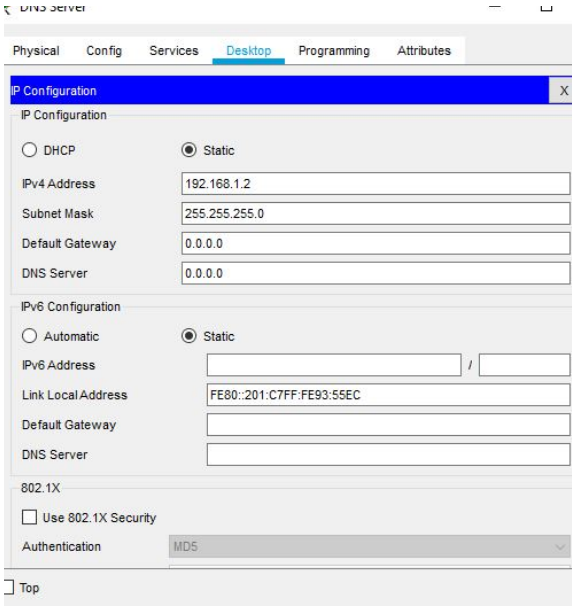
(a) IP Configuration of David's PC



(b) IP configuration of Jon's Laptop



(c) IP Configuration of Mail Server



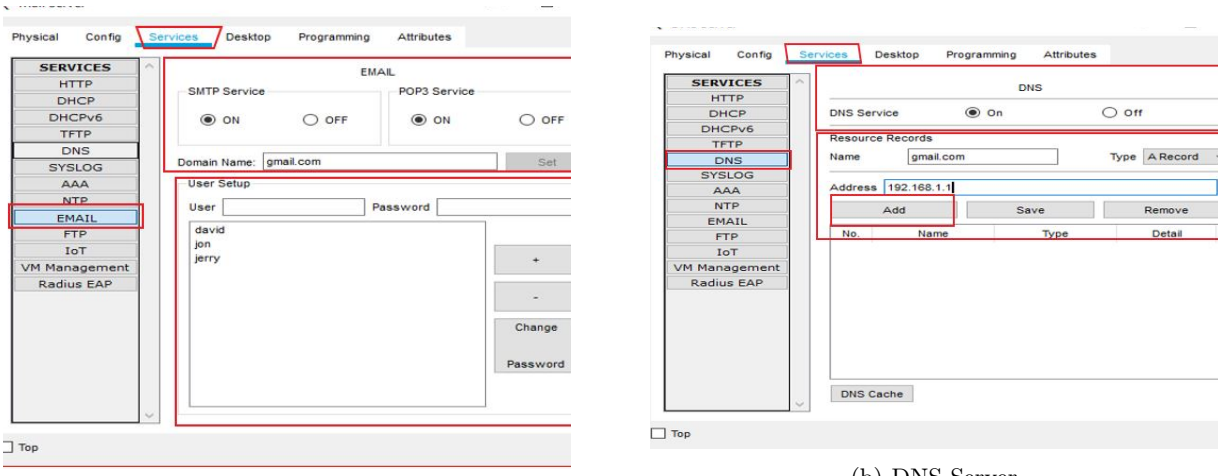
(d) IP configuration of DNS Server

Figure 3: IP Configuration of End Devices

5 Input/Output

Part 1: Send an Email from David to Jon

1. Configure **PC0 (David)** to use the Email service of the Mail server
   (a) Click **PC0 (David)** and click the **Desktop tab > Email**.
   (b) Enter the following values into their respective fields:
      i. Your Name: **David**
      ii. Email Address: **david@gmail.com**
      iii. Incoming Mail Server: **192.168.1.1**
      iv. Outgoing Mail Server: **192.168.1.1**
      v. User Name: **david**
      vi. Password: **12**



(a) Mail Server

(b) DNS Server

Figure 4: Configuration of Mail Server and DNS Server

(c) Click **Save**.

2. From David Mail Browser window, click **Compose** for sending an email.

   (a) Enter the following values into their respective fields:

      i. To: **jon@gmail.com**

      ii. Subject: **Greeting**

      iii. Email Body: **Personalize the email**.

   (b) Click **Send**.

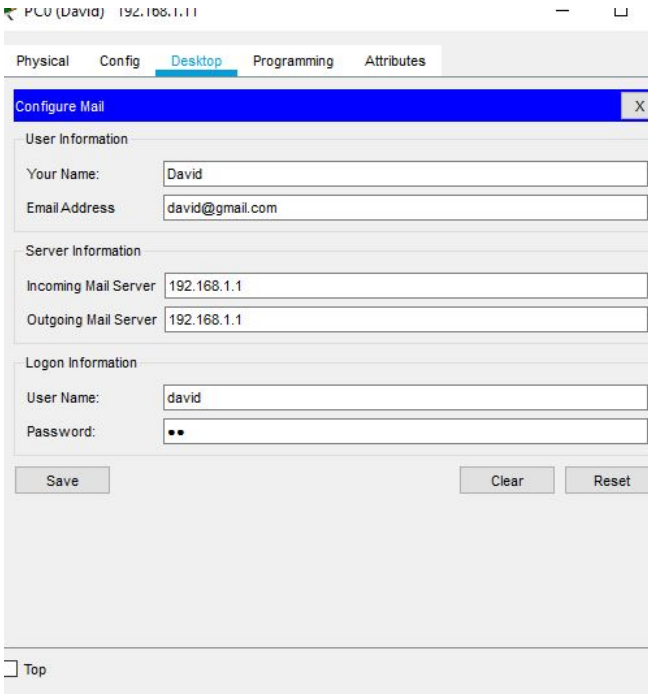
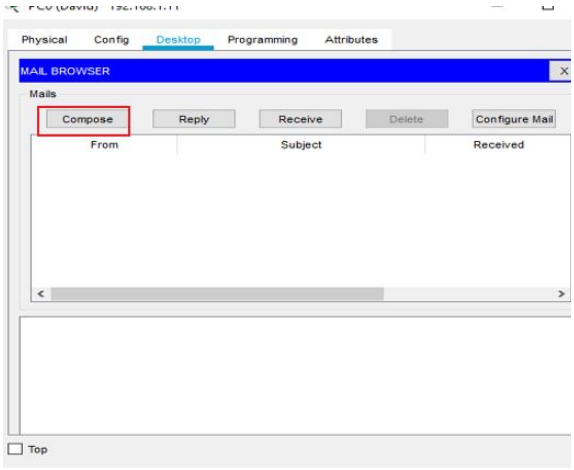
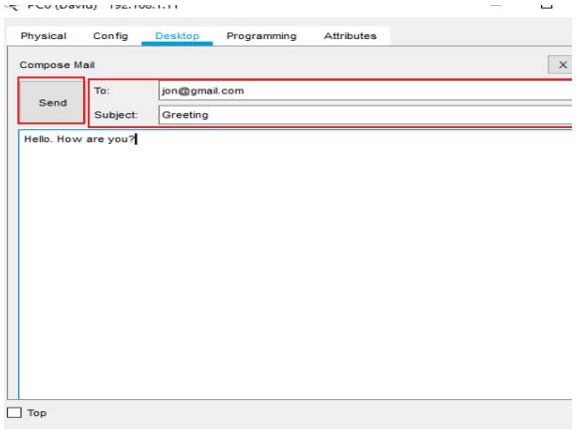


Figure 5: Sending an Email from David to Jon, Step 1: Configuration of PC0 (David) to use the Email service of the Mail server



(a) Step 2: Compose for sending an email

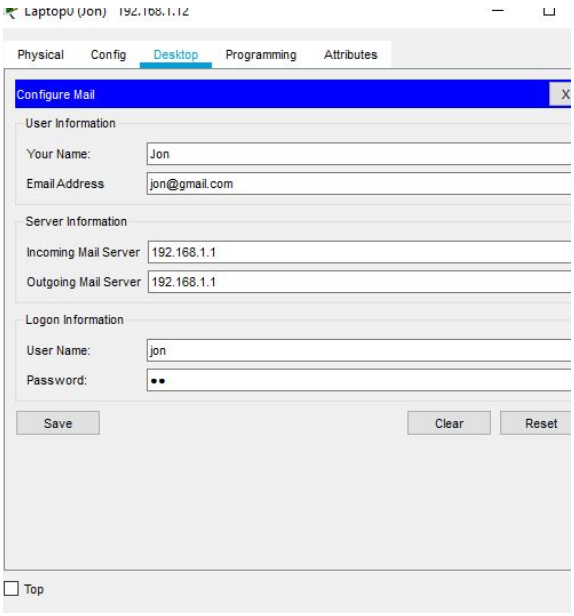


(b) Step 3: Sending an email

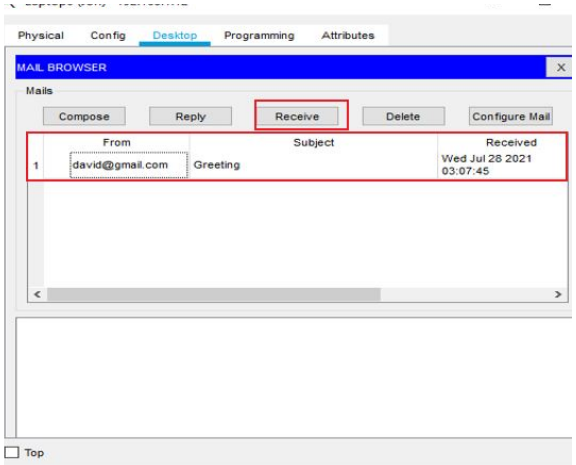
Figure 6: Sending an Email from David to Jon (a) Step 2 (b) Step 3

Part 2: Check whether Jon received the email or not

1. Configure **Laptop0 (David)** to check the received email.
   (a) Click **Laptop0 (Jon)**. If the Mail Browser window is closed, click **Desktop tab** > **Email**.
   (b) Enter the following values into their respective fields:
      i. Your Name: **Jon**
      ii. Email Address: **jon@gmail.com**
      iii. Incoming Mail Server: **192.168.1.1**
      iv. Outgoing Mail Server: **192.168.1.1**
      v. User Name: **jon**
      vi. Password: **23**
   (c) Click **Save**.
2. From Jon Mail Browser window, click **Receive**. An email from David displays.

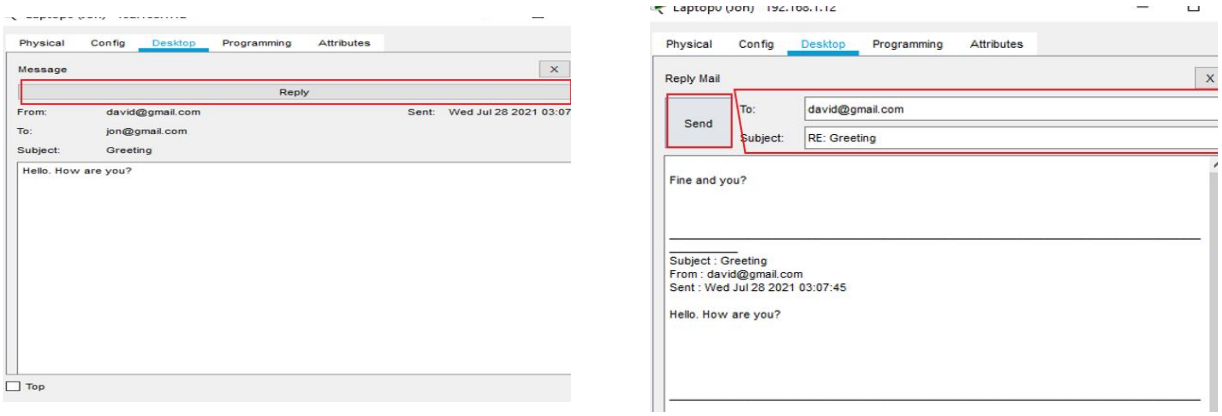


(a) Configuration of Laptop0 (David) to check the received email.



(b) Receiving the email

Figure 7: Checking whether Jon received the email or not



(a) Step 1

(b) Step 2

Figure 8: Replying to the Email

Part 3: For replying to the Email

1. If Jon wants to reply to the email to David. Double-click the email.
2. Click **Reply**, personalize a response and click **Send**.

6 Discussion & Conclusion

Based on the focused objective(s) to learn the step-by-step configuration of an SMTP server. This task will help students learn the principles of networking with hands-on experience as well as develop Cisco technology-specific skills. The additional lab exercise will help them to practice SMTP network configuration and also help them to be confident in the fulfillment of the objective (s).

7 Lab Task 1: University Campus Internal Mail System

Suppose you are asked to design and configure an on-campus SMTP email system for **Evergreen University**, which has two buildings: **Academic Block** and **Administration Block**. Each building has two floors and several departments. The goal is to ensure secure internal email exchange between faculty and administrative staff.

- **Academic Block:** Floor A1 & A2 — Departments: Computer Science (CS), Mathematics (MATH)
- **Administration Block:** Floor B1 & B2 — Departments: Admissions (ADM), Finance (FIN)
- Each block uses its own switch and local DNS/Mail servers; the two blocks are connected via a router for campus-wide communication.

Network Infrastructure of Academic Block (CS & MATH)

Device	Hostname	IP Address	Email Address
Faculty PC (CS)	cs_head	10.10.1.11	head@cs.evergreen.edu
Lab Server (CS)	cs_lab	10.10.1.20	lab@cs.evergreen.edu
Faculty PC (MATH)	math_prof	10.10.2.12	prof@math.evergreen.edu
Laptop (Visiting)	guest	10.10.2.50	guest@visitors.evergreen.edu

Network Infrastructure of Administration Block (ADM & FIN)

Device	Hostname	IP Address	Email Address
Registrar PC	registrar	172.20.1.11	reg@adm.evergreen.edu
Finance PC	fin_mgr	172.20.2.12	mgr@fin.evergreen.edu
Admissions Server	adm_srv	172.20.3.30	adm@adm.evergreen.edu

Additional Requirements

- Add necessary SMTP servers and DNS servers in each block.
- Configure campus DNS zones to resolve internal hosts.
- Implement basic SMTP authentication and enable campus-only email relay.

Tasks

1. Design a network topology including: workstations, switches, routers, mail servers, and DNS servers.
2. Assign static IP addresses and hostnames as provided above.
3. Configure necessary DNS records.
4. Test Email Exchange:
    - Send an email from `head@cs.evergreen.edu` to `reg@adm.evergreen.edu`.
    - Send a reply from `reg@adm.evergreen.edu` to `head@cs.evergreen.edu`.

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