**LAB 1: INTRODUCTION TO IP ADDRESS AND CISCO PACKET TRACER**

**Introduction to IP address:**

Each Network Interface Card (NIC or Network card) present in a PC is assigned one Network address called as IP address [or Network address]. This IP address is assigned by the administrator of the network. No two PCs can have the same IP address.

There is a burned-in address on the NIC called as Physical Address [or MAC address or Hardware address]. The MAC address of a network card indicates the vendor of that card and a unique serial number.

**Rules for IPv4 Address:**

1. Format of IP address IPv4 is made up of four parts, in the pattern as w.x.y.z. Each part has 8 binary bits and the values in decimal can range from 0 to 255.

2. IP address classes IP addresses are divided into different classes. These classes determine the maximum number of hosts per network ID. Only three classes are actually used for network connectivity. The following table lists all of the address class.

***The order of the bits in the first octet of the IP address decides the class of the IP address.***

**Some bits of the IP address represents the network and the remaining bits represent the host. The IP address can be further be divided into two parts:**

**Network ID:** It identifies which network you are on. The number of networks in any class is given by the formula:

**Number of Networks = 2^networkBits**

Host ID: It identifies your machine on the network. The number of hosts in any class is given by the formula:

***Number of Hosts = 2^hostBits-2.***

Here, 2 IP addresses are subtracted because

1. Host ID in which all the bits are set to 0 is not assigned because this represents the network ID.
2. Host ID in which are the bits are set to 1 is reserved for Direct Broadcast Address( for sending the data from one network to all the other hosts in another network ).

**How to identify the IP class from a given IP address?**

1. If it begins with 0, then it’s a Class A network.
2. If it begins with 10, then it’s a Class B network.
3. If it begins with 110, then it’s a Class C network.
4. If it begins with 1110, then it’s a Class D network.
5. If it begins with 1111, then it’s a Class E network.

Default Subnet mask it is used to identify the network part from the host part. Put binary one for the parts that represent network part and zero for the part that represent host part.

a) Class A: 255.0.0.0

b) Class B: 255.255.0.0

c) Class C: 255.255.255.0

**Invalid IP address**.

a) If the network part is all 0s, the address belongs to class A. But this is an invalid ip address because for an ip address all the network or host part should not be all 1s or all 0s. i. 0.0.0.0 is not valid. Routers use it internally.

b) If the network part is all 1s, this address belongs to class E. But due to presence of all 1s, it is not valid. This represent broadcast to all networks. i. 255.255.255.255 is not valid.

c) If the host part is all 0s, this represents network address. This is not a valid ip address.

d) If the host part is all 1s, this represents broadcast address. This is not a valid ip address.

e) 127.0.0.0 network address is used for loop-back testing. This will help you to check the network card of your own PC [localhost].

f) The validity of the IP address is also based on the subnet mask used provided.

| **Class** | **Address Range** | **Subnet masking** | **Max number of networks** | **Application** |
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| Class A |  |  |  | Used for large number of hosts. |
| Class B |  |  |  | Used for medium size network. |
| Class C |  |  |  | Used for local area network. |

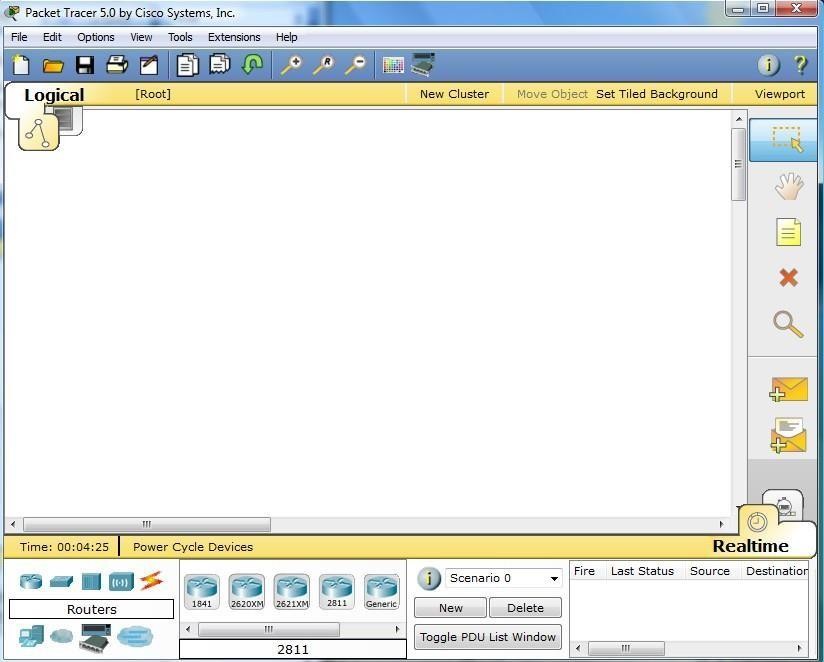
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**Creating a Network topology using CISCO packet tracer software.**

## **Packet Tracer – Creating a New Topology**

**What is Packet Tracer?** Packet Tracer is a protocol simulator developed by Dennis Frezzo and his team at Cisco Systems. Packet Tracer (PT) is a powerful and dynamic tool that displays the various protocols used in networking, in either Real Time or Simulation mode. This includes layer 2 protocols such as Ethernet and PPP, layer 3 protocols such as IP, ICMP, and ARP, and layer 4 protocols such as TCP and UDP. Routing protocols can also be traced.

Step 1: Start Packet Tracer



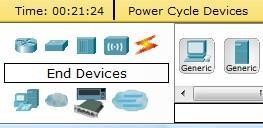
**Step 2: Choosing Devices and Connections**

We will begin building our network topology by selecting devices and the media in which to connect them. Several types of devices and network connections can be used. For this lab we will keep it simple by using **End Devices**, **Switches**, **Hubs**, and **Connections**.

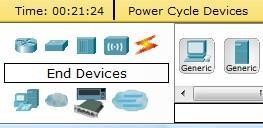
Single click on each group of devices and connections to display the various choices. The devices you see may differ slightly.

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Single click on the **End Devices**.



Single click on the **Generic** host.



Move the cursor into topology area. You will notice it turns into a plus “+” sign.



Single click in the topology area and it copies the device.

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Add three more hosts.



Adding a Hub

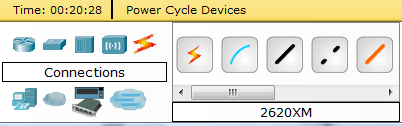
Select a hub, by clicking once on **Hubs** and once on a **Generic** hub.

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Add the hub by moving the plus sign “**+**” below PC0 and PC1 and click once.

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Connect PC0 to Hub0 by first choosing **Connections.**



Click once on the **Copper Straight-through** cable.

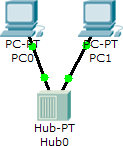


Perform the following steps to connect **PC0** to **Hub0**:

1. Click once on **PC0**
2. Choose **FastEthernet**
3. Drag the cursor to **Hub0**
4. Click once on **Hub0** and choose **Port 0**
5. Notice the green link lights on both the **PC0** Ethernet NIC and the **Hub0** Port 0 showing that the link is active.

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Repeat the steps above for **PC1** connecting it to **Port 1** on **Hub0**. (The actual hub port you choose does not matter.)



Adding a Switch

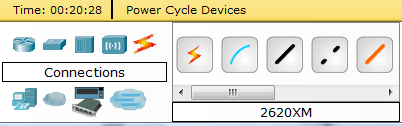
Select a switch, by clicking once on **Switches** and once on a **2950-24** switch.

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Add the switch by moving the plus sign “**+**” below PC2 and PC3 and click once.

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Connect PC2 to Switch0 by first choosing **Connections.**



Click once on the **Copper Straight-through** cable.

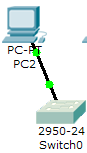
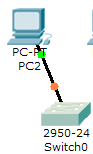
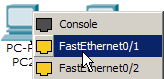
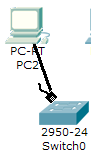
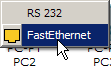


Perform the following steps to connect **PC2** to **Switch0**:

1. Click once on **PC2**
2. Choose **Fast Ethernet**
3. Drag the cursor to **Switch0**
4. Click once on **Switch0** and choose **FastEthernet0/1**
5. Notice the green link lights on **PC2** Ethernet NIC and amber light **Switch0 FastEthernet0/1 port**. The switch port is temporarily not forwarding frames, while it goes through the stages for the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) process.
6. After a about 30 seconds the amber light will change to green indicating that the port has entered the forwarding stage. Frames can now forward out the switch port.

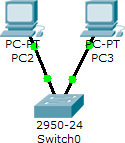
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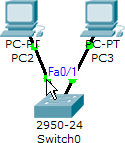


Repeat the steps above for **PC3** connecting it to **Port 3** on **Switch0** on port

**FastEtherent0/2**. (The actual switch port you choose does not matter.)



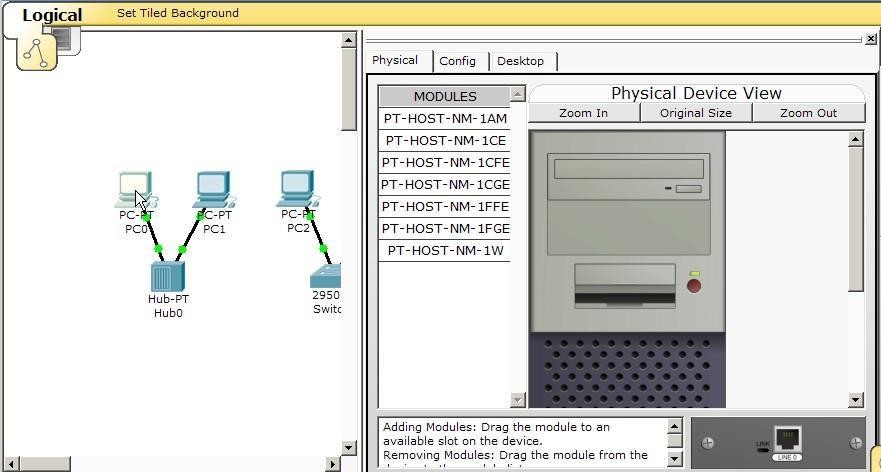
Move the cursor over the link light to view the port number. **Fa** means FastEthernet, 100 Mbps Ethernet.



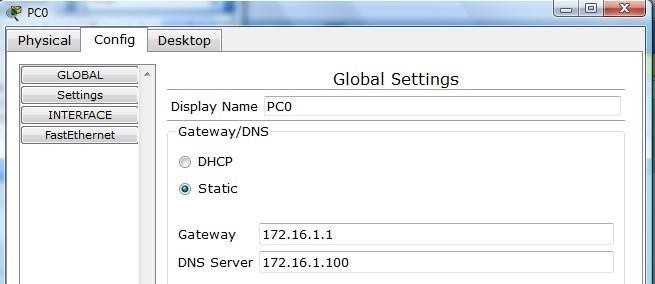
Step 5: Configuring IP Addresses and Subnet Masks on the Hosts

Before we can communicate between the hosts we need to configure IP Addresses and Subnet Masks on the devices.

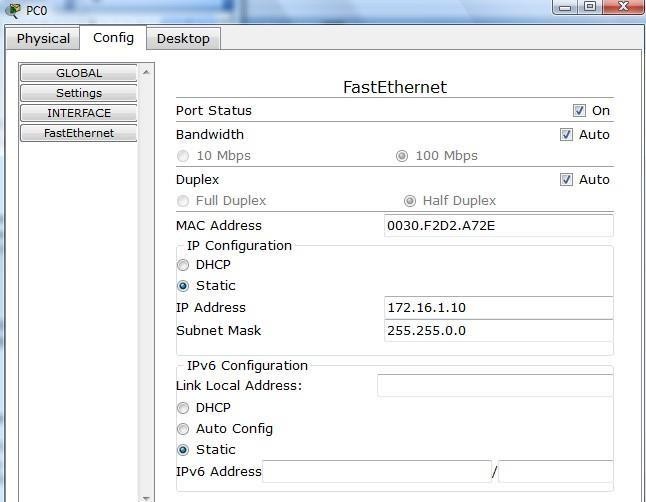
Click once on PC0.



Choose the **Config** tab and click on **Settings**. It is here that you can change the name of PC0. It is also here where you would enter a **Gateway** IP Address, also known as the default gateway and the **DNS Server** IP Address. We will discuss this later, but this would be the IP address of the local router. If you want, you can enter the Gateway IP Address 172.16.1.1 and DNS Server IP Address 172.16.1.100, although it will not be used in this lab.



Click on **Interface** and then **Fast Ethernet**. Although we have not yet discussed IP Addresses, add the IP Address to 172.16.1.10. Click once in the Subnet Mask field to enter the default Subnet Mask. You can leave this at 255.255.0.0. We will discuss this later.



Also, notice this is where you can change the Bandwidth (speed) and Duplex of the Ethernet NIC (Network Interface Card). The default is Auto (auto negotiation), which means the NIC will negotiate with the hub or switch. The bandwidth and/or duplex can be manually set by removing the check from the **Auto** box and choosing the specific option.

Bandwidth - Auto

If the host is connected to a hub or switch port which can do 100 Mbps, then the Ethernet NIC on the host will choose 100 Mbps (Fast Ethernet). Otherwise, if the hub or switch port can only do 10 Mbps, then the Ethernet NIC on the host will choose 10 Mbps (Ethernet).

Duplex - Auto

**Hub**: If the host is connected to a hub, then the Ethernet NIC on the host will choose Half Duplex.

**Switch**: If the host is connected to a switch, and the switch port is configured as Full Duplex (or Auto negotiation), then the Ethernet NIC on the host will choose Full Duplex. If the switch port is configured as Half Duplex, then the Ethernet NIC on the host will choose Half Duplex. (Full Duplex is a much more efficient option.)

The information is automatically saved when entered. To close this dialog box, click the “**X**” in the upper right.

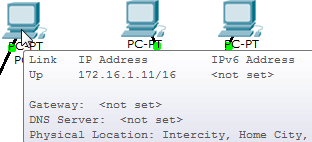


Repeat these steps for the other hosts. Use the information below for IP Addresses and Subnet Masks.

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| **Host** | **IP Address** | **Subnet Mask** |
| PC0 | 172.16.1.10 | 255.255.0.0 |
| PC1 | 172.16.1.11 | 255.255.0.0 |
| PC2 | 172.16.1.12 | 255.255.0.0 |
| PC3 | 172.16.1.13 | 255.255.0.0 |

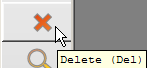
Verify the information

To verify the information that you entered, move the Select tool (arrow) over each host.



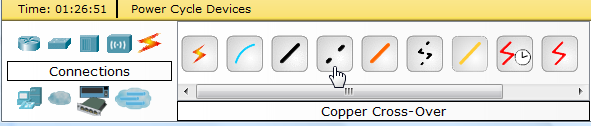
Deleting a Device or Link

To delete a device or link, choose the **Delete** tool and click on the item you wish to delete.

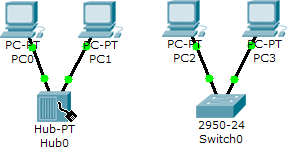


Step 6: Connecting Hub0 to Switch0

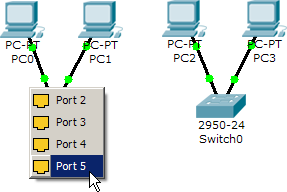
To connect like-devices, like a Hub and a Switch, we will use a Cross-over cable. Click once the **Cross-over** Cable from the **Connections** options.



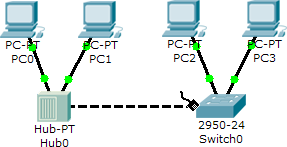
Move the Connections cursor over **Hub0** and click once.



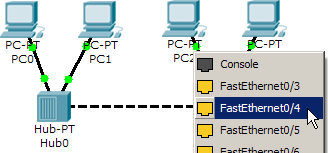
Select **Port 5** (actual port does not matter).



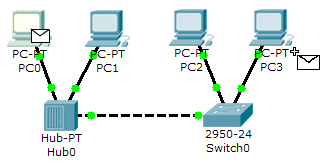
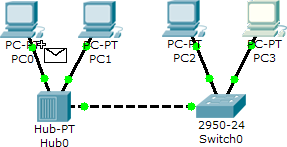
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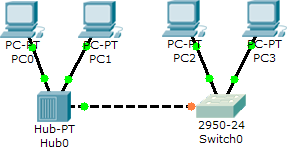


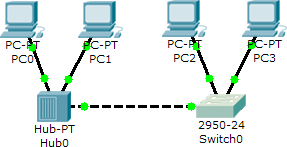
Click once on **Switch0** and choose **FastEthernet0/4** (actual port does not matter).



The link light for switch port **FastEthernet0/4** will begin as amber and eventually change to green as the Spanning Tree Protocol transitions the port to forwarding.







Step 7: Verifying Connectivity in Real-time Mode

Be sure you are in **Real-time** mode.

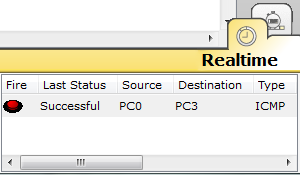


Select the **Add Simple PDU** tool used to ping devices.



Click once on PC0, then once on PC3.

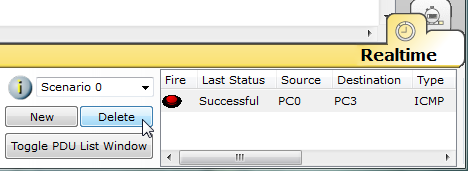
The PDU **Last Status** should show as **Successful**.



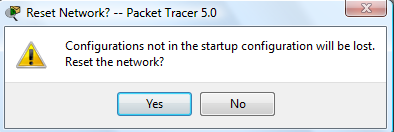
Retting the Network

At this point we will want to reset the network, whenever you want to reset the network and begin the simulation again, perform the following tasks:

Click **Delete** in the PDU area.

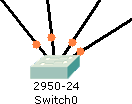
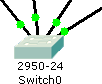


Now, Power Cycle Devices and confirm the action.



Waiting for Spanning Tree Protocol (STP)

**Note**: Because Packet Tracer also simulates the Spanning Tree Protocol (later), at times the switch may show amber lights on its interfaces. You will need to wait for the lights to turn green on the switches before they will forward any Ethernet frames.

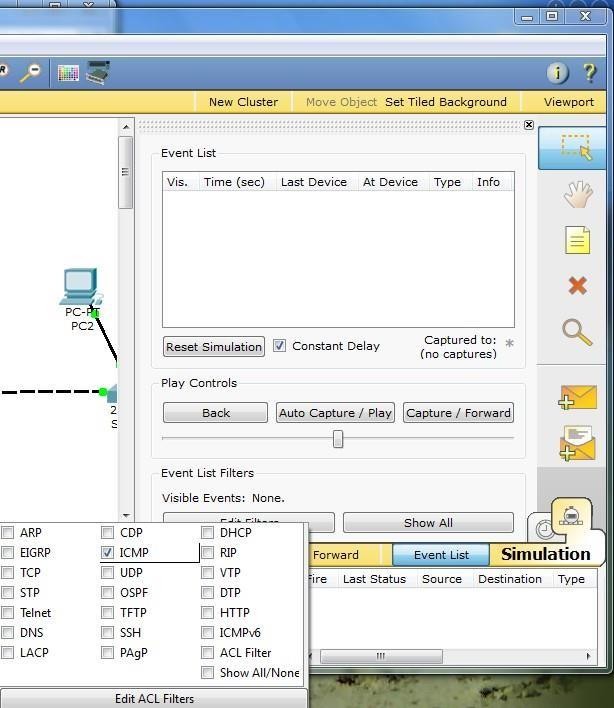
 

Step 8: Verifying Connectivity in Simulation Mode

Be sure you are in **Simulation** mode.



Deselect all filters (All/None) and select only **ICMP**.

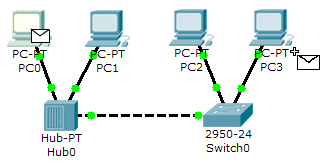
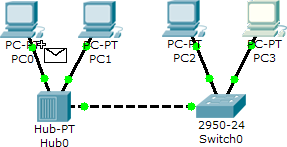


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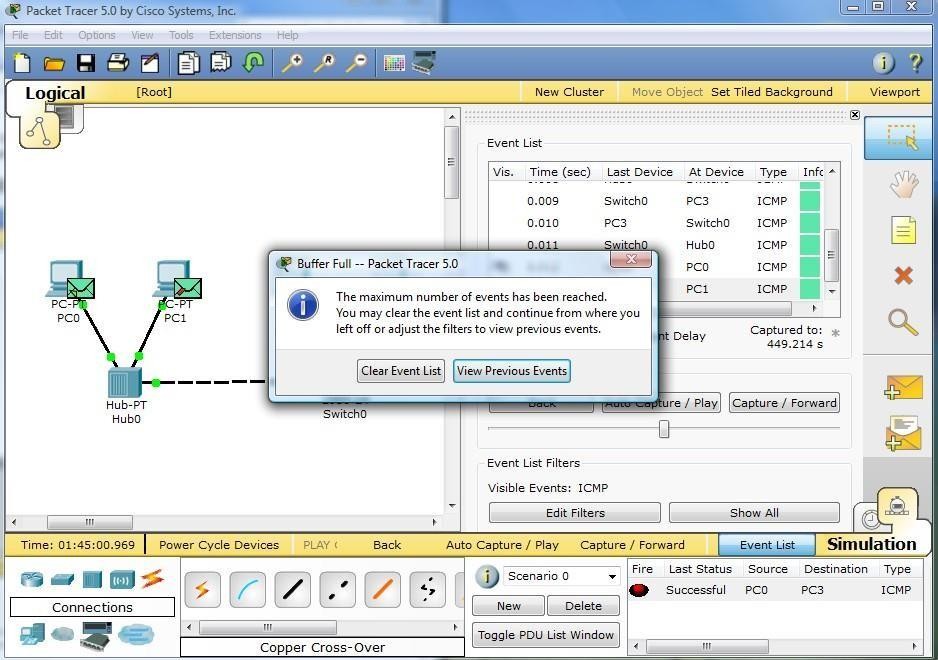
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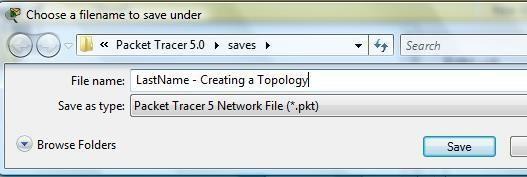
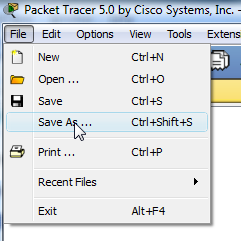
Click once on PC0, then once on PC3.

Continue clicking **Capture/Forward** button until the ICMP ping is completed. You should see the ICMP messages move between the hosts, hub and switch. The PDU **Last Status** should show as **Successful**. Click on **Clear Event List** if you do not want to look at the events or click **Preview Previous Events** if you do. For this exercise it does not matter.



Step 9: Saving the Topology

Perform the following steps to save the topology (uses .pkt file extension).



Opening Existing Topologies

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