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# Host Forwarding Decision

With both IPv4 and IPv6, packets are always created at the source host. The source host must be able to direct the packet to the destination host. To do this, host end devices create their own routing table. This topic discusses how end devices use routing tables.

Another role of the network layer is to direct packets between hosts. A host can send a packet to the following:

- **Itself** – A host can ping itself by sending a packet to a special IPv4 address of 127.0.0.1 or an IPv6 address ::1, which is referred to as the loopback interface. Pinging the loopback interface tests the TCP/IP protocol stack on the host.
- **Local host** – This is a destination host that is on the same local network as the sending host. The source and destination hosts share the same network address.
- **Remote host** – This is a destination host on a remote network. The source and destination hosts do not share the same network address.

The figure illustrates PC1 connecting to a local host on the same network, and to a remote host located on another network.

192.168.10.0/24

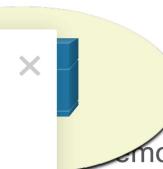
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## Default Gateway



The source IP address is used by the device to send packets by IP address to the destination subnet mask.

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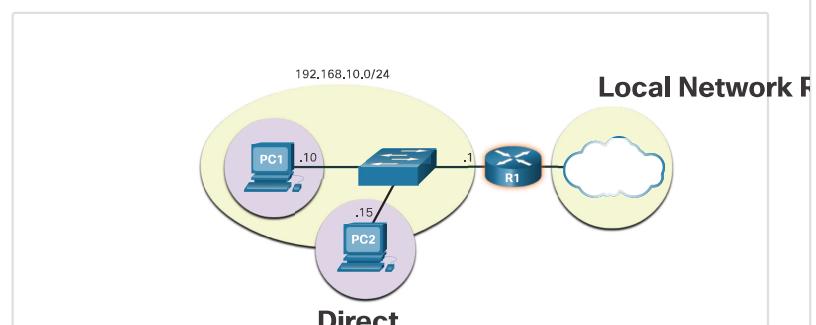
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## A Host Routes to the Default Gateway



A host routing table will typically include a default gateway. In IPv4, the host receives the IPv4 address of the default gateway either dynamically from Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) or configured manually. In IPv6, the router advertises the default gateway address or the host can be configured manually.

In the figure, PC1 and PC2 are configured with the IPv4 address of 192.168.10.1 as the default gateway.



Having a default gateway configured creates a default connection.

Route is the path it tries to send all

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**HOST ROUTING TABLES**

On a Windows host, the **route print** or **netstat -r** command can be used to display the host routing table. Both commands generate the same output. The output may seem overwhelming at first, but is fairly simple to understand.

The figure displays a sample topology and the output generated by the **netstat -r** command.



## IPv4 Routing Table for PC1

```
C:\Users\PC1> netstat -r
```

(output omitted)

IPv4 Route Table

```
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```

Active Routes:

Network Destination	Netmask	
Gateway	Interface	Metric
0.0.0.0	0.0.0.0	
192.168.10.1	192.168.10.10	25
	127.0.0.0	255.0.0.0
On-link	127.0.0.1	306
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**Note:** The output only displays the IPv4 route table.

Entering the **netstat -r** command or the equivalent **route print** command displays three sections related to the



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network-capable interface on the host, including Ethernet, Wi-Fi, and Bluetooth adapters.

- **IPv4 Route Table** - Lists all known IPv4 routes, including direct connections, local network, and local default routes.
- **IPv6 Route Table** - Lists all known IPv6 routes, including direct connections, local network, and local default routes.

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### Check Your Understanding - How a Host Routes



Check your understanding of how a host routes by choosing the BEST answer to the following questions.

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## 2. Which default gateway statement is true?

**You got it!**

- A default gateway is required to send packets to other hosts on the local network.
- The default gateway address is the IP address of a switch on a remote network.
- The default gateway address is the IP address of the router on the local network.
- Traffic can only be forwarded outside the local network if there is no default gateway.

## 3. Which two commands could be entered on a Windows host to view its IPv4 and IPv6 routing table? (Choose two.)

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- netroute -l**
- netstat -r**
- print route**
- route print**
- print net**

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