Port Address Translation (PAT) Cheat Sheet for Cisco Beginners

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What is PAT?

Port Address Translation (PAT) allows multiple private IP addresses to share a single public IP address by using different port numbers. Also called "NAT Overload."

Basic PAT Configuration

Step 1: Define Inside and Outside Interfaces

Router(config)# interface gigabit0/0 Router(config-if)# ip nat inside

Router(config)# interface serial0/0/0

Router(config-if)# ip nat outside

Step 2: Create Access List (Define Private Networks)

Router(config)# access-list 1 permit 192.168.1.0 0.0.0.255

Router(config)# access-list 1 permit 10.0.0.0 0.255.255.255

Step 3: Configure PAT

Router(config)# ip nat inside source list 1 interface serial0/0/0 overload

Essential Show Commands

View NAT Translations

Router# show ip nat translations

Router# show ip nat translations verbose

View NAT Statistics

Router# show ip nat statistics

Clear NAT Translations

Router# clear ip nat translation *

Router# clear ip nat translation inside [local-ip] [global-ip] outside [local-ip] [global-ip]