Computer Networks

Wireshark: HTTP Packet Analysis

- Wireshark is an open-source packet analyzer, which is used for education, analysis, software development, communication protocol development, and network troubleshooting.
- It is used to track the packets so that each one is filtered to meet our specific needs. It is commonly called as a sniffer, network protocol analyzer, and network analyzer
- While running Wireshark the machines network interface card is put in **promiscuous mode**

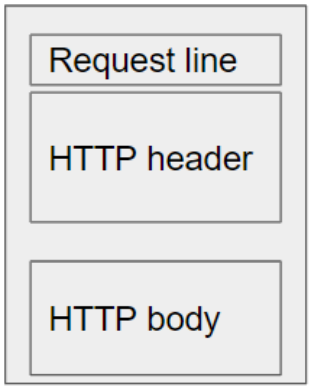
Uses of Wireshark

- t is used by network security engineers to examine security problems
- It allows the users to watch all the traffic being passed over the network.
- It is used by network engineers to troubleshoot network issues.
- It also helps to troubleshoot latency issues and malicious activities on your network.
- It can also analyze dropped packets.
- It has sort and filter options which makes ease to the user to view the data.
- It can also capture raw USB traffic.

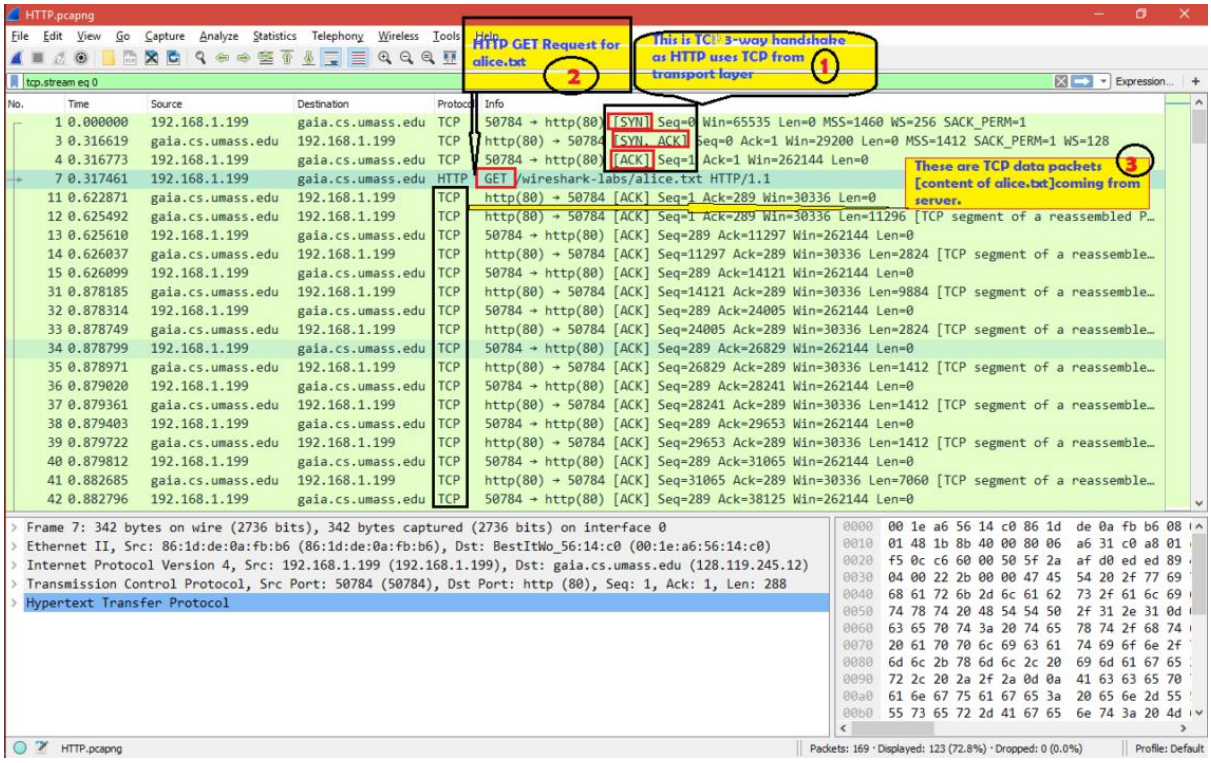
HTTP Packet Analysis

- **HTTP stands for** HyperText Transfer Protocol
- HTTP is an application layer protocol in ISO or TCP/IP model
- HTTP is used by the World Wide Web and it defines how messages are formatted and transmitted by browser
- So HTTP define reules what action should be taken when a browser receives HTTP command. And also HTTP defines rules for transmitting HTTP command to get data from server.
- HTTP uses several methods for communication for example GET, HEAD, POST, PUT, DELETE, CONNECT, OPTION and TRACE.
- HTTP uses port 80 and TCP as transport layer protocol

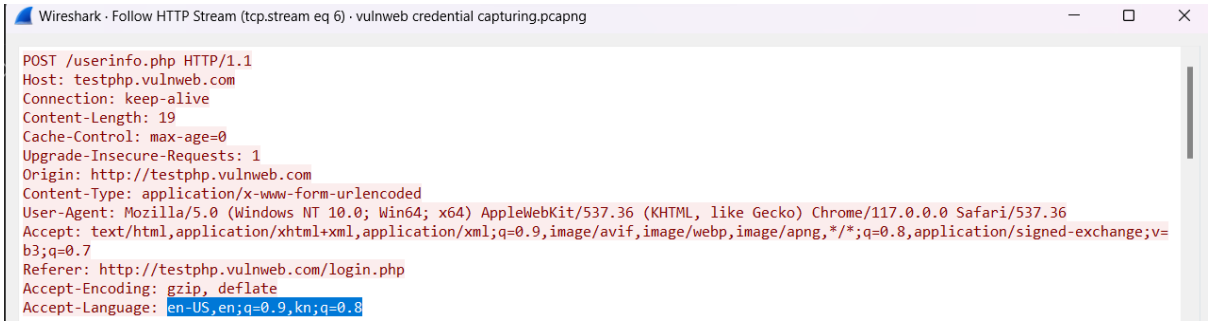
HTTP request



HTTP Packet Analysis on Wireshark



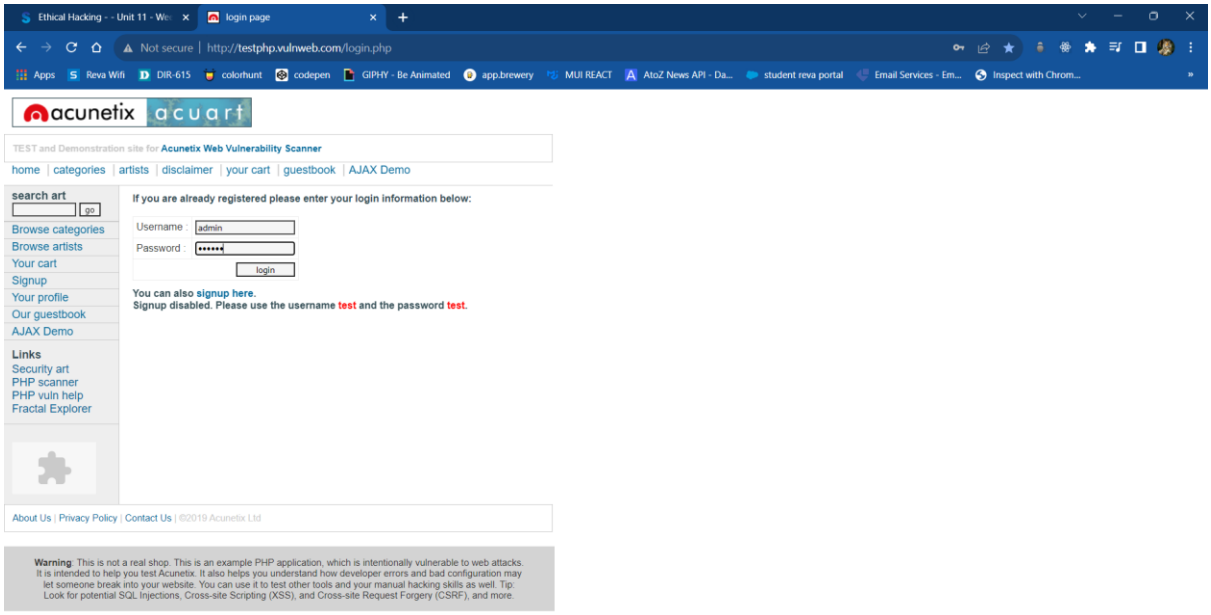
- We can observe from the above analysis that http request is sent from 192.168.1.199 to gaia.cs.umass.edu
- It uses http GET method to access the resourse
- It uses TCP protocol for data transmission

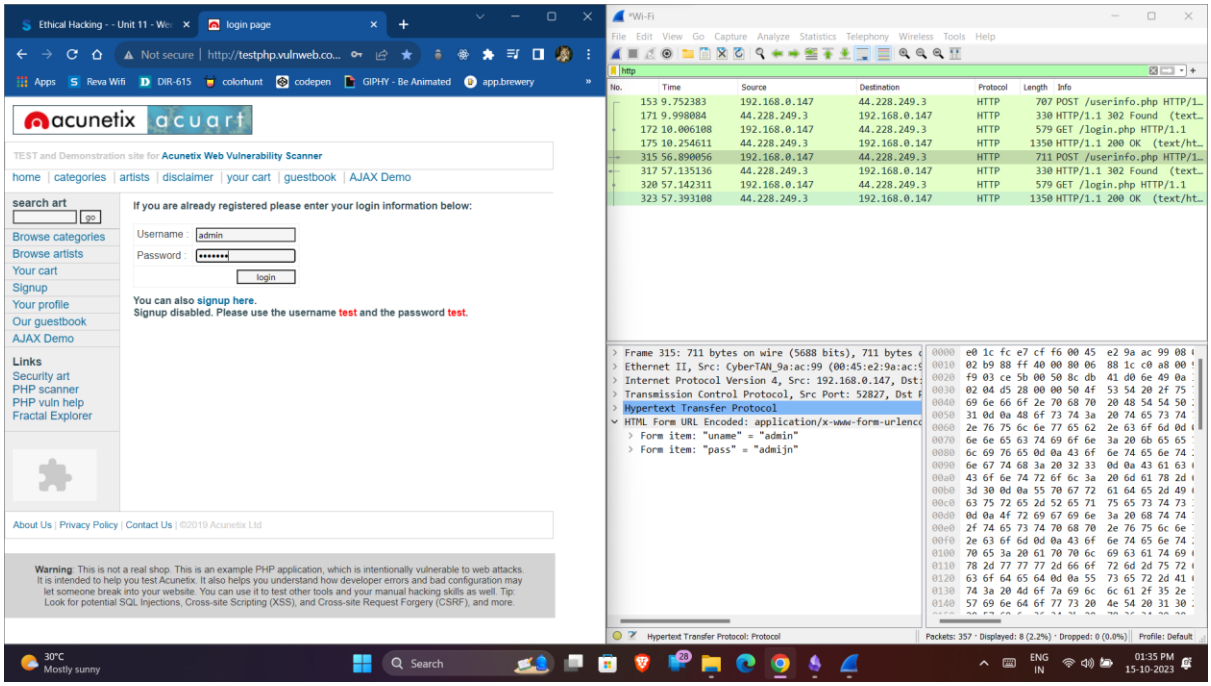


- http headers are used to pass additional information
- http header can include the information like user-agent, origin, host, connection, cache-control etc.
- the above image shows the header included within the packet in the wireshark tool

Experiments on HTTP using wireshark

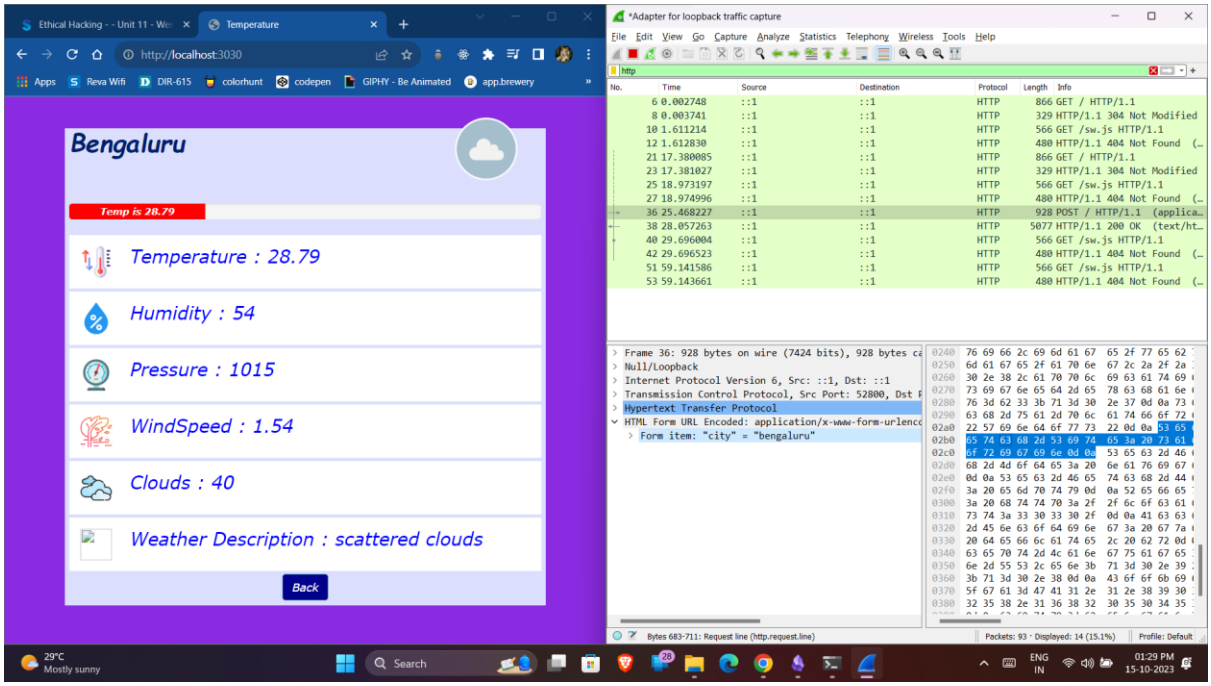
Credential sniffing using wireshark and vulnweb:-



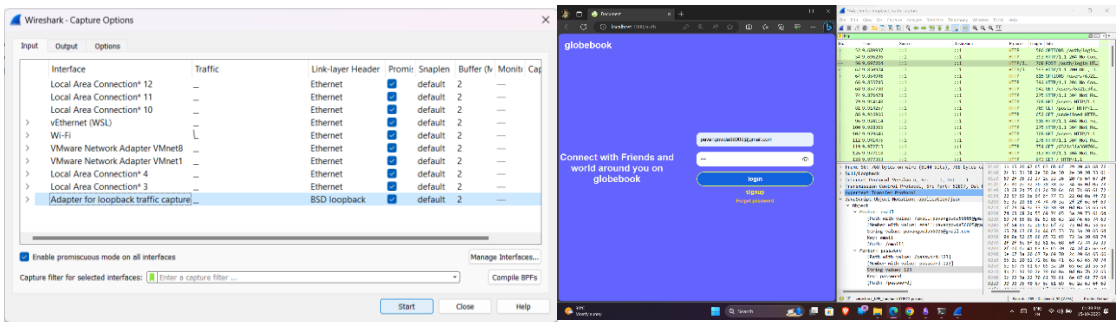


- vulnweb is website designed with vulnerabilities for learning purpose
- it uses http for login
- using wireshark, we can capture the packets of vulnweb website
- we can look into http post method because login uses post method for sending data to the server
- we can observe that under HTML form URL encode we can clearly see the username and password because its unencrypted
- but most of the applications today uses encryption for data transmission

Capturing weather app data using wireshark

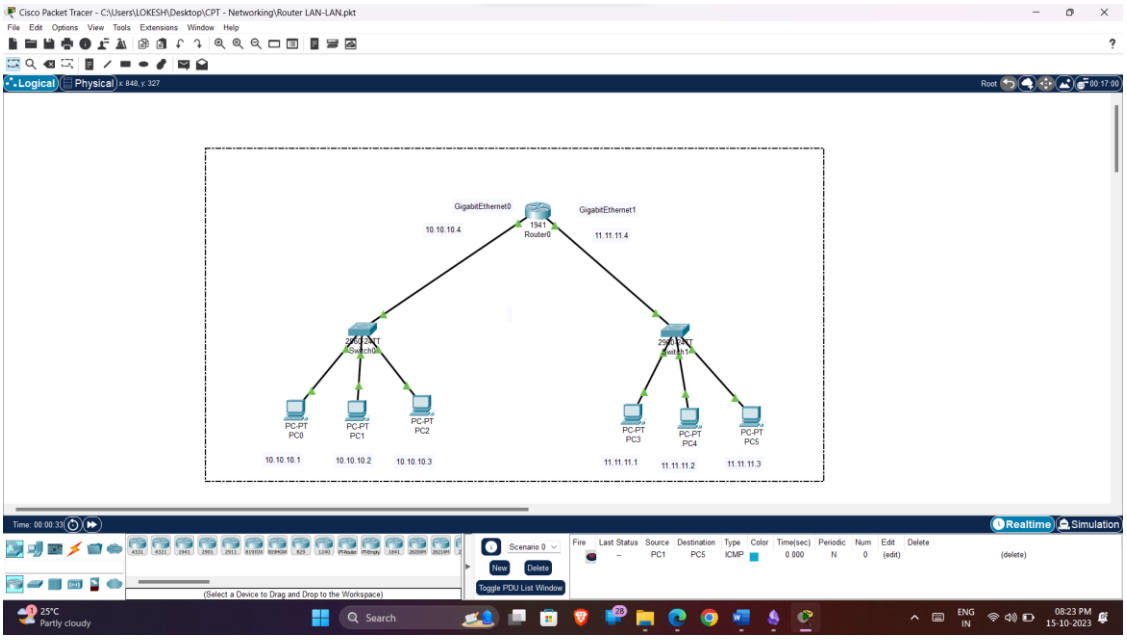


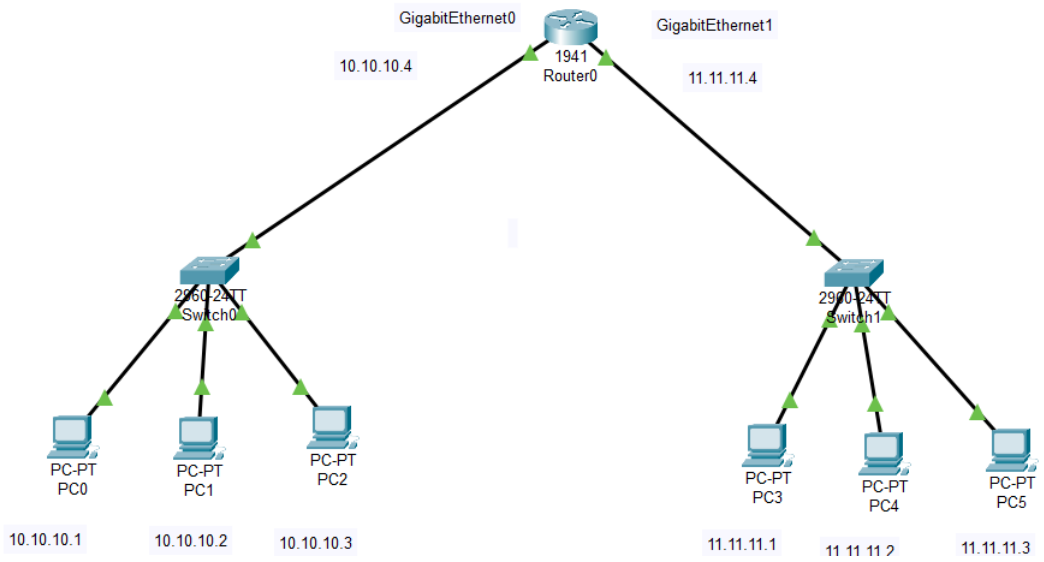
Capturing credentials of the localhost app



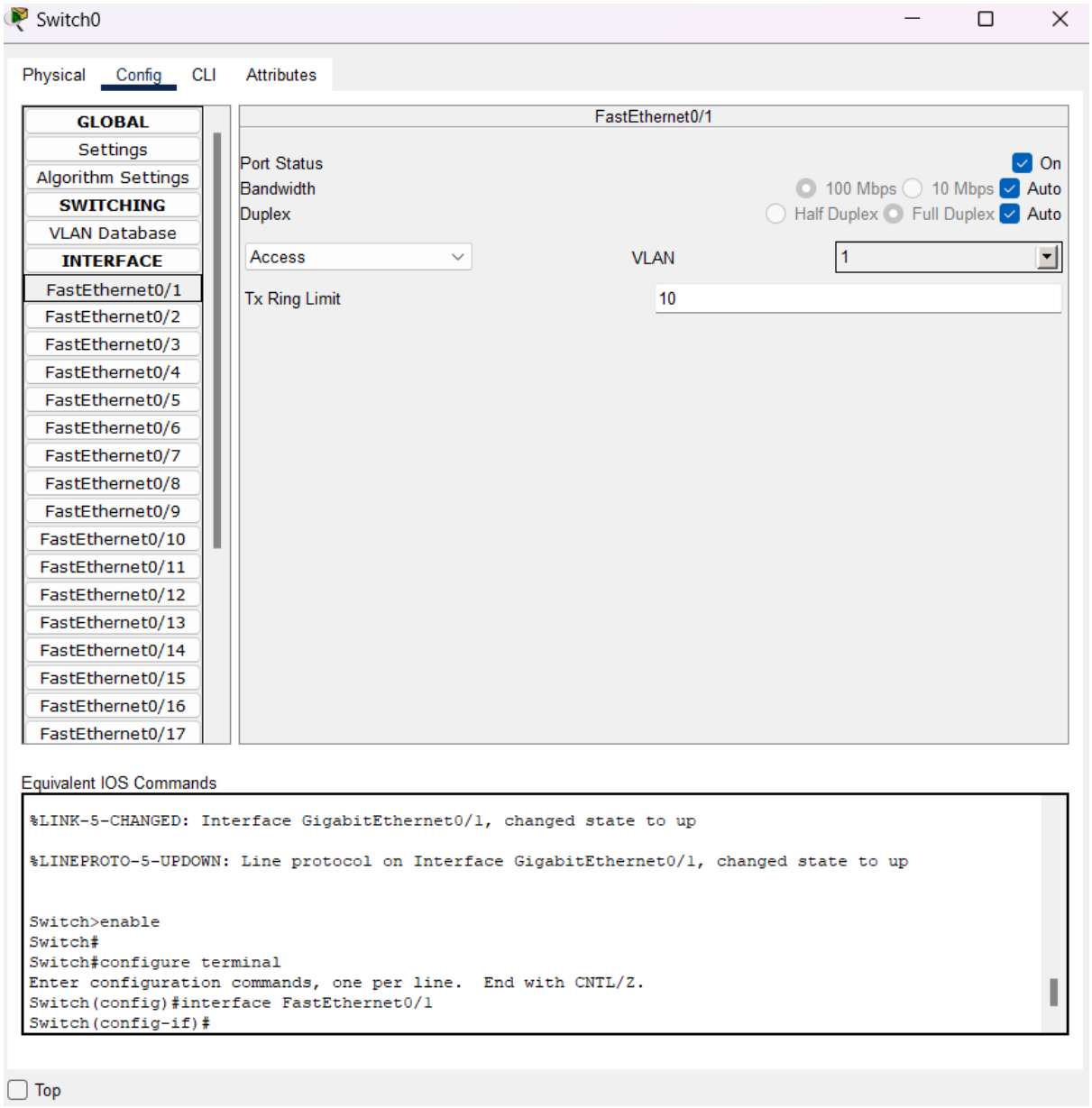
- The above application are built by own using nodejs and react library and they are running in the localhost environment
- First we need to start capturing the packets of the localhost environment by setting the interface as loopback as shown in the above figure
- Both applications uses http protocol for data transmission
- So we have captured both weather data and login credentials of the globebook app
- Weather app transfer data as form-url-encoded format
- Where as globebook sends the data in the form of JSON object to the server

Packet Tracer: Perform an Initial Switch and Router Configuration

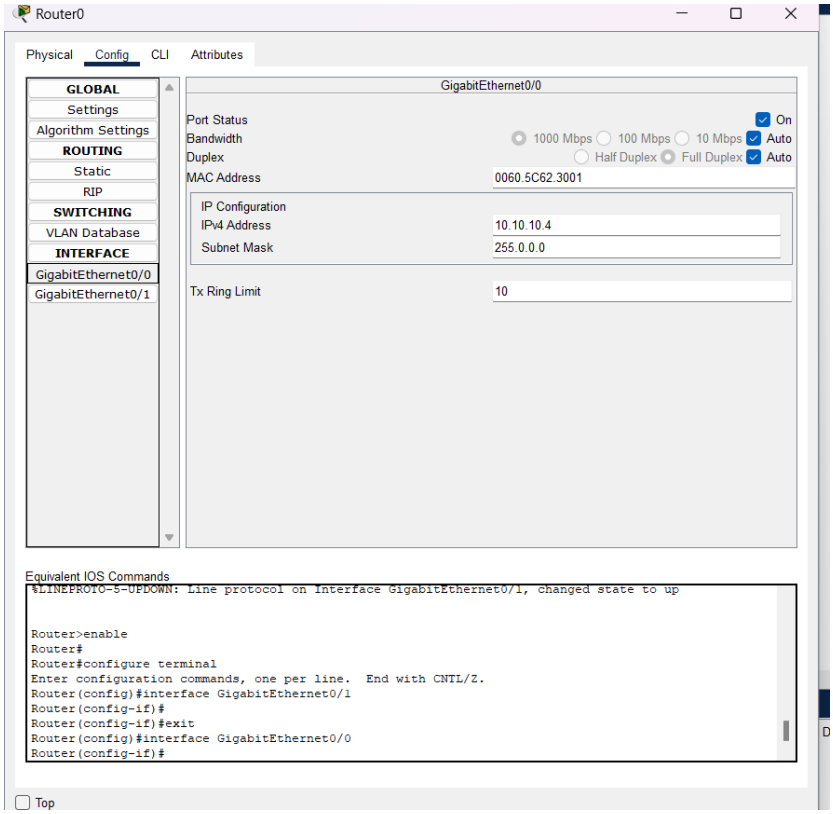




- First we need to install cisco packet tracer
- Once we installed packet tracer we have to login to access the resources
- We will trag and trop the components like computer, switch and router
- Once the components are placed in the project
- We have to connect them using Ethernet Straight-Through cable as we are connecting different devices
- Once the devices or nodes connected physically through a cable
- We need to connected them physically by mentioning some set of protocol rules
- First assign IP for each computers manually or even we can use DHCP(Dynamic host configuration procol) to do the same
- For making our network simple we are setting IP address manually
- We can now connect multiple computer using switch as a middleware
- Switch has a memory in it so it can directly communicate with the specific devices it doesn’t broadcast packet to all devices unlike Hub
- Switches configuration window are



- In our network we have to LAN networks with base IP 10.0.0.0 and 11.11.11.0
- To connect different LAN we must use **router**
- Router establishes the connection using gateway and IP
- The router configurations are mentioned below



- Once the connection is established properly we can check whether to devices are communicating with each other or not using ping command