

# Understand Subnetting with the help of practical Examples..

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## Question 1:

You have been allocated a class A network address of **29.0.0.0**. You need to create at least 20 networks and each network will support a minimum of 160 hosts. Would the following two subnet masks Work?

**255.255.0.0** and or **255.255.255.0**



# Answer

**Yes** both would work.

Mask **255.255.0.0** has 8 bits for the subnet and 16 bits for the host.

8 bits would accommodate  $2^8=256$  subnets

16 bits would accommodate  $2^{16}$ = over 64000 hosts

Mask 255.255.255.0 has 16 bits for the subnet and 8 bits of the host.

Have possible  $2^8 - 2$  hosts =254 which is enough



## Question - 2

Write the IP address 222.1.1.20 mask 255.255.255.192 in CIDR notation



## Answer :

Decimal 192 = 11000000 binary which means that 2 bits of this octet are used for the subnet. Now add the 24 bits 255.255.255 and we have 26 bits. So we write:

222.1.1.20/26



## Question - 3

Write the IP address 135.1.1.25 mask 255.255. 248.0 in CIDR notation



# Answer

Decimal 248 = 11111000 binary which means that 5 bits of this octet are used for the subnet. Now add the 16 bits 255.255. and we have 21 bits. So we write:

135..1.1.25/21



## Question 3

You have been allocated a class C network address of 211.1.1.0 and are using the default subnet mask of 255.255.255.0 how many hosts can you have?





# Answer

A class C address has 8 bits of the host which will give  $2^8 - 2$   
=254 hosts



## Question 4

Subnet the Class C IP Address 195.1.1.0 So that you have 10 subnets each with a maximum 12 hosts on each subnet. List the Address on host 1 on subnet 0,1,2,3,10



# Answer

Current mask= 255.255.255.0

Bits needs for 10 subnets  $= 4 = 2^4 = 16$  possible subnets

Bits needs for 12 hosts  $= 4 = 2^4 = 16 - 2 = 14$  possible hosts.

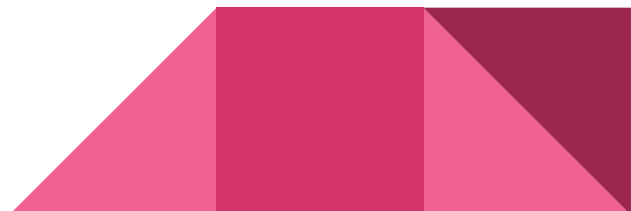
So our mask in binary = **11110000** = **240** decimal

Final Mask = **255.255.255.240**



## Hosts on Subnets 0,1,2,3,10

- Subnet 0 host 1 IP address = 195.1.1.1      **0000 0001**
- Subnet 1 host 1 IP address = 195.1.1.17      **0001 0001**
- Subnet 2 host 1 IP address = 195.1.1.33      **0010 0001**
- Subnet 3 host 1 IP address = 195.1.1.49      **0011 0001**
- Subnet 10 host 1 IP address = 195.1.1.161      **1010 0001**



## Question 5

Subnet the Class C IP Address 195.1.1.0 So that you have at least 2 subnets each subnet must have room for 48 hosts .

What are the two possible subnet masks?



Current mask= 255.255.255.0

Bits needs for 48 hosts = 6 =  $2^6 = 64 - 2 = 62$  possible hosts.

Bits needs for 2 subnets = 1 =  $2^1 = 2$  possible subnets

Total of 7 bits needed so therefore we can use either 1 bit or 2 bits for the subnet.  
So we could have

1 bit subnet 7 bits hosts or 2 bits subnet 6 bit host

masks are 10000000 and 11000000 = 128 decimal and 192 decimal.

Final possible masks are:

**255.255.255.128** and **255.255.255.192**



## Question 6

Given the subnet Mask **255.255.255.192** What is the host address and subnet of the following IP address 197.1.2.67.



# Answer

192 in binary = 11000000 gives 4 possible subnets of (showing 2 most significant bits):

00,01,10,11

67 in binary = 01000011

So Applying Mask:





$11000000$  ← **Mask**  
 67 in binary =  $01000011$   
 therefore subnet = 1 and host address = 3

# Final Question

You are given the IP Address of 193.103.20.0 /24 and need 50 Subnets. How many hosts per network, and total networks do you get once subnetted?

- a. 20 Hosts and 50 Subnets
- b. 6 Hosts and 64 Subnets
- c. 4 Hosts and 50 Subnets
- d. 2 Hosts and 64 Subnets

