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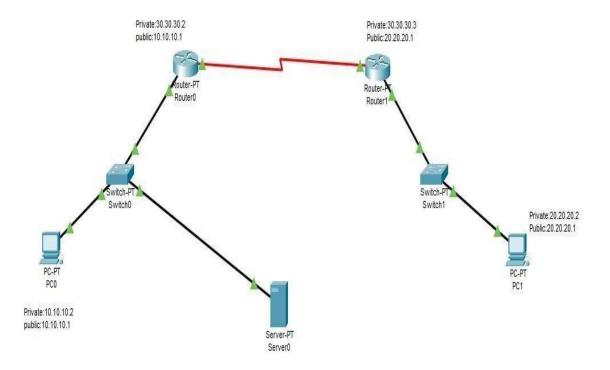
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# **Examining Network Address Translation (NAT) using Cisco Packet Tracer**

**Aim**: Examining Network Address Translation (NAT) using Cisco Packet Tracer involves several steps. NAT is commonly used to allow multiple devices on a local network to share a single public IP address for accessing the internet. Here's how you can set up and examine NAT using Cisco Packet Tracer:

#### 1. Setting Up the Network Topology

- Devices Required:
- One or more PCs (for testing connectivity)
- One router (to configure NAT)
- One switch (to connect the PCs and the router)
- One server (to simulate an external network, like the internet) Steps:
- Place the Devices: Drag and drop the required devices onto the workspace.
- Connect the Devices: Use the appropriate cables (copper straight-through for PCs to the switch, copper cross-over for switch to router) to connect the devices.
- Assign IP Addresses:
- Assign private IP addresses (e.g., 192.168.1.0/24) to the PCs and the router's internal interface.
   Assign a public IP address (e.g., 200.0.0.1/30) to the router's external interface.
   Assign an IP address to the server that simulates an external network (e.g., 200.0.0.2/30).



# 2. Configuring NAT on the Router

- Steps:
- Access the Router CLI: Click on the router and go to the CLI tab.
- Enter Global Configuration Mode:

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Router#show ip route

Codes: C - connected, S - static, I - IGRP, R - RIP, M - mobile, B - BGP

D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF, IA - OSPF inter area

N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2

E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2, E - EGP

i - IS-IS, L1 - IS-IS level-1, L2 - IS-IS level-2, ia - IS-IS inter area

* - candidate default, U - per-user static route, O - ODR

P - periodic downloaded static route

Gateway of last resort is not set

C 20.0.0.0/8 is directly connected, FastEthernet0/0

C 30.0.0.0/8 [1/0] via 30.30.30.1

Router#
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## **Configure Interfaces:**

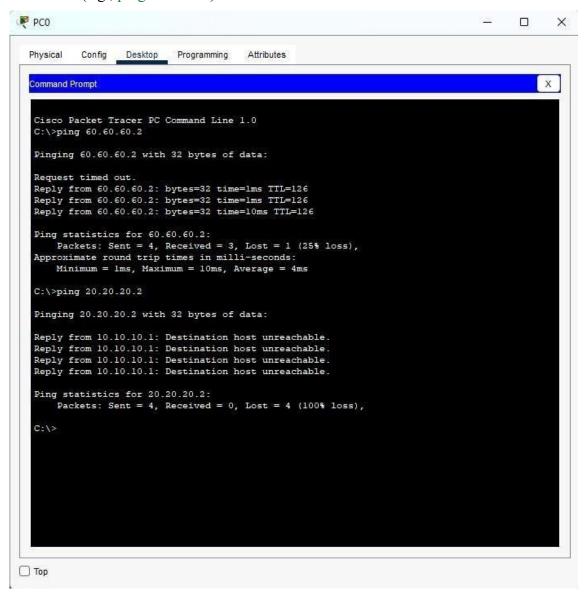
Set up the internal and external interfaces:



# 3. Testing NAT

- Steps:
- Ping from a PC to the External Network:

• From one of the PCs, open the command prompt and try to ping the external server (e.g., ping 200.0.0.2).



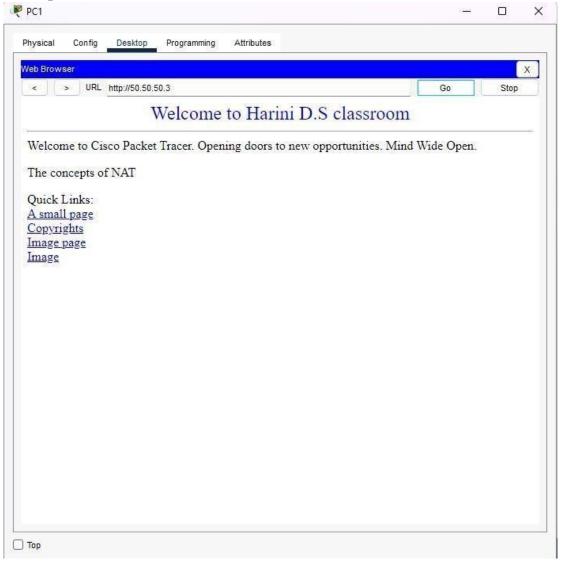
#### **Observe the Output:**

The NAT translation table should show the mapping of the internal private IP addresses to the external public IP.

#### 4. Observing the Traffic

• Use the simulation mode in Packet Tracer to visually observe the NAT process as packets move from the internal network to the external network.

### **Final output:**



Result: Network Address Translation (NAT) using Cisco Packet Tracer has been examined.