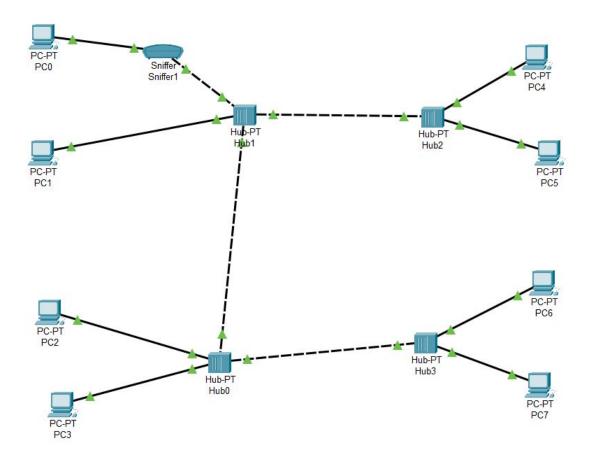


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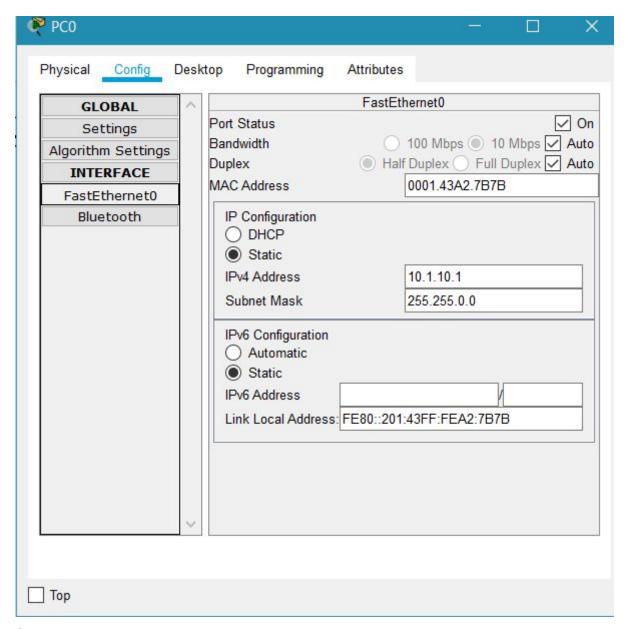
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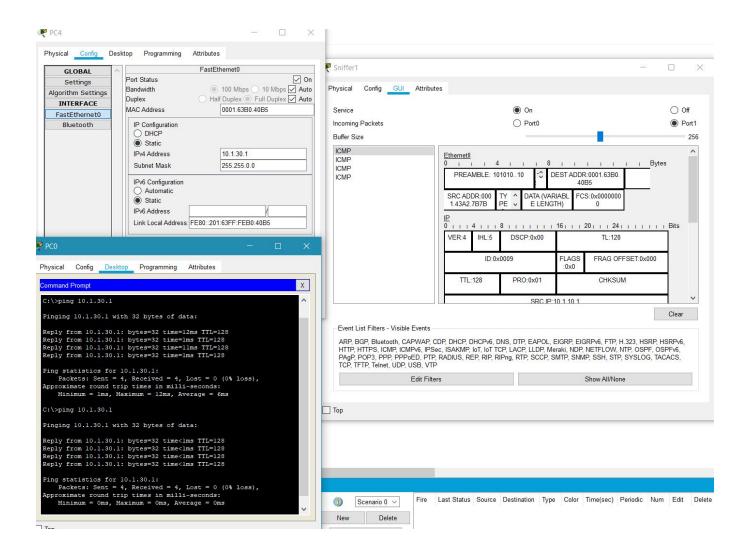
We put a sniffer to catch packets that we sent. We used copper straight-through wire to connect computers to hub devices. A straight-through cable is a type of twisted pair cable that is used in local area networks to connect a computer to a network hub.

We also used copper cross-over cable to connect hub devices. An Ethernet cross-over cable, also known as a crossed cable, connects two Ethernet network devices to each other. These cables were created to support temporary host-to-host networking in situations where an intermediate device, such as a network router, is not present.(Answered questions 1,2,4)

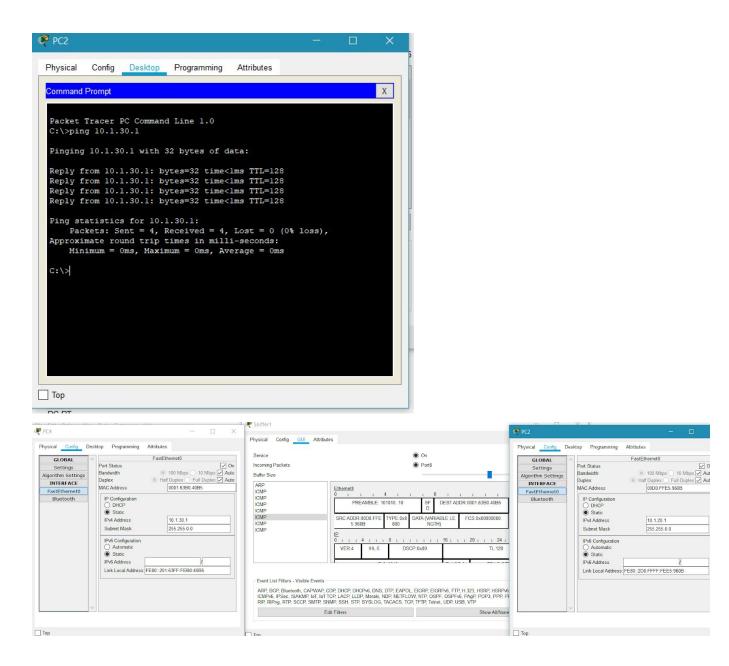
Green arrow means there is a connection between the devices.(Question answered 6)



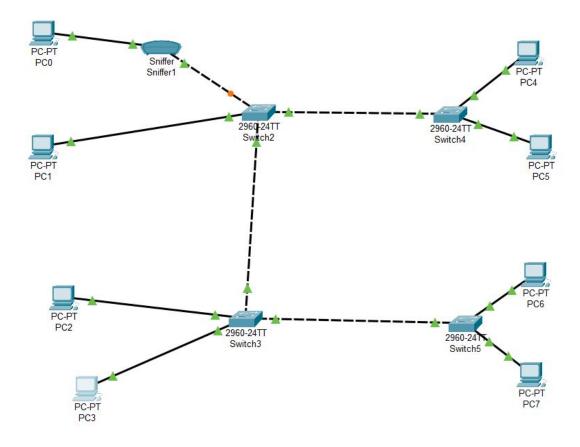
Our group number is 1 so that our IP is 10.1.xx.x.(Answered question 3)



We pinged PC(4) 10.1.30.1 IP Address from PC(0) 10.1.10.1 IP Address. We captured our packets from Sniffer1 which is expected in this case .We also see that the dest and source mac addresses on sniffer are compatible with the PC0 and PC4 that's why we make sure that we ping the correct computer.(Questions answered 5,7,8)

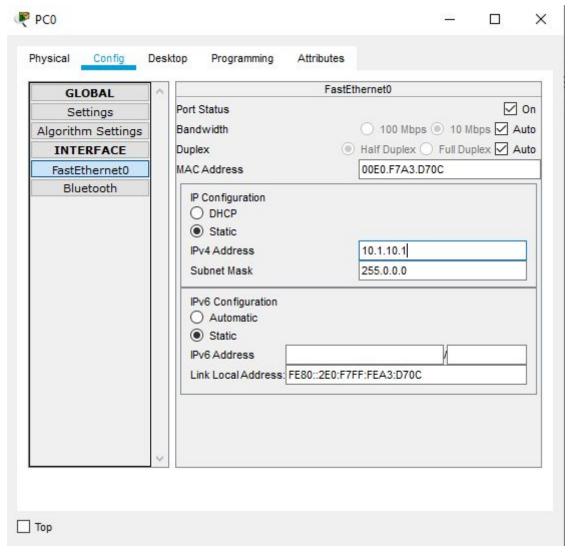


We pinged PC(4) 10.1.30.1 IP Address from PC(2) 10.1.20.1 IP Address. We also captured our packets from Sniffer1 which is expected in this case. We did this experiment in addition to the previous one because even if there is no sniffer on the route we get the packets on sniffer because hubs distribute the packets to the whole network.

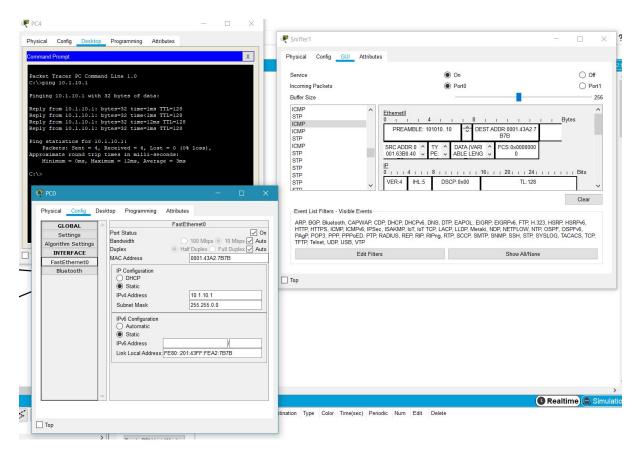


We put one sniffer to the network to catch packets that we sent.(Question answered 11,12)
Green arrow means there is a connection between the

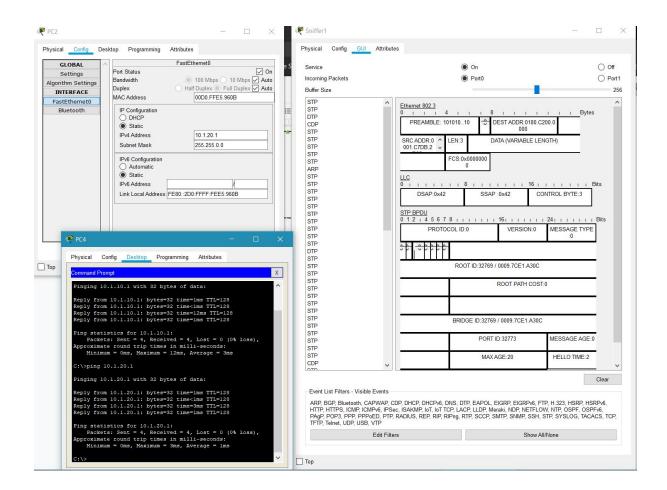
devices.(Question answered 14)



Our group number is 2. So, our IP address is 10.1.xx.x.

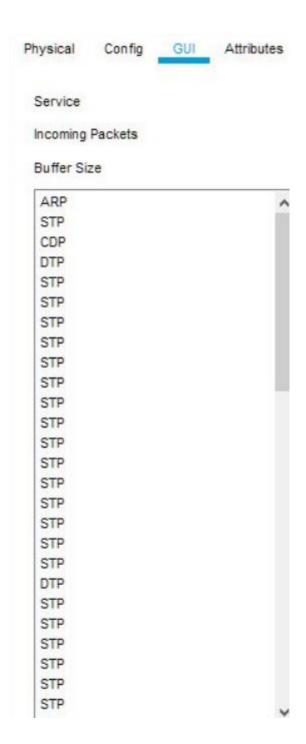


We pinged PC0(10.1.10.1) from PC4(10.1.30.1). We can see the captured packets on sniffer above which is expected in this case. We also compare the mac addresses on ICMP packages to make sure that pinged packets arrived on correct PC.(Question answered 13,15,16)



We pinged PC2(10.1.20.1) from PC4(10.1.30.1). We can't see any captured ICMP packets on sniffer because unlike the hubs, switches only distribute the packets to the target host so in this case our target host is PC4 and there is no sniffer on the route.(Our sniffer only captures the packets on the route of PC0).(Question answered18)

Hubs operate on the physical layer, whereas Switches operate on the data link layer. Hubs distribute the packets which they capture to the whole network however switches do not do this. They only send the packets to the targeted client (not the whole network) in our case. (Question answered 19).



ARP protocol(Address Resolution Protocol): The first network-level protocol is the Address Resolution Protocol (ARP). ARP dynamically translates Internet addresses into the unique hardware addresses on local area networks. In our experiment, these devices use 48-bit physical

addresses (mac address) while sending packages to each other. Physical addresses must be known to be able to exchange data over the network. In our case, the physical addresses of the devices must be known in order to send packets, that's why we observed this protocol.

STP (Spanning Tree Protocol): It actively monitors all links of the network. It uses an algorithm to find redundant links, known as the STA (spanning-tree algorithm). The STA algorithm first creates a topology database then it finds and disables the redundant links. In this way, STP eliminates the risk of physical redundant links (for example loops) in networks. In our case we have a loop in our network which is constructed from switches.

CDP (Cisco Identification Protocol): CDP is a Cisco proprietary protocol that is used for collecting directly connected neighbor device information like hardware, software, device name details and many more. Each Cisco device stores the messages received from neighbor devices in a table that can be viewed. It is useful in a way that Network Engineers can gather information about neighboring network devices, determining the type of hardware or equipment, software version, active interfaces the device is using (whether physical or VLAN), how they are configured, and other useful information.

DTP (Dynamic Trunking Protocol): Dynamic Trunking Protocol is a Cisco proprietary trunking protocol, which is used to automatically negotiate trunks between Cisco switches. Dynamic Trunking Protocol can be used to negotiate and form trunk connection between Cisco switches dynamically. The main benefit of DTP is to increase traffic on a trunked link.