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# DHCPv4 & NAT

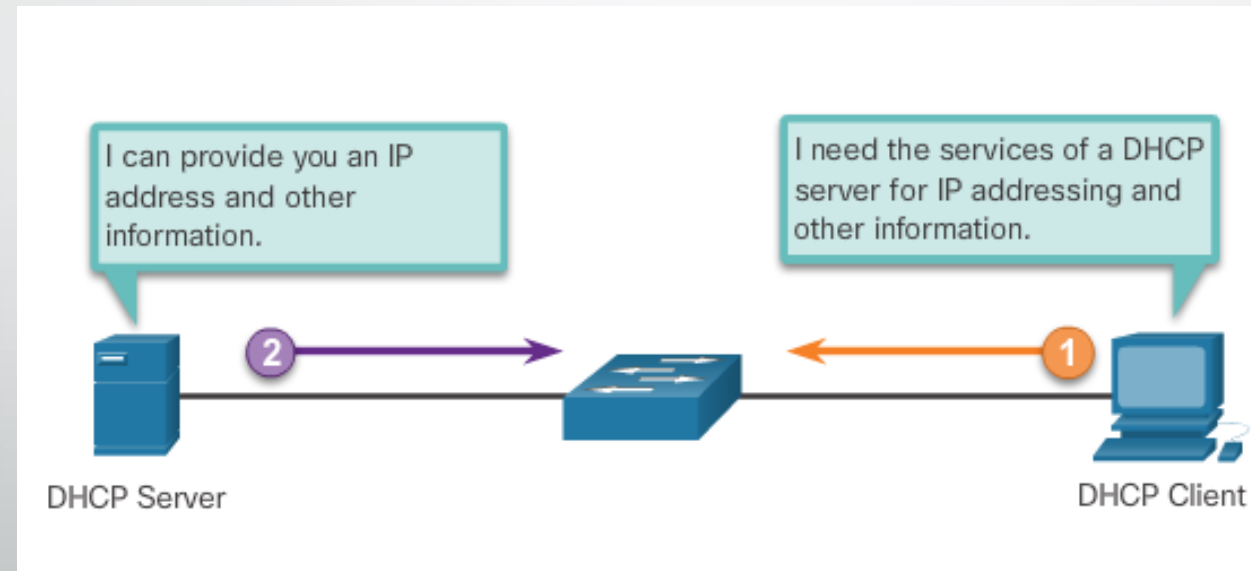
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# Objectives

- DHCPv4
- Configure a Cisco IOS DHCPv4 Server
- Configure a DHCPv4 Client
- NAT Concepts
  - Introduction to NAT
  - PAT (NAT Overloading)
  - Port Forwarding

# DHCPv4 Concepts



# Why DHCP?

- Every device that connects to a network needs an IP address.
  - Network administrators assign static IP addresses to routers, servers, and other network devices whose locations (physical and logical) are not likely to change.
  - User computers in an organization often change locations, physically and logically.
    - Mobile/Moving clients do not require a static address.
    - A workstation can use any address within a range of addresses.
    - This range is typically within an IP subnet.

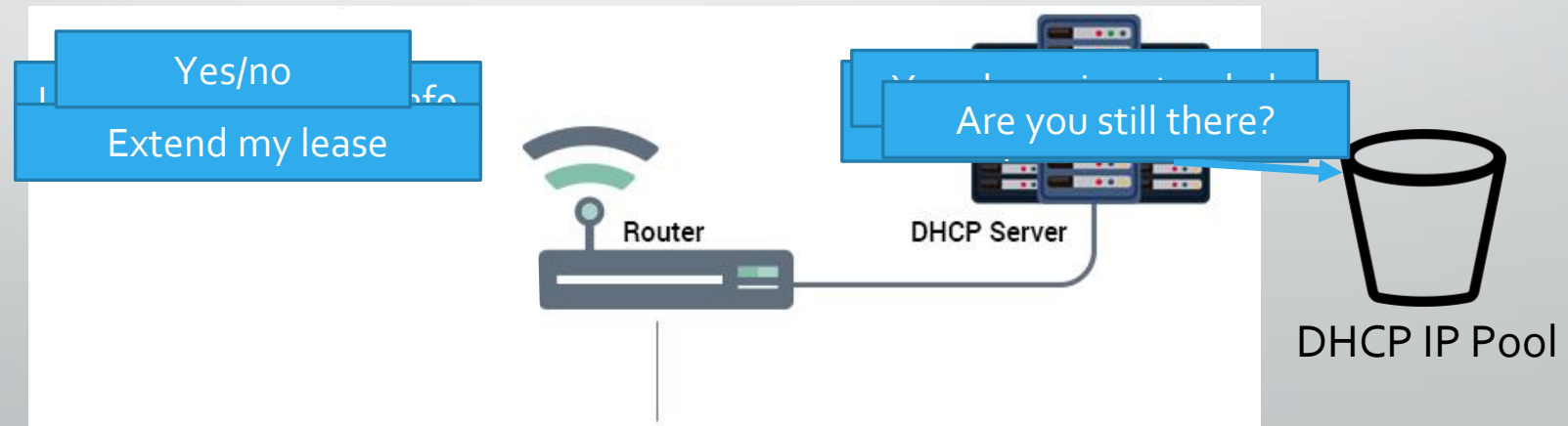
# DHCP Operations

- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol v4 (DHCPv4) **assigns IPv4 addresses and other network configuration** information **dynamically**.
- A dedicated DHCPv4 server is **scalable and relatively easy to manage**. However, in a small branch or SOHO location, a **Cisco router can be configured to provide DHCPv4 services** without the need for a dedicated server.
- The DHCPv4 server dynamically assigns, or leases, an IPv4 address from a **pool of addresses** for a **limited period of time** chosen by the server, or until the client no longer needs the address.
- Clients **lease** the information from the server for an **administratively defined period**. The lease is typically anywhere from few hours to a week or more. When the **lease expires**, the client must ask for an extension of the lease.

# DHCP Operations (Continued)

DHCPv4 works in a client/server mode. When a client communicates with a DHCPv4 server, the server assigns or leases an IPv4 address to that client.

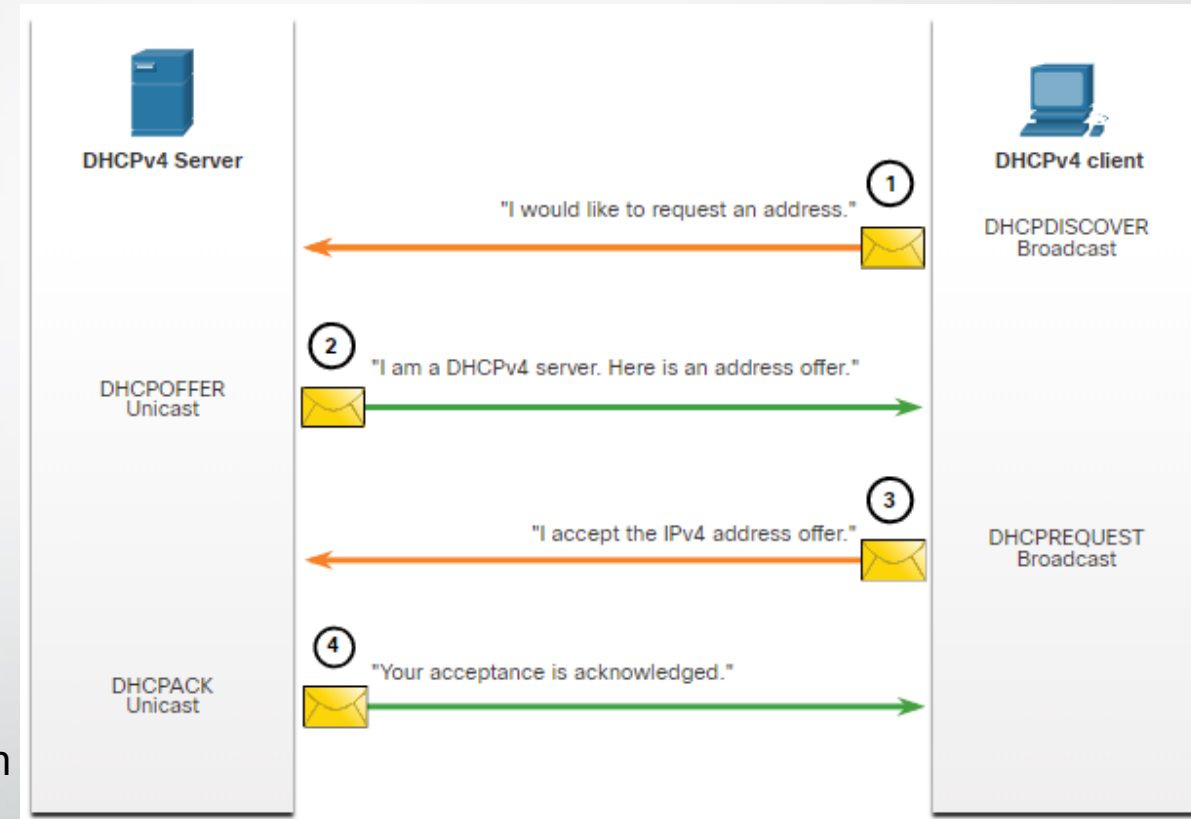
- The client connects to the network with that leased IPv4 address until the lease expires. The client must contact the DHCP server periodically to extend the lease.
- This lease mechanism ensures that clients that move or power off do not keep addresses that they no longer need.
- When a lease expires, the DHCP server returns the address to the pool where it can be reallocated as necessary.



# Steps to Obtain a Lease (DORA)

When the client boots (or otherwise wants to join a network), it begins a four-step process to obtain a lease:

- **DHCP Discover (Broadcast)**
  - Finds the DHCP server(s) on the network.
- **DHCP Offer (Unicast)**
  - Contains an available IP address to lease
- **DHCP Request (Broadcast)**
  - It serves as an acceptance notice to the selected server and an implicit decline to any other servers
  - Also used for lease renewal and verification
- **DHCP Acknowledgment (Unicast)**
  - Verifies the lease information.

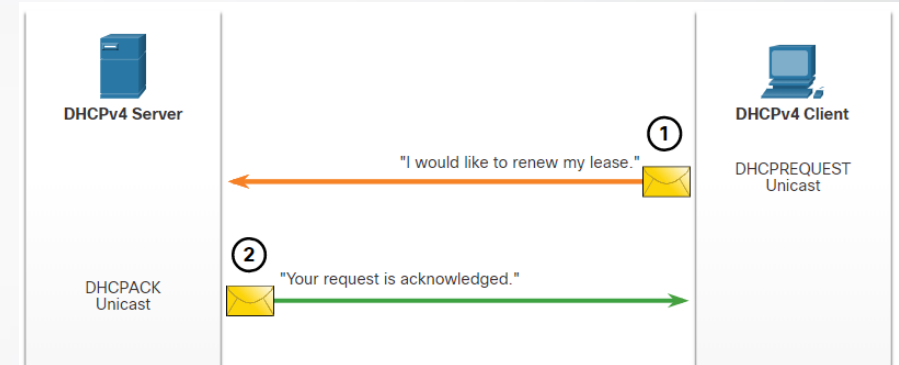


```
IP address: 192.168.10.15
Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
Default gateway: 192.168.10.1
DNS servers:
Lease Time: 3 days
```

# Steps to Renew a Lease

Prior to lease expiration, the client begins a two-step process to renew the lease with the DHCPv4 server, as shown in the figure:

- **DHCP Request (DHCPREQUEST)**
  - Before the lease expires, the client sends a DHCPREQUEST message directly to the DHCPv4 server that originally offered the IPv4 address. If a DHCPACK is not received within a specified amount of time, the client broadcasts another DHCPREQUEST so that one of the other DHCPv4 servers can extend the lease.
- **DHCP Acknowledgment (DHCPACK)**
  - On receiving the DHCPREQUEST message, the server verifies the lease information by returning a DHCPACK.

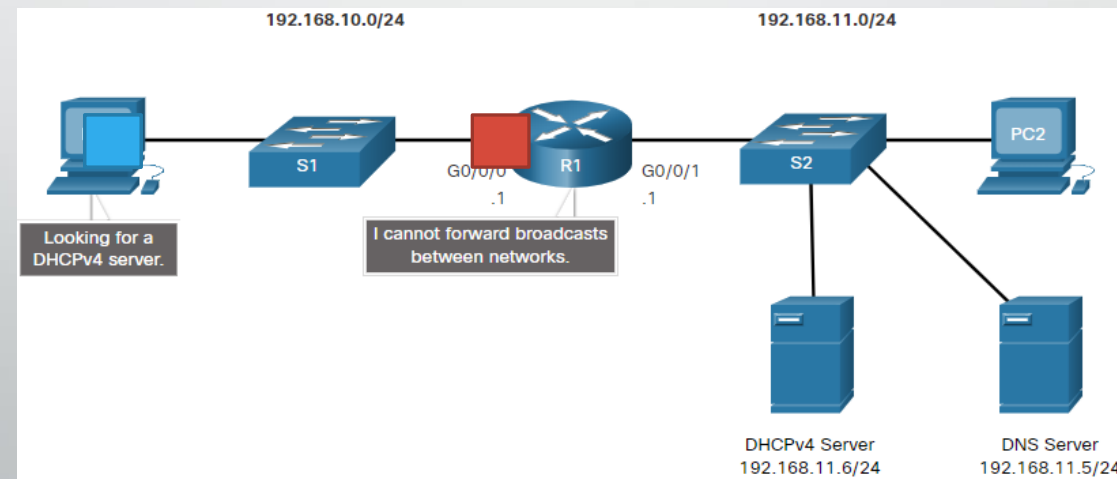


**Note:** These messages (primarily the DHCPOFFER and DHCPACK) can be sent as unicast or broadcast according to IETF RFC 2131.



# DHCP Relay

- In a complex hierarchical network, enterprise servers are usually located centrally. These servers may provide DHCP, DNS, TFTP, and FTP services for the network. Network clients are not typically on the same subnet as those servers. In order to locate the servers and receive services, clients often use broadcast messages.
- In the figure, PC1 is attempting to acquire an IPv4 address from a DHCPv4 server using a broadcast message. In this scenario, R1 is not configured as a DHCPv4 server and does not forward the broadcast. Because the DHCPv4 server is located on a different network, PC1 cannot receive an IP address using DHCP. R1 must be configured to relay DHCPv4 messages to the DHCPv4 server.

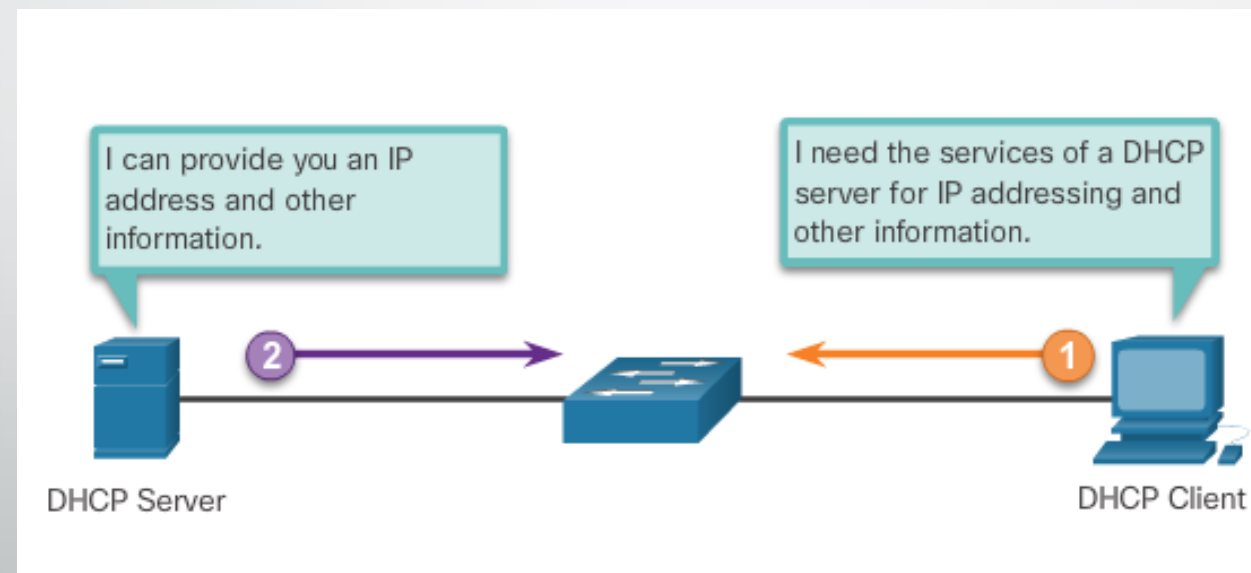


# Other Service Broadcast Relayed

DHCPv4 is not the only service that the router can be configured to relay. By default, the ip helper-address command forwards the following eight UDP services:

- Port 37: Time
- Port 49: TACACS
- Port 53: DNS
- Port 67: DHCP/BOOTP server
- Port 68: DHCP/BOOTP client
- Port 69: TFTP
- Port 137: NetBIOS name service
- Port 138: NetBIOS datagram service

# DHCPv4 Server Configuration



# Steps to Configure a CISCO IOS DHCP Server

A Cisco router running Cisco IOS software can be configured to act as a DHCPv4 server. The step of the configurations are given below.

- **Step 1. Exclude IPv4 addresses.**

A single address or a range of addresses can be **excluded by specifying the low-address and high-address of the range**. Excluded addresses should be those addresses that are **assigned to routers, servers, printers, and other devices** that have been, or will be, manually configured. You can also enter the command multiple times.

```
ip dhcp excluded-address [low-address] [high-address]
```

- **Step 2. Define a DHCPv4 pool name.**

This creates a pool with the specified name and puts the router in DHCPv4 configuration mode, which is identified by the prompt **Router(dhcp-config)#**.

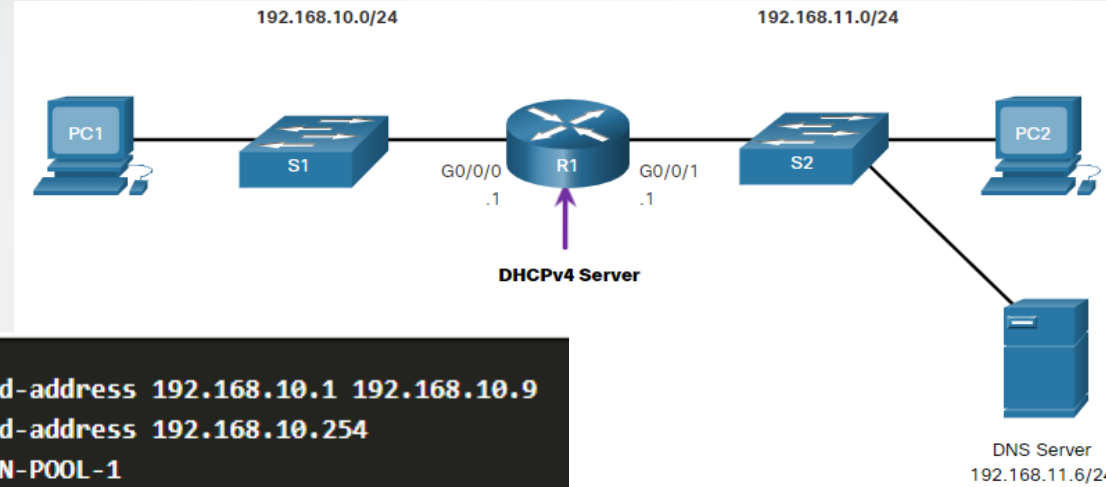
```
ip dhcp pool pool-name
```

# Steps to Configure a CISCO IOS DHCP Server

- **Step 3. Configure the DHCPv4 pool.** The address pool and default gateway router must be configured.
  - Use the network statement to define the range of available addresses.
  - Use the default-router command to define the default gateway router.
  - Other optional commands are shown in the table.

Task	IOS Command
Define the address pool.	<b>network</b> <i>network-number</i> [ <i>mask</i>   / <i>prefix-length</i> ]
Define the default router or gateway.	<b>default-router</b> <i>address</i> [ <i>address2</i> ... <i>address8</i> ]
Define a DNS server.	<b>dns-server</b> <i>address</i> [ <i>address2</i> ... <i>address8</i> ]
Define the domain name.	<b>domain-name</b> <i>domain</i>
Define the duration of the DHCP lease.	<b>lease</b> { <i>days</i> [ <i>hours</i> [ <i>minutes</i> ]]   <b>infinite</b> }
Define the NetBIOS WINS server.	<b>netbios-name-server</b> <i>address</i> [ <i>address2</i> ... <i>address8</i> ]

# Example Configuration



```
R1(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.10.1 192.168.10.9
R1(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.10.254
R1(config)# ip dhcp pool LAN-POOL-1
R1(dhcp-config)# network 192.168.10.0 255.255.255.0
R1(dhcp-config)# default-router 192.168.10.1
R1(dhcp-config)# dns-server 192.168.11.5
R1(dhcp-config)# domain-name example.com
R1(dhcp-config)# end
R1#
```

# DHCP Configuration Verification

Use the commands in the table to verify that the Cisco IOS DHCPv4 server is operational.

Command	Description
<b>show running-config   section dhcp</b>	Displays the DHCPv4 commands configured on the router.
<b>show ip dhcp binding</b>	Displays a list of all IPv4 address to MAC address bindings provided by the DHCPv4 service.
<b>show ip dhcp server statistics</b>	Displays count information regarding the number of DHCPv4 messages that have been sent and received

# Verify DHCPv4 is Operational

## Verify the DHCPv4 Configuration:

- As shown in the example, the **show running-config | section dhcp** command output displays the DHCPv4 commands configured on R1. The **| section [parameter]** displays only the commands associated with DHCPv4 configuration.

```
R1# show running-config | section dhcp
ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.10.1 192.168.10.9
ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.10.254
ip dhcp pool LAN-POOL-1
  network 192.168.10.0 255.255.255.0
  default-router 192.168.10.1
  dns-server 192.168.11.5
  domain-name example.com
```



# Verify DHCPv4 is Operational

## Verify DHCPv4 Bindings:

- As shown in the example, the operation of DHCPv4 can be verified using the **show ip dhcp binding** command. This command displays a list of all IPv4 address to MAC address bindings that have been provided by the DHCPv4 service.

```
R1# show ip dhcp binding
```

```
Bindings from all pools not associated with VRF:
```

IP address	Client-ID/ Hardware address/ User name	Lease expiration	Type	State	Interface
192.168.10.10	0100.5056.b3ed.d8	Sep 15 2019 8:42 AM	Automatic	Active	GigabitEthernet0/0/0

# Verify DHCPv4 is Operational

## Verify DHCPv4 Statistics:

- The output of the **show ip dhcp server statistics** is used to verify that messages are being received or sent by the router. This command displays count information regarding the number of DHCPv4 messages that have been sent and received.

```
R1# show ip dhcp server statistics
Memory usage          19465
Address pools         1
Database agents       0
Automatic bindings    2
Manual bindings       0
Expired bindings      0
Malformed messages    0
Secure arp entries    0
Renew messages        0
Workspace timeouts    0
Static routes         0
Relay bindings        0
Relay bindings active  0
Relay bindings terminated 0
Relay bindings selecting 0
Message              Received
BOOTREQUEST          0
DHCPDISCOVER         4
DHCPREQUEST          2
DHCPDECLINE          0
DHCPRELEASE          0
DHCPINFORM           0
```

# Verify DHCPv4 is Operational

## Verify DHCPv4 Client Received IPv4 Addressing:

- The **ipconfig /all** command, when issued on PC1, displays the TCP/IP parameters, as shown in the example. Because PC1 was connected to the network segment 192.168.10.0/24, it automatically received a DNS suffix, IPv4 address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS server address from that pool. No DHCP-specific router interface configuration is required. If a PC is connected to a network segment that has a DHCPv4 pool available, the PC can obtain an IPv4 address from the appropriate pool automatically.

```
C:\Users\Student> ipconfig /all
Windows IP Configuration

Host Name . . . . . : ciscolab
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . :
Node Type . . . . . : Hybrid
IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : No
WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No

Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : example.com
Description . . . . . : Realtek PCIe GBE Family Controller
Physical Address. . . . . : 00-05-9A-3C-7A-00
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.10.10
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Lease Obtained . . . . . : Saturday, September 14, 2019 8:42:22AM
Lease Expires . . . . . : Sunday, September 15, 2019 8:42:22AM
Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.10.1
DHCP Server . . . . . : 192.168.10.1
DNS Servers . . . . . : 192.168.11.5
```

# Disable the Cisco IOS DHCPv4 Server

The DHCPv4 service is enabled by default. To disable the service, use the `no service dhcp` global configuration mode command. Use the `service dhcp` global configuration mode command to re-enable the DHCPv4 server process, as shown in the example. Enabling the service has no effect if the parameters are not configured.

**Note:** Clearing the DHCP bindings or stopping and restarting the DHCP service may result in duplicate IP addresses being temporarily assigned on the network.

```
R1(config)# no service dhcp
R1(config)# service dhcp
R1(config)#
```

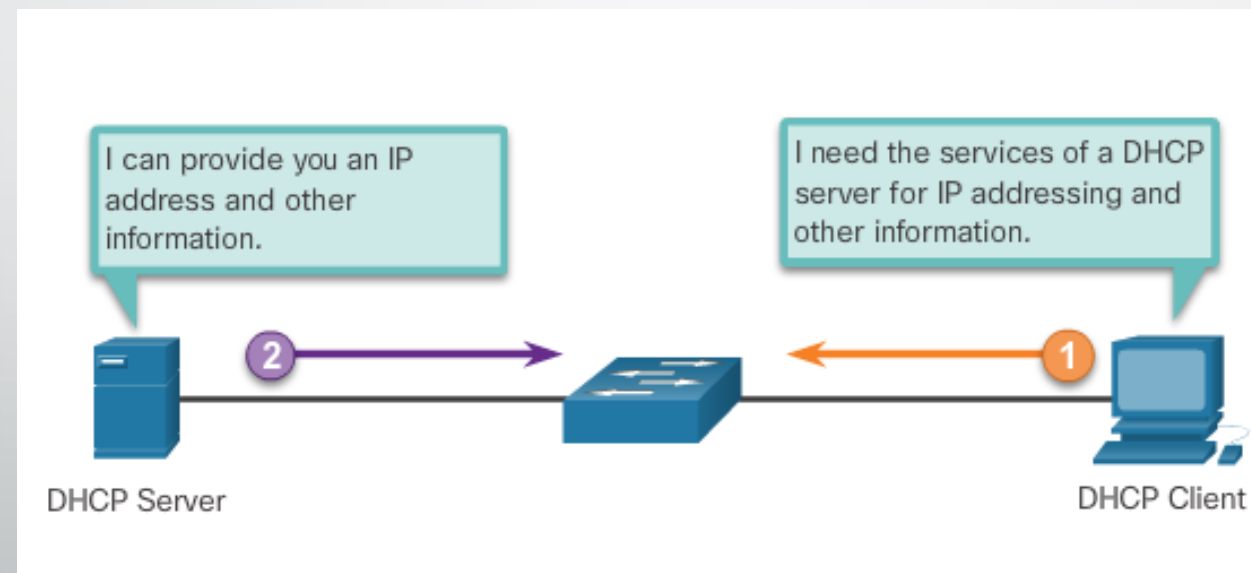
# Configuring DHCP Relay

- Configure R1 with the **ip helper-address [address]** interface configuration command. This will cause R1 to relay DHCPv4 broadcasts to the DHCPv4 server. As shown in the example, the interface on R1 receiving the broadcast from PC1 is configured to relay DHCPv4 address to the DHCPv4 server at 192.168.11.6.
- When R1 has been configured as a DHCPv4 relay agent, it accepts broadcast requests for the DHCPv4 service and then forwards those requests as a unicast to the IPv4 address 192.168.11.6. The network administrator can use the show ip interface command to verify the configuration.

```
R1(config)# interface g0/0/0
R1(config-if)# ip helper-address 192.168.11.6
R1(config-if)# end
R1#
```

```
R1# show ip interface g0/0/0
GigabitEthernet0/0/0 is up, line protocol is up
  Internet address is 192.168.10.1/24
  Broadcast address is 255.255.255.255
  Address determined by setup command
  MTU is 1500 bytes
  Helper address is 192.168.11.6
(output omitted)
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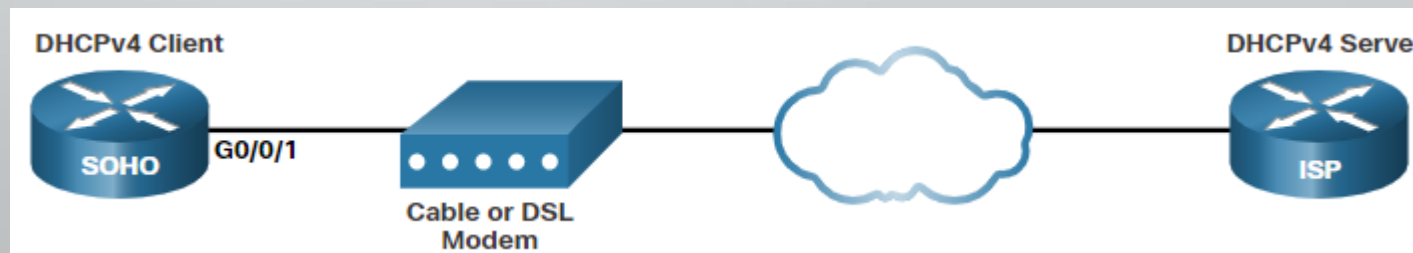
# DHCPv4 Client Configuration



# DHCP Operations

There are scenarios where you might have access to a DHCP server through your ISP. In these instances, you can configure a Cisco IOS router as a DHCPv4 client.

- Sometimes, Cisco routers in a small office or home office (SOHO) and branch sites have to be configured as DHCPv4 clients in a similar manner to client computers. The method used depends on the ISP. However, in its simplest configuration, the Ethernet interface is used to connect to a cable or DSL modem.
- To configure an Ethernet interface as a DHCP client, use the **ip address dhcp** interface configuration mode command.
- In the figure, assume that an ISP has been configured to provide select customers with IP addresses from the 209.165.201.0/27 network range after the Go/o/1 interface is configured with the **ip address dhcp** command.



# Example Configuration

- To configure an Ethernet interface as a DHCP client, use the ip address dhcp interface configuration mode command, as shown in the example. This configuration assumes that the ISP has been configured to provide select customers with IPv4 addressing information.
- The show ip interface go/1 command confirms that the interface is up and that the address was allocated by a DHCPv4 server.


```
SOHO(config)# interface G0/0/1
SOHO(config-if)# ip address dhcp
SOHO(config-if)# no shutdown
Sep 12 10:01:25.773: %DHCP-6-ADDRESS_ASSIGN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1 assigned DHCP address
209.165.201.12, mask 255.255.255.224, hostname SOHO
```

```
SOHO# show ip interface g0/0/1
GigabitEthernet0/0/1 is up, line protocol is up
  Internet address is 209.165.201.12/27
  Broadcast address is 255.255.255.255
  Address determined by DHCP
(output omitted)
```



# Home Router DHCPv4 Client

- Home routers are typically already set to receive IPv4 addressing information automatically from the ISP. This is so that customers can easily set up the router and connect to the internet.
- For example, the figure shows the default WAN setup page for a Packet Tracer wireless router. Notice that the internet connection type is set to **Automatic Configuration - DHCP**. This selection is used when the router is connected to a DSL or cable modem and acts as a DHCPv4 client, requesting an IPv4 address from the ISP.
- Various manufacturers of home routers will have a similar setup.



Wireless Tri-Band Home Router

Firmware Version: v0.9.7

**Setup** | Setup | Wireless | Security | Access Restrictions | Applications & Gaming | Administration | Status

Basic Setup | DNS | MAC Address Clone | Advanced Routing

**Internet Setup**

Internet Connection type: Automatic Configuration - DHCP

Optional Settings (required by some internet service providers):

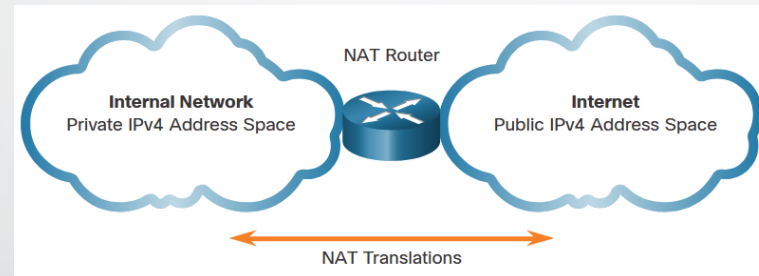
Host Name:

Domain Name:

MTU:  Size: 1500

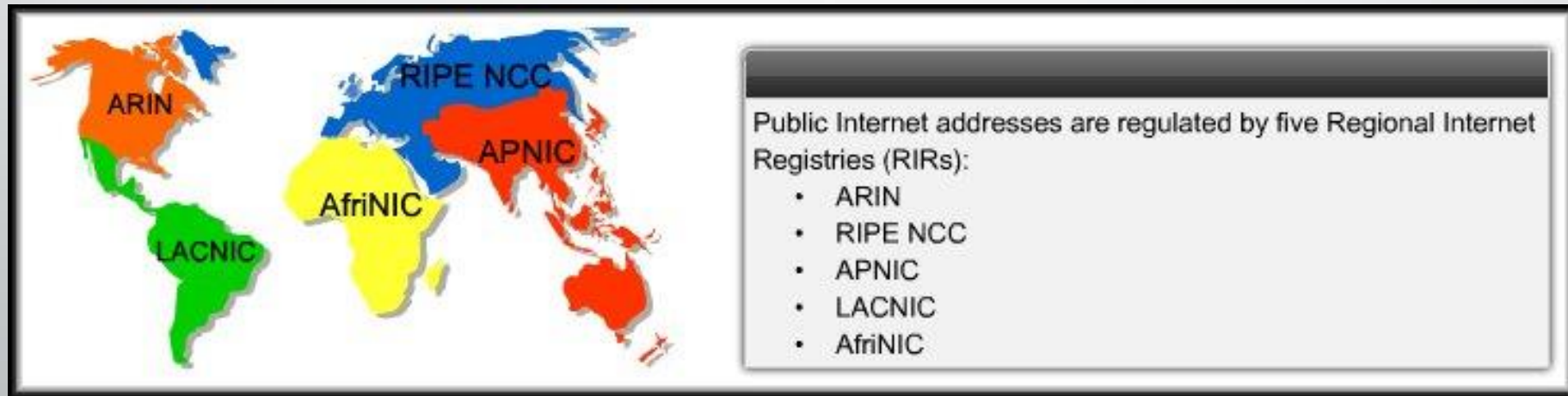
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# NAT



# Scaling Networks with NAT

- Reuse IP addresses by using NAT by creating two types of addresses: Private and Public Addressing.
  - All public Internet addresses must be registered with a Regional Internet Registry (RIR).
- Organizations can lease public addresses from an ISP.
  - Then, they can use the private addresses in their internal networks
- Only the registered holder of a public Internet address can assign that address to a network device.



# Category of Addresses

- Private Internet Addresses:

- These are reserved private Internet addresses drawn from three blocks (A, B and C)
- These addresses are for private, internal network use only.
- RFC 1918 specifies that private addresses are not to be routed over the Internet.

- **Two Issues:**

- You cannot route private addresses over the Internet.
- There are not enough public addresses to allow organizations to provide one to every one of their hosts.

Class	Activity Type	Activity Name
A	10.0.0.0 – 10.255.255.255	10.0.0.0/8
B	172.16.0.0 – 172.31.255.255	172.16.0.0/12
C	192.168.0.0 – 192.168.255.255	192.168.0.0/16

- Public Internet Addresses

- These are for public routing
- Can be advertised globally.

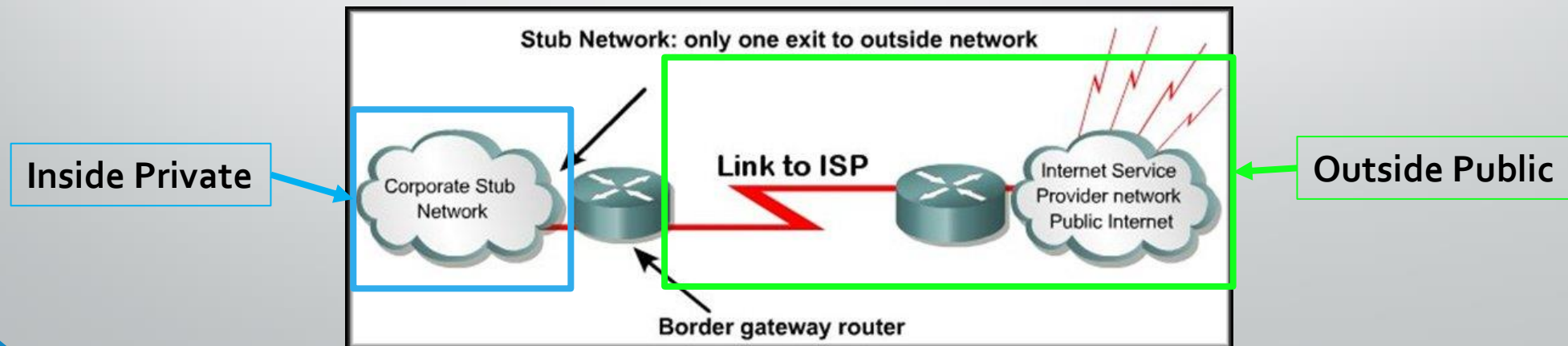
# What is NAT?

- Networks need a mechanism to **translate private addresses to public addresses** at the edge of their network that works in both directions.
- **NAT-enabled routers** retain one or many valid Internet IP addresses outside of the network and uses DHCP to provide private IPs to the users of the network
- When the client sends packets out of the network, **NAT translates** the internal IP address of the client to an external address.
- **To outside users**, all traffic coming to and going from the network has the same IP address or is from the same pool of addresses.



# How NAT Works

- A NAT enabled device typically operates **at the border** of a stub network.
- When a host on the **inside (private) network** wants to access a host on the **outside (public) network**, the packet is sent to the border gateway router.
  - **Inside Network:** Usually an organization's LAN
  - **Outside Network:** usually the Internet but it can be any network
- The border gateway router performs the NAT process, **translating the inside private address to an outside public address** using an internal translation table.
  - The contents of the table will vary depending on the type of network translation being implemented.



# NAT Terminology

- NAT terminology is always applied from the perspective of the device with the translated address:
  - **Inside address** - The address of the device which is being translated by NAT.
  - **Outside address** - The address of the destination device.
  - **Local address** - A local address appears on the inside portion of the network.
  - **Global address** - A global address appears on the outside portion of the network.

# Types of Addresses

## Inside local address

- The address of the source as seen from inside the network. This is typically a private IPv4 address. The inside local address of PC1 is 192.168.10.10.

## Inside global addresses

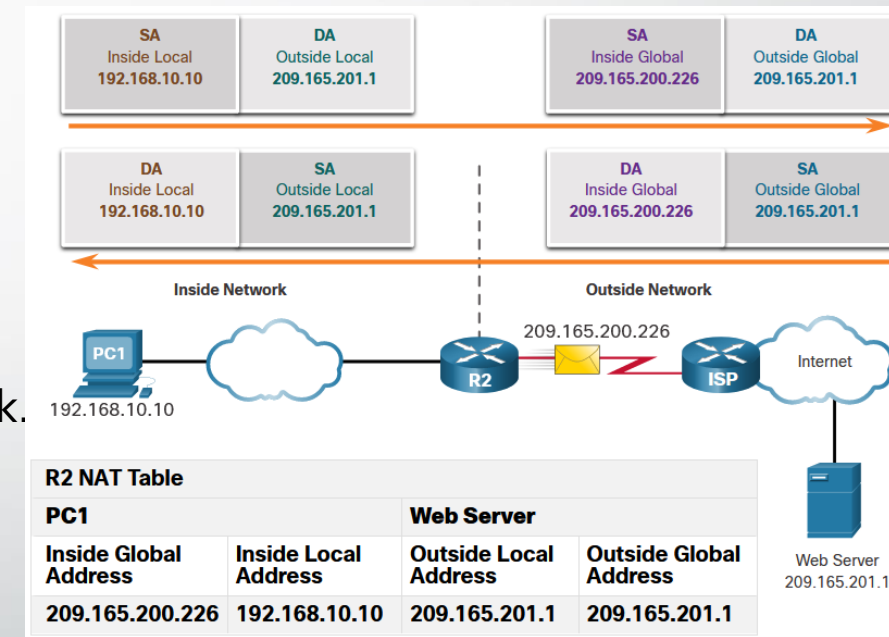
- The address of source as seen from the outside network. The inside global address of PC1 is 209.165.200.226

## Outside global address

- The address of the destination as seen from the outside network. The outside global address of the web server is 209.165.201.1

## Outside local address

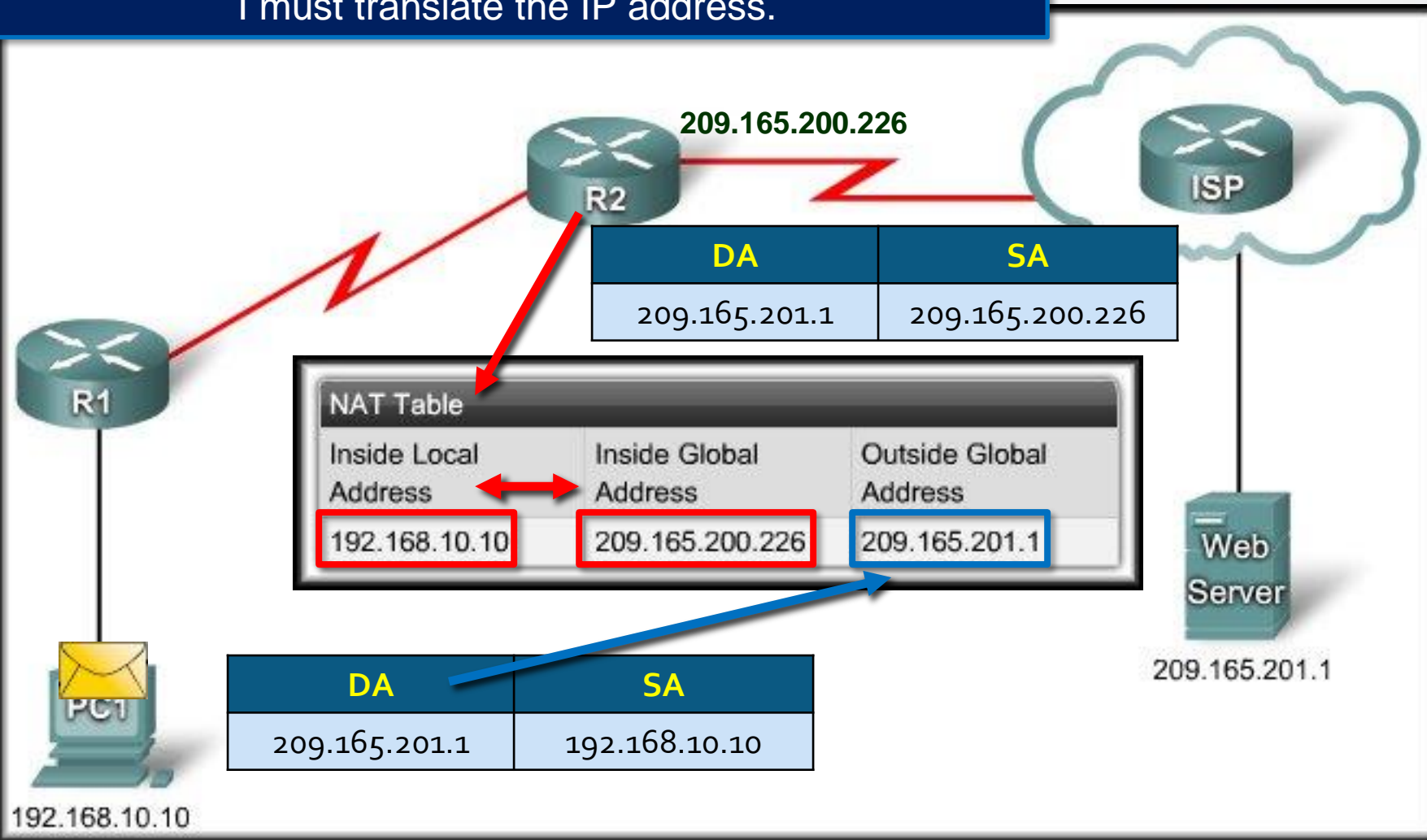
- The address of the destination as seen from the inside network. PC1 sends traffic to the web server at the IPv4 address 209.165.201.1. While uncommon, this address could be different than the globally routable address of the destination.





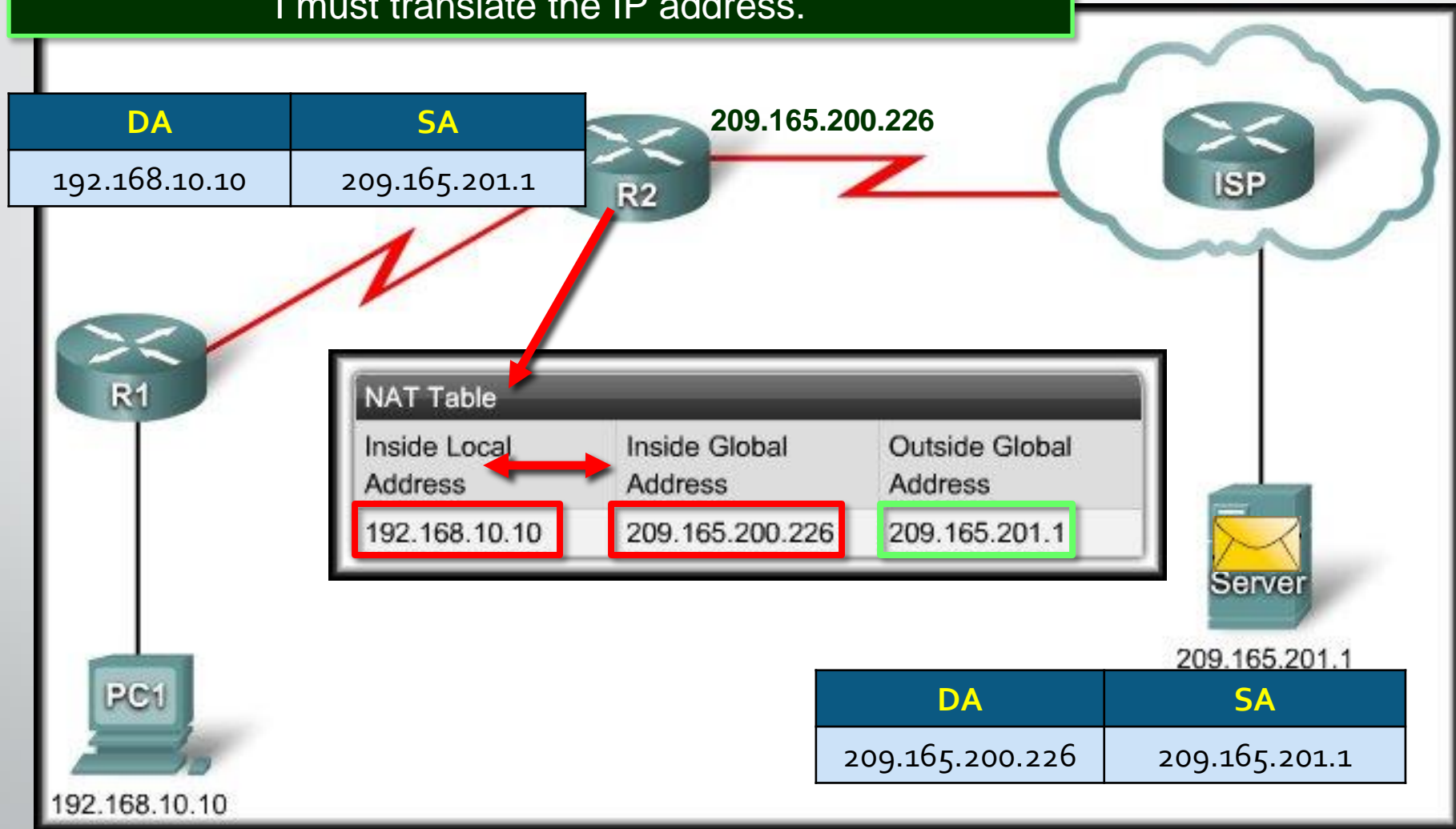
# Example: NAT; Sending

**R2:** I have a packet for the **outside network**.  
I must translate the IP address.



# Example: NAT; Receiving

**R2:** I have a packet for the **inside network**.  
I must translate the IP address.



# Advantages of NAT

- NAT provides many benefits:
  - NAT **conserves the legally registered addressing** scheme by allowing the privatization of intranets.
  - NAT **conserves addresses through application port-level multiplexing.**
  - NAT **increases the flexibility** of connections to the public network.
  - NAT **provides consistency** for **internal network** addressing schemes.
  - NAT **allows the existing private IPv4 address scheme** to remain while allowing for easy change to a new public addressing scheme.
  - NAT **hides the IPv4 addresses** of users and other devices.

# Disadvantages of NAT

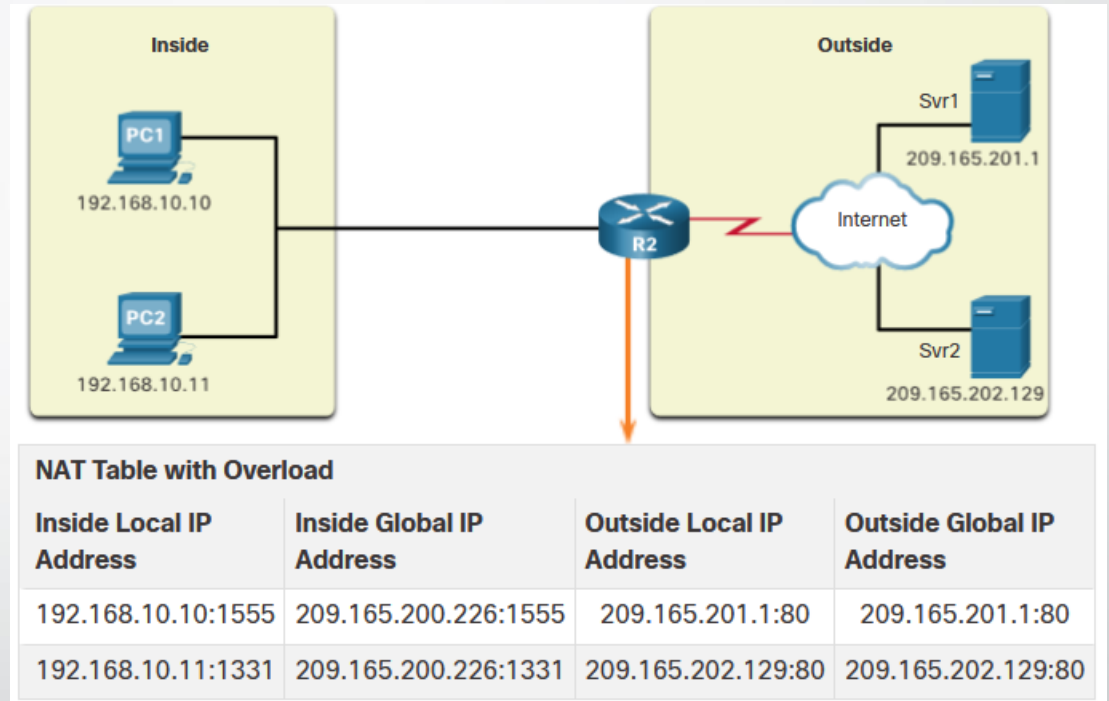
- NAT does have drawbacks:
  - NAT **increases forwarding delays.**
  - End-to-end **addressing is lost.**
  - End-to-end **IPv4 traceability is lost.**
  - NAT **complicates the use of tunneling protocols**, such as IPsec.
  - Services that require the initiation of TCP connections from the outside network, or stateless protocols, such as those using UDP, **can be disrupted.**

# PAT (NAT Overload)

# PAT

Port Address Translation (PAT), also known as NAT overload, maps multiple private IPv4 addresses to a single public IPv4 address or a few addresses.

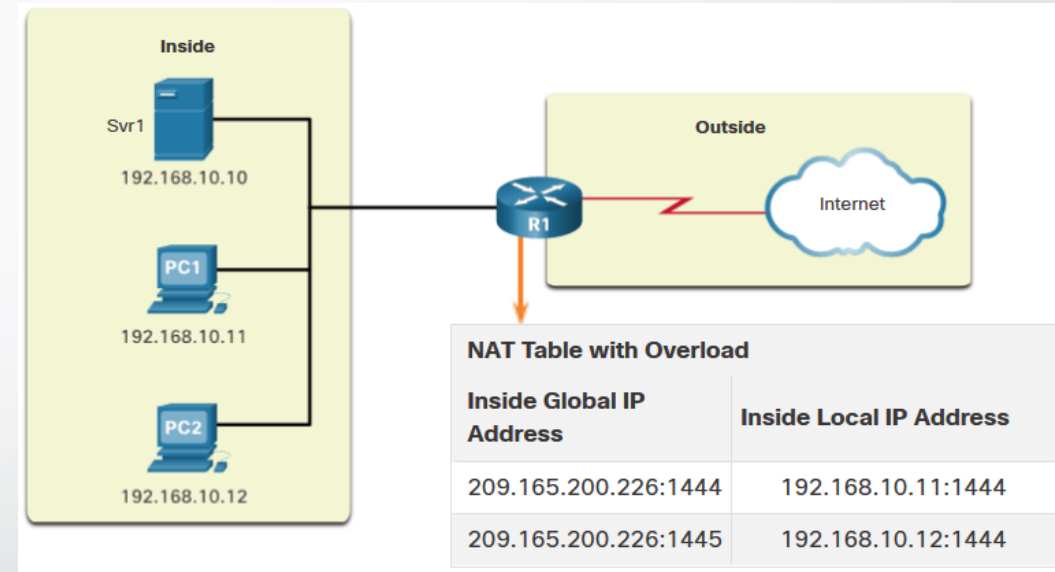
- With PAT, when the NAT router receives a packet from the client, it uses the source port number to uniquely identify the specific NAT translation.
- PAT ensures that devices use a different TCP port number for each session with a server on the internet.



# Next Available Port

PAT attempts to preserve the original source port. If the original source port is already used, PAT assigns the first available port number starting from the beginning of the appropriate port group 0-511, 512-1,023, or 1,024-65,535.

- When there are no more ports available and there is more than one external address in the address pool, PAT moves to the next address to try to allocate the original source port.
- The process continues until there are no more available ports or external IPv4 addresses in the address pool.



# Packets without Layer 4 Segments

Some packets do not contain a Layer 4 port number, such as ICMPv4 messages. Each of these types of protocols is handled differently by PAT.

For example, ICMPv4 query messages, echo requests, and echo replies include a Query ID. ICMPv4 uses the Query ID to identify an echo request with its corresponding echo reply.

**Note:** Other ICMPv4 messages do not use the Query ID. These messages and other protocols that do not use TCP or UDP port numbers vary and are beyond the scope of this curriculum.



# NAT vs PAT

- NAT - Only modifies the IPv4 addresses

Inside Global Address	Inside Local Address
209.165.200.226	192.168.10.10

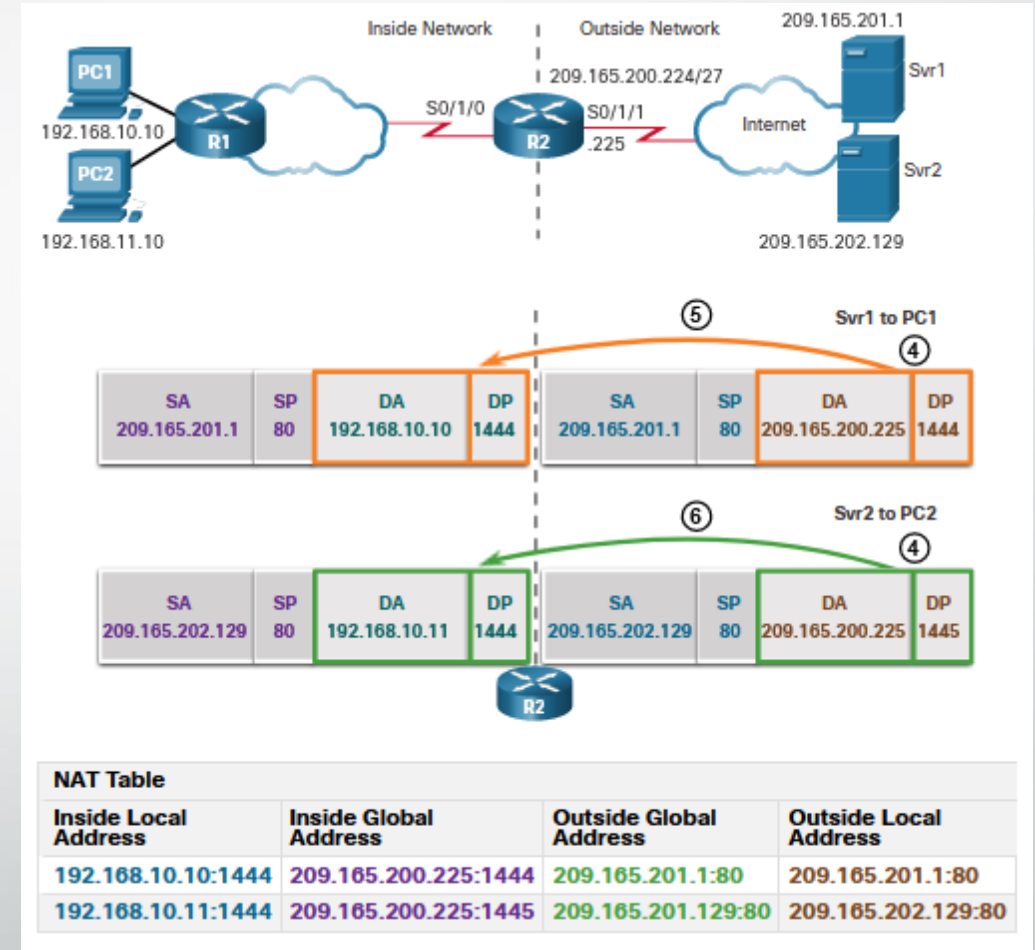
- PAT - PAT modifies both the IPv4 address and the port number

Inside Global Address	Inside Local Address
209.165.200.226:2031	192.168.10.10:2031

NAT	PAT
One-to-one mapping between Inside Local and Inside Global addresses.	One Inside Global address can be mapped to many Inside Local addresses.
Uses only IPv4 addresses in translation process.	Uses IPv4 addresses and TCP or UDP source port numbers in translation process.
A unique Inside Global address is required for each inside host accessing the outside network.	A single unique Inside Global address can be shared by many inside hosts accessing the outside network.

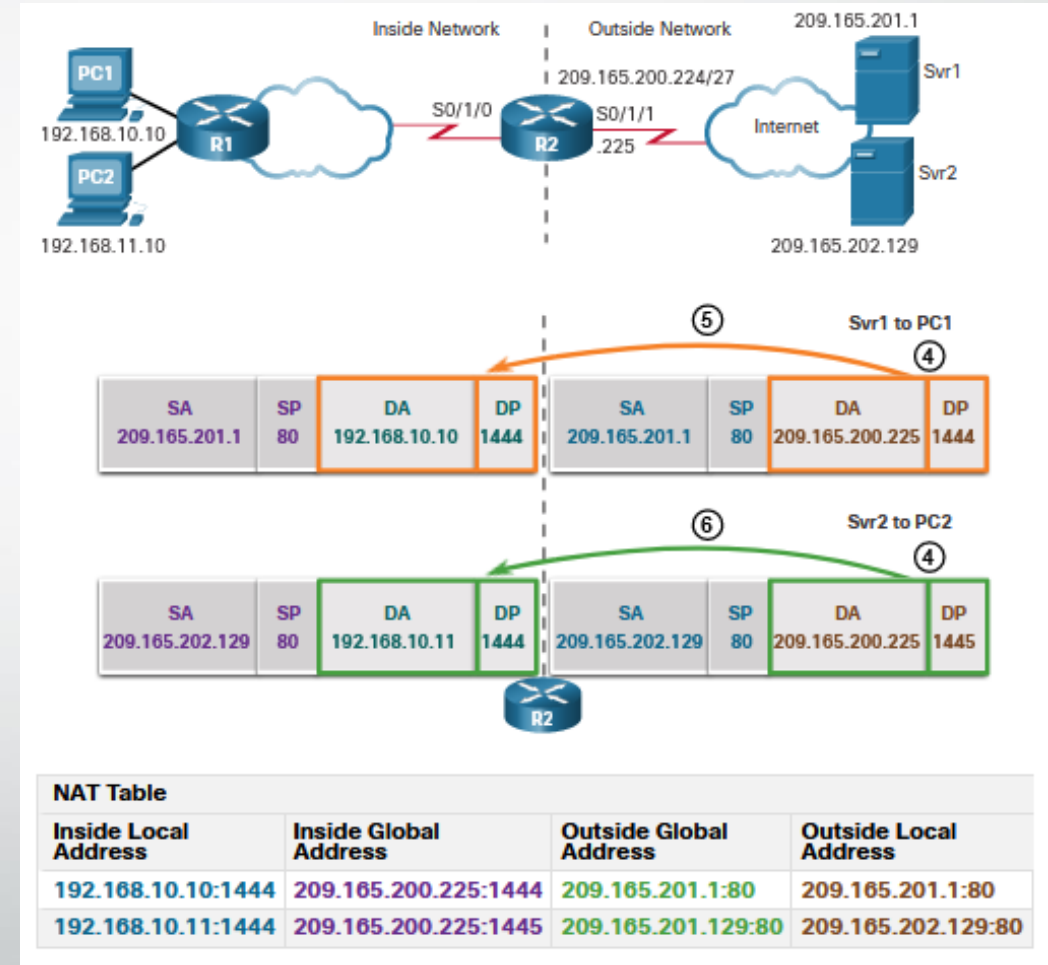
# Example: PAT; Server to PC

1. PC1 and PC2 send packets to Svr1 and Svr2.
2. The packet from PC1 reaches R2 first. R2 modifies the source IPv4 address to 209.165.200.225 (inside global address). The packet is then forwarded towards Svr1.
3. The packet from PC2 arrives at R2. PAT changes the source IPv4 address of PC2 to the inside global address 209.165.200.225. PC2 has the same source port number as the translation for PC1. PAT increments the source port number until it is a unique value in its table. In this instance, 1445.



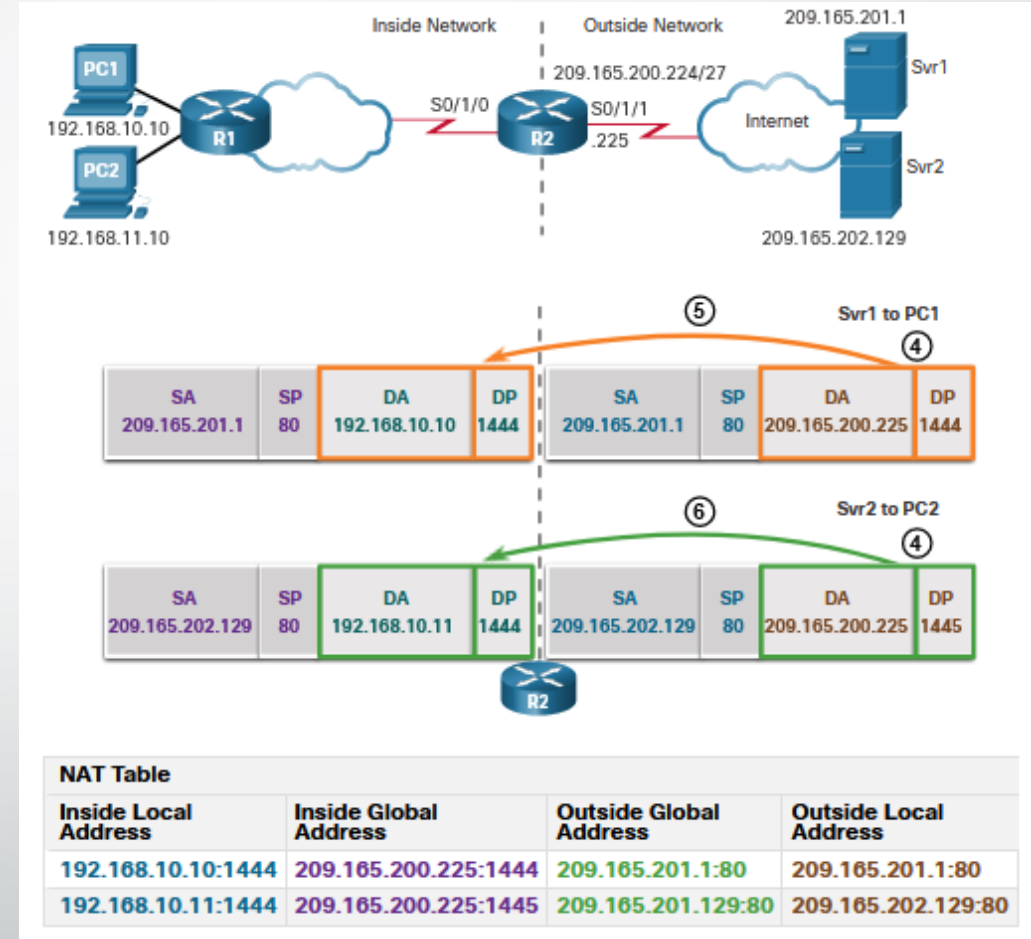
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3. The packet from PC2 arrives at R2. PAT changes the source IPv4 address of PC2 to the inside global address 209.165.200.225. PC2 has the same source port number as the translation for PC1. PAT increments the source port number until it is a unique value in its table. In this instance, it is 1445.



# Example: PAT; Server to PC

1. The servers use the source port from the received packet as the destination port, and the source address as the destination address for the return traffic.
2. R2 changes the destination IPv4 address of the packet from Srv1 from 209.165.200.225 to 192.168.10.10, and forwards the packet toward PC1.
3. R2 changes the destination address of packet from Srv2. from 209.165.200.225 to 192.168.10.11. and modifies the destinations port back to its original value of 1444. The packet is then forwarded toward PC2.

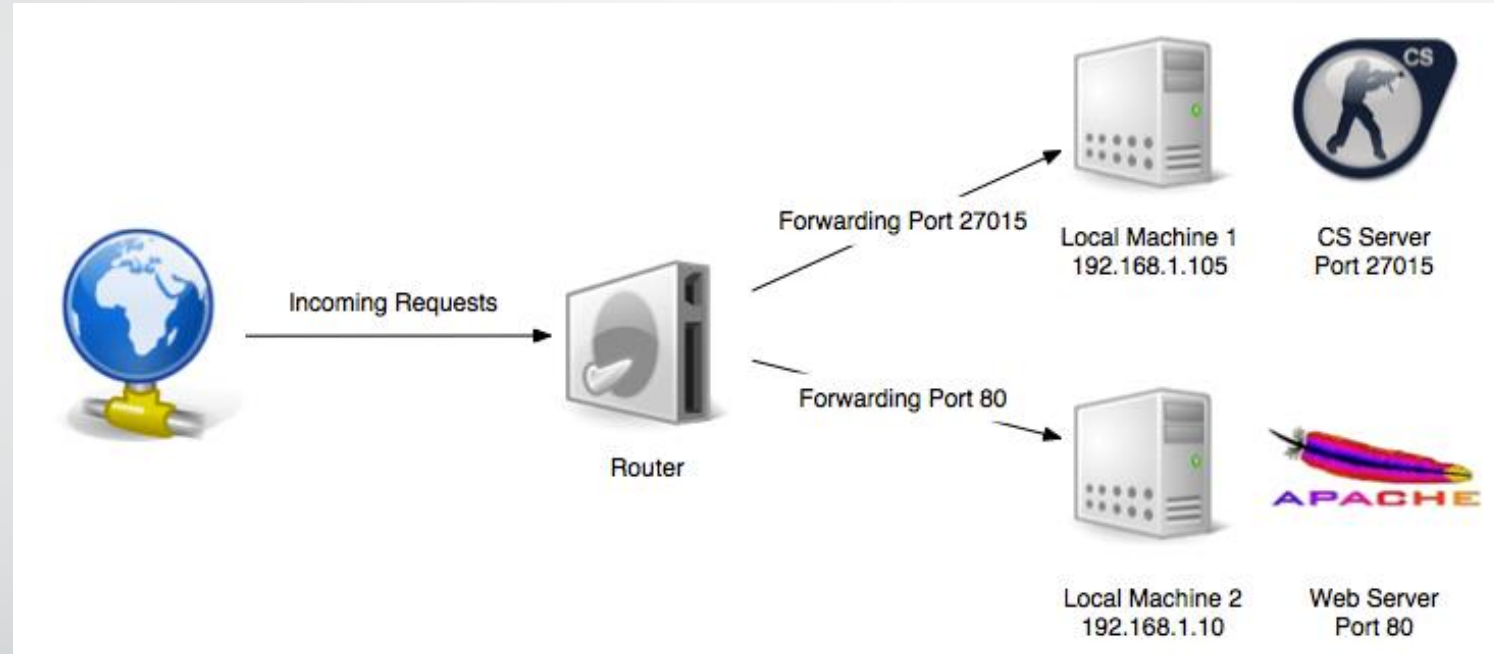


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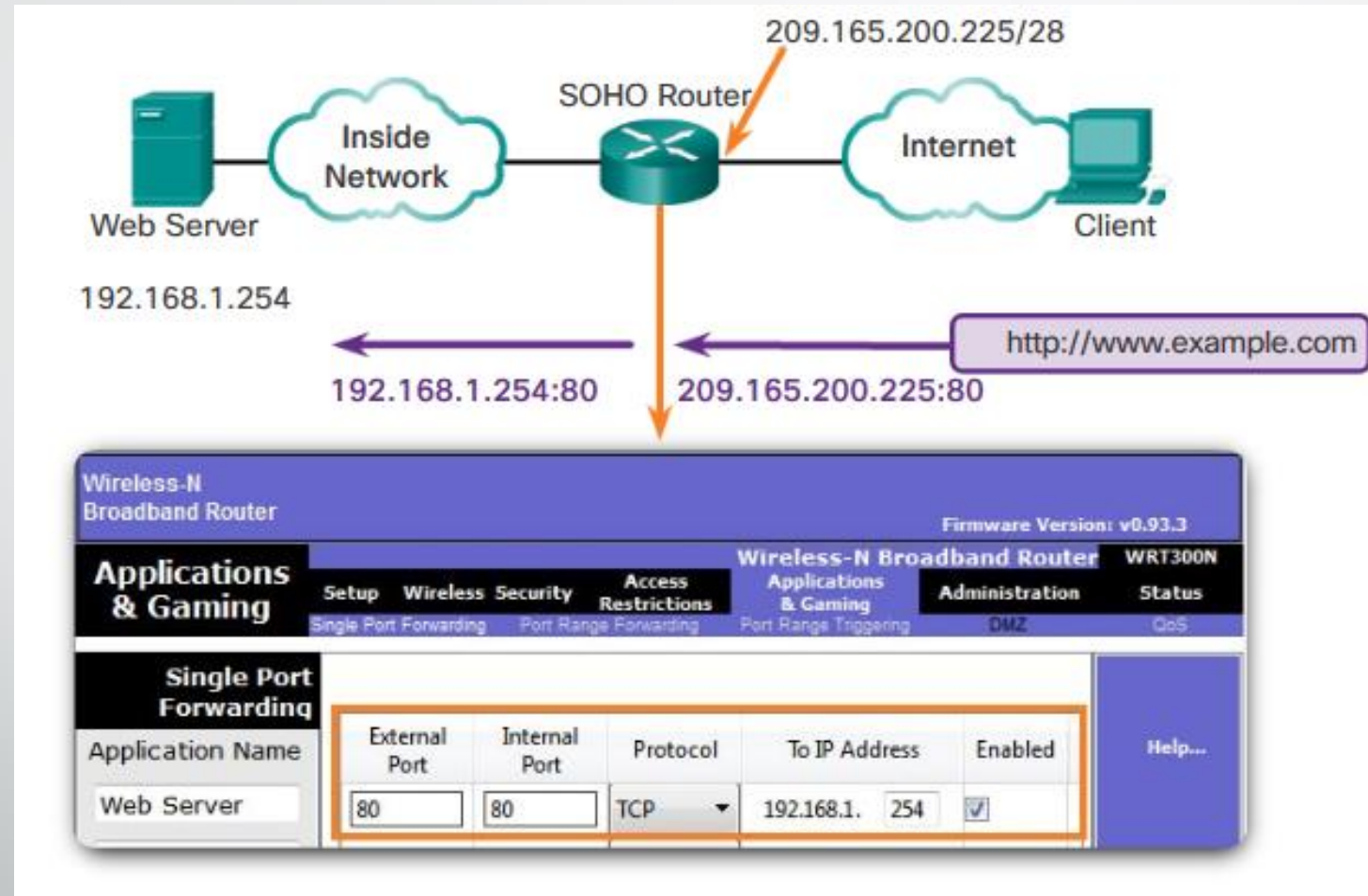
- Port forwarding on your router allows you to enter a port number (or possibly a range or combination of numbers, depending on the router), and an IP address.
- All incoming connections with a matching port number will be forwarded to the internal computer with that address.
- A packet sent to the public IP address and port of a router can be forwarded to a private IP address and port in inside network.
- Port forwarding is helpful in situations where servers have private addresses, not reachable from the outside networks.

# Example: Port Forwarding





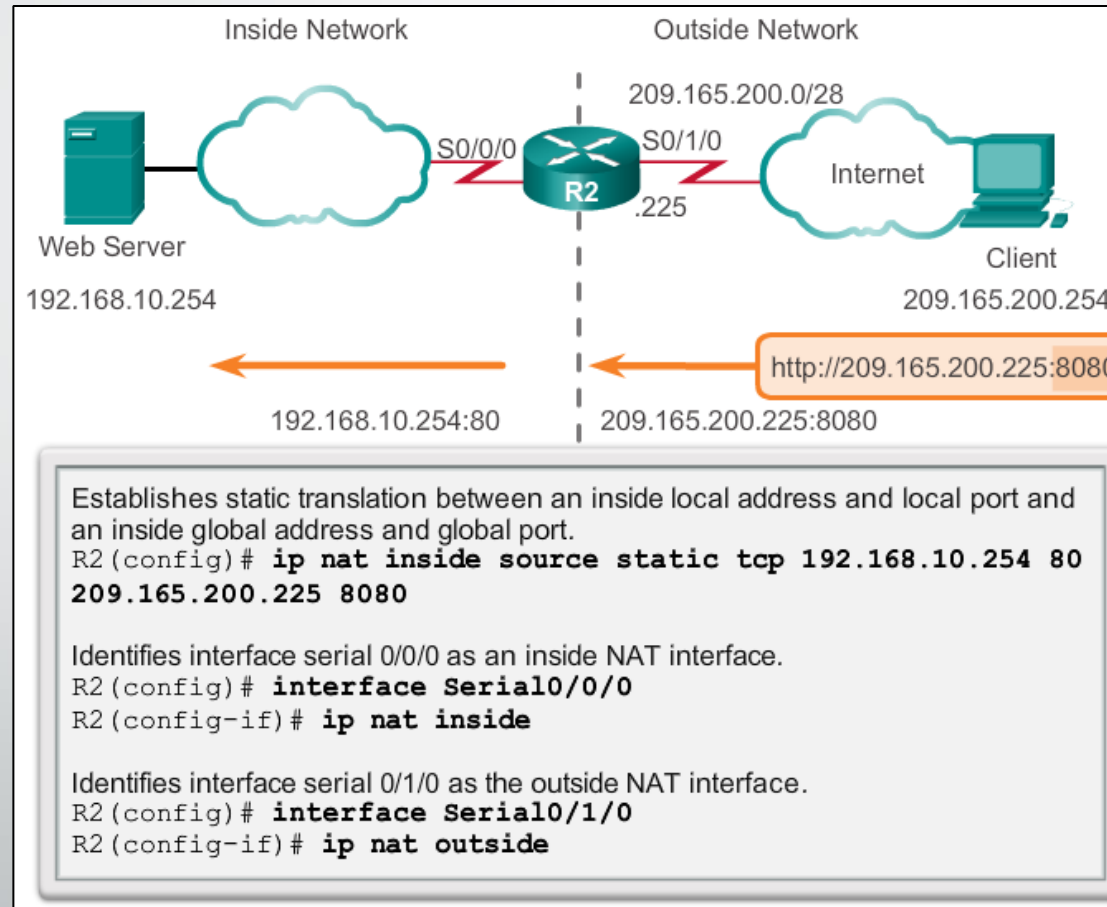
# Example: Port Forwarding; SOHO





# Configuring Port Forwarding

In IOS, Port forwarding is essentially a static NAT translation with a specified TCP or UDP port number.



# The End