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PREFACE

It gives us immense pleasure to present the first edition of for the B.Tech. 2nd year students **COMPUTER NETWORK** for PARUL UNIVERSITY.

The Fundamental of Programming theory and laboratory courses at **PARUL UNIVERSITY**, **WAGHODIA**, **VADODARA** are designed in such a way that students develop the basic understanding of the subject in the theory classes and then try their hands on the computer learnt during the theoretical sessions.

This book is emphatically not focused on "the syntax of C". Understanding the fundamental ideals, principals, and techniques is the essence of a good programmer. Only well-designed code has a chance of becoming part of a correct, reliable, and maintainable system. Also, "the fundamentals" are what last: they will still be essential after today's language and tools have evolved or been replaced.

We acknowledge the authors and publishers of all the books which we have consulted while developing this Practical book. Hopefully this *COMPUTER NETWORK LABORATORY* will serve the purpose for which it has been developed.



Instructions to students

- 1. Every student should obtain a copy of laboratory Manual.
- 2. Dress Code: Students must come to the laboratory wearing.
 - i. Trousers,
 - ii. half-sleeve tops and
 - iii. Leather shoes. Half pants, loosely hanging garments and slippers are not allowed.
- 3. To avoid injury, the student must take the permission of the laboratory staff before handling any machine.
- 4. Students must ensure that their work areas are clean and dry to avoid slipping.
- 5. Do not eat or drink in the laboratory.
- 6. Do not remove anything from the computer laboratory without permission.
- 7. Do not touch, connect or disconnect any plug or cable without your lecturer/laboratory technician's permission.
- 8. All students need to perform the practical/program.



CERTIFICATE

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Practical 1

Experiment Title:

Simulation of Network Topology and Basic Configuration using Cisco Packet Tracer

1. AIM

To design, simulate, and configure a basic network topology using Cisco Packet Tracer, ensuring communication between devices in a LAN environment.

2. OBJECTIVE

- 1. Understand the use of simulation tools like Cisco Packet Tracer in networking.
- 2. Learn to configure network devices such as routers, switches, and PCs.
- 3. Test connectivity between devices using simulation.
- 4. Analyze packet flow and troubleshoot connectivity issues.

3. APPARATUS

• Hardware:

No physical apparatus is required as this is a software-based simulation.

- Software:
 - Cisco Packet Tracer (minimum version 7.x)
 - o A computer with Cisco Packet Tracer installed

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4. THEORY

Networking is a crucial aspect of modern communication systems, enabling the exchange of data between devices. Cisco Packet Tracer is a simulation tool used to design and configure networks virtually.

Key Concepts:

1. LAN (Local Area Network): A network connecting devices within a limited area.



- 2. Routers and Switches: Devices used for interconnecting and managing networks.
- 3. IP Addressing: Assigning unique addresses to devices for communication.
- **4.** Ping Command: A tool to verify network connectivity.

Cisco Packet Tracer allows users to:

- Simulate various network topologies.
- Configure devices using CLI (Command Line Interface).
- Test configurations with tools like Ping, Traceroute, and others.

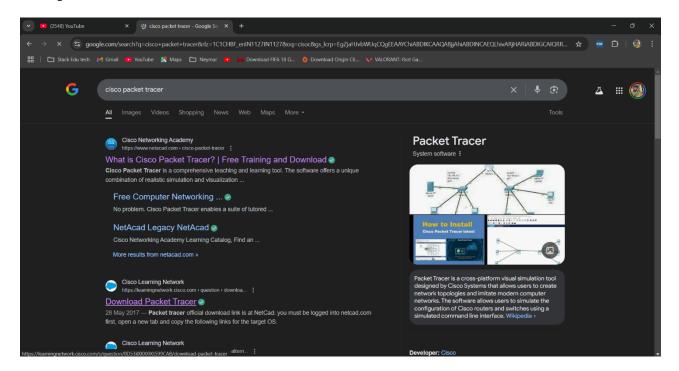
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Step-by-Step Procedure:

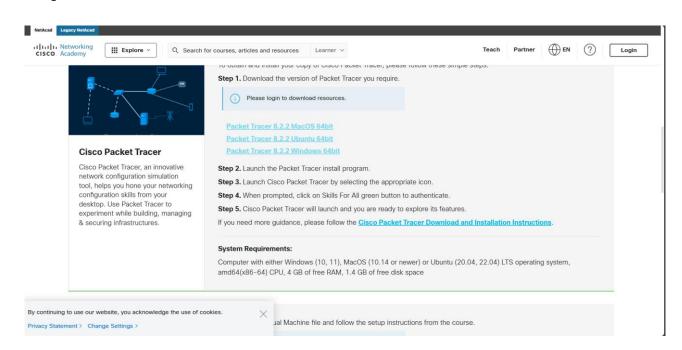
- 1. Launch Cisco Packet Tracer: Open the application on your system.
- 2. Create Topology:
 - o Drag and drop required devices (PCs, routers, switches) onto the workspace.
 - o Connect devices using appropriate cables (crossover or straight-through).
- 3. Assign IP Addresses:
 - Access device configuration options.
 - o Assign IP addresses to PCs and configure router interfaces.
- 4. Configure Devices:
 - Use the CLI to assign IP addresses, subnet masks, and default gateways.
 - o Configure routing protocols (if required).
- 5. Test Connectivity:
 - Use the Ping tool to verify connectivity between devices.
 - Observe packet flow using the Simulation Mode.
- 6. Troubleshooting:
 - o Identify and fix configuration errors if communication fails.



Step-1:

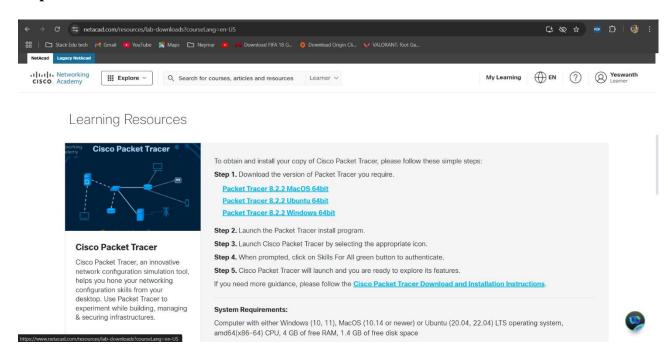


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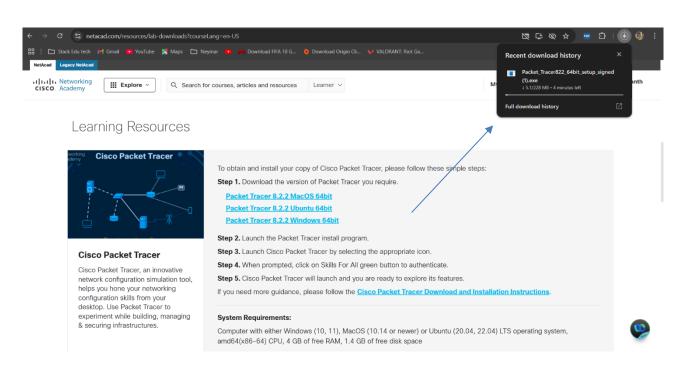




Step-3:-



Step-4:





Step-5:



6. LIMITATIONS

- 1. Simulations cannot entirely replicate real-world network conditions.
- 2. Performance metrics like latency, throughput, and jitter are not accurately represented.
- 3. Limited to the features provided by Cisco Packet Tracer.
- 4. Certain advanced configurations may require actual hardware or other professional tools.

7. CONCLUSION

The experiment successfully demonstrated the use of Cisco Packet Tracer to simulate and configure a basic network topology. All devices communicated effectively within the LAN. This experiment provided hands-on experience with IP configuration and network troubleshooting. While simulations are valuable learning tools, real-world testing is required for production-level networking.



Practical 2

Experiment Title:

Experiments of Packet capture tool: Wireshark

1. AIM

To capture, analyze, and interpret network traffic using Wireshark and understand its role in network troubleshooting and performance monitoring.

2. OBJECTIVE

- 1. Learn how to capture network packets using Wireshark.
- 2. Understand the structure of network packets (e.g., Ethernet frames, IP packets, TCP/UDP segments).
- 3. Analyze protocols like HTTP, DNS, and ICMP using captured data.
- 4. Identify potential network issues such as delays, packet loss, or unauthorized traffic.

3. APPARATUS

Hardware:

o A computer or laptop with an active network connection (wired or wireless).

• Software:

- o Wireshark (latest stable version recommended).
- o Optional: Other tools for generating network traffic (e.g., web browser, ping command, or file transfer tools).

4. THEORY

Wireshark is a network packet analyzer used to monitor and troubleshoot network traffic in real time. It operates by capturing raw packets passing through the network interface and allows users to view the details of each packet.



Key Concepts:

- 1. **Packet Structure**: Packets consist of layers (e.g., Ethernet, IP, TCP/UDP) based on the **OSI model**.
- 2. **Protocol Analysis**: Protocols like HTTP, DNS, and ICMP can be dissected to understand their operation.
- 3. **Filtering**: Wireshark provides filters (e.g., ip.addr == 192.168.0.1) to isolate specific traffic.

4. **Practical Applications**:

- o Monitoring bandwidth usage.
- Diagnosing network latency or packet loss.
- o Identifying malicious activity or unauthorized access.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

Step-by-Step Procedure:

1. Install and Launch Wireshark:

o Download and install Wireshark on your system.

2. Select a Network Interface:

o Choose the active network interface (e.g., Ethernet or Wi-Fi) for packet capture.

3. Start Packet Capture:

o Click "Start Capture" to begin recording network traffic.

4. Generate Network Traffic:

 Perform activities such as browsing a website, using ping, or transferring a file to generate traffic.

5. Stop Packet Capture:

o Click "Stop Capture" to end the recording after enough data is collected.

6. Analyze Captured Packets:

- o Use Wireshark's features to analyze traffic:
 - Apply **filters** (e.g., http, dns, or tcp) to focus on specific protocols.



- Inspect individual packets for details like source and destination IPs, protocols used, and packet size.
- Look for anomalies, such as retransmissions or large delays in communication.

7. Export Data:

o Save the captured packets for future analysis (File > Save As).

6. LIMITATIONS

- 1. Capturing encrypted traffic (e.g., HTTPS) only provides metadata, not payload details.
- 2. Wireshark is resource-intensive and may slow down systems with high traffic loads.
- 3. Packet capture is limited by permissions; administrative rights may be required.
- 4. Captured data may overwhelm users without proper filtering or interpretation skills.
- 5. Not suitable for analyzing high-speed networks without dedicated hardware support.

7. CONCLUSION

The experiment successfully demonstrated how to capture and analyze network traffic using Wireshark. The tool provided valuable insights into network communication, including packet structure, protocol behavior, and potential issues. While Wireshark is a powerful diagnostic tool, its effectiveness depends on the user's ability to interpret captured data and apply filters effectively.