ADDRESS RESOLUTION

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Definition



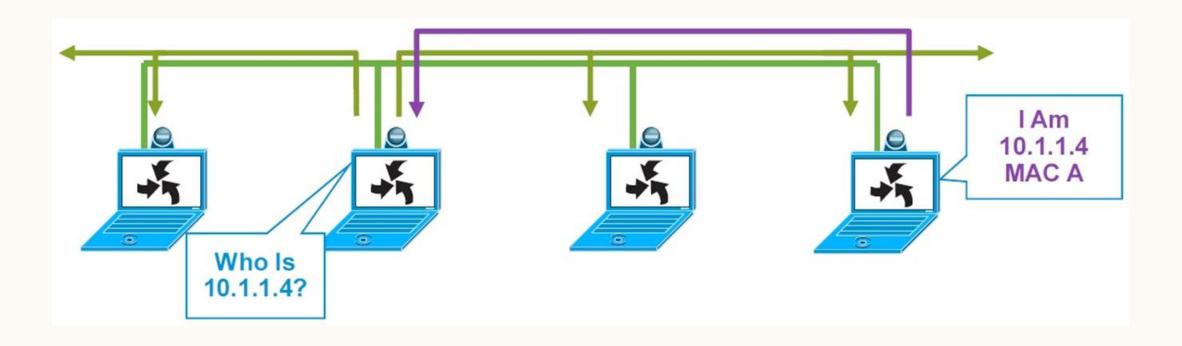
Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is a layer 2 protocol used to map MAC addresses to IP addresses.

All hosts on a network are located by their IP address, but NICs do not have IP addresses, they have MAC addresses.

ARP is the protocol used to associate the IP address to a MAC address.

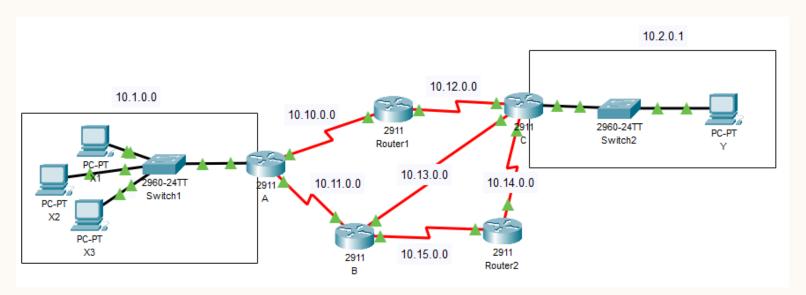
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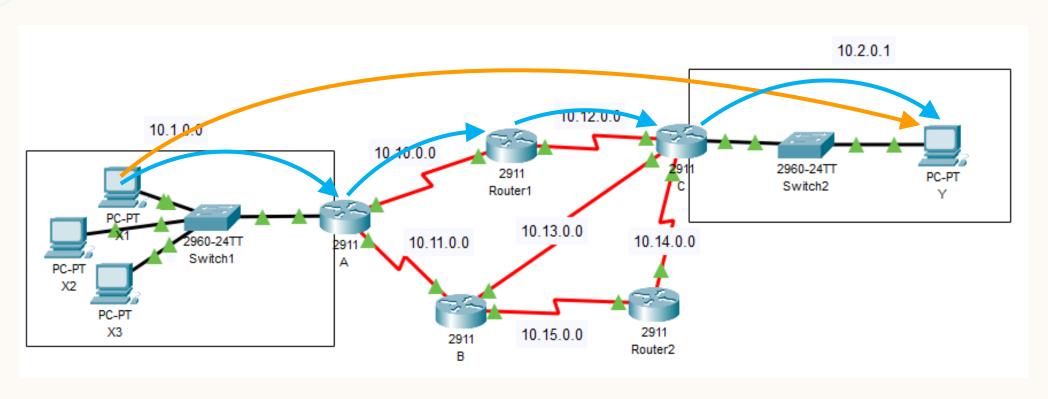


- 1. PC 1 checks its local cache
- 2. PC 1 sends an ARP request (to everyone)
- 3. PC 2 maps PC 1's MAC address to its IP address

- 4. PC 2 replies to PC1 with its MAC address
- 5. PC 1 receives PC's response
- 6. PC 1 memorizes the IP ↔ MAC address mapping

Address Resolution Protocol 5

ARP & ROUTERS?



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