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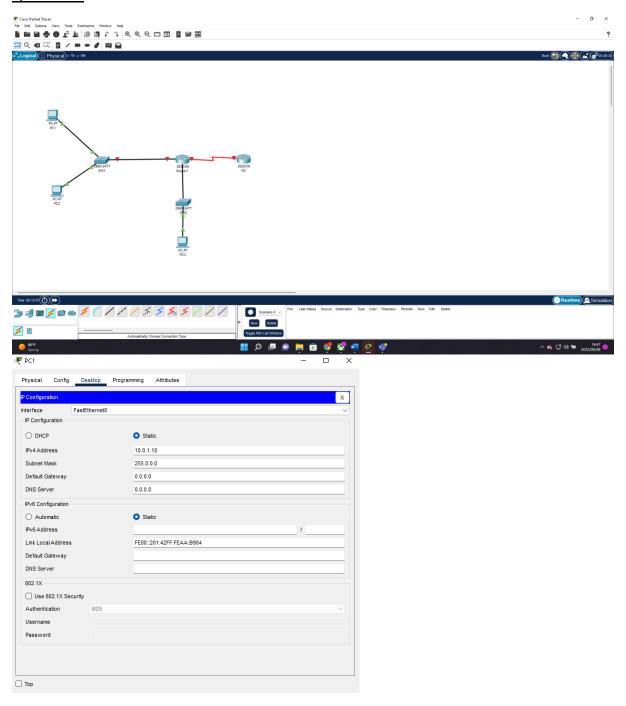
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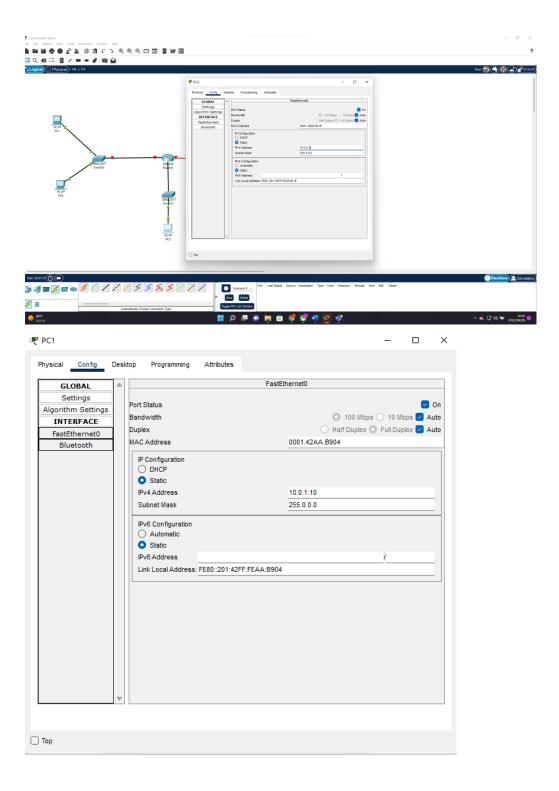
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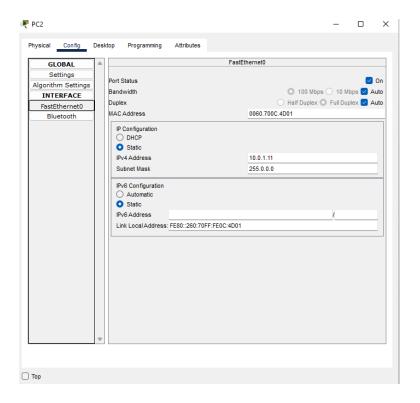
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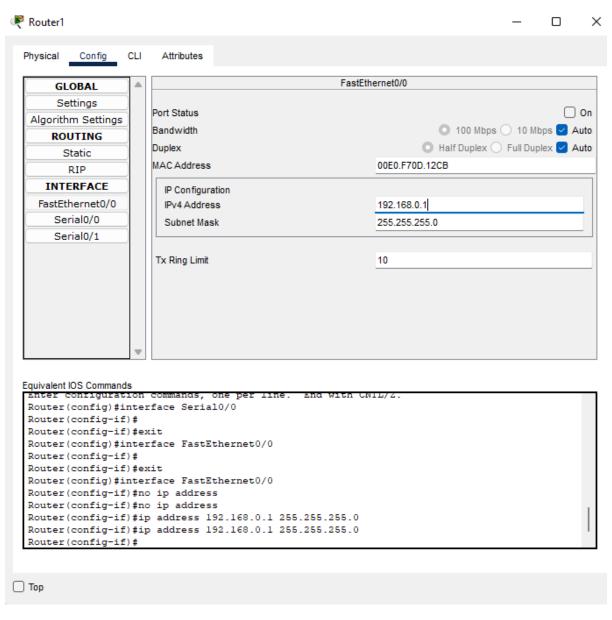
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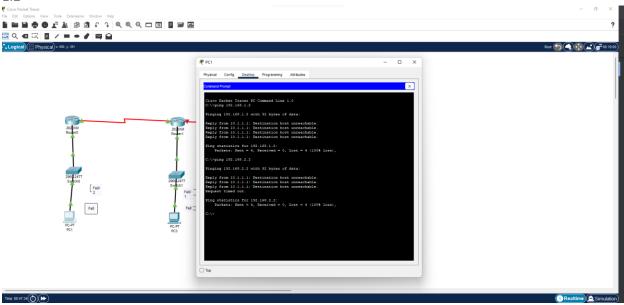


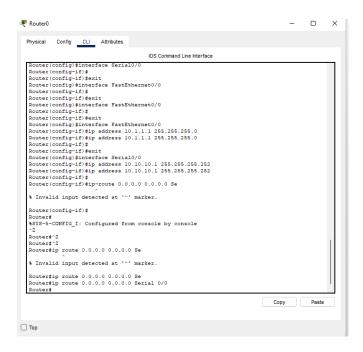






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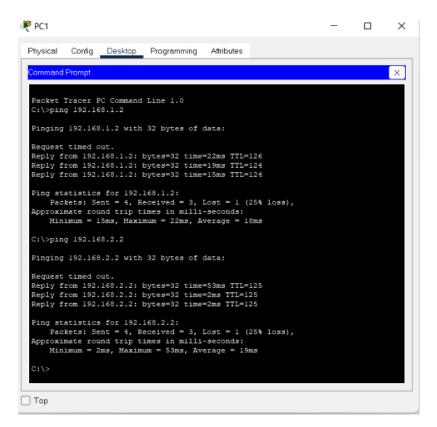
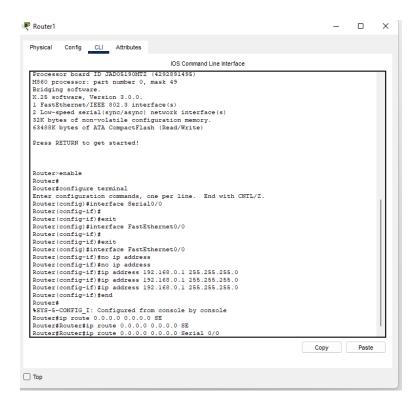


Figure 1PC1 cannot ping R2



Question 2

A method for protecting information or data that should only be accessed by authorized persons is cryptography. Algorithms are a collection of rule-based calculations that constitute the foundation of cryptography. These algorithms change the data into illegible, difficult-to-understand form. These particular cryptographic methods convert plaintext into cyphertext, which needs a key to be decoded, from the input plaintext. The cryptographic algorithm also creates this key. The encryption of the same plaintext will always be the same, as will the decryption key.

In our daily lives, cryptography is utilized in places like

Financial transactions: All of our online banking transactions are encrypted to prevent unauthorized access.

End-to-end encryption. A texting app uses end-to-end encryption. End-to-end encryption encrypts content particularly when it is sent from one user to another.

Email: All emails are transmitted with encryption.

There are four primary goals of cryptography:

Non-repudiation: This refers to the idea that both the sender and the recipient will have evidence of delivery, making it impossible for either party to claim they did not process the information.

Authentication: PKI or digital signatures can be used to confirm a person's identification (Public Key Infrastructure)

Confidentiality: Maintaining the privacy of sensitive information that can only have access by being authorized by the owner of the intellectual data.

As stated above cryptography is used in our day-to-day life. The types of Cryptography we have are secure and trustworthy. Passwords saved by companies will be encrypted before they are stored in their databases. The encryption used is stated below:

Symmetric Key Encryption: With this encryption, a single key will be generated and used to both encrypt and decrypt the plaintext.

Hash functions: The information cannot be encrypted or decrypted using any key. It converts a very large number into a very small integer that can be used as the hash table's index.

Asymmetric Key Encryption: This encryption employs the usage of two distinct keys, a public key for encrypting plaintext and a private key for decrypting cyphertext.

Integrity: This refers to the fact that a third party cannot change or delete the data.

Cryptography can be used to write plain text in to cypher text. For example the plaintext; "Work is hard for everyone."

Cyphertext: Aopz pz dypaalu mvy hu lehtwsl!

Question 3

The attack used in the above scenario is a botnet attack. It can be identified with the hacker using the system and different PC's (Bots) to target the victim's laptop. A botnet attack is a specific type of malware attack that targets the victim computer by employing a network of botnets or zombies.

Botnet attacks is designed to generate a lot of network traffic, hang the victim machine or the entire network, and prevent legitimate users from accessing the system.

Botnet hosts, often known as bots, are infected hosts that are utilized to attack the target computer. PC-PT BOT1, BOT2, BOT3, and BOT4 are the 4 bots.

The hacker who plans and launches the attack. The attacker device in this instance is a laptop running PT Hacker.

The server that manages communication among the infected botnets is known as the server controller. In the image above, Server PT is the Server controller.

Botnets can be identified using the following indications:

- 1. Abnormal increase in the CPU load
- 2. Excessive network traffic that result in the network block
- 3. Excessive usage of memory and other resources.
- 4. Non-native and unusual network traffic.

The following signs can be used to identify a botnet attack:

To identify suspicious inbound packets and identify malware attack patterns, use signature-based detection. However, the malware pattern saved in the botnet database can be used to accomplish the signature-based detection. With this method, the brand-new packets cannot be found.

The method known as "flow-based detection" keeps track of a network's activity by looking at the source and destination ip addresses of packets.

Common signs are also known:

An abnormal rise in CPU load, unexpected and foreign network traffic, network block caused by excessive network traffic and excessive use of resources, including memory.

The following techniques can be used to mitigate the attack:

Analyse and keep an eye on network traffic within the company. A more accurate view of the network can be obtained using monitoring tools like Nagios.

Keep a zero-trust policy in place to defend against attacks that involve the identification of any single bot request and step-by-step examination.

Strong password hygiene policy: Always use strong passwords to protect sensitive data and preserve data privacy.

Watch over and secure all unreliable access points that could behave artificially.

Most organizations employ this tactic to stop the botnet attack, known as honeypots. One of the systems, which guards the other real servers from attacks, is configured with weaker security and is more open to assault.

Once there is an upsurge in traffic in the honeypot, the analyst may quickly identify the botnet attack and protect the legitimate servers. (Anon., 2020)

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