

Assignment 2

Subnetting & Supernetting

A] Subnetting :

- It is a process of dividing the large network into the smaller networks based on Layer 3 IP Address. Every computer on ~~the~~ network has an IP Address that represents its location on network.

• Subnet mask :

It is a 32 bits long address used to distinguish between network address and host address in IP Address. It is always used with IP Address. It has only one purpose, to identify which part of IP address is network address and which part is host address.

• Advantages of Subnetting :

1. It breaks larger network in smaller & smaller networks which are easy to manage
2. It reduces the network traffic by removing collision and broadcast traffic, that overall improve performance.
3. It allows you to apply network security

policies at the interconnection between subnets.

- It allows you to save money by reducing requirement for IP range.

B] Supernetting :

- In Supernetting, multiple networks are combined into a bigger network, termed as a Supernetwork or Supernet.
- It is mainly used in Route Summarization, where routes to multiple networks with similar network prefixes are combined into a single routing entry.
- Rules for Supernetting:

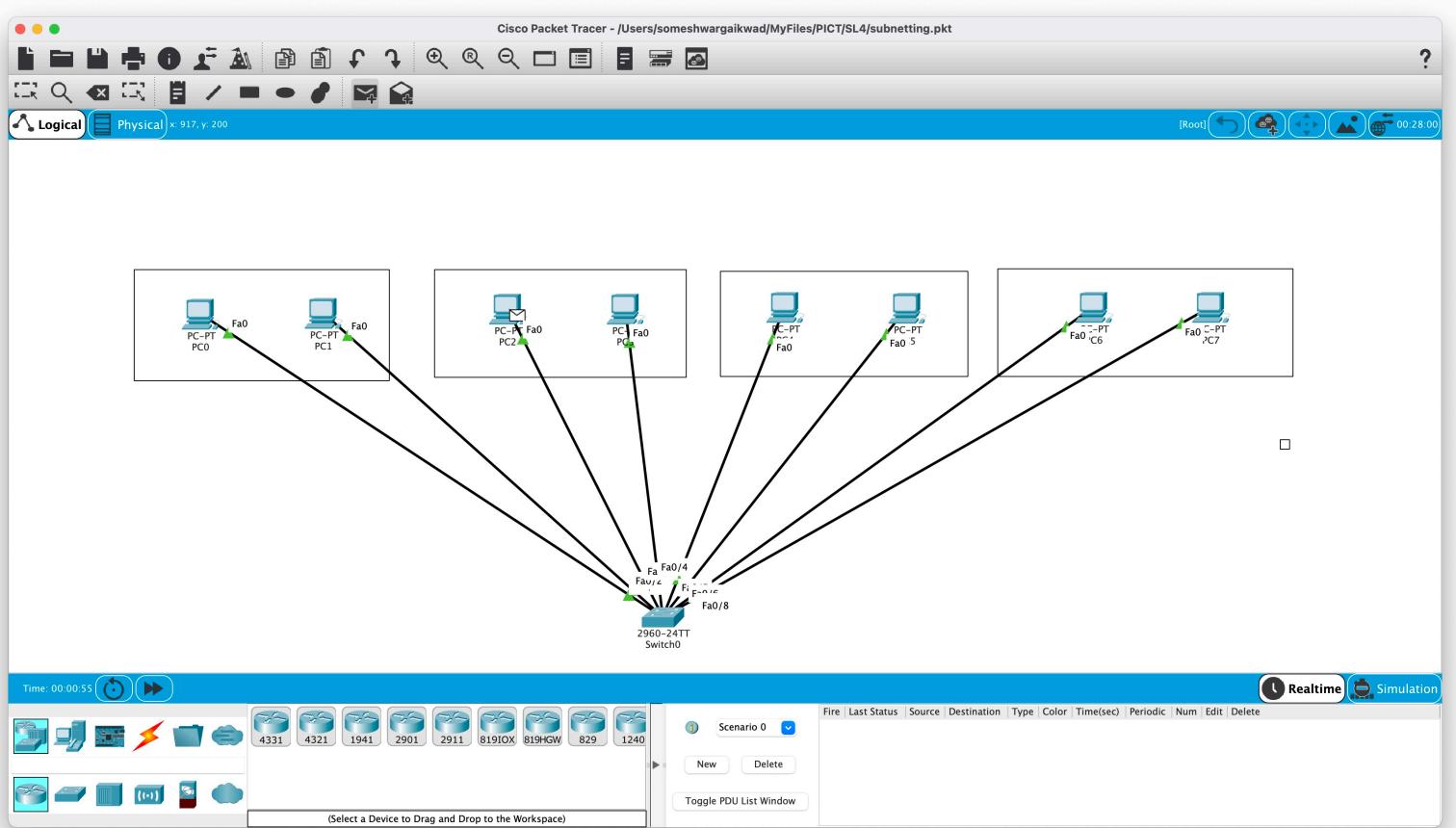
- All the networks should be contiguous.
- The block size of every network should be equal & must be in the form of 2^n .
- First network ID should exactly be divisible by whole size of supernet.

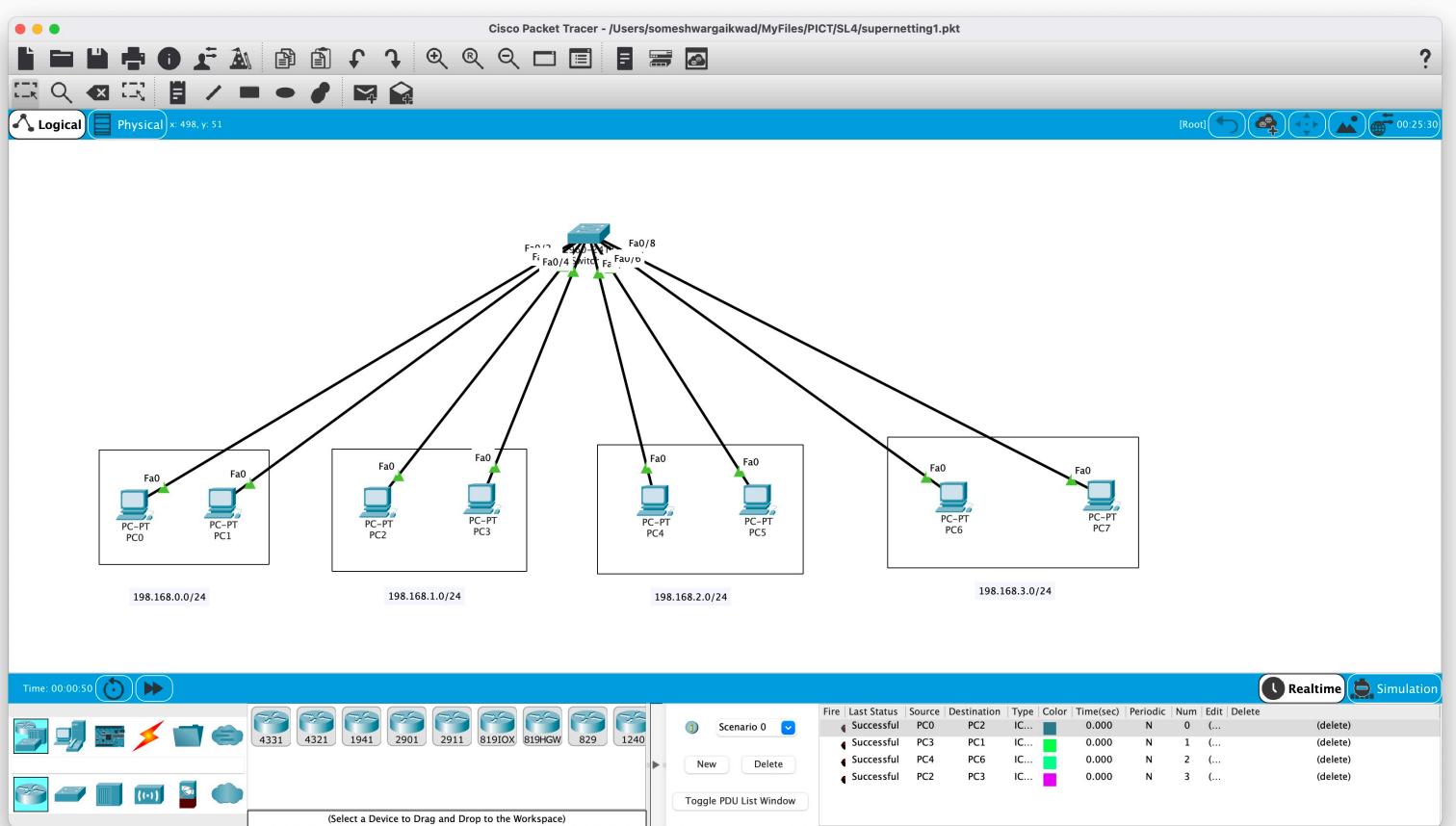
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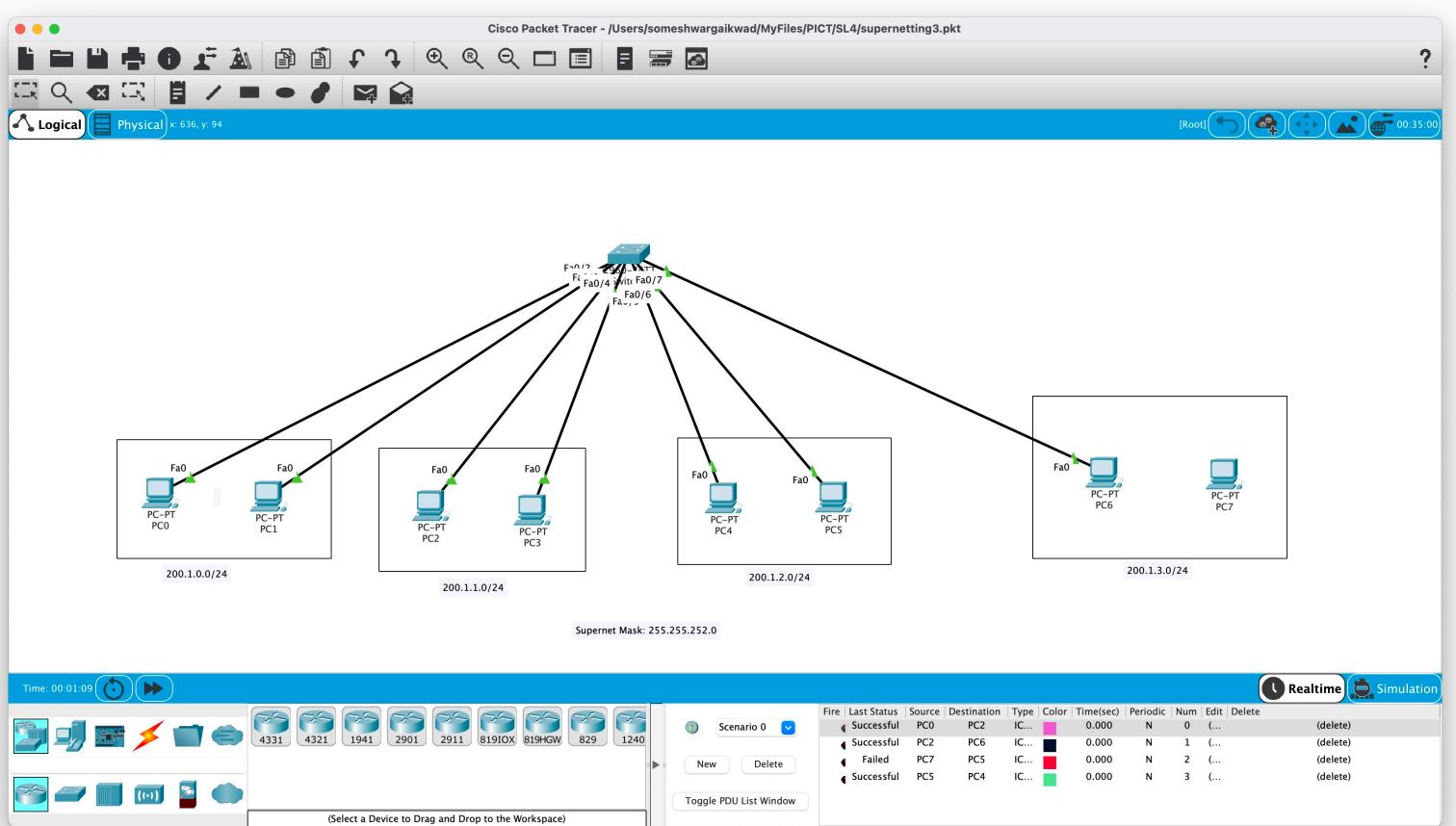
- Control and reduce network traffic.
- Helpful to solve the problem of lacking IP Address.
- Minimizes the routing table.

- Disadvantages :

1. It cannot cover the different areas of network when combined.
2. All networks should be in same class and all IP should be contiguous.







→ Conclusion :

Concepts of Subnetting & Supernetting covered.