Experiment 5

Aim: To design and configure a Virtual Private Network (VPN) using Cisco Packet Tracer for secure communication.

Theory: A Virtual Private Network (VPN) is a secure communication method that allows data to travel between remote networks as if they were on the same private network. This experiment aims to design and configure a VPN using Cisco Packet Tracer to connect two networks securely. By establishing a tunnel between two routers, data packets can traverse the public network safely, with the tunnel acting as a virtual private link.

To achieve this, a network topology consisting of two PCs and three routers is created. PC0 and PC1 are connected to Router1 and Router2 respectively, while Router1 and Router2 are linked through a third router (Router0). The communication between the networks is secured using a tunnel interface configured on both Router1 and Router2. Below are the steps to configure and verify the VPN:

1. Network Design and Setup:

- Create a network topology with two PCs (PC0 and PC1) connected to Router1 and Router2 via FastEthernet interfaces.
- Use Router0 to establish a serial link connection between Router1 and Router2 for WAN communication.

2. Assign IP Addresses:

Configure IP addresses for PCs, routers, and their respective interfaces. Assign LAN
IPs for PC0 and PC1 and gateway IPs on Router1 and Router2. Use a different subnet
for the tunnel network (e.g., 172.16.1.0/30).

3. Configure Tunnel Interfaces:

- o On Router1, create a tunnel interface, assign it an IP (172.16.1.1/30), and set the tunnel source as the FastEthernet interface and the destination as Router2's public IP.
- o Repeat this configuration on Router2, assigning the tunnel IP as 172.16.1.2/30 and specifying Router1's public IP as the destination.

4. Static Routing:

- o Configure static routes to enable communication between the two networks:
 - On Router1, route traffic destined for 192.168.2.0/24 through the tunnel IP 172.16.1.2.
 - On Router2, route traffic destined for 192.168.1.0/24 through the tunnel IP
 172.16.1.1

5. Verify Connectivity:

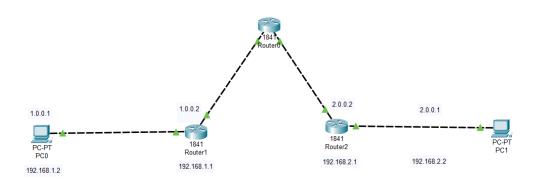
o Test the VPN tunnel by pinging from PC0 to PC1.

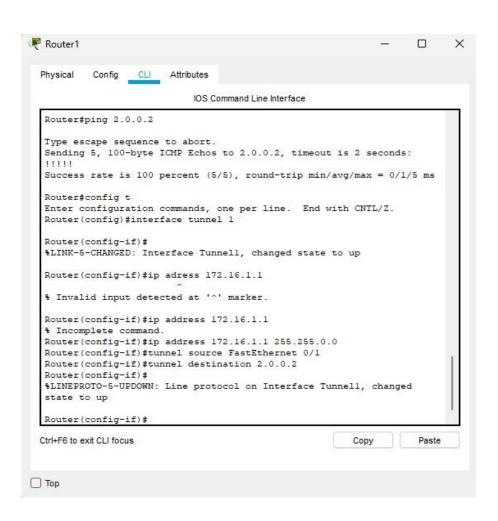
 Use show ip interface brief and traceroute commands to confirm the tunnel is operational and that data is routed correctly.

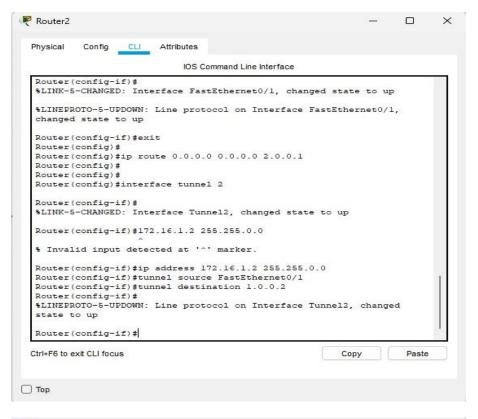
6. Validate Security:

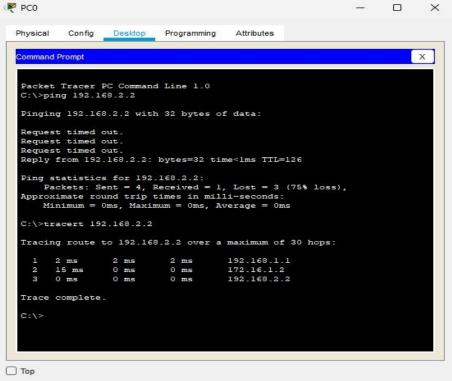
 Confirm that traffic between the two networks travels exclusively through the VPN tunnel, ensuring a secure connection.

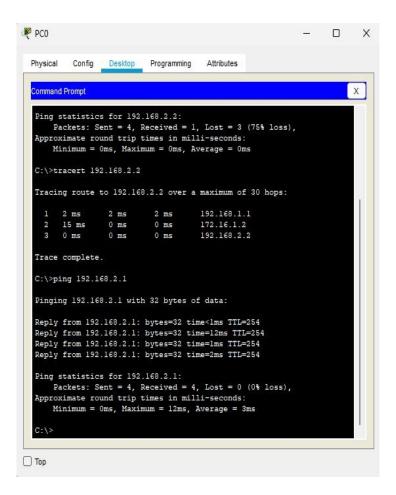
Observations:











Result: Successfully implemented a Virtual Private Network (VPN) using Cisco Packet Tracer for secure communication.