

**Experiment No.: 8**

| **TITLE: Study and configure RIP protocol using Cisco Packet tracer** |
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**Expected Outcome of Experiment**

**CO3:** Demonstrate various network layer protocols and network design using IP addressing, forwarding, routing concepts.

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**Pre Lab/ Prior Concepts:**

IPv4 Addressing, Subnetting, Distance Vector Protocol, Router configuration Commands.

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**New Concepts to be learned:** RIP Protocol and its configuration.

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**RIP (Routing Information Protocol)**

RIP is a standardized Distance Vector protocol, designed for use on smaller networks. RIP was one of the first true Distance Vector routing protocols and is supported on a wide variety of systems.

RIP adheres to the following Distance Vector characteristics:

• RIP sends out periodic routing updates (every 30 seconds)

• RIP sends out the full routing table every periodic update.

• RIP uses a form of distance as its metric (in this case, hop count).

• RIP uses the Bellman-Ford Distance Vector algorithm to determine the best “path” to a particular destination

Other characteristics of RIP include:

• RIP supports IP and IPX routing.

• RIP utilizes UDP port 520

• RIP routes have an administrative distance of 120.

• RIP has a maximum hop count of 15 hops.

**RIP Versions**

RIP has two versions, Version 1 (RIPv1) and Version 2 (RIPv2).

RIPv1 (RFC 1058) is ***classful***, and thus does not include the subnet mask with its routing table updates. Because of this, RIPv1 does not support **Variable Length Subnet Masks (VLSMs)**. When using RIPv1, networks must be contiguous, and subnets of a major network must be configured with identical subnet masks. Otherwise, route table inconsistencies (or worse) will occur.

RIPv1 sends updates as broadcasts to address 255.255.255.255.

RIPv2 (RFC 2543) is ***classless***, and thus does include the subnet mask with its routing table updates. RIPv2 fully supports VLSMs, allowing discontiguous networks and varying subnet masks to exist.

Other enhancements offered by RIPv2 include:

• Routing updates are sent via multicast, using address 224.0.0.9

• Encrypted authentication can be configured between RIPv2 routers

• Route tagging is supported.

RIPv2 can interoperate with RIPv1. By default:

• RIPv1 routers will send only Version 1packets

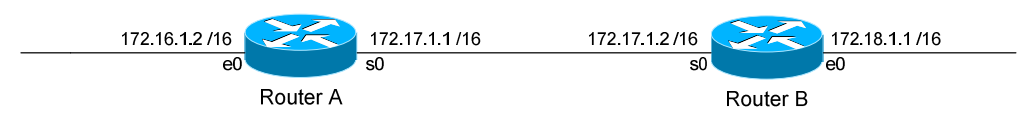
• RIPv1 routers will receive both Version 1 and 2 updates

• RIPv2 routers will both send and receive only Version 2 updates

We can control the version of RIP a particular interface will “send” or “receive.”

Unless RIPv2 is manually specified, a Cisco will default to RIPv1 when configuring RIP.

**RIPv1 Basic Configuration**



Routing protocol configuration occurs in Global Configuration mode. On Router A, to configure RIP, we would type:

**Router(config)#** router rip

**Router(config-router)#** network 172.16.0.0

**Router(config-router)#** network 172.17.0.0

The first command, router rip, enables the RIP process.

The network statements tell RIP which networks you wish to advertise to other RIP routers. We simply list the networks that are directly connected to our router. Notice that we specify the networks at their classful boundaries, and we do not specify a subnet mask.

To configure Router B:

**Router(config)#** router rip

**Router(config-router)#** network 172.17.0.0

**Router(config-router)#** network 172.18.0.0

The routing table on Router A will look like:

**RouterA#** show ip route

Gateway of last resort is not set

C 172.16.0.0 is directly connected, Ethernet0

C 172.17.0.0 is directly connected, Serial0

R 172.18.0.0 [120/1] via 172.17.1.2, 00:00:00, Serial0

The routing table on Router B will look like:

**RouterB#** show ip route

Gateway of last resort is not set

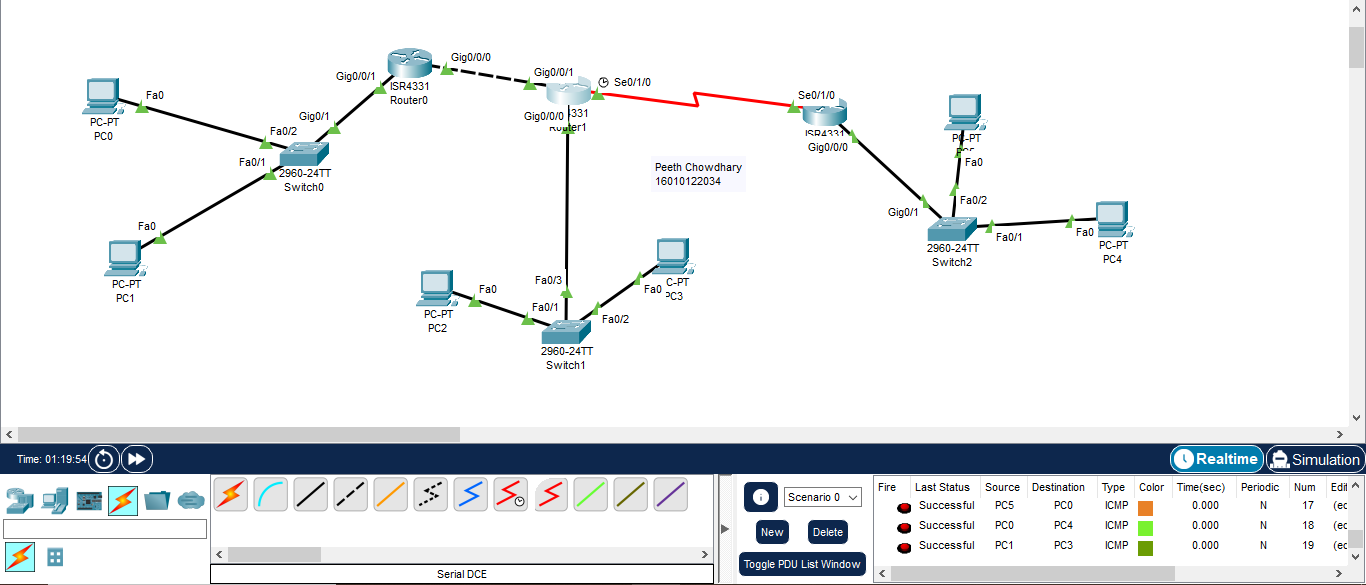
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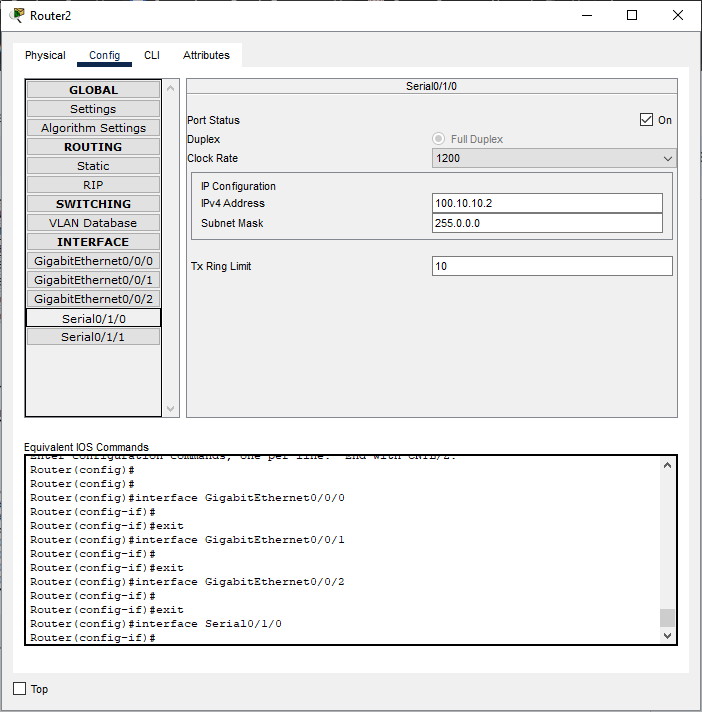
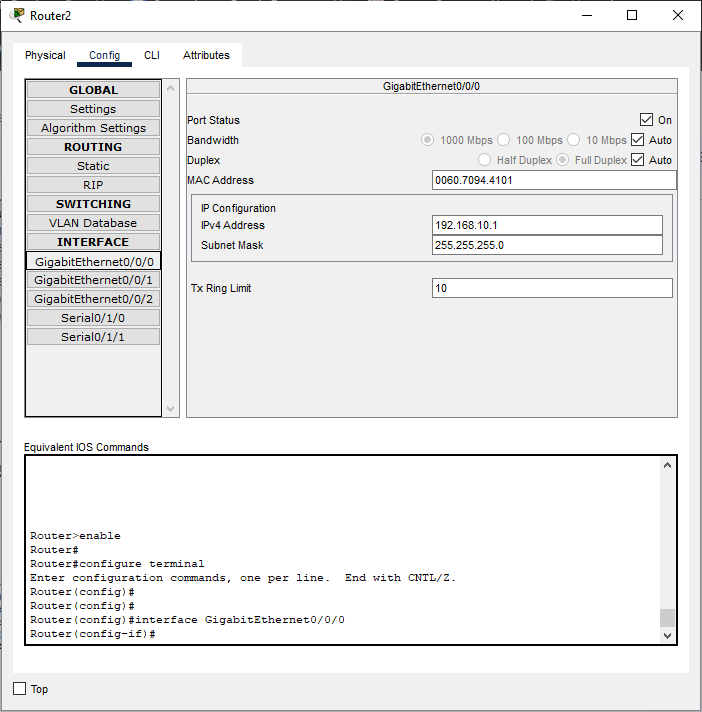
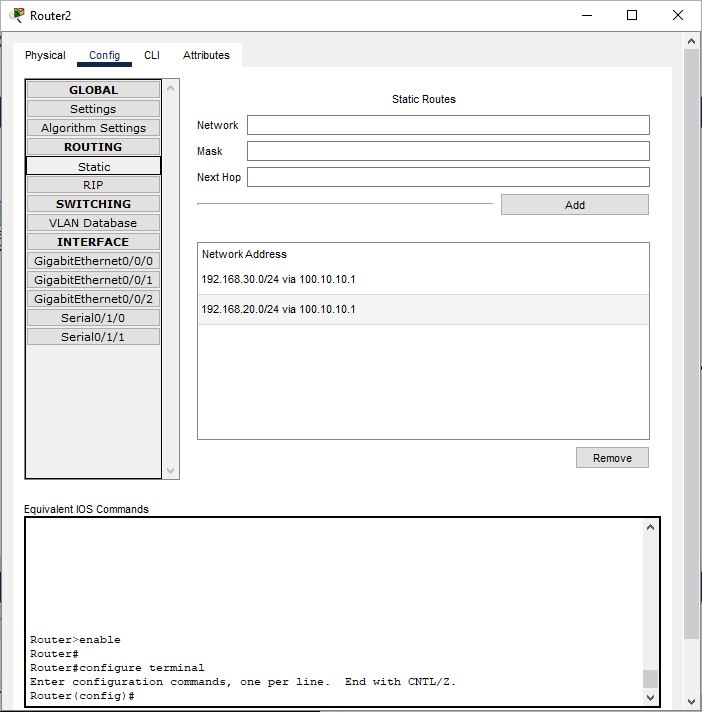
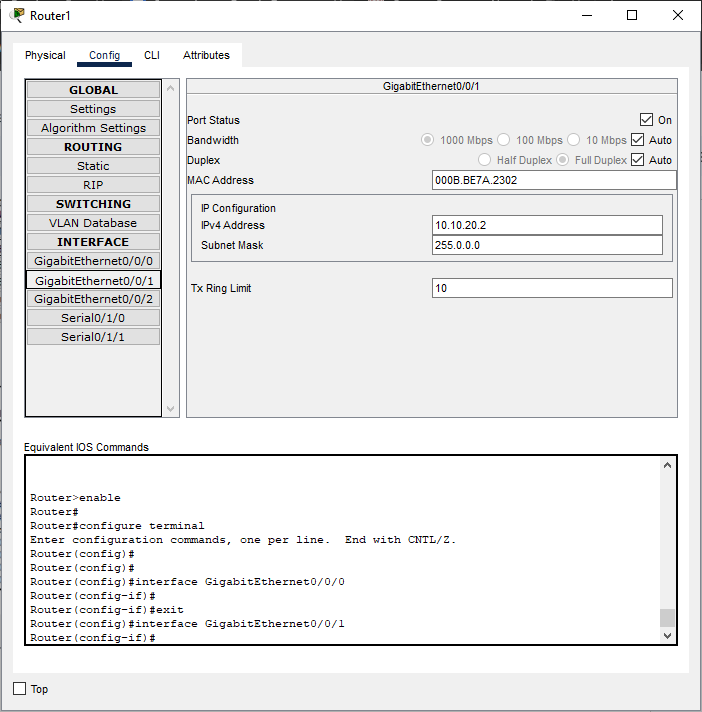
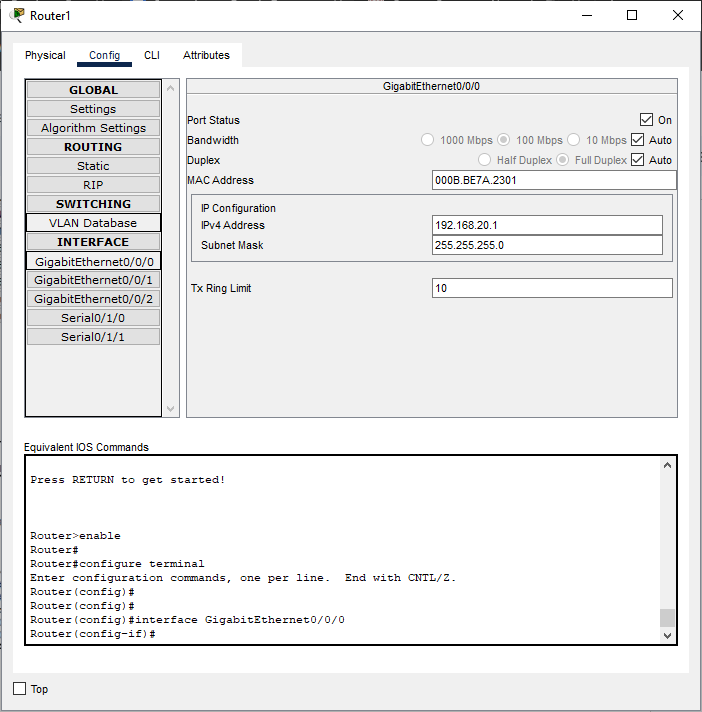
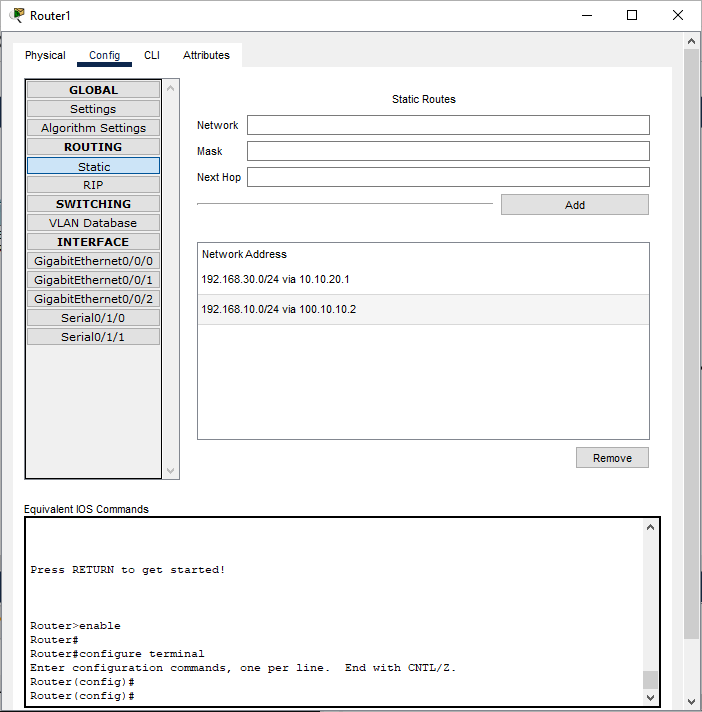
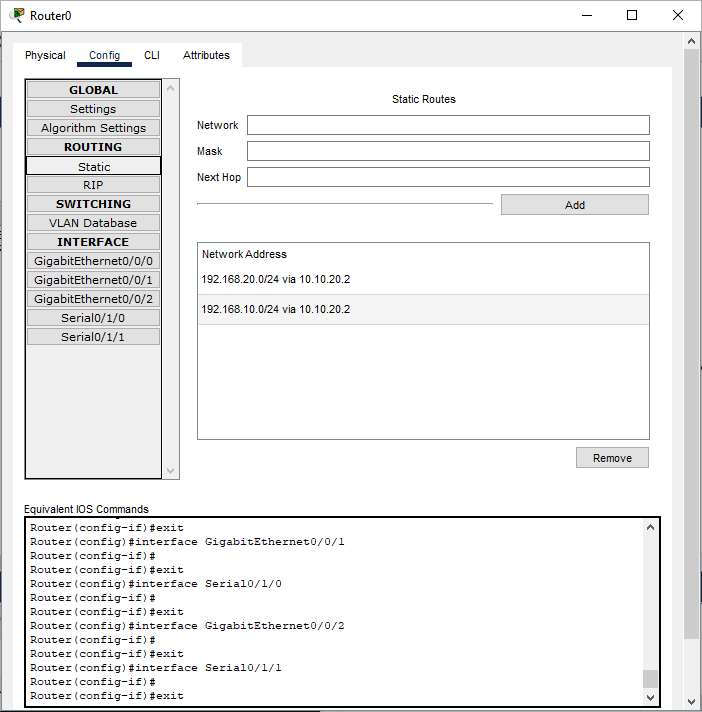
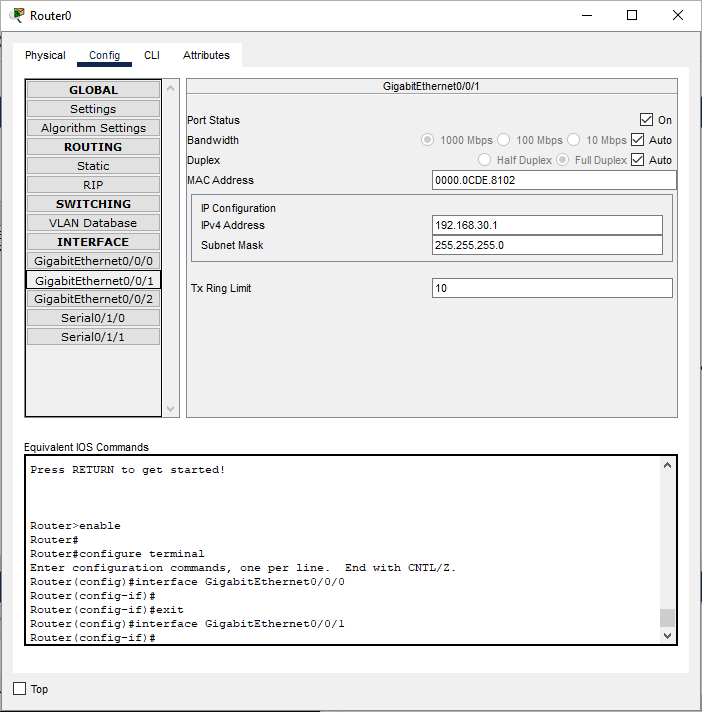
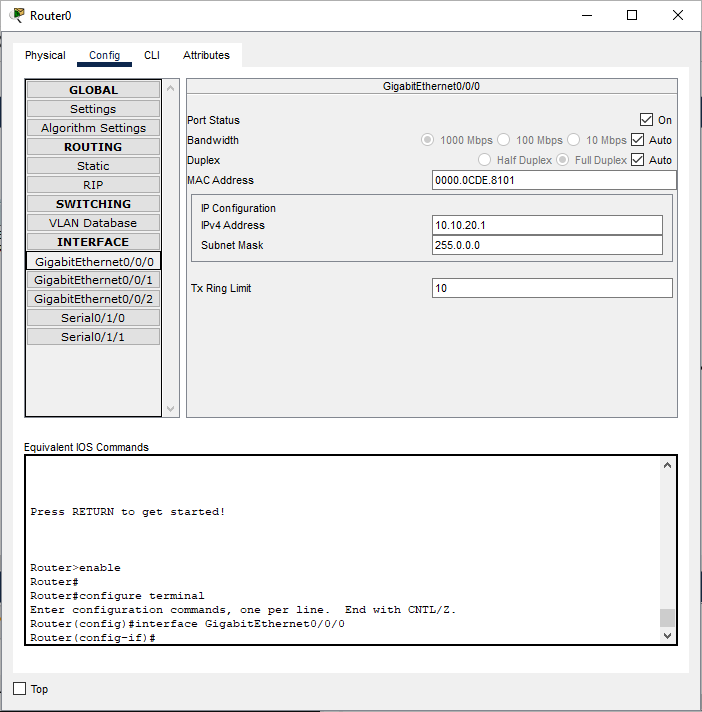
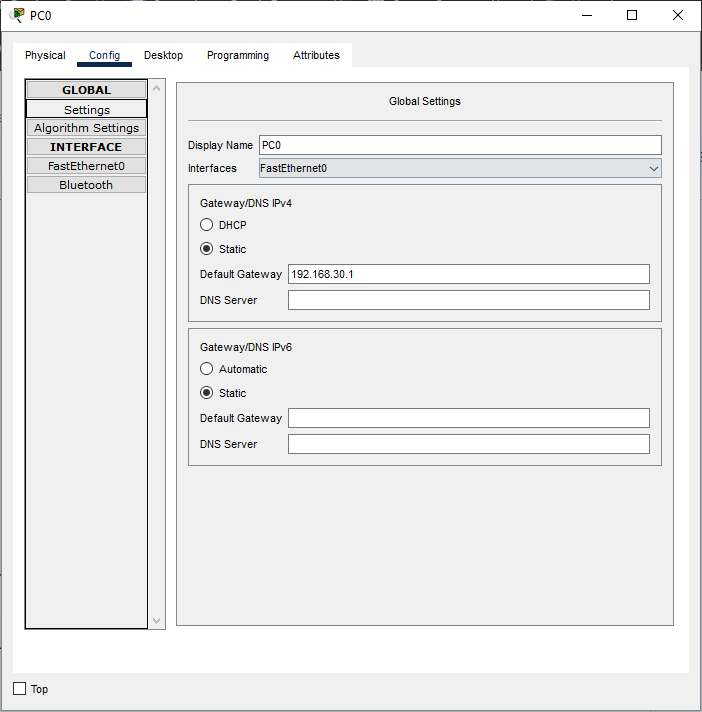
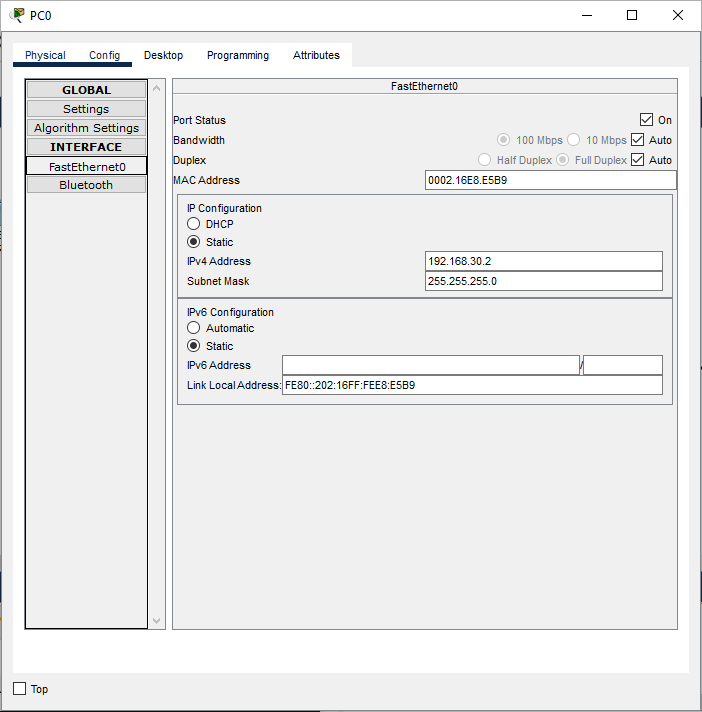
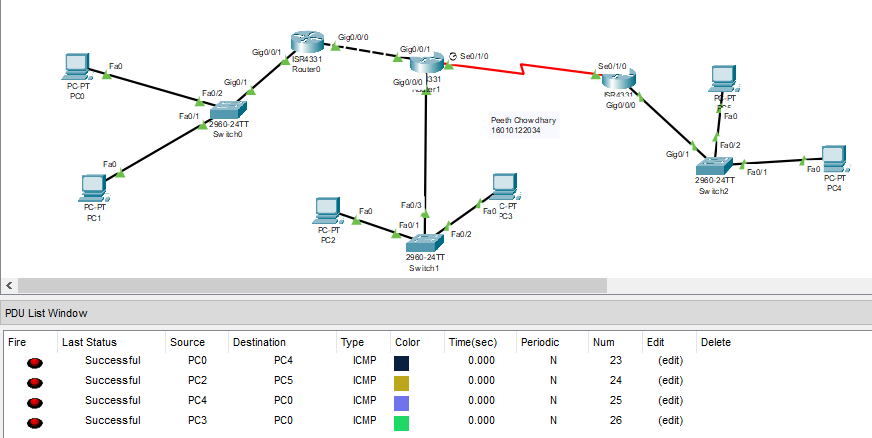
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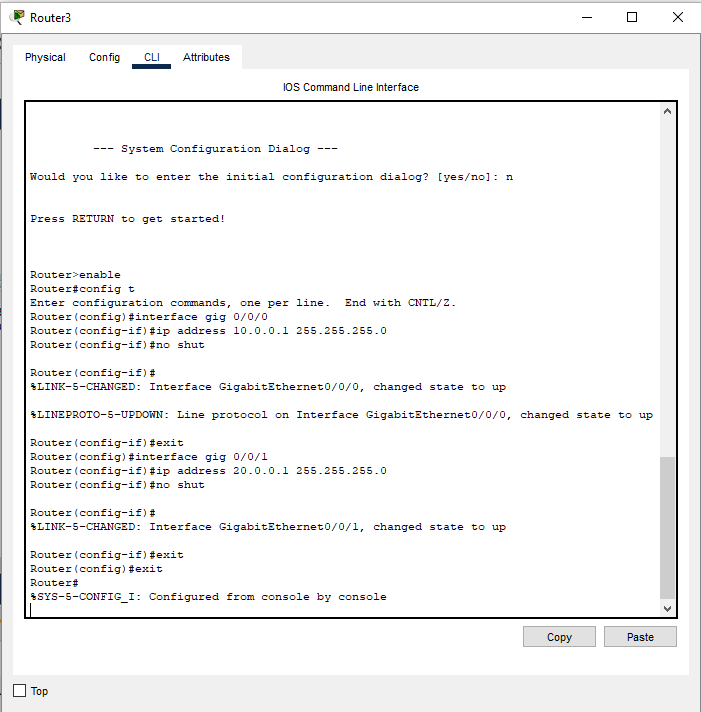
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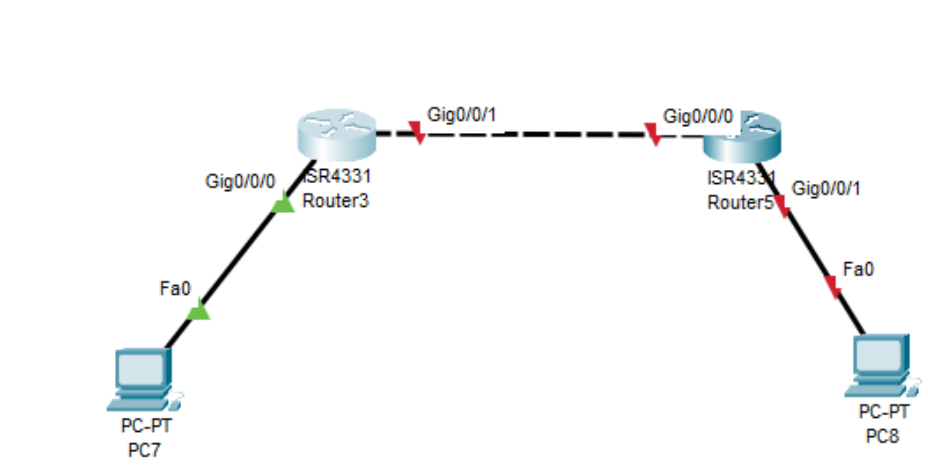
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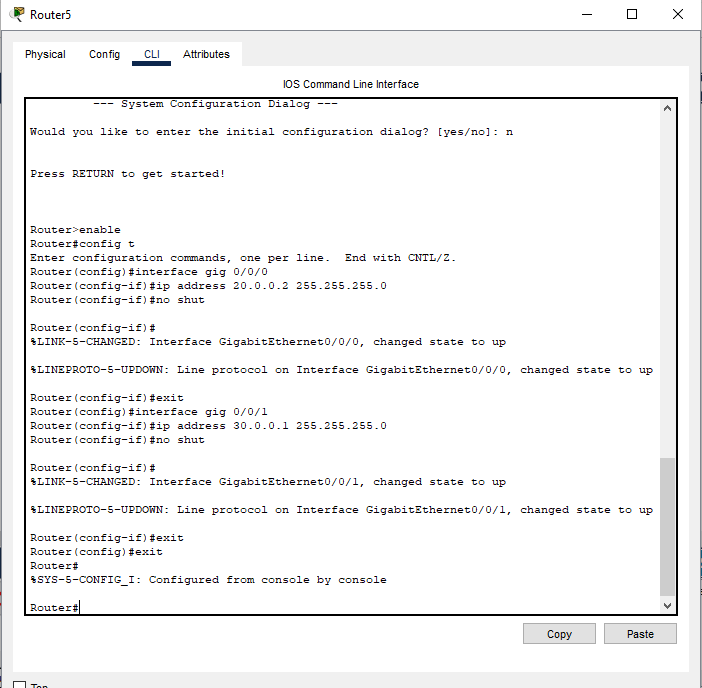


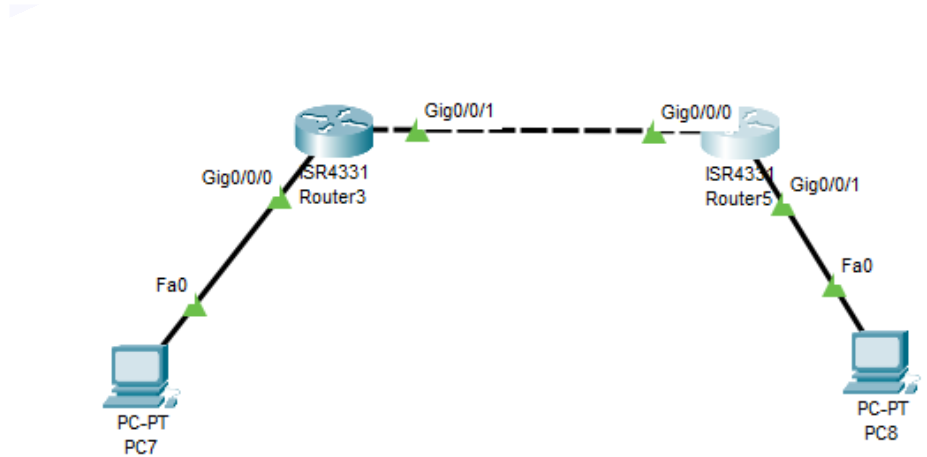


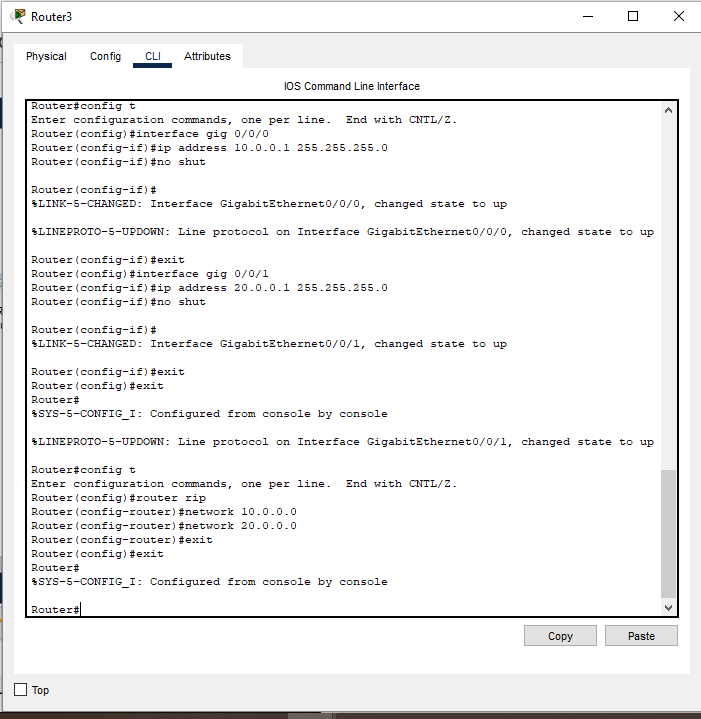
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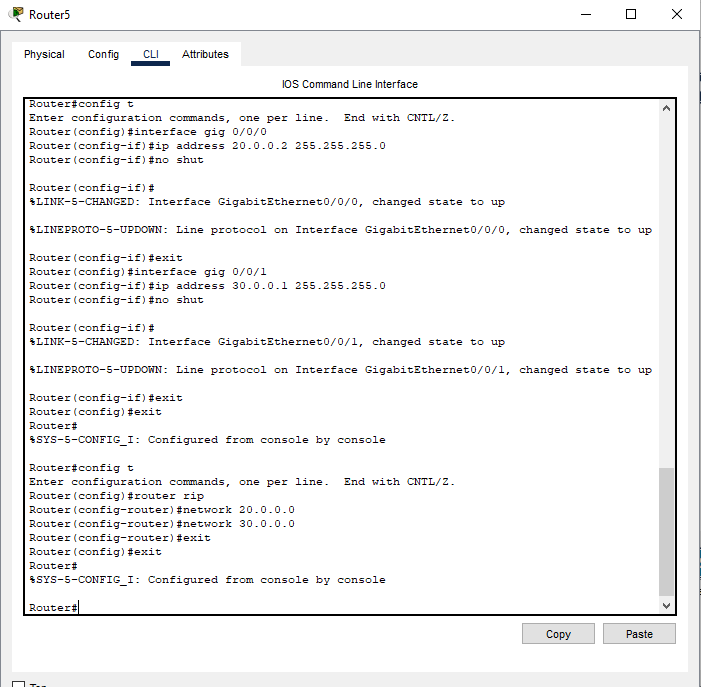


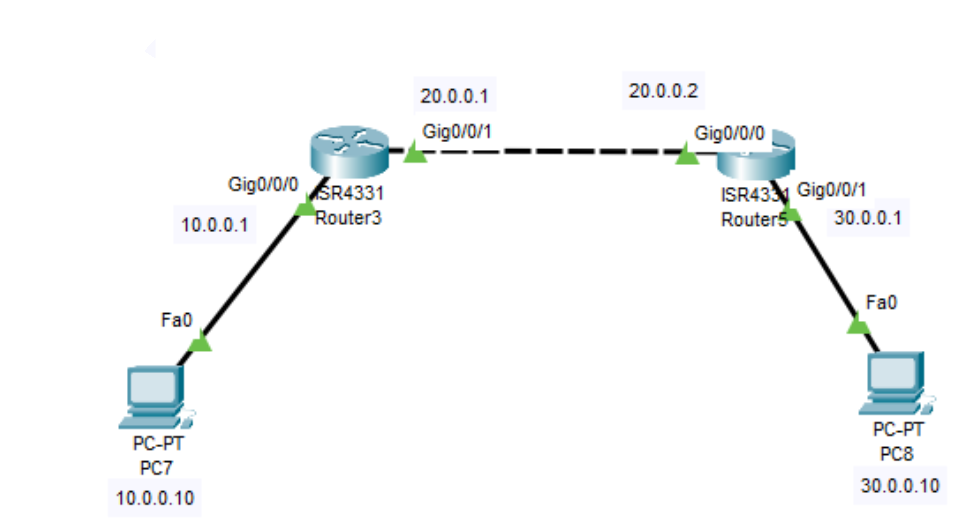


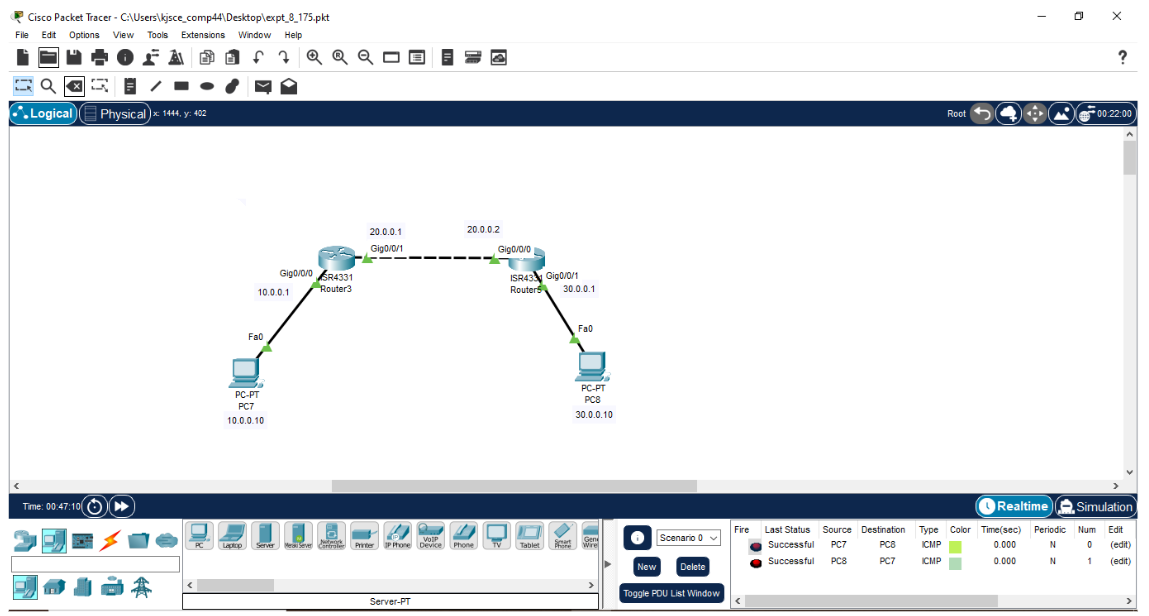
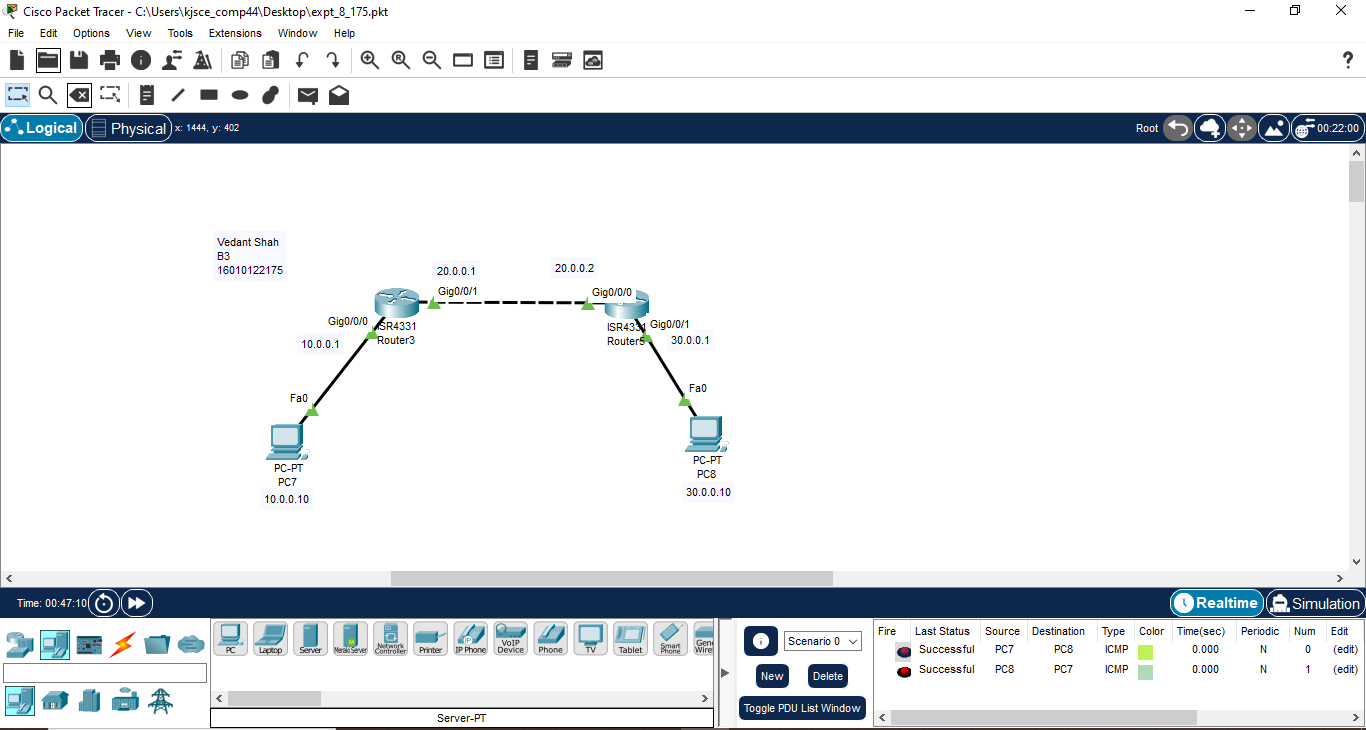










**CONCLUSION:**

In this experiment, we successfully configured the RIP protocol between two routers using Cisco Packet Tracer. RIP allowed the routers to share their routing tables and determine the best path to a destination network based on the hop count. We studied the differences between RIPv1 and RIPv2 and observed how RIP works in a distance vector routing environment.

**Post Lab Questions**

1. ............ are two popular examples of distance vector routing protocols.  
A. OSPF and RIP  
B. RIP and BGP  
C. BGP and OSPF  
D. BGP and SPF

2. A ......... routing table contains information entered manually.  
A. static  
B. dynamic  
C. hierarchical  
D. non static

3. A .......... routing table is updated periodically using one of the dynamic routing protocols.  
A. static  
B. dynamic  
C. hierarchical  
D. non static

4. Which of the following is not the category of dynamic routing algorithm.  
A. Distance vector protocols  
B. Link state protocols  
C. Hybrid protocols  
D. Automatic state protocols

5. In .......... forwarding, the mask and destination addresses are both 0.0.0.0 in the routing table.  
A. next-hop  
B. network-specific  
C. host-specific  
D. default

6. Differentiate between Distance Vector Routing and Link State Routing.

Distance Vector Routing

* Routers share only their distance to destinations with direct neighbors.
* Uses the Bellman-Ford algorithm for path calculation.
* Slower convergence, especially in large networks (updates propagate hop-by-hop).
* Periodic updates are sent, even if there’s no network change.
* More prone to routing loops; techniques like split horizon and hold-down timers help mitigate this.
* Simple and requires less processing per router.
* Best suited for smaller networks.
* Example protocols: RIP (Routing Information Protocol), IGRP (Interior Gateway Routing Protocol).

Link State Routing

* Routers share detailed network topology information with all routers.
* Uses the Dijkstra algorithm to independently calculate paths.
* Faster convergence due to the global view of the network.
* Updates triggered only by network changes, reducing unnecessary traffic.
* Less prone to routing loops due to a comprehensive network view.
* More complex and requires each router to store the full network topology.
* Scalable, making it ideal for larger and complex networks.
* Example protocols: OSPF (Open Shortest Path First), IS-IS (Intermediate System to Intermediate System).

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