Here's a complete guide for the Simulation of ARP/RARP packets in Cisco Packet Tracer, including Aim, Introduction, Device Requirements, Configuration Details, and Step-by-Step Process.



To simulate and analyze ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) and RARP (Reverse ARP) operations using Cisco Packet Tracer by observing how IP and MAC address mappings occur in a local network.

## **III** INTRODUCTION

- ARP (Address Resolution Protocol):
  - Used to find the MAC (hardware) address of a device when its IP address is known. ARP is crucial for communication within the same network.
- RARP (Reverse Address Resolution Protocol):

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Used by a device to obtain an IP address using its MAC address. It's mostly outdated and replaced by DHCP in modern networks.

Note: Cisco Packet Tracer does not explicitly support RARP configuration, but we simulate the concept by observing how a device gets an IP via DHCP.

## **DEVICE REQUIREMENTS**

Device	Quantity
PCs	2
Switch	1
Router (Optional, for DHCP/RARP concept)	1
Copper Straight-Through Cable	3–4 cables

## **© CONFIGURATION DETAILS**

Device	IP Address	Subnet Mask
PC0	192.168.1.1	255.255.255.0
PC1	DHCP (for RARP)	Assigned Dynamically

## Conclusion

- ARP resolves IP to MAC.
- RARP (simulated via DHCP) resolves MAC to IP.
- Cisco Packet Tracer lets you observe these protocols using simulation mode and helps understand how devices communicate within a network.