

# THE SHIELDED NETWORK

Fortifying Access with ACLs and NAT

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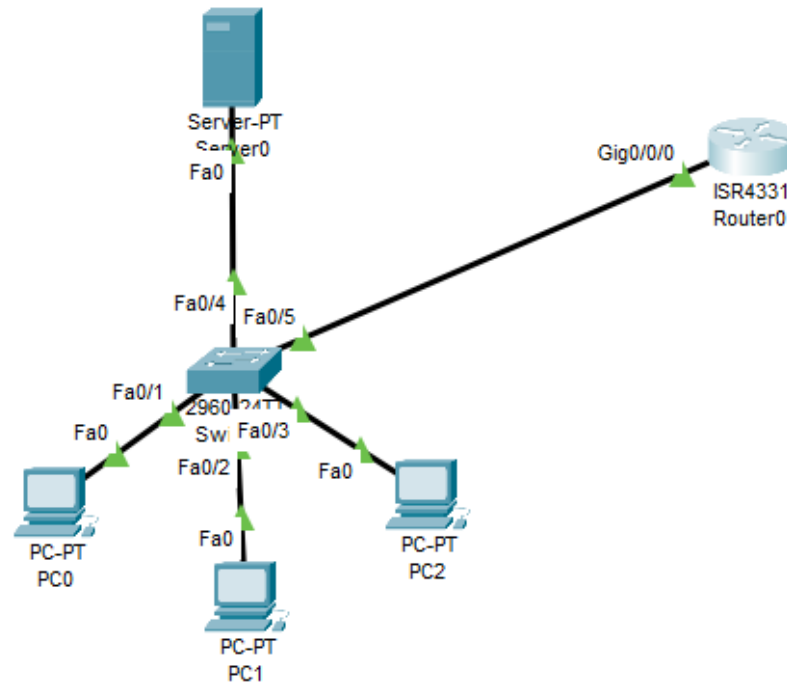
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### Project Overview:

- **Objective:** Secure network traffic using ACLs and manage IP address usage using NAT.
- **Tools:** Cisco Packet Tracer
- **Scope:**
  - Filter network traffic using ACLs
  - Enable secure internet access using NAT
  - Ensure internal network devices are protected from unauthorized access

## Network Topology Design:



- Router (R1): Connects the internal network to the internet.
- Switch (SW1): Connects internal devices.
- LAN (192.168.1.0/24): Private network.
- WAN (Public IP): Internet-facing interface.
- **Devices:**
  - PCs (192.168.1.3-5)
  - Server (192.168.1.2)
  - Internet Gateway

## **Project Plan:**

### **Phase 1: NAT Configuration**

- Configure NAT to allow internal devices to access the internet using a single public IP (PAT).

### **Phase 2: ACL Implementation**

- Create and apply ACLs to:
  - Block unauthorized traffic.
  - Allow HTTP (Port 80) and HTTPS (Port 443) traffic.
  - Deny Telnet (Port 23) access from external networks.

### **Phase 3: Testing and Verification**

- Verify NAT translations.
- Verify ACL rules.