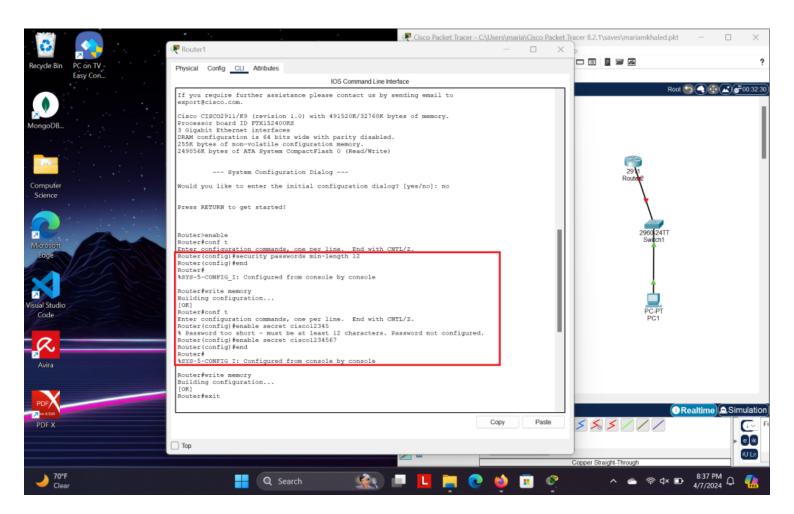
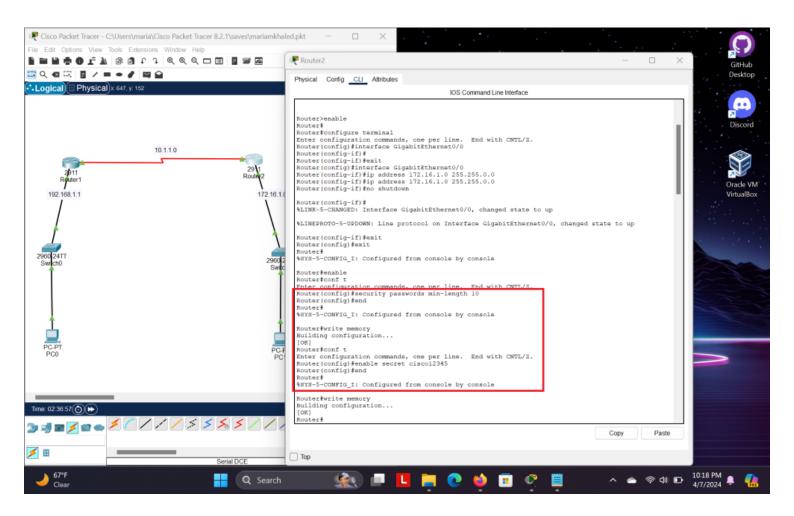
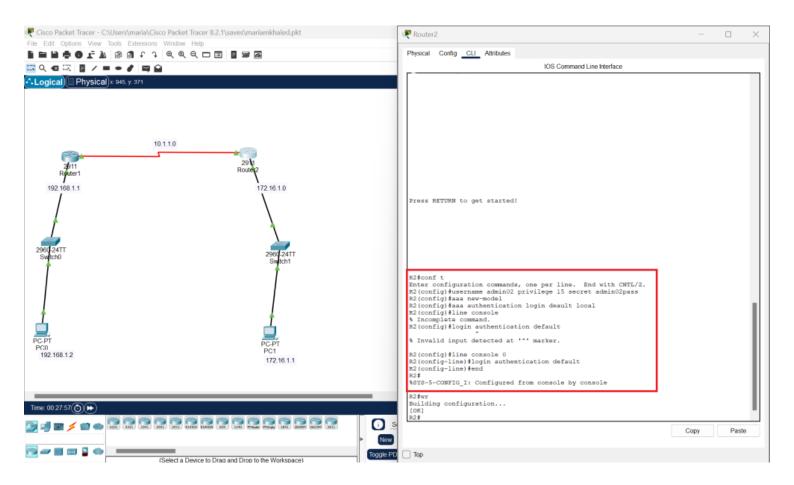
## Exercise 1



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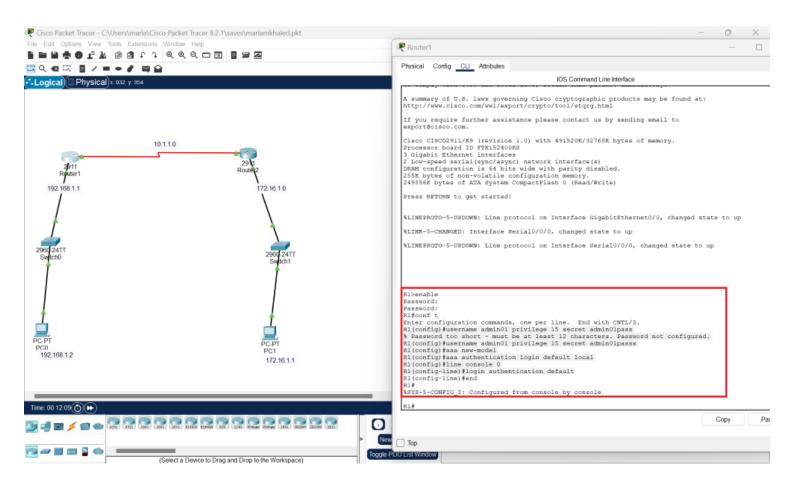
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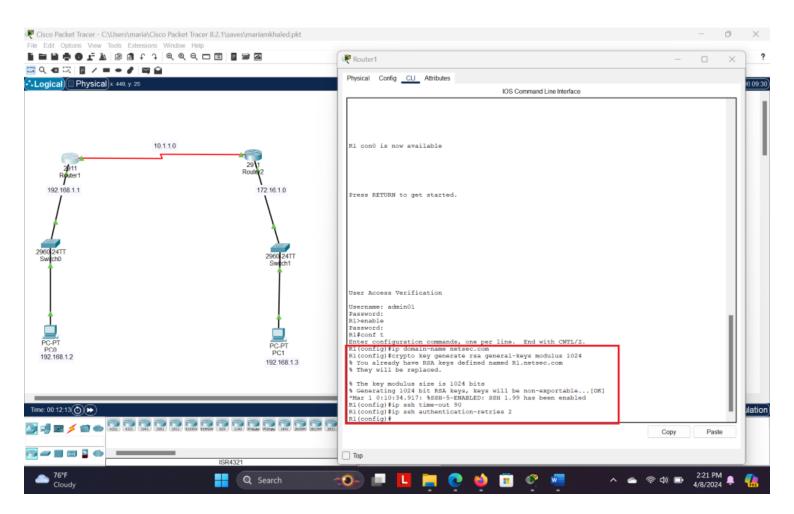
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The commands used:

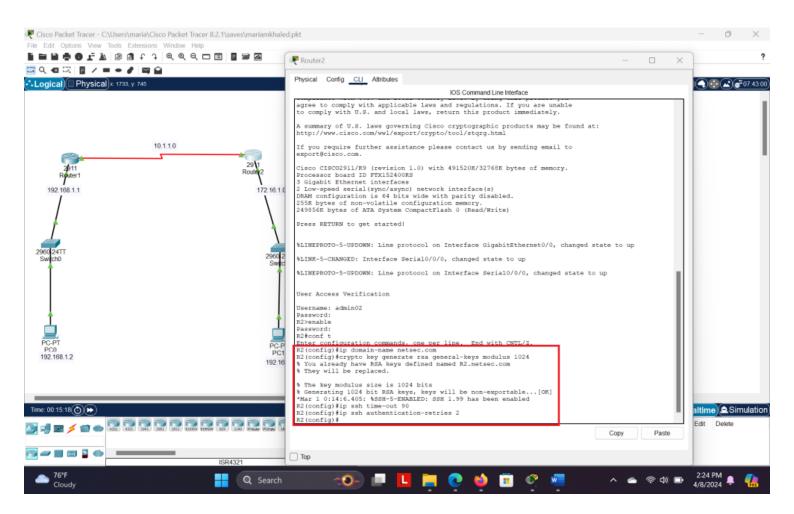
- 1) 'username admin01 privilege 15 secret admin01passs': Creates a user account named "admin01" with privilege level 15 and sets the password to "admin01passs".
- 2) 'aaa new-model': Enables the AAA (Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting) framework.
- 3) 'aaa authentication login default local': Sets the default authentication method for login attempts to use the local database (configured on the router).
- 4) 'line console 0': Enters configuration mode for the console line (the physical console port).
- 5 'login authentication default': Configures the console line to use the default authentication method specified earlier.



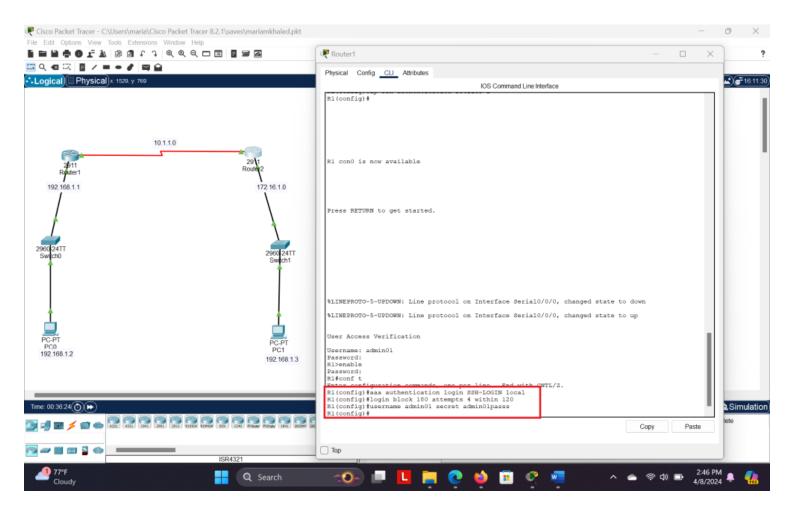
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I configured SSH for secure remote access on Router R1 by enabling IP addresses for PCs and setting the domain name to 'netsec.com'. Additionally, I generated RSA keys with a size of 1024 bits for encryption. To enhance security, I set the SSH timeout to 90 seconds and authentication retries to 2.

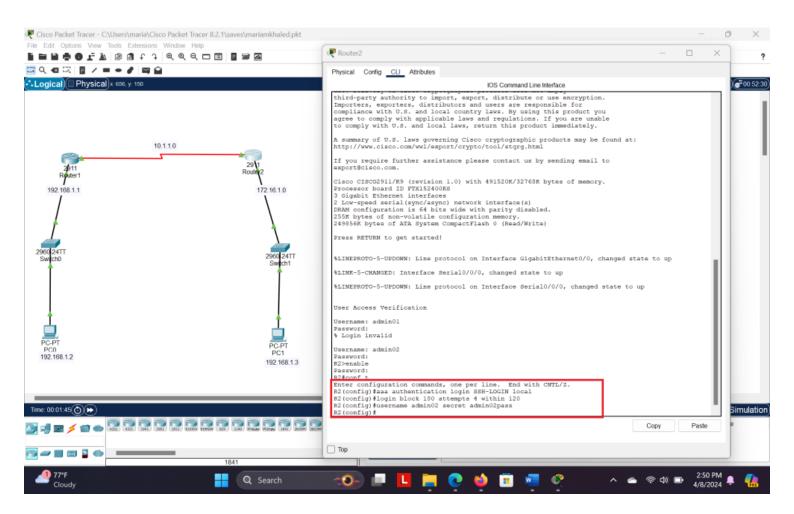


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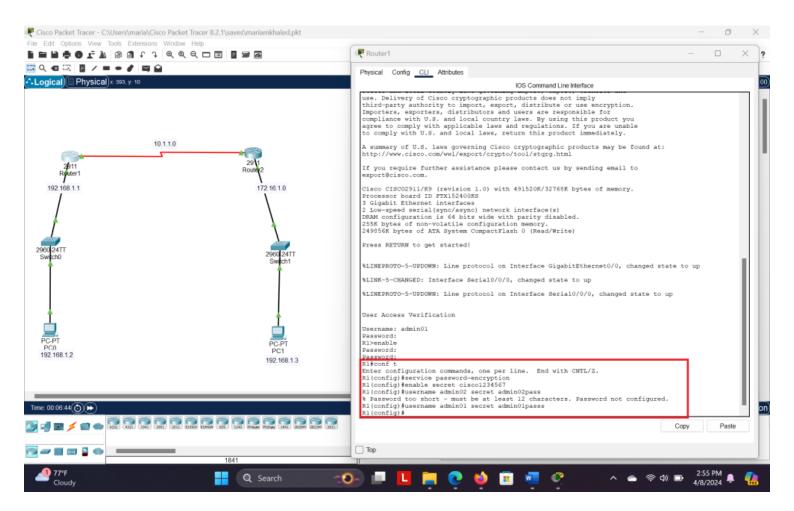


I've successfully configured AAA authentication settings on R1 with the following specifications:

- -> AAA authentication has been enabled.
- ->The local database has been set as the default authentication method.
- -> Case-sensitive local username authentication has been implemented for enhanced security. (which was done in the previous step)
- ->Additionally, enhanced login settings have been applied to prevent access for three minutes after four failed login attempts within a two-minute period. This measure adds an extra layer of security to our system.

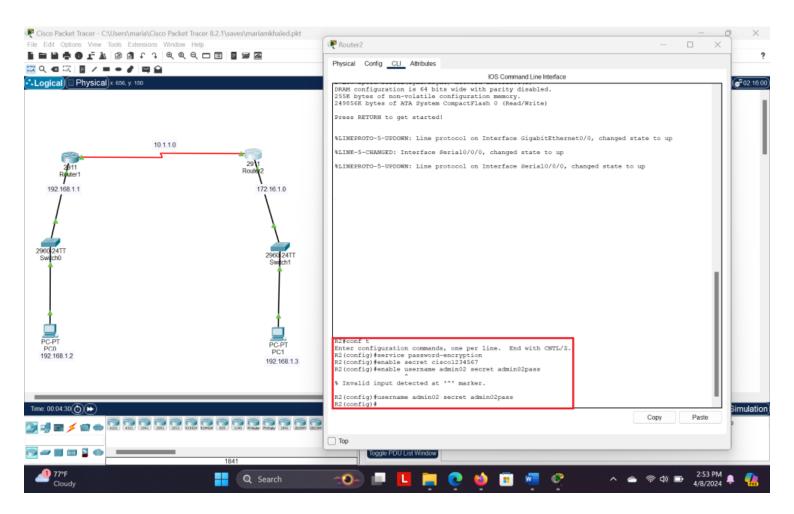


Configured AAA authentication on R2 with local database as default method, implementing case-sensitive usernames for security. Enhanced login settings block access for 3 minutes after 4 failed attempts in 2 minutes.



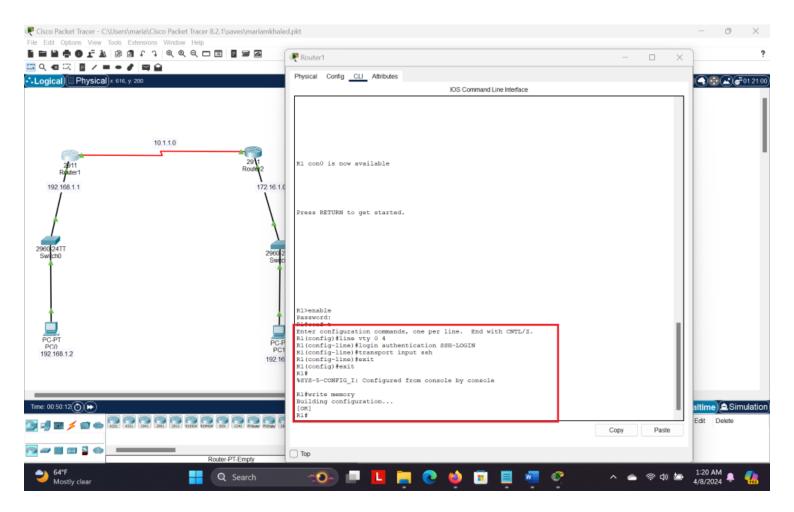
I've encrypted all passwords on R1 to safeguard information:

- ->Utilized 'service password-encryption' in configuration mode.
- i used in Cisco IOS to encrypt plaintext passwords stored in the device's configuration file. It converts passwords into a hashed form using a weak encryption algorithm (Type 7 encryption)
  - ->Set a password for enable mode.
- ->Employed 'secret' for user authentication with MD5 encryption, enhancing security measures.

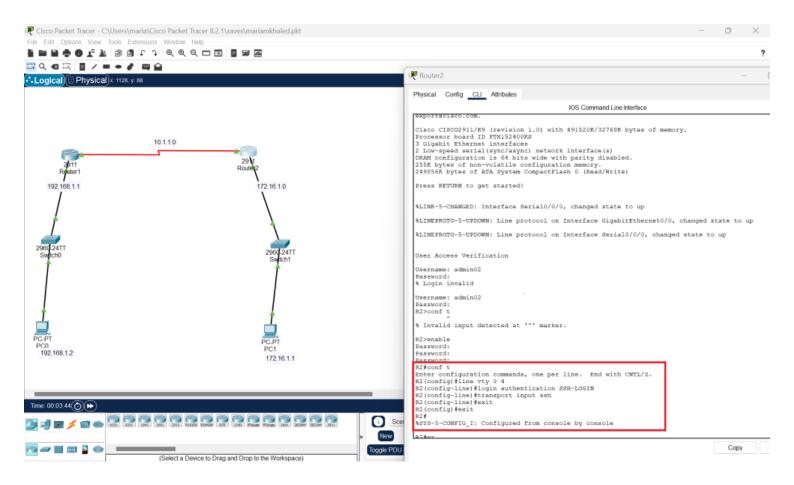


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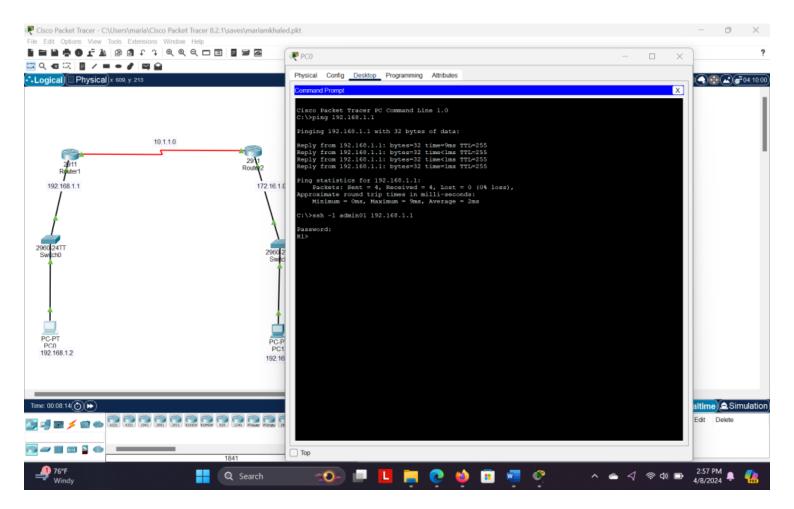
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- 1) 'line vty 0 4': Specifies the VTY lines to configure (0 to 4).
- i specifying these lines, I'm indicating which lines I want to configure.
- 2) 'login authentication SSH\_LOGIN': Sets the authentication method for login attempts to "SSH\_LOGIN".
- i specifies the authentication method that will be used for login attempts on the VTY lines
  - 3) 'transport input ssh': Restricts input traffic to SSH only for secure access.
- i command restricts the types of traffic that are allowed to enter the VTY lines. By allowing only SSH traffic, I'm ensuring that access to the device is encrypted and secure.

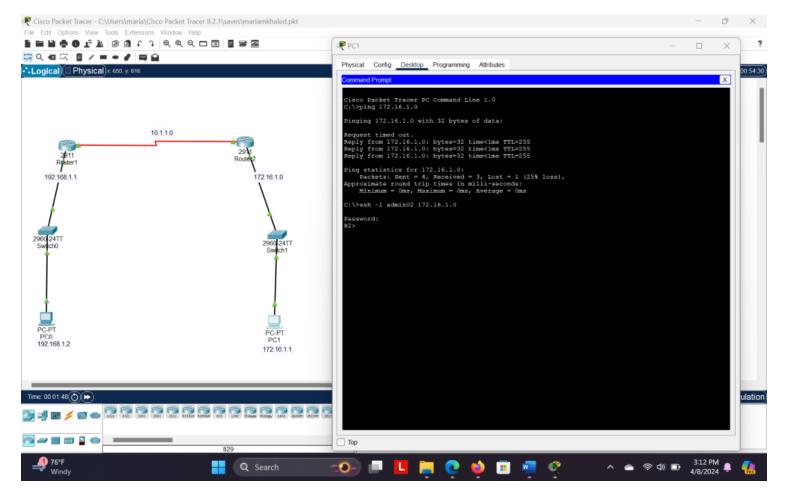


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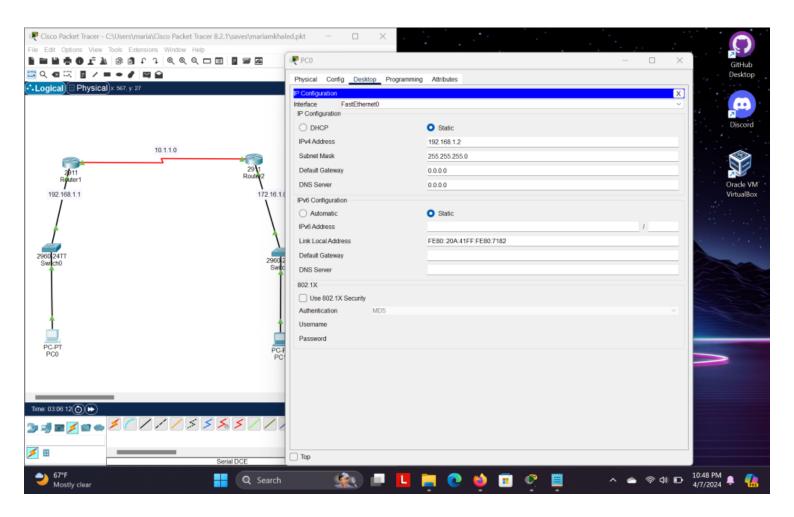
## To test SSH access from PC0 to Router1:

- 1) Firstly, I initiated a ping command from PC0 to Router1. This step ensures that there is basic connectivity between the devices and that Router1 is reachable from PC0 over the network.
- 2) Following the successful ping, I entered the command 'ssh -l' on PC0. This command initiates an SSH connection. The 'L' option specifies that we want to establish a connection to a remote host.
- 3) Then, I entered the IP address of Router1 after '-l', indicating that I want to connect to Router1 via SSH. This step prompts PC0 to initiate an SSH session to the specified IP address.

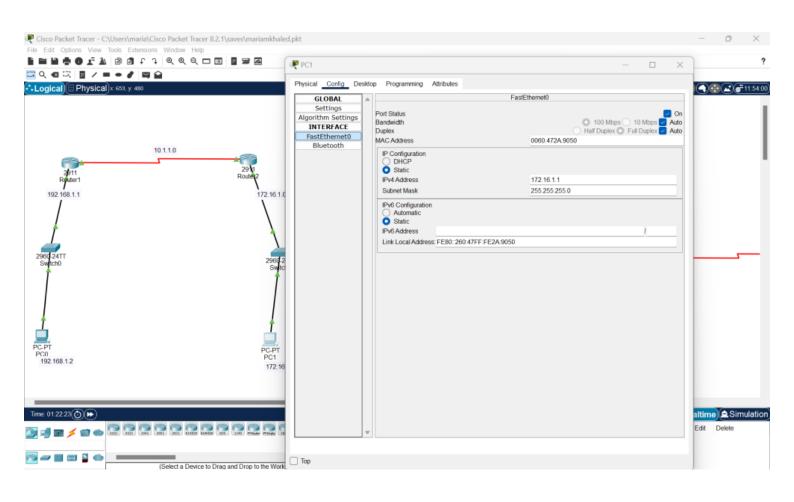


Of course I did the same thing regarding PC1:

- 1) I initiated a ping command from PC1 to Router2.
- 2) Following the successful ping, I entered the command 'ssh -l' on PCO.
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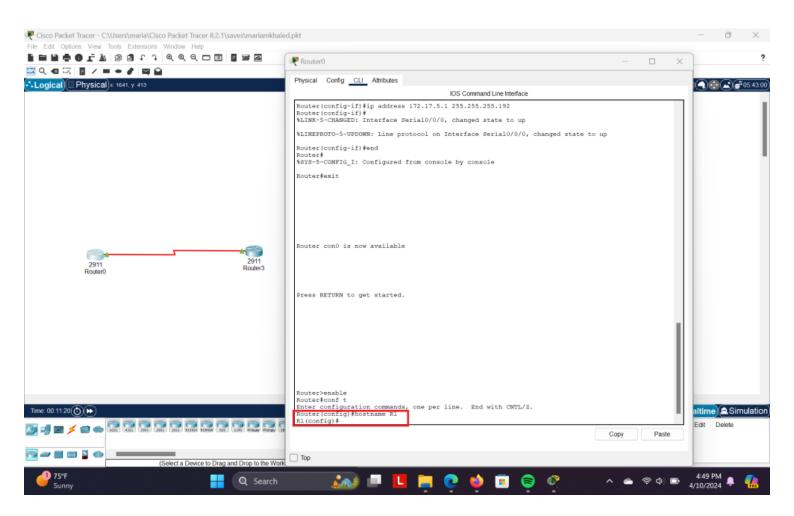


i This is the Ip for PC0 which is connected to Router 1

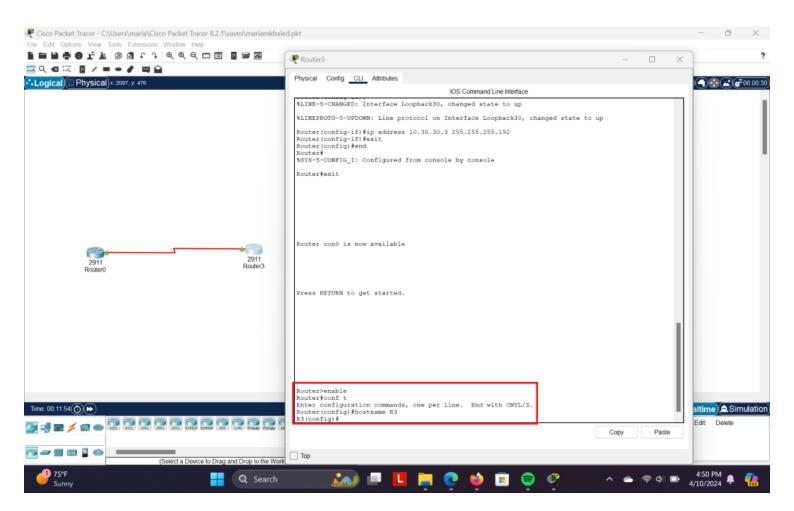


i This is the Ip for PC1 which is connected to Router 2

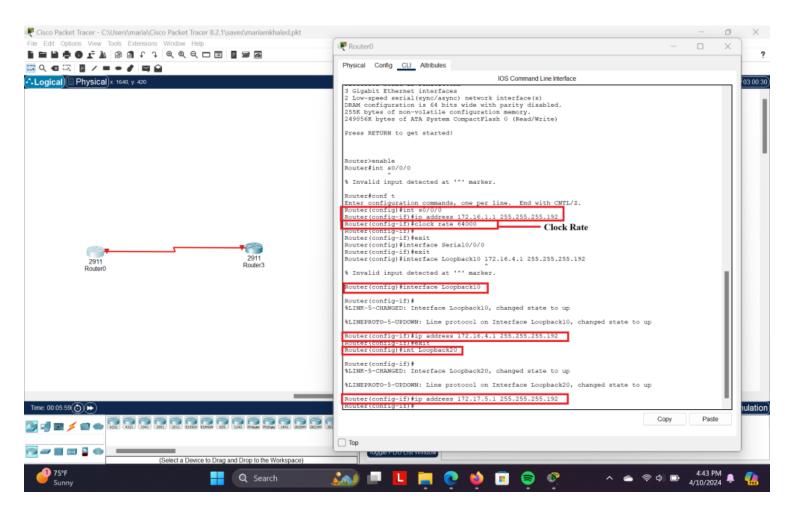
## Exercise 2



I accessed configuration mode and changed the router's name to R1 by entering the command 'hostname R1'.



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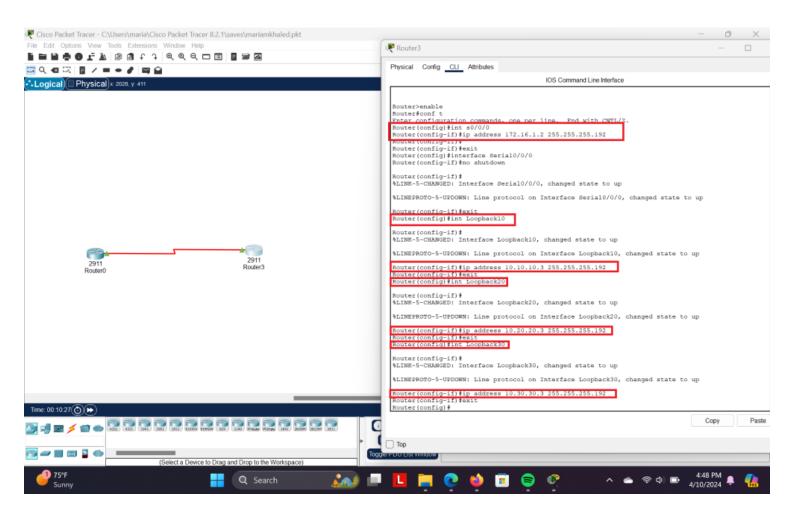
I configured the IP address for R1 and also set up IP addresses for two loopback interfaces.

IP address 172.16.1.1

Loopback10 172.16.4.1

Loopback20 172.17.5.1

- i I set the clock rate of R1 to 64000 by entering serial interface and using the command 'clock rate 64000'.
- i To set the IP address, I initially entered the configuration mode, proceeded to access the serial interface, and subsequently configured the IP address along with the subnet.
- i I configured and activated two loopback interfaces, typically used for testing purposes, and assigned IP addresses along with subnet masks to both of them.



I configured the IP address for R3 and also set up IP addresses for three loopback interfaces.

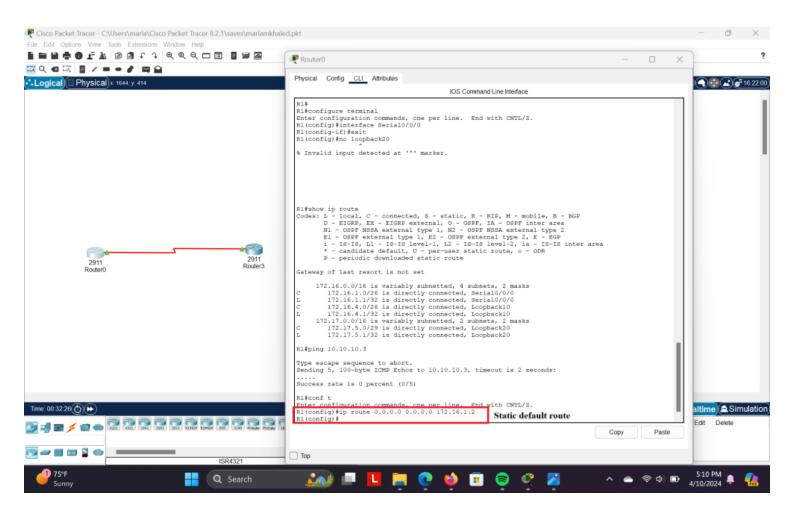
Ip address 172.16.1.2

Loopback10 10.10.10.3

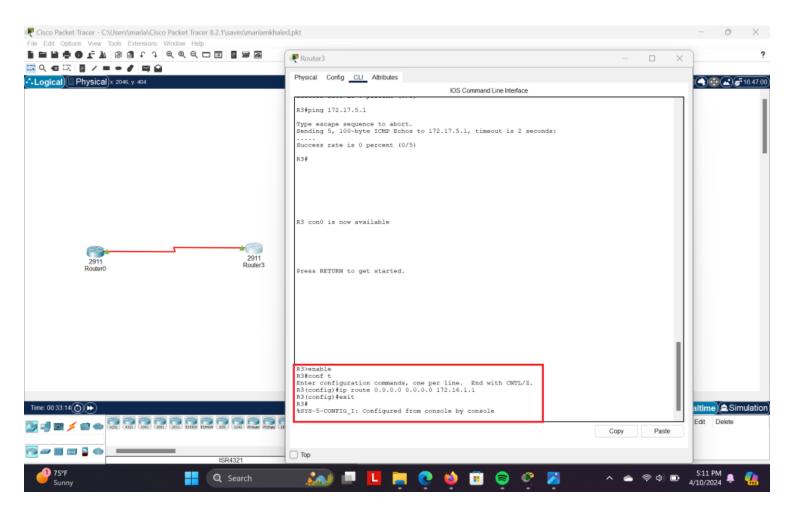
Loopback20 10.20.20.3

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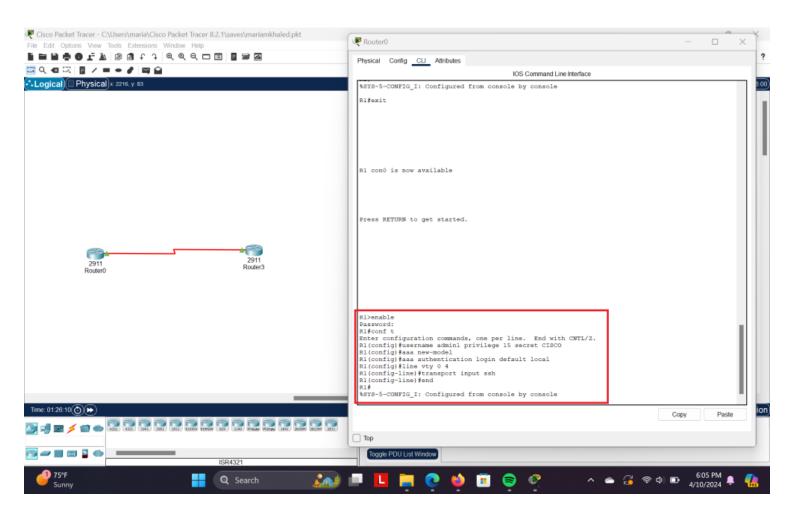
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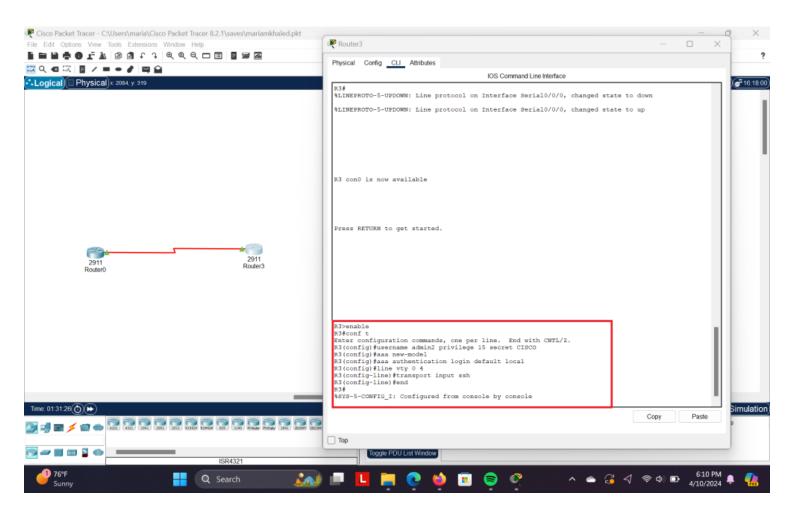
The command ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 172.16.1.2 tells router R1: 'send packet from any address to 172.16.1.2 (R3).' It's like a default instruction for where to forward traffic when there's no specific route.



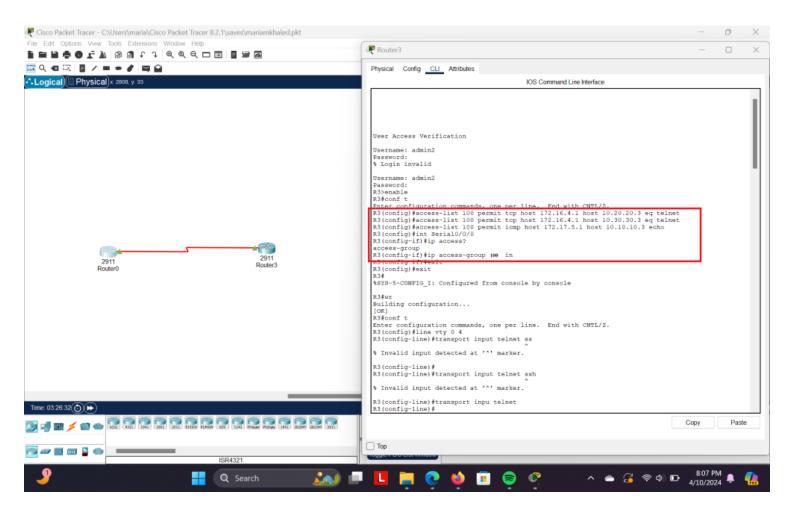
The command ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 172.16.1.1 tells router R3: 'send packets from any address to 172.16.1.1 (R1).' It acts as a default instruction for forwarding traffic when no specific route is found.



I configured both R1 routers to allow SSH connections with the password 'CISCO' set for SSH access.



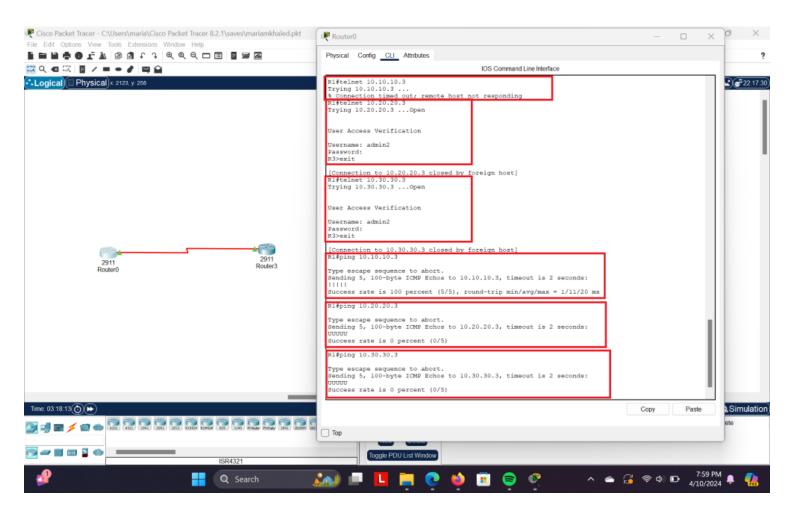
I configured both R3 routers to permit SSH connections, utilizing the password 'CISCO' for SSH access.



For the first two commands, I permitted telnet connections from Router 1's Loopback10 to Router 3's Loopback20 and Loopback30.

For the third command, I allowed ping requests from Router 1's Loopback20 to Router 3's Loopback10.

Finally, I applied this ACL inbound on R3's Serial port.



I tested the Telnet ACL configuration by attempting Telnet connections from R1's Loopback10 to R3's Loopback10, Loopback20, and Loopback30 interfaces. Furthermore, I verified the ping ACL configuration by sending ping requests from R1's Loopback20 to R3's Loopback10, Loopback20, and Loopback30 interfaces.