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## Simulation of LAN (Local Area Network) using switches by Cisco Packet Tracer

Switch is a hardware network component, which is used to connect multiple devices across a network. Switch uses packet switching to receive and forward data to a given destination. It uses MAC (Media Access Control) address to forward data at the data link layer of the OSI (Open System Interconnection) model.

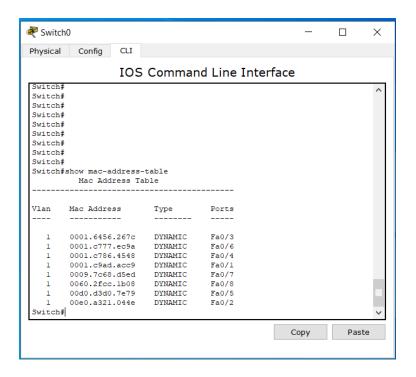
We can build a simulation of Local Area Network or LAN easily using the Cisco Packet Tracer tool. With few simple steps:

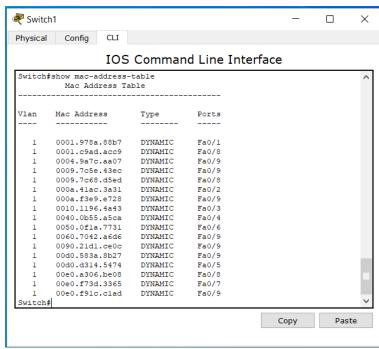
- 1) Drag and drop a switch on the workspace from the Cisco devices listed at the bottom menu.
- 2) Add end devices like computers or laptops to the workspace from the bottom menu.
- 3) Connect all the computers and other devices we added with the switch using Copper Straight-Through cable from the cable options listed.
- 4) Configure IP address for each end device we used.
- 5) In case if we have many devices to connect with the switch, we can just add ethernet ports by turning off the switch and add input ports.
- 6) Finally we can use the **ping** command to check out if the connections we created are successful.
- 7) If we want to connect several switches with each other we have to use the Copper Crossover cable instead of the Straight-Through cable.

For this assignment we will build a LAN network with 20 computers and 3 switches.

In order to get the mac address table from a particular switch we can use the following set of commands:

- 1) Open the switch and go the the CLI tab
- 2) Type enable
- 3) Then show mac-address-table





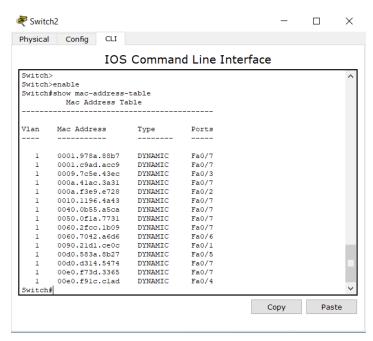


Figure 1: Mac-address-table for switch 0, 1, 2

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| Property | Property
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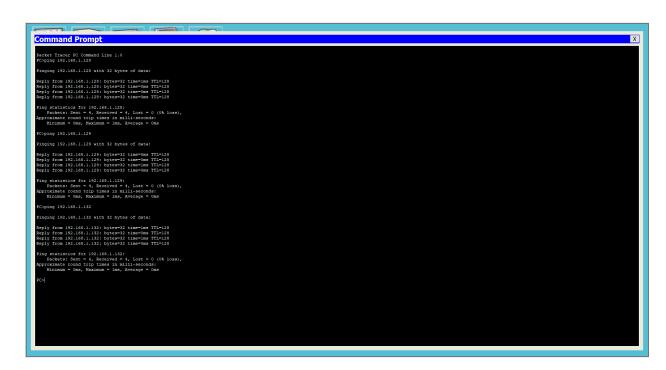
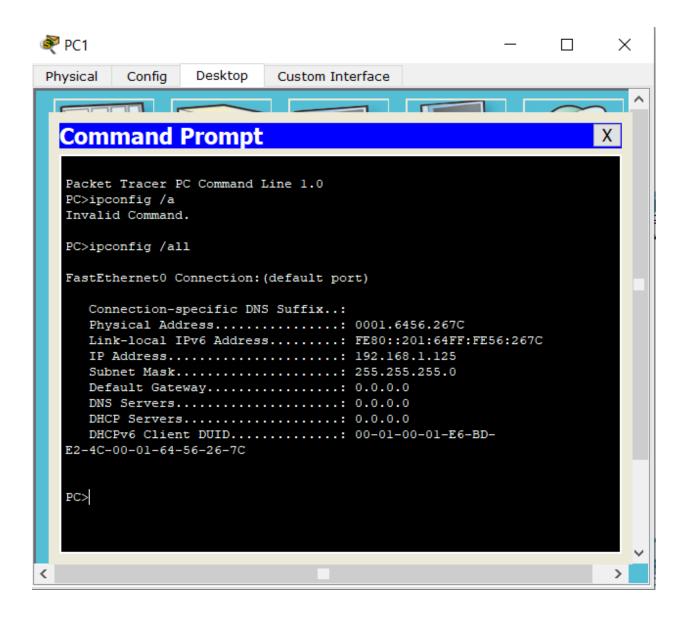
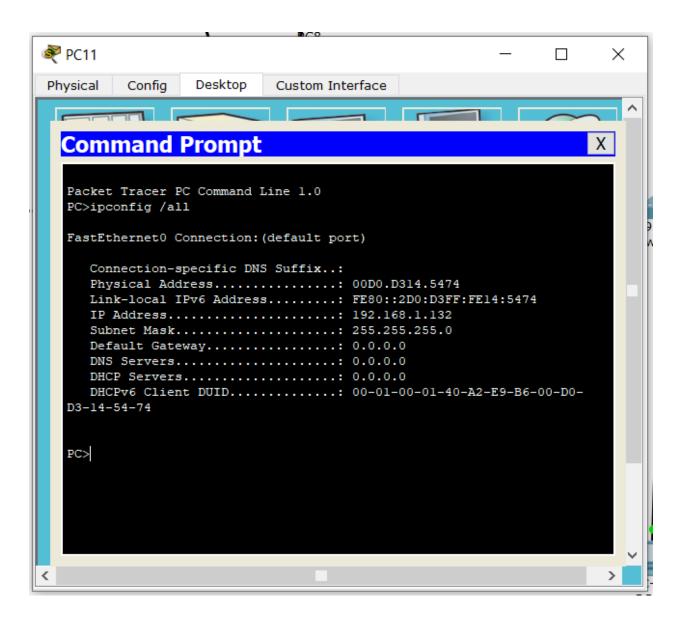


Figure 2: Ping results from different computer to other end points





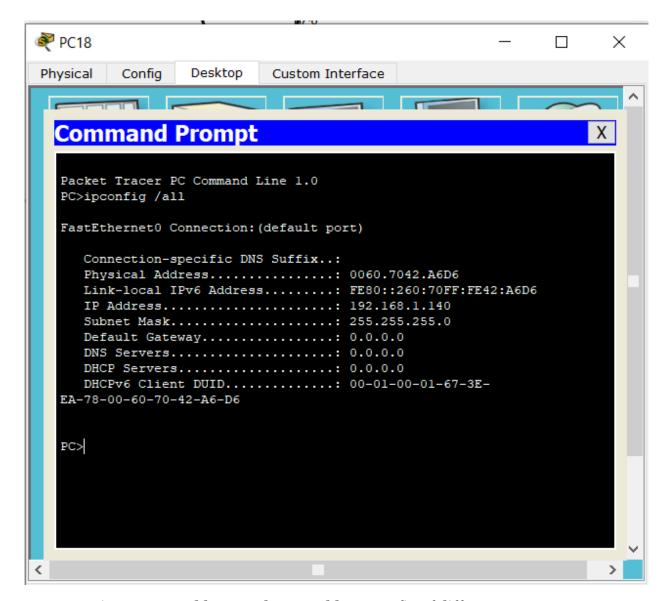
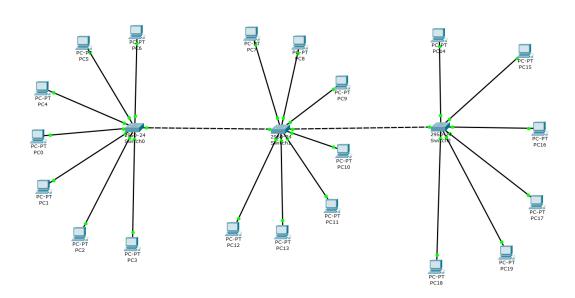


Figure 3: IP address and MAC address config of different computers

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PC>arp -a
                         Physical Address
 Internet Address
                                               Type
 192.168.1.120
                        0009.7c68.d5ed
                                               dynamic
 192.168.1.137
                        0009.7c5e.43ec
                                               dynamic
 192.168.1.138
                        00e0.f91c.clad
                                               dynamic
 192.168.1.140
                        0060.7042.a6d6
                                               dynamic
PC>
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Packet Tracer PC Command Line 1.0
PC>arp -a
Internet Address Physical Address Type
192.168.1.137 0009.7c5e.43ec dynamic
PC>
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Figure 4 : ARP table of different computers



 $Figure\ 5: The\ overall\ network\ architecture$ 

The packet file (pkt) of this assignment can be found here <a href="https://github.com/mikias21/NADC/tree/main/assignment\_1">https://github.com/mikias21/NADC/tree/main/assignment\_1</a>