Chapter 7: DHCP

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7.1 Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol v4

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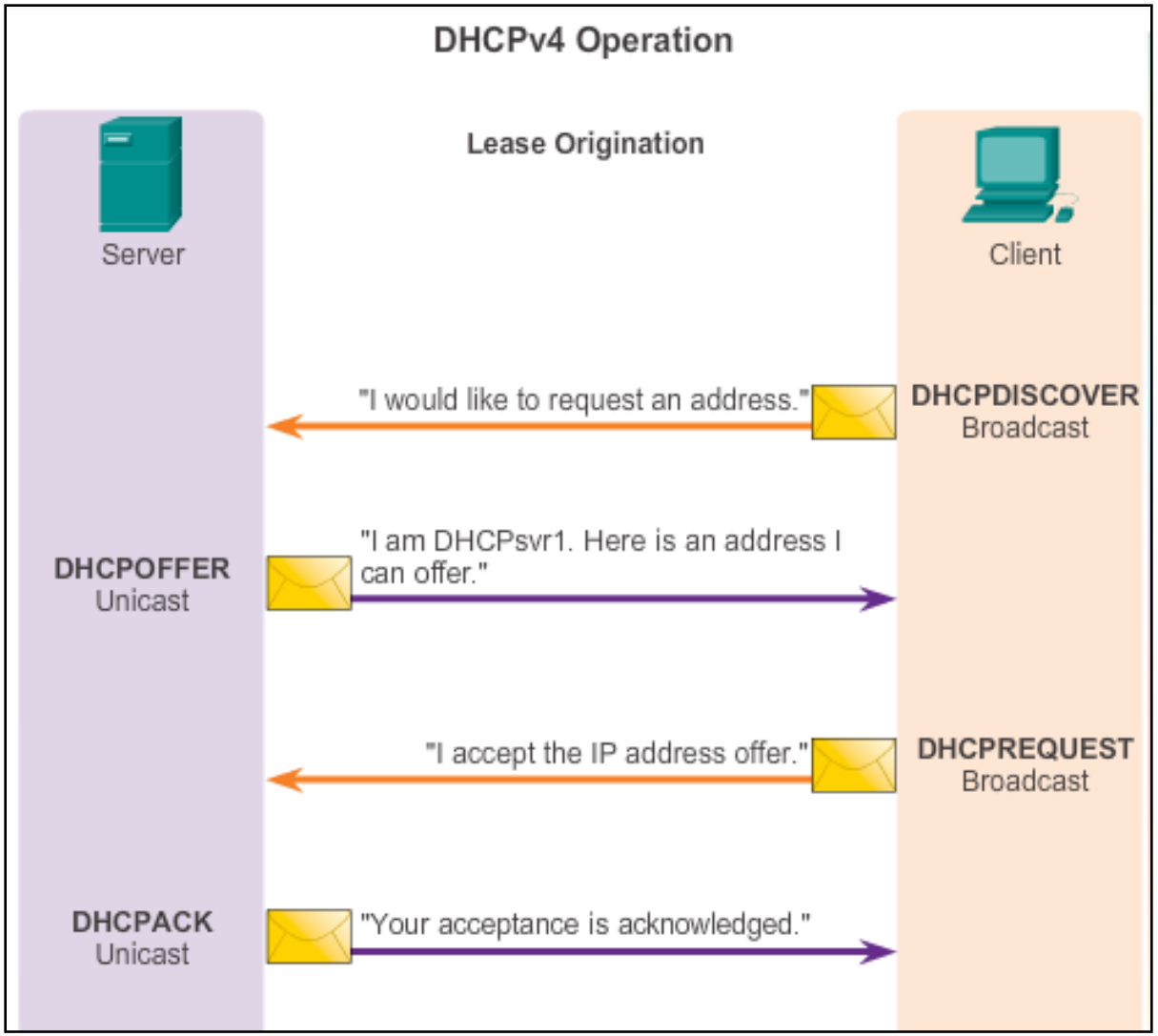
Introducing DHCPv4

DHCPv4 uses three different address allocation methods:

- **Manual Allocation** – The administrator assigns a pre-allocated IPv4 address to the client, and DHCPv4 communicates only the IPv4 address to the device.
- **Automatic Allocation** – DHCPv4 automatically assigns a static IPv4 address permanently to a device, selecting it from a pool of available addresses.
- **Dynamic Allocation** – DHCPv4 dynamically assigns, or leases, an IPv4 address from a pool of addresses for a limited period of time chosen by the server, or until the client no longer needs the address. This method is the most commonly used.

DHCPv4 Operation



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OP Code (1)	Hardware type (1)	Hardware address length (1)	Hops (1)
Transaction Identifier			
Seconds - 2 bytes		Flags - 2 bytes	
Client IP Address (CIADDR) - 4 bytes			
Your IP Address (YIADDR) - 4 bytes			
Server IP Address (SIADDR) - 4 bytes			
Gateway IP Address (GIADDR) - 4 bytes			
Client Hardware Address (CHADDR) - 16 bytes			
Server name (SNAME) - 64 bytes			
Boot Filename - 128 bytes			
DHCP Options - variable			

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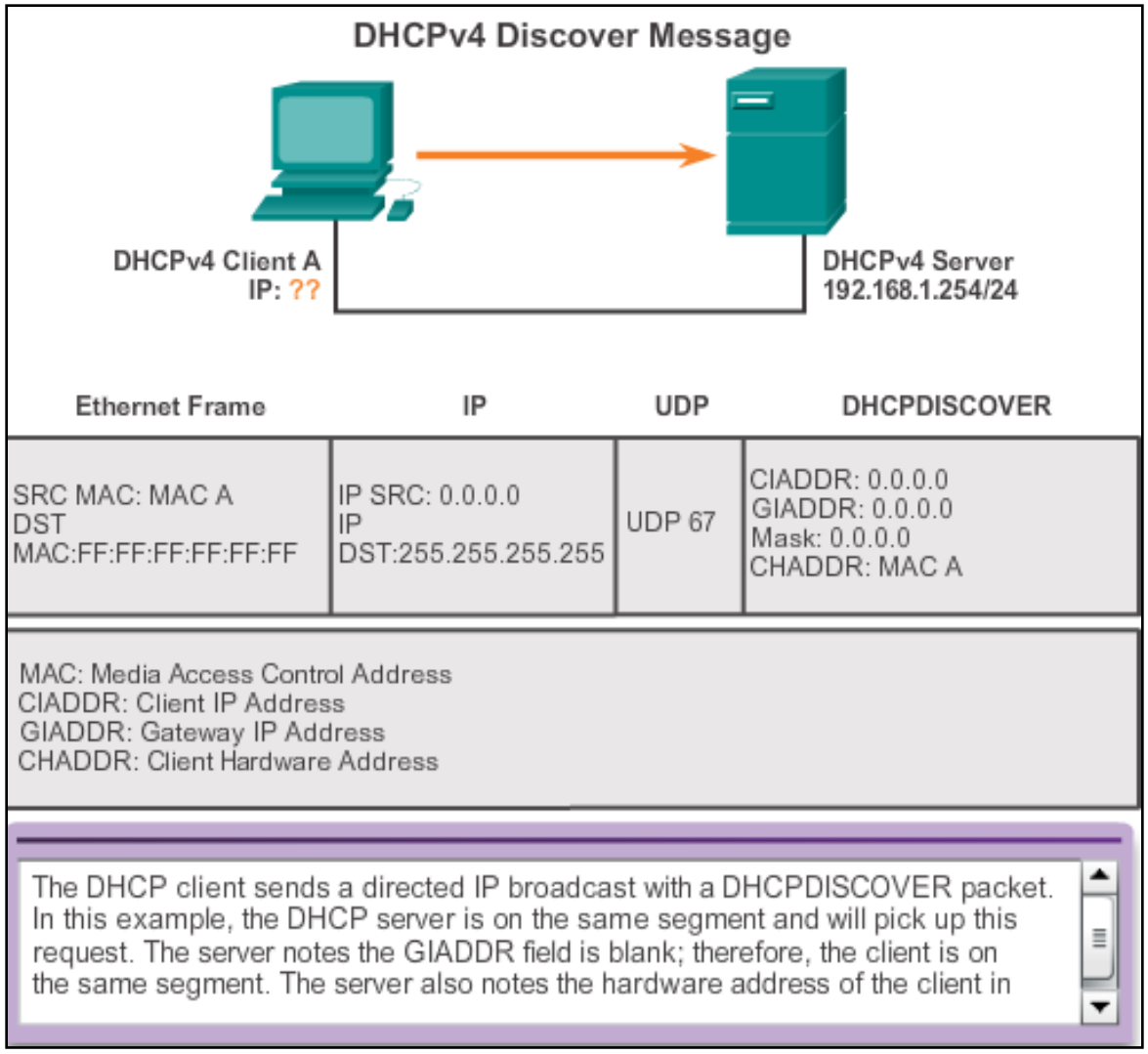
Format DHCPv4 Discover and Offer Messages



Configuring a DHCPv4 Server

A Cisco router running the Cisco IOS software can be configured to act as a DHCPv4 server. To set up DHCP:

1. Exclude addresses from the pool.
2. Set up the DHCP pool name.
3. Define the range of addresses and subnet mask. Use the **`default-router`** command for the default gateway. Optional parameters that can be included in the *pool – dns server*, *domain-name*.

```
R1(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.10.1 192.168.10.9
R1(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.10.254
R1(config)# ip dhcp pool LAN-POOL-1
R1(dhcp-config)# network 192.168.10.0 255.255.255.0
R1(dhcp-config)# default-router 192.168.10.1
R1(dhcp-config)# dns-server 192.168.11.5
R1(dhcp-config)# domain-name example.com
R1(dhcp-config)# end
R1#
```

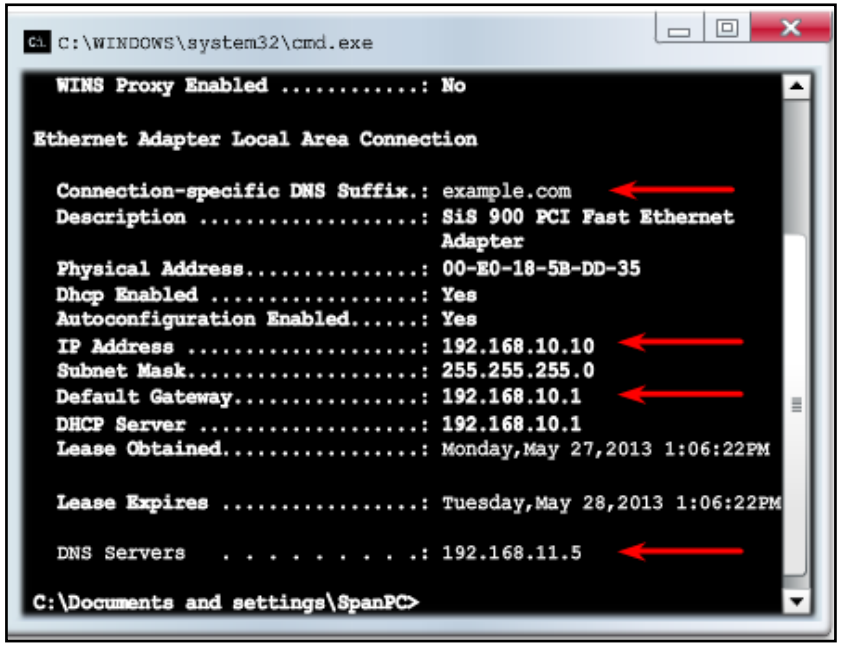
To disable DHCP, use the **no service dhcp** command.

Verifying a DHCPv4 Server

- Commands to verify DHCP:

```
show running-config | section dhcp
show ip dhcp binding
show ip dhcp server statistics
```

- On the PC, issue the **ipconfig /all** command.



DHCPv4 Relay

Using an IP helper address enables a router to forward DHCPv4 broadcasts to the DHCPv4 server. Acting as a relay.

```
R1(config)# interface g0/0
R1(config-if)# ip helper-address 192.168.11.6
R1(config-if)# end
R1# show ip interface g0/0
GigabitEthernet0/0 is up, line protocol is up
  Internet address is 192.168.10.1/24
  Broadcast address is 255.255.255.255
  Address determined by setup command
  MTU is 1500 bytes
  Helper address is 192.168.11.6
<Output omitted>
```

Configuring a Router as a DHCPv4 Client


```
SOHO(config)# interface g0/1
SOHO(config-if)# ip address dhcp
SOHO(config-if)# no shutdown
SOHO(config-if)#
*Jan 31 17:31:11.507: %DHCP-6-ADDRESS_ASSIGN: Interface
GigabitEthernet0/1 assigned DHCP address 209.165.201.12, mask
255.255.255.224, hostname SOHO
SOHO(config-if)# end
SOHO# show ip interface g0/1
GigabitEthernet0/1 is up, line protocol is up
  Internet address is 209.165.201.12/27
  Broadcast address is 255.255.255.255
  Address determined by DHCP
  <Output omitted>
```

Verifying the Router DHCPv4 Configuration

Verifying DHCPv4 Relay and DHCPv4 Services

```
R1# show running-config | section interface GigabitEthernet0/0
interface GigabitEthernet0/0
 ip address 192.168.10.1 255.255.255.0
 ip helper-address 192.168.11.6
 duplex auto
 speed auto
R1#

R1# show running-config | include no service dhcp
R1#
```