**Lab Manual 4**

**Study of Switch Algorithm and MAC Address Tables**

# **CLO 2**

## **Looking at the Switch Algorithm and Switch MAC Address Tables**

**Step 1**

Open the UsingSwitch.pkt file. Do not save the changes to the current network. Notice the similarity to the previous topology. The layer 1 hub has been replaced with a layer 2 switch (if not present, create the topology).

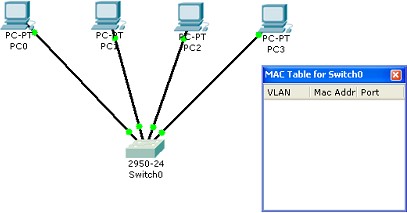
Click on the Simulation icon to switch to simulation mode.

**Step 2 Viewing the Switch MAC Address Table**

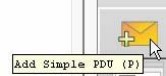
Use the Select tool to view IP address and MAC address information for the various hosts.

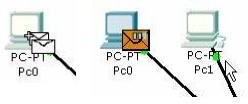
 Use the Inspect tool to view the MAC Address Table of the switch.

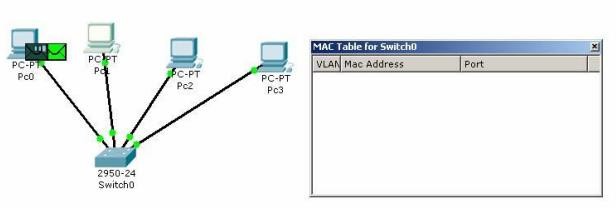
The MAC Address Table is empty as it has not learned any Source Ethernet MAC Addresses. Notice that there is also a VLAN column in this table.



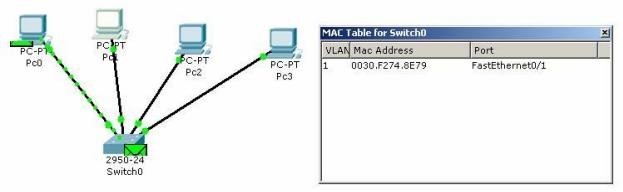
**Step 3: Issuing a Ping and Viewing the MAC Address Table**

Using the Add Simple PDU perform a ping from PC0 to PC1. Choose the Add Simple PDU tool from the toolbox:

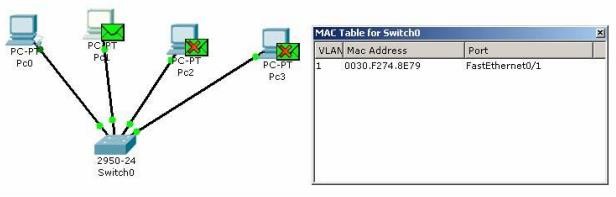
Click once on PC0, the device issuing the ping (ICMP Echo Request) and then click once on PC1 (the destination of the ICMP Echo Request).

Run the simulation using the Play button.

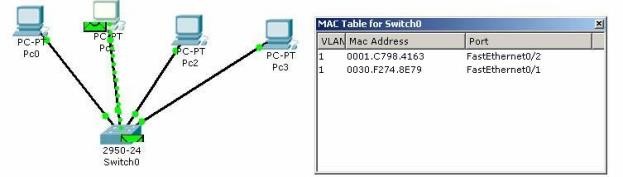
Notice how the Switch learns the Source MAC Address of the frame:



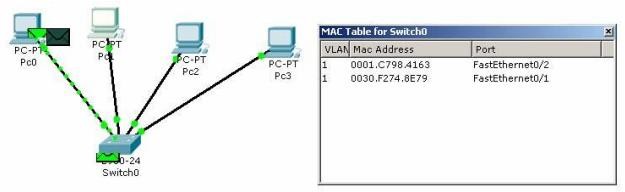
The packet is flooded out all ports because the Switch’s MAC Address Table does not contain the Destination Address of the Ethernet frame. PC2 and PC3 disregard the frame:



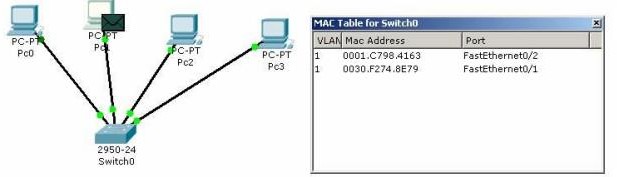
PC1 return the reply. Switch0 learns the Source MAC Address of PC1:



Because the Source MAC Address of PC0 was learned previously, when examining the Destination MAC Address of the frame, Switch0 filters the frame by only sending it out FastEthernet port 0/1

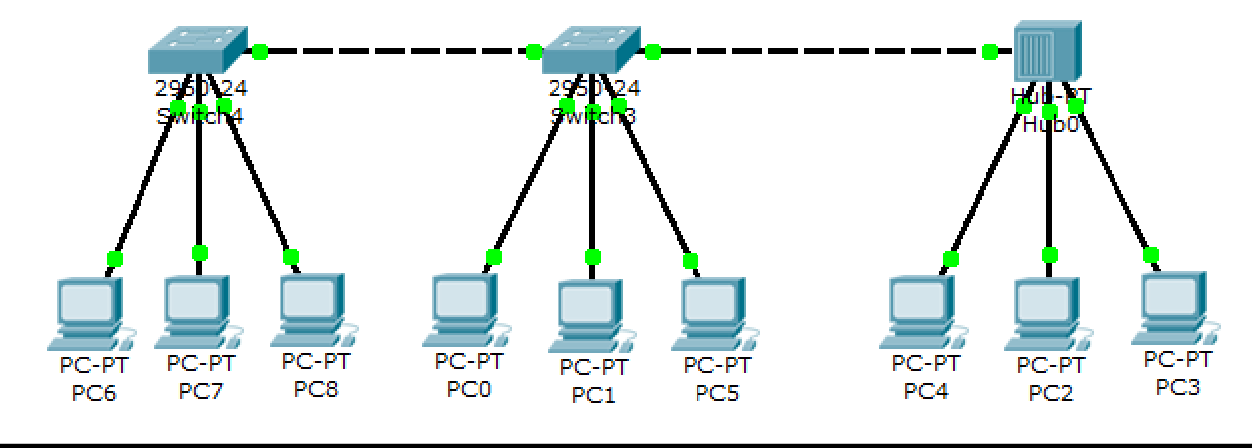


The rest of the pings, frames with IP packets containing ICMP Echo Requests from PC0 destined for PC1 and frames with IP packets containing ICMP Echo Replies from PC1 destined for PC0, are filtered by the switch an only sent out the appropriate interface (port).

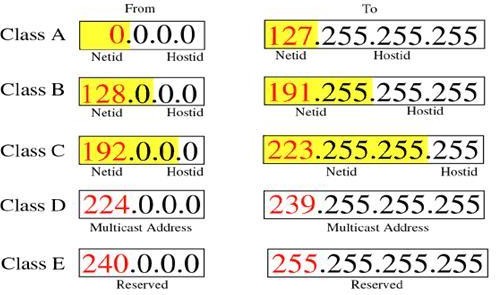


**Tasks:**

Build the following network in Packet Tracer:



**Task 1:**

Assign first 6 PC’s with class C addresses and last three with Class B addresses. Now send packets using PDU tool from PC0 to PC3. Does the packet transmit?

**Task 2:**

Now assign all the PC’s with class C addresses and again send packets using PDU tool from PC0 to PC3. Does this ping this time?

**Task 3:**

Using PDU tool, send the packets from PC6 to PC4 and observe the transmission of switch and the hub. How they differ?

**Task 4:**

Again, using PDU tool, send packets to complete the MAC address tables of both the switches. Also observe how the switches update their MAC tables.