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1. Introduction to Wireless Networks

A wireless network allows devices to stay connected to the network while roaming without the need for wires. Because access points amplify Wi-Fi signals, a computer may be far away from a router and still be connected to the network. When you connect to a Wi-Fi hotspot at a café or similar public area, you are connecting to that organization's wireless network.

The main difference between a wireless and a wired network is that a wired network requires wires to connect devices, such as laptops or desktop computers, to the Internet or another network. A wired network, as opposed to a wireless network, has numerous disadvantages. The primary disadvantage is that a router is permanently connected to your computer. The most common wired networks employ cables connected to an Ethernet port on the network router and a computer or other equipment on the other end.

2. Why Wireless?

However, delving into a specific technology at this point is getting ahead of the tale. Regardless of how the protocols are constructed or what sort of data they carry, wireless networks have some important advantages.

The most obvious benefit of wireless networking is mobility. Users of wireless networks can connect to existing networks and then roam freely. Because the phone connects the user via cell towers, a mobile phone user can travel kilometers in a single call.

Initially, mobile telephone was prohibitively expensive. Due to the exorbitant price, it was only used by highly mobile professionals such as sales managers and important executive decision-makers who needed to be accessible at any time and from any location. Mobile telephone, on the other hand, has proven to be a valuable service that is becoming increasingly popular.

Wireless networks often provide a lot of flexibility, which translates to quick installation. Wireless networks link users to an existing network using a variety of base stations.

3. How wireless networks work

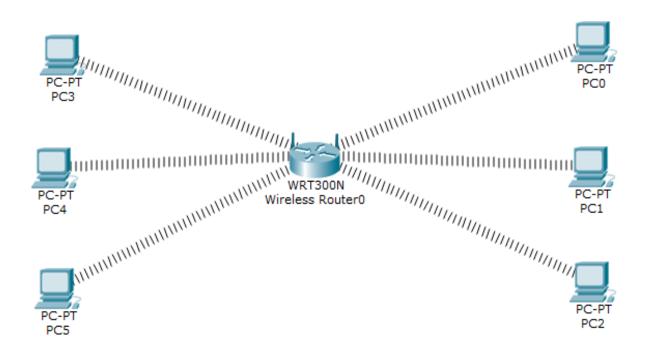
A wireless local area network (WLAN) connects a collection of computers in the same way that a wired network does. Because "wireless" does not require costly cabling, the major benefit is that it is generally easier, faster, and less expensive to set up.

Building a network by dragging cables over an office's walls and ceilings, on the other hand, may be time-consuming and costly. Even if you currently have a wired network, a wireless network might be a cost-effective method to extend or expand it.

Radio Frequency (RF) technology, a frequency related with radio wave transmission within the electromagnetic spectrum, is used to power wireless networks. When an RF current is sent into an antenna, it creates an electromagnetic field that can travel over space.

A wireless network's core is a mechanism known as an access point (AP). The fundamental function of an access point is to transmit a wireless signal that computers can detect and tune into. Because wireless networks are frequently linked to wired networks, access points frequently serve as a portal to the resources of the wired network, such as an Internet connection.

To connect to an access point and join a wireless network, computers must be equipped with wireless network adapters. These are usually incorporated into the device, but if not, any computer or notebook can be turned wireless-capable by connecting an add-on adapter to an empty expansion slot, USB port, or, in the case of notebooks, a PC card slot.



4. Configuration of Wireless Network

Figure 1(Wireless Network Topology)

The above topology mentioned in figure 1 we have six pc connected with Linksys Wireless routers.

- 1. DHCP is configured and enabled on Wireless router.
- 2. IP pool for DHCP is 192.168.0.100 to 192.168.0.150.

- 3. PC are configured to receive IP from DHCP Server.
- 4. No security is configured.
- 5. Default SSID is configured to Default.
- 6. Topology is working on infrastructure mode.
- 7. Default user name and password is admin.
- 8. IP of wireless is set to 192.168.0.1.

Now we perform some following tasks on the given above topology i.e., Figure A:

- Configure Static IP on PC and Wireless Router
- Change SSID to Mother Network
- ➤ Change IP address of router and end devices
- Secure your network by configuring WAP key on Router
- ➤ Connect PC by using WAP key

To complete the above tasks, we will follow this step-by-step guide of how to configure wireless network

As given in question our network is running on 192.168.0.0 network and all PC's are DHCP clients and functioning properly. So, we will first connect to given Wireless router to turn off the DHCP Services.

Double click on PC and select Web Browser. As given in question IP of Wireless router is 192.168.0.1 so give it in Web browser and press enter, now it will ask for authentication which is also given in question. Default username is admin and password is also admin.

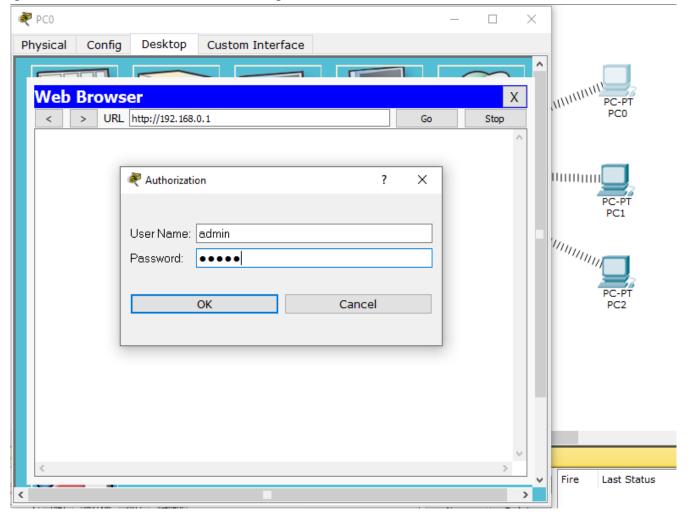


Figure 2(Authentication using username and password)

This will bring GUI mode of Wireless router. Scroll down screen to Network Step and Select Disable DHCP.

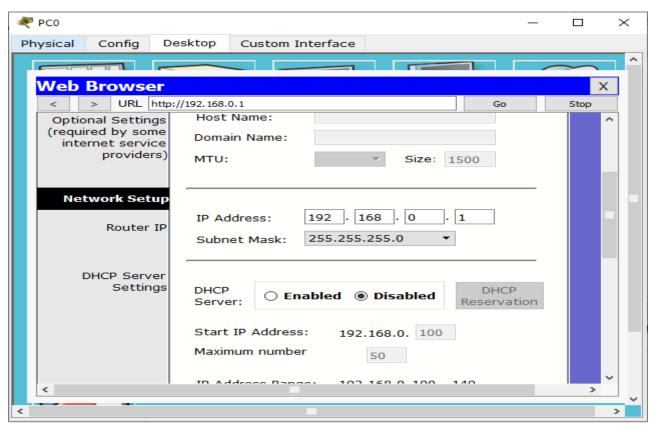


Figure 3(Select Disabled Option after authentication)

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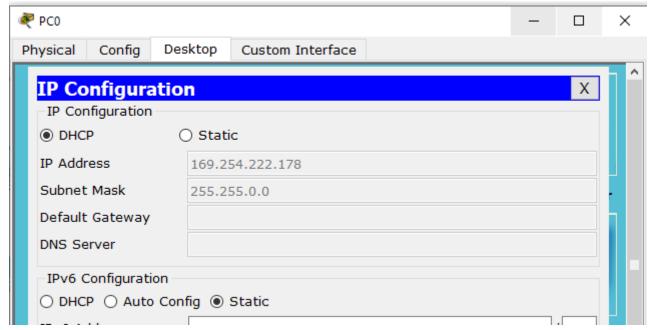


Figure 4(After Disabling the DHCP, APIPA Address is visible)

Move to Router directly, select Administration from top Manu and change password to test and go in the end of page and Click on Save Setting.

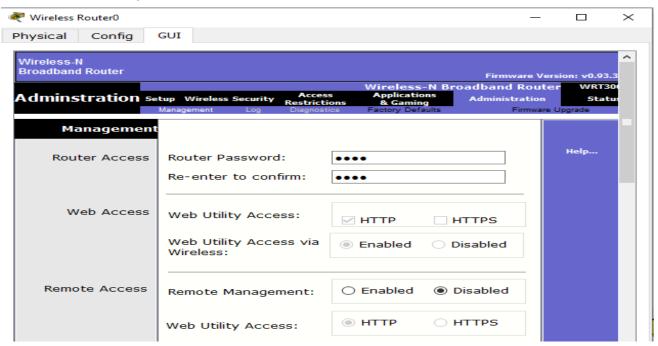


Figure 5(Changing the default password)

Click on continue for further setting. This time it will ask you to authenticate again give new password test this time.



Figure 6(Authentication of the user with new password)

Now click on wireless tab and set default SSID to FastNetwork.

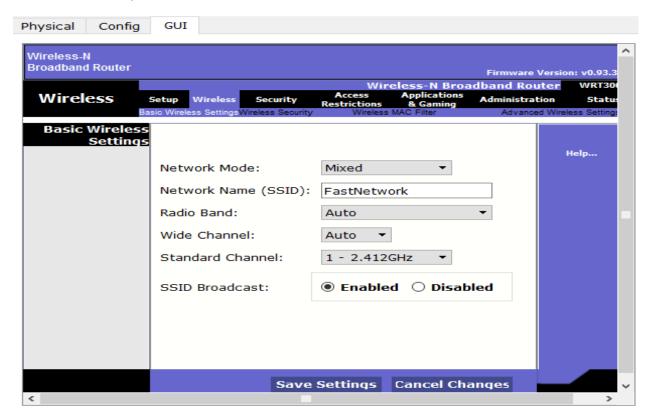


Figure 7(Changing the SSID)

Now Select wireless security and change Security Mode to WEP.

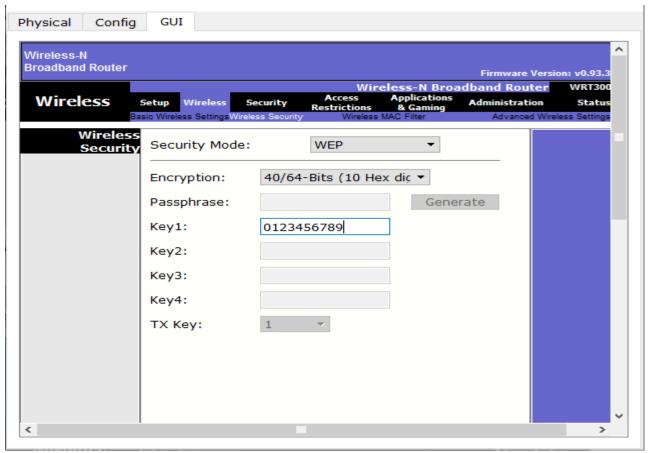


Figure 8(Setting the WEP Key)

Again, go in the end of page and Click on Save Setting

Now we have completed all given task on Wireless router. Now configure the static IP on all three PC's Double clicks on pc select Desktop tab click on IP configuration select Static IP and set IP as given below:

PC	IP	Subnet Mask	Default Gateway
PC0	192.168.0.2	255.255.255.0	192.168.0.1
PC1	192.168.0.3	255.255.255.0	192.168.0.1
PC2	192.168.0.4	255.255.255.0	192.168.0.1
PC3	192.168.0.5	255.255.255.0	192.168.0.1
PC4	192.168.0.6	255.255.255.0	192.168.0.1
PC5	192.168.0.7	255.255.255.0	192.168.0.1

Now it's time to connect PC's from Wireless router. To do so click PC select Desktop click on PC Wireless.

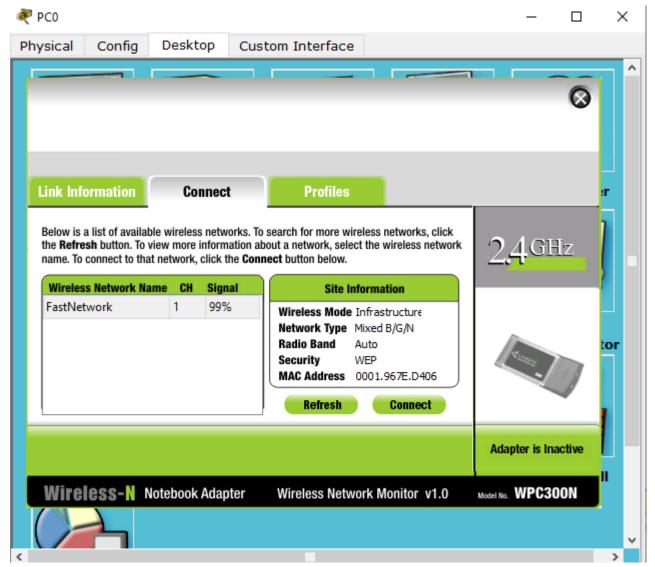


Figure 9(Connecting to the Network)

Click on connect tab and click on Refresh button. It will ask for WEP key insert 0123456789 and click connect

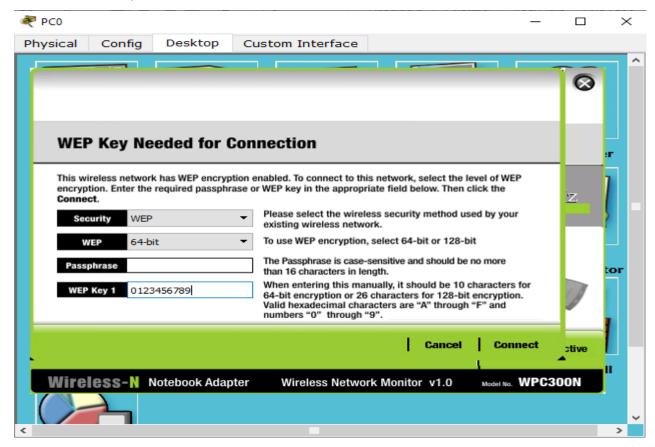


Figure 10(Entering the WEP Key)

It will connect you with wireless router as shown in figure 11

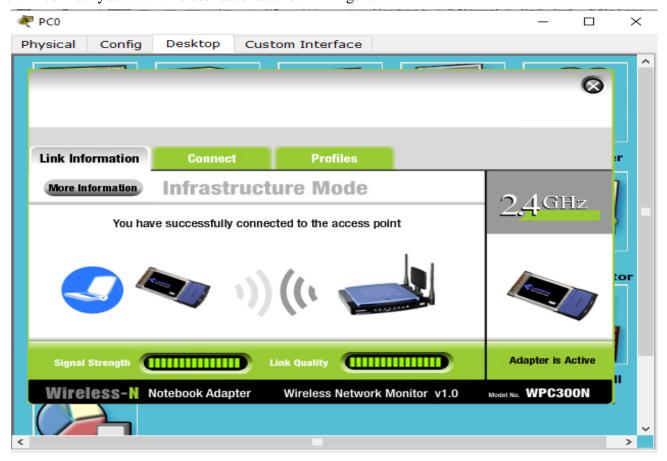


Figure 11(Connected to the Wireless Network)

5. Introduction to NAT

Network Address Translation (NAT) is a mechanism by which a device modifies a packet's TCP/IP address/port number and maps the IP address from one realm to another (usually from private IP address to public IP address and vice versa). This is accomplished by the NAT device allocating a temporary port number on the public side of the NAT when forwarding outbound packets from the internal host to the Internet, maintaining this mapping for a predetermined period of time, and forwarding inbound packets received from the Internet on this public port back to the internal host.

NAT devices are used to avoid the exhaustion of IPv4 address space by allowing multiple hosts to share a single public/Internet address. Also due to its mapping nature (i.e. a mapping can only be created by a transmission from an internal host), NAT device is preferred to be installed even when IPv4 address exhaustion is not a problem (for example when there is only one host at home), to provide some sort of security/shield for the internal hosts against threats from the Internet.

Despite the fact that NAT provides some shields for the internal network, one must distinguish NAT solution from firewall solution. NAT is not a firewall solution. A firewall is a security solution designed to enforce the security policy of an organization, while NAT is a connectivity solution to allow multiple hosts to use a single public IP address. Understandably both functionalities are difficult to separate at times, since many (typically consumer) products claims to do both with the same device and simply label the device a "NAT box". But we do want to make this distinction rather clear, as PJNATH is a NAT traversal helper and not a firewall bypass solution (yet).

6. Configuration of Static, Dynamic NAT & NAT Overload

1. Static NAT

Static NAT is used to do a one-to-one mapping between an inside address and an outside address. Static NAT also allows connections from an outside host to an inside host. Usually, static NAT is used for servers inside your network. For example, you may have a web server with the inside IP address 192.168.0.10 and you want it to be accessible when a remote host makes a request to 209.165.200.10. For this to work, you must do a static NAT mapping between those to IPs. In this example, we will use the Fast Ethernet 0/1 as the inside NAT interface, the interface connecting to our network, and the Serial 0/0/0 interface as the outside NAT interface, the one connecting to our service provider.

Working Step on Router:

Router(config)#ip nat inside source static 192.168.0.10 209.165.200.10 Router(config)#interface FastEthernet 0/1 Router(config-if)#ip nat inside Router(config-if)#interface Serial 0/0/0 Router(config-if)#ip nat outside

2. Dynamic NAT

Dynamic NAT is used when you have a "pool" of public IP addresses that you want to assign to your internal hosts dynamically. Don't use dynamic NAT for servers or other devices that need to be accessible from the Internet. In this example, we will define our internal network as 192.168.0.0/24. We also have the pool of public IP addresses from 209.165.200.226 to 209.165.200.240 and our assigned netmask is 255.255.255.224. When you configure dynamic NAT, you have to define an ACL to permit only those addresses that are allowed to be translated.

Working Steps on Router:

Router(config)#ip nat pool NAT-POOL 209.165.200.226 209.165.200.240 netmask 255.255.255.224

Router(config)#access-list 1 permit 192.168.0.0 0.255.255.255

Router(config)#ip nat inside source list 1 pool NAT-POOL

Router(config)#interface FastEthernet 0/1

Router(config-if)#ip nat inside

Router(config-if)#interface Serial 0/0/0

Router(config-if)#ip nat outside

NAT overload

NAT Overload, sometimes also called PAT, is probably the most used type of NAT. You can configure NAT overload in two ways, depending on how many public IP address you have available. The first case, and one of the most often seen cases, is that you have only one public IP address allocated by your ISP. In this case, you map all your inside hosts to the available IP address. The configuration is almost the same as for dynamic NAT, but this time you specify the outside interface instead of a NAT pool.

Working Steps on Router:

Router(config)#access list 1 permit 192.168.0.0 0.255.255.255
Router(config)#ip nat inside source list 1 interface serial 0/0/0 overload
Router(config)#interface FastEthernet 0/1
Router(config-if)#ip nat inside
Router(config-if)#interface Serial 0/0/0
Router(config-if)#ip nat outside

7. Wireshark of NAT

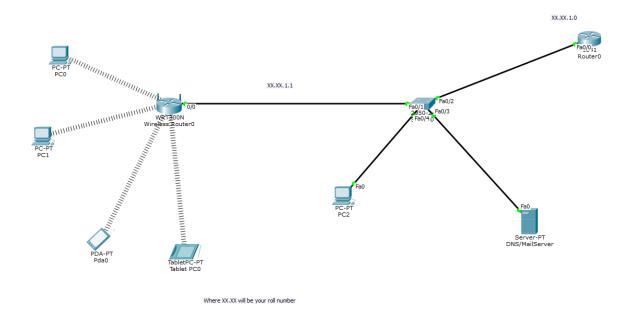
In this section, we'll capture packets from a simple web request from a client PC in a home network to a www.google.com server. Within the home network, the home network router provides a NAT service. Figure 12 shows our Wireshark trace-collection scenario. As in our other Wireshark labs, we collect a Wireshark trace on the client PC in our home network. This file is called NAT_home_side. Because we are also interested in the packets being sent by the NAT router into the ISP, we'll collect a second trace file at a PC (not shown) tapping into the link from the home router into the ISP network, as shown in Figure 12. (The hub device shown on the ISP side of the router is used to tap into the link between the NAT router and the first hop router in the ISP). Client-to-server packets captured by Wireshark at this point will have undergone NAT translation. The Wireshark trace file captured on the ISP side of the home router is called NAT_ISP_side.

Open the NAT_home_side file and answer the following questions. You might find it useful to use a Wireshark filter so that only frames containing HTTP messages are displayed from the trace file. Whenever possible, when answering a question below, you should hand in a printout of the packet(s) within the trace that you used to answer the question asked. Annotate the printout to explain your answer. To print a packet, use File->Print, choose Selected packet only, choose Packet summary line, and select the minimum amount of packet detail that you need to answer the given in the Exercise Section of NAT.

Download the zip file http://gaia.cs.umass.edu/wireshark-labs/wireshark-traces.zip and extract the files need for this lab.

8. Lab Exercise

1. Wireless Network

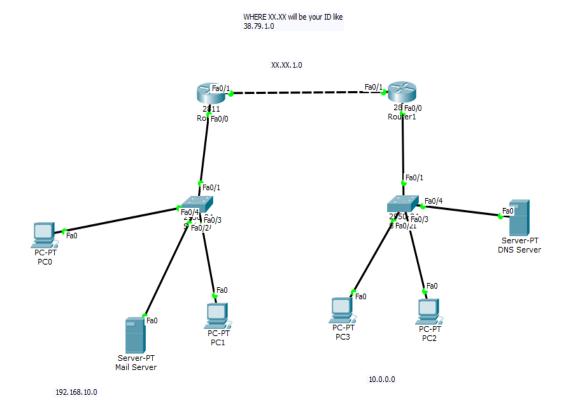


- 1. Do configure the network
- 2. Change the Network of Wireless Router to your StudentID+Name.
- 3. Set the key while connecting the wireless router with end devices.
- 4. Do perform secure communication on Switch0 and Router0 and check it through PC0.
- 5. Do send mails from Wireless Users to Lan Users by creating different domains.
- 6. Hit the web browser using CNAME.
- 7. Show HTTP and HTTPs packet movement by taking screenshots.

2. NAT (Wireshark)

- 1. What is the IP address of the client?
- 2. The client actually communicates with several different Google servers in order to implement "safe browsing." (See extra credit section at the end of this lab). The main Google server that will serve up the main Google web page has IP address 64.233.169.104. In order to display only those frames containing HTTP messages that are sent to/from this Google, server, enter the expression "http && ip.addr == 64.233.169.104" (without quotes) into the Filter: field in Wireshark.
- 3. Consider now the HTTP GET sent from the client to the Google server (whose IP address is IP address 64.233.169.104) at time 7.109267. What are the source and destination IP addresses and TCP source and destination ports on the IP datagram carrying this HTTP GET?
- 4. At what time4 is the corresponding 200 OK HTTP message received from the Google server? What are the source and destination IP addresses and TCP source and destination ports on the IP datagram carrying this HTTP 200 OK message?
- 5. Recall that before a GET command can be sent to an HTTP server, TCP must first set up a connection using the three-way SYN/ACK handshake. At what time is the client-to-server TCP SYN segment sent that sets up the connection used by the GET sent at time 7.109267? What are the source and destination IP addresses and source and destination ports for the TCP SYN segment? What are the source and destination IP addresses and source and destination ports of the ACK sent in response to the SYN. At what time is this ACK received at the client?

3. NAT (Cisco Packet Tracer)



- 1. Perform Static Nat on Router0 and Dynamic Nat on Router1
- 2. Do send mail from PC1 to PC2
- 3. Do hit the website from PC0