# CS 361 Computer Networks Lab

Assignment 4

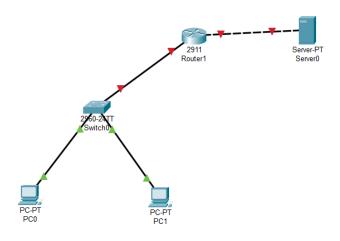
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## **Questions:**

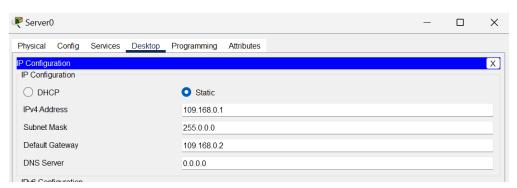
1. Design a small network using a PC, switch, and router; send mail from one PC to another using a server.

Components: End devices (PC), Switch (2960), Router (2911), Server (Server-PT).

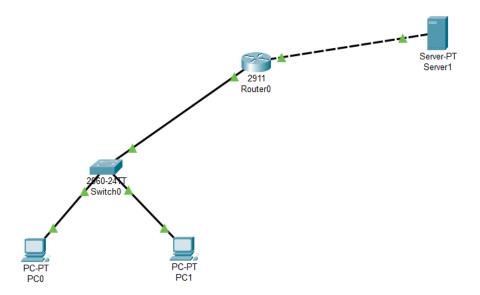
#### Diagram of the connection:



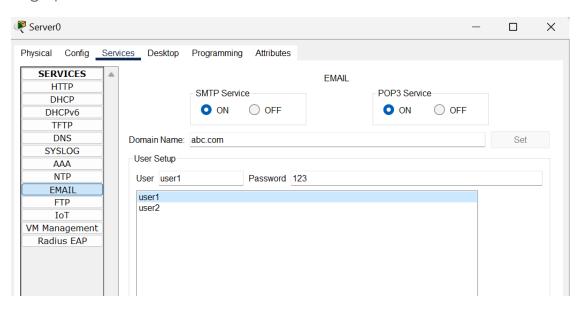
#### Server Configuration:



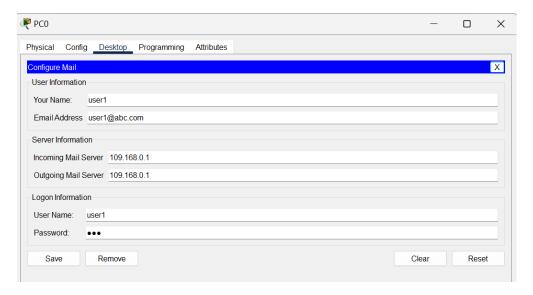
After setting Ips of all end devices and server, the connection is properly done, reflected by the green lines.



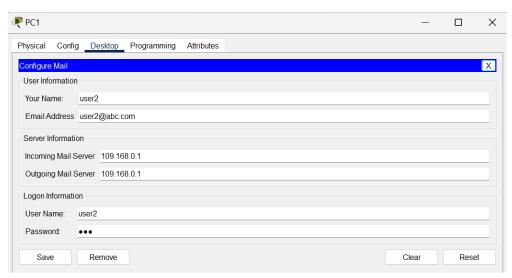
Setting up the email domain and the users:



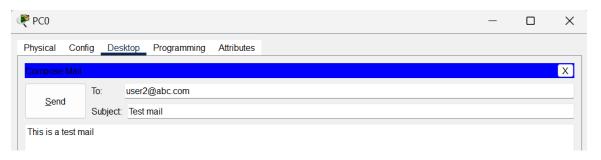
#### Configuring Mail on PC0:



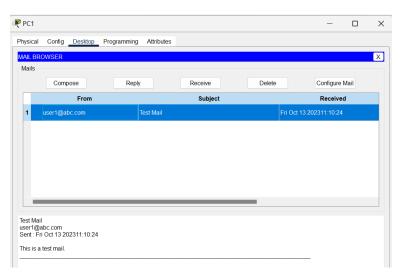
### Configuring mail on PC1:



#### Sending mail:



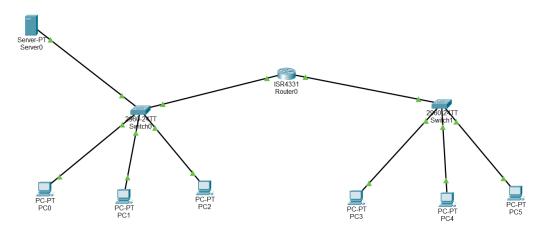
#### Receiving Mail:



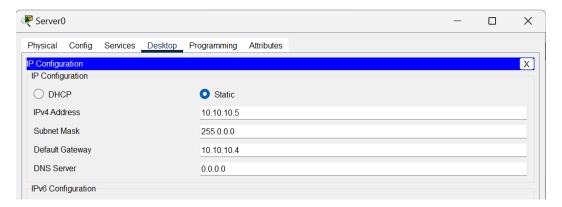
2. Design a complex network with at least two different addresses (the network diagram shown in the laboratory). You can use many PCs, switches, and routers. Note that the PC used for sending and receiving mail should be connected to other network addresses this time. (Try to do it yourself, else in the next lab session router configuration will be taught.)

Components: End devices (PC), Switch (2960), Router (2911), Server (Server-PT).

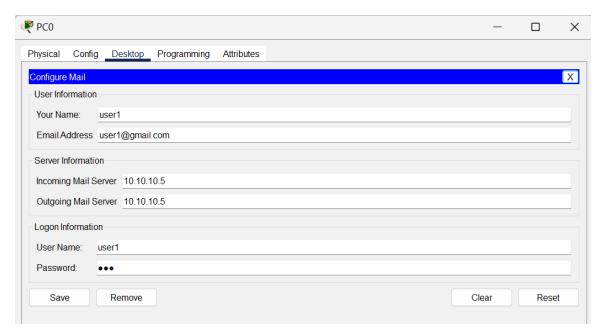
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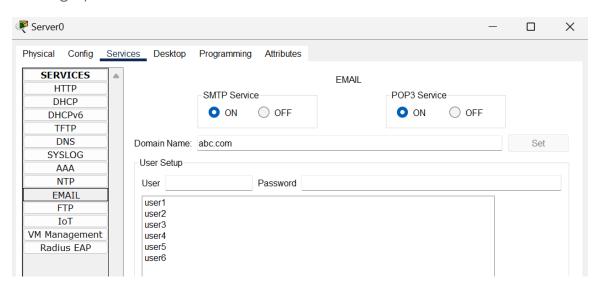
#### Server Configuration:



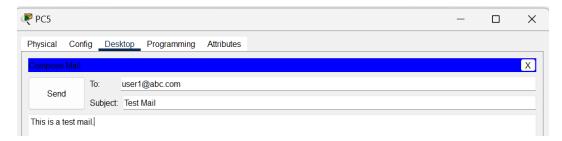
#### Configuring mail:



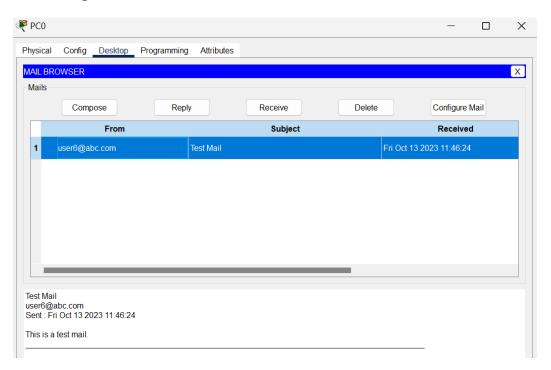
Setting up the email domain and the users:



Sending a mail from one network to another:



Receiving a mail from another network:



From the connection diagram, we have noticed that PC0 and PC5 are in different networks, and mail sending was possible between them.

# 3. Why do we use cross-over wire to connect a router and a server/PC?

Cross-over cables are used to connect two devices of the same type, such as a router to a router, a switch to a switch, or a PC to a PC, without an intermediate device like a switch or hub. They essentially "cross over" the transmit and receive lines to allow the devices to communicate directly. However, connecting a router to a server or PC typically requires a straight-through cable, not a cross-over cable. When both a router and a server/PC have Auto MDI-X (Auto Medium-Dependent Interface Crossover) features, we can use either a cross-over cable or a straight-through cable to connect them. Auto MDI-X ensures that the devices can automatically detect and configure the appropriate cable type, making it more flexible when connecting devices.