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# COMPUTER NETWORKS LAB ONE REPORT

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# Introduction to Packet Tracer

## Cisco Packet Tracer Overview

Cisco Packet Tracer is a network simulation tool that allows users to design, configure, and troubleshoot network topologies virtually. This software is widely used for educational purposes to gain hands-on experience in network design and management.

- **Installation:** Ensure Cisco Packet Tracer is installed on your computer. If not, download it from the Cisco Networking Academy website.
- **User Interface:** Upon opening Packet Tracer, familiarize yourself with the various tools and components available. The main components include the workspace, device selection panel, and simulation mode options.

## Peer-to-Peer Communication Setup

### Network Configuration

1. **Creating a New Network:**
  - Open Packet Tracer and create a new workspace.
2. **Adding Devices:**
  - Drag and drop two PCs from the device selection panel into the workspace.
3. **Connecting Devices:**
  - Use a copper straight-through cable to connect the FastEthernet0 port of PC0 to the FastEthernet0 port of PC1.
4. **Configuring IP Addresses:**
  - **PC0:**
    - IP Address: 192.168.1.1
    - Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0

- **PC1:**
  - IP Address: 192.168.1.2
  - Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
- 5. **Testing Connectivity:**
  - Open the command prompt on PC0.
  - Use the command ping 192.168.1.2 to test connectivity to PC1.

## Study of Network Cables and Color Codes

### Types of Network Cables

1. **Copper Straight-Through Cables:**
  - **Purpose:** Used to connect devices to network switches or routers.
  - **Color Code:**
    - **T568A:**
      - Pin 1: White/Green
      - Pin 2: Green
      - Pin 3: White/Orange
      - Pin 4: Blue
      - Pin 5: White/Blue
      - Pin 6: Orange
      - Pin 7: White/Brown
      - Pin 8: Brown
    - **T568B:**
      - Pin 1: White/Orange
      - Pin 2: Orange
      - Pin 3: White/Green
      - Pin 4: Blue
      - Pin 5: White/Blue
      - Pin 6: Green
      - Pin 7: White/Brown
      - Pin 8: Brown

## 2. Copper Crossover Cables:

- **Purpose:** Used to connect two similar devices directly (e.g., PC to PC).
- **Color Code:**
  - T568A on one end and T568B on the other end.

## 3. Fiber Optic Cables:

- **Purpose:** Used for high-speed and long-distance communication.
- **Types:** Single-mode and Multi-mode, distinguished by their core size and the type of light they carry.

# Purpose and Use

- **Straight-Through Cables:** Connect devices like PCs to network devices like switches or routers.
- **Crossover Cables:** Directly connect similar devices such as two PCs or two switches without an intermediary device.
- **Fiber Optic Cables:** Provide high-speed, long-distance connections between network devices.

# Screenshots





