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2nd & 3rd Octet -> (50.25)

LAN1 10.50.25.0/29 - IP Range .1 -.6

LAN2 10.50.25.8/29 - IP Range .9 -.14

LAN3 10.50.25.16/29 - IP Range .17 -.22

LAN4 10.50.25.24/29 - IP Range .25 -.30

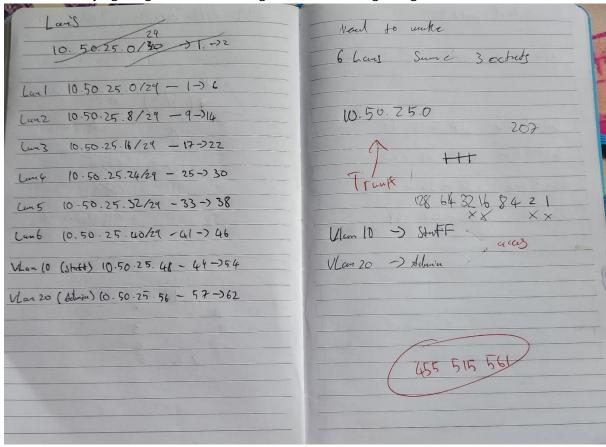
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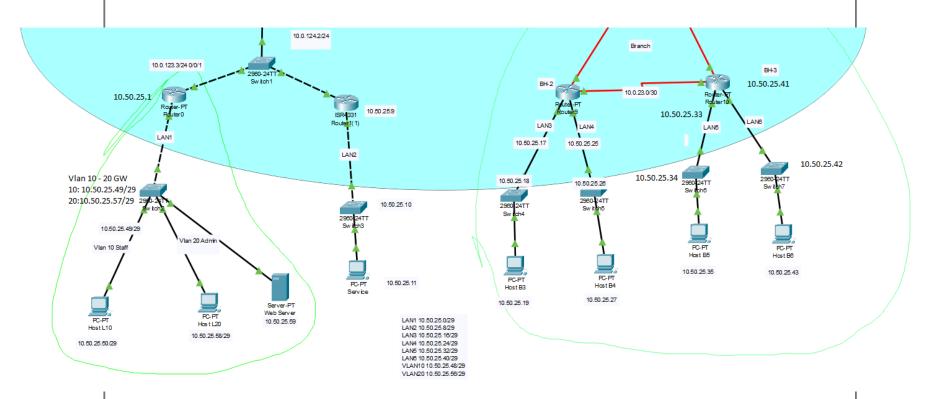
LAN6 10.50.25.40/29 - IP Range .41 -.46

VLAN10 10.50.25.48/29 - IP Range .49 -.54

VLAN20 10.50.25.56/29 - IP Range .57 -.62

Below is me trying to figure out the IP ranges back at the beginning of assesment:

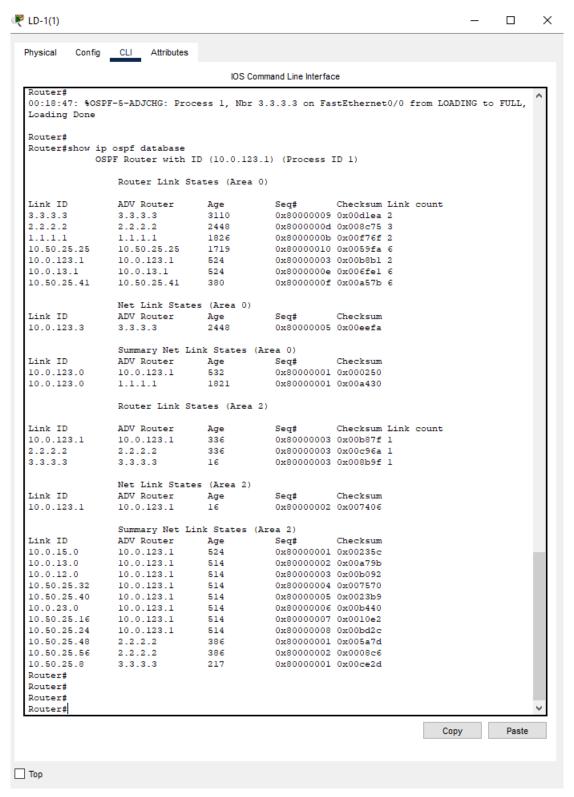


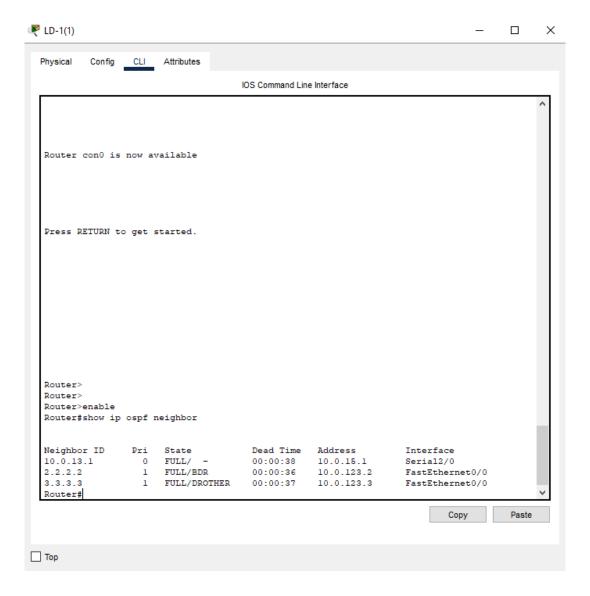


All Internal networks have operating subnets as per the screen capture above

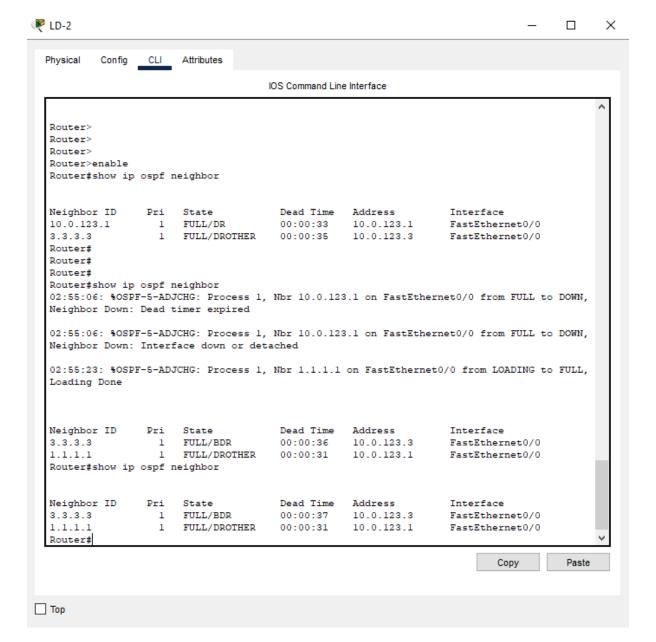
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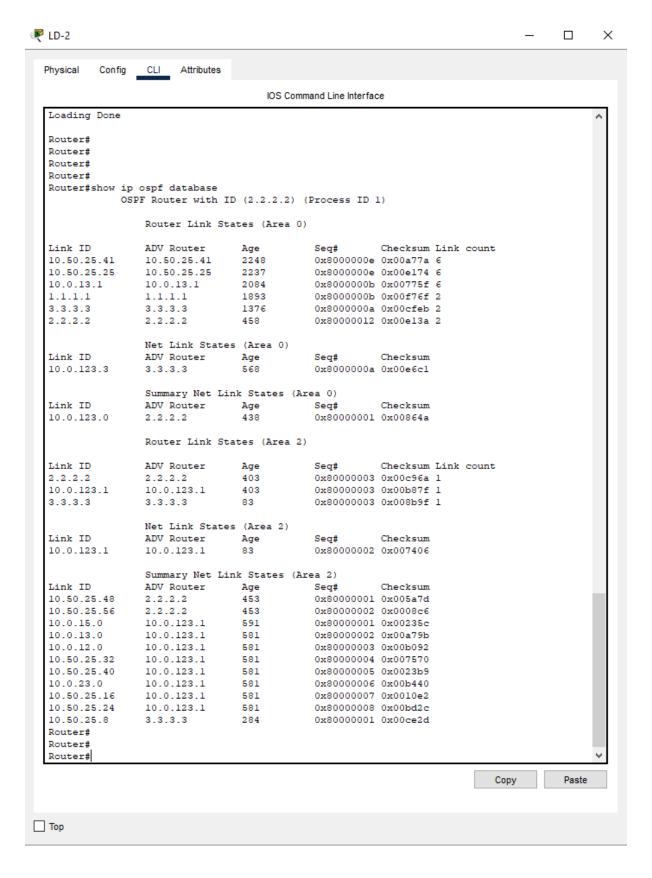
LD-1: 1.1.1.1



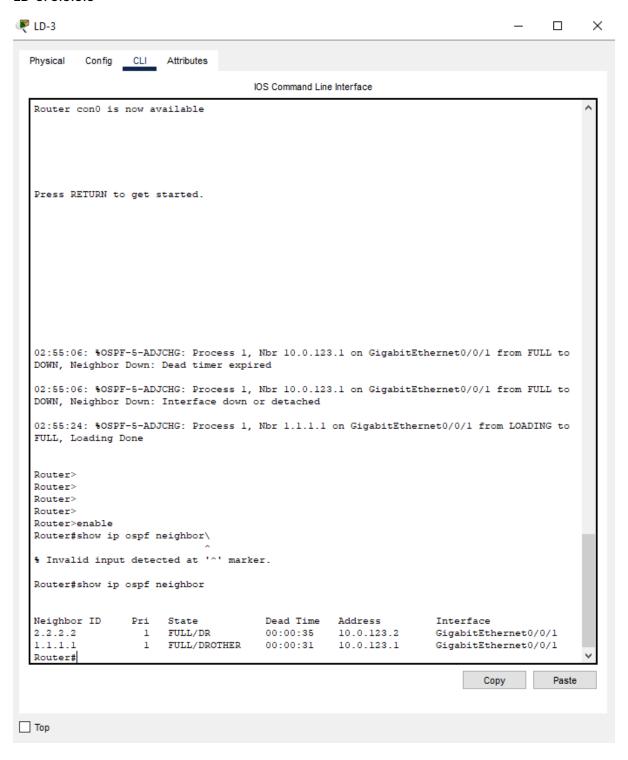


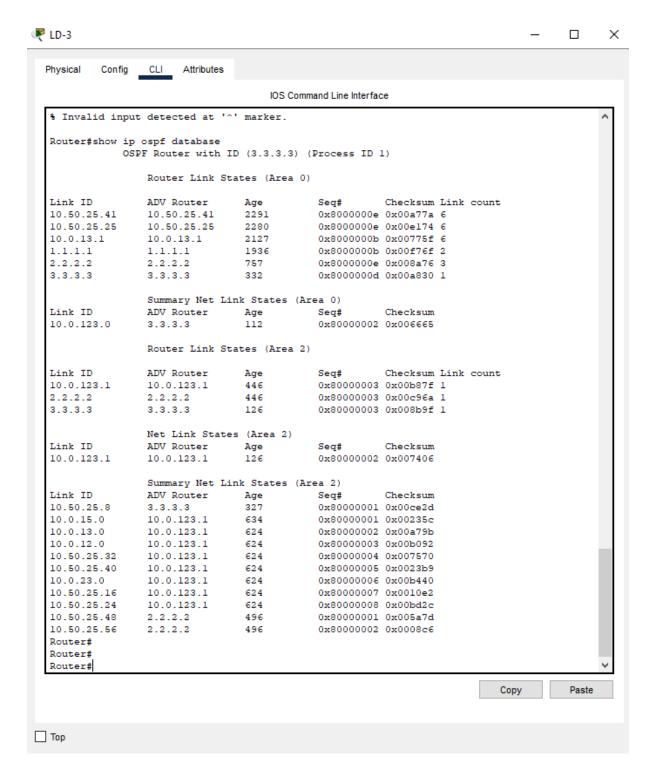
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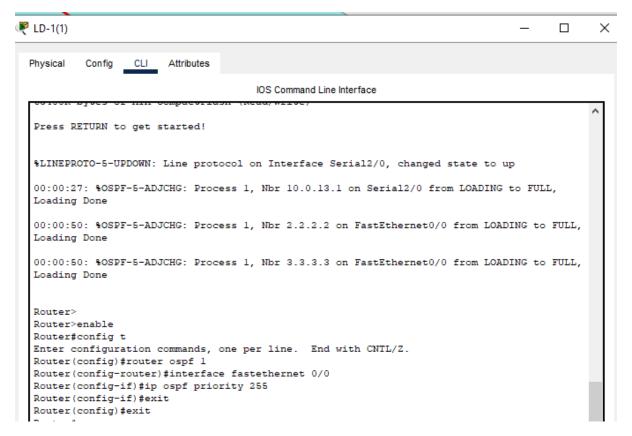
LD-3: 3.3.3.3





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Active OSPF on all routers. Please gather appropriate OSPF messages (e.g. OSPF database and OSPF neighbors) to elaborate on the DR and BDR election. (5 marks)

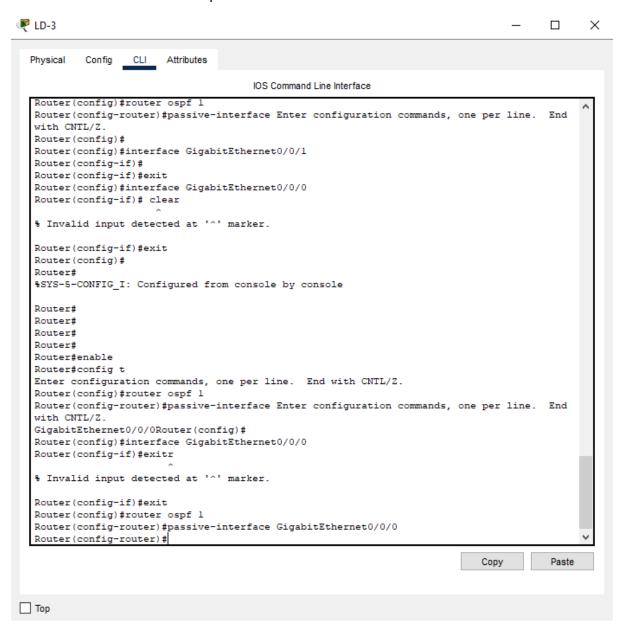


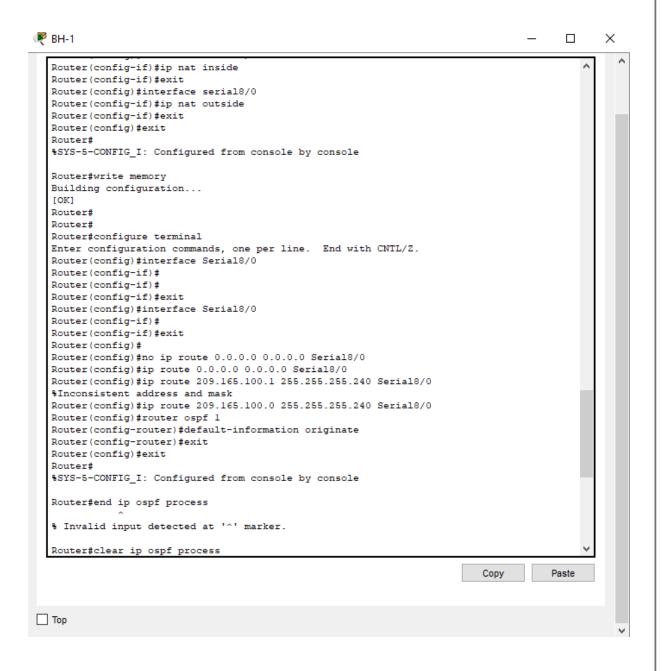
LD-1 was selected as the DR router because it connects the local district back to area 0 and to the external ISP connection. To gather appropriate OSPF messages to elaborate on the DR and BDR election, we would look at OSPF Hello packets exchanged between routers on the network segment where LD-1 is located. These packets would contain information about OSPF priorities and router IDs, which are crucial for the election process.

3. BH-1 provides a connection to ISP. The best practice is to have a default route to the ISP and automatically distribute the default route to all routers in the network for network management. Please propose the simplest and best way to make BH-1 is the DR router. Configure the OSPF so that routing updates are not sent into networks where OSPF updates are not required. (5 marks)

Setting BH-1 as the DR router for area 0 is best achieved by setting its local ports with OSPF neighbors to 255 priority, as for distribution the default route to other router this is best achieved via the (default-information originate) command as it configures OSPF to advertise the default route as I have made it present in the routing table.

To configure OSPF so that updates are not sent to non-OSPF routers the (passive-interface "INT ID") command should be run for each non-OSPF adjacency on each OSPF enabled router. See example LD-3 below.

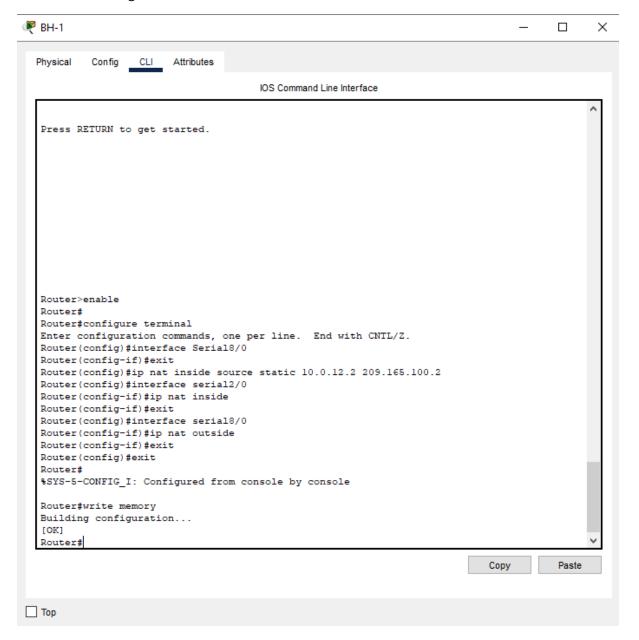




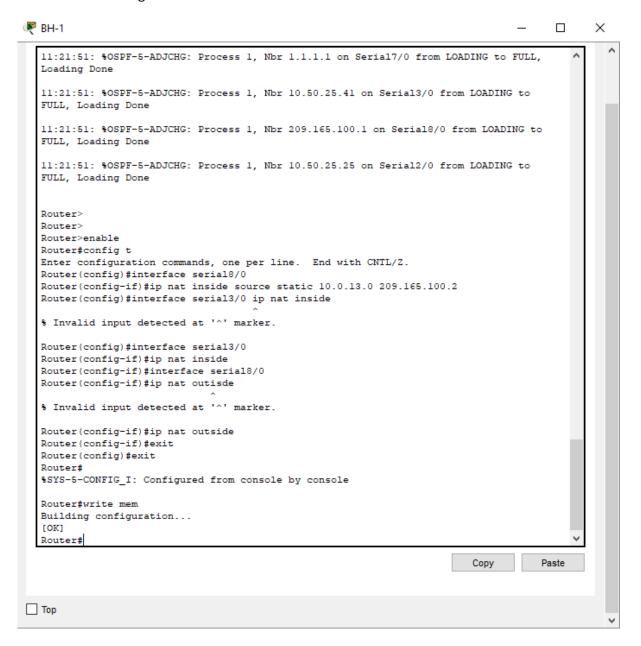
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Static NAT:

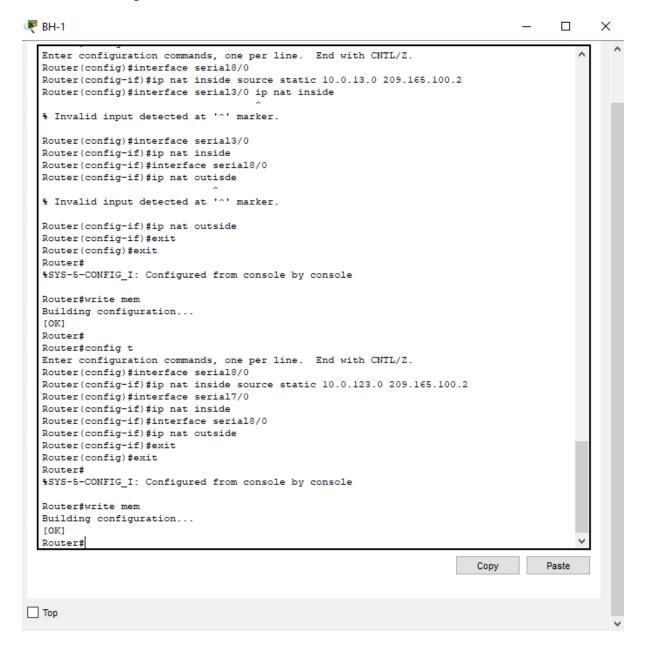
Below is the configuration for a static NAT for network 10.0.12.0/24.



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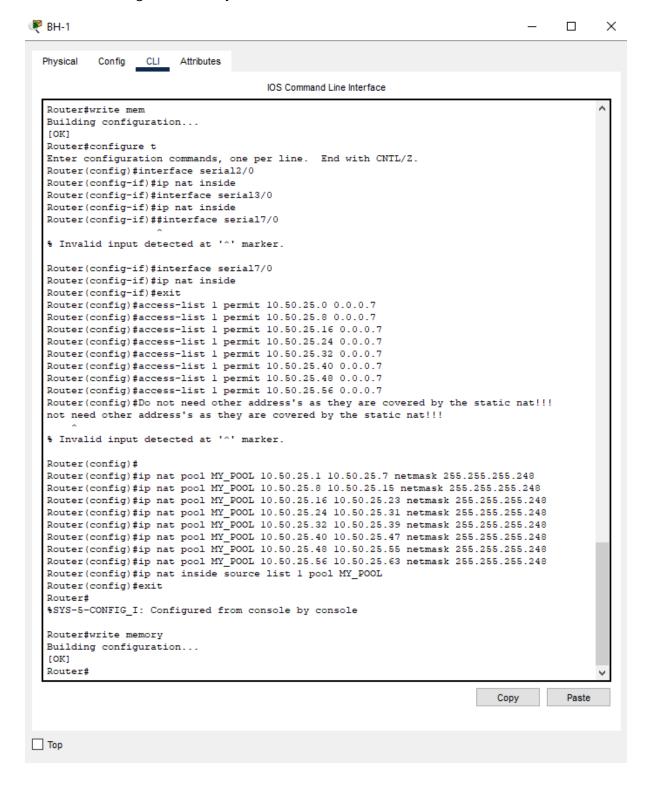


Below is the configuration for a static NAT for network 10.0.123.0/24



Dynamic NAT:

Below is the configuration of a dynamic NAT for BH-1:



Scenario:

Host B6 (10.50.25.43/29) Sends a Packet:

Host B6 sends a packet to the destination ISP server.

The packet's source IP address is 10.50.25.43 (private IP) and the destination IP address is the ISP server's public IP(200.100.100.1).

Packet Reaches Router BH-1:

Router BH-1 receives the packet from Host B6.

The router checks its NAT configuration.

It finds that there is a NAT translation rule for outgoing traffic.

The router translates the source IP address of the packet from 10.50.25.43/29 (private IP) to a public IP address from the NAT pool (dynamically assigned in this case).

The router updates the packet's source IP address and forwards it towards the destination ISP server.

Packet Reaches ISP Network:

ISP servers receive the packet with the translated public IP address as the source.

Response Packet from ISP Server:

The ISP server sends a response packet to the translated public IP address.

This packet arrives at the router BH-1.

Router BH-1 Translates Destination Address:

Router BH-1 checks its NAT table to find the translation entry for the destination IP address.

If the router has stateful NAT configured, it remembers the original translation and translates the destination IP back to the private IP address of Host B6.

The router updates the destination IP address of the packet and forwards it to Host B6.

Host B6 Receives Response:

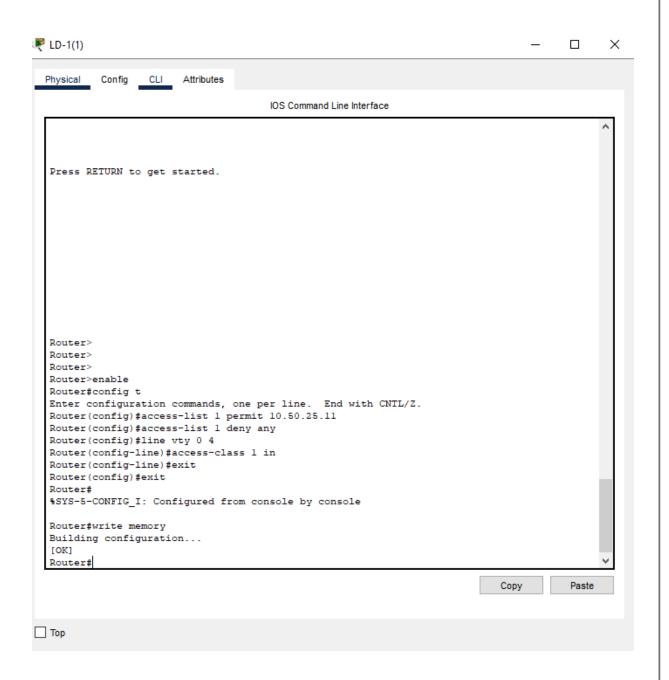
Host B6 receives the response packet from the ISP server.

Since the destination IP address is its own private IP address, Host B6 processes the packet.

This process allows Host B6 to communicate with the external ISP server through Router BH-1 while NAT translates the private IP addresses to public ones for external communication.

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Below is the configuration for LD-1 ACL to prevent remote access to it and BH-1 from all except service PC (10.50.25.11)



Access List Creation:

Access Control Lists are used to control traffic entering or leaving an interface based on the criteria defined within the control list.

In this case, I created an ACL numbered 1 using the access-list command. The permit statement allows traffic the Service PC's IP address while the deny any statement denies all other traffic.

Application to Interface:

Once the ACL is defined, it needs to be applied to the appropriate interface using the access-class command.

In this example, it's applied to the Virtual Terminal lines (line vty 0 4), which control remote access to the router.

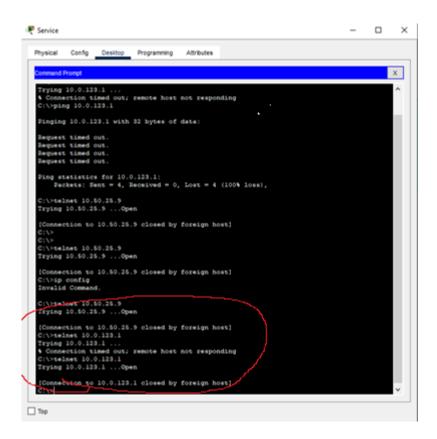
Processing Packets:

When a packet arrives at the router's interface, the router checks the ACL applied to that interface.

If the ACL allows the packet (i.e., the packet matches a permit statement), the router forwards it according to its routing table.

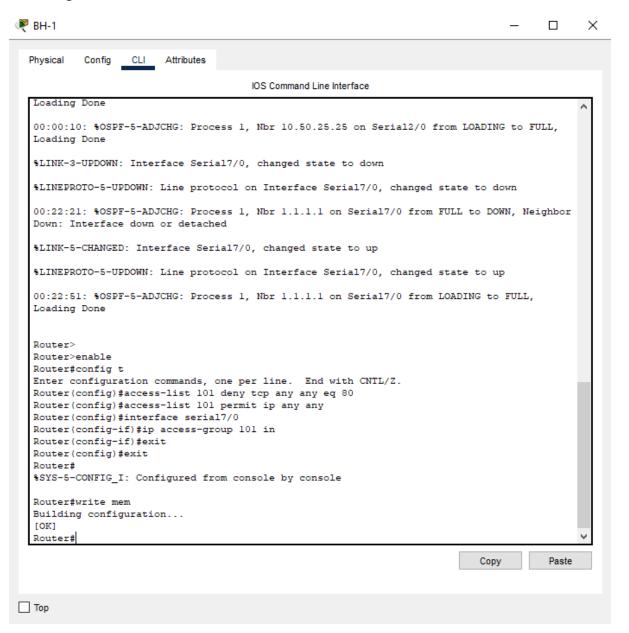
If the ACL denies the packet (i.e., the packet matches a deny statement), the router drops the packet and doesn't process it further.

Below is a capture of a telnet to LD-1 after changing the Ip to be outside the ACL and then back to the ACL specified address.



Create an extended ACL that will deny HTTP traffic from devices in LAN 3, 4, 5, and 6 to the Web Server in LAN1 but allow other traffic to go through. HTTP uses TCP on port 80. Please verify and explain how ACL processes packets. (5 marks)

Below is the ACL configuration for BH-1 that blocks http traffic from LAN's 3,4,5 &6 from accessing the LAN1 web server.



I decided the easiest way to process all LANs getting HTTP traffic blocked was to run an implicit deny on TCP traffic on port 80 (HTTP). This means all TCP packets are denied by default. Following this, the easiest way to let the rest through the ACL was with match conditions. Essentially, the ACL checks the packet to see if it meets the conditions of NOT TCP port 80. If this check comes true, the packet is forwarded. You also need to specify the interface the ACL is applied on – I chose Serial 7 as it connects to the rest of the network, with LAN 1 situated there.

IPsec Report

Introduction

In today's society, network technologies play a crucial and pivotal role in enabling seamless communication and data exchange across various platforms and devices. Among the many of network technologies, my Favorite one and the one I have had most experience with at work is the one I will be studying today: IPsec VPN's, this technology offers unique solutions to address different networking challenges, ranging from securing communication channels to ensuring encrypted transmission. In this report, we delve into the top three most cited research articles related to IPsec technologies in the IEEE Xplore database, aiming to analyse their contributions, implications, and future directions.

Summary of Papers:

"Hardware Architecture of NIST Lightweight Cryptography Applied in IPSec for High-Throughput Low-Latency IoT Networks"

Authors: Zhang, Q., Wang, L., Li, Z.

Publication Year: 2019

This paper delves into the application of IPsec tunnels being implemented into IoT networks with a feasible speed capacity, this research study presents a hardware architecture intended for implementing a more lightweight encryption methodology within IPSec. The authors suggest new and more effective ways of implementing solutions to a common problem of using too much processing power in order to have secure transmission within IoT devices with limited resources. They indicated how well this worked to improve the applicable security of IoT networks while minimising the potential latency and resource overhead that is normally required traditionally. This work establishes the foundation for more feasible IPSec implementations in IoT environments and advances the field of IoT security as a wehole.

"P4sec: Automated Deployment of 802.1X, IPsec, and MACsec Network Protection in P4-Based SDN"

Authors: Li, H., Zhang, Y., Wang, G., Chen, W.

Publication Year: 2022

In this study, SDN's are introduced to P4sec, this is described within the articel as an automated deployment that enables complete network protection, it includes integration to including 802.1X and IPsec. The authors use P4's programmability to automate the deployment of various security mechanisms this was stated to be a direct response of the modern networking world as the requirement to integrate new versatile solutions becomes ever present. They prove the viability and efficiency of P4sec in improving a network security while maintaining a plausible level of performance in SDN environments through comprehensive testing and assessment. This work further pushes the field of network security and offers useful insights into securing SDN infrastructures with programmable and easier to deploy network tools.

"IPsec Cryptographic Algorithm Invocation Considering Performance and Security for SDN Southbound Interface Communication"

Authors: Wang, H., Liu, C., Zhang, S.

Publication Year: 2023

This study looks to improve the implementation of IPsec in SDN environments, this study examines this by comparing the security and performance consequences of applying ipsec encryption to interface communication. According to pre-determined network conditions and security requirements, the writers of the articel suggests an intelligent algorithm selection that dynamically modifies encryption algorithms based upon the systems needs and use case this in turns means prioritising speed in high network usage times and then security when off peak. They show the feasibility of their process in maximising the trade-off between security and performance in SDN communications with a series of comprehensive simulations and experiments.

Conclusion:

The research articles discussed contribute to advancing our understanding of IPsec technologies when applied in modern networking environments with performance and security constraints in mind. They highlight the importance of ensuring network security whilst maximising the performance of our networks in both speed and efficiency.

The studies hinglight the importance of striking a balance between security requirements and performance considerations in network deployments within both corporate applications and IoT environments too.

They provide valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with integrating traditional encryption networking protocols with emerging technologies like SDN and cloud computing emphasising the need for continuous innovation and optimization to meet the evolving demands of modern networking environments.

Using exploration and optimisation techniques to mitigate performance overhead in IPsec VPN and SDN's whilst considering real-world deployment scenarios and dynamic network conditions that will allow for greater networking capacity and efficiency in the future meaning a greater more interconnected society all done more securely and more effectively.

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