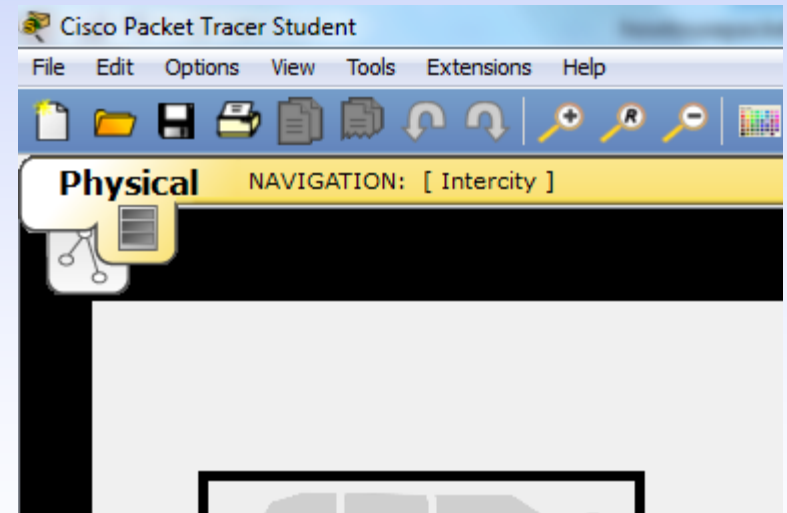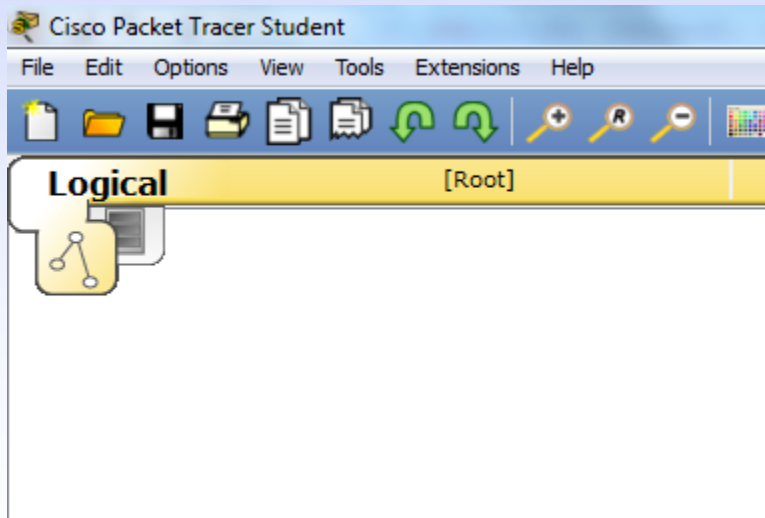# How to Use Packet Tracer

What is Packet Tracer

- Packet Tracer is a program used to illustrate how computer networks work
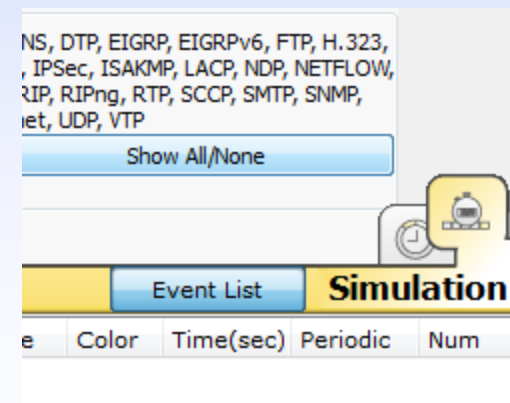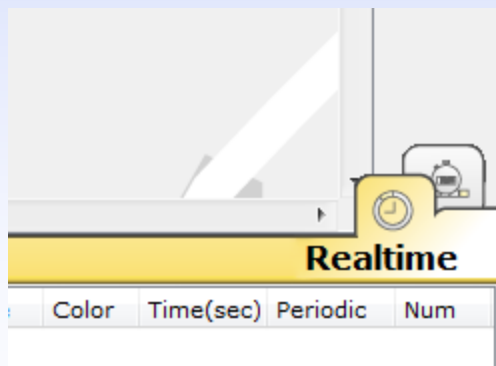
Packet Tracer has two different views

– Logical Workspace

– Physical Workspace

Packet Tracer also has two modes of operation

– Realtime Mode
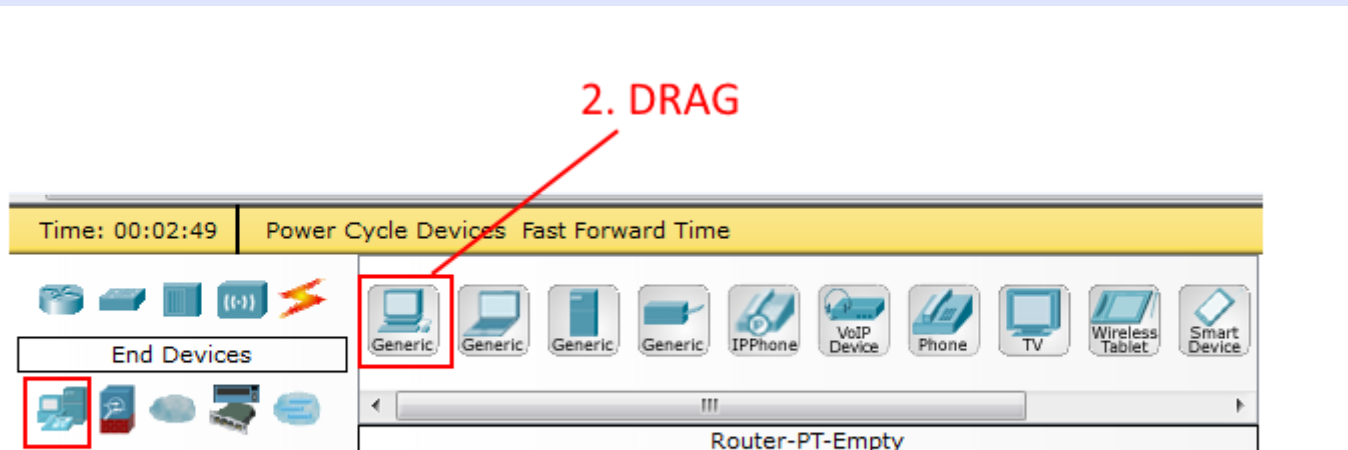– Simulation Mode

Sample Network Simulation

- Let's create a sample network to see how Packet Tracer simulates a network

Sample Network Simulation
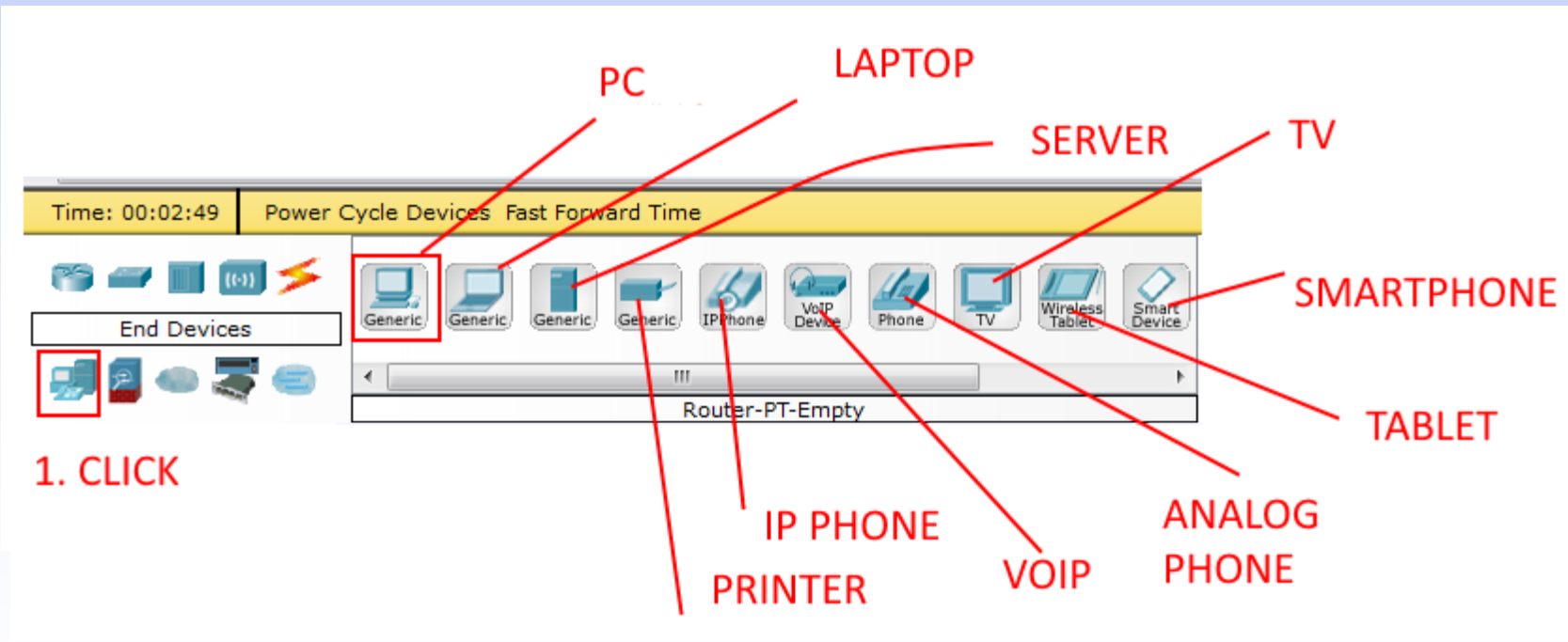
To add a PC onto the workspace:

- Select End Devices
- Drag [Generic] onto workspace

Sample Network Simulation

Under End Devices, these are the following devices available:

Sample Network Simulation

- Double-click [PC1]
- Change name to "ITE CW"
- Under Interface, click on FastEthernet and set the IP address as 192.168.1.1

Sample Network Simulation
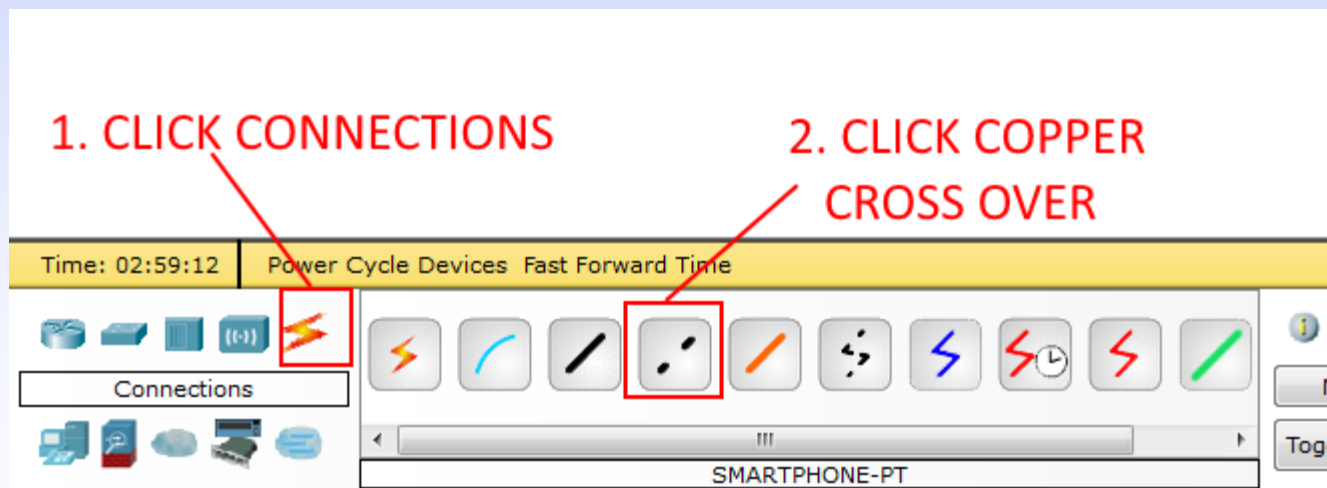
Sample Network Simulation

- Drag second PC

- Double-click [PC2]

- Change name to "ITE CC"

- Under Interface, click on FastEthernet and set the IP address as 192.168.1.2

Sample Network Simulation

- Under Connections, select the Copper Straight-through cable, the solid black line, and make a connection between the devices with it

- The red lights on the link indicate that the connection is not working

- The point is the simulator will do what you tell it, whether that is right ort wrong
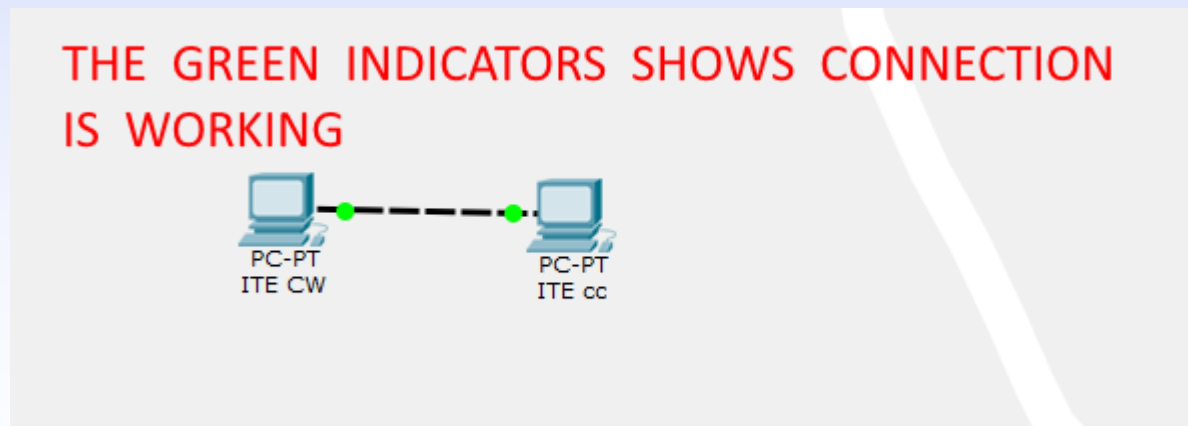
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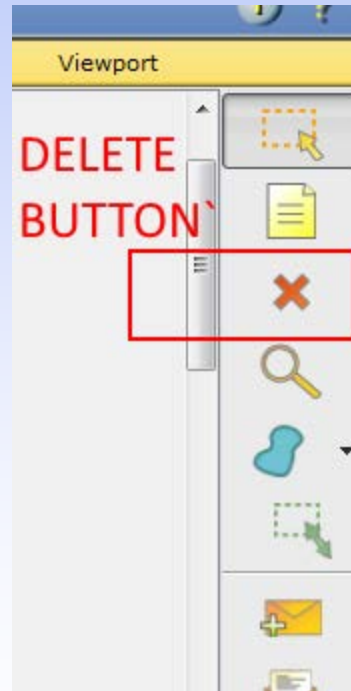
- Under Connections, select the Copper Cross over cable

Sample Network Simulation

- Click PC1, choose [Fast Ethernet0]
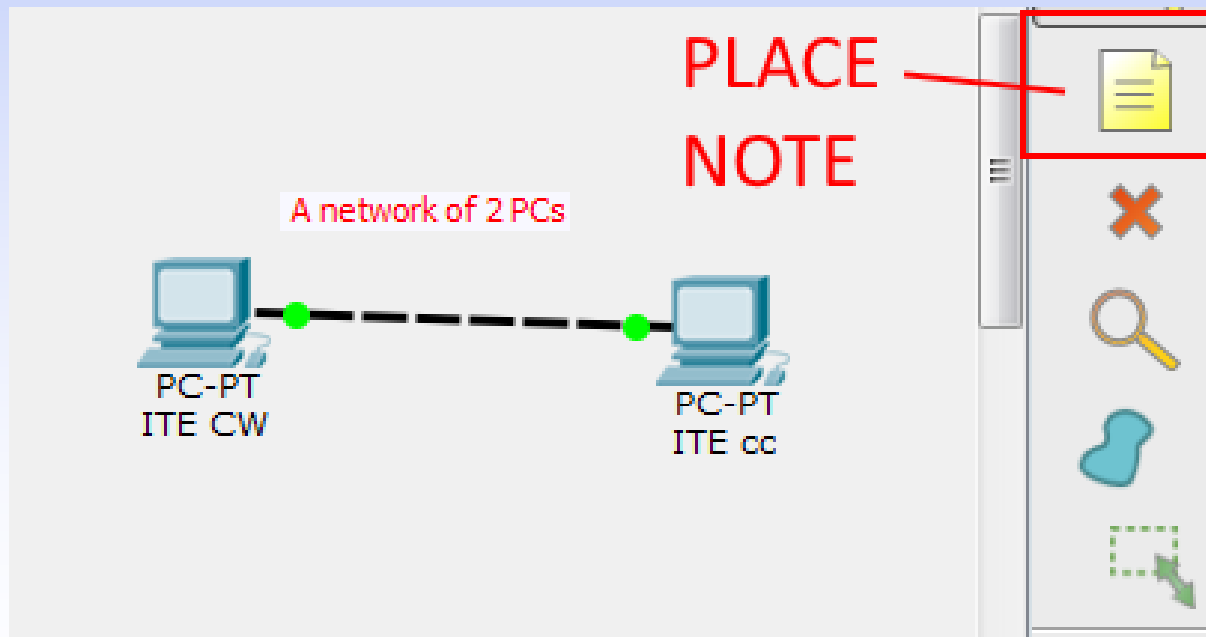- Move to PC2, click, choose [Fast Ethernet0]

THE GREEN INDICATORS SHOWS CONNECTION IS WORKING

PC-PT
ITE CW

PC-PT
ITE cc

Sample Network Simulation

To delete any item, select and click Delete Button

Sample Network Simulation

- Click [Place Note tool]
- Add a title "A network of 2 PCs]

Sample Network Simulation

- Turn PC on/off.

Ping with Simple PDU

- To use the Add Simple PDU tool
    - Click on it
    - Click on the first PC
    - Click on the second PC
- Then look down in the bottom right corner to see if the ping was successful

Ping with Simple PDU

Scenario

- By default you are in Scenario 0
- You can change the name.
- Different scenarios allow you to use the same topology for experiments with different groupings of user created packets
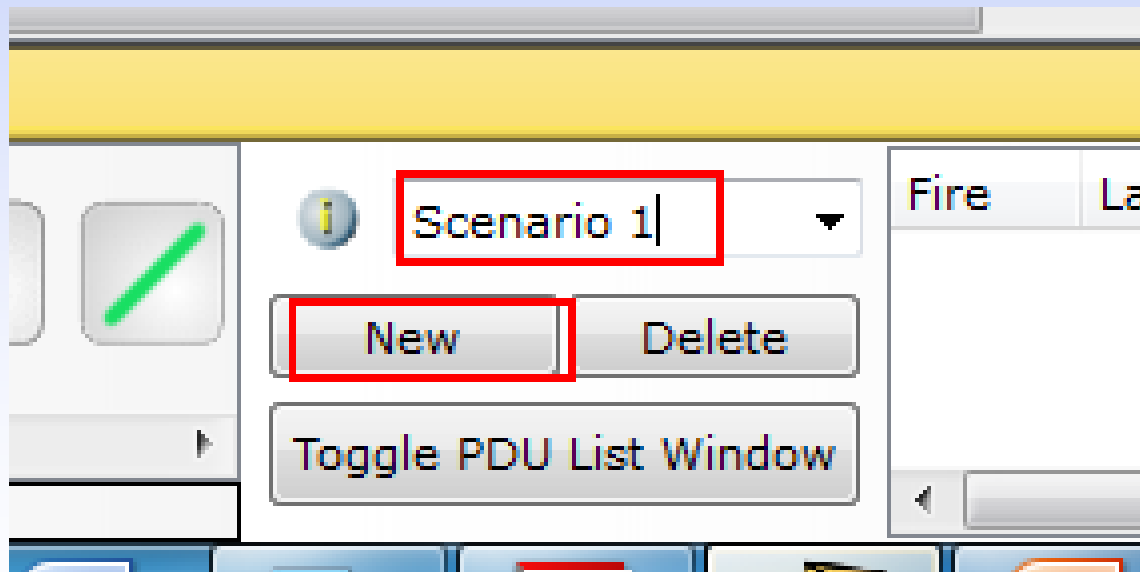- Click on New to create a new scenario

Scenario

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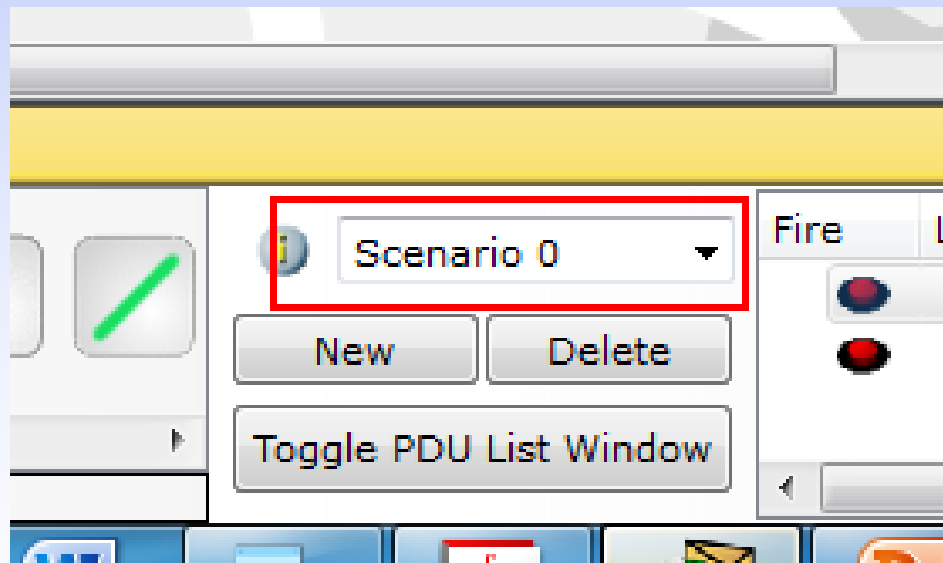
Scenario

We want to leave Senario0 alone and try another experiment in a new scenario.

- Click on New to create a new scenario

Scenario

Addition or deletion of devices will affect all scenarios.

Save your file.

Simulation Mode

- In this mode, animation is used to show data moving from one device to another.

Simulation Mode

- Choose Simulation

Simulation – Capture/Forward

- Click [Reset Simulation]
- Click [Capture/Forward] button once

Capture takes effect.

Packet is sent from

PC1 to PC2

Simulation - Forward

- The first time through an animation, the effect of [Capture/Forward] is Capture;

- Keep clicking the button until no more packets are sent

- A green arrow on a packet indicates successful sending of packet

- Check updates at Event List

A network of 2 PCs

PC-PT
ITE CW

PC-PT
ITE cc

Laptop-PT
Laptop1

END OF CAPTURE/FORWARD

Simulation Panel

Event List

Vis.	Time(sec)	Last De	At Dev	Type	Info
👁	0.000	--	ITE C...	ICMP	■
👁	0.000	--	ITE C...	ARP	■
👁	0.000	--	ITE C...	ICMP	■
👁	0.000	--	ITE C...	ARP	■
👁	0.000	--	ITE C...	ICMP	■
👁	0.000	--	ITE C...	ARP	■

Reset Simulation ☑ Constant Delay

Captured to:
0.000 s
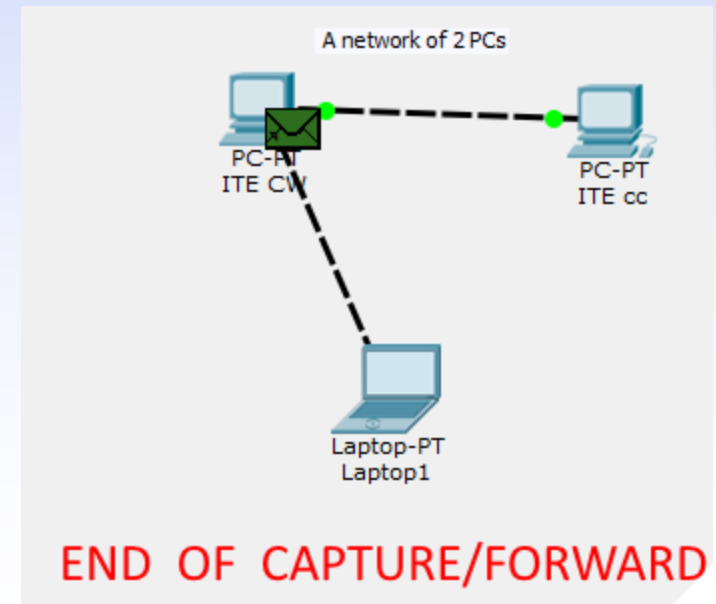
Simulation – PDU List Window

- Click [Toggle PDU List Window]
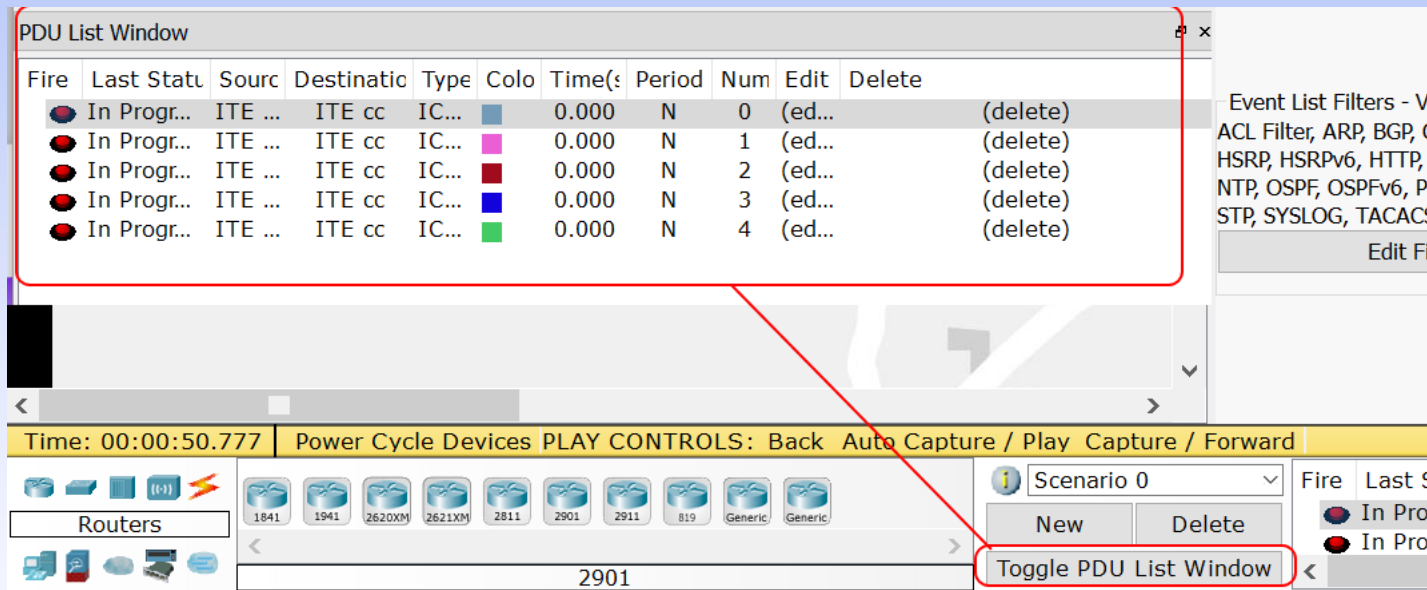
- Click [Toggle PDU List Window] to close window

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Simulation – Back Button

- Click [Back Button] twice to rewind the animation one step at a time

Simulation – Packet Info

- Clicking on a packet (envelope) displays information on it