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1. ACRONYMS / DEFINITIONS

LAN (Local Area Network):

A network that connects devices within a limited geographical area, such as an office, building, or campus.

VLAN (Virtual Local Area Network):

A logically segmented network at Layer 2 that isolates broadcast domains for better security, efficiency, and network management.

DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol):

A network service that dynamically assigns IP addresses and other network configuration parameters to devices, enabling them to communicate on an IP network.

DNS (Domain Name System):

A hierarchical naming system that translates human-readable domain names (e.g., www.example.com) into IP addresses understood by machines.

OSPF (Open Shortest Path First):

A link-state routing protocol used to distribute IP routing information throughout a single autonomous system. It calculates the shortest path using Dijkstra's algorithm.

IP Address (Internet Protocol Address):

A unique identifier assigned to each device connected to a network that uses the Internet Protocol for communication.

Subnet Mask:

A 32-bit number that segments IP addresses into network and host portions, determining the size of each subnet.

Router:

A network device that forwards data packets between different networks based on destination IP addresses. It operates at Layer 3 of the OSI model.

Switch (Layer 2 / Layer 3):

A Layer 2 switch forwards frames based on MAC addresses, whereas a Layer 3 switch can also perform routing functions using IP addresses.

Access Point (AP):

A device that allows wireless devices to connect to a wired network using Wi-Fi or other wireless standards.

SSH (Secure Shell):

A cryptographic protocol used to securely log into remote devices, providing strong authentication and encrypted communications.

ACL (Access Control List):

A set of rules that control the traffic allowed into and out of network interfaces, used for filtering and securing traffic.

SVI (Switch Virtual Interface):

A virtual interface configured on Layer 3 switches for inter-VLAN routing. It acts as a gateway for devices in each VLAN.

GNS3 (Graphical Network Simulator-3):

A network software emulator used for more advanced simulations than Cisco Packet Tracer, supporting real router IOS images.

Banner Message:

A customizable message displayed upon device login to inform users of authorized access policies.

MAC Address (Media Access Control Address):

A hardware identifier assigned to a network interface card (NIC) for communications at the data link layer.

2. OBJECTIVE / CASE STUDY

2.1 Case Study

Radeon Company Ltd. is a US-owned company that deals with Banking and Insurance. The company is intending to expand its services across the African continent having the first branch to be located in Nairobi, Kenya. The company has secured a four-story building to operate within the Kenyan capital city. Therefore, the company would like to allow sourcing the knowledge from a group of final-year students from the local university to design and implement their company network. Assume you are among the students to take over this role, carefully read down the requirements then model the design and implement the network based on the company's needs. Each floor has departments as provided in the table below.

	First Floor						
No.	Departments	No. of PC	No. of Printers				
1	Management	20	4				
2	Research	20	4				
3	Human resource	20	4				

	Second Floor						
No.	Departments	No. of PC	No. of Printers				
1	Marketing	20	4				
2	Accounting	20	4				
3	Finance	20	4				

	Third Floor						
No.	Departments	No. of PC	No. of Printers				
1	Logistics and store	20	4				
2	Customer care	20	4				
3	Guest Area	40	2				

	Fourth Floor							
No.	Departments No. of PC No. of Printers No of Servers							
1	Administration	20	2					
2	ICT	20	2					
3	Server Room	3 (DHCP, HTTP and Email)						

2.2 Objectives

- Use a software modelling tool to visualize the network topology (Use Hierarchical Network Design
 - Software Modelling Tools: MS Visio, Visual Paradigm, or Draw.io for modelling network design.
- 2. Use any of the following network simulation software to implement the above topology.
 - Simulation software: Cisco Packet tracer or GNS3 for design and implementation.
 - Theres should be one router on each floor. The router should be connecting switches on the floor
 - Use OSPF as the routing protocol to advertise routes.
 - Each department is required to have a wireless network for the users.
 - Each department except the server room will be anticipated to have around 60 users both wired and wireless users.
 - Host devices in the network are required to obtain IPv4 addresses automatically.
 - Devices in all the departments are required to communicate with each other.
 - Create HTTP, and E-mail servers.
 - All devices in the network are expected to obtain an IP address dynamically from the dedicated DHCP servers located at the server room.
 - Configure SSH in all the routers for remote login.
- 3. Use a Hierarchical network design with redundancy included:
 - Having Core, distribution and access layers
- 4. Configure the basic configuration of the devices:
 - Hostnames
 - Line Console and VTY passwords
 - Banner messages
 - Disable domain IP lookup
- 5. Each department should be in a different VLAN and subnetwork; VLANs you will use in your case, e.g. 10, 20, 30... etc..
- 6. Planning of IP Addresses:
 - You have been given 192.168.10.0 as the base address for this network.
 - Do subnetting based on the number of hosts in every department as provided above.
 - Identify subnet mask, useable IP address range, and broadcast address for each subnet.
- 7. End Device Configurations: Configure all the end devices in the network with the appropriate IP address based on the calculations above.
- 8. Configure port-security: Use sticky command to obtain MAC Address and Violation

mode of the shutdown.

- 9. Test and Verifying Network Communication.
- 10. Document the project design and implementation

2.3 Required Technologies

- 1. Creating a network topology using Cisco Packet Tracer.
- 2. Hierarchical Network Design.
- 3. Connecting Networking devices with Correct cabling.
- 4. Configuring Basic device settings.
- 5. Creating VLANs and assigning ports VLAN numbers.
- 6. Subnetting and IP Addressing.
- 7. Configuring Inter-VLAN Routing on the Multilayer switches (Switch Virtual Interface).
- 8. Configuring Dedicated DHCP Server device to provide dynamic IP allocation.
- 9. Configuring SSH for secure Remote access.
- 10. Configuring OSPF as the routing protocol.
- 11. Configuring switchport security or Port-Security on the switches.
- 12. Configuring WLAN or wireless network (Cisco Access Point).
- 13. Host Device Configurations.
- 14. Test and Verifying Network Communication.

3. LIST OF DEVICES USED & VISUALISATION

3.1 List of Devices Used

- 1. Routers (Cisco 2911) x 4
 - FLOOR-1-ROUTER
 - FLOOR-2-ROUTER
 - FLOOR-3-ROUTER
 - FLOOR-4-ROUTER

2. Layer 3 Switches x 4

- FLOOR-1-L3-SW
- FLOOR-2-L3-SW
- FLOOR-3-L3-SW
- FLOOR-4-L3-SW

3. Layer 2 Switches (2960-24TT or 2960-24PT) x 12

- FLOOR-1-MGT-SW
- FLOOR-1-RSC-SW
- FLOOR-1-HR-SW
- FLOOR-2-MKT-SW
- FLOOR-2-ACC-SW
- FLOOR-2-FINANCE-SW
- FLOOR-3-LOG-SW
- FLOOR-3-CUST-SW
- FLOOR-3-GST-SW
- FLOOR-4-ADMIN-SW
- FLOOR-4-ICT-SW
- FLOOR-4-SVR-SW

4. End Devices (Computers / PCs)

- MGT-PC
- RSC-PC
- HR-PC
- MKT-PC
- ACC-PC
- FINANCE-PC
- LOG-PC
- CUST-PC
- GST-PC
- ADMIN-PC
- ICT-PC

5. Printers

- MGT-Printer
- RSC-Printer
- HR-Printer
- MKT-Printer
- ACC-Printer
- FINANCE-Printer
- LOG-Printer
- CUST-Printer
- GST-Printer
- ADMIN-Printer
- ICT-Printer

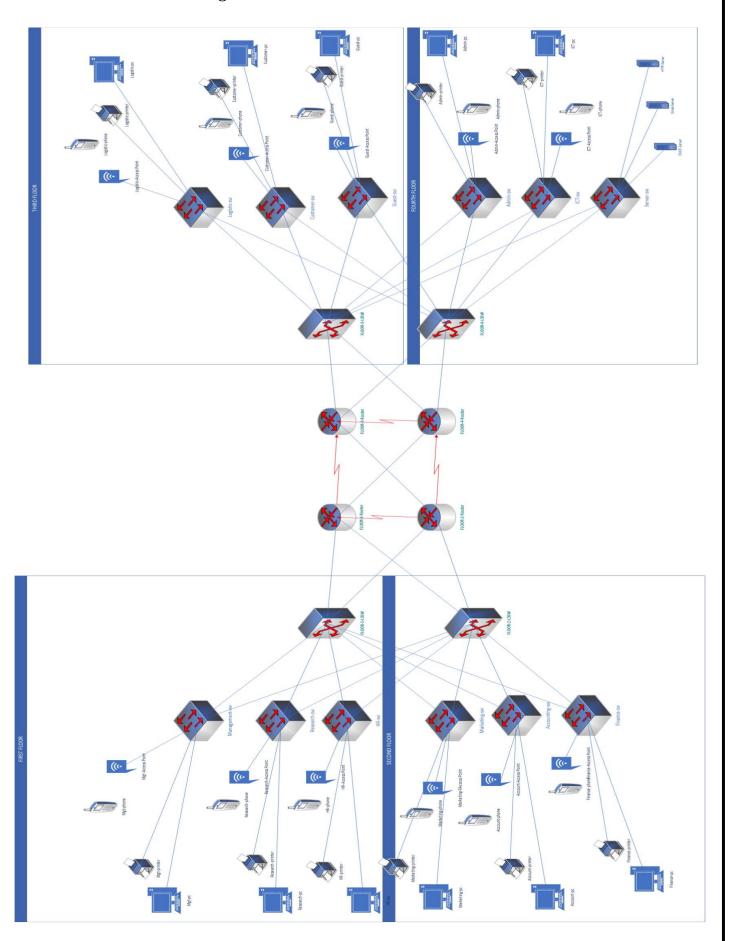
6. Access Points

- MGT-Access Point
- RSC-Access Point
- HR-Access Point
- MKT-Access Point
- ACC-Access Point
- FINANCE-Access Point
- LOG-Access Point
- CUST-Access Point
- GST-Access Point
- ADMIN-Access Point
- ICT-Access Point

7. Servers

- DHCP-SERVER
- EMAIL-SERVER
- HTTPS-SERVER

3.2Visualisation using MS Visual



4. IP ADDRESSING SCHEME

4.1 IP Addressing

Base Network: 192.168.10.0

First Floor

Department	Network Address	Subnet Mask	Host Address Range	Broadcast Address
Management	192.168.10.0	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.10.1 to 192.168.10.62	192.168.10.63
Research	192.168.10.64	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.10.65 to 192.168.10.126	192.168.10.127
Human Res	192.168.10.128	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.10.129 to 192.168.10.190	192.168.10.191

Second Floor

Department	nt Network Subnet Mask Address		Host Address Range	Broadcast Address	
Marketing	192.168.10.192	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.10.193 to 192.168.10.254	192.168.10.255	
Accounts	192.168.11.0	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.11.1 to 192.168.11.62	192.168.11.63	
Finance	192.168.11.64	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.11.65 to 192.168.11.126	192.168.11.127	

Third Floor

Department	Network Address	Subnet Mask	Host Address Range	Broadcast Address
Logistics	192.168.11.128	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.11.129 to 192.168.11.190	192.168.11.191
Customer	192.168.11.192	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.11.193 to 192.168.11.254	192.168.11.255
Guest	192.168.12.0	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.12.1 to 192.168.12.62	192.168.12.63

Fourth Floor

Department	Network Address	Subnet Mask	Host Address Range	Broadcast Address	
Admin	192.168.12.64	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.12.65 to 192.168.12.126	192.168.12.127	
ICT	192.168.12.128	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.12.129 to 192.168.12.190	192.168.12.191	
ServerRoom	192.168.12.192	255.255.255.192/26	192.168.12.193 to 192.168.12.254	192.168.12.255	

4.2 Between the Routers and Layer-3 Switches

Base Network Address: 10.10.10.0

No.	Network	Subnet Mask	Host Address	Broadcast
	Address		Range	Address
1	10.10.10.0	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.33 to 10.10.10.34	10.10.10.35
2	10.10.10.4	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.37 to 10.10.10.38	10.10.10.39
3	10.10.10.8	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.41 to 10.10.10.42	10.10.10.43
4	10.10.10.12	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.45 to 10.10.10.46	10.10.10.47
5	10.10.10.16	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.49 to 10.10.10.50	10.10.10.51
6	10.10.10.20	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.53 to 10.10.10.54	10.10.10.55
7	10.10.10.24	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.33 to 10.10.10.34	10.10.10.35
8	10.10.10.28	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.37 to 10.10.10.38	10.10.10.39
9	10.10.10.32	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.41 to 10.10.10.42	10.10.10.43
10	10.10.10.36	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.45 to 10.10.10.46	10.10.10.47
11	10.10.10.40	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.49 to 10.10.10.50	10.10.10.51
12	10.10.10.44	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.53 to 10.10.10.54	10.10.10.55
13	10.10.10.48	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.33 to 10.10.10.34	10.10.10.35
14	10.10.10.52	255.255.255.252	10.10.10.37 to 10.10.10.38	10.10.10.39

5. STEP BY STEP, IMPLIMENTATION PROCESS

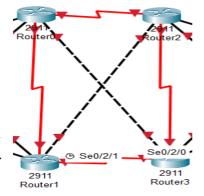
5.1 Basic Topology Setup

Step 1: Draw the Backbone Routers

Place the following **four routers** at the center of your canvas to form the backbone connection:

- FLOOR-1-ROUTER
- FLOOR-2-ROUTER
- FLOOR-3-ROUTER
- FLOOR-4-ROUTER

Connect these routers in a **fully meshed** manner using serial links (red lines in your image). This ensures inter-router communication across all floors.

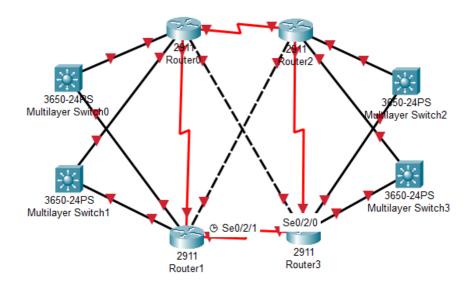


Step 2: Place Layer 3 Switches (Core Switches)

Place one **Layer 3 Switch** per floor near its corresponding router:

- FLOOR-1-L3-SW (connect to FLOOR-1-ROUTER)
- FLOOR-2-L3-SW (connect to FLOOR-2-ROUTER)
- FLOOR-3-L3-SW (connect to FLOOR-3-ROUTER)
- FLOOR-4-L3-SW (connect to FLOOR-4-ROUTER)

Connect each router to its respective L3 switch via Ethernet links.



Step 3: Draw Layer 2 Access Switches Floor-wise

First Floor:

- FLOOR-1-MGT-SW
- FLOOR-1-RSC-SW
- FLOOR-1-HR-SW

Connect all these three to FLOOR-1-L3-SW

Second Floor:

- FLOOR-2-MKT-SW
- FLOOR-2-ACC-SW
- FLOOR-2-FINANCE-SW
 Connect all these three to FLOOR-2-L3-SW

Third Floor:

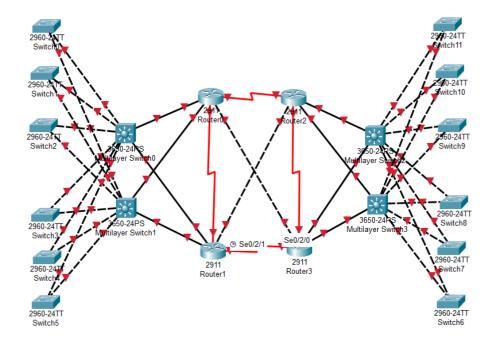
- FLOOR-3-LOG-SW
- FLOOR-3-CUST-SW
- FLOOR-3-GST-SW

Connect all these three to FLOOR-3-L3-SW

Fourth Floor:

- FLOOR-4-ADMIN-SW
- FLOOR-4-ICT-SW
- FLOOR-4-SVR-SW

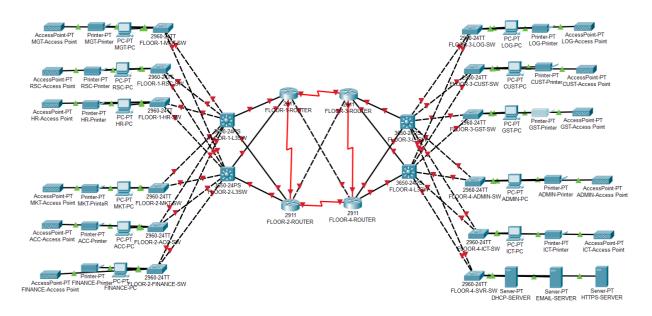
Connect all these three to FLOOR-4-L3-SW



Step 4: Add End Devices to Each Access Switch

Each Layer 2 Switch connects to:

- 1 PC
- 1 Printer
- 1 Access Point



Step 5: Add Servers (Fourth Floor)

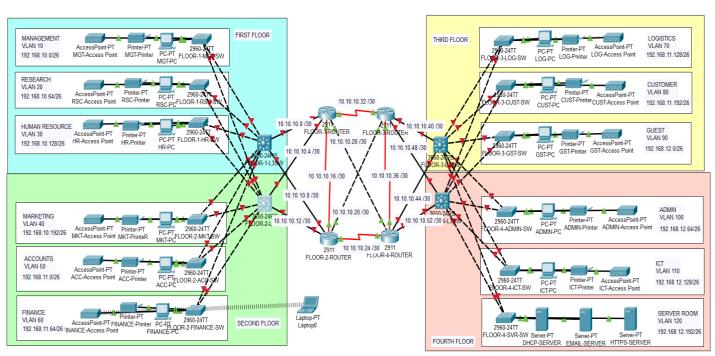
Connect the following devices to **FLOOR-4-SVR-SW**:

- DHCP-SERVER
- EMAIL-SERVER
- HTTPS-SERVER

Step 6: Label VLANs and IP Subnets

- **MANAGEMENT VLAN 10** IP Subnet: 192.168.10.0/26
- **RESEARCH VLAN 20** IP Subnet: 192.168.10.64/26
- **HUMAN RESOURCE VLAN 30** IP Subnet: 192.168.10.128/26
- **MARKETING VLAN 40** IP Subnet: 192.168.10.192/26
- **ACCOUNTS VLAN 50** IP Subnet: 192.168.11.0/26
- **FINANCE VLAN 60** IP Subnet: 192.168.11.64/26
- **LOGISTICS VLAN 70** IP Subnet: 192.168.11.128/26
- **CUSTOMER VLAN 80** IP Subnet: 192.168.11.192/26
- **GUEST VLAN 90** IP Subnet: 192.168.12.0/26
- **ADMIN VLAN 100** IP Subnet: 192.168.12.64/26
- **ICT VLAN 110** IP Subnet: 192.168.12.128/26
- **SERVER ROOM VLAN 120** IP Subnet: 192.168.12.192/26

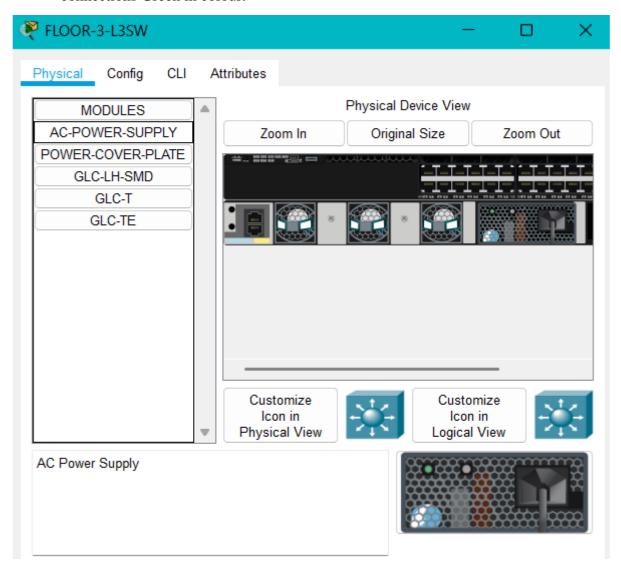
Step 7: Label the Routers according to the Table in 3.2



Visual representation of the Labelling according to the Table in 3.1 and 3.2

Step 8: Add a Power Supply to all the Layer-3 Switches

- Drag an AC-POWER-SUPPLY and drop it in the Physical Device View
- This will turn ON all the all the connections with the Layer-3 Switch making all the connections Green in colour.



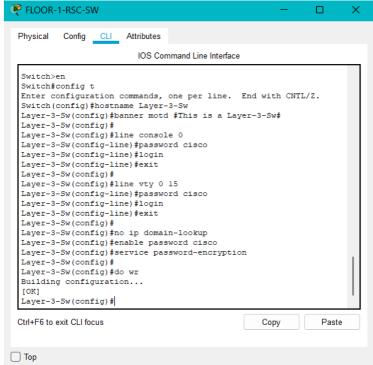
5.2 Basic settings to all the devices with ssh on routers and Layer-3 Switches

Step1: Configuring Layer-2 Switches (Access Layer)

- Host Name hostname Layer-2-Sw
- Banner Message banner motd #This is a Layer-2-Sw#
- Line Console Password line console 0 password cisco login exit
- Line VTY Password line vty 0 15 password cisco login exit
- Disable IP Domain Look-up no ip domain-lookup
- Enable Password enable password cisco
- Encrypt all Passwords service password-encryption
- Save the configurations *do wr*

NOTE: Use $conf\ t$ to edit the configuration and $do\ wr$ command to save the configuration whenever it is changed

TIP: To avoid typing the commands multiple time in all the Layer-2 Switches, Type once in a Notepad, and simple execute the commands by simply pasting in the CLI



Step2: Configuring Layer-3 Switches

- Host Name hostname Layer-3-Sw
- Banner Message banner motd #This is a Layer-3-Sw#
- Line Console Password line console 0 password cisco login exit
- Set up Domain Name
 ip domain-name cisco.net username cisco password cisco crypto key generate rsa 1024
- Line VTY Password
 line vty 0 15
 login local
 transport input ssh
 exit
- Disable IP Domain Look-up no ip domain-lookup
- Enable Password cisco
- Encrypt all Passwords service password-encryption
- Save the configurations *do wr*

Step2: Configuring Core Layer Routers

- Host Name hostname Core-LayerR
- Banner Message banner motd #This is a Core-LayerR#
- Line Console Password line console 0 password cisco login exit
- Set up Domain Name ip domain-name cisco.net username cisco password cisco crypto key generate rsa 1024
- Line VTY Password

line vty 0 15 login local transport input ssh exit

- Disable IP Domain Look-up no ip domain-lookup
- Enable Password enable password cisco
- Encrypt all Passwords service password-encryption
- Save the configurations *do wr*

5.3 Assign VLANs, configure Access & Trunk ports to the respective Layer-2 Switches

The ports used to connect the devices in the Access layer should be set a Access Ports and the ports connected to the Layer-03 Switch will be the Trunk Port

conf t
int range fa0/1-2
switchport mode trunk
exit
int range fa0/3-24
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan 120

TIP: 5.3 and 5.4 can executed at the same time for all the switches to save time

Physical Config CLI Attributes	Secure Port M	axSecureAddr (Count)	CurrentAddr (Count)	SecurityViolation (Count)	Security Action
IOS Command Li					
spanning-tree mode pvst	Fa0/3	2	0	0	Shutdown
spanning-tree extend system-id	Fa0/4	2	0	0	Shutdown
! interface FastEthernet0/1	Fa0/5	2	0	0	Shutdown
switchport mode trunk	Fa0/6	_	0	0	Shutdown
!		_	0	0	
interface FastEthernet0/2 switchport mode trunk	Fa0/7	_	U	U	Shutdown
!	Fa0/8	2	0	0	Shutdown
interface FastEthernet0/3	Fa0/9	2	0	0	Shutdown
switchport access vlan 10	Fa0/10	2	0	0	Shutdown
switchport mode access switchport port-security	Fa0/11	_	0	0	Shutdown
switchport port-security maximum 2		_	0	0	
switchport port-security mac-address sticky	Fa0/12	_	U	0	Shutdown
! interface FastEthernetO/4	Fa0/13	2	0	0	Shutdown
switchport access vlan 10	Fa0/14	2	0	0	Shutdown
switchport mode access	Fa0/15	2	0	0	Shutdown
switchport port-security		_		0	Shutdown
switchport port-security maximum 2 switchport port-security mac-address sticky	Fa0/16	_	U	U	
!	Fa0/17	2	0	0	Shutdown
interface FastEthernet0/5	Fa0/18	2	0	0	Shutdown
quitaboort aggaga wlam 10	Fa0/19	2	0	0	Shutdown
trl+F6 to exit CLI focus	Fa0/20	_	0	0	Shutdown
	Fa0/21	_	0	0	Shutdown
Тор	Fa0/22	_	0	0	Shutdown

5.4 Switchport security to all 12 layer-2 switches

switchport port-security switchport port-security maximum 2 switchport port-security mac-address sticky switchport port-security violation shutdown

TIP: Use the do sh start to display all the configurations of the device

5.5 Setup IP Address to the Routers and the Layer-3 Switches

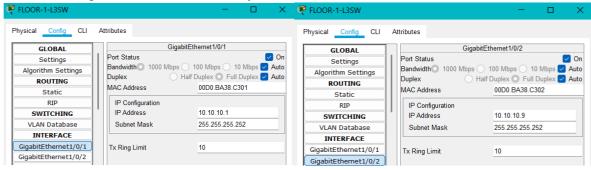
TIP: Refer them from the Lebling in Step7 of 5.1 or the 3.1 & 3.2

Step1: Set up trunk ports in the Layer-3 Switches

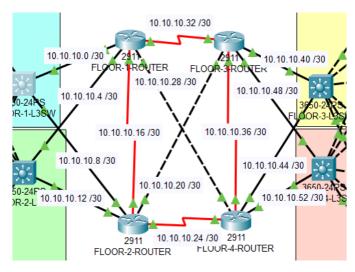
int range gig1/0/3-8 switchport mode trunk exit

Step2: Set up IP Addresses to the Layer-3 Ports that are connecting to the Routers

- Use the No Switchport command to assign IP Adress to the Layer-3 Switch int rage gig1/0/1-2 no switchport
- Assing the IP Adress to the Layer-3 Switch



Step3: Set up IP Addresses to the Router Ports



5.6 OSPF on the Routers and the Layer-3 Switches

We have to advertise all the networks that the device is connecting.

The bellow command is for the Layer-3 Switch in Fourth Floor. It is connecting to two router networks and six layer-2 switch ports. Hence the following command.

```
ip routing
router ospf 10

network 10.10.10.48 0.0.0.3 area 0
network 10.10.10.52 0.0.0.3 area 0

network 192.168.11.128 0.0.0.63 area 0
network 192.168.11.192 0.0.0.63 area 0
network 192.168.12.0 0.0.0.63 area 0
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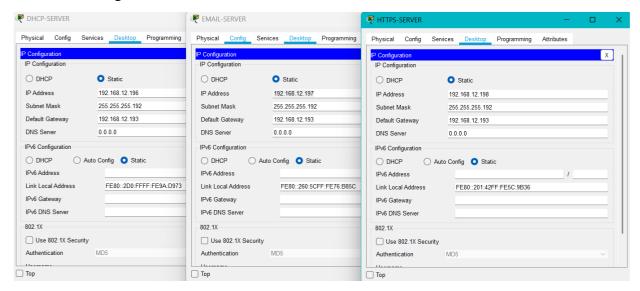
This network advertisement has to be done on all the Routers and the Layer-3 Switches

```
Core-LayerR(config) #router ospf 10
Core-LayerR(config-router) #network 10.10.10.24 0.0.0.3 area 0
Core-LayerR (config-router) #
01:04:55: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 10, Nbr 10.10.10.25 on
Serial0/2/0 from LOADING to FULL, Loading Done
Core-LayerR(config-router) #network 10.10.10.28 0.0.0.3 area 0
Core-LayerR (config-router) #
01:05:11: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 10, Nbr 10.10.10.33 on
GigabitEthernet0/0 from LOADING to FULL, Loading Done
Core-LayerR(config-router) #network 10.10.10.36 0.0.0.3 area 0
Core-LayerR(config-router)#
01:05:23: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 10, Nbr 10.10.10.50 on
Serial0/2/1 from LOADING to FULL, Loading Done
Core-LayerR(config-router) #network 10.10.10.44 0.0.0.3 area 0
Core-LayerR(config-router) #network 10.10.10.52 0.0.0.3 area 0
Core-LayerR(config-router) #ex
Core-LayerR(config) #do wr
Building configuration...
[OK]
Core-LayerR(config)#
```

Above is the Screen shot of advertising networks in the Fourth floor Router.

5.7 Static IP Adress to the Server Room Devices

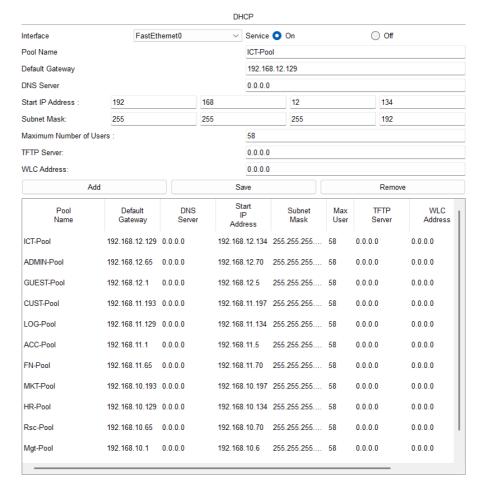
We have to assign Static IP Adress to the Servers in the Server room



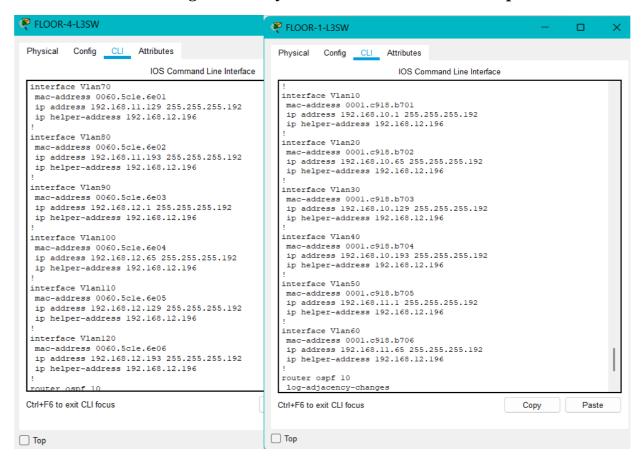
5.8 DHCP server device configurations

Set up the DHCP configuration in the server so that the devices in the access layer can get dynamic IP Addresses.

This can be done by creating pools for all the networks in the topology.



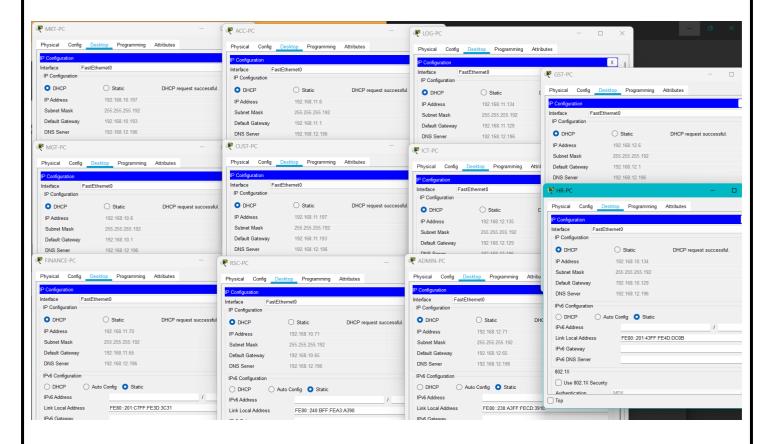
5.9 Inter-VLAN routing on the Layer-3 Switches and DHCP helper addresses



Bellow is the command syntax to set up the inter-VLAN and the DHCP helper Address

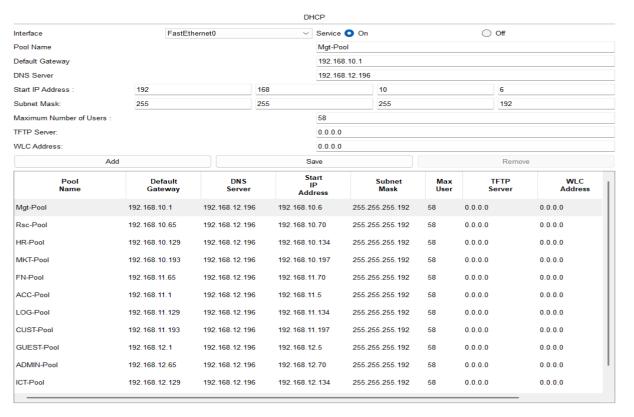
int vlan 10 no shutdown ip add 192.168.10.1 255.255.255.192 ip helper-address 192.168.12.196 exit

int vlan 20 no shutdown ip add 192.168.10.65 255.255.255.192 ip helper-address 192.168.12.196 exit Once the dhcp helper address is set up in all the layer-3 switches, the DHCP server will be able to allocate IP address to the all the devices int eh access layer.

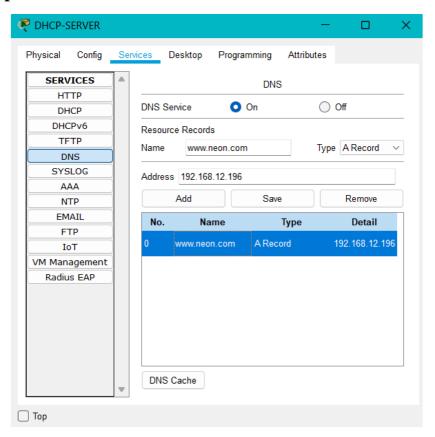


5.10 Set up the DNS in the DHCP server

Step1: Set up DNS for all the pools in the DHCP servers



Step2: Set up DNS service in the DHCP servers

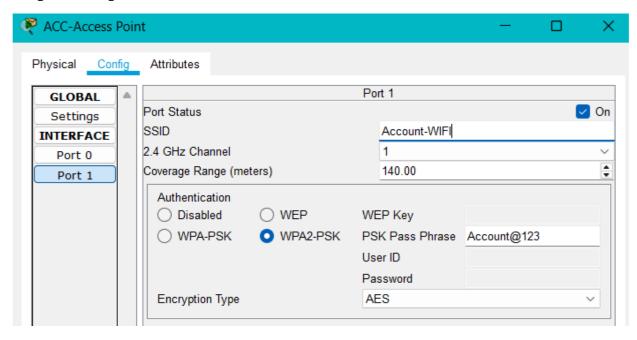


We can use the DNS name in the Web Browser in the PCs to open the default webpage.

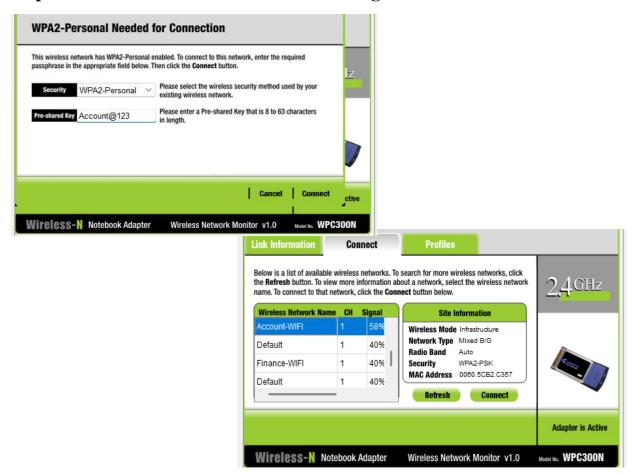


5.11 Set up Wireless Configuration

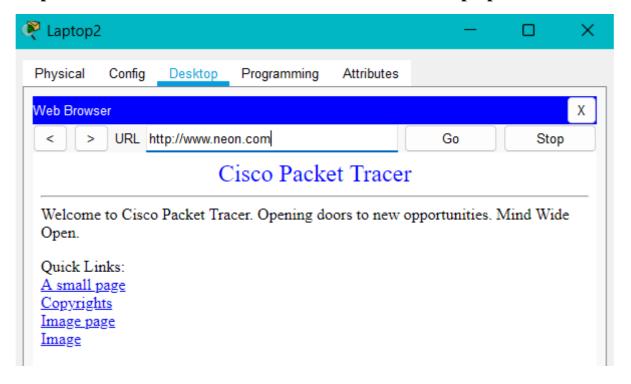
Step1: Set up the Port 1 in the Access Point



Step2: Connect to the wireless network through as device



Step3: Use the DNS name in the Web Browser in the Laptop.



6. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Acquired deep understanding of enterprise-level network planning and simulation through the hands-on implementation of a multi-floor, multi-department topology.
- Learned how to apply Hierarchical Network Design principles by effectively dividing the topology into Core, Distribution, and Access layers, resulting in better manageability, scalability, and redundancy.
- Mastered the configuration and deployment of VLANs for logical segmentation and secure interdepartmental communication.
- Successfully implemented Inter-VLAN Routing using Layer 3 switches, enabling seamless communication between departmental networks.

Practiced subnetting and learned how to calculate:

- Subnet masks
- Usable IP ranges
- Broadcast addresses
 for departments with ~60 hosts using the base network 192.168.10.0/24.
- Configured **OSPF** as the interior gateway protocol, promoting efficient routing across routers and Layer 3 switches in the multi-floor setup.
- Deployed a centralized **DHCP server** and used **DHCP relay** (helper-address) on
 Layer 3 switches to dynamically assign IP addresses to all end devices.
- Understood the practical use of SSH configuration to enable secure remote administration of routers and switches.
- Applied sticky port security on Layer 2 switches to enhance LAN security by preventing unauthorized device connections.
- Configured and tested wireless connectivity using Access Points, ensuring support for wireless users on each floor.
- Learned how to integrate server-based services (HTTP, Email, DNS, DHCP) into the network and statically assign IP addresses to them for consistent operation.
- Explored device configuration best practices, including hostnames, login banners, and password encryption, to standardize and secure network infrastructure.
- Verified network communication using ping, browser testing via DNS, and enddevice connectivity, ensuring functional and optimized deployment.
- Gained exposure to real-world enterprise network implementation challenges such as IP address planning, device role segregation, and multi-protocol integration.

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