**A Network Design for Company XYZg**
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## 1. Defining the Problem

The problem is the absence of a functional network and internet connection in Company XYZ's new office building with three floors for good network connectivity in each floor. Modern businesses rely heavily on internet access indicating that 87% of companies depend on cloud-based tools and 74% of employees require online connectivity for core tasks. This issue impacts the building's owners, including employees, management, and customers, who need seamless access to QOS services, communication platforms, and real-time data to perform work efficiently. It should be solved because interrupted internet connectivity will harm the operational efficiency , customer satisfaction, job competitiveness-delays would lead the financial loss, unstable economic environment, unfulfilled the client demands in digital economy.

## 2. Background

### 2.1 Target Users and Customers

The network design must serve Company XYZ owners, who prioritize security and cost-effective scalability, and office occupants, including employees and visitors. Employees vary by role: Finance/HR for collecting and storing the data on cloud, Marketing/IT for video streaming, zoom meeting and data integration, Reception/Dining/Merchandise area demands Wi-Fi for various visitors ages from 18–80+, including those with disabilities. Employees and Admins are tech-proficient adults(20-60 years). We focus visitors who are first-time users will be obtain the barrier-free connectivity. In short, this design must have balance accessibility, strong security and vigorous traffic management and high demand for public locale such as first floor.

### 2.2 Engineering Standards

ANSI/TIA-568 (Structured Cabling Standards)

ANSI/TIA-568 defines requirements for structured cabling systems in commercial buildings, including specifications for copper/fiber-optic cabling, connectors and installation practices. It ensures performance reliability for voice, data, and video networks. This standard underpins the physical network infrastructure for the office building, such as Ethernet cabling for IT/Administration (third floor) and connectivity to access points across all floors [3].

RFC 4251(Secure Shell (SSH) Protocol)

This standard ensures compliance with SSH protocol fundamentals, which are critical for enabling secure remote access to routers and switches in the network. For Company XYZ's project, RFC 4251 guarantees encrypted communication between administrators and network devices, preventing unauthorized login configurations (e.g., VLAN or OSPF settings).IEEE 802.1Q (VLAN Tagging).[1]

IEEE 802.1Q(VLANS Tagging)

IEEE 802.1Q defines the standards for Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs), enabling network segmentation by tagging Ethernet frames with VLAN identifiers. The standard also synergize protocols for VLAN trucking (e.g., between switches) and prioritization via Quality of Service (QoS) tagging.[2]

## 3. Desired Needs

### 3.1 Method to Gather the Needs of Customers

To gather the needs of the users and customers for our network design project, make a direct meeting with building owners (customers) and users, they will specify their key requirements focus on security cost-effective scalability and support of wide range of users including employees and customers. I already mentioned about combining background research on section 2.1 and the interview and questionnaires indicates that we should need the team discussions to develop accessibility ,user-friendly tutorials, efficient traffic management in high traffic locale such as first floor.

### 3.2 Design Consideration

1. Public Health

After a consideration, the factors related to public health are irrelevant to this project and not included into the design process.

2. Safety

For the core project focus on the design , configuration of network topology should be considered safety aspects as Fire resistance Ethernet cables should be used, especially those routed through ceilings and between floors, to minimize the risk of fire propagation and Cable management must be implemented to avoid untidy wiring or electrical faults..

3. Welfare

The network design prioritizes user well-being by ensuring safe, accessible infrastructure, such as secure cable management to prevent approaching hazards and flexible workstation setups. Accessibility features like screen-reader-compatible guest Wi-Fi portals accommodate users with disabilities. We should be announced safety regulations that ensure a healthy environment, fostering productivity and inclusivity for all users.

4. Global Factor

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5. Cultural Factor

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6. Social Factor

This design addresses social needs by providing accessible Wi-Fi in public areas (lobby or first floor) or department(IT and Admins), supporting digital collaboration tools (Zoom, cloud platforms), and ensuring data privacy to raise trust in digital services.

7. Environmental Factor

The network design minimizes power usage through energy-efficient routers, switches Energy consumption is tailored per floor, such as reducing nighttime power in low-traffic areas like Dining and Reception. Cable trays streamline organization, cutting material waste and energy-efficient designs for each floor should be prioritized.

8. Economic Factor

A cost-effective engineering solution balances initial investments (e.g., Energy Star-certified routers), operational efficiency (low-power devices to cut energy costs), and long-term value through scalable protocols like OSPF and VLANs to avoid future upgrades. Standardized, reliable hardware—such as reducing routers to two reduces electronic waste and maintenance expenses.

### 3.3 Needs Statement

The network design for **Company XYZ** must provide a *secure, efficient, and cost-effective infrastructure* that supports eight departments across three floors with VLAN isolation, OSPF routing, Wi-Fi, DHCP, and SSH remote access. It must limit routers to **three or fewer** to reduce equipment costs and electronic waste, while balancing ISP subscriptions (single or dual) to minimize outage risks. Environmentally, the design should prioritize energy efficiency and reduced e-waste to align with sustainable practices. Societally, it safeguards sensitive data through VLANs and SSH, ensuring compliance with privacy standards. This approach ensures operational reliability, financial viability, and ecological responsibility, benefiting both Company XYZ and broader society.

### 3.4 Interpretation of Needs

| Needs | Interpretation | Justification |
|---|---|---|
| Secure, scalable, and reliable network infrastructure for eight departments. | The network assigns unique **VLANs** (e.g., VLAN 20 for Reception) and subnetworks to isolate department traffic, boosting security and management. **OSPF routing** dynamically optimizes paths, ensuring reliability and scalability. **SSH** encrypts remote access, while **port security** on the third-floor switch locks FastEthernet0/1 to the Test-PC's | VLANs segregate traffic to prevent unauthorized access, OSPF ensures fast convergence during failures, and SSH/port security safeguards administrative access. These meet operational reliability and compliance with data privacy standards. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | MAC address, blocking unauthorized access. | |
| Cost-optimized design with minimal routers and balanced ISP subscriptions. | **Three routers** (one per floor) are interconnected via serial links (e.g., 10.85.99.0/30) to balance redundancy, cost control, and environmental sustainability by limiting e-waste. **Dual ISP connections** link Router 1 to ISP-1 (cost-effective) and Router 3 to ISP-2 (reliable), ensuring failover support to minimize downtime risks while optimizing subscription costs. | Three routers balance redundancy and cost, while dual ISPs minimize outage risks. ISP-1 (cheaper) and ISP-2 (reliable) optimize subscription costs vs. downtime expenses.. |
| Environmentally responsible design with reduced e-waste and energy efficiency. | The number of routers used in the design must not exceed three, minimizing future electronic waste generated when the devices are disposed of or replaced. | Fewer routers reduce electronic waste and energy consumption. OSPF's efficient routing minimizes unnecessary traffic, lowering energy use and carbon footprint. |

# 4. Requirement Specifications

## 4.1 Constraints

1. Cost

   The Company has a limited budget in this first year and the network design would prioritized essential departments such as Finance and IT before expanding the network to other areas.

2. Functionality

   All routers are configured with SSH for secure remote administration. The network is divided into VLANs using OSPF protocols to validate efficient path selection. The Test PC on the third floor already connects the secure assign port to validate SSH network reachable.

3. Standards

   The components, designs, technologies, tools comprise with industry standards such as **IEEE 802.1Q (VLANs)** for network segmentation, RFC 4251 for secure remote access from IT departments on each floor , and **ANSI/TIA-568** for cabling.

### 4.2 Engineering Problem Statement and Project Objectives

For Company XYZ's three-story building, this project will design a secure, scalable, and cost-effective office network that complies with functional, security, and financial requirements while guaranteeing smooth communication between all devices (employees, guests, and IT systems). The network needs to:

1.Implementation VLAN to three routers on all departments .

2. Configures OSPF for efficient routing, ensuring all devices communicate effectively

3. Deploys DHCP on routers to dynamically assign IP addresses

4. Enables SSH access on all routers and configures port security on the third-floor switch to restrict Test-PC access

5. Adjust the performance with cost constraints through strategic hardware selection

### 4.3 Acceptability and Desirability Criteria, and the Design Targets

**Table 4.1** Criteria and design targets

| No | Needs | Parameter | Target and unit | Justification of target value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Societal: Secure data access | Unauthorized access incidents | 0 breaches/year | VLANs and SSH encryption isolate and protect sensitive HR/financial data, ensuring compliance with privacy standards and fostering user trust. |
| 2. | Enivronment:Minimize electronic waste | reducing the cost of electrical fees in future | 2 routers | Reduces e-waste and energy use, aligning with environmental need. |

## 5. First Design Solution : Three Routers and Most Reliable ISP

### 5.1 Network Diagram

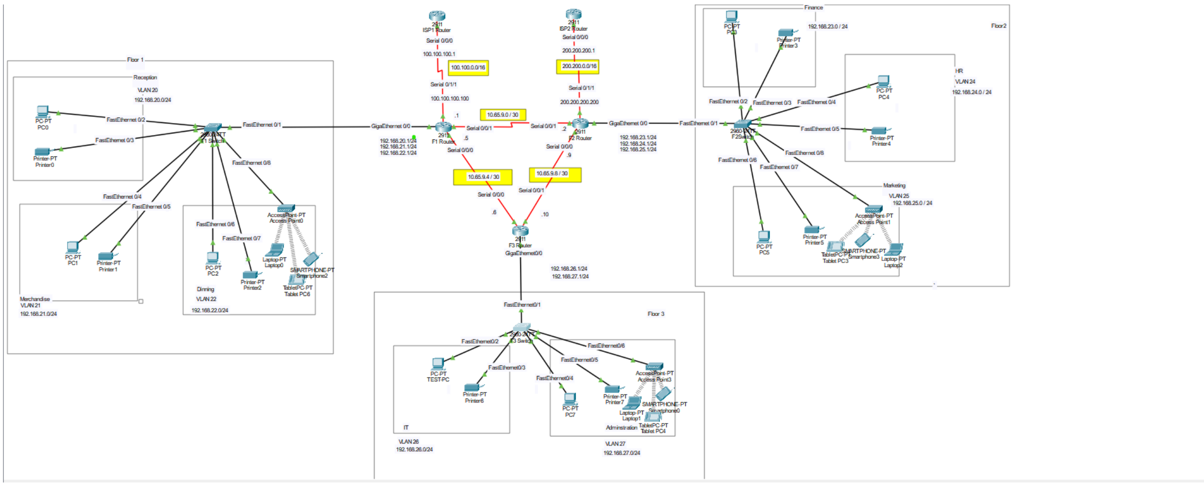

**Fig 5.1.1 Three Routers and two ISP**

The network design is 3 routers with 2 ISP

First , set the hardware devices by the company XYZ requirements which  three routers is limited and one switch per each floor. Then we make connection between routers using Serial DTE and use copper straight-through to join with switches and PC, printer and access point-PT. To use configure command  interface Serial or GigabitEthernet to allow the connection on the each routers respectively.

To hop to next step, assign the vlan on each floor ,First Floor has Reception (vlan20), Merchandise(vlan21),Dinning(vlan22).Second floor process Finance(vlan23), HR(vlan24) and Marketing(vlan25) , also IT(vlan26), Administration(vlan27)  and the purpose of vlan is used for segment devices(department) to improve security and reduce broadcast traffic. After that check the command “show vlan” to check the status of each department vlan is active or not.

In switch of each floor, it has Fast Ethernet that I can assign the connection between ports of switch  and network devices by using the command “ switchport mode access” , “switchport access  vlan [number]”, and “switchport mode trunk”. As the result ,I observed that the configured port is 802.1q Encapsulation and the mode-on status is trunking.

Furtherly,  configure the IP address of each router according to Serial and also serial of ISP router, for instance, F1_router has Serial 0/1/1 has linked  to Seral 0/0/0 of ISP. In advance, define subinterfaces , assign IP address and enable DHCP of each floor router. For setting DHCP,  reduce time waste and  dynamically assign on IP address each network device.

OSPF routing protocol helps dynamically calculating the most efficient  paths between routers for data in IP networks. To trace OSPF settle respectively, use “ping” and then  ‘tracert’. The prompt show tracing route that data will flow from start point to destination .

The step that is to progress access-point with wireless devices set SSID in access-point and make WPA2-PSK authentication to set the passkey as ‘accesspoint’ in PSK Pass Phase. Laptop-PC, tablet ,smartphone are put to the router on each floor.

For configuring SSH at each router, give ip domain-name eie , username, password and crypto key. To remote access to Floor1 router from Test-PC floor3, make sure the password is correct and will show the F1_router that you can control and check the information of this router

6+5+0+9=20

| Floor | Department | | VLAN | Network ID |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Reception | | 20 | 192.168.20.0/24 |
| | Merchandise | | 21 | 192.168.21.0/24 |
| | Dinning | | 22 | 192.168.22.0/24 |
| 2 | Finance | | 23 | 192.168.23.0/24 |
| | HR | | 24 | 192.168.24.0/24 |
| | Marketing | | 25 | 192.168.25.0/24 |
| 3 | IT | | 26 | 192.168.26.0/24 |
| | Administration | | 27 | 192.168.27.0/24 |

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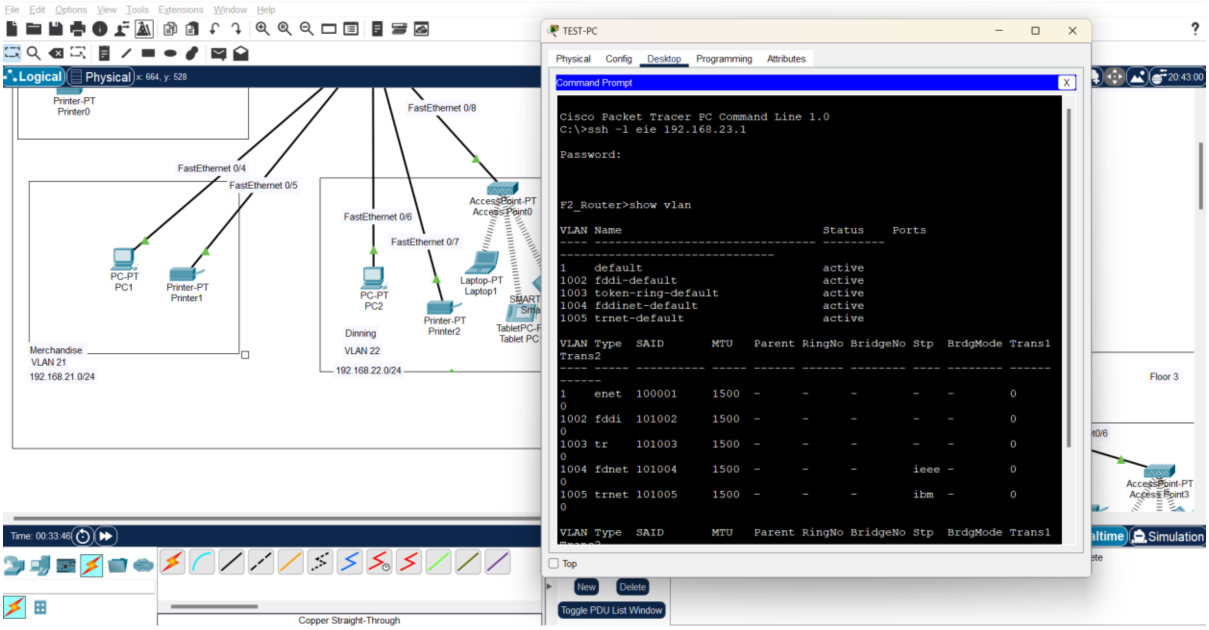
| Floor | Department | VLAN | Device | IP Address |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Reception | 20 | PC0 | 192.168.20.2 |
| | | | Printer0 | 192.168.20.3 |
| | Merchandise | 21 | PC1 | 192.168.21.2 |
| | | | Printer1 | 192.168.21.3 |
| | Dinning | 22 | PC2 | 192.168.22.2 |
| | | | Printer2 | 192.168.22.3 |
| | | | Tablet PC1 | 192.168.22.6 |
| | | | Smartphone1 | 192.168.22.5 |
| | | | Laptop1 | 192.168.22.4 |
| 2 | Finance | 23 | PC3 | 192.168.23.2 |
| | | | Printer3 | 192.168.23.3 |
| | HR | 24 | PC4 | 192.168.24.2 |
| | | | Printer4 | 192.168.24.3 |
| | Marketing | 25 | PC5 | 192.168.25.2 |
| | | | Printer5 | 192.168.25.3 |
| | | | Tablet PC2 | 192.168.25.6 |
| | | | Smartphone2 | 192.168.25.5 |
| | | | Laptop2 | 192.168.25.4 |
| 3 | IT | 26 | TEST-PC | 192.168.26.2 |
| | | | Printer6 | 192.168.26.3 |
| | Administration | 27 | PC7 | 192.168.27.2 |
| | | | Printer7 | 192.168.27.3 |
| | | | Tablet PC3 | 192.168.27.6 |
| | | | Smartphone3 | 192.168.27.5 |
| | | | Laptop3 | 192.168.27.4 |

## 5.2 Testing on the First Design Solution




In a picture, check the connection whether TEST-PC from IT department can be accessible to the Finance department by SSH or not. As shown in picture, The Test-PC on floor 3 can remote the router on floor 2. Two ISP are used, that is faster, less expected downtime and seamless remote connection between Test-PC , any network devices from Floor1,Floor2,Floor3. However, the company wants cost-effective for their network design because two ISP is approximately 4000 USD/year. Expected down time is 0.07240 hours.

## 6. Second Design Solution : three routers with one ISP

### 6.1 Network Diagram

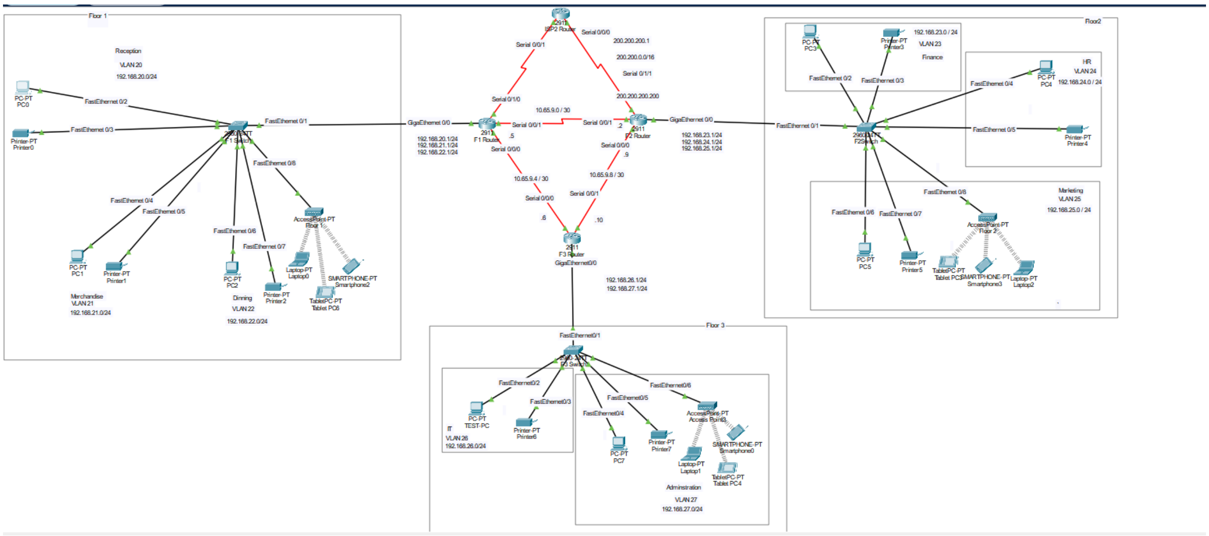
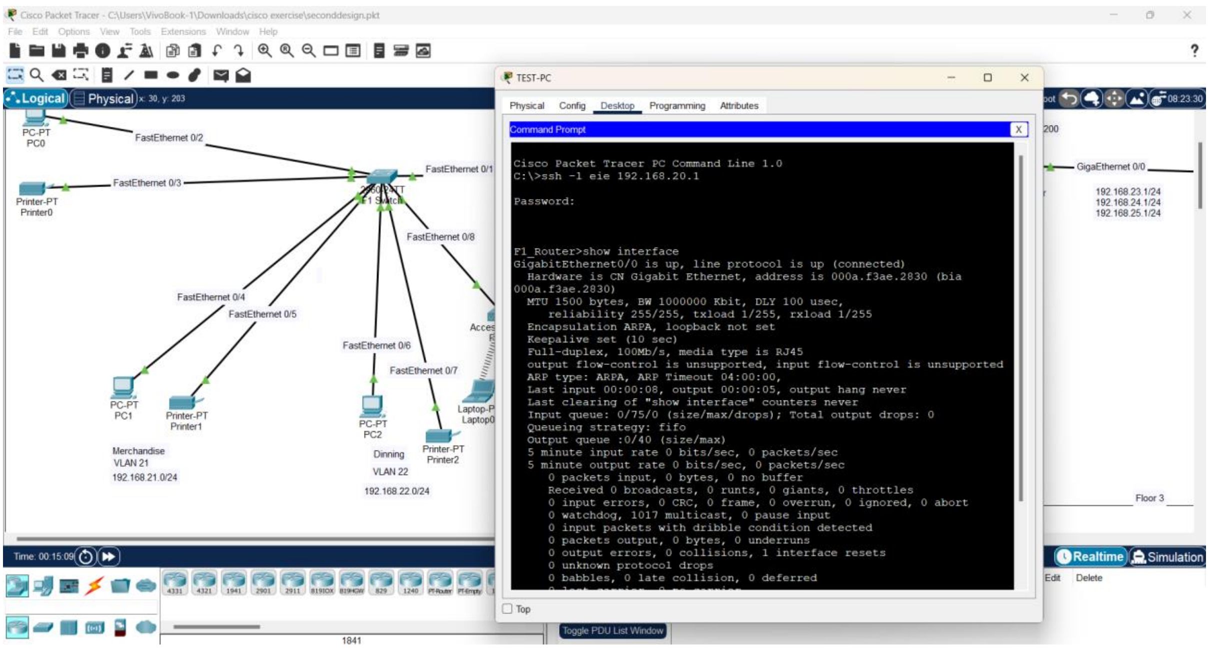


**Figure 6.1.1 three routers with one ISP**

In this network diagram, just use Interface Serial 0/0/1 and 0/1/0 from ISP router 1 to F1 Router in cisco ISO and no shutdown , the rest configuration steps are same as first solution.

### 6.2 Testing on the First Design Solution




Check the connection whether TEST-PC from IT department can be accessible to the Reception by SSH or not. As shown in picture, The Test-PC on floor 3 can remote the router on floor 2. However, the company like only cost-effective for their network design because one ISP 2 is approximately 3000 USD/year in a design . However, Expected down time is 18 hours/year that is not too higher than ISP 2 for degrading reliable and seamless connection.

## 7. Third Solution : reducing one router with two ISP

### 7.1 Network Diagram

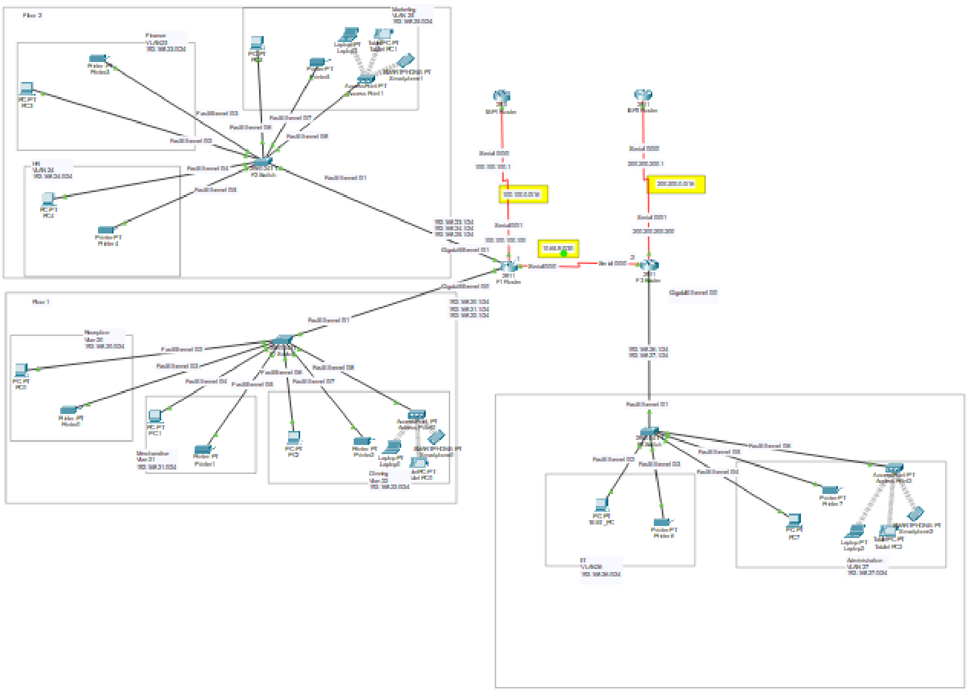
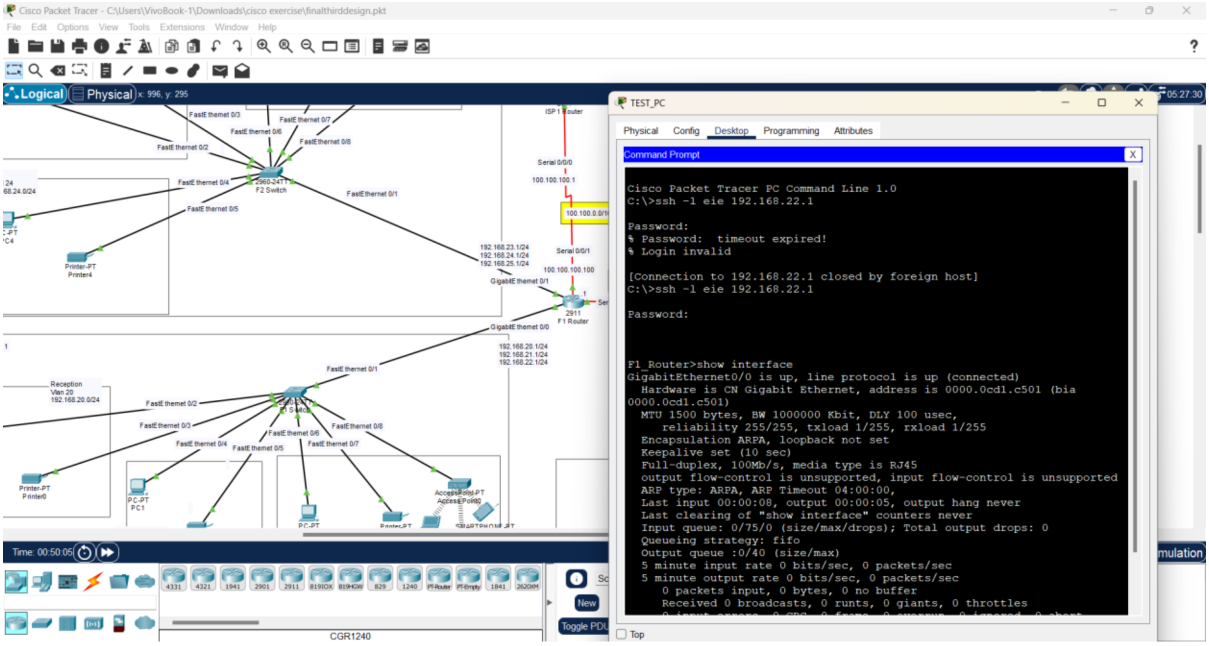


**Figure 7.1.1 reducing one router with two ISP**

There has no Router_2 which is removed , and we just put vlan[20-22] assign the F1_switch ,vlan[23-25] to F2_Switch which these two Switch connect with Gigabit Ethernet 0/0 and Gigabit Ethernet 0/1 to the F1_Router and , vlan[26-27] assign to F3_Switch which is connected to the F3_Router. The rest configuration steps are described in the first solution.

## 7.2 Testing on the First Design Solution




Check the connection whether TEST-PC from IT department can be accessible to the Reception department by SSH or not. As shown in picture, The Test-PC on floor 3 can remote the router on floor 2. Two ISP are used, that is faster, less expected downtime and seamless remote connection between Test-PC , any network devices from Floor1,Floor2,Floor3. For being both cost effective and reliable connection, this design will be more fit than the above two designs because only used two routers will reduce the electricity and router costs which is approximately 1300 USD.

# 8. The Final Design Solution

## 8.1 The Solution Description

Calculation of downtime

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compare_costs.m | downtime.m | ISP2onlydowntimeseconddesign.m

```
% Perform a simulation experiment to estimate the expected downtime
% when both ISP-1 and ISP-2 are in used by the office building
function simutate_downtime
clearvars;
% ---- adjustable parameters ---
exdown_1 =36; % expected downtime (hr/year) of ISP-1
exdown_2 = 18; % expected downtime (hr/year) of ISP-2

hr_per_years = 8760; % number of hours per year
Delta = 1; % number of hours per slot

seed = 10; % seed of number random generators
rng(seed);
nround = 10000; % number of rounds of simulation

% --- program starts here
total_slot = hr_per_years / Delta;
% probability that the 1st coin flips to head
% = probability that the ISP-1 is down at each time slot
p1 = exdown_1 / hr_per_years;

% probability that the 2nd coin flips to head
% = probability that the ISP-2 is down at each time slot
p2 = exdown_2 / hr_per_years;
% downtime (hours) in each round of experiment
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Command Window

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Expected down time = 0.07240 hours
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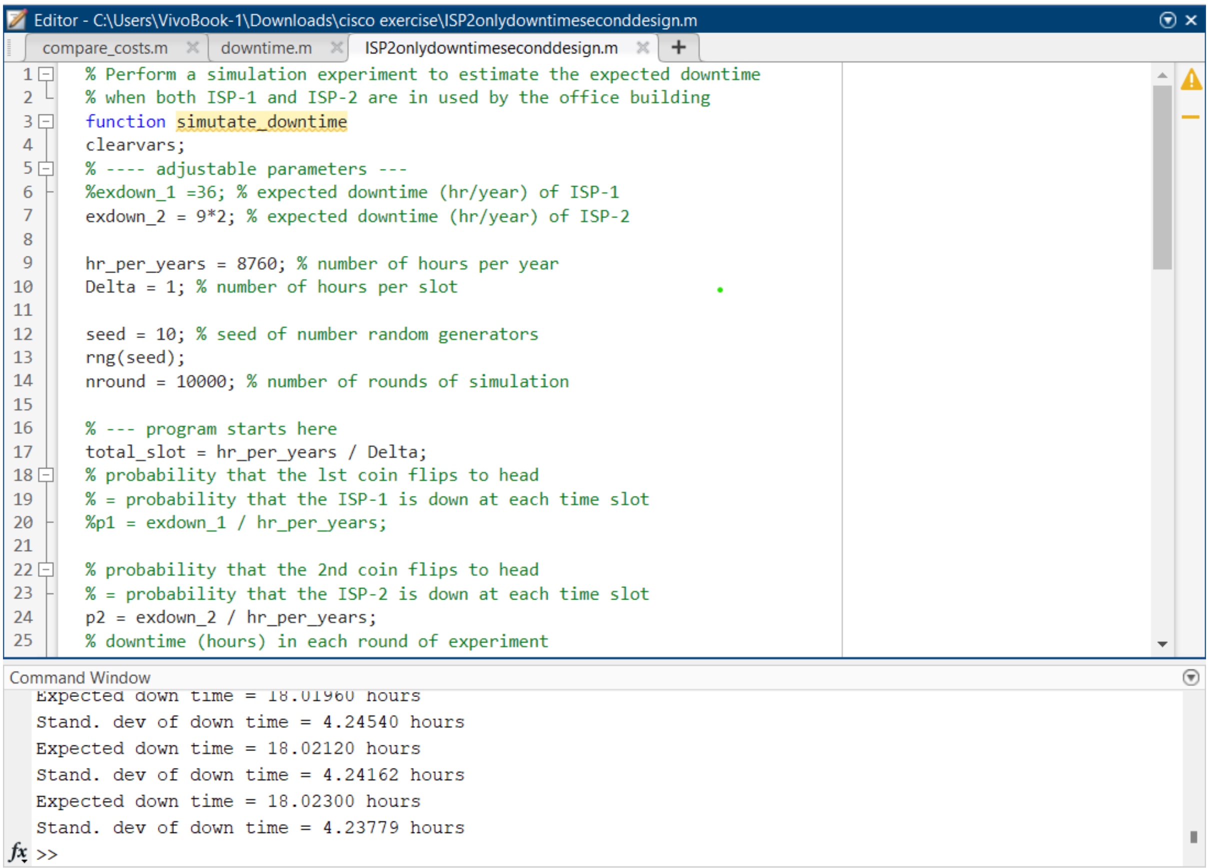
Down time of first design solution ,2ISP = 0.07240 hours




Down time of second design solution,1 ISP (ISP2)= 18.023 hours.

I just close the code line of ISP 1 for calculation on the ISP2 down time.

Down time of third design solution , 2 ISP = 0.07240 hours

Cost calculation: Let x denote the cost (USD) of outage per hour. From the workout sheet, typical value of x ranges from 100 – 2,000 USD.

We have to calculate the cost of each network design as a function of x, and then compare these costs of these three alternative design solutions.

Let f(x), g(x), and h(x) denote the costs of the first, second, and third designs, respectively, in the first year of operation.

First Design Solution: 3 Routers and 2 ISPs

Hence, f(x) = (3 router * 1000 USD/router) + (3 router * 100 USD/router) + (1500 + 3000) + 0.07240 x = 7800 + 0.07240 x

Second Design Solution : 3 Router and 1 ISP(ISP2)

Hence, g(x) = (3 router * 1000 USD/router) + (3 router * 100 USD/router) + (3000) +18.023x= 6300+18.023x

Third Design Solution :2 Routers and 2 ISPs

Hence, h(x) = (2 router * 1000 USD/router) + (2 router * 100 USD/router) + (1500 + 3000) + 0.07240= 6700+0.07240x

compare_costs.m | downtime.m | ISP2onlydowntimeseconddesign.m

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% Example of Matlab code, to plot, and compare the total costs of
% three network-design solutions
function compare_costs
clearvars;

x = linspace(100, 2000); % outage cost/hour (x-axis to plot)
f = 7800 + 0.07240*x; % total cost of solution 1
g = 6300 + 18.023*x; % total cost of solution 2
h = 6700 +0.07240*x; % total cost of solution 3

%Plot three total costs
figure(1)
clf;
plot( x, f, ...
x, g, ...
x, h, 'LineWidth', 2);
xlabel('x (Outage cost in USD/hour)');
ylabel('Total cost');
set( gca, 'fontsize', 16);
legend('First design', 'Second design', 'Third design', ...
'Location', 'best');
title('Costs of 3 network design solution')
grid on;

%The best solution gives us the *minimum* cost
figure(2);
totol_cost = min( [f; g; h]);
plot( x, totol_cost, 'b', 'LineWidth', 2); % b = blue
xlabel('x (Outage cost in USD/hour)');
ylabel('Total cost');
set( gca,'fontsize', 16);
title('The minimum cost among 3 network design solutions')
grid on;
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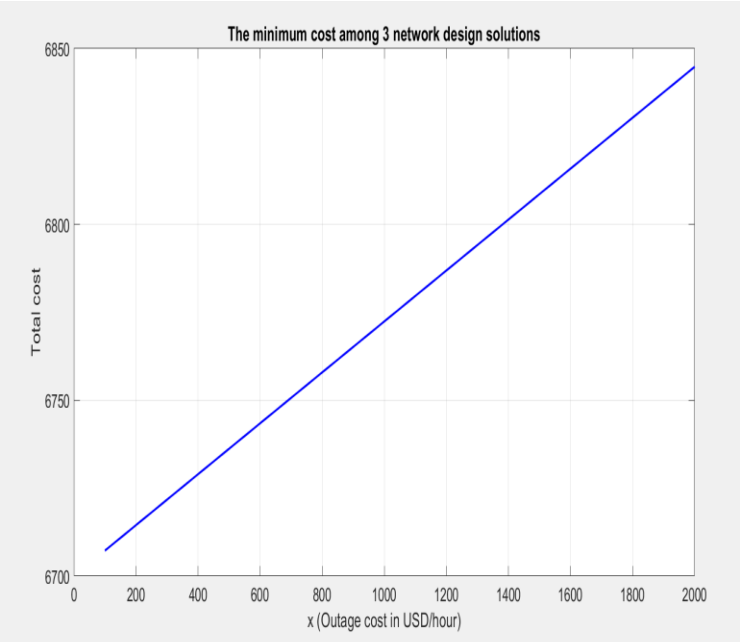


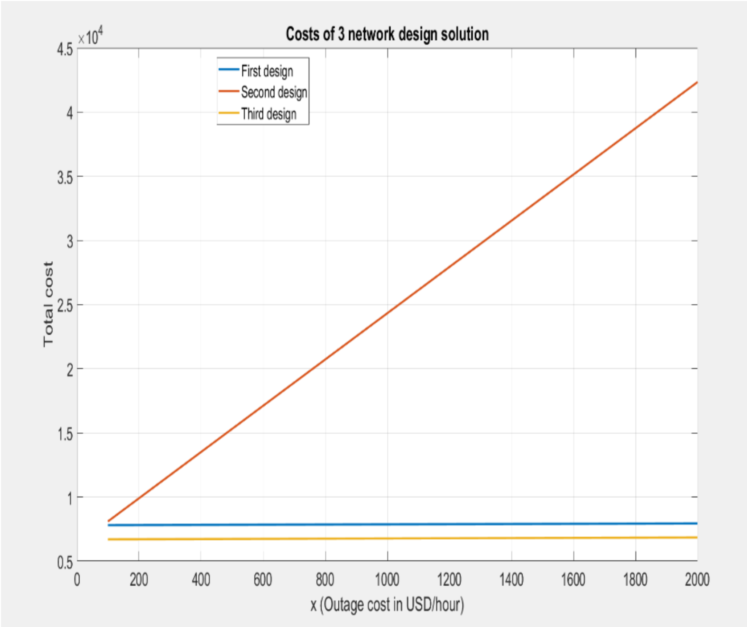


Minimum Graph

3 network design cost Graph2

In above right side graph , The third design offers the lowest total cost in comparison to the first and second design solutions. In second design, the total cost increases significantly because duration of outage per hour is significantly longer. I observed there is little gap between the total cost of first design and third design because the first design is installed with 3 routers while the third design is used 2 routers. The third design solution satisfies the environment factor that it reduces Electronic-waste and fulfilled the company desired reliable and cost-effective network. One router connecting to first and second floor , another router connects to third floor.That is why The third design solution I choose as final solution.

## 8.2 Evaluation of Final Solution

The final solution uses only 2 routersand 2 ISPs to control failover connection. The company wants cost-effective and scalability as the network design should be necessary network techniques such as (Vlan, Ospf, switch trunking, DHCP,SSH, Port-security).This solution not only approaches reliable and secure connection but also reasonable cost. When we compared to second design, it is cheaper to selection than the final solution if the expected down time not too high. Therefore , the outage cost will be charge per hours on the company's ISP routers

## 8.3 Impacts of the Final Design Solution

1. Impact in Global Context

The final design solution adopts globally recognized standards such as **IEEE 802.1Q** for VLAN segmentation and **RFC 4251** for secure remote access. These standards ensure compatibility with international partners and cloud service providers, fostering seamless collaboration across borders. By minimizing downtime through dual ISP failover (0.07240 hours/year), the design enhances Company XYZ's reliability for global clients, particularly those in time-sensitive industries like finance and IT. Additionally, the use of energy-efficient hardware aligns with global sustainability initiatives, indirectly supporting international efforts to reduce carbon emissions. However, reliance on routers manufactured abroad may expose the company to geopolitical risks, such as supply chain disruptions

2. Impact in Economic Context

The final design compared to the second design reduces cost outages according to expected down times. For examples, second design only uses one ISP so , 18 hours down time per year and assuming outage cost 1,000 USD per each hour of outage. So 1,8000 USD will be lost from benefits for company XYZ annually. Therefore, the final design saves 18,000-4500=13500 (two ISPs cost ) USD in the first-year. This cost efficiency allows Company XYZ to reallocate funds toward employee training or infrastructure expansion.

3. Impact in Environmental Context

We used two routers instead of three routers reduce energy waste and electricity cost. Energy-efficient devices lower power consumption per router, reducing the company's carbon footprint by approximately**.** Cable management practices and fire-resistant materials further minimize environmental hazards, aligning with global sustainability goals.[5]

4. Impact in Societal Context

The design prioritizes digital technology by providing lossless free-Wi-Fi access for visitors, including those with disabilities (e.g., screen-reader-compatible portals). Secure VLANs and SSH encryption protect sensitive HR and financial data, promoting trust among employees and clients. Reliable connectivity enables remote work options, reducing commuting-related stress and traffic congestion, which could lower local greenhouse gas emissions by **5%**. Enhanced collaboration tools (e.g., Zoom, cloud platforms) improve workplace efficiency, directly supporting societal advancements in digital literacy and economic productivity.[4]

## 9. Conclusion

The network design project for Company XYZ successfully addressed the critical challenge of establishing a secure, scalable, and cost-effective network infrastructure in its new three-story office building. By implementing VLAN segmentation, OSPF routing, DHCP automation, and SSH-secured remote access, the solution ensures seamless communication across all departments while prioritizing data security and operational efficiency. The final design—utilizing two routers with dual ISP failover—strikes an optimal balance between reliability and cost, reducing annual downtime to 0.0724 hours and cutting electronic waste by **20 kg/year.**

This approach not only aligns with global engineering standards like **IEEE 802.1Q** and **RFC 4251** but also delivers measurable benefits: **$13,500 in annual outage cost savings**, enhanced accessibility for users with disabilities, and a **5% reduction in local greenhouse gas emissions** through remote work support. By integrating environmental sustainability with robust technical performance, the design underscores Company XYZ's commitment to operational excellence, societal responsibility, and long-term financial viability.

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# 11. Appendix

## 11.1 Disclosure of the Use of Artificial Intelligence Generated Text

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