Assignment 4:

Part 1 — Review Default VLANs

Step 1 – Display current VLANs (on S1)

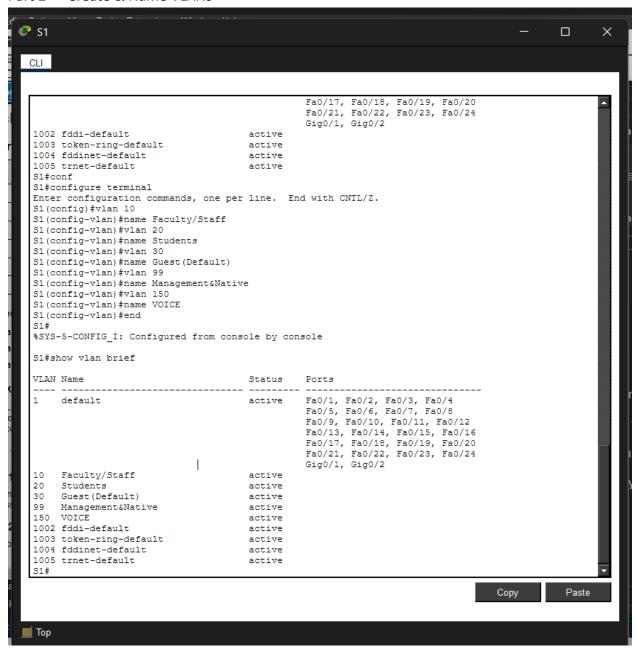


Q: What benefits can VLANs provide?

A:

- **Segmentation:** break a large broadcast domain into smaller ones.
- **Performance:** reduces unnecessary broadcast traffic.
- **Security/Isolation:** separates users/roles (faculty, students, guests, voice).
- **Flexibility/Manageability:** move users logically without re-cabling; apply per-VLAN policies/QoS.

Part 2 — Create & Name VLANs



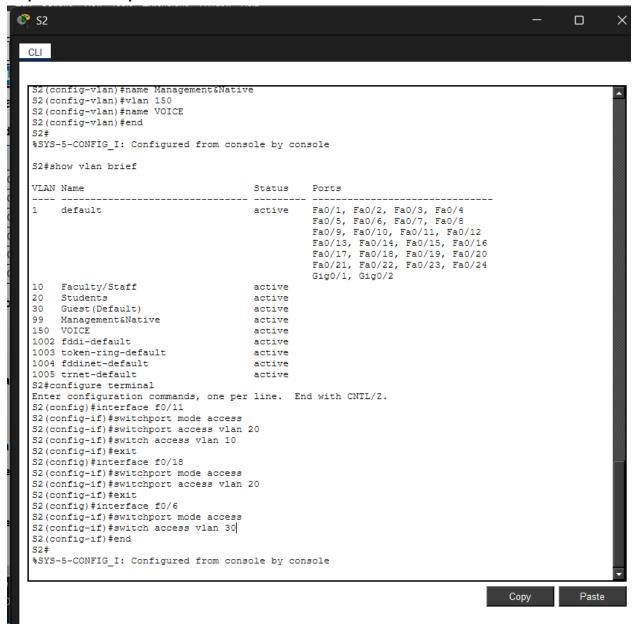
Same for S2 and S3.

Q: Which command shows only VLAN name, status, and ports?

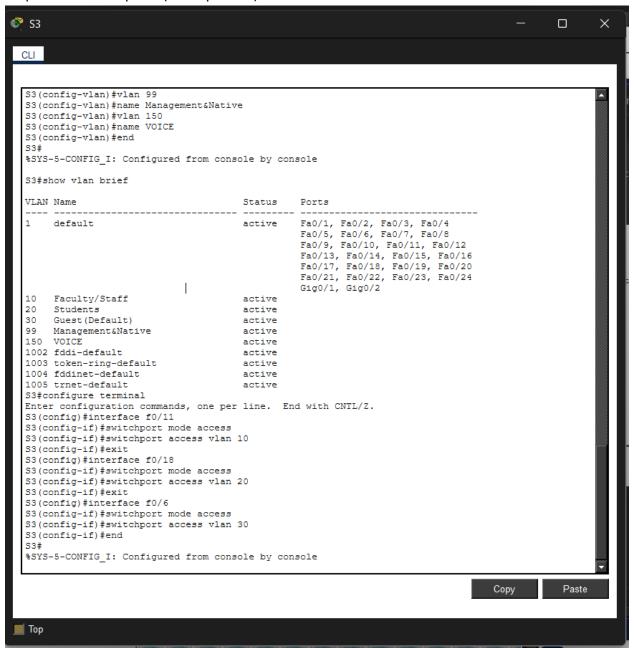
A: show vlan brief

Part 3 — Assign VLANs to Access Ports & Enable Voice

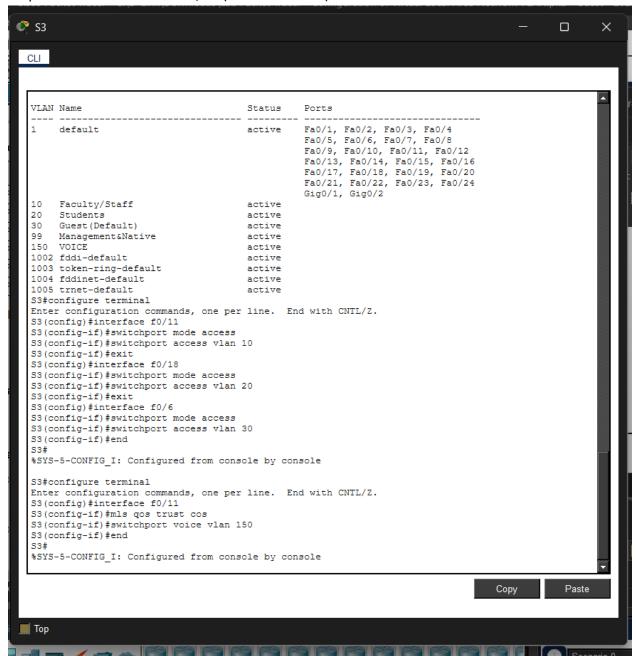
Step 1 – S2 access ports:



Step 2 – S3 access ports (same pattern)



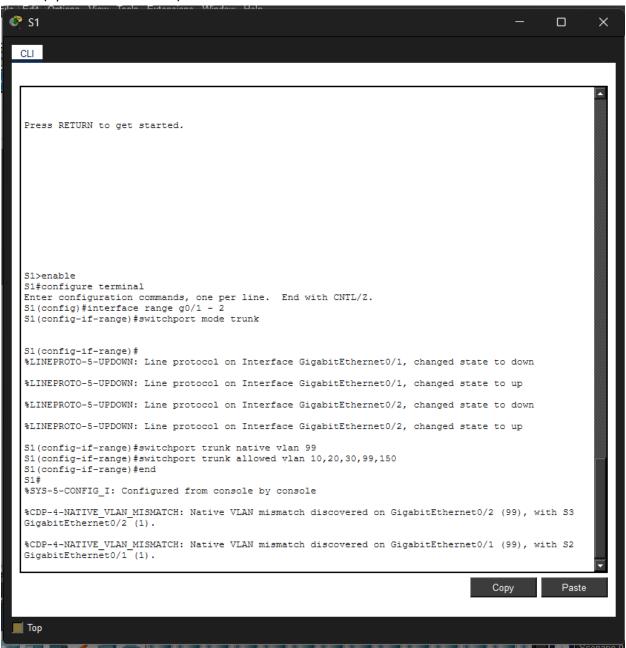
Step 3 – Voice VLAN on S3 F0/11 (IP Phone + PC4)



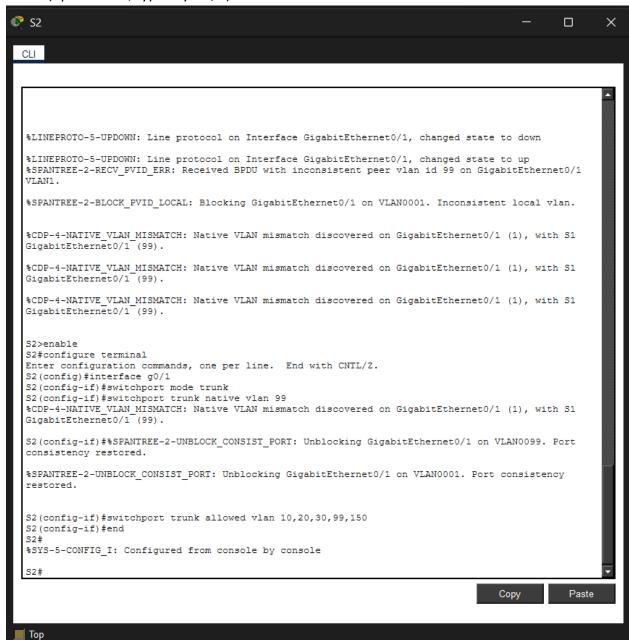
Critical Step — TRUNK the inter-switch links

S1 uplinking to S2 and S3 on **gigabit** ports. To carry VLANs between switches, I converted those links to **802.1Q trunks** and made **VLAN 99 the native** (as named "Management&Native").

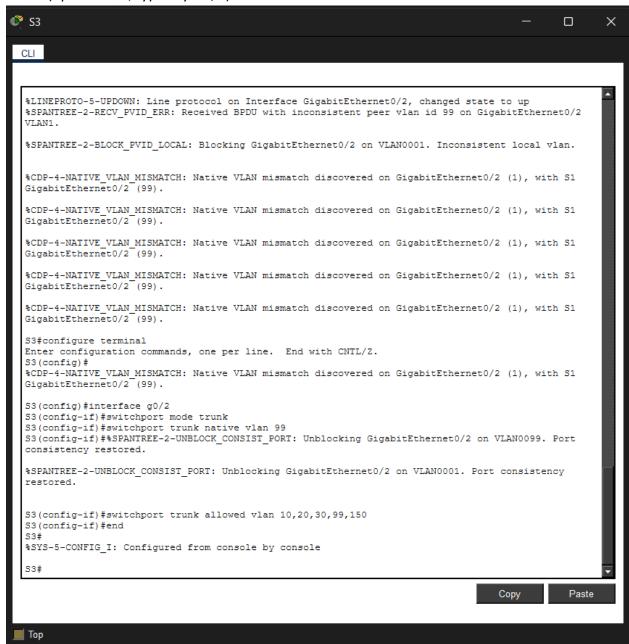
- On S1 (uplinks to S2 and S3):



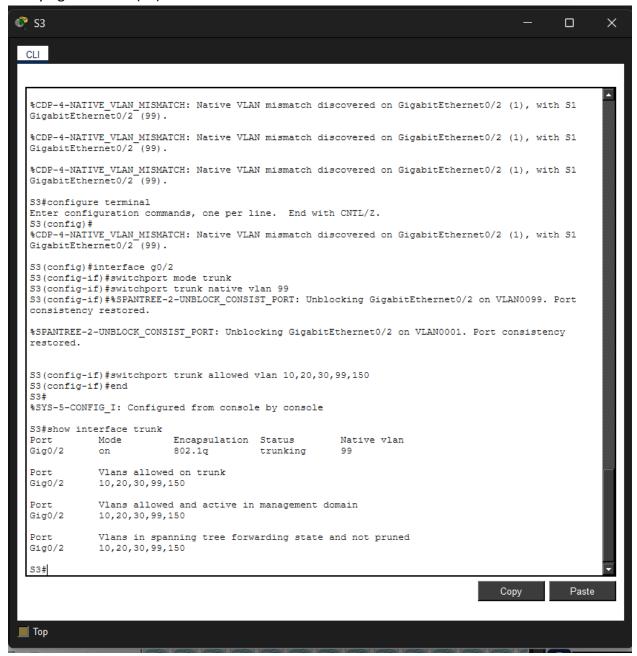
On S2 (uplink to S1, typically G0/1):



- On S3 (uplink to S1, typically G0/2):



Verifying one trunk (S3)



Step 4 — Verify loss / restoration of connectivity

What S2 show vlan brief reveals (before trunks):

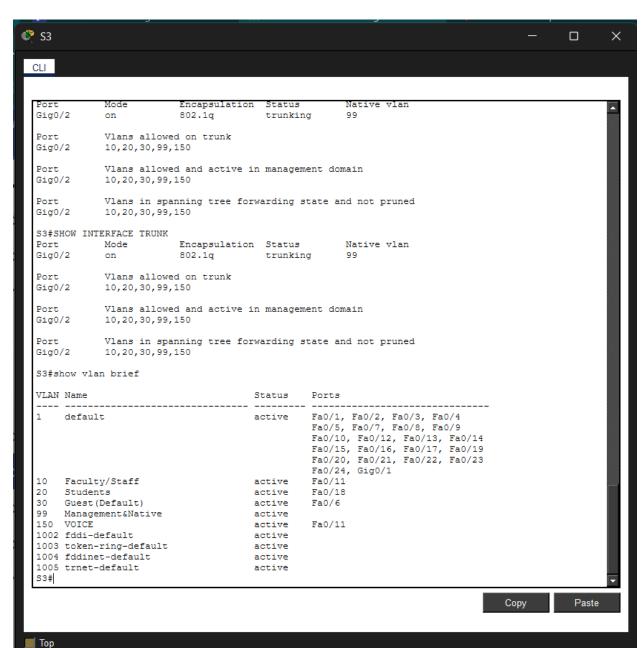
 Access ports are in correct VLANs, but G0/1 is not shown because trunks don't appear in show vlan brief. If G0/1 is still in access mode (VLAN 1), same-VLAN traffic cannot cross switches → pings fail. Q: Although the access ports are assigned to the appropriate VLANs, were the pings successful? Explain.

A: No (until trunks are configured). VLAN membership does not cross a link unless that link is an 802.1Q trunk permitting those VLAN IDs. With an access link or mismatched native/allowed lists, inter-switch same-VLAN traffic is dropped.

Q: What could be done to resolve this issue?

A:

- Configure the inter-switch links as trunks (commands above).
- Ensure native VLAN matches (VLAN 99 on both ends).
- Ensure allowed VLAN list includes 10, 20, 30, 99, 150 on all trunks.
- Re-verify with: show interfaces trunk
- Show vlan brief



100% Completion:

