

SETUP AND CONFIGURE A LAN USING A

SWITCH AND ETHERNET CABLES

AIM:

Setup & configure a LAN using a switch & Ethernet cable in your lab.

WHAT IS LAN ?

A Local Area Network refers to a network that connects devices within a limited area, such as an office building, school. It enables users to share resources, printers & internet access. A local area network switch serves as the primary connecting device and directing communications within the local network. Each connected device on a LAN switch can communicate directly with each other, allowing for fast & secure data transfer.

HOW TO SET UP LAN :

- 1) Plan & design an appropriate network topology taking into account network requirements & location
- 2) You can take 4 computers, a switch with 8, 16 ports & 4 ethernet cables.
- 3) Connect your computers to network switch via an Ethernet cable, which is as simple as plugging one end of cable to computer & other end to your network switch.
- 4) Assign IP address to your PCs
 - ⇒ Log on to the client computer as owner
 - ⇒ Click Network & Internet Connections
 - ⇒ Right click Local Area Connection → Go to Properties → Select Internet → Properties → Select IP address

5) Configure a network switch:

⇒ Connect computer to the switch : To access the switch's web interface , connect computer to switch using Ethernet cable.

⇒ Log in to the web interface : Open web browser & enter the IP address of the switch in the address bar.

⇒ configure basic settings

⇒ Assign IP address as : 10.1.1.5

subnet mask 255.0.0.0

6) check the connectivity between switch & other machine by using ping command in the command prompt

7) select Folder → go to properties → click sharing tab
→ share on same LAN

8) Try to access the shared folder from other Computers of the network.

RESULT :

Setup & configuration of LAN using a switch & Ethernet cable has been done successfully