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Lab Assignment - 1

Title: Design Network

Aim: Design a simple network (LAN) with different topologies and test it using PING utility.

Objectives: 1) To learn and understand the concept of LAN and test it using PING command.

2) To design a network using various network topologies in Cisco Packet Tracer.

Theory:

1) Definition of LAN with its advantages.

→ A local area network (LAN) is a group of computers and peripheral devices that share a common communications line or wireless link to a server within a distinct geographic area.

Advantages:

- Simple and relatively inexpensive.
- Collaboration of Resources
- The association involving client and server
- Data protection
- Fast communication

2) Explanation of various network topologies.

→ i) Bus Topology: All the devices are connected by one single cable. Commonly referred as a linear bus.

ii) Star Topology: It is a network topology in which each network component is physically connected to a central node such as a router, hub or switch.

iii) Tree topology: It is a special type of structure where many connected elements are arranged like the branches of a tree.

iv) Ring Topology: It is a type of network topology in which each device is connected to two other devices on either side via an RJ-45 cable or coaxial cable.

v) Mesh Topology: Connects all devices (nodes) to each other for redundancy and fault tolerance.

Student Observation.

Thus we have designed a simple network (LAN) with different topologies and tested it using PING topology.

FAQ's

Ans 1) Ping is a software application, utility, or a tool that is used to test and diagnose connectivity related issues on a network. It allows network administrators to test whether a remote device is reachable or whether the network connection for a local device is properly configured and installed.

eg: To check a network connection to host canopus and specify the number of echo requests to send enter ping -c 5 canopus.

Ans 2) LAN:

- 1) Often owned by private organizations
- 2) Speed is quite high.
- 3) Has low congestion as compared to WAN.
- 4) Fault tolerance of LAN is higher than WAN.

MAN:

- 1) Ownership can be private or public
- 2) speed is average.
- 3) Has higher congestion than LAN
- 4) Fault tolerance of MAN is lower than LAN

WAN:

- 1) Ownership can be private or public
- 2) Speed is lower than that of LAN.
- 3) WAN has higher congestion than both MAN and LAN.
- 4) Fault tolerance of WAN is lower than both LAN and MAN.

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