Failover Network Using Redundant Paths Using STP and HSRP

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Problem Statement

- In critical networks (hospitals, banks, universities), a single device or link failure can cause complete network outages.
- Downtime leads to service loss, data unavailability, and operational disruption.
- Redundant links without control protocols cause network loops and broadcast storms.

Solution Path

- Redundancy: Create backup physical links between switches and routers.
- Loop Prevention with STP:
 - STP blocks redundant links during normal operation.
 - STP unblocks backup links if primary fails, ensuring continuity.
- Gateway Redundancy with HSRP:
 - Configure two routers sharing a virtual IP.
 - One router acts as Active, the other as Standby.
 - Automatic gateway switch-over during failure.

Outcome

- High Availability: Continuous network operation even after device or link failure.
- Automatic Recovery: No manual intervention needed.
- Network Resilience: Reliable access to resources and services.