

Network Upgrade Plan Proposal

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| | Overview | Issues |
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| 1. The Present Network | <p>Listed below are the current configurations which consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One router (Router 0) is the main router connected to the internet (ISP).- There are currently three branches: Server, IT, and HR. These branches are the departments. Each departments are connected to a Switch.- We only have 1 PC that is connected to each department switch.- In the Server department, there is only one server: File Server. | <p>Listed below are issues that are addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No VLANs. Employees can only communicate with each other physically.- One Server. devoid of redundancy which can lead to system failures and heavy traffic.- Growth Restrictions. Current configurations and setup are not suited for possible future growth.- No Public Server. The network has no DMZ, which is useful for external-facing services. An additional Web Server can be of great help. |
| 2. Conditions (Present and/or Current Needs Network Issues) | <p>The client is looking for a capable network that could work with no problem. Here are the features:</p> | NA |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Utilization of VLANs for network traffic (isolation)- The inclusion of network communication between different departments (inter-VLAN routing).- The ability of each department to use and implement the Internet- Creating a well-built DMZ for public servers (Web Server).- Promoting adaptability and scalability for possible growth in the future.- There is no VLAN implementation, meaning employees are unable to communicate via their end devices (PCs).- No backup server, immediate failure on the server | |
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| 3. New Network Design | <p>Here are the features of the enhanced network design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Router-on-a-Stick setup for inter-VLAN routing on Router 0.- Main Switch to connect other department switches.- A DMZ Router to be connected to the Main Router for securing servers. | <p>- I was unable to set up the DMZ for Router 1.</p> |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A well-organized and named VLANs for each department (switches): - Server Department (VLAN 10); IT Department (VLAN 20); Engineering Department (VLAN 30); Marketing Department (VLAN 40); Human Resources Department (VLAN 50). - Each VLANs have their assigned IP addresses, subnets, and default gateways. - Trunk connection between the five switches and the Main Router for VLAN tagging. - Two more additional servers are added namely: Backup and File. - Adding Marketing and Engineering as new Departments. - VLAN 10 (192.168.10.0/24, 255.255.255.0) - VLAN 20 (192.168.20.0/24, 255.255.255.0) | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VLAN 30 (192.168.30.0/24, 255.255.255.0) | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VLAN 40 (192.168.40.0/24, 255.255.255.0) - VLAN 50 (192.168.50.0/24, 255.255.255.0) | |
| 4. Packet Tracer Implementation | <p>The Packet Tracer simulation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete VLAN setup on each of the switches. - Router-on-a-Stick is set up on Router 0. - Static routing for Router 0 with Router 1. - To ensure connectivity, ping command was used to test communication between end devices. | |

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| <p>5. Future Upgrade</p> | <p>Future upgrades should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A possible wireless access point (WAP) for handheld electronics and individuals. - The addition of PCs and other network/end devices given the projected growth of the company. - Configuring redundancy for routers and servers and even firewalls. | |
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| 6. Cost Estimation | <p>The following factors are used to determine the cost of the enhanced network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One additional router (the DMZ router and the main router) = 3,000x1 (Cisco ISR4331) = \$3,000- The main switch and department switches make up the six switches = \$2,000(?) x 6(Cisco Catalyst 3560-CX) = \$12,000- 12 more PCs for workstations (4 per department) = \$1,000 (Dell XPS) x 12 = \$12,000- There are four new servers: main server, backup, domain, and web. =5,000 (Dell PowerEdge) x 4 = \$20,000- Other expenses include labor, cables (Cat6 and Fiber Cable), and installation fees. \$1000 (estimate)- Total: An estimated \$48,000 in expenses for the upgrade. | |
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| 7. Report and Documentation | <p>This document has all the necessary details and instructions for a proper network upgrade plan/process. It is simple yet concise with clarity and</p> | |
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| 8. Complexity and Advanced Features | <p>The use of VLANs for traffic segmentation is one way the network exhibits complexity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The utilization of VLANs demonstrates an understanding of network traffic and traffic segmentation. - Router-on-a-Stick is implemented for inter-VLAN routing. - A DMZ is built for public services. - Outbound connection is ensured by static routing. | |
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