

Lab 2: VLAN, Inter-VLAN Routing and EtherChannel Redundancy with Troubleshooting & Hardening

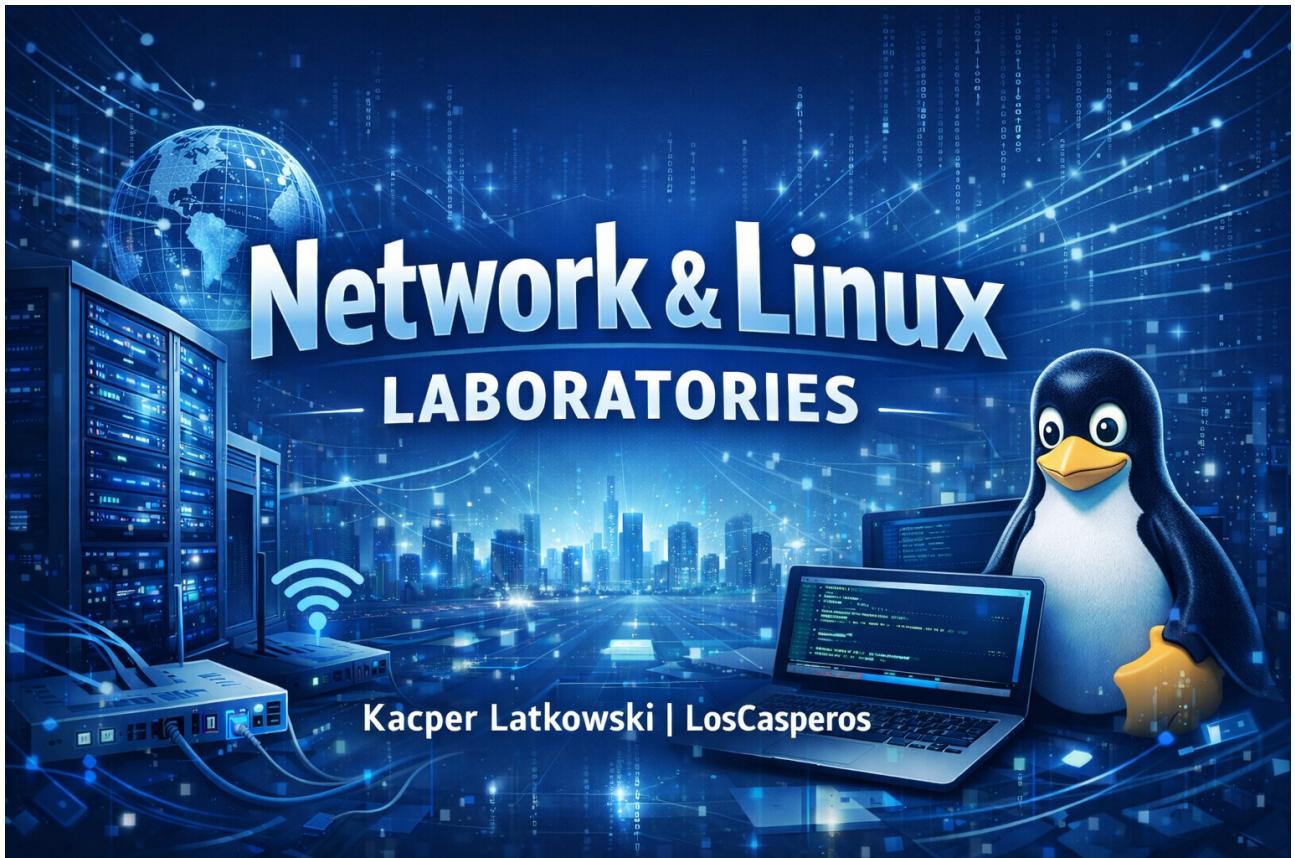


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1. Lab Metadata

- **Lab Name:** VLAN Inter-VLAN Routing and EtherChannel Redundancy with Troubleshooting & Hardening .
- **Tools:** Cisco Packet Tracer.
- **Devices:** 3x Cisco Catalyst Switches (CORE and ACCESS), Cisco Router (R1), End Devices (PCs).
- **Scope:** Layer 2 and Layer 3 network configuration, redundancy testing, troubleshooting, and basic security hardening.

2. Overview

This lab focuses on building and verifying a multi-VLAN network with inter-VLAN routing using a router-on-a-stick (ROAS) design. In addition to basic VLAN and DHCP configuration, the lab introduces EtherChannel for link redundancy between switches.

The lab also includes troubleshooting scenarios and verification checkpoints to document the network state before and after corrections. Final steps focus on basic device hardening and secure management access using SSH.

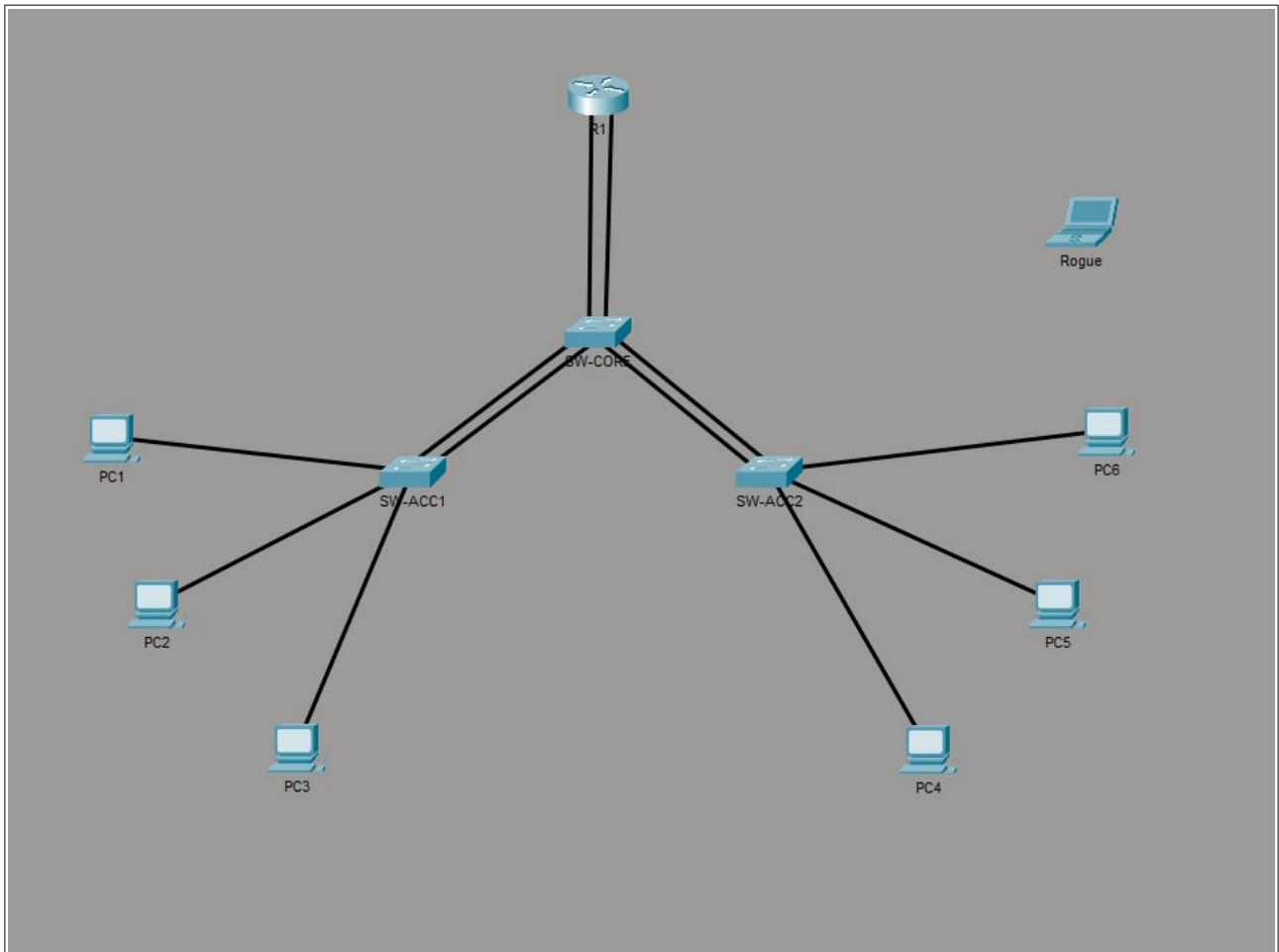
2.1. Objectives

- Configure VLANs and assign access ports.
- Configure trunk links between switches and router.
- Implement inter-VLAN routing using ROAS
- Configure DHCP for end devices
- Configure EtherChannel for link redundancy
- Verify Layer 2 and Layer 3 operation
- Perform failure testing and document redundancy behavior
- Apply basic device hardening and secure management access

3. Network Topology

The LAB2 network topology is designed to simulate a small enterprise environment with multiple VLANs, centralized switching, and redundant uplinks between switches. The topology includes one router performing inter-VLAN routing and multiple switches operating at the access and core layers.

The network is segmented into multiple VLANs to separate user traffic and management traffic. Inter-VLAN communication is achieved using router-on-a-stick (ROAS) configuration on the router.



SCREEN #1 - Network topology

3.1. Topology Summary

The topology consists of the following components:

- One router (R1) providing inter-VLAN routing and DHCP services
- One core switch (SW-CORE) responsible for VLAN trunking and EtherChannel aggregation
- Access switches (SW-ACC1, SW-ACC2) connecting end devices
- Multiple VLANs for user networks and management access
- Redundant links between core and access switches implemented using EtherChannel

The design ensures logical separation of traffic, centralized routing, and increased link availability through EtherChannel redundancy.

4. IP Addressing Plan

Before starting the configuration, an IP addressing plan was prepared to clearly define how VLANs are separated and how routing between them would work. Each VLAN uses its own subnet, which makes the network easier to manage, troubleshoot, and expand.

The addressing scheme is intentionally simple and predictable. This helps during verification and troubleshooting, especially when working with inter-VLAN routing and DHCP.

4.1. VLANs and Subnet Allocation

The network is divided into multiple VLANs, each with a clearly defined role. VLAN names are used to improve readability and make the configuration easier to understand and maintain:

- VLAN 10 – USERS

Subnet: 192.168.10.0/24

Used for standard user endpoints.

- VLAN 20 – OFFICE

Subnet: 192.168.20.0/24

Used for office-related devices.

- VLAN 30 – GUEST

Subnet: 192.168.30.0/24

Used for guest endpoints, logically separated from internal networks.

- VLAN 99 – MGMT

Subnet: 192.168.99.0/24

Dedicated management VLAN used for administrative access to network devices

- VLAN 999 – PARKING

No IP subnet assigned.

Used as a parking VLAN for unused switch ports.

Each routed VLAN is associated with a router-on-a-stick subinterface on R1, which provides the default gateway. IP addresses for end devices are assigned dynamically via DHCP, while the management VLAN is reserved for device access and administration.

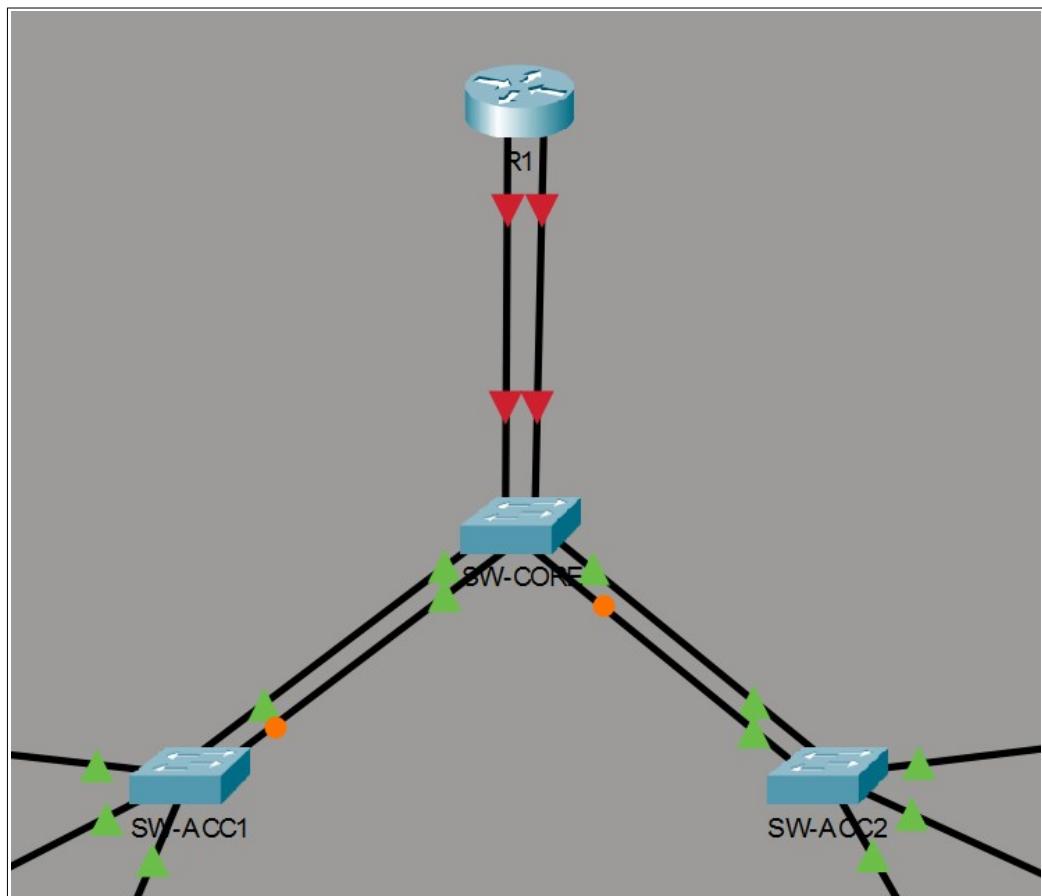
5. Step-by-Step Implementation

This section describes the configuration process step by step, starting from building the topology and basic device preparation, through VLAN and trunk configuration, and ending with routing and redundancy features. All configuration steps are verified using dedicated screenshots.

5.1. Build the Topology (Packet Tracer)

The first step was to build the logical topology in Cisco Packet Tracer according to the planned design. Devices were placed and interconnected to reflect a simple core–access architecture with redundant uplinks between switches.

At this stage, the focus was only on correct device placement and cabling, without any configuration applied yet. The topology used in this lab is shown in Section 3 (Network Topology).



SCREEN #2 - Physical cabling

5.2. Device Basic Setup

Basic configuration was applied to all network devices to prepare them for further configuration. This included setting hostnames and disabling unnecessary defaults.

Hostnames were configured to clearly identify device roles within the topology (CORE, ACCESS, Router).

The image displays four separate terminal windows, each showing a Cisco IOS Command Line Interface (CLI) session. The windows are arranged in a 2x2 grid:

- R1:** Shows the configuration of a new hostname 'R1' and domain name 'domain-1'. It also includes a configuration command for 'ip domain-lookup'.
- SW-CORE:** Shows the configuration of a new hostname 'SW-CORE' and domain name 'domain-1'. It also includes a configuration command for 'ip domain-lookup'.
- SW-ACC1:** Shows the configuration of a new hostname 'SW-ACC1' and domain name 'domain-1'. It also includes a configuration command for 'ip domain-lookup'.
- SW-ACC2:** Shows the configuration of a new hostname 'SW-ACC2' and domain name 'domain-1'. It also includes a configuration command for 'ip domain-lookup'.

In each window, the configuration process involves entering configuration mode ('Switch#> Switch> config t'), setting the hostname ('hostname SW-ACC1' or similar), defining a domain ('ip domain-1'), enabling domain lookup ('ip domain-lookup'), and exiting configuration mode ('end'). A message at the end of each session indicates that the configuration is being saved ('Building configuration... [OK]') and lists the newly configured hostnames ('hostname SW-ACC1' or 'hostname SW-ACC2').

SCREEN #3 - Hostname configuration

5.3. VLAN Creation

VLANs were created on the switches according to the addressing plan. Each VLAN was assigned a descriptive name to improve readability and simplify troubleshooting.

Configured VLANs:

- VLAN 10 - USERS
- VLAN 20 - OFFICE
- VLAN 30 - GUEST
- VLAN 99 - MGMT
- VLAN 999 - PARKING

```
SW-CORE#show vlan brief
VLAN Name          Status    Ports
---- -----
1    default        active    Fa0/1, Fa0/2, Fa0/3, Fa0/4
                           Fa0/5, Fa0/6, Fa0/7, Fa0/8
                           Fa0/9, Fa0/10, Fa0/11, Fa0/12
                           Fa0/13, Fa0/14, Fa0/15, Fa0/16
                           Fa0/17, Fa0/18, Fa0/19, Fa0/20
                           Fa0/21, Fa0/22, Fa0/23, Fa0/24
                           Gig0/1, Gig0/2
10   USERS          active
20   OFFICE         active
30   GUEST          active
99   MGMT           active
999  PARKING       active
1002 fddi-default  active
1003 token-ring-default  active
1004 fddinet-default  active
1005 trnet-default  active
SW-CORE#D
```

SCREEN #4 - *show vlan brief (SW-CORE)*

5.4. EtherChannel Configuration (CORE-ACCESS)

To increase bandwidth and provide link redundancy between the core and access layer, EtherChannel was configured between SW-CORE and the access switches. Multiple physical links were bundled into logical port-channels using LACP, allowing the network to continue operating even if one link fails.

After configuration, EtherChannel status and trunk operation were verified on both the core and access switches to confirm that all member interfaces were correctly aggregated and forwarding traffic.

```

SW-CORE#show etherchannel summary
Flags: D - down P - in port-channel
      I - stand-alone S - suspended
      H - Hot-standby (LACP only)
      R - Layer3 S - Layer2
      U - in use f - failed to allocate aggregator
      u - unsuitable for bundling
      w - waiting to be aggregated
      d - default port

Number of channel-groups in use: 1
Number of aggregators: 1

Group Port-channel Protocol Ports
-----+-----+-----+
1 Po1 (SU) LACP Fa0/1(P) Fa0/2(P)
SW-CORE#

```

SCREEN #5 - show etherchannel summary (SW-CORE)

```

+-----+-----+-----+
SW-CORE#show interfaces trunk
Port Mode Encapsulation Status Native vlan
Po1 on 802.1q trunking 999

Port Vlans allowed on trunk
Po1 10,20,30,99,999

Port Vlans allowed and active in management domain
Po1 10,20,30,99,999

Port Vlans in spanning tree forwarding state and not pruned
Po1 10,20,30,99,999

SW-CORE#

```

SCREEN #6 - show interfaces trunk (SW-CORE)

```

SW-CORE#show etherchannel summary
Flags: D - down P - in port-channel
      I - stand-alone S - suspended
      H - Hot-standby (LACP only)
      R - Layer3 S - Layer2
      U - in use f - failed to allocate aggregator
      u - unsuitable for bundling
      w - waiting to be aggregated
      d - default port

Number of channel-groups in use: 2
Number of aggregators: 2

Group Port-channel Protocol Ports
-----+-----+-----+
1 Po1 (SU) LACP Fa0/1(P) Fa0/2(P)
2 Po2 (SU) LACP Fa0/3(P) Fa0/4(P)
SW-CORE#

```

SCREEN #7 - show etherchannel summary (SW-CORE)

```

SW-ACC2#show interfaces trunk
Port Mode Encapsulation Status Native vlan
Po2 on 802.1q trunking 999

Port Vlans allowed on trunk
Po2 10,20,30,99,999

Port Vlans allowed and active in management domain
Po2 10,20,30,99,999

Port Vlans in spanning tree forwarding state and not pruned
Po2 10,20,30,99,999

SW-ACC2#

```

SCREEN #8 - show interfaces trunk (SW-ACC2)

```

SW-CORE#show etherchannel summary
Flags: D - down      P - in port-channel
      I - stand-alone S - suspended
      H - Hot-standby (LACP only)
      R - Layer3       S - Layer2
      U - in use       f - failed to allocate aggregator
      U - unsuitable for bundling
      W - waiting to be aggregated
      d - default port

Number of channel-groups in use: 3
Number of aggregators: 3

Group Port-channel Protocol Ports
-----+-----+-----+
1     Po1 (SU)        LACP    Fa0/1(P) Fa0/2(P)
2     Po2 (SU)        LACP    Fa0/3(P) Fa0/4(P)
3     Po3 (SD)        LACP    Gig0/1(D) Gig0/2(D)
SW-CORE#

```

SCREEN #9 — show etherchannel summary (SW-CORE)

5.5. Packet Tracer Limitation - EtherChannel on Router

During the implementation of EtherChannel, an attempt was made to configure a port-channel on the router interface. This resulted in an error, as Cisco Packet Tracer does not support EtherChannel configuration on router platforms.

This behavior was identified as a tool limitation, not a configuration mistake. As a result, the design was adjusted to use a single physical trunk link between the router and the core switch, while EtherChannel remained in use only between the core and access switches.

```

R1(config-if-range)#
%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface GigabitEthernet0/0, changed state to up
%LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface GigabitEthernet0/0, changed state to up
%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface GigabitEthernet0/1, changed state to up
%LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface GigabitEthernet0/1, changed state to up
channel-gr
R1(config-if-range)#channel-group 3 mode active
^
* Invalid input detected at '^' marker.

R1(config-if-range)#channel-group 3 ?
<cr>
R1(config-if-range)#channel-group?
channel-group
R1(config-if-range)#channel-group ?
<1-64> Channel group number
R1(config-if-range)#channel-group 3 ?
<cr>
R1(config-if-range)#channel-group 3 mode ?
* Unrecognized command
R1(config-if-range)#channel-group 3
Channel-group 3 does not exist in config
Channel-group 3 does not exist in config
R1(config-if-range)#channel-group 3 mode active
^
* Invalid input detected at '^' marker.

R1(config-if-range)#

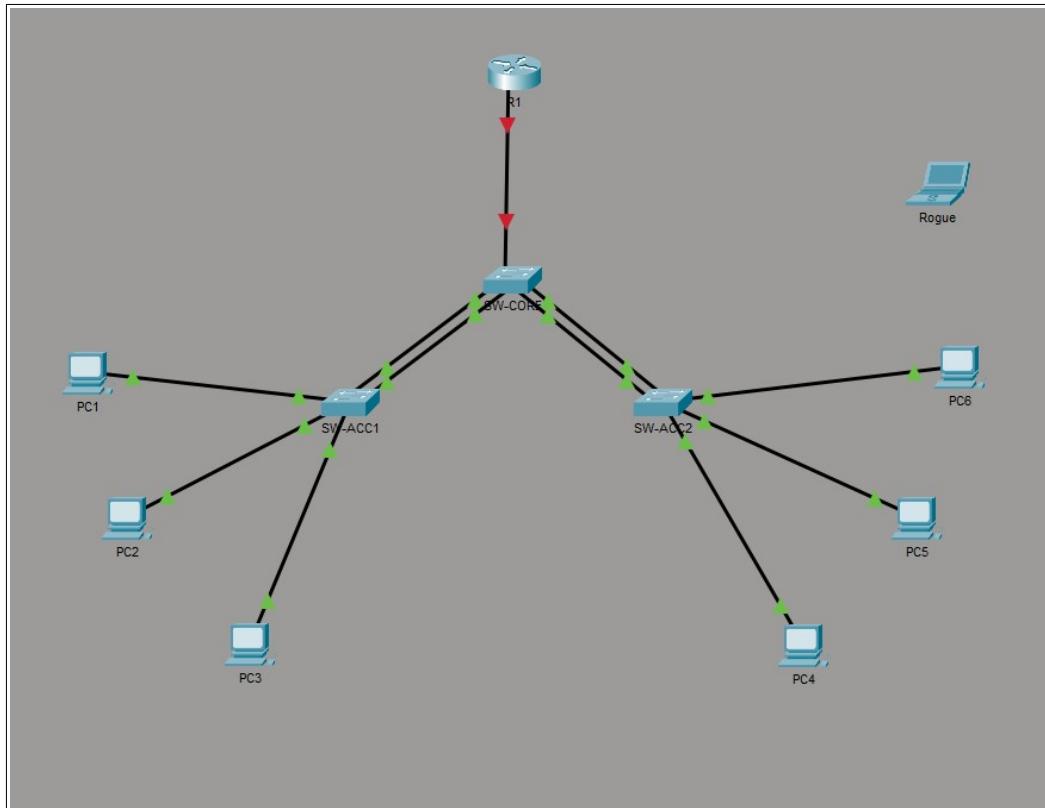
```

*SCREEN #10— Error no EtherChannel support on 2911 router -
Packet Tracer limitation*

5.6. Topology Correction After Packet Tracer Limitation

After identifying the Packet Tracer limitation related to EtherChannel on the router, the network topology was adjusted accordingly. The router was connected to the core switch using a single trunk link, while EtherChannel connections were preserved only between the core and access switches.

This correction ensured full compatibility with the simulation environment while maintaining redundancy and proper Layer 2 operation within the campus network.



SCREEN #11 - Corrected network topology

5.7. Inter-VLAN Routing (ROAS) Configuration and Correction

Inter-VLAN routing was implemented on **Router R1** using the **router-on-a-stick (ROAS)** approach. Subinterfaces were created on the router's physical interface and associated with the corresponding VLANs using IEEE 802.1Q encapsulation.

During verification, an initial misconfiguration of one subinterface was identified. The issue was corrected by adjusting the subinterface numbering to properly match the VLAN ID, after which interface status and IP addressing were revalidated.

```

SW-CORE#show run | section interface GigabitEthernet0/2
interface GigabitEthernet0/2
description UNUSED_after_PT_limitation
switchport access vlan 999
switchport mode access
shutdown
SW-CORE#

```

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SCREEN #12 - show running-config (router subinterfaces)

```

R1#show ip int brie
Interface          IP-Address      OK? Method Status        Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0  unassigned      YES NVRAM up           up
GigabitEthernet0/0.1 192.168.10.1  YES manual up          up
GigabitEthernet0/0.20 192.168.20.1  YES manual up          up
GigabitEthernet0/0.30 192.168.99.1  YES manual up          up
GigabitEthernet0/0.99 unassigned      YES unset  up           up
GigabitEthernet0/0.999 unassigned     YES unset  up           up
GigabitEthernet0/1   unassigned      YES NVRAM administratively down down
GigabitEthernet0/2   unassigned      YES NVRAM administratively down down
Vlan1              unassigned      YES unset  administratively down down
R1#

```

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SCREEN #13 - show ip interface brief (initial verification)

```

R1(config)#no interface GigabitEthernet0/0.1
R1(config)#
*LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/0.1, changed state to down

*LINEPROTO-0-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface GigabitEthernet0/0.1, changed state to down
do show run
Building configuration...

Current configuration : 1591 bytes

```

SCREEN #29 - ROAS subinterface correction (Gi0.1 to Gi0.10)

```

R1(config)# interface GigabitEthernet0/0.10
R1(config-subif)# encapsulation dot1Q 10
R1(config-subif)# ip address 192.168.10.1 255.255.255.0
*LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/0.10, changed state to down

*LINEPROTO-0-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface GigabitEthernet0/0.10, changed state to up

```

SCREEN #30 — ROAS correction verification

```

R1#show running-config | section interface GigabitEthernet0/0.10
interface GigabitEthernet0/0.10
  encapsulation dot1Q 10
  ip address 192.168.10.1 255.255.255.0
R1#

```

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SCREEN #31 - ROAS correction verification

5.8. Spanning Tree Verification (CORE as Root Bridge)

Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) was verified to ensure a stable Layer 2 topology and to confirm that the core switch (SW-CORE) is operating as the root bridge for the user VLANs.

STP status was checked globally and per VLAN to validate correct root bridge election and port roles. This step ensures predictable traffic flow and proper interaction with EtherChannel links.

```
SW-CORE#show spanning-tree summary
Switch is in rapid-pvst mode
Root bridge for:
Extended system ID      is enabled
Portfast Default        is disabled
PortFast BPDU Guard Default is disabled
Portfast BPDU Filter Default is disabled
Loopguard Default       is disabled
EtherChannel misconfig guard is disabled
UplinkFast              is disabled
BackboneFast             is disabled
Configured Pathcost method used is short

Name          Blocking Listening Learning Forwarding STP Active
-----
VLAN0010        0          0          0          7          7
VLAN0020        0          0          0          7          7
VLAN0030        0          0          0          7          7
VLAN0099        0          0          0          7          7
VLAN0999        0          0          0          7          7

-----
6 vlangs         0          0          0          35         35

SW-CORE#
```

SCREEN #14 - show spanning-tree summary (SW-CORE)

```
SW-CORE#show spanning-tree vlan 10
VLAN0010
  Spanning tree enabled protocol rstp
  Root ID  Priority 24586
            Address 0002.1774.2C28
            This bridge is the root
            Hello Time 2 sec Max Age 20 sec Forward Delay 15 sec

  Bridge ID Priority 24586 (priority 24576 sys-id-ext 10)
            Address 0002.1774.2C28
            Hello Time 2 sec Max Age 20 sec Forward Delay 15 sec
            Aging Time 20

  Interface      Role Sts Cost      Prio.Nbr Type
  -----
  Gi0/1          Desg FWD 4      128.25    P2p
  Po1            Desg FWD 12     128.27    P2p
  Po2            Desg FWD 12     128.28    P2p

SW-CORE#
```

SCREEN #15 - show spanning-tree vlan 10

```

SW-CORE#show spanning-tree vlan 20
VLAN0020
  Spanning tree enabled protocol rstp
  Root ID    Priority    24596
              Address     0002.1774.2C28
              This bridge is the root
              Hello Time   2 sec  Max Age 20 sec  Forward Delay 15 sec

  Bridge ID  Priority    24596 (priority 24576 sys-id-ext 20)
              Address     0002.1774.2C28
              Hello Time   2 sec  Max Age 20 sec  Forward Delay 15 sec
              Aging Time   20

  Interface      Role Sts Cost      Prio.Nbr Type
  -----  -----
  Gi0/1          Desg FWD 4       128.25    P2p
  Po1            Desg FWD 12      128.27    P2p
  Po2            Desg FWD 12      128.28    P2p

SW-CORE#

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SCREEN #16 - show spanning-tree vlan 20

5.9. Access Ports Configuration & Parking VLAN

Access ports on the access switches were configured and assigned to the appropriate VLANs (USERS, OFFICE, GUEST). This ensures that end devices are placed directly into the correct network segment without relying on trunking.

Unused switch ports were moved to VLAN 999 (PARKING) as a basic security measure to prevent unintended access. Port configuration and VLAN membership were verified on the access switch.

```

SW-ACC1#show run | section interface FastEthernet0/13
interface FastEthernet0/13
  spanning-tree portfast
  spanning-tree bpduguard enable
SW-ACC1#

```

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SCREEN #17 - show running-config interface Fa0/11 (access port configuration)

```

SW-ACC1#show vlan brief
VLAN Name          Status      Ports
----  -----
 1    default        active     Fa0/3, Fa0/4, Fa0/5, Fa0/6
                           Fa0/7, Fa0/8, Fa0/9, Fa0/10
                           Fa0/14, Fa0/15, Fa0/16, Fa0/17
                           Fa0/18, Fa0/19, Fa0/21, Fa0/22
                           Fa0/23, Fa0/24, Gig0/1, Gig0/2
 10   USERS          active     Fa0/11, Fa0/20
 20   OFFICE         active     Fa0/12
 30   GUEST          active     Fa0/13
 99   MGMT           active
 999  PARKING        active
1002  fddi-default   active
1003  token-ring-default active
1004  fddinet-default active
1005  trnet-default  active
SW-ACC1#

```

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SCREEN #18 - show vlan brief (SW-ACC1)

```
SW-ACC1#show run | section interface FastEthernet0/15
interface FastEthernet0/15
  switchport access vlan 999
  switchport mode access
  shutdown
SW-ACC1#
```

SCREEN #19 — show running-config interface Fa0/15 (PARKING VLAN)

```
...
SW-ACC1#show ip interface brief
Interface          IP-Address      OK? Method Status      Protocol
Port-channel1      unassigned     YES manual up        up
FastEthernet0/1    unassigned     YES manual up        up
FastEthernet0/2    unassigned     YES manual up        up
FastEthernet0/3    unassigned     YES manual up        up
FastEthernet0/4    unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/5    unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/6    unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/7    unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/8    unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/9    unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/10   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/11   unassigned     YES manual up        up
FastEthernet0/12   unassigned     YES manual up        up
FastEthernet0/13   unassigned     YES manual up        up
FastEthernet0/14   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/15   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/16   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/17   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/18   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/19   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/20   unassigned     YES manual down       down
FastEthernet0/21   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/22   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/23   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
FastEthernet0/24   unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
GigabitEthernet0/1 unassigned     YES manual down       down
GigabitEthernet0/2 unassigned     YES manual down       down
Vlan1             unassigned     YES manual administratively down down
Vlan99            192.168.99.11  YES manual up        up
SW-ACC1#
```

SCREEN #20 - show ip interface brief (SW-ACC1)

5.10. Management VLAN (VLAN 99) Connectivity Issue

During verification, connectivity to the management VLAN (VLAN 99) was tested from the access switch. The initial ping to the default gateway (192.168.99.1) failed, indicating an addressing or configuration issue.

After reviewing the router configuration, the IP addressing was corrected. Once the change was applied, connectivity to the management VLAN was successfully restored.

```
SW-ACC1#ping 192.168.99.1
Type escape sequence to abort.
Sending 5, 100-byte ICMP Echos to 192.168.99.1, timeout is 2 seconds:
.....
Success rate is 0 percent (0/5)
SW-ACC1#
```

SCREEN #21 - ping failed (SW-ACC1 to 192.168.99.1)

```
R1#show ip int brief
Interface          IP-Address      OK? Method Status      Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0  unassigned     YES NVRAM up        up
GigabitEthernet0/0.1 192.168.10.1  YES manual up        up
GigabitEthernet0/0.20 192.168.20.1  YES manual up        up
GigabitEthernet0/0.30 192.168.30.1  YES manual up        up
GigabitEthernet0/0.99 192.168.99.1  YES manual up        up
GigabitEthernet0/0.999 unassigned   YES unset up        up
GigabitEthernet0/1    unassigned     YES NVRAM administratively down down
GigabitEthernet0/2    unassigned     YES NVRAM administratively down down
Vlan1              unassigned     YES unset administratively down down
R1#
```

SCREEN #22 - IP addressing correction (R1)

```

SW-ACC1#ping 192.168.99.1
Type escape sequence to abort.
Sending 5, 100-byte ICMP Echos to 192.168.99.1, timeout is 2 seconds:
.!!!!
Success rate is 80 percent (4/5), round-trip min/avg/max = 0/0/1 ms

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SCREEN #23 - ping successful (SW-ACC1)

5.11. DHCP Configuration and Troubleshooting

DHCP was configured on Router R1 to automatically assign IP addresses to end devices in the user VLANs. After creating the DHCP pools, DHCP operation was tested from a client workstation.

During testing, DHCP address assignment initially failed. The issue was traced to DHCP snooping behavior/limitations in Packet Tracer, which impacted traffic when used together with the current switching setup. As a result, DHCP snooping was removed to restore correct DHCP functionality in the simulation environment. After this change, DHCP bindings were verified on the router and end-to-end connectivity was tested.

```

R1#show ip dhcp pool

Pool VLAN10_USERS :
Utilization mark (high/low)      : 100 / 0
Subnet size (first/next)         : 0 / 0
Total addresses                 : 254
Leased addresses                : 0
Excluded addresses              : 3
Pending event                   : none

1 subnet is currently in the pool
Current index      IP address range          Leased/Excluded/Total
192.168.10.1       192.168.10.1           - 192.168.10.254    0 / 3 / 254

Pool VLAN20_OFFICE :
Utilization mark (high/low)      : 100 / 0
Subnet size (first/next)         : 0 / 0
Total addresses                 : 254
Leased addresses                : 0
Excluded addresses              : 3
Pending event                   : none

1 subnet is currently in the pool
Current index      IP address range          Leased/Excluded/Total
192.168.20.1       192.168.20.1           - 192.168.20.254    0 / 3 / 254

Pool VLAN30_GUEST :
Utilization mark (high/low)      : 100 / 0
Subnet size (first/next)         : 0 / 0
Total addresses                 : 254
Leased addresses                : 0
Excluded addresses              : 3
Pending event                   : none

1 subnet is currently in the pool
Current index      IP address range          Leased/Excluded/Total
192.168.30.1       192.168.30.1           - 192.168.30.254    0 / 3 / 254
R1#

```

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SCREEN #24 - show ip dhcp pool (R1)

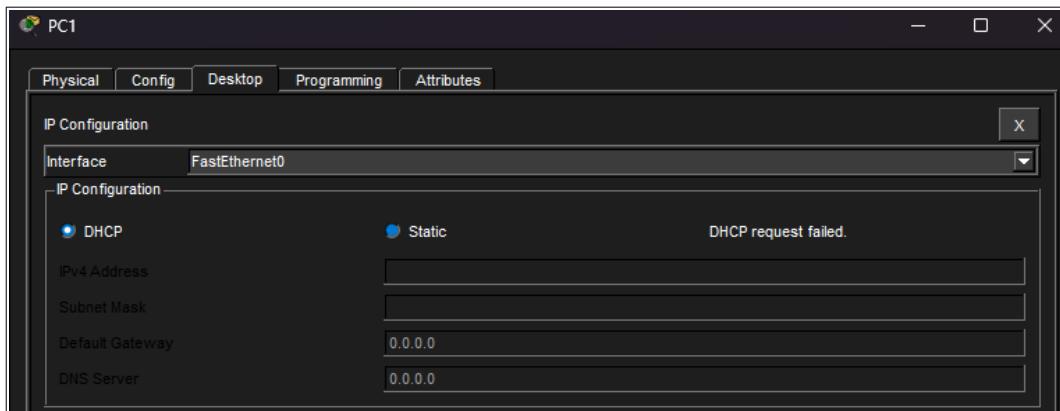
```

SW-CORE#show ip dhcp snooping
Switch DHCP snooping is enabled
DHCP snooping is configured on following VLANs:
10,20,30,99
Insertion of option 82 is enabled
Option 82 on untrusted port is not allowed
Verification of hwaddr field is enabled
Interface          Trusted    Rate limit (pps)
-----          -----      -----
SW-CORE#

```

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SCREEN #25 - *show ip dhcp snooping (SW-CORE)*



SCREEN #26 - *DHCP request failed (PC1)*

```

SW-CORE (config)#no ip dhcp snooping
SW-CORE (config)#

```

SCREEN #26b - *DHCP snooping removal (SW-CORE)*

```

R1#show ip dhcp binding
IP address      Client-ID/          Lease expiration      Type
               Hardware address
192.168.10.51   0010.11B7.B404   --                  Automatic
192.168.10.52   0030.F2A4.9653   --                  Automatic
192.168.20.51   0001.4370.362D   --                  Automatic
192.168.20.52   00D0.582A.88E1   --                  Automatic
192.168.30.51   0030.F2A2.9DB0   --                  Automatic
192.168.30.52   0060.4753.4B6A   --                  Automatic
R1#

```

SCREEN #27 - *show ip dhcp binding (R1)*

The screenshot shows a Windows Command Prompt window titled "PC1". The title bar has tabs: Physical, Config, Desktop, Programming, and Attributes. The main window displays the following text:

```
Default Gateway..... 192.168.10.1
Bluetooth Connection:
Connection-specific DNS Suffix...:
Link-local IPv6 Address..... :::
IPv6 Address..... :::
IPv4 Address..... 0.0.0.0
Subnet Mask..... 0.0.0.0
Default Gateway..... :::
0.0.0.0

C:\>ping 192.168.20.1
Pinging 192.168.20.1 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.20.1: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=255
Reply from 192.168.20.1: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=255
Reply from 192.168.20.1: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=255
Reply from 192.168.20.1: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=255

Ping statistics for 192.168.20.1:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 1ms, Average = 0ms

C:\>ping 192.168.30.1
Pinging 192.168.30.1 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.30.1: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=255
Reply from 192.168.30.1: bytes=32 time=9ms TTL=255
Reply from 192.168.30.1: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=255
Reply from 192.168.30.1: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=255

Ping statistics for 192.168.30.1:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 9ms, Average = 2ms

C:\>
```

SCREEN #28 - inter-VLAN ping tests (PC1)

5.12. EtherChannel Failure Test (Redundancy Verification)

To verify link redundancy, a failure test was performed on the EtherChannel between the core and access switch. One of the physical member interfaces was intentionally brought down to simulate a link failure.

After the failure, EtherChannel status and Spanning Tree operation were checked to confirm that the port-channel remained operational. End-to-end connectivity was then tested to ensure that traffic was still forwarded correctly despite the loss of a physical link.

```

SW-CORE#show etherchannel summary
Flags: D - down P - in port-channel
I - stand-alone S - suspended
H - Hot-standby (LACP only)
R - Layer3 S - Layer2
U - in use f - failed to allocate aggregator
u - unsuitable for bundling
w - waiting to be aggregated
d - default port

Number of channel-groups in use: 2
Number of aggregators: 2

Group Port-channel Protocol Ports
-----+-----+-----+
1 Po1(SU) LACP Fa0/1(P) Fa0/2(P)
2 Po2(SU) LACP Fa0/3(P) Fa0/4(P)
SW-CORE#

```

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SCREEN #32 - show etherchannel summary (stable state)

```

SW-CORE#show spanning-tree vlan 10
VLAN0010
  Spanning tree enabled protocol rstp
  Root ID Priority 24586
  Address 0002.1774.2C28
  This bridge is the root
  Hello Time 2 sec Max Age 20 sec Forward Delay 15 sec

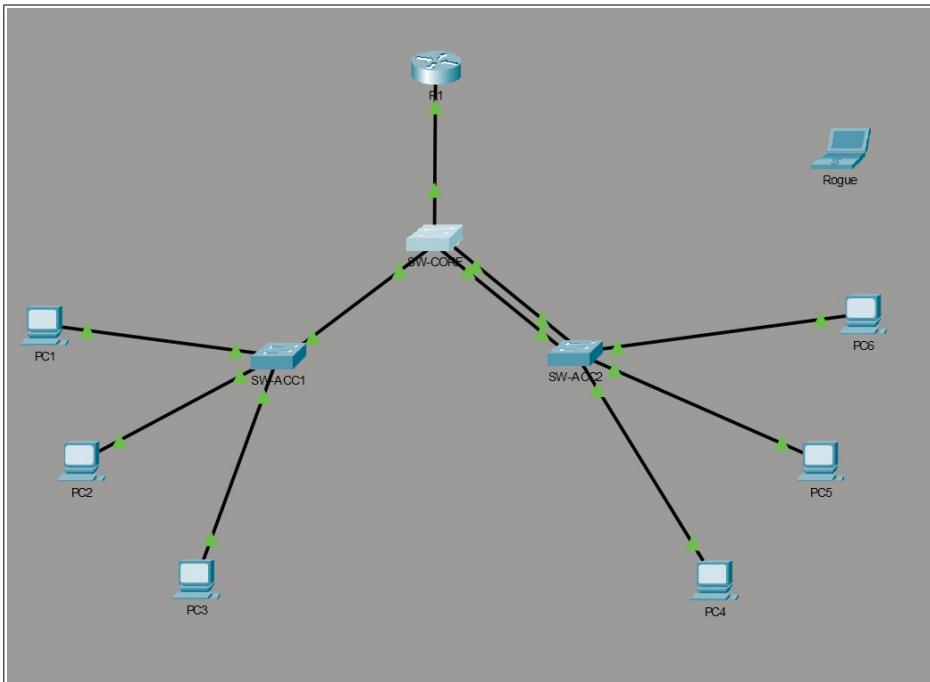
  Bridge ID Priority 24586 (priority 24576 sys-id-ext 10)
  Address 0002.1774.2C28
  Hello Time 2 sec Max Age 20 sec Forward Delay 15 sec
  Aging Time 20

  Interface Role Sts Cost Prio.Nbr Type
  -----+---+---+---+---+---+
  G10/1 Desg FWD 4 128.25 P2p
  Po1 Desg FWD 12 128.27 P2p
  Po2 Desg FWD 12 128.28 P2p
SW-CORE#

```

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SCREEN #33 - show spanning-tree (SW-CORE)



SCREEN #34 - interface malfunction (link down)

```

SW-CORE#
*LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to down
*LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to down

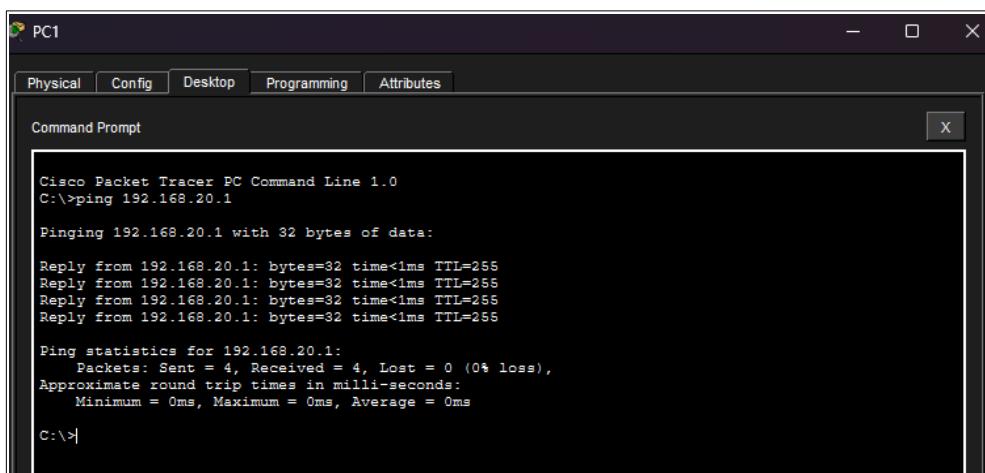
SW-CORE#show ether
SW-CORE#show etherchannel s
SW-CORE#show etherchannel summary
Flags: D - down P - in port-channel
I - stand-alone S - suspended
H - Hot-standby (LACP only)
R - Layer3 S - Layer2
U - in use f - failed to allocate aggregator
u - unsuitable for bundling
w - waiting to be aggregated
d - default port

Number of channel-groups in use: 2
Number of aggregators: 2

Group Port-channel Protocol Ports
-----+-----+-----+
1 Po1 (SU) LACP Fa0/1(D) Fa0/2(P)
2 Po2 (SU) LACP Fa0/3(P) Fa0/4(P)
SW-CORE#

```

SCREEN #35 - interface malfunction (second view)

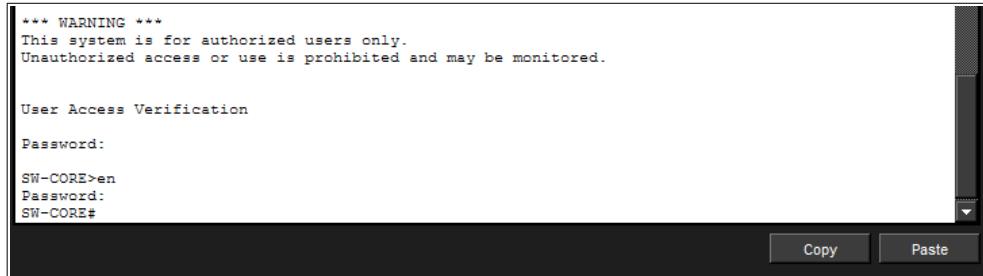


SCREEN #36 - connectivity test after failure

5.13. Device Hardening and Secure Management Access (SSH)

After completing all functional configuration and redundancy testing, basic device hardening was applied to secure administrative access. This step was intentionally performed at the end to avoid interfering with troubleshooting and validation during earlier stages.

The configuration included setting an enable secret, securing console access, adding a warning banner (MOTD), and enabling SSH v2 for remote management while disabling Telnet. SSH access was then verified from a client workstation.



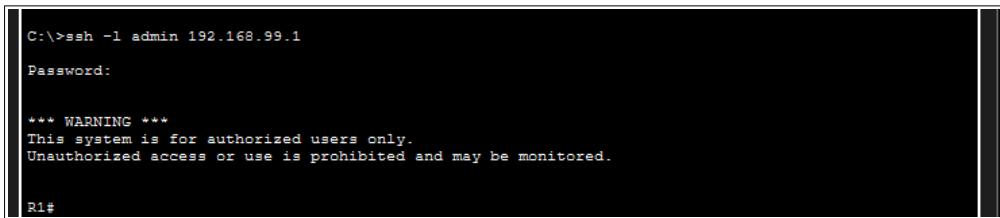
```
*** WARNING ***
This system is for authorized users only.
Unauthorized access or use is prohibited and may be monitored.

User Access Verification

Password:

SW-CORE>en
Password:
SW-CORE#
```

SCREEN #37 - *login banner (SW-CORE)*

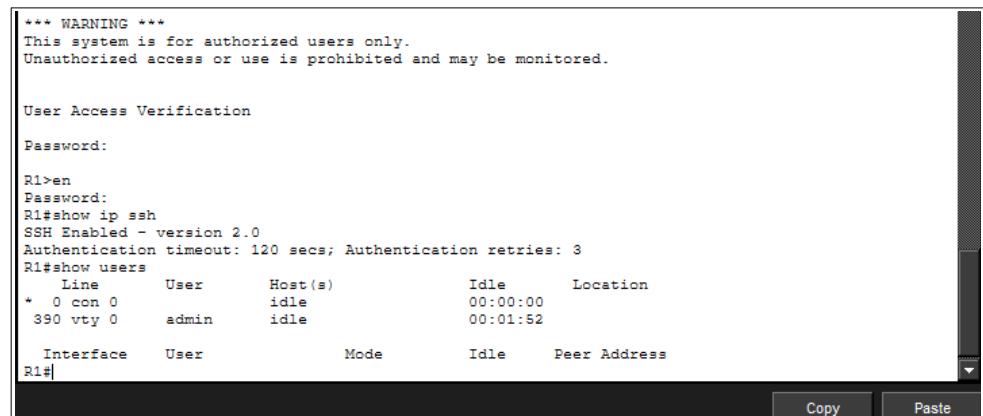


```
C:\>ssh -l admin 192.168.99.1
Password:

*** WARNING ***
This system is for authorized users only.
Unauthorized access or use is prohibited and may be monitored.

R1#
```

SCREEN #38 - *SSH access from PC1 to R1*



```
*** WARNING ***
This system is for authorized users only.
Unauthorized access or use is prohibited and may be monitored.

User Access Verification

Password:

R1>en
Password:
R1#show ip ssh
SSH Enabled - version 2.0
Authentication timeout: 120 secs; Authentication retries: 3
R1#show users
Line      User      Host(s)        Idle      Location
* 0 con 0    admin      idle          00:00:00
  390 vty 0    admin      idle          00:01:52

  Interface   User      Mode      Idle      Peer Address
R1#|
```

SCREEN #39 - *show ip ssh and show users (R1)*

6. Summary

This lab demonstrated the end-to-end deployment of a small campus-style network with multiple VLANs, inter-VLAN routing, and Layer 2 redundancy. The network was built step by step, verified, and adjusted to address configuration issues and simulation limitations encountered during the process.

Key components of the lab included VLAN segmentation, router-on-a-stick (ROAS) inter-VLAN routing, EtherChannel-based link redundancy, and centralized DHCP services. Special attention was given to validation and troubleshooting, reflecting real-world operational scenarios rather than a purely theoretical setup.

Several issues were intentionally documented and resolved, including Packet Tracer limitations, addressing errors, and DHCP-related problems. These scenarios highlight the importance of systematic verification, root cause analysis, and incremental testing when deploying network infrastructure.

Finally, the lab was completed with basic device hardening and secure management access using SSH, ensuring that the network is not only functional but also securely managed. Overall, LAB2 reflects a realistic network implementation workflow, from initial design through troubleshooting and final stabilization.

This lab was designed to simulate real operational challenges commonly encountered in small to medium enterprise networks.

7. Appendix A - Screenshot Checklist

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8. Appendix B - Device Configuration

8.1. R1 Relevant Configuration

The following excerpt includes only the configuration elements relevant to this lab (ROAS, DHCP, and secure management).

```

hostname R1

enable secret 5 $1$mERr$5.a6P4JqbNiMX01usIfka/

! --- Local admin account ---
username admin privilege 15 secret 5 $1$mERr$AFX/pZT1Lh7NP3Dp3P/qq/

! --- SSH / management settings ---
ip domain-name lab.local
no ip domain-lookup
ip ssh version 2

banner motd ^C
*** WARNING ***
This system is for authorized users only.
Unauthorized access or use is prohibited and may be monitored.
^C

! --- DHCP configuration ---
ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.10.1 192.168.10.50
ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.20.1 192.168.20.50
ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.30.1 192.168.30.50

ip dhcp pool VLAN10_USERS
network 192.168.10.0 255.255.255.0

```

```

default-router 192.168.10.1
dns-server 8.8.8.8

ip dhcp pool VLAN20_OFFICE
network 192.168.20.0 255.255.255.0
default-router 192.168.20.1
dns-server 8.8.8.8

ip dhcp pool VLAN30_GUEST
network 192.168.30.0 255.255.255.0
default-router 192.168.30.1
dns-server 8.8.8.8

! --- ROAS (Router-on-a-Stick) trunk to SW-CORE ---
interface GigabitEthernet0/0
description TRUNK_to_SW-CORE_Gi0/1
no ip address

interface GigabitEthernet0/0.10
encapsulation dot1Q 10
ip address 192.168.10.1 255.255.255.0

interface GigabitEthernet0/0.20
encapsulation dot1Q 20
ip address 192.168.20.1 255.255.255.0

interface GigabitEthernet0/0.30
encapsulation dot1Q 30
ip address 192.168.30.1 255.255.255.0

interface GigabitEthernet0/0.99
encapsulation dot1Q 99
ip address 192.168.99.1 255.255.255.0

interface GigabitEthernet0/0.999
encapsulation dot1Q 999
no ip address

! --- Console / VTY lines (SSH only) ---
line con 0

```

```

password cisco123
logging synchronous
login

line vty 0 4
login local
transport input ssh
line vty 5 15
login local
transport input ssh

```

8.2. SW-CORE Relevant Configuration

The following excerpt includes only the configuration elements relevant to this lab (VLAN trunking, EtherChannel, STP, management SVI, and secure access).

Note: DHCP snooping was tested during the lab but later disabled due to Packet Tracer limitations (see Section 5.11).

```

hostname SW-CORE

enable secret 5 $1$mERr$5.a6P4JqbNiMX01usIfka/

! --- Local admin account ---
username admin secret 5 $1$mERr$AFX/pZT1Lh7NP3Dp3P/qq/

! --- SSH / management settings ---
ip domain-name lab.local
no ip domain-lookup
ip ssh version 2

banner motd ^C
*** WARNING ***
This system is for authorized users only.
Unauthorized access or use is prohibited and may be monitored.
^C

! --- STP configuration (CORE as root) ---
spanning-tree mode rapid-pvst
spanning-tree extend system-id
spanning-tree vlan 10,20,30,99 priority 24576

```

```

! --- EtherChannel trunks to access layer ---
interface Port-channel1
  switchport trunk native vlan 999
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
  switchport mode trunk

interface Port-channel2
  switchport trunk native vlan 999
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
  switchport mode trunk

interface FastEthernet0/1
  switchport trunk native vlan 999
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
  switchport mode trunk
  channel-group 1 mode active

interface FastEthernet0/2
  switchport trunk native vlan 999
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
  switchport mode trunk
  channel-group 1 mode active

interface FastEthernet0/3
  switchport trunk native vlan 999
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
  switchport mode trunk
  channel-group 2 mode active

interface FastEthernet0/4
  switchport trunk native vlan 999
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
  switchport mode trunk
  channel-group 2 mode active

! --- Trunk to router (ROAS) ---
interface GigabitEthernet0/1
  description TRUNK_to_R1_G0/0
  switchport trunk native vlan 999
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999

```

```

switchport mode trunk

! --- Unused interface after PT limitation ---
interface GigabitEthernet0/2
description UNUSED_after_PT_limitation
switchport access vlan 999
switchport mode access
shutdown

! --- Management SVI ---
interface Vlan99
ip address 192.168.99.2 255.255.255.0

ip default-gateway 192.168.99.1

! --- Console / VTY lines (SSH only) ---
line con 0
password cisco123
logging synchronous
login

line vty 0 4
login local
transport input ssh
line vty 5 15
login local
transport input ssh

```

8.3. SW-ACC1 Relevant Configuration

The following excerpt includes only the configuration elements relevant to this lab (access ports, EtherChannel uplink, STP edge protection, management access, and basic hardening).

Note: DHCP snooping was tested during the lab but later disabled due to Packet Tracer limitations.

```

hostname SW-ACC1

enable secret 5 $1$mERr$5.a6P4JqbNiMX01usIfka/

! --- Local admin account ---
username admin secret 5 $1$mERr$AFX/pZT1Lh7NP3Dp3P/qq/

```

```

! --- SSH / management settings ---
ip domain-name lab.local
no ip domain-lookup
ip ssh version 2

banner motd ^C
*** WARNING ***
This system is for authorized users only.
Unauthorized access or use is prohibited and may be monitored.
^C

! --- STP configuration ---
spanning-tree mode rapid-pvst
spanning-tree extend system-id

! --- EtherChannel uplink to CORE ---
interface Port-channel1
switchport trunk native vlan 999
switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
switchport mode trunk

interface FastEthernet0/1
switchport trunk native vlan 999
switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
switchport mode trunk
channel-group 1 mode active

interface FastEthernet0/2
switchport trunk native vlan 999
switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
switchport mode trunk
channel-group 1 mode active

! --- Access ports ---
interface FastEthernet0/11
switchport access vlan 10
switchport mode access
spanning-tree portfast
spanning-tree bpduguard enable

```

```

interface FastEthernet0/12
switchport access vlan 20
switchport mode access
spanning-tree portfast
spanning-tree bpduguard enable

interface FastEthernet0/13
switchport access vlan 30
switchport mode access
spanning-tree portfast
spanning-tree bpduguard enable

interface FastEthernet0/20
switchport access vlan 10
switchport mode access

! --- Parking VLAN (unused ports) ---
interface range FastEthernet0/3-10, FastEthernet0/14-19, FastEthernet0/21-24
switchport access vlan 999
switchport mode access
shutdown

! --- Management SVI ---
interface Vlan99
ip address 192.168.99.11 255.255.255.0

ip default-gateway 192.168.99.1

! --- Console / VTY lines (SSH only) ---
line con 0
password cisco123
logging synchronous
login

line vty 0 4
login local
transport input ssh
line vty 5 15
login local
transport input ssh#stname SW-ACC1

```

8.4. SW-ACC2 Relevant Configuration

The following excerpt includes only the configuration elements relevant to this lab (access ports, EtherChannel uplink, STP edge protection, management access, and basic hardening).

Note: DHCP snooping was tested during the lab but later disabled due to Packet Tracer limitations.

```
hostname SW-ACC2

enable secret 5 $1$mERr$5.a6P4JqbNiMX01usIfka/

! --- Local admin account ---
username admin secret 5 $1$mERr$AFX/pZT1Lh7NP3Dp3P/qq/

! --- SSH / management settings ---
ip domain-name lab.local
no ip domain-lookup
ip ssh version 2

banner motd ^C
*** WARNING ***
This system is for authorized users only.
Unauthorized access or use is prohibited and may be monitored.
^C

! --- STP configuration ---
spanning-tree mode rapid-pvst
spanning-tree extend system-id

! --- EtherChannel uplink to CORE ---
interface Port-channel2
switchport trunk native vlan 999
switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
switchport mode trunk

interface FastEthernet0/1
switchport trunk native vlan 999
switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
switchport mode trunk
channel-group 2 mode active
```

```

interface FastEthernet0/2
switchport trunk native vlan 999
switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99,999
switchport mode trunk
channel-group 2 mode active

! --- Access ports ---
interface FastEthernet0/11
switchport access vlan 10
switchport mode access
spanning-tree portfast
spanning-tree bpduguard enable

interface FastEthernet0/12
switchport access vlan 20
switchport mode access
spanning-tree portfast
spanning-tree bpduguard enable

interface FastEthernet0/13
switchport access vlan 30
switchport mode access
spanning-tree portfast
spanning-tree bpduguard enable

! --- Parking VLAN (unused ports) ---
interface range FastEthernet0/3-10,FastEthernet0/14-24
switchport access vlan 999
switchport mode access
shutdown

! --- Management SVI ---
interface Vlan99
ip address 192.168.99.12 255.255.255.0

ip default-gateway 192.168.99.1

! --- Console / VTY lines (SSH only) ---
line con 0
password cisco

```

```
logging synchronous
login

line vty 0 4
login local
transport input ssh
line vty 5 15
login local
transport input ssh
```