

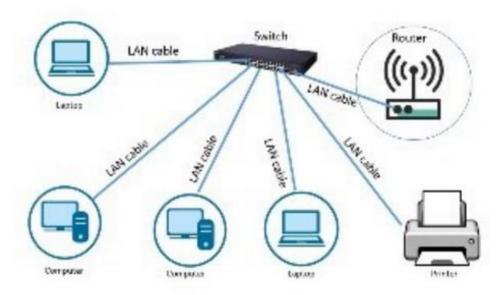
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Introduction to VLAN's

What is LAN?

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LAN is a group of devices like PCs, laptops, printers, servers, switches, wireless access Points, and routers. These devices are connected to share resources or for communication.



Local Area Network

All devices are in the single broadcast domain. If any device from the LAN network sends any broadcast message it will received by all other devices in the same LAN.

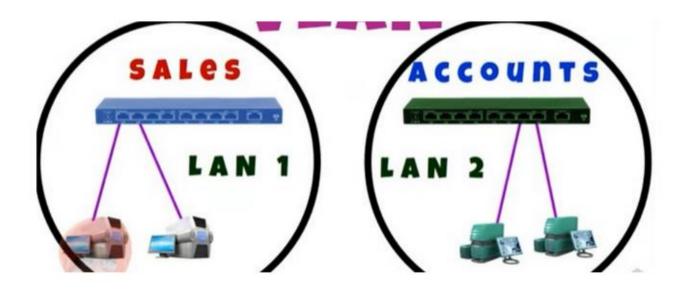
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VLAN is a virtual group of nodes with the same requirements, share resources, and are in a single broadcast domain. Whether the devices are physically in the same place or not.





By connecting 2 LANS with a single switch we can make a VLAN and their broadcast domain will remain separate. LAN is divided into sub-LANs and with different broadcast domains.

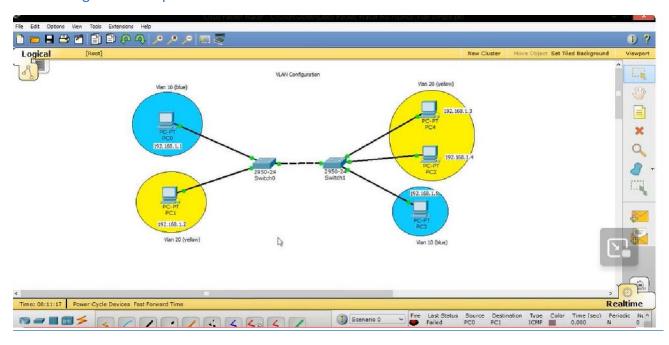
Data from one network does not move to the other side network or LAN which provides security. Devices from different LANs or networks use the same switch or infrastructure and wires etc.

WHY VLANs?

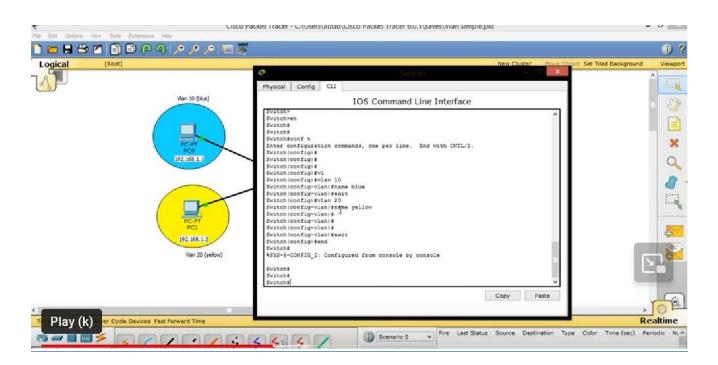
- •Reduce security risks (because of small broadcasts very limited devices get the copy of broadcast, multicast frames).
- •Improve Performance (Broadcast traffic is reduced due to small broadcast domain, which increases the performance of the network)
- •Troubleshooting (Because of small groups of networks in VLANs problem problem-finding and troubleshooting becomes easy).



For creating VLANs step1

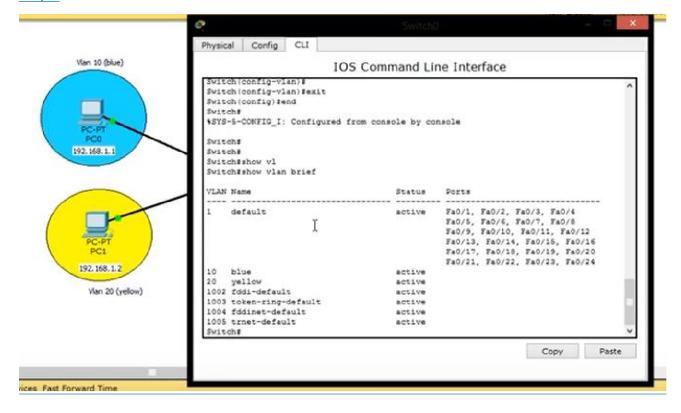


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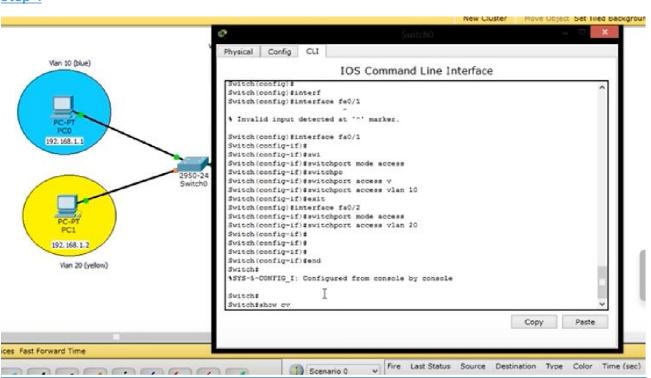




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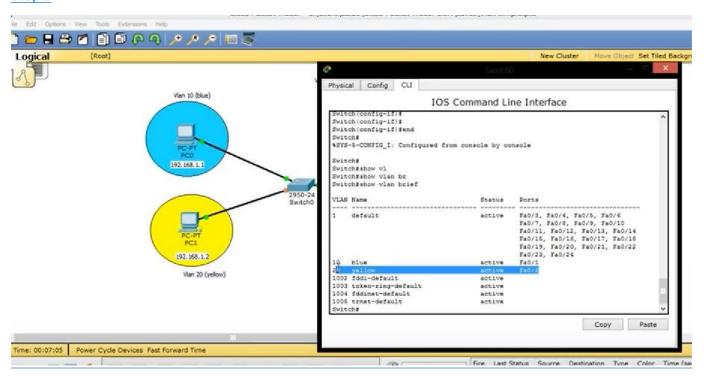


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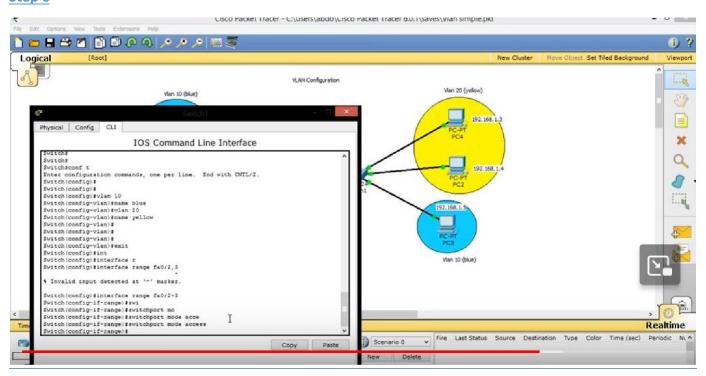




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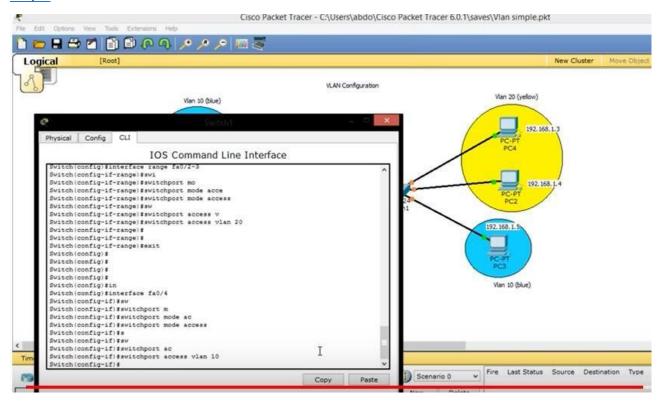


Step 6





Step 7



Some useful commands

- 1. The command for removing VLAN (no VLAN (number)
- 2. To check VLAN configuration (Show VLAN Brief)
- 3. To confirm the allowed VLANs on the trunk (show interface trunk)
- 4. To specify which VLANs can send traffic on the trunk. (switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30)

Lab activity:

Create three different VLANs using a single switch and 3 nodes in each broadcast domain. i-e vlan10, vlan20 and vlan30

Configure the above scenario using the command line interface. (No GUI)