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05	16-09-2021	OSI & TCP-IP IP Addressing
06	17-09-2021	Assignment 2 - My Local Network
07	18-09-2021	Networking Device
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Chapter 1

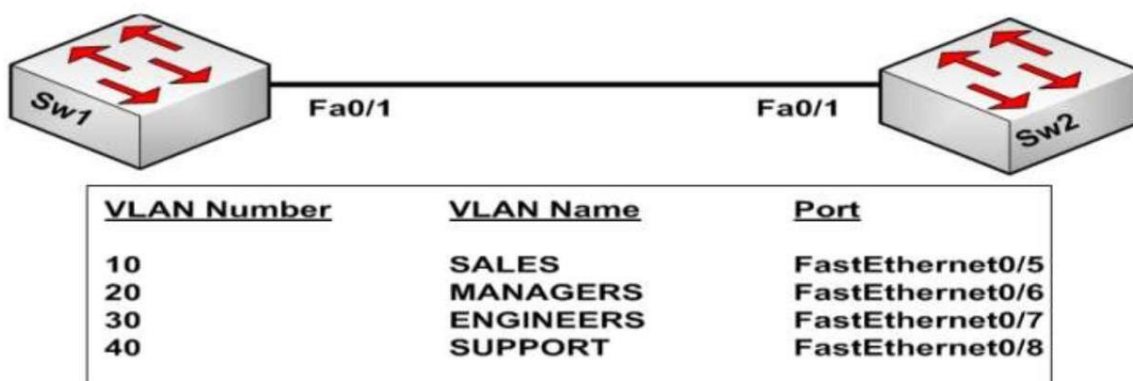
Objective

The objective of this exercise is for you to learn and understand how to secure VTP domains using Cisco catalyst switches. By default, VTP domains are not password-protected

Purpose

Securing the VTP is a fundamental skill. When VTP domains are not configured with a password, rough switches can be added to the network and disrupt service. As a Cisco engineer, as well as in the Cisco CCNA exam, you will be expected to know how to configure VTP password

Lab topology

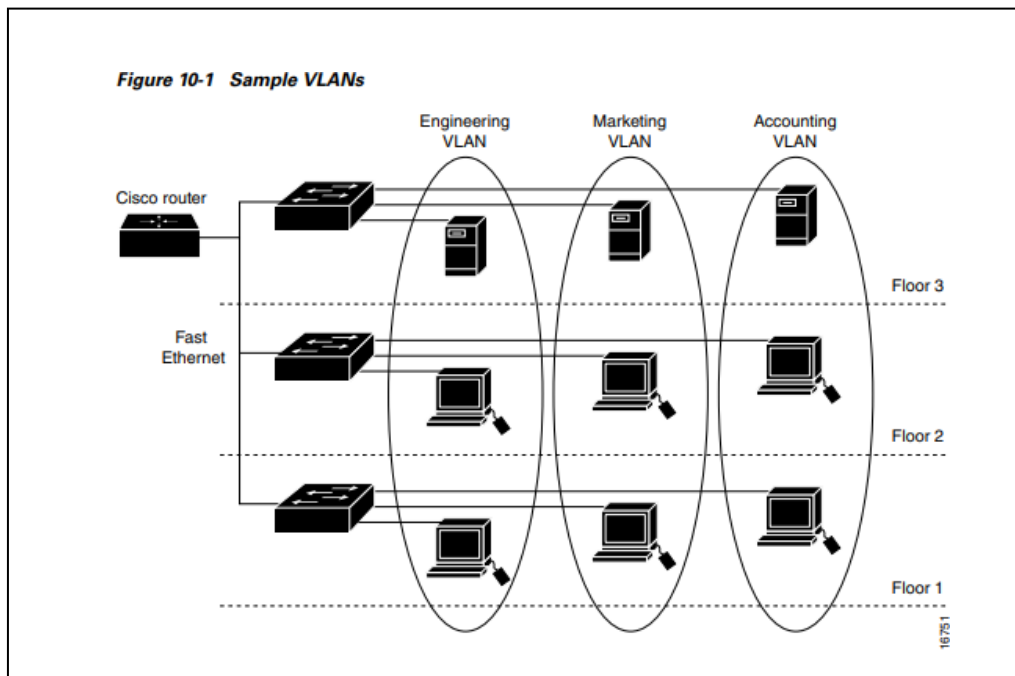


Chapter 2

Prerequisites terminologies

VLAN

A VLAN is a group of devices on one or more LANs that are configured to communicate as if they were attached to the same wire, when in fact they are located on a number of different LAN segments. Because VLANs are based on logical instead of physical connections, they are extremely flexible.



VLANs define broadcast domains in a Layer 2 network. A broadcast domain is the set of all devices that will receive broadcast frames originating from any device within the set. Broadcast domains are typically bounded by routers because routers do not forward broadcast frames. Layer 2 switches create broadcast domains based on the configuration of the switch. Switches are multiport bridges that allow you to create multiple broadcast domains. Each broadcast domain is like a distinct virtual bridge within a switch.

You can define one or many virtual bridges within a switch. Each virtual bridge you create in the switch defines a new broadcast domain (VLAN). Traffic cannot pass directly to another VLAN (between broadcast domains) within the switch or between two switches. To interconnect two

different VLANs, you must use routers or Layer 3 switches. See the “Overview of Layer 3 Interfaces” section on page 23-1 for information on inter-VLAN routing on Catalyst 4500 series switches. Figure 10-1 shows an example of three VLANs that create logically defined networks.

VLANs are often associated with IP subnet works. For example, all of the end stations in a particular IP subnet belong to the same VLAN. Traffic between VLANs must be routed. You must assign LAN interface VLAN membership on an interface-by-interface basis (this is known as interface-based or static VLAN membership). You can set the following parameters when you create a VLAN in the management domain:

- VLAN number
- VLAN name
- VLAN type
- VLAN state (active or suspended)
- Maximum transmission unit (MTU) for the VLAN
- Security Association Identifier (SAID)
- VLAN number to use when translating from one VLAN type to another.

VTP CONFIGURATION

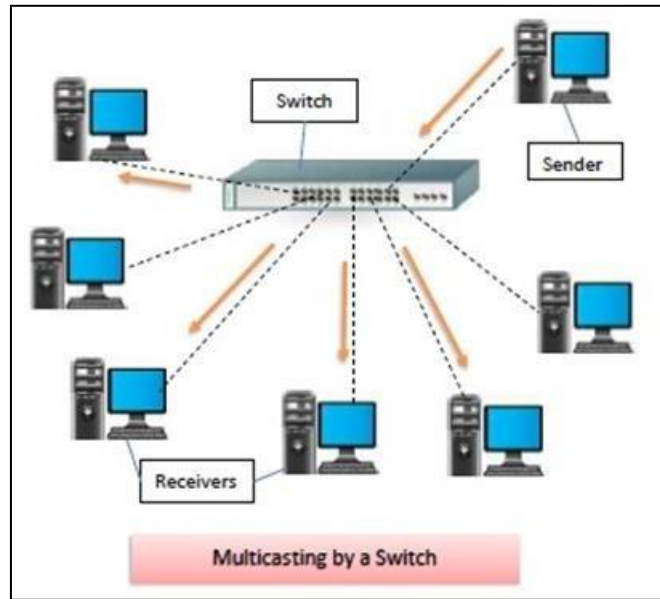
We’ve learned that using VTP makes it is possible to make configuration changes on one or more switches and have those changes automatically advertised to all the other switches in the same VTP domain. In a typical network some switches are configured as VTP servers and other switches are configured as VTP clients. A VLAN created on a VTP server switch is automatically advertised to all switches inside the same VTP domain.

To exchange VTP messages, five requirements must be met:

1. a switch has to be configured as either a VTP server or VTP client
2. the VTP domain name has to be the same on both switches
3. if present, the VTP domain password has to be the same
4. VTP versions have to match
5. the link between the switches has to be a trunk link

SWITCHES

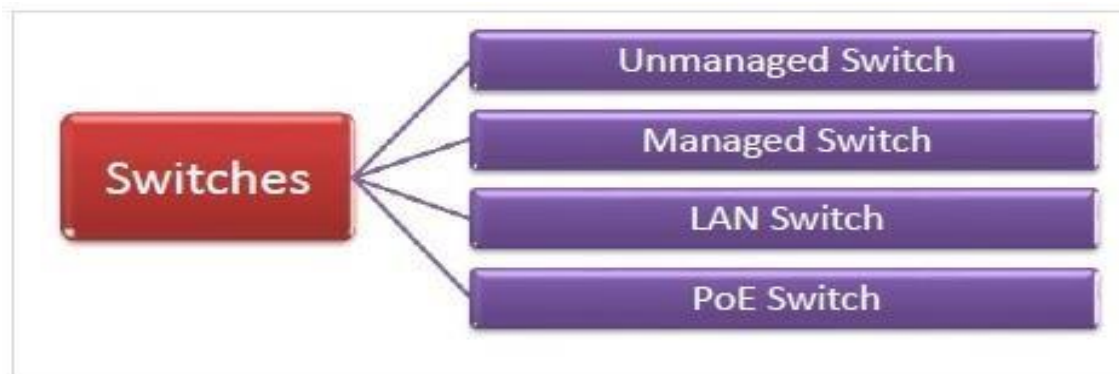
Switches are networking devices operating at layer 2 or a data link layer of the OSI model. They connect devices in a network and use packet switching to send, receive or forward data packets or data frames over the network.



A switch has many ports, to which computers are plugged in. When a data frame arrives at any port of a network switch, it examines the destination address, performs necessary checks and sends the frame to the corresponding device(s). It supports unicast, multicast as well as broadcast communications.

Types of Switches

There are variety of switches that can be broadly categorised into 4 types –



- **Unmanaged Switch** – These are inexpensive switches commonly used in home networks and small businesses. They can be set up by simply plugging in to the network, after which they instantly start operating. When more devices need to be added, more switches are simply added by this plug and play method. They are referred to as unmanaged since they do not require to be configured or monitored.
- **Managed Switch** – These are costly switches that are used in organisations with large and complex networks, since they can be customized to augment the functionalities of a standard switch. The augmented features may be QoS (Quality of Service) like higher security levels, better precision control and complete network management. Despite their cost, they are preferred in growing organizations due to their scalability and flexibility. Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is used for configuring managed switches.
- **LAN Switch** – Local Area Network (LAN) switches connect devices in the internal LAN of an organization. They are also referred to as Ethernet switches or data switches. These switches are particularly helpful in reducing network congestion or bottlenecks. They allocate bandwidth in a manner so that there is no overlapping of data packets in a network.
- **PoE Switch** – Power over Ethernet (PoE) switches are used in PoE Gigabit Ethernet. PoE technology combines data and power transmission over the same cable so that devices connected to it can receive both electricity as well as data over the same line. PoE switches offer greater flexibility and simplify the cabling connections.

VTP Server

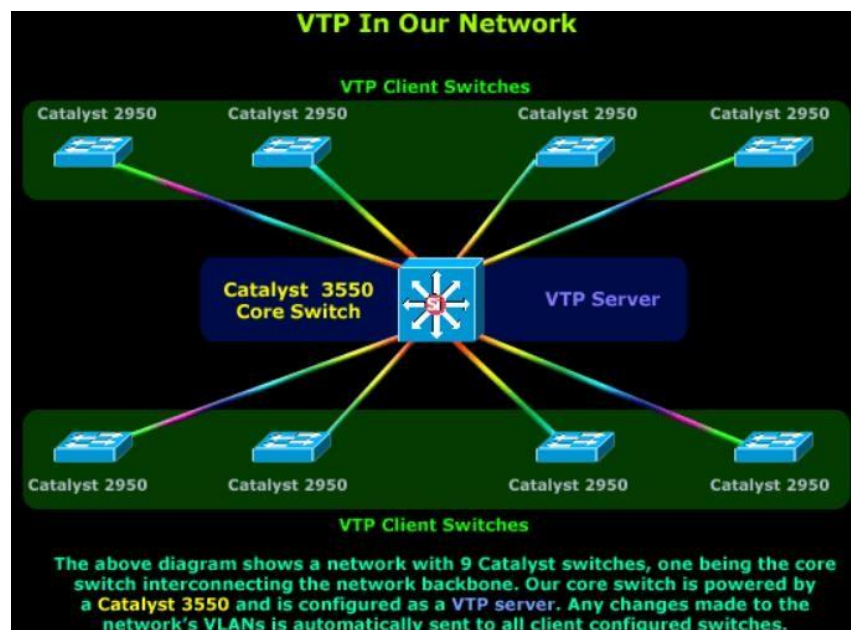
The VTP protocol is a fairly complex protocol, but easy to understand and implement once you get to know it. Currently, 3 different versions of the protocol exist, that is, version 1, 2 (adds support for Token Ring networks) and 3, with the first version being used in most networks.

Despite the variety of versions, it also operates in 3 different modes: Server, client and transparent mode, giving us maximum flexibility on how changes in the network effect the rest of our switches. To help keep things simple and in order to avoid confusion, we will work with the first version of the VTP protocol - VTP v1, covering more than 90% of networks.

Below you'll find the 3 modes the VTP protocol can operate on any switch throughout the network:

- VTP Server mode
- VTP Client mode
- VTP Transparent mode

Each mode has been designed to cover specific network setups and needs, as we are about to see, but for now, we need to understand the purpose of each mode and the following network diagram will help us do exactly that.



A typical setup involves at least one switch configured as a VTP Server, and multiple switches configured as VTP Clients. The logic behind this setup is that all information regarding VLANs is stored only on the VTP Server switch from which all clients are updated. Any change in the VLAN database will trigger an update from the VTP Server towards all VTP clients so they can update their database.

Lastly, be informed that these VTP updates will only traverse Trunk links. This means that you must ensure that all switches connect to the network backbone via Trunk links, otherwise no VTP updates will get to your switches.

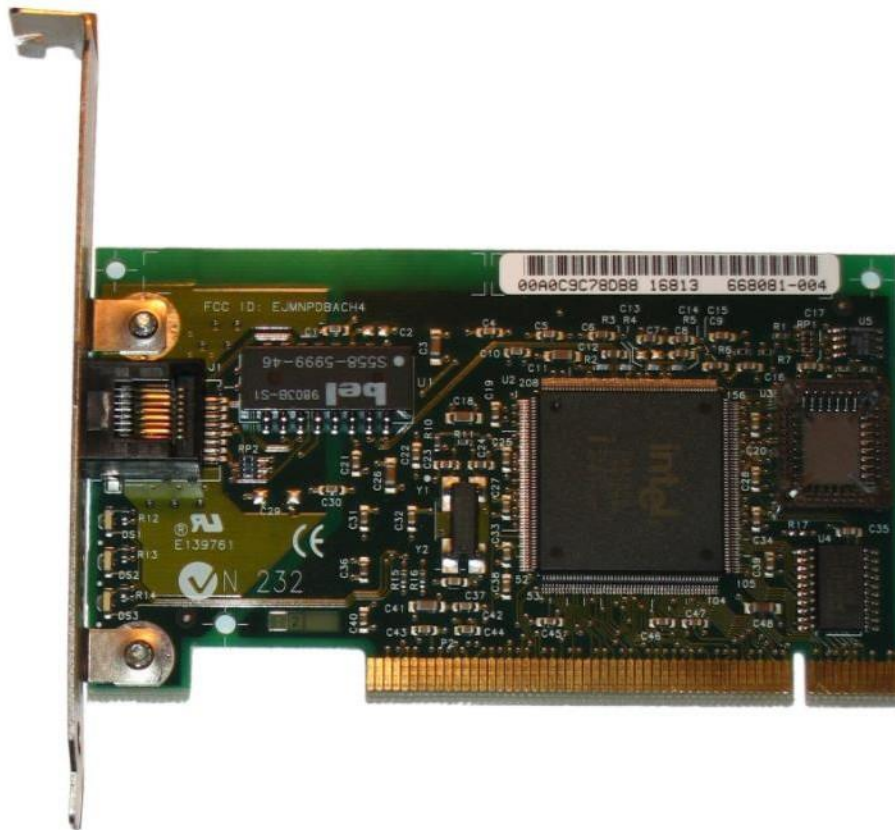
Let's now take a closer look at what each VTP mode does and where it can be used.

VTP Mode	Description
VTP Server	<p>The default mode for all switches supporting VTP. You can create, modify, and delete VLANs and specify other configuration parameters (such as VTP version) for the entire VTP domain.</p> <p>VTP servers advertise their VLAN configurations to other switches in the same VTP domain and synchronize their VLAN configurations with other switches based on advertisements received over trunk links. VLAN configurations are saved in NVRAM.</p>
VTP Client	<p>Behaves like a VTP server, but you cannot create, change, or delete VLANs on a VTP client. VLAN configurations are saved in NVRAM.</p>
VTP Transparent	<p>Does not advertise its VLAN configuration and does not synchronize its VLAN configuration based on received advertisements. However, they will forward VTP advertisements as they are received from other switches.</p> <p>You can create, modify, and delete VLANs on a switch in VTP transparent mode. VLAN configurations are saved in NVRAM, but they are not advertised to other switches.</p>

Fast Ethernet

In computer networking, **Fast Ethernet** physical layers carry traffic at the nominal rate of 100 Mbit/s. The prior Ethernet speed was 10 Mbit/s. Of the Fast Ethernet physical layers, **100BASE-TX** is by far the most common.

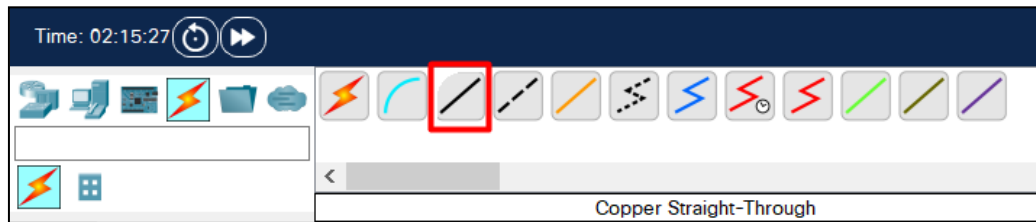
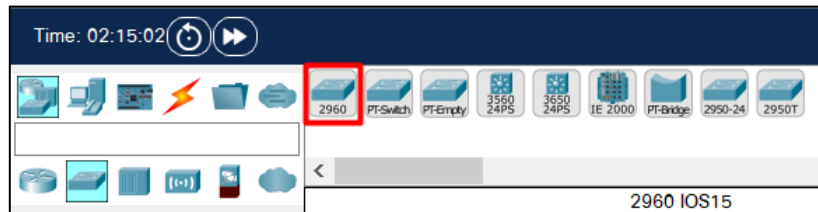
Fast Ethernet was introduced in 1995 as the **IEEE 802.3u** standard and remained the fastest version of Ethernet for three years before the introduction of Gigabit Ethernet. The acronym *GE/FE* is sometimes used for devices supporting both standards.



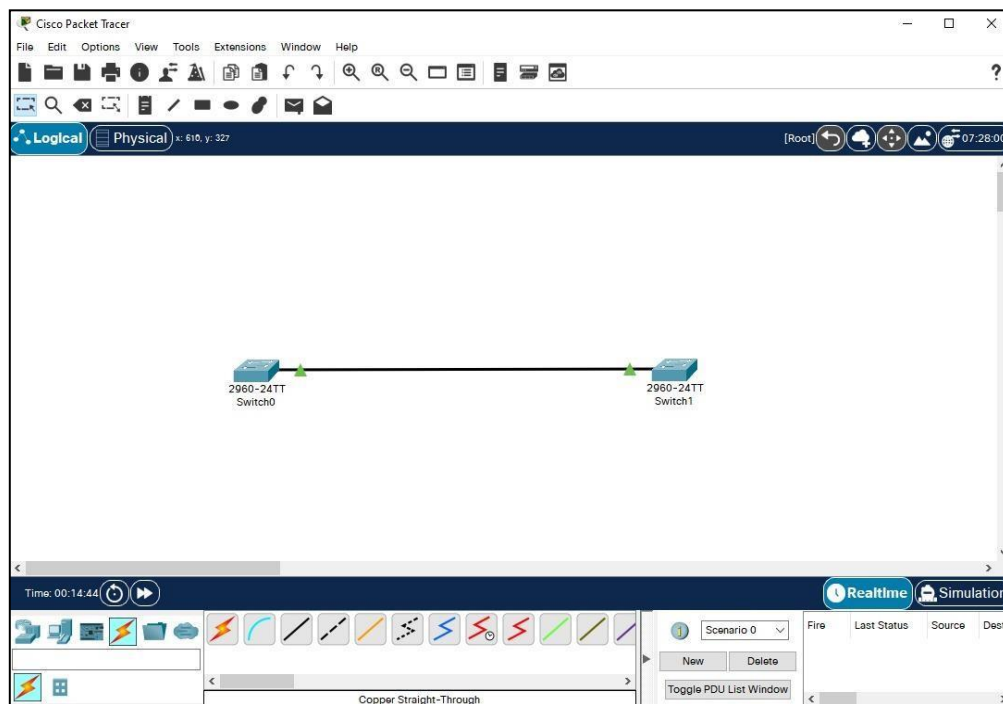
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Task 1

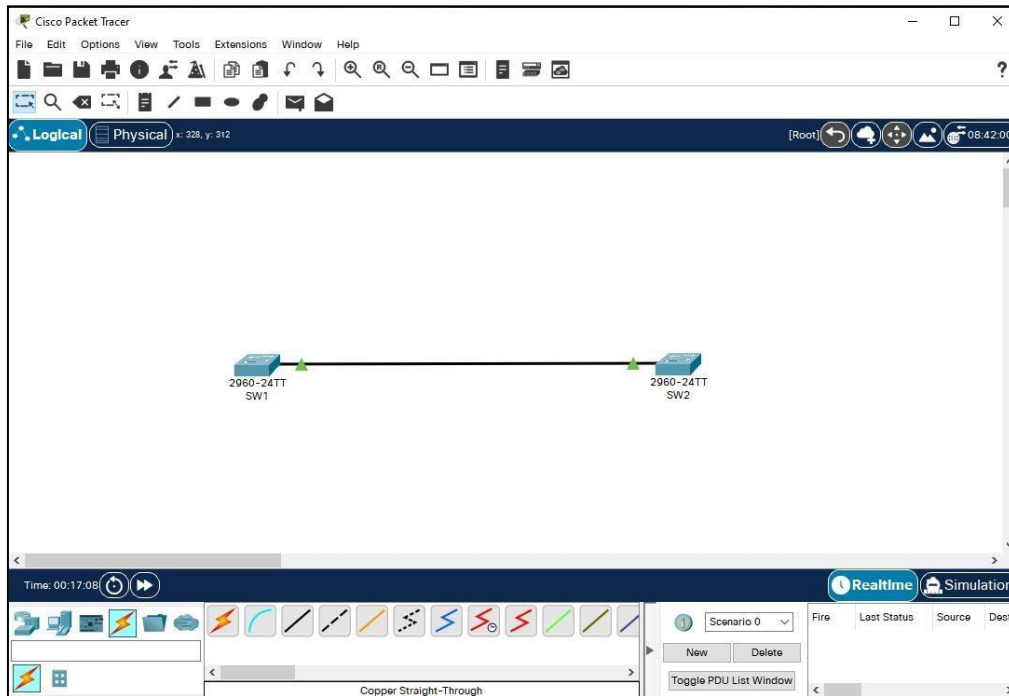
1. In preparation for VLAN configuration, configure a hostname on Sw1 and as depicted in the topology.



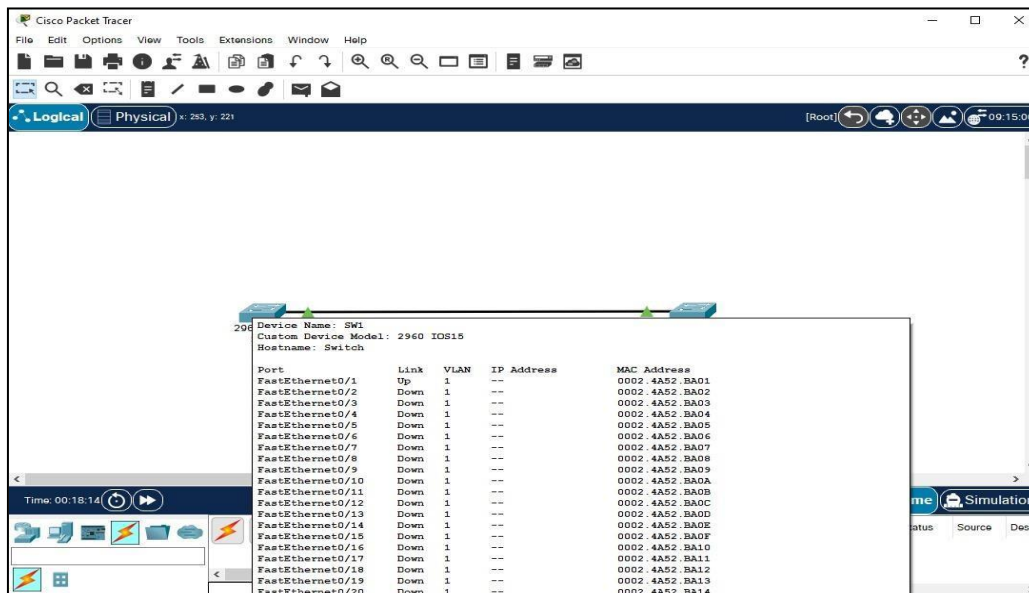
2. Take two switches 2960 and place them on the screen. Connect them with the copper straight through wire.



- Rename the switches from switch0 switch1 as Sw1 and Sw2

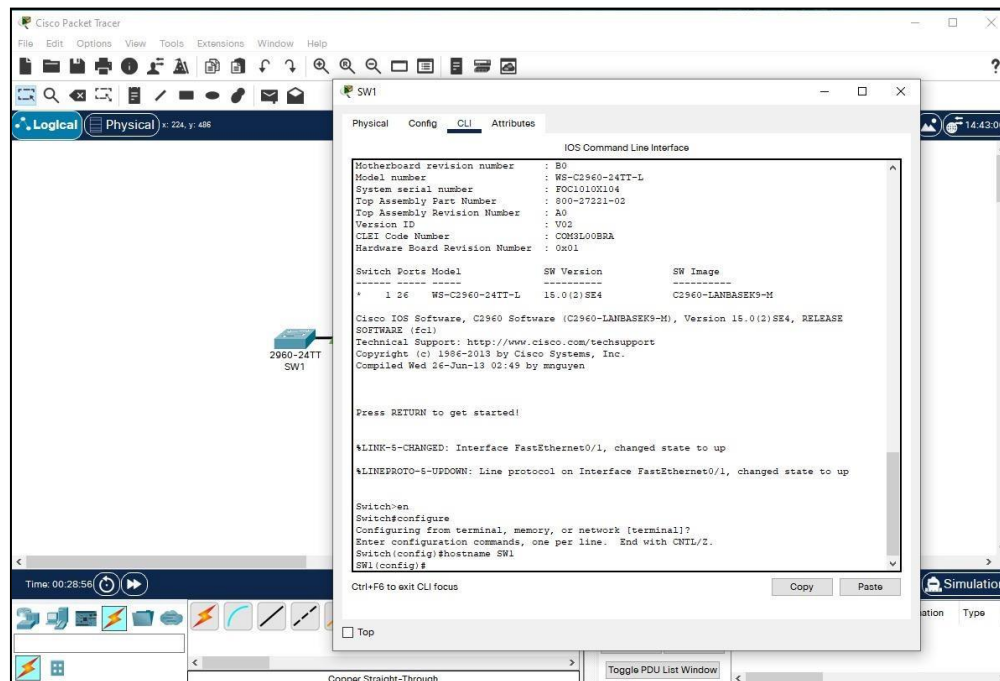


- The cable connected to the two ports are set the FastEthernet0/1



5. Now we configure the hostname to SW1 with the following commands

- Click on SW1
- Go to CLI tab
- Press Enter button
- Where will get switch>
- Type switch>en
- Switch#configure
- Now you will get configuring from terminal, memory, or network [terminal]?
- Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z
- Switch (config)# hostname SW1
- SW1 (config)#



Now the hostname on SW1 is configured

Task 2

6. Configure and verify sw1 as a VTP server switch and configure SW2 as a VTP client switch. Both switches should be in the VTP domain name CISCO. Secure VTP message with the VTP password CISCO.

In CLI give the following commads

- SW1#
%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to up
%LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to up

- SW1#sh vtp status

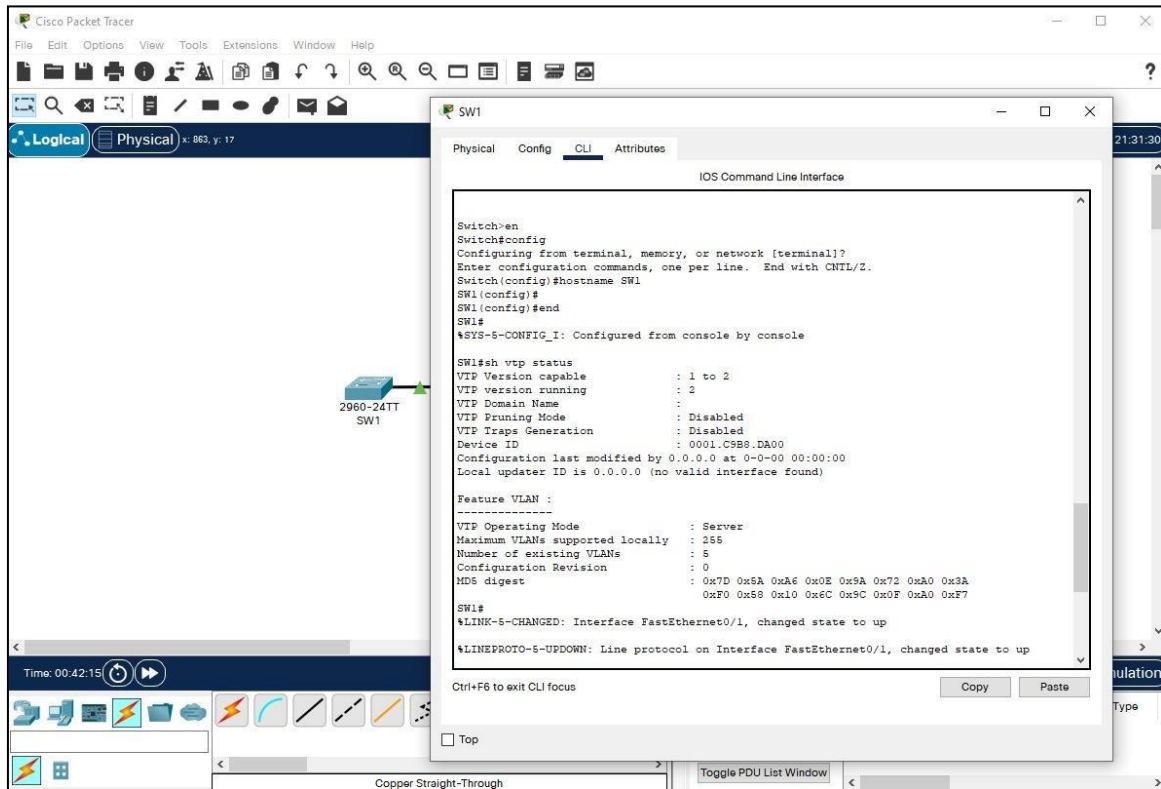
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We get
VTP Version capable      : 1 to 2
VTP version running      : 2
VTP Domain Name          :
VTP Pruning Mode         : Disabled
VTP Traps Generation     : Disabled
Device ID                : 0001.C9B8.DA00
Configuration last modified by 0.0.0.0 at 0 0-00 00:00:00
Local updater ID is 0.0.0.0 (no valid interface found)
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Feature VLAN :

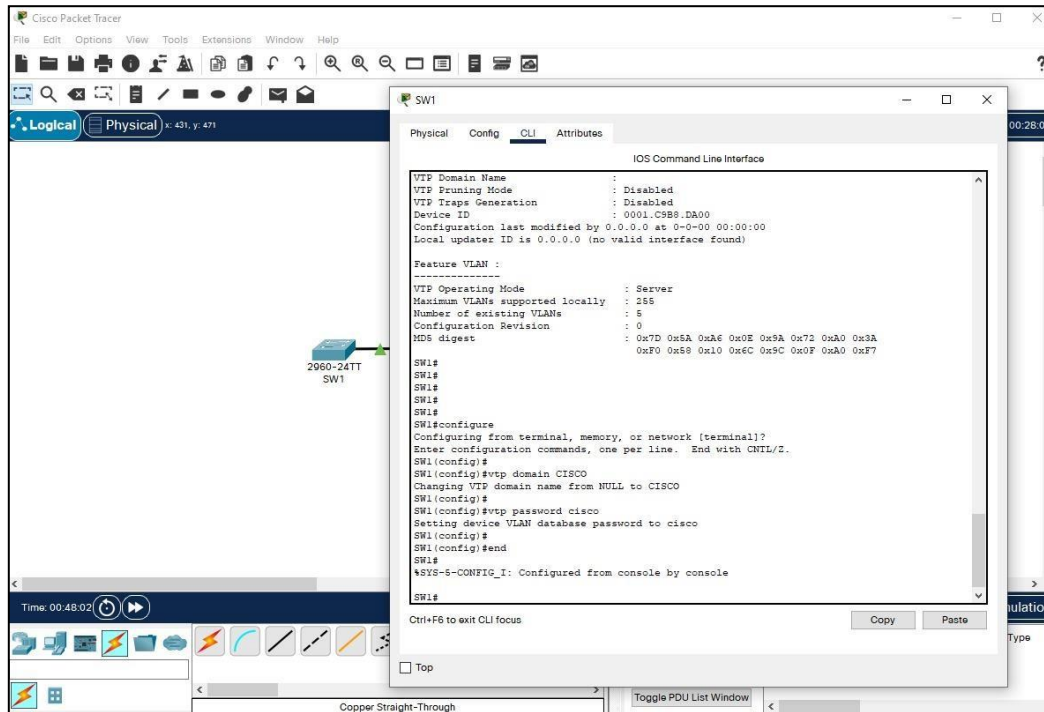
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VTP Operating Mode       : Server
Maximum VLANs supported locally : 255
Number of existing VLANs   : 5
Configuration Revision    : 0
MD5 digest                : 0x7D 0x5A 0xA6 0x0E 0x9A 0x72 0xA0 0x3A
                           0xF0 0x58 0x10 0x6C 0x9C 0x0F 0xA0 0xF7
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SW1#

Now we have configured SW1 as a VTP server

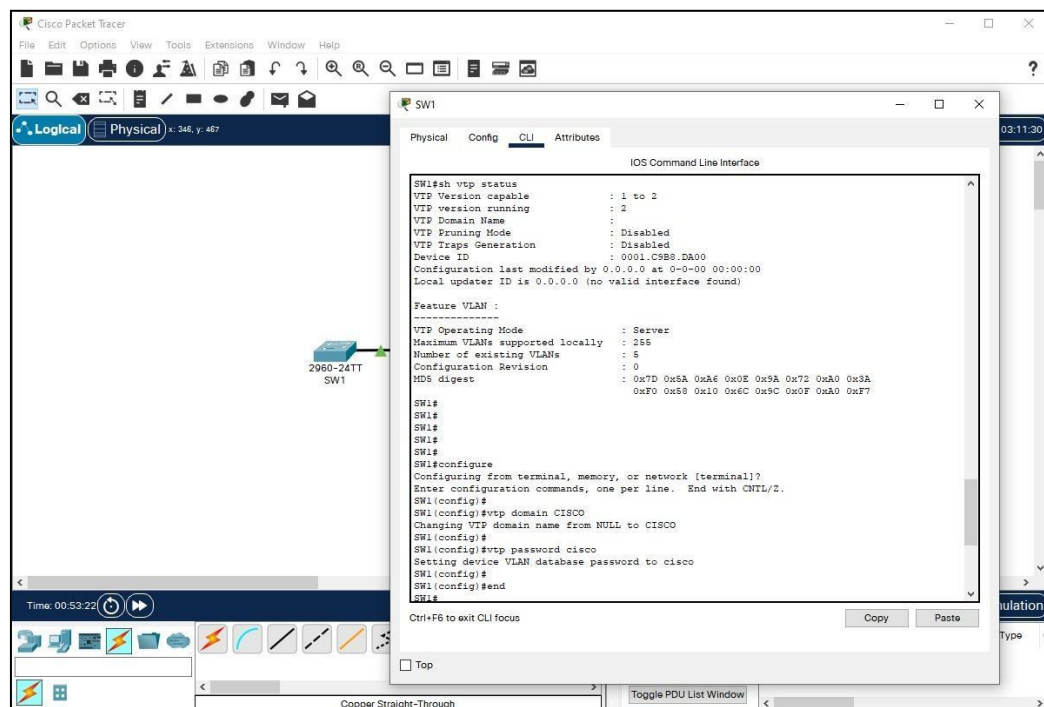


7. Configuring SW1 as, VTP domain name CISCO and we secure VTP message with the VTP password as CISCO

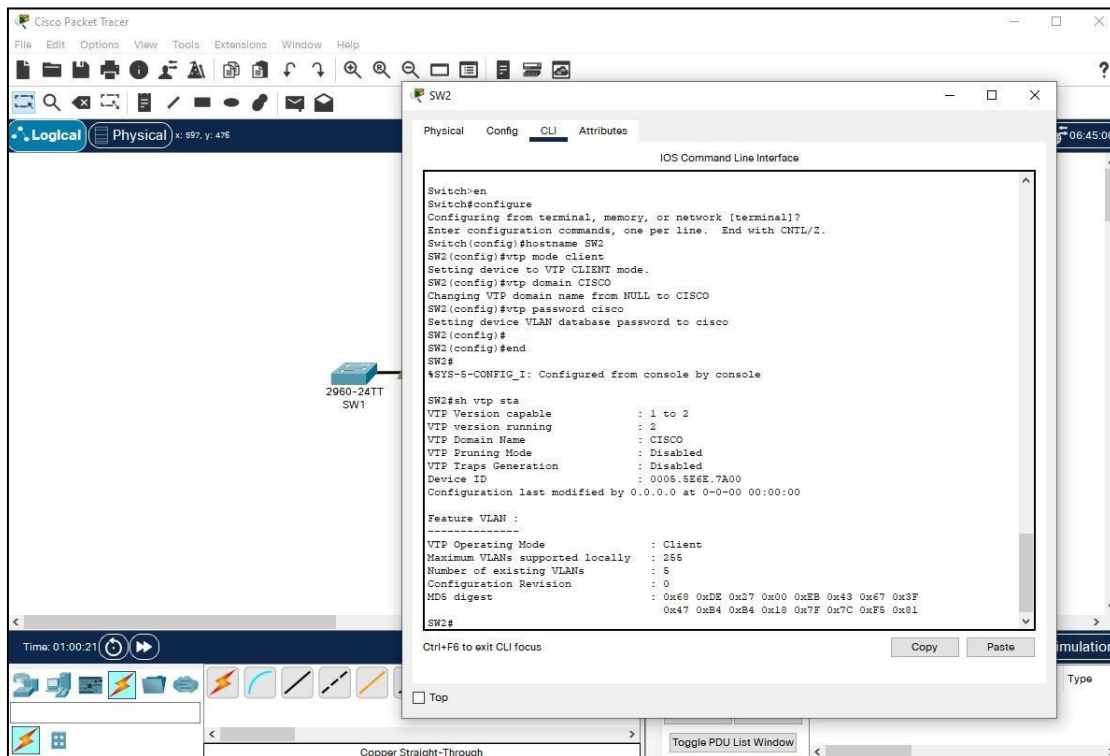


Command to check the VTP status

- SW1#sh vtp status

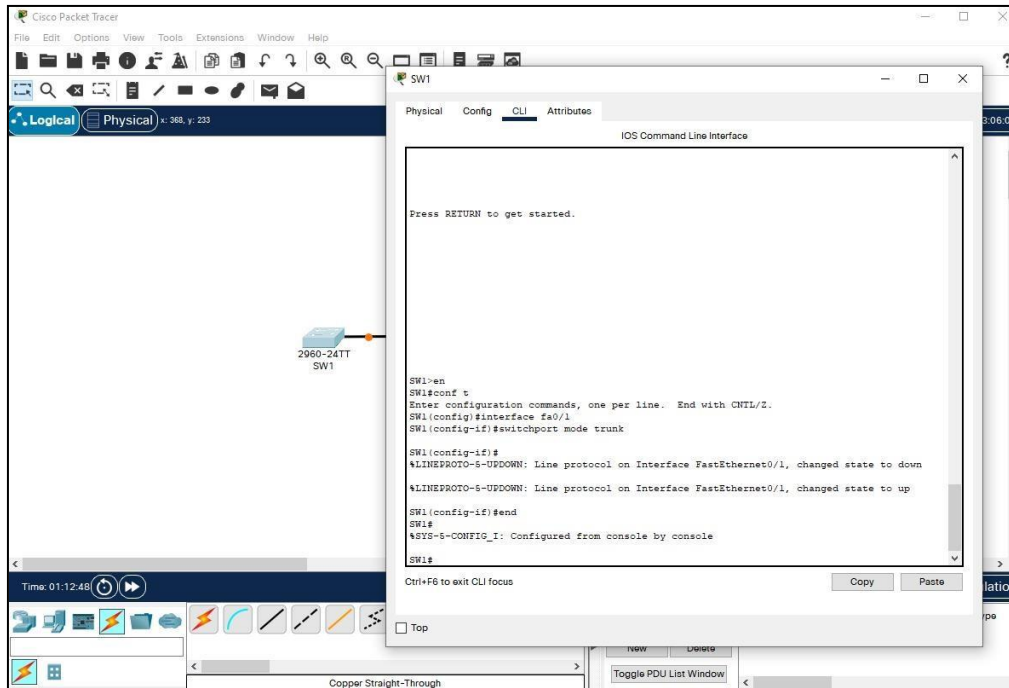


- Now we have verified and validated the VTP status that is we have set, VTP domain name as CISCO and VTP operating mode as Server.
- Now we do the same procedure for the switch2(SW2) and we set the host name to client such that switch1(SW 1) is server and switch2 (SW2) is client,
- Now we set the VTP domain name Cisco and secured the VTP pass message with the VTP password CISCO

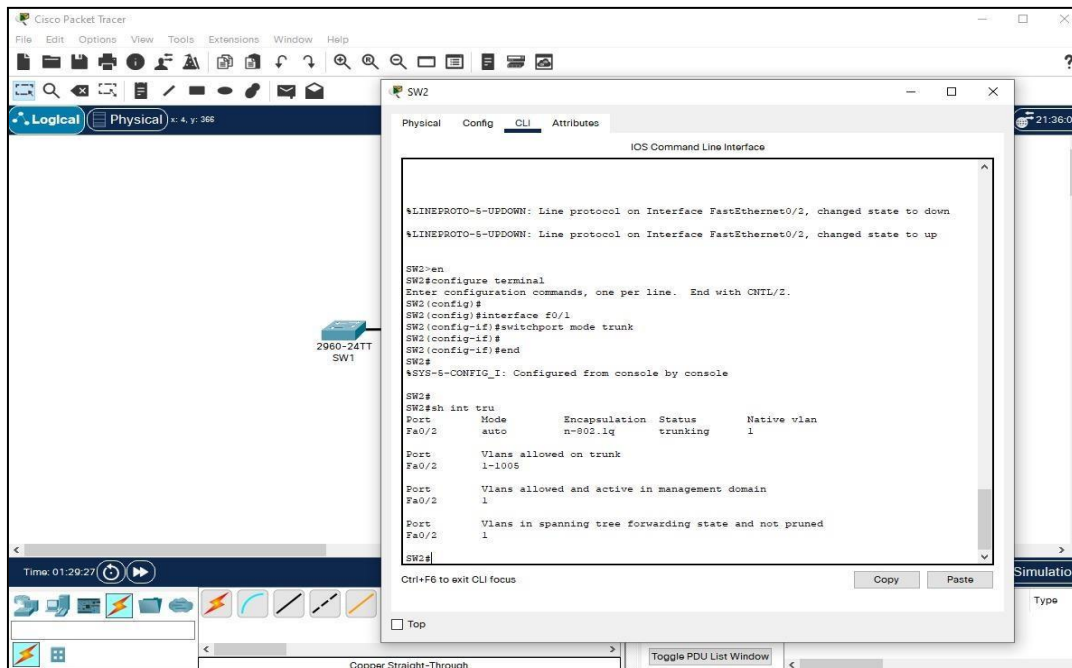


Task 3

8. Configure and verify fastEthernet 0/1 between SW1 and SW2 as an 802.1q trunk.



Now we configure switch 1 SW1 and set aside the switch port to mode trunk and we verify.



Now we configure switch 2 SW2 and set aside the switch port to mode trunk and we verify.

Task 4

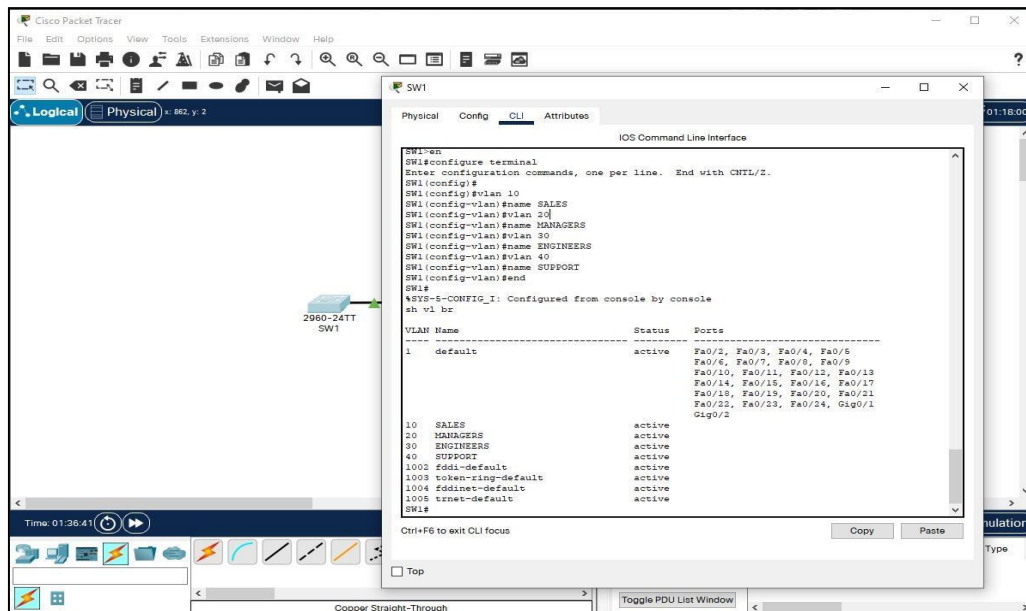
9. Configure and verify VLANs 10 and 20 on SW1 with the names provided above.

Validate that these VLANs are still propagated to SW3 after VTP has been secured.

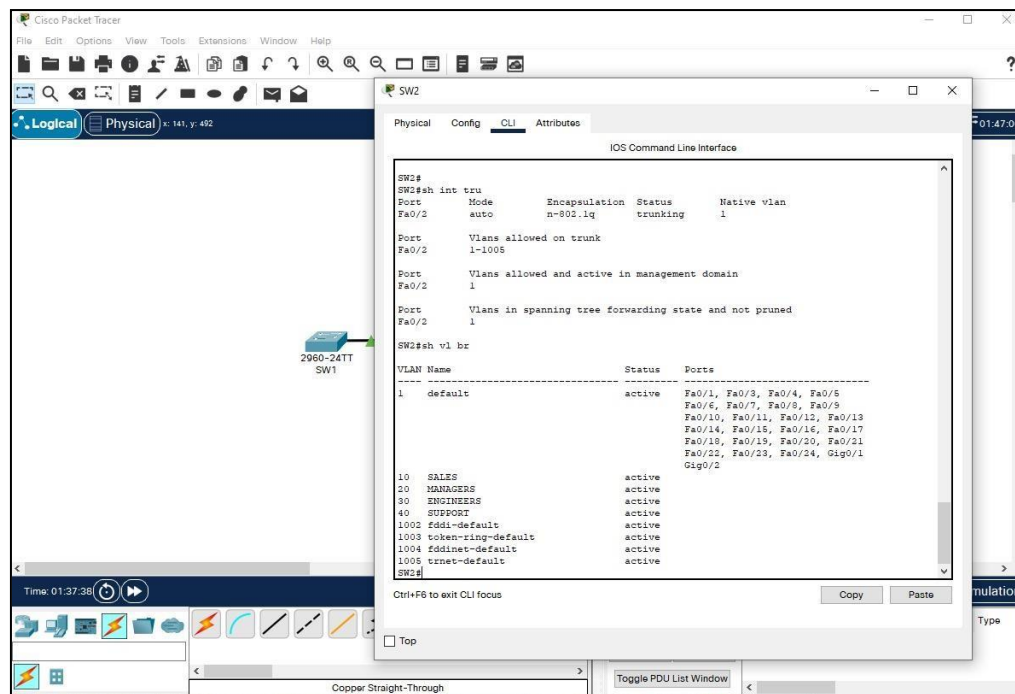
Commands in CLI

- SW1>
- SW1>en
- SW1#configure terminal
- Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
- SW1(config)#
- SW1(config)#vlan 10
- SW1(config-vlan)#name SALES
- SW1(config-vlan)#vlan 20
- SW1(config-vlan)#name MANAGERS
- SW1(config-vlan)#vlan 30
- SW1(config-vlan)#name ENGINEERS
- SW1(config-vlan)#vlan 40
- SW1(config-vlan)#name SUPPORT
- SW1(config-vlan)#end
- SW1#
%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
- sh vl br

Validating the SW1

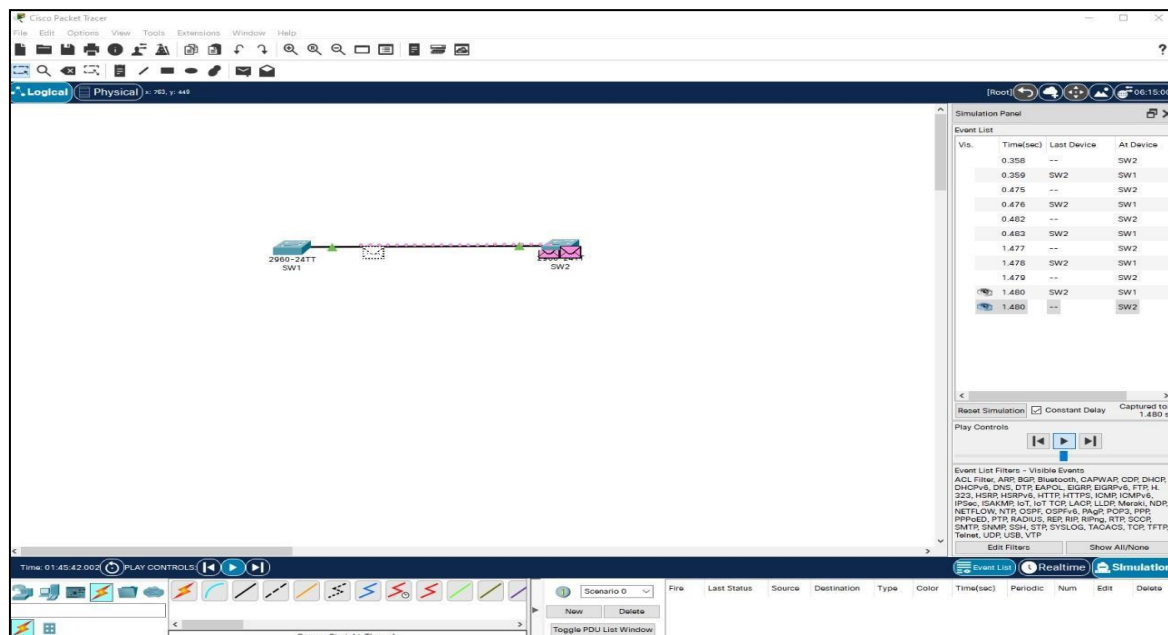
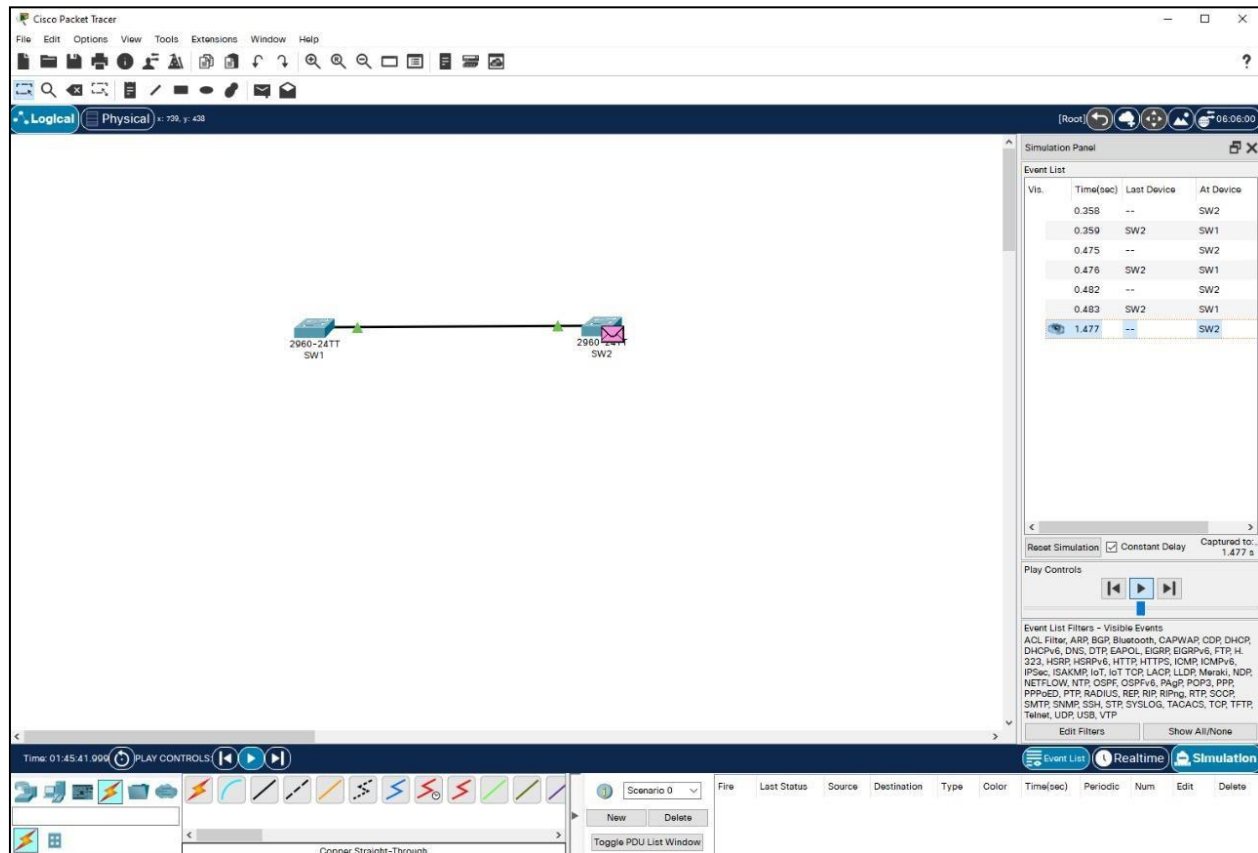


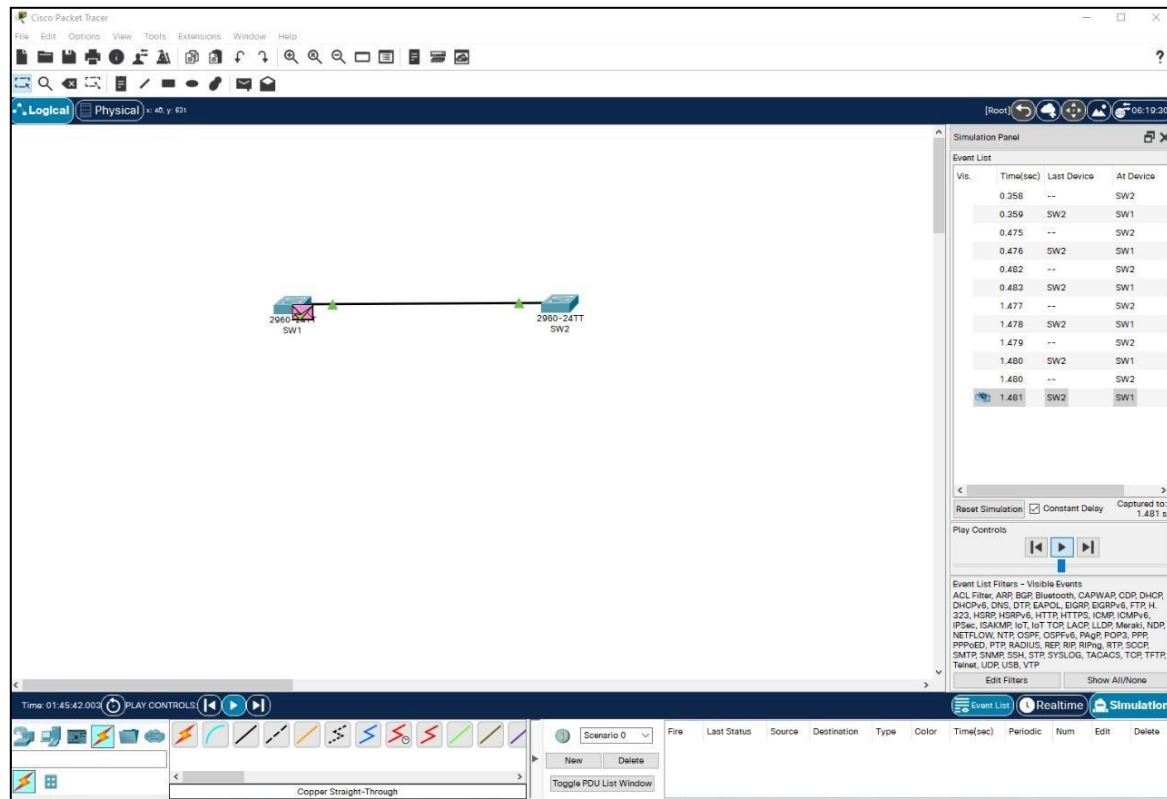
Validating the SW2



Now we have configure VLANs 10 20 30 & 40 to sales, managers, Engineers and supports As provided in the problem statement and we have validated these lines and are still propagated to SW2 after VTP has been secured.

Simulation Snapshots





Chapter 4:

CONCLUSION

The environment in an organization is totally different from what we experience in our colleges and classrooms. There, the people are busily working towards achieving the targets given to them. Even a small careless mistake may lead to loss for the company. So, the workers/employees must be efficient enough to make a bold move to finish the work within stipulated time to achieve the target.

I am glad to inform you that I got an internship at Cisco Networking Academy. I started my internship on 8th September 2021. I had worked with the team for an entire one month. I was glad to be a part of this team. I was supported by the whole team of Cisco Networking Academy. As days passed there were so many presentation which had to be presented to the whole team and we had meetings which were fixed and some developments of the resources which I had to do to improve the meeting register. At the end of the day I had to submit the report of the day's work to the head of the department. And then come the weekends where we had off and fun activities.

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