## **Experiment 08**

#### **VLAN Configuration Using eNSP**

# 8.1 Objectives

The main objectives of this experiment are

- To set up a simple network topology using eNSP software.
- To configure OSPF routing protocol on the routers.
- To configure VLAN routing protocol on the switches.

# 8.2 Theory

VLAN configuration refers to the process of setting up and managing Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs) on network devices, such as switches or routers. VLANs are used to logically segment a physical network into multiple virtual networks, allowing you to isolate and control the flow of traffic between different groups of devices.

The primary purpose of VLANs is to improve network performance, security, and management by creating separate broadcast domains. Devices within the same VLAN can communicate with each other as if they are connected to the same physical network, even if they are physically located on different switches or network segments.

## **8.3** Required Apparatus

- 1. eNSP (Enterprise Network Simulation Platform) Software
- 2. A highly configured PC

# 8.4 Topology Diagram

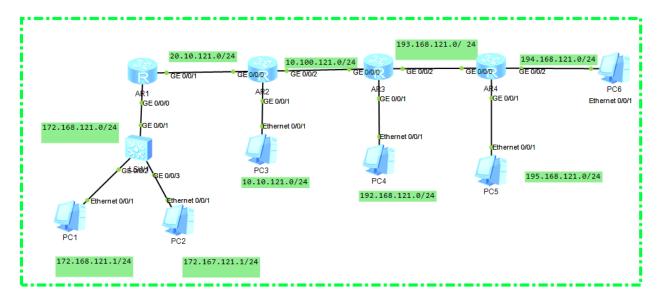


Figure 8.1: Basic Topology Diagram of OSPF Routing

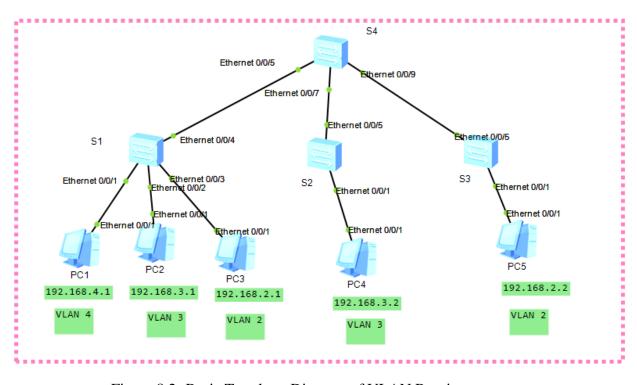


Figure 8.2: Basic Topology Diagram of VLAN Routing

#### 8.5 Configuration

#### 8.5.1 OSPF Routing

#### **IP Address Assignment:**

```
The number of interface that is UP in Physical is 3
The number of interface that is DOWN in Physical is 1
The number of interface that is UP in Protocol is 3
The number of interface that is DOWN in Protocol is 1
Interface
                                   IP Address/Mask
                                                         Physical
                                                                    Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0/0
                                   172.168.121.254/24
igabitEthernet0/0/1
                                   20.10.121.1/24
                                                         up
                                                                    up
 igabitEthernet0/0/2
                                   unassigned
                                                         down
                                                                    down
ULLO
                                   unassigned
                                                                    up(s)
                                                         up
 AR1]di
```

Figure 8.3: IP Addresses for Router 1

```
The number of interface that is UP in Physical is 4
The number of interface that is DOWN in Physical is 0
he number of interface that is UP in Protocol is 4
The number of interface that is DOWN in Protocol is 0
Interface
                                   IP Address/Mask
                                                         Physical
                                                                    Protocol
igabitEthernet0/0/0
                                   20.10.121.2/24
                                                         up
                                                                    up
                                   10.10.121.254/24
igabitEthernet0/0/1
                                                                    up
                                                         up
igabitEthernet0/0/2
                                   10.100.121.2/24
                                                         up
ULLO
                                   unassigned
                                                                    up(s)
                                                         up
AR2]
```

Figure 8.4: IP Addresses for Router 2

```
The number of interface that is UP in Physical is 4
The number of interface that is DOWN in Physical is 0
The number of interface that is UP in Protocol is 4
The number of interface that is DOWN in Protocol is 0
Interface
                                   IP Address/Mask
                                                         Physical
                                                                    Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0/0
                                   10.100.121.3/24
                                                         up
                                                                    up
GigabitEthernet0/0/1
                                   192.168.121.254/24
                                                                    up
GigabitEthernet0/0/2
                                   193.168.121.3/24
                                                         up
                                                                    up
NULLO
                                   unassigned
                                                         up
                                                                    up(s)
<AR3>
```

Figure 8.5: IP Addresses for Router 3

```
The number of interface that is UP in Physical is 4
The number of interface that is DOWN in Physical is 0
The number of interface that is UP in Protocol is 4
The number of interface that is DOWN in Protocol is 0
Interface
                                   IP Address/Mask
                                                         Physical
                                                                    Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0/0
                                   193.168.121.4/24
                                                         up
                                                                    up
                                   195.168.121.254/24
GigabitEthernet0/0/1
                                                         up
                                                                    up
GigabitEthernet0/0/2
                                   194.168.121.254/24
                                                         up
NULLO
                                   unassigned
                                                         up
                                                                    up(s)
<AR4>
```

Figure 8.6: IP Addresses for Router 4

# **PC Configuration:**

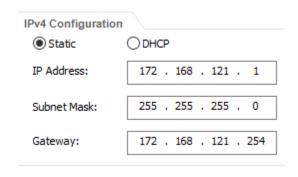


Figure 8.7: PC configuration for PC 1

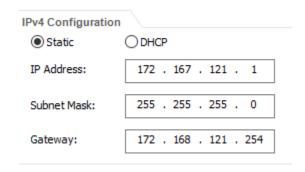


Figure 8.8: PC configuration for PC 2

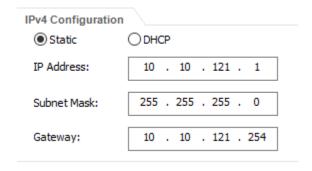


Figure 8.9: PC configuration for PC 3

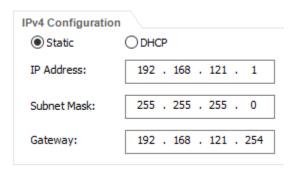


Figure 8.10: PC configuration for PC 4

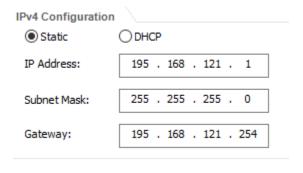


Figure 8.11: PC configuration for PC 5

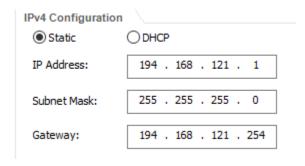


Figure 8.12: PC configuration for PC 6

## **Routing Tables:**

```
[ARl]display ospf routing
      OSPF Process 1 with Router ID 172.168.121.254
              Routing Tables
Routing for Network
Destination
                          Type
                                      NextHop
                                                       AdvRouter
                    Cost
                                                                       Area
                                      20.10.121.1
20.10.121.0/24
                    1
                          Transit
                                                       172.168.121.254 0.0.0.0
                                      172.168.121.254 172.168.121.254 0.0.0.0
172.168.121.0/24
                          Stub
10.10.121.0/24
                    2
                                      20.10.121.2
                                                       20.10.121.2
                          Stub
                                                                       0.0.0.0
10.100.121.0/24
                    2
                          Transit
                                      20.10.121.2
                                                       20.10.121.2
                                                                       0.0.0.0
                    3
                                                                       0.0.0.0
192.168.121.0/24
                          Stub
                                      20.10.121.2
                                                       10.100.121.3
193.168.121.0/24
                    3
                          Transit
                                      20.10.121.2
                                                       193.168.121.4
                                                                       0.0.0.0
194.168.121.0/24
                          Stub
                                      20.10.121.2
                                                       193.168.121.4
                                                                       0.0.0.0
195.168.121.0/24
                          Stub
                                      20.10.121.2
                                                       193.168.121.4
                                                                       0.0.0.0
Total Nets: 8
Intra Area: 8
                Inter Area: 0 ASE: 0 NSSA: 0
AR1]
```

Figure 8.13: OSPF Routing Table for Router 1

```
[AR2]display ospf routing
      OSPF Process 1 with Router ID 20.10.121.2
             Routing Tables
Routing for Network
Destination
                    Cost
                                     NextHop
                                                      AdvRouter
                          Type
                                                                      Area
10.10.121.0/24
                                     10.10.121.254
                    1
                          Stub
                                                      20.10.121.2
                                                                      0.0.0.0
                                     10.100.121.2
10.100.121.0/24
                          Transit
                                                      20.10.121.2
                                                                      0.0.0.0
20.10.121.0/24
                    1
                          Transit
                                     20.10.121.2
                                                      20.10.121.2
                                                                      0.0.0.0
172.168.121.0/24
                    2
                                     20.10.121.1
                          Stub
                                                      172.168.121.254 0.0.0.0
192.168.121.0/24
                          Stub
                                     10.100.121.3
                                                      10.100.121.3
                                                                      0.0.0.0
                    2
                    2
193.168.121.0/24
                                     10.100.121.3
                          Transit
                                                      193.168.121.4
                                                                      0.0.0.0
194.168.121.0/24
                   3
                                     10.100.121.3
                                                      193.168.121.4
                                                                      0.0.0.0
                          Stub
                          Stub
195.168.121.0/24
                                     10.100.121.3
                                                      193.168.121.4
                                                                      0.0.0.0
Total Nets: 8
Intra Area: 8
               Inter Area: 0 ASE: 0 NSSA: 0
```

Figure 8.14: OSPF Routing Table for Router 2

```
AR3>display ospf routing
      OSPF Process 1 with Router ID 10.100.121.3
             Routing Tables
Routing for Network
                                                     AdvRouter
Destination
                                     NextHop
                   Cost
                         Type
                                                                      Area
10.100.121.0/24
                         Transit
                                     10.100.121.3
                                                     10.100.121.3
                                                                      0.0.0.0
                   1
192.168.121.0/24
                   1
                          Stub
                                     192.168.121.254 10.100.121.3
                                                                      0.0.0.0
193.168.121.0/24
                   1
                         Transit
                                     193.168.121.3
                                                     10.100.121.3
                                                                      0.0.0.0
10.10.121.0/24
                   2
                                     10.100.121.2
                                                     20.10.121.2
                          Stub
                                                                      0.0.0.0
20.10.121.0/24
                                     10.100.121.2
                                                     172.168.121.254 0.0.0.0
                         Transit
172.168.121.0/24
                   3
                         Stub
                                     10.100.121.2
                                                     172.168.121.254 0.0.0.0
194.168.121.0/24
                          Stub
                                     193.168.121.4
                                                     193.168.121.4
                                                                      0.0.0.0
195.168.121.0/24
                   2
                          Stub
                                     193.168.121.4
                                                     193.168.121.4
                                                                      0.0.0.0
Total Nets: 8
               Inter Area: 0 ASE: 0 NSSA: 0
Intra Area: 8
```

Figure 8.15: OSPF Routing Table for Router 3

```
AR4>display ospf routing
      OSPF Process 1 with Router ID 193.168.121.4
             Routing Tables
Routing for Network
Destination
                   Cost
                        Type
                                    NextHop
                                                     AdvRouter
                                                                     Area
193.168.121.0/24
                   1
                         Transit
                                     193.168.121.4
                                                     193.168.121.4
                                                                      0.0.0.0
194.168.121.0/24
                         Stub
                                     194.168.121.254 193.168.121.4
                                                                      0.0.0.0
195.168.121.0/24
                   1
                         Stub
                                     195.168.121.254 193.168.121.4
                                                                     0.0.0.0
                   3
                                                     20.10.121.2
10.10.121.0/24
                         Stub
                                     193.168.121.3
                                                                     0.0.0.0
10.100.121.0/24
                                     193.168.121.3
                                                     20.10.121.2
                   2
                         Transit
20.10.121.0/24
                   3
                         Transit
                                     193.168.121.3
                                                     172.168.121.254 0.0.0.0
172.168.121.0/24
                   4
                                     193.168.121.3
                                                     172.168.121.254 0.0.0.0
                         Stub
192.168.121.0/24
                   2
                         Stub
                                     193.168.121.3
                                                     10.100.121.3
                                                                     0.0.0.0
Total Nets: 8
Intra Area: 8
               Inter Area: 0 ASE: 0 NSSA: 0
```

Figure 8.16: OSPF Routing Table for Router 4

The summary at the bottom of the routing table provides information about the number of networks (Total Nets) and the distribution of those networks in different OSPF areas. In this case, all networks are within the same area (Area 0.0.0.0), so there are 8 intra-area routes and 0 inter-area routes. There are no Autonomous System External (ASE) routes or Not-So-Stubby-Area (NSSA) routes in this routing table.

## 8.5.2 VLAN Routing

## **Defining VLAN:**

```
[S1]vlan 2
[S1-vlan2]
```

Figure 8.17: Defining VLAN in System

As figure 8.17, VLAN 2, 3 and 4 were defined in switch 1, switch 2 and switch 3.

```
[S1]interface ethernet 0/0/3
[S1-Ethernet0/0/3]port link-ty
[S1-Ethernet0/0/3]port link-type access
[S1-Ethernet0/0/3]port default vlan 2
```

Figure 8.18: Defining port in Ethernet of Switch

As fig 8.18, ports were defined in Ethernet cable.

```
[S1]interface ethernet 0/0/4

[S1-Ethernet0/0/4]port link

[S1-Ethernet0/0/4]port link-type trunk

[S1-Ethernet0/0/4]port tr

[S1-Ethernet0/0/4]port trunk all

[S1-Ethernet0/0/4]port trunk allow-pass v

[S1-Ethernet0/0/4]port trunk allow-pass vlan all

[S1-Ethernet0/0/4]
```

Figure 8.18: Connection with master switch

## **VLAN Routing Tables:**

```
(S1>sys
Enter system view, return user view with Ctrl+Z.
[S1]dis vlan
The total number of vlans is : 4
                                   TG: Tagged;
U: Up;
                D: Down;
                                                          UT: Untagged;
MP: Vlan-mapping;
                                   ST: Vlan-stacking;
: ProtocolTransparent-vlan;
                                   *: Management-vlan;
/ID Type
              Ports
                                                                       Eth0/0/7(D)
Eth0/0/11(D)
Eth0/0/15(D)
     common UT:Eth0/0/4(U)
Eth0/0/8(D)
Eth0/0/12(D)
                                                     Eth0/0/6(D)
Eth0/0/10(D)
                                   Eth0/0/5(D)
                                   Eth0/0/9(D)
Eth0/0/13(D)
                                                     Eth0/0/14(D)
                                                                        Eth0/0/19(D)
                 Eth0/0/16(D)
                                   Eth0/0/17(D)
                                                      Eth0/0/18(D)
                                   Eth0/0/21(D)
                                                     Eth0/0/22(D)
                                                                        GE0/0/1(D)
                 Eth0/0/20(D)
                 GE0/0/2(D)
     common UT:Eth0/0/3(U)
              TG:Eth0/0/4(U)
     common UT:Eth0/0/2(U)
              TG:Eth0/0/4(U)
         on UT:Eth0/0/1(U)
              TG:Eth0/0/4(U)
/ID Status
             Property
                              MAC-LRN Statistics Description
             default
     enable
                                                   VLAN 0001
                              enable disable
                                       disable
                                                   VLAN 0002
     enable
             default
                              enable
                                                   VLAN 0003
                                       disable
     enable default
                              enable
                                       disable
                                                   VLAN 0004
```

Figure 8.19: VLAN Table for Switch 1

# From fig. 8.19 the total number of VLANs is 4. VLAN Configuration Details:

## 1. VLAN ID: 1

- Type: Common
- Ports: Eth0/0/4 (Untagged), Eth0/0/5 to Eth0/0/22, GE0/0/1, GE0/0/2 (All Down)
- Status: Enabled
- Property: Default
- MAC Learning: Enabled
- Statistics: Disabled
- Description: VLAN 0001

# 2. VLAN ID: 2

- Type: Common
- Ports: Eth0/0/3 (Untagged), Eth0/0/4 (Tagged)
- Status: Enabled
- Property: Default
- MAC Learning: Enabled
- Statistics: Disabled
- Description: VLAN 0002

#### 3. VLAN ID: 3

- Type: Common
- Ports: Eth0/0/2 (Untagged), Eth0/0/4 (Tagged)
- Status: Enabled
- Property: Default
- MAC Learning: Enabled
- Statistics: Disabled
- Description: VLAN 0003

#### 4. VLAN ID: 4

- Type: Common
- Ports: Eth0/0/1 (Untagged), Eth0/0/4 (Tagged)
- Status: Enabled
- Property: Default
- MAC Learning: Enabled
- Statistics: Disabled
- Description: VLAN 0004

```
Enter system view, return user view with Ctrl+Z.
[S2]dis vlan
The total number of vlans is : 2
U: Up;
               D: Down;
                                 TG: Tagged;
                                                      UT: Untagged;
MP: Vlan-mapping;
                                 ST: Vlan-stacking;
#: ProtocolTransparent-vlan;
                                 *: Management-vlan;
VID
    Type
             Ports
             UT:Eth0/0/2(D)
                                 Eth0/0/3(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/4(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/5(U)
                Eth0/0/6(D)
                                 Eth0/0/7(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/8(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/9(D)
                Eth0/0/10(D)
                                 Eth0/0/11(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/12(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/13(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/17(D)
                Eth0/0/14(D)
                                 Eth0/0/15(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/16(D)
                Eth0/0/18(D)
                                 Eth0/0/19(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/20(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/21(D)
                                 GE0/0/1(D)
                                                  GE0/0/2(D)
                Eth0/0/22(D)
             UT:Eth0/0/1(U)
             TG:Eth0/0/5(U)
                            MAC-LRN Statistics Description
    Status
             Property
     enable
             default
                            enable
                                    disable
                                                VLAN 0001
                                                VLAN 0003
                            enable
     enable
             default
                                    disable
```

Figure 8.20: VLAN table for Switch 2

From Figure 8.20- the total number of VLANs is 2.

## VLAN Configuration Details:

- 1. VLAN ID: 1
  - Type: Common
  - Ports: Eth0/0/2 to Eth0/0/22, GE0/0/1, GE0/0/2 (All Down), Eth0/0/5 (Untagged)
  - Status: Enabled
  - Property: Default
  - MAC Learning: Enabled
  - Statistics: Disabled
  - Description: VLAN 0001
- 2. VLAN ID: 3
  - Type: Common
  - Ports: Eth0/0/1 (Untagged), Eth0/0/5 (Tagged)
  - Status: Enabled
  - Property: Default
  - MAC Learning: Enabled
  - Statistics: Disabled
  - Description: VLAN 0003

```
[S3]dis vlan
The total number of vlans is : 2
               D: Down;
                                 TG: Tagged;
                                                      UT: Untagged;
MP: Vlan-mapping;
                                 ST: Vlan-stacking;
#: ProtocolTransparent-vlan;
                                 *: Management-vlan;
VID Type
             Ports
             UT:Eth0/0/2(D)
                                 Eth0/0/3(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/4(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/5(U)
                Eth0/0/6(D)
                                 Eth0/0/7(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/9(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/8(D)
                Eth0/0/10(D)
                                 Eth0/0/11(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/12(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/13(D)
                Eth0/0/14(D)
                                 Eth0/0/15(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/16(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/17(D)
                                 Eth0/0/19(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/20(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/21(D)
                Eth0/0/18(D)
                Eth0/0/22(D)
                                 GE0/0/1(D)
                                                  GE0/0/2(D)
             UT:Eth0/0/1(U)
             TG:Eth0/0/5(U)
                            MAC-LRN Statistics Description
VID
    Status
             Property
    enable
             default
                            enable
                                    disable
                                                VLAN 0001
     enable
             default
                            enable
                                    disable
                                                VLAN 0002
```

Figure 8.21:VLAN table for switch 3

# VLAN Configuration Details:

- 1. VLAN ID: 1
  - Type: Common
  - Ports: Eth0/0/2 to Eth0/0/22, GE0/0/1, GE0/0/2 (All Down), Eth0/0/5 (Untagged)
  - Status: EnabledProperty: Default
  - MAC Learning: Enabled
  - Statistics: Disabled
  - Description: VLAN 0001
- 2. VLAN ID: 2
  - Type: Common
  - Ports: Eth0/0/1 (Untagged), Eth0/0/5 (Tagged)
  - Status: Enabled
  - Property: Default
  - MAC Learning: Enabled
  - Statistics: Disabled
  - Description: VLAN 0002

```
S4>svs
Enter system view, return user view with Ctrl+Z.
[S4]dis vlan
The total number of vlans is: 4
U: Up;
               D: Down;
                                 TG: Tagged;
                                                      UT: Untagged;
MP: Vlan-mapping;
                                 ST: Vlan-stacking;
#: ProtocolTransparent-vlan;
                                 *: Management-vlan;
VID Type
             Ports
             UT:Eth0/0/1(D)
                                 Eth0/0/2(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/3(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/4(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/7(U)
                Eth0/0/5(U)
                                 Eth0/0/6(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/8(D)
                Eth0/0/9(U)
                                 Eth0/0/10(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/11(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/12(D)
                Eth0/0/13(D)
                                 Eth0/0/14(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/15(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/16(D)
                                                  Eth0/0/19(D)
                Eth0/0/17(D)
                                 Eth0/0/18(D)
                                                                   Eth0/0/20(D)
                Eth0/0/21(D)
                                 Eth0/0/22(D)
                                                  GE0/0/1(D)
                                                                   GE0/0/2(D)
             TG:Eth0/0/5(U)
                                 Eth0/0/7(U)
                                                  Eth0/0/9(U)
             TG:Eth0/0/5(U)
                                 Eth0/0/7(U)
                                                  Eth0/0/9(U)
             TG:Eth0/0/5(U)
                                 Eth0/0/7(U)
                                                  Eth0/0/9(U)
                            MAC-LRN Statistics Description
    Status
             Property
             default
                                    disable
                                                VLAN 0001
                                    disable
                                                VLAN 0002
                            enable
     enable
                            enable
                                    disable
             default
                                                VLAN 0003
     enable
             default
                            enable
                                    disable
                                                VLAN 0004
```

Figure 8.22: V:LAN table for master switch 4

VLANs are used to logically segregate network traffic. Devices within the same VLAN can communicate with each other directly, while devices in different VLANs typically require routing through a Layer 3 device (like a router) to communicate. Each VLAN is identified by a VLAN ID (VID). Ports are associated with each VLAN, and they can be either tagged (TG) or untagged (UT) on specific VLANs."UT:Eth0/0/x(U)" means port Eth0/0/x is untagged on the respective VLAN."TG:Eth0/0/x(U)" means port Eth0/0/x is tagged on the respective VLAN.

#### 8.6 Result

The results obtained from the testing phase showed the following:

## 8.6.1 OSPF Routing

The ping from PC1 to PC5 had a response time of 46/53/63 ms.

```
PC>ping 195.168.121.1

Ping 195.168.121.1: 32 data bytes, Press Ctrl_C to break From 195.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=1 ttl=124 time=46 ms From 195.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=2 ttl=124 time=47 ms From 195.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=3 ttl=124 time=62 ms From 195.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=4 ttl=124 time=47 ms From 195.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=5 ttl=124 time=63 ms

--- 195.168.121.1 ping statistics --- 5 packet(s) transmitted
5 packet(s) received
0.00% packet loss round-trip min/avg/max = 46/53/63 ms
```

Figure 8.23: Pinging from PC1 to PC5

```
PC>ping 194.168.121.1

Ping 194.168.121.1: 32 data bytes, Press Ctrl_C to break From 194.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=1 ttl=125 time=32 ms From 194.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=2 ttl=125 time=31 ms From 194.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=3 ttl=125 time=31 ms From 194.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=4 ttl=125 time=31 ms From 194.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=4 ttl=125 time=32 ms From 194.168.121.1: bytes=32 seq=5 ttl=125 time=32 ms

--- 194.168.121.1 ping statistics --- 5 packet(s) transmitted 5 packet(s) received 0.00% packet loss round-trip min/avg/max = 31/31/32 ms
```

Figure 8.24: Pinging from PC3 to PC6

## 8.6.2 VLAN Routing

The ping from PC 1 to PC 5 -

```
PC>ping 192.168.2.2: 32 data bytes, Press Ctrl_C to break From 192.168.2.2: bytes=32 seq=1 ttl=127 time=125 ms From 192.168.2.2: bytes=32 seq=2 ttl=127 time=94 ms From 192.168.2.2: bytes=32 seq=3 ttl=127 time=110 ms From 192.168.2.2: bytes=32 seq=4 ttl=127 time=109 ms From 192.168.2.2: bytes=32 seq=5 ttl=127 time=94 ms

--- 192.168.2.2: bytes=32 seq=5 ttl=127 time=94 ms

--- 192.168.2.2 ping statistics ---
5 packet(s) transmitted
5 packet(s) received
0.00% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 94/106/125 ms
```

Figure 8.25: Pinging from PC1 to PC 5

The ping from PC 2 to PC 4 -

```
Ping 192.168.3.2: 32 data bytes, Press Ctrl_C to oreak
From 192.168.3.2: bytes=32 seq=1 ttl=128 time=94 ms
From 192.168.3.2: bytes=32 seq=2 ttl=128 time=109 ms
From 192.168.3.2: bytes=32 seq=3 ttl=128 time=94 ms
From 192.168.3.2: bytes=32 seq=4 ttl=128 time=78 ms
From 192.168.3.2: bytes=32 seq=4 ttl=128 time=78 ms
From 192.168.3.2: bytes=32 seq=5 ttl=128 time=78 ms
From 192.168.3.2 ping statistics ---
5 packet(s) transmitted
5 packet(s) received
0.00% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 78/90/109 ms
```

Figure 8.26: Pinging from PC 2 to PC 4

#### 8.7 Discussion and Conclusion

The primary purpose of VLANs is to improve network performance, security, and management by creating separate broadcast domains, To enable communication between devices in different VLANs, inter-VLAN routing was set up. This achieved through a Layer 3 switch. Each VLAN is identified by a unique VLAN ID, often referred to as the VID. The VID helps the network devices distinguish one VLAN from another. Network ports on a switch can be assigned to specific VLANs. Ports can be either "Untagged" (access ports) or "Tagged" (trunk ports) for a particular VLAN. Devices connected to untagged ports become members of the associated VLAN automatically. Trunk ports are used to carry traffic for multiple VLANs and are typically used to interconnect switches. VLAN configuration is crucial for creating a flexible and efficient network that addresses the unique requirements of different departments, applications, or security zones within an organization. Properly configured VLANs can enhance network performance, provide better security, and simplify network management.