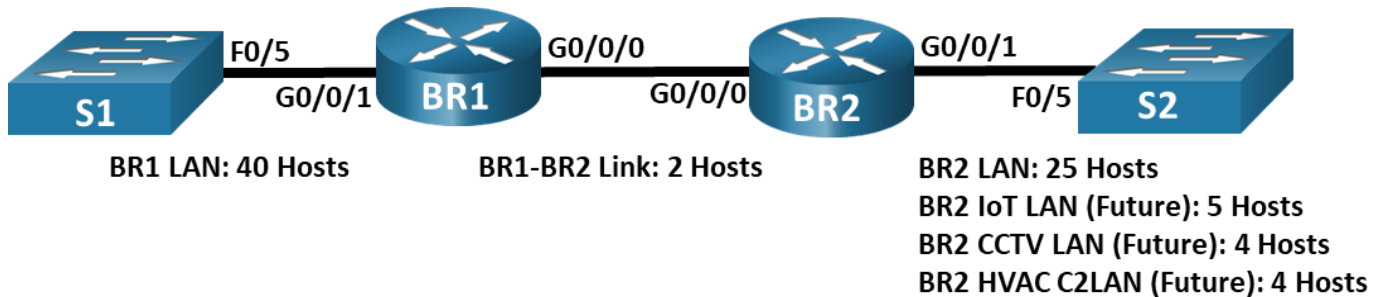


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Lab - Design and Implement a VLSM Addressing Scheme

Topology



Objectives

Part 1: Examine Network Requirements

Part 2: Design the VLSM Address Scheme

Part 3: Cable and Configure the IPv4 Network

Background / Scenario

Variable Length Subnet Mask (VLSM) was designed to avoid wasting IP addresses. With VLSM, a network is subnetted and then re-subnetted. This process can be repeated multiple times to create subnets of various sizes based on the number of hosts required in each subnet. Effective use of VLSM requires address planning.

In this lab, use the 192.168.33.128/25 network address to develop an address scheme for the network displayed in the topology diagram. VLSM is used to meet the IPv4 addressing requirements. After you have designed the VLSM address scheme, you will configure the interfaces on the routers with the appropriate IP address information. The future LANS at BR2 will need to have addresses allocated, but no interfaces will be configured at this time.

Note: The routers used with CCNA hands-on labs are Cisco 4221 with Cisco IOS XE Release 16.9.4 (universalk9 image). The switches used in the labs are Cisco Catalyst 2960s with Cisco IOS Release 15.2(2) (lanbasek9 image). Other routers, switches, and Cisco IOS versions can be used. Depending on the model and Cisco IOS version, the commands available and the output produced might vary from what is shown in the labs. Refer to the Router Interface Summary Table at the end of the lab for the correct interface identifiers.

Note: Make sure that the routers have been erased and have no startup configurations. If you are unsure, contact your instructor.

Required Resources

- 2 Routers (Cisco 4221 with Cisco IOS XE Release 16.9.4 universal image or comparable)
- 2 Switches (Cisco 2960 with Cisco IOS Release 15.2(2) lanbasek9 image or comparable)
- 1 PCs (Windows with terminal emulation program, such as Tera Term)
- Console cables to configure the Cisco IOS devices via the console ports

- Ethernet and serial cables as shown in the topology
- Windows Calculator (optional)

Instructions

Part 1: Examine Network Requirements

In Part 1, you will examine the network requirements to develop a VLSM address scheme for the network displayed in the topology diagram using the 192.168.33.128/25 network address.

Note: You can use the Windows Calculator application and search the internet for an IP subnet calculator to help with your calculations.

Step 1: Determine how many host addresses and subnets are available.

How many host addresses are available in a /25 network?

$$2^7 - 2 = 128 - 2 = 126$$

What is the total number of host addresses needed in the topology diagram?

$$40 + 2 + 25 + 5 + 4 + 4 = 80$$

How many subnets are needed in the network topology?

6

Step 2: Determine the largest subnet.

What is the subnet description (e.g. BR1 LAN or BR1-BR2 link)?

BR1 LAN

How many IP addresses are required in the largest subnet?

40

What subnet mask can support that many host addresses?

/26

How many total host addresses can that subnet mask support?

$$64 - 2 = 62$$

Can you subnet the 192.168.33.128/25 network address to support this subnet?

Yes

What are the network addresses that would result from this subnetting?

192.168.33.128/26 and 192.168.33.192/26

Use the first network address for this subnet.

Step 3: Determine the second largest subnet.

What is the subnet description?

BR2 LAN

How many IP addresses are required for the second largest subnet?

25

What subnet mask can support that many host addresses?

/27

How many total host addresses can that subnet mask support?

$2^5 - 2 = 32 - 2 = 30$

Can you subnet the remaining subnet again and still support this subnet?

Yes

What are the network addresses that would result from this subnetting?

192.168.33.192/27 and 192.168.33.224/27

Use the first network address for this subnet.

Step 4: Determine the third largest subnet.

What is the subnet description?

BR2 IoT LAN

How many IP addresses are required for the next largest subnet?

5

What subnet mask can support that many host addresses?

/29

How many total host addresses can that subnet mask support?

$2^3 - 2 = 8 - 2 = 6$

Can you subnet the remaining subnet again and still support this subnet?

Yes

What are the network addresses that would result from this subnetting?

192.168.33.224/29, 192.168.33.232/29, 192.168.33.240/29 and 192.168.33.248/29

Use the first network address for this subnet.

Use the second network address for the CCTV LAN.

Use the third network address for the HVAC C2 LAN.

Step 5: Determine the fourth largest subnet.

What is the subnet description?

BR1-BR2 Link

How many IP addresses are required for the next largest subnet?

2

What subnet mask can support that many host addresses?

/30

How many total host addresses can that subnet mask support?

$2^2 - 2 = 4 - 2 = 2$

Can you subnet the remaining subnet again and still support this subnet?

Yes

What are the network addresses that would result from this subnetting?

192.168.33.248/30 and 192.168.33.252/30

Use the first network address for this subnet.

Part 2: Design the VLSM Address Scheme

Step 1: Calculate the subnet information.

Use the information that you obtained in Part 1 to fill in the following table.

| Subnet Description | Number of Hosts Needed | Network Address /CIDR | First Host Address | Broadcast Address |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| BR1 LAN | 40 | 192.168.33.128/26 | 192.168.33.129 | 192.168.33.191 |
| BR2 LAN | 25 | 192.168.33.192/27 | 192.168.33.193 | 192.168.33.223 |
| BR2 IoT LAN | 5 | 192.168.33.224/29 | 192.168.33.225 | 192.168.33.231 |
| BR2 CCTV LAN | 4 | 192.168.33.232/29 | 192.168.33.233 | 192.168.33.239 |
| BR2 HVAC C2LAN | 4 | 192.168.33.240/29 | 192.168.33.241 | 192.168.33.247 |
| BR1-BR2 Link | 2 | 192.168.33.248/30 | 192.168.33.249 | 192.168.33.251 |

Step 2: Complete the device interface address table.

Assign the first host address in the subnet to the Ethernet interfaces. BR1 should be assigned the first host address in the BR1-BR2 Link.

| Device | Interface | IP Address | Subnet Mask | Device Interface |
|--------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| BR1 | G0/0/0 | 192.168.33.249 | 255.255.255.252 | BR1-BR2 Link |
| | G0/0/1 | 192.168.33.129 | 255.255.255.192 | 40 Host LAN |
| BR2 | G0/0/0 | 192.168.33.250 | 255.255.255.252 | BR1-BR2 Link |
| | G0/0/1 | 192.168.33.193 | 255.255.255.224 | 25 Host LAN |

Part 3: Cable and Configure the IPv4 Network

In Part 3, you will cable the network to match the topology and configure the three routers using the VLSM address scheme that you developed in Part 2.

Step 1: Cable the network as shown in the topology.

Step 2: Configure basic settings on each router.

- Assign the device name to the routers.
- Disable DNS lookup to prevent the routers from attempting to translate incorrectly entered commands as though they were hostnames.
- Assign **class** as the privileged EXEC encrypted password for both routers.
- Assign **cisco** as the console password and enable login for the routers.
- Assign **cisco** as the VTY password and enable login for the routers.
- Encrypt the plaintext passwords for the routers.

- g. Create a banner that will warn anyone accessing the device that unauthorized access is prohibited on both routers.

Step 3: Configure the interfaces on each router.

- a. Assign an IP address and subnet mask to each interface using the table that you completed in Part 2.
- b. Configure an interface description for each interface.
- c. Activate the interfaces.

Step 4: Save the configuration on all devices.

Step 5: Test Connectivity.

- a. From BR1, ping BR2's G0/0/0 interface.
- b. From BR2, ping BR1's G0/0/0 interface.
- c. Troubleshoot connectivity issues if pings were not successful.

Note: Pings to the GigabitEthernet LAN interfaces on other routers will not be successful. A routing protocol needs to be in place for other devices to be aware of those subnets. The GigabitEthernet interfaces also need to be in an up/up state before a routing protocol can add the subnets to the routing table. The focus of this lab is on VLSM and configuring the interfaces.

Reflection Question

Can you think of a shortcut for calculating the network addresses of consecutive /30 subnets?

A /30 network has 4 address spaces: the network address, 2 host addresses, and a broadcast address. Another technique for obtaining the next /30 network address would be to take the network address of the previous /30 network and add 4 to the last octet.

Router Interface Summary Table

| Router Model | Ethernet Interface #1 | Ethernet Interface #2 | Serial Interface #1 | Serial Interface #2 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1800 | Fast Ethernet 0/0 (F0/0) | Fast Ethernet 0/1 (F0/1) | Serial 0/0/0 (S0/0/0) | Serial 0/0/1 (S0/0/1) |
| 1900 | Gigabit Ethernet 0/0 (G0/0) | Gigabit Ethernet 0/1 (G0/1) | Serial 0/0/0 (S0/0/0) | Serial 0/0/1 (S0/0/1) |
| 2801 | Fast Ethernet 0/0 (F0/0) | Fast Ethernet 0/1 (F0/1) | Serial 0/1/0 (S0/1/0) | Serial 0/1/1 (S0/1/1) |
| 2811 | Fast Ethernet 0/0 (F0/0) | Fast Ethernet 0/1 (F0/1) | Serial 0/0/0 (S0/0/0) | Serial 0/0/1 (S0/0/1) |
| 2900 | Gigabit Ethernet 0/0 (G0/0) | Gigabit Ethernet 0/1 (G0/1) | Serial 0/0/0 (S0/0/0) | Serial 0/0/1 (S0/0/1) |
| 4221 | Gigabit Ethernet 0/0/0 (G0/0/0) | Gigabit Ethernet 0/0/1 (G0/0/1) | Serial 0/1/0 (S0/1/0) | Serial 0/1/1 (S0/1/1) |
| 4300 | Gigabit Ethernet 0/0/0 (G0/0/0) | Gigabit Ethernet 0/0/1 (G0/0/1) | Serial 0/1/0 (S0/1/0) | Serial 0/1/1 (S0/1/1) |

Note: To find out how the router is configured, look at the interfaces to identify the type of router and how many interfaces the router has. There is no way to effectively list all the combinations of configurations for each router class. This table includes identifiers for the possible combinations of Ethernet and Serial interfaces in the device. The table does not include any other type of interface, even though a specific router may contain one. An example of this might be an ISDN BRI interface. The string in parenthesis is the legal abbreviation that can be used in Cisco IOS commands to represent the interface.