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1. Network Overview

Project Title:

Enterprise Multi-Floor VLAN Network with Centralized Services and Security

Objective:

To design and implement a secure, scalable and segmented network for a multi-floor organization using VLANS for departmental separation, centralized DHCP, TFTP, Syslog and AAA services, and ensure Inter-VLAN communication through Router-on-a-Stick (ROAS) configuration.

Organizational Layout:

The network covers 4 floors, with each floor containing different departments:

- Floor1: Cashier and Reception
- Floor 2: Manager and HR
- Floor 3: IT and Admin
- Floor 4: Network services (DHCP, TDTP, Syslog, AAA)

2. Basic configuration

In this network setup, I configured the hostname on each switch to reflect its role and location. The distribution switch was named Core_SW, serving as the central point for all VLAN trunk connections. The access switches were named according to their floor levels for easy identification. for example, F1_SW, F2_SW, and so on, with numbers increasing on each floor. To enhance local security, a console password was set on all switches, along with an enable secret password to restrict access to privileged EXEC mode. To ensure that all stored passwords were protected, the command service password-encryption was applied, which encrypts all plaintext passwords in the configuration file.

Additionally, SSH (Secure Shell) was configured on the router to allow secure remote access, replacing Telnet which is insecure due to its lack of encryption. This helps maintain confidentiality during remote administrative sessions. Furthermore, the command **no ip domain-lookup** was used to prevent the router from trying to resolve mistyped commands as hostnames, which would otherwise result in unnecessary DNS queries and delay in the command-line interface. This improves the efficiency of command-line operations, especially when errors are made during manual configuration.

3. Features that are implemented

3.1. VLAN Implementation:

Each department is assigned an unique VLAN ID to logically separate traffic and reduce broadcast domain.

- VLANS are assigned in given way:
- VLAN 10: Cashier
- VLAN 15: Reception
- VLAN 20: Manager
- VLAN 25: HR
- VLAN 30: IT
- VLAN 35: Admin
- VLAN 40: DHCP
- VLAN 45: TFTP, Syslog and AAA

Core_SW(config) #do sh vlan br

VLAN		Status	
1	default		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	cashier	active	
15	reception	active	
20	Manager	active	
25	HR	active	
30	IT	active	
35	Admin	active	
40	DHCP	active	
45	Servers	active	
1002	fddi-default	active	
1003	token-ring-default	active	
1004	fddinet-default	active	
1005	trnet-default	active	
Core	_SW(config)#		

Figure 1: Screenshot of the VLANs in Core_SW.

Fl_SW(config) #do sh vlan br

VLAN Name	Status	Ports
1 default	active	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 Cashier	active	Fa0/1
15 Reception	active	Fa0/2
1002 fddi-default	active	
1003 token-ring-default	active	
1004 fddinet-default	active	
1005 trnet-default Fl SW(config)#-	active	

Figure 2: Screenshot of the VLANs in F1_SW

F2_SW(config) #do sh vlan br

VLAN Name		Status	Ports
l defaul	lt	active	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
20 Manage	er	active	Fa0/1
25 HR		active	Fa0/2
1002 fddi-d	default	active	
1003 token-	-ring-default	active	
1004 fddine	et-default	active	
1005 trnet-	-default	active	
F2 SW(confi	ig)#		

Figure 3: Screenshot of the VLANs in F2_SW

F3_SW(config) #do sh vlan br

VLAN	Name	Status	Ports
1	default	active	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
30	IT	active	Fa0/1
35	Admin	active	Fa0/2
1002	fddi-default	active	
1003	token-ring-default	active	
1004	fddinet-default	active	
	trnet-default W(config)#	active	

Figure 4: Screenshot of the VLANs in F3_SW

F4_SW(config) #do sh vlan br

VLAN	Name	Status	Ports
1	default	active	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
40	DHCP	active	Fa0/2
45	Servers	active	Fa0/1, Fa0/3
1002	fddi-default	active	
1003	token-ring-default	active	
1004	fddinet-default	active	
	trnet-default N(config)#	active	

Figure 5: Screenshot of the VLANs in F4_SW

Rl(config) #do sh ip in	t br					
Interface	IP-Address	OK? Me	thod Statu	3		Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0	unassigned	YES un	set up			up
GigabitEthernet0/0.10	192.168.1.1	YES ma	nual up			up
GigabitEthernet0/0.15	192.168.1.17	YES ma	nual up			up
GigabitEthernet0/0.20	192.168.1.33	YES ma	nual up			up
GigabitEthernet0/0.25	192.168.1.49	YES ma	nual up			up
GigabitEthernet0/0.30	192.168.1.65	YES ma	nual up			up
GigabitEthernet0/0.35	192.168.1.81	YES ma	nual up			up
GigabitEthernet0/0.40	192.168.1.97	YES ma	nual up			up
GigabitEthernet0/0.45	192.168.1.114	YES ma	nual up			up
GigabitEthernet0/1	unassigned	YES ma	nual admin	istratively	down	down
GigabitEthernet0/2	unassigned	YES un	set admin	istratively	down	down
Vlanl	unassigned	YES un	set admin	istratively	down	down
Rl(config)#						

Figure 6: IP of the Sub interfaces in the router.

3.2. Subnetting and Inter-VLAN routing

Next the network 192.168.1.0/24 was divided to make sure that every department has the capacity of 14 usable hosts.

Floor	VLANS	Network	Subnet	Default
				Gateway
1	Cashier (10)	192.168.1.0	255.255.255.240	192.168.1.1
	RECEPTION (15)	192.168.1.15	255.255.255.240	192.168.1.16
2	Manager (20)	192.168.1.32	255.255.255.240	192.168.1.33
	HR (25)	192.168.1.48	255.255.255.240	192.168.1.49
3	IT (30)	192.168.1.64	255.255.255.240	192.168.1.65
	Admin (35)	192.168.1.80	255.255.255.240	192.168.1.81
4	DHCP (40)	192.168.1.96	255.255.255.240	192.168.1.97
	TFTP (45)	192.168.1.112	255.255.255.240	192.168.1.113
	Syslog and AAA(45)			

Static IP of DHCP server = 192.168.1.99

Static IP of TFTP server = 192.168.1.115

Static IP of Syslog and AAA server = 192.168.1.116

Now Router-on-a-Stick was used for inter-VLAN routing.

- A single physical interface on the router is subdivided into sub interfaces.
 Before assigning IP address the command encapsulation dot1q <VLAN number> was entered to enable 802.1q VLAN tagging in the sub interfaces which is essential for ROAS.
- Each sub interface is assigned to a VLAN and configured with the corresponding gateway IP.

3.3. DHCP Server configuration

Now the DHCP server is configured for each VLAN which is placed in the fourth floor.

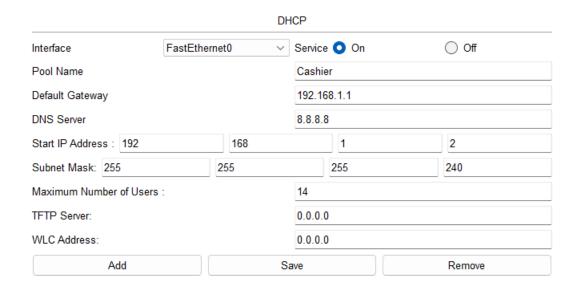


Figure 7: DHCP configuration for Cashier VLAN.

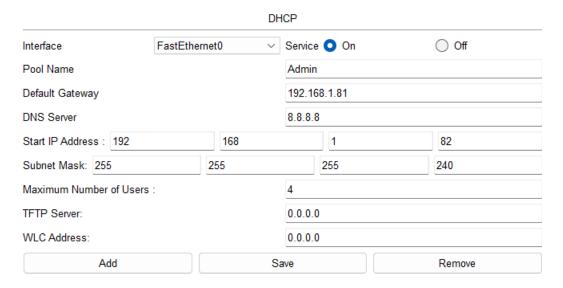
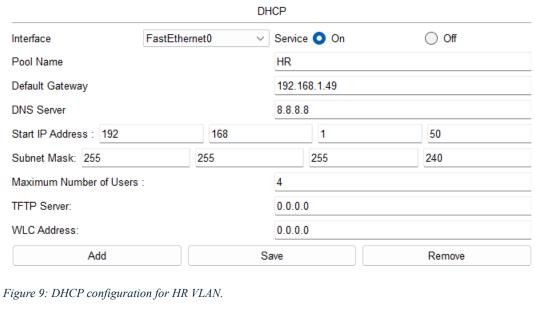


Figure 8: DHCP configuration for Admin VLAN.



		DHCP			
Interface	FastEthernet0	∨ Servic	e 🔾 On	Off	
Pool Name		IT			
Default Gateway		192.168.1.65			
DNS Server		8.8.8	8		
Start IP Address : 192	168		1	67	
Subnet Mask: 255	255		255	240	
Maximum Number of Users	:	4			
TFTP Server:		0.0.0.0			
WLC Address:		0.0.0.0			
Add		Save		Remove	

Figure 10: DHCP configuration for IT VLAN.

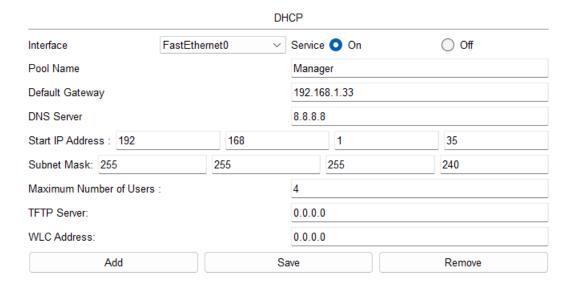


Figure 11: DHCP configuration for Manager VLAN.

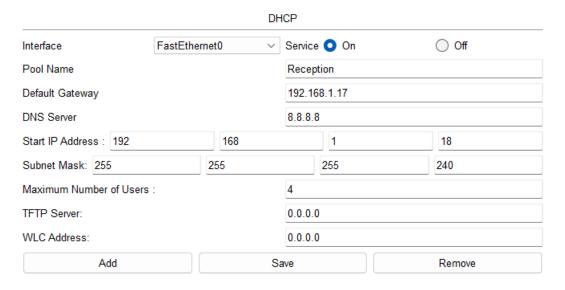


Figure 12: DHCP configuration for Reception VLAN.

Router Sub interfaces were configured with **ip helper-address 192.168.1.99** (except DHCP and Servers VLANs) to configure the interfaces as relay agent to forward DHCP requests.

3.4. TFTP Server

It was Used to store and backup configurations of router.

```
Rl(config) #do copy running-config tftp:
Address or name of remote host []? 192.168.1.115
Destination filename [Rl-confg]?

Writing running-config...!!
[OK - 3109 bytes]

3109 bytes copied in 0.014 secs (222071 bytes/sec)
Rl(config) #
```

Figure 13: Copying the configuration file to the TFTP server.

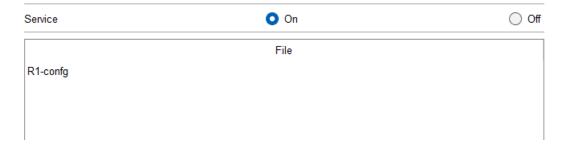


Figure 14: Configuration file of Router stored in TFTP server.

3.5. AAA Server

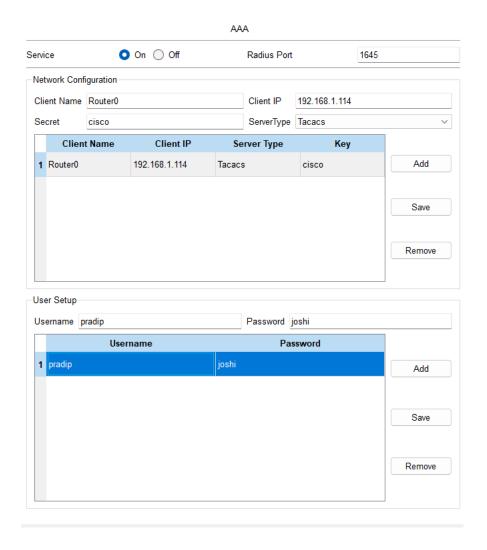


Figure 15: After configuring AAA server.

```
R1(config) #aaa new-model
R1(config) #aaa authentication login word group tacacs+
R1(config) #tacacs-server host 192.168.1.115 key cisco
```

Figure 16: Configuration of AAA in router.

```
Rl(config-line) #line console 0
Rl(config-line) #login authentication word
Rl(config-line) #exit
Rl(config) #
```

Figure 17: Implementing AAA in console of router.

3.6. Syslog Server

It is used for Centralized logging of all router/switch events.

The following commands were entered to configure the router to send log messages to the syslog server.

- configure terminal
- logging 192.168.1.116
- logging trap informational
- service timestamps log datetime

	Time	HostName	Message
1	03.01.1993 12:27:01.195 AM	192.168.1.114	%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
2	03.01.1993 12:28:47.104 AM	192.168.1.114	%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
3	03.01.1993 12:29:41.477 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interfac
4	03.01.1993 12:29:41.477 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN:
5	03.01.1993 12:30:12.434 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interfac
6	03.01.1993 12:30:12.434 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN:
7	03.01.1993 12:30:17.372 AM	192.168.1.114	%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
8	03.01.1993 12:35:44.564 AM	192.168.1.114	%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
9	03.01.1993 12:36:13.583 AM	192.168.1.114	%SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
10	03.01.1993 12:59:13.610 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interfac
11	03.01.1993 12:59:13.610 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN:
12	03.01.1993 01:26:43.715 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface
13	03.01.1993 01:26:43.715 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN:
14	03.01.1993 01:26:46.241 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interfac
15	03.01.1993 01:26:46.241 AM	192.168.1.114	%LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN:
40	02 04 4002 02-40-42 42E AM	102 169 1 114	

Figure 18: Screenshot of the log being captured in syslog server.

3.7. Port-Security

- Applied to all access ports of all the switches.
- Only one device (MAC address) is allowed per port.
- Violations cause ports to shut down for security enforcement.

Secure	Port M	MaxSecureAddr	${\tt CurrentAddr}$	${\tt SecurityViolation}$	Security Action
		(Count)	(Count)	(Count)	
	Fa0/1	. 1	1	1	Shutdown
	Fa0/2	1	0	0	Shutdown

Figure 19: Port-Security in floor 1 switch.

F2_SW(config) Secure Port N	_	_	SecurityViolation (Count)	Security Action
Fa0/1	1	1	0	Shutdown
Fa0/2	2 1	1	0	Shutdown
F2 SW(config)	#			

Figure 20: Port-Security in floor 2 switch.

F3_SW(config) #do sh port-security						
Secure	Port Max			SecurityViolation	Security Action	
		(Count)	(Count)	(Count)		
	Fa0/1	1	1	0	Shutdown	
	Fa0/2	1	1	0	Shutdown	

F3 SW(config)#

Figure 21: Port-Security in floor 3 switch.

3.8. Extended ACL

To enforce strict inter-departmental access policies and protect sensitive resources, an Extended ACL was configured on the router. This ACL controls which VLANs (departments) can initiate communication with others, based on IP addresses and applied directionally on the router's sub interfaces.

Access Policy Overview:

1. Cashier (VLAN 10):

- It cannot access any VLAN except the DHCP server.
- Strictly isolated to reduce exposure and maintain transactional integrity.

2. Reception (VLAN 15):

- It has full access to all other departments.
- It acts as a central communication point or public access zone.

3. Manager (VLAN 20):

- It has full access to all departments.
- As a high-level administrative role, it needs visibility across the network.

4. HR (VLAN 25):

- It has access to Reception, Manager, and HR.
- It is blocked from accessing Cashier, IT, and Admin for confidentiality reasons.

5. IT (VLAN 30):

- It has full access to all VLANs, required for network maintenance and monitoring.
- It is considered as trusted.

6. Admin (VLAN 35):

- It has access to Reception, Manager, and Admin.
- It cannot access Cashier, HR, or IT which reflects the departmental isolation.

4. Testing

4.1. DHCP Test

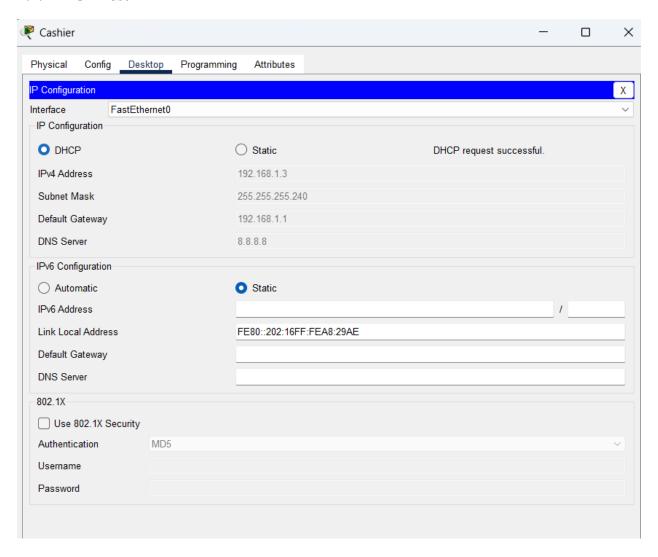


Figure 22: IP configuration of Cashier PC using DHCP.

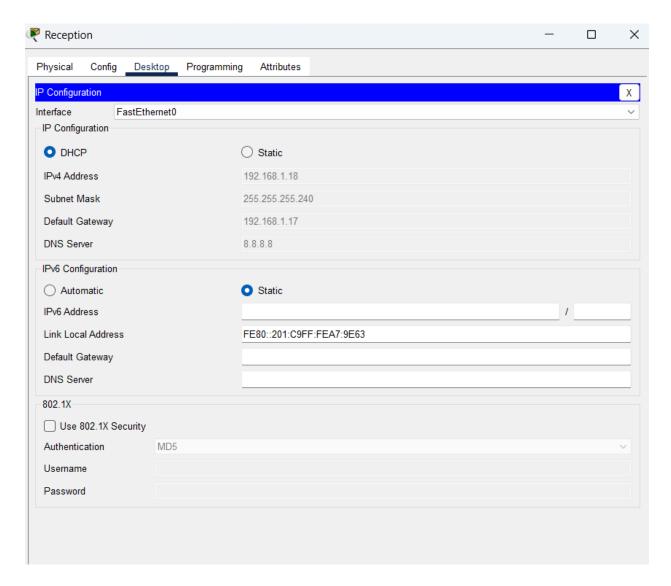


Figure 23: IP configuration of Reception PC using DHCP.

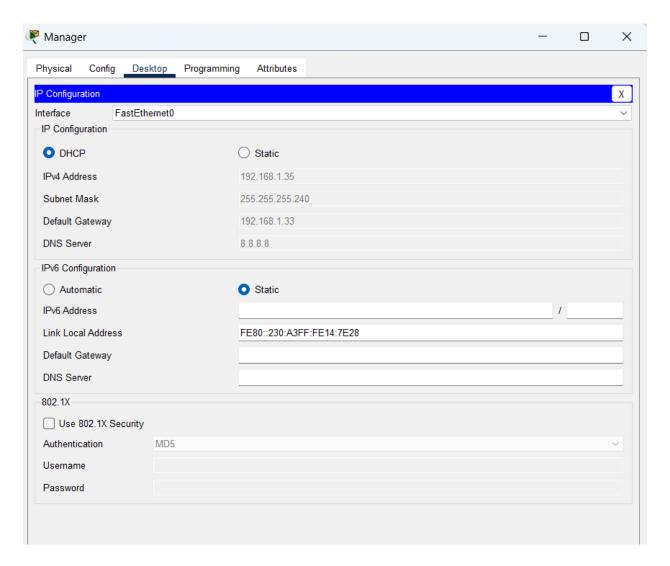


Figure 24: IP configuration of Manager PC using DHCP.

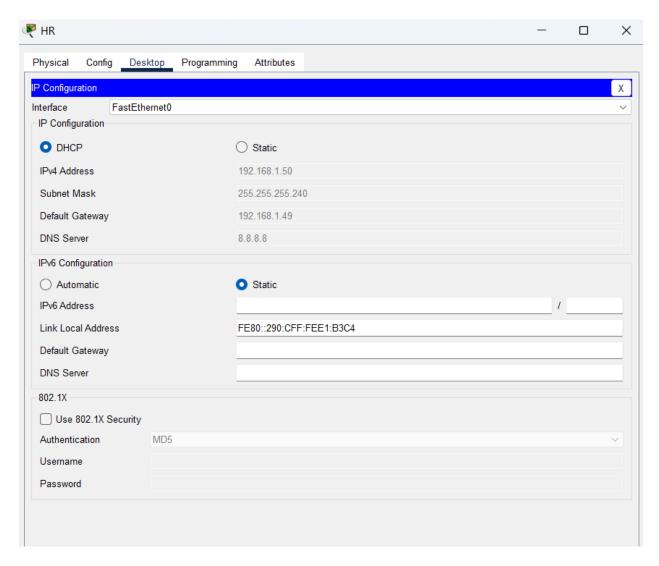


Figure 25: IP configuration of HR PC using DHCP.

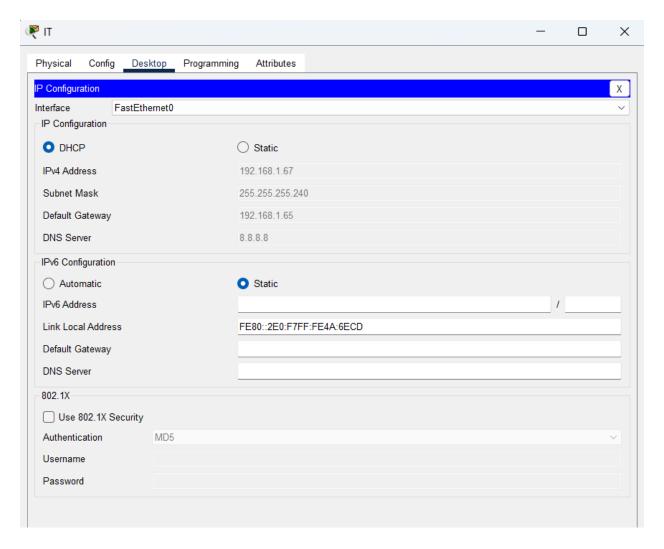


Figure 26: IP configuration of IT PC using DHCP.

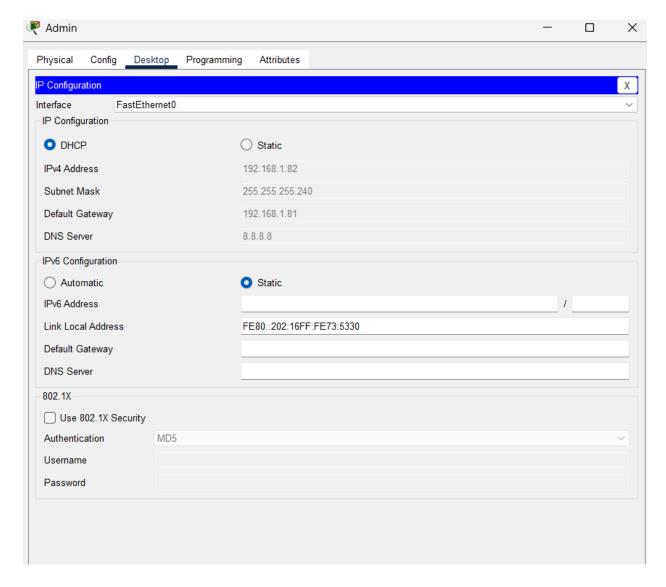


Figure 27: IP configuration of Admin PC using DHCP.

4.2. Inter VLAN Routing Test

1. Ping Reception to Manager

```
C:\>ping 192.168.1.35

Pinging 192.168.1.35 with 32 bytes of data:

Request timed out.

Reply from 192.168.1.35: bytes=32 time<lms TTL=127

Reply from 192.168.1.35: bytes=32 time<lms TTL=127

Reply from 192.168.1.35: bytes=32 time=lms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 192.168.1.35:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 3, Lost = 1 (25% loss),

Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:

Minimum = Oms, Maximum = lms, Average = Oms
```

2. Ping Reception to HR

```
C:\>ping 192.168.1.50

Pinging 192.168.1.50 with 32 bytes of data:

Request timed out.

Reply from 192.168.1.50: bytes=32 time<lms TTL=127

Reply from 192.168.1.50: bytes=32 time<lms TTL=127

Reply from 192.168.1.50: bytes=32 time=14ms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 192.168.1.50:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 3, Lost = 1 (25% loss),

Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:

Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 14ms, Average = 4ms
```

Ping was successful.

3. Ping Reception to IT

```
C:\>ping 192.168.1.67

Pinging 192.168.1.67 with 32 bytes of data:

Request timed out.
Reply from 192.168.1.67: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.1.67: bytes=32 time=11ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.1.67: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 192.168.1.67:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 3, Lost = 1 (25% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 11ms, Average = 3ms</pre>
```

Ping was successful.

4. Ping Reception to Admin

```
C:\>ping 192.168.1.82

Pinging 192.168.1.82 with 32 bytes of data:

Request timed out.

Reply from 192.168.1.82: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127

Reply from 192.168.1.82: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127

Reply from 192.168.1.82: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 192.168.1.82:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 3, Lost = 1 (25% loss),

Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:

Minimum = Oms, Maximum = Oms, Average = Oms
```

Ping was successful.

5. Ping Reception to Servers

```
C:\>ping 192.168.1.116

Pinging 192.168.1.116 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.1.116: bytes=32 time=19ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.1.116: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.1.116: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.1.116: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127
Ping statistics for 192.168.1.116:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 19ms, Average = 4ms</pre>
```

```
C:\>ping 192.168.1.115

Pinging 192.168.1.115 with 32 bytes of data:

Request timed out.
Reply from 192.168.1.115: bytes=32 time<lms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.1.115: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.1.115: bytes=32 time<lms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 192.168.1.115:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 3, Lost = 1 (25% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = Oms, Maximum = 1ms, Average = Oms</pre>
```

Pings were successful.