DAY 16 - VLAN

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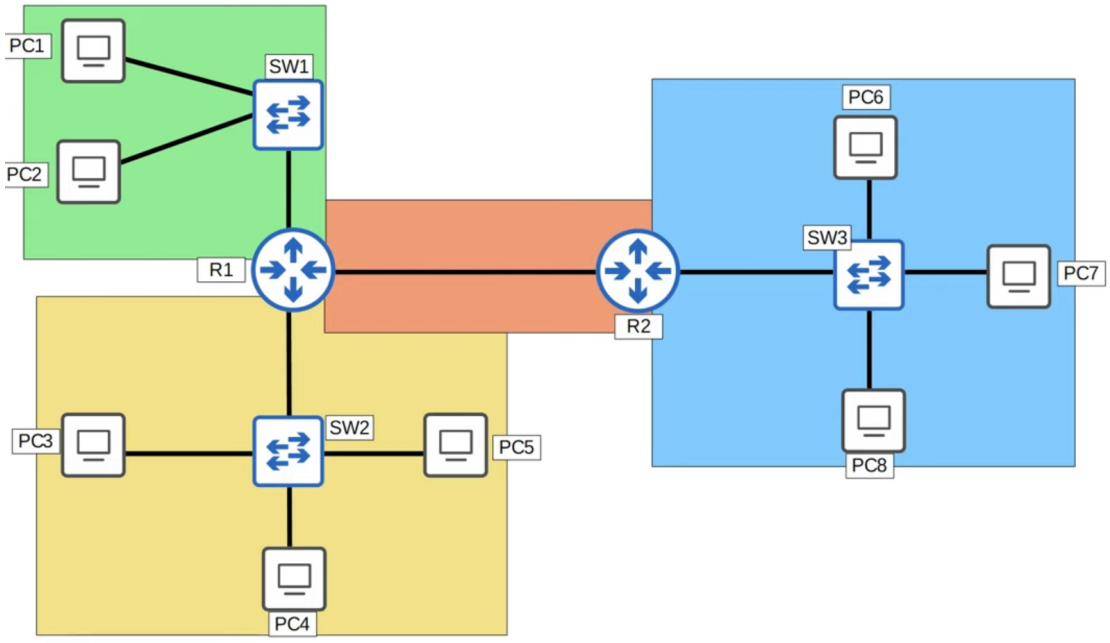
Virtual LAN (VLAN)

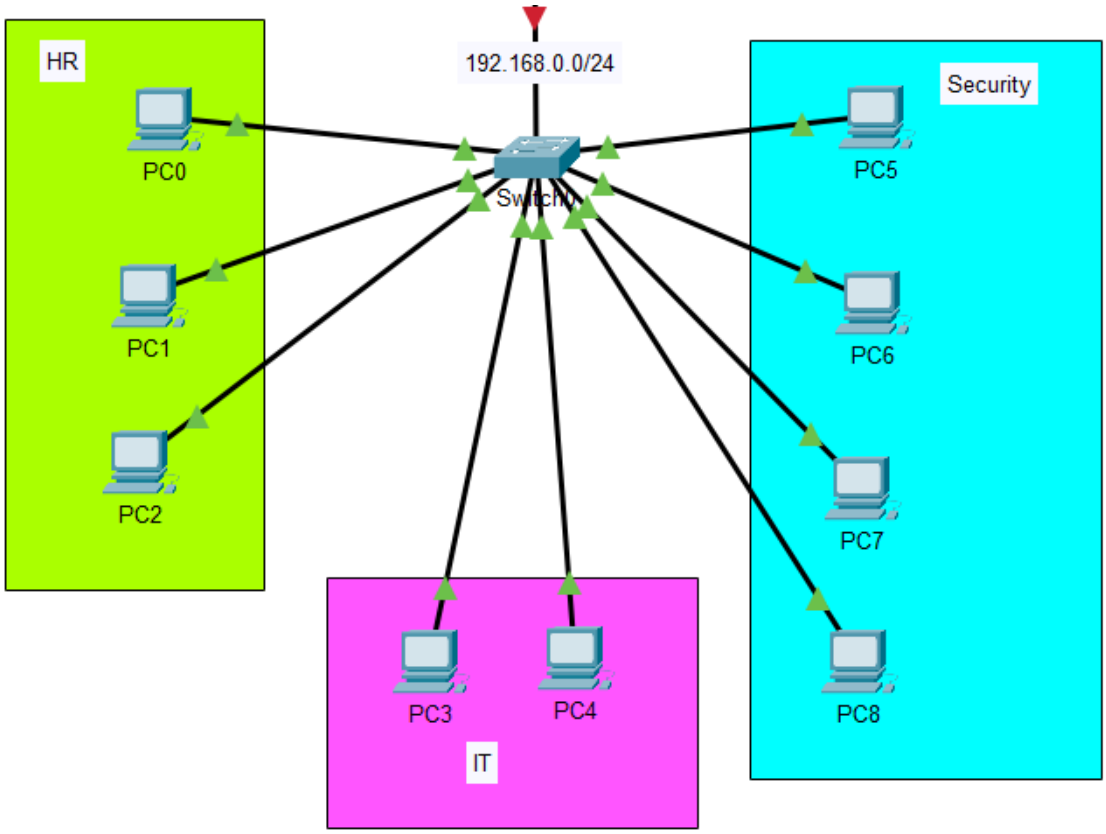
What is a LAN?

- Previously it was stated that a **LAN** is a group of devices (PCs, Servers, Routers, Switches etc.) *in a single location* (home, office, etc.)
- A more specific definition:
  - A **LAN** is a *single* **Broadcast Domain**, including all devices in that broadcast domain.
    - A **Broadcast Domain** is the group of devices which will receive a *broadcast frame* (**Destination MAC**: `FFFF.FFFF.FFFF`) sent by any one of the members.
    - A router's interface will receive its connected network's broadcast frame but not beyond it.



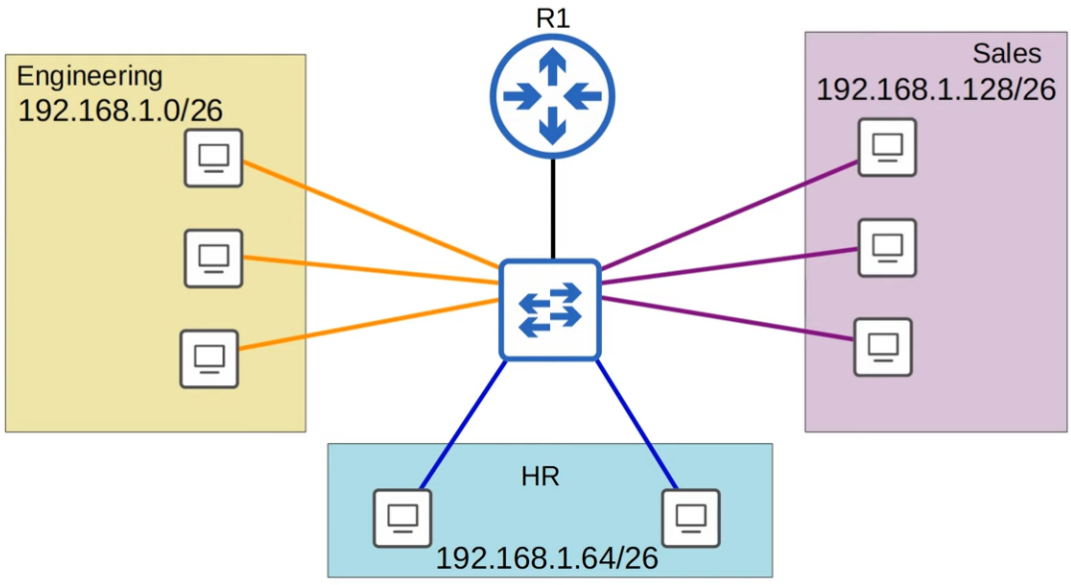
LAN Problems:

For example, imagine a workspace with some PCs being divided into three departments.

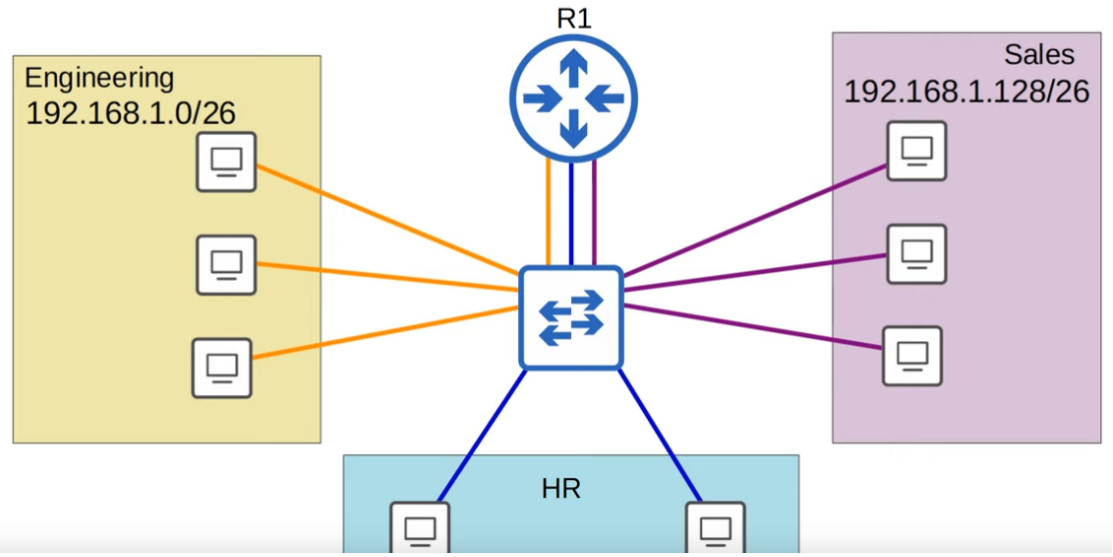


However, this isn't considered the best setup because, for example, a Security PC's broadcast for the department will be broadcasted to HR and IT as well. (Not good for performance and security).

It's better to split into three different subnets, one for each department.



But how will the router knows how to send traffic to each network? Which interface for which subnet? Or we connect 3 interfaces to the 3 subnets?



So instead of Engineering's PC0 sending messages directly to Sale's PC7 through the Switch sitting clearly in the middle, it will have to send the messages to the Switch, into the Router, and into the Switch and finally to the intended destination. (Very convoluted).

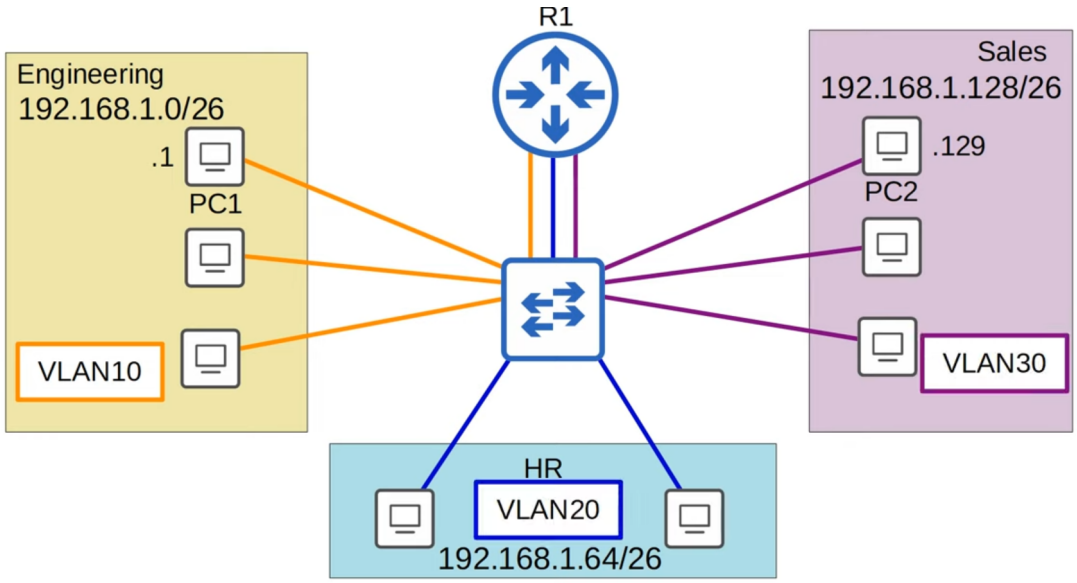
Also the switch will broadcast frames to those different subnets anyway (ARP, Broadcast MAC), since Switch operates on Layer 2 and not Layer 3 it cannot differentiates between each subnet's network address.

Although we separated the three departments into three subnets (*Layer 3*), they are still in the same *Broadcast Domain* (*Layer 2*).

This is how why we use **VLAN** instead of buying more routers and switches.

VLAN:

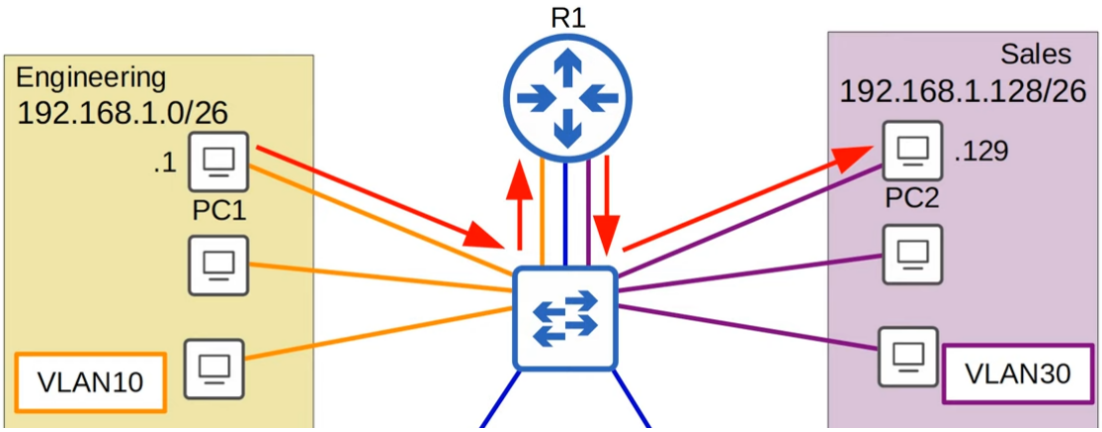
Assign different **VLAN**s to different departments.



We configured VLAN in the **Switch** interface. A device connecting to a switch's interface will inherit that interface's VLAN.

A switch Will Not forward traffic between VLANs, including *broadcast and unknown unicast* traffics

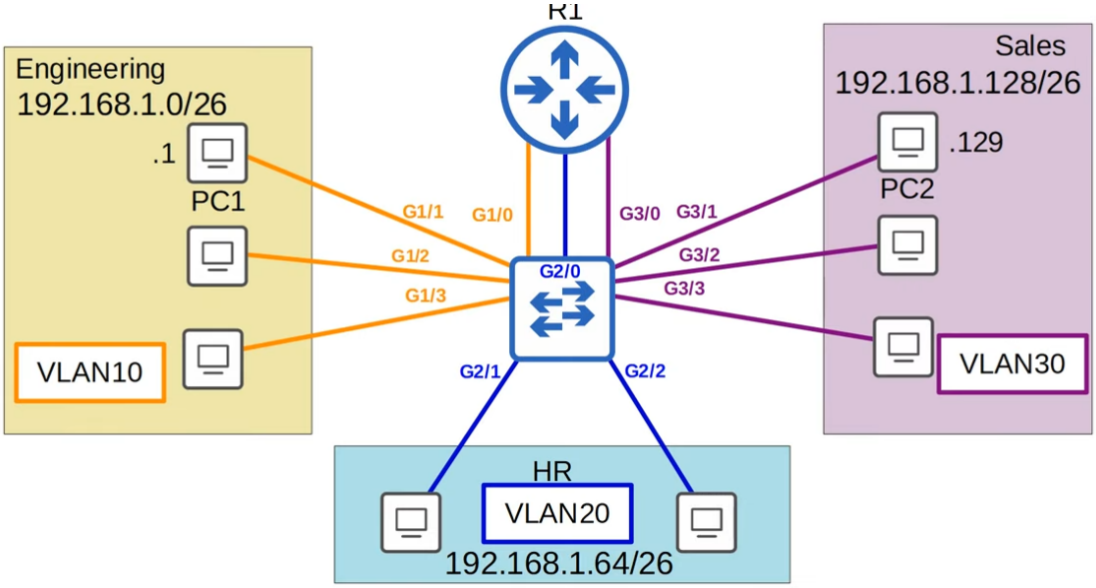
Note that **The switch does not perform *inter-VLAN routing*. It must send the traffic through the router (Default Gateway)**.



VLAN (cont.):

- are configured on *Switches* on a **per-interface** basis.
- **Logically** separate end hosts at Layer 2.
- Switches do not forward traffic directly between hosts in different VLANs.

VLAN Configuration:



Use command `show vlan brief`

```
Switch#show vlan br

VLAN Name                              Status    Ports
---- --------------------------------- --------- -------------------------------
1    default                           active    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
1002 fddi-default                      active
1003 token-ring-default                active
1004 fddinet-default                   active
1005 trnet-default                     active
```

- VLANs 1 & 1002-1005 exist by default and **Cannot be deleted.**
- All interfaces are in VLAN 1 by default.

Assigning interfaces to a VLAN

Assigning **VLAN 20** to interfaces *Fa0/15 to Fa0/16*

```
Switch(config-if-range)#interface range fa0/15 - 16
Switch(config-if-range)#switchport mode access
Switch(config-if-range)#switchport access vlan 20
% Access VLAN does not exist. Creating vlan 20
```

1. Accessing a range of interfaces.
2. Set the interfaces as **Access Ports**
   (a) An access port is a switchport which belongs to a single VLAN, and usually connects to end hosts like PCs.
   (b) Switchports which carry multiple VLANs are called **Trunk Ports**, which will be explained later.
3. Assigns the VLAN to that port.

```
Switch(config)#int range fa0/18 - 21
Switch(config-if-range)#switchport mode access
Switch(config-if-range)#switchport access vlan 30
% Access VLAN does not exist. Creating vlan 30
```

Checking VLANs Config:

```
Switch#show vlan brief

VLAN Name                             Status    Ports
---- -------------------------------- --------- -------------------------------
1    default                          active    Fa0/17, Fa0/22, Fa0/23, Fa0/24
                                                Gig0/1, Gig0/2
10   VLAN0010                         active    Fa0/10, Fa0/11, Fa0/12, Fa0/13
                                                Fa0/14
20   VLAN0020                         active    Fa0/15, Fa0/16
30   VLAN0030                         active    Fa0/18, Fa0/19, Fa0/20, Fa0/21
```

VLAN Sub-Config Mode:

- With `vlan <vlan>` command:

```
Switch(config)#vlan 10
Switch(config-vlan)#name ENGINEERING

Switch#show vlan brief

VLAN Name                             Status    Ports
---- -------------------------------- --------- -------------------------------
1    default                          active    Fa0/17, Fa0/22, Fa0/23, Fa0/24
                                                Gig0/1, Gig0/2
10   ENGINEERING                      active    Fa0/10, Fa0/11, Fa0/12, Fa0/13
                                                Fa0/14
20   HR                               active    Fa0/15, Fa0/16
```
