



COMPUTER NETWORKS PROJECT
UNIVERSITY NETWORK ARCHITECTURE

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1 Introduction

This report presents a rough sketch of the computer networks project. The project focuses on designing network infrastructures for the University campuses, along with a cloud network to support essential services.

2 Highway Campus Network

2.1 Network Infrastructure

- To ensure smooth operation and effective management of the network, a Core Switch serves as the backbone, facilitating inter-VLAN routing and connecting to routers for external connectivity.
- Access Switches are strategically placed to link end devices within each building or area, promoting seamless communication.

2.2 Network Logic

In this network architecture, VLANs are utilized to delineate specific areas or buildings on the Highway campus. This segmentation allows for efficient traffic management and ensures that resources are allocated appropriately. Inter-VLAN routing enables communication between various departments and facilities while maintaining the necessary level of network security. Additionally, a DHCP server dynamically assigns IP addresses to devices within each VLAN, streamlining network administration and ensuring optimal resource allocation.

3 Main Campus Network (Secondary Campus)

3.1 Network Infrastructure

- Similar to the Highway campus, the Main Campus Network is equipped with a Core Switch responsible for inter-VLAN routing and connecting to routers for external connectivity.
- Access Switches are deployed to facilitate communication among end devices within each department and lab.

3.2 Network Logic

VLAN segmentation is implemented to isolate departments and labs, thereby enhancing network management and security. Inter-VLAN routing enables communication between different departments and labs while maintaining isolation where necessary. Additionally, a DHCP server ensures dynamic IP address allocation for devices within each VLAN, simplifying network administration and resource allocation.

4 Cloud Network

4.1 Network Infrastructure

- An External Router connects the campus network to the internet and cloud services, facilitating access to external resources and services.

4.2 Network Logic

The External Router establishes connectivity between the campus networks and external cloud-based services, enabling seamless access to essential resources.

5 Tools Used



Figure 1: GitHub - Version control and collaboration platform



Figure 2: Cisco Packet Tracer - Network simulation and visualization tool

6 Conclusion

In conclusion, this report has outlined the preliminary design of computer networks for the Fast National University's campuses and cloud services. Further refinement and detailed planning are required to implement the proposed network infrastructures effectively.

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