



Proposal for the graduation project **DEPI**

Building an International School Network

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International School Network

Scenario:

International school, with two branches located 20 miles apart, needs a network to support students and staff across four Buildings A, B, C, D. The main branch houses three buildings:

- **Building A**: Administrative departments including management, Admin, finance, student affairs.
- **Building B**: IT department and labs
- Building C: Middle school and high school

The smaller branch hosts the Primary school and Kg. Each department will be on a separate IP network, and VLANs will be configured to ensure network segmentation. RIPv2 will be used for internal routing, with static routing for external servers. Building A will use a router-based DHCP for dynamic IP assignment.

Amera - Network Design (First Week)

Amera is responsible for designing the network's overall structure, which involves:

Topology Design

A hierarchical topology is implemented where the buildings on each campus are connected via a core switch. Fiber optic cables will connect distribution switches in each building to the core switch for fast communication.

IP Addressing and Subnetting

IP addresses are assigned using a private IP, with each department on a separate subnet.

• VLAN Configuration

VLANs are configured to segment traffic between departments, improving security and network management.

- VLAN 10: Manager
- VLAN 20: Admin
- VLAN 30: Finance
- VLAN 40: Student-Affairs
- VLAN 50: IT Department
- VLAN 60: Labs
- VLAN 70: Middle School
- VLAN 80: High School

• VLAN 90: Primary School

VLAN 100: KG School

This VLAN separation improves security by limiting access between departments and allows easier network management.

Saif - Network Implementation (Second Week)

Saif will manage the physical and logical setup of the network:

• Hardware Setup

Routers and Switches: He will install and interconnect the routers, core switch, and distribution switches in each building (A, B, C, and D).

End Devices: Connect end devices like computers, printers, and servers to the corresponding building switches.

Fiber Connections: Set up fiber optic connections between the core switch and each building's switch to ensure high-speed communication.

• Device Configuration

Router Configuration: Set up routing between different VLANs using inter-VLAN routing, ensuring communication between departments while maintaining separation.

Switch Configuration: Configure the switches with the VLANs designed by Amera.

Port Assignments: Assign specific ports to switches for VLAN traffic (e.g., VLAN 10 traffic on certain ports for admin devices).

Testing

Connectivity Tests: Saif will use tools like ping and traceroute to ensure all devices can communicate within their respective VLANs and with the core network.

End-to-End Testing: He will verify network functionality by testing communication between classrooms, labs, the library, and admin offices.

Ahmed - Network Services (Third Week)

Ahmed will set up essential network services and security measures:

• DHCP Configuration

Automatic IP Assignment: He will configure the DHCP server to assign IP addresses automatically to devices in each VLAN/subnet.

IP Range Allocation: Define specific IP ranges for each department.

DNS Setup

Hostname Resolution: Set up DNS services to resolve internal hostnames to IP addresses.

External DNS: Configure the DNS server to forward unknown queries to an external DNS (for internet access).

Wireless Network Setup:

Wi-Fi Access Points: Configure Wi-Fi for staff and students with separate SSIDs for different groups.

Security Protocols: Implement WPA2/3 encryption for wireless networks to protect access.

Security Implementation:

Firewalls and ACLs: Configured to control access between VLANs, ensuring sensitive areas like administration remain secure. ACLs restrict inter-VLAN traffic where necessary, such as preventing student access to admin networks.

Nour - Network Management (Fourth Week)

Nour will oversee ensuring the network is properly managed and monitored:

• Network Monitoring

Monitoring Tools: Set up network monitoring tools like SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) or NetFlow to track network performance (e.g., bandwidth usage, device health).

Alert System: Create automated alerts for critical issues (e.g., device failure, high traffic, downtime).

• Troubleshooting

Diagnosis of Network Issues: Nour will handle troubleshooting of common problems like connectivity issues, IP conflicts, or slow performance.

Tools: She will use tools such as ping, traceroute, and packet capture (e.g., Wireshark) to investigate issues.

• Documentation

Network Diagrams: Create detailed network diagrams that map out all components, IP address allocations, VLANs, and device connections.

Troubleshooting Guide: Document troubleshooting procedures for common issues (e.g., slow performance, connection drops, IP conflicts) to help the team resolve future issues efficiently.

Configuration Backup: Backup all network configurations (router, switch, DHCP, DNS, and firewall settings) for easy recovery in case of failure.

Collaboration and Handoffs

Each team member will hand off key information to the next person:

Amera → Saif: Handoff network design and topology details to Saif for physical implementation.

Saif → Ahmed: Handoff hardware setup and configuration to Ahmed for network services configuration.

Ahmed → Nour: Handoff network services details to Nour for monitoring, management, and documentation.

This way, the project can be efficiently implemented and managed over four weeks.

Photo of the project (Initial form)

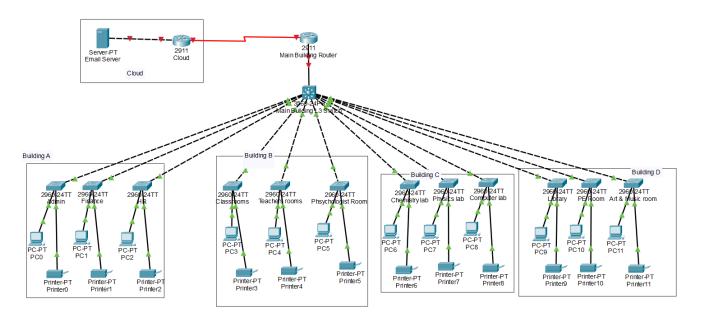


Photo of the project (Final form)

