# 3. <u>Design and Implementation of a Hospital</u> <u>System Network</u>

# **Objective**

The institution operates in two locations within the same city, having the hospital headquarters 20km away from the branch hospital. Therefore, it has the following departments within its main headquarters Medical Lead Operation & Consultancy Services (MLOCS), Medical Emergency and Reporting (MER), Medical Records Management (MRM), Information Technology (IT), and Customer Service (CS). The branch hospital was designed to share the workloads with the headquarters hence it contains the following departments; Nurses & Surgery Operations (NSO), Hospital Labs (HL), Human resource (HR), Marketing (MK), and Finance (FIN). Each location is also expected to have a Guest/Waiting area (GWA) for patients or visitors. And a Server-Side site that is expected to be located separately at the headquarters and is connected to the HQ Router with an access switch. The server-side site will host the DHCP server, DNS Server, Web Server, and Email Server.

The network is expected to have a hierarchical model with two already purchased Core routers (one at HQ and one Branch) each connecting to two subscribed ISPs. Due to security requirements, it has been decided that all the departments will be on a separate network segment within the same local area network. Also implement Access Control Lists and Virtual Private Network (VPN) to enable secure communication considering security and network performance factors paramount to safeguarding Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of data and communication. The network security policy will comprehensively dictate the user's access to each site using Access Control List (ACL).

# Details of design

As mentioned earlier, for network cost-effectiveness, each site is expected to have one core router, two multilayer switches, and several access switches connecting each department.

Each department is required to have a wireless network for the users.

Every department in HQ is estimated to have around 60 users while in Branch to have 30 users.

Each department should be in a different VLAN and a different subnetwork.

Provided a base network of 192.168.100.0, and carry out subnetting to allocate the correct number of IP addresses to each department.

The company network is connected to the static, public IP addresses (Internet Protocol) 195.136.17.0/30, 195.136.17.4/30, 195.136.17.8/30, and 195.136.17.12/30 connected to the two Internet providers. Use OSPF as the routing protocol to advertise routes both on the routers and multilayer switches.

Configure default static routing to enable routers and multilayer switches to forward any traffic that does not match routing table entries. Use next-hop IP addresses.

Configure SSH in all the routers and layer three switches for remote login.

Configure port-security for the server site department switch to allow only one device to connect to a switch port, use sticky method to obtain mac-address and violation mode shutdown.

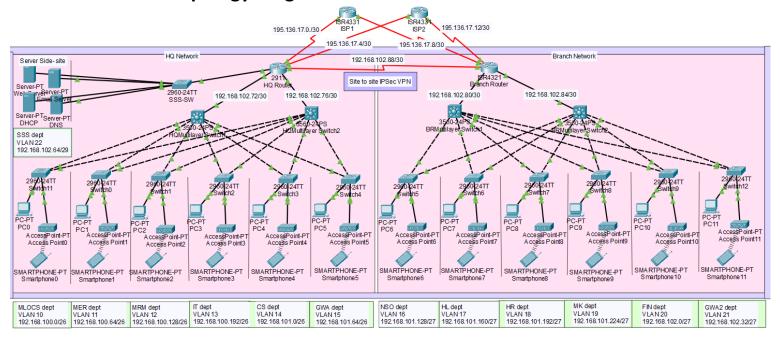
Configure the extended ACL rule together with site-to-site VPN (IPSec VPN) to create a tunnel and encrypt communication between HQ and the Branch network.

Configure PAT to use the respective outbound router interface IPv4 address, and implement the necessary ACL rule.

# **Network Technology implementation sequence**

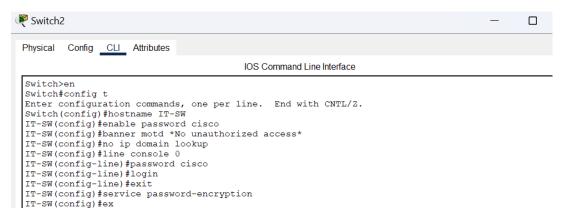
- o Hierarchical Network Design
- Connecting Networking devices with Correct cabling
- Configuring Basic device settings such as hostnames, console password, enable password, banner messages, and disable IP domain lookup and SSH for secure Remote access on Switches and Routers
- Creating VLANs and assigning ports VLAN numbers and Configuring Inter-VLAN Routing on the Multilayer switches (Switch Virtual Interface) on L2, L3
- Switchport security to server-side site
- Subnetting and IP Addressing
- Configuring ISP routers
- o Configuring OSPF as the routing protocol and default static routing used next-hop IP addresses
- Configuring Server side statically IP address according to VLAN address, then making DHCP Server device to provide dynamic IP allocation
- o Configuring Inter-VLAN routing on L3 switches
- Configuring host devices and WLAN or wireless network (Cisco Access Point)
- o Configuring NAT Overload (Port Address Translation PAT)
- o Configuring standard and extended Access Control Lists ACL
- Configuring Site-to-Site IPsec VPN

# **Network Topology Diagram**

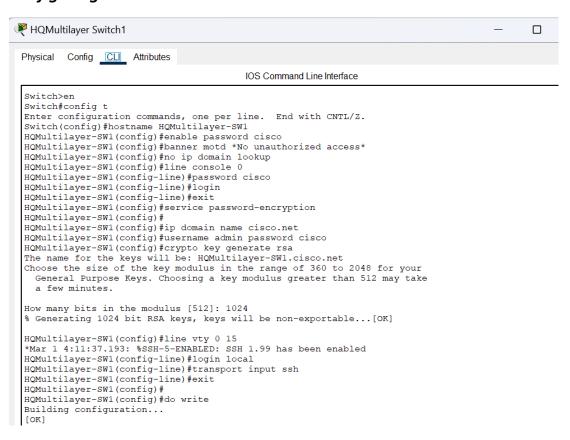


# **Configuration details**

## Configuring Basic device settings on L2 switches

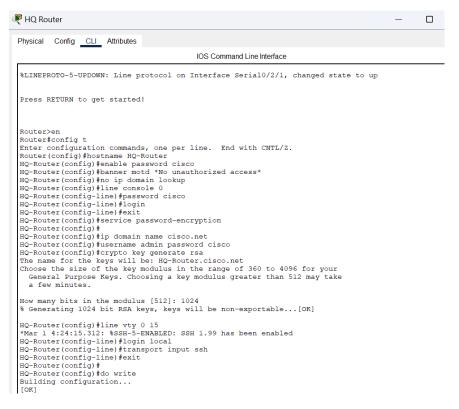


## Configuring SSH on L3 switches



The same way basic device setting is done on all the L2 switches and SSH has been configured on the other left three L3 switches.

## **Configuring SSH on Routers**



The same way SSH has been configured on the Branch Router as well.

# Configuring VLAN on L2 switches

```
Switch0
                                                                                                                               Physical Config CLI Attributes
                                                        IOS Command Line Interface
  %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to up
  %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/2, changed state to down
  %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface GigabitEthernet0/2, changed state to down
  %LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface FastEthernet0/2, changed state to up
  %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/2, changed state to up
  No unauthorized access
  User Access Verification
  Password:
  MER-SW>en
  Password:
MER-SW#config t
 MER-SW#config t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
MER-SW (config) #int range fa0/3-24
MER-SW (config-if-range) #switchport mode access
MER-SW (config-if-range) #switchport access vlan 11
% Access VLAN does not exist. Creating vlan 11
MER-SW (config-if-range) #
MER-SW (config-if-range) #
MER-SW (config-if-range) #ex
MER-SW (config-if-range) #switchport mode trunk
  MER-SW (config-if-range) #exit
  %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to down
  %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to up
  %LINEPROTO-5-UPPOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/2, changed state to down
  %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/2, changed state to up
 MER-SW(config)#do wr
Building configuration...
  MER-SW (config) #
```

## Configuring Trunk link on L3 Switches

```
RMultilayer Switch2
  Physical Config CLI Attributes
                                                                                                                                  IOS Command Line Interface
  BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan)#
%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Vlan16, changed state to up
  %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan16, changed state to up
  BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan)#ex
  BRMultilayer-SW2(config)#vlan #27
BRMultilayer-SW2(config)#vlan 17
BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan)#
%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Vlan17, changed state to up
   %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan17, changed state to up
  BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan) #ex
BRMultilayer-SW2(config) #vlan 18
BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan)#
%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Vlan18, changed state to up
   %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan18, changed state to up
  BRMultilayer-SW2 (config-vlan) #ex
  BRMultilayer-SW2 (config) #vlan 19
  BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan)#
%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Vlan19, changed state to up
  %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan19, changed state to up
  BRMultilayer-SW2 (config-vlan) #ex
  BRMultilayer-SW2(config)#vlan/#ea
BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan)#
%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Vlan20, changed state to up
   %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan20, changed state to up
  BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan) #ex
BRMultilayer-SW2(config) #vlan 21
BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan)#
%LINK-5-CHANGED: Interface Vlan21, changed state to up
   %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan21, changed state to up
   BRMultilayer-SW2(config-vlan)#ex
BRMultilayer-SW2(config)#int range fa0/1-6
BRMultilayer-SW2(config-if-range)#switchport mode trunk
BRMultilaver-SW2(config-if-range)#ex
```

Trunk configuration on all the four L3 switches has been done in the same way shown above.

# Configuring VLAN and Switchport security to server-side site

The violation mode can do three actions:

protect: Drops packets with unknown MAC addresses but does not log the violation.

restrict: Drops packets with unknown MAC addresses and logs the violation.

shutdown: Shuts down the port upon violation.

```
SSS-SW
                                                                                            SSS-SW(config)#
 SSS-SW(config) #int range fa0/1-24
 SSS-SW(config-if-range) #switchport mode access
 SSS-SW(config-if-range) #switchport access vlan 22
 SSS-SW(config-if-range)#ex
 SSS-SW(config)#int gig0/1
 SSS-SW(config-if) #switchport mode trunk
 SSS-SW(config-if) #switchport port-security maximum 1
 SSS-SW(config-if) #switchport port-security mac-address sticky
 SSS-SW(config-if) #switchport port-security violation shutdown
 SSS-SW(config-if)#ex
 SSS-SW(config)#do wr
 Building configuration...
 [OK]
 SSS-SW(config)#
 SSS-SW(config)#
```

## IP address subnetting

Given Base network address: 192.168.100.0

## **HQ Network**

Every department in HQ is estimated to have around 60 users. Therefore, 6 bits are used as host bits because  $2^6$ =64 with a total of 62 hosts discarding two network and broadcast addresses.

Department	Network address	Broadcast address	Host range	Subnet Mask
1.	192.168.100.0/26	192.168.100.63/26	192.168.100.1 to	255.255.255.192
			192.168.100.62	
2.	192.168.100.64/26	192.168.100.127/26	192.168.100.65 to	255.255.255.192
			192.168.100.126	
3.	192.168.100.128/26	192.168.100.191/26	192.168.100.127 to	255.255.255.192
			192.168.100.190	
4.	192.168.100.192/26	192.168.100.255/26	192.168.100.193 to	255.255.255.192
			192.168.100.254	
5.	192.168.101.0/26	192.168.101.63/26	192.168.101.1 to	255.255.255.192
			192.168.101.63	
6.	192.168.101.64/26	192.168.101.127/26	192.168.101.65 to	255.255.255.192
			192.168.101.126	

#### **Branch Network**

Every department in Branch network is estimated to have around 30 users. Therefore, 5 bits are used as host bits because  $2^5$ =32 with total of 30 hosts discarding two network and broadcast addresses.

Departmen	Network address	Broadcast address	Host range	Subnet Mask
t				
1.	192.168.101.128/27	192.168.101.159/27	192.168.101.129 to	255.255.255.224
			192.168.101.158	
2.	192.168.101.160/27	192.168.101.191/27	192.168.101.161 to	255.255.255.224
			192.168.101.190	
3.	192.168.101.192/27	192.168.101.223/27	192.168.101.193 to	255.255.255.224
			192.168.101.222	
4.	192.168.101.224/27	192.168.101.254/27	192.168.101.225 to	255.255.255.224
			192.168.101.253	
5.	192.168.102.0/27	192.168.102.31/27	192.168.102.1 to	255.255.255.224
			192.168.102.30	
6.	192.168.102.32/27	192.168.102.63/27	192.168.102.33 to	255.255.255.224
			192.168.102.62	

## **Server-site Network**

As Server-site network is estimated to have around 4 servers, 3 bits are used as host bits because  $2^3$ =8 with total of 6 hosts discarding two network and broadcast addresses.

Department	Network address	Broadcast address	Host range	Subnet Mask
Server-site	192.168.102.64/29	192.168.102.71/29	192.168.102.65 to 192.168.102.70	255.255.255.248

#### **Between L3 switches and Router**

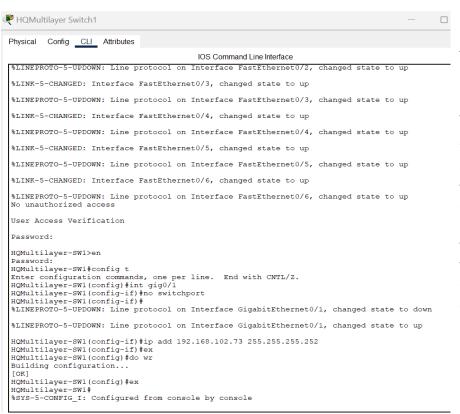
As L3 switch and router is having two connecting interface, 2 bits are used as host bits because  $2^2=4$  with total of 2 IP address discarding two network and broadcast addresses.

Network address	Broadcast address	Host range	Subnet Mask
192.168.102.72/30	192.168.102.75/30	192.168.102.73 to	255.255.252
		192.168.102.74	
192.168.102.76/30	192.168.102.79/30	192.168.102.77 to	255.255.255.252
		192.168.102.78	
192.168.102.80/30	192.168.102.83/30	192.168.102.81 to	255.255.255.252
		192.168.102.82	
192.168.102.84/30	192.168.102.87/30	192.168.102.85 to	255.255.255.252
		192.168.102.86	
192.168.102.88/30	192.168.102.91/30	192.168.102.89 to	255.255.255.252
		192.168.102.90	

#### **Between Routers and ISPs**

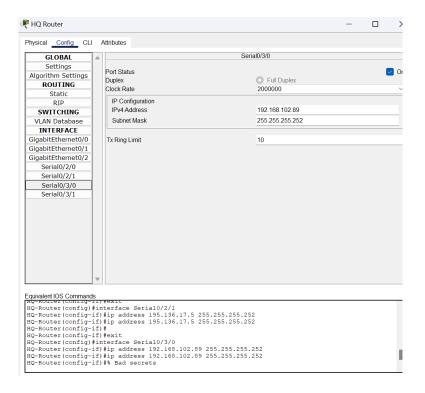
Static, public IP addresses 195.136.17.0/30, 195.136.17.4/30, 195.136.17.8/30, and 195.136.17.12/30 connected to the two Internet providers.

## IP address configuration



The IP configuration for ISP and Routers has been made according to the table of subnetting.

We use no switchport command. This makes the interface of L3 switch operate more like a router interface rather than a switchport. All the four L3 switches configured the same way shown below.

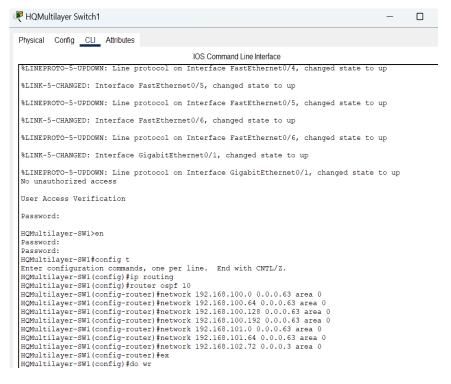


## Configuring OSPF as the routing protocol

The command for OSPF configuration is Router OSPF cprocess id>.

**Router OSPF**: This part of the command tells the router that you are entering OSPF routing configuration mode. **10**: This is the OSPF process ID.

You can run multiple OSPF processes on a router. The router uses the process ID to differentiate between OSPF processes. The process ID is a numeric value. It can be any number from 1 to 65,535. It is locally significant. You do not need to match it on all routers. You can use a different process ID on each router.



The wildcard mask is the inverse of the subnet mask. For example, if 192.168.100.0 is the network, 0.0.0.63 is the wildcard mask [255-192=63], and area 0 specifies the OSPF area (Area 0 is the backbone area). For the left switches the configuration has been made the same way as shown below.

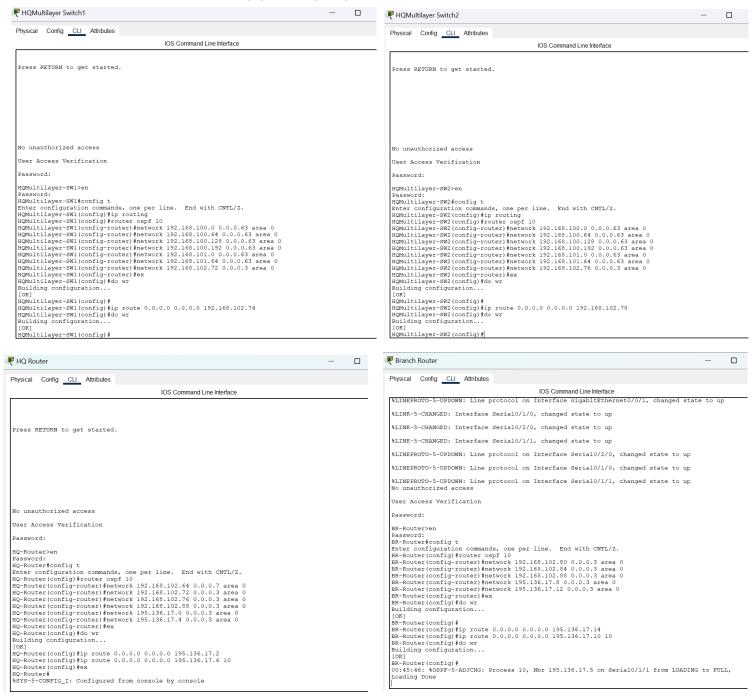
## Setting a default static route on L3 switch and routers

It ensures that packets destined for unknown networks are forwarded to a specified next-hop IP address or exit interface.

**0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0**: This represents the default route, matching any destination IP address.

<next-hop IP address>: The IP address of the next-hop router to which packets should be forwarded.

**<exit interface>:** Alternatively, you can specify the local router's exit interface.



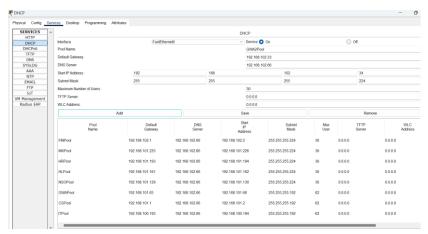
#### Router-ISP1

```
Router>en
RouterFoonfig t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config-router) #network 195.136.17.0 0.0.0.3 area 0
Router(config-router) #network 195.136.17.8 0.0.0.3 area 0
Router(config-router) #0
Rout
```

#### Router-ISP2

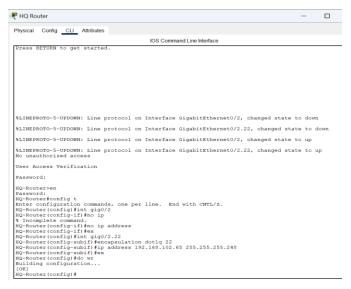
```
Router>en
Router#config t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)#router ospf 10
Router(config-router)#network 195.136.17.4 0.0.0.3 area 0
Router(config-router)#network 195.136.17.8 0.0.0.3 area 0
Router(config-router)#entwork 195.136.17.8 0.0.0.3 area 0
Router(config-router)#e
00:58:27: %OSPF-5-ADJCHG: Process 10, Nbr 195.136.17.5 on Serial0/2/1 from LOADING to FULL,
Loading Done
Router(config)#ex
Router(config)#ex
Routerf
```

If you have multiple default routes for redundancy, you can set a higher administrative distance for the backup route. This sets a backup default route with an administrative distance of 10, which will only be used if the primary route is unavailable. This is shown in the below router configuration of default static routes.



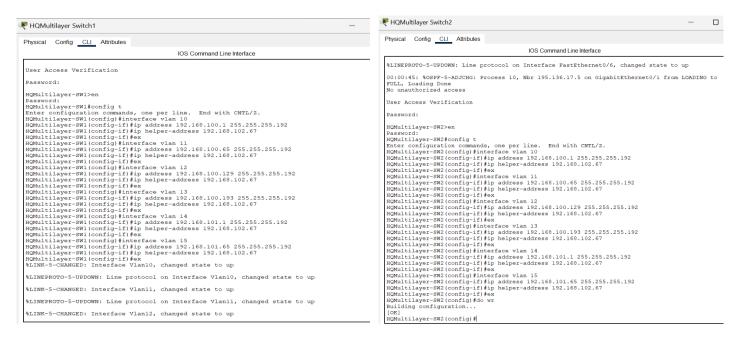
**Server side configured** statically IP address according to VLAN address and is not shown here in snapshots because I have done that many times. Then making DHCP Server device to provide dynamic IP allocation is shown here.

## Stick inter-VLAN implementation on Router by creating sub-interfaces for Server-side VLAN



The inter VLAN routing is created on this interface of router so that the vlan can communicate with other vlans in the network.

## Configure Inter-VLAN routing on L3 switch

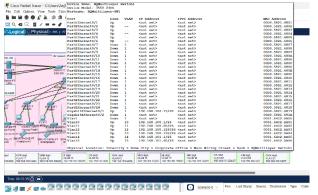


Inter-VLAN routing on a Layer 3 (L3) switch allows different VLANs to communicate with each other without the need for an external router.

Created SVI (Switched Virtual Interfaces): a VLAN interface for each VLAN to act as the gateway. Line syntax <interface vlan number>

Assigned IP Addresses to SVIs: Assign IP addresses to each SVI. These addresses will be used as the default gateways for devices in their respective VLANs.

The ip helper-address command is used on a router or Layer 3 switch to forward DHCP requests from clients in a VLAN or subnet to a DHCP server that resides in a different subnet. This is often necessary in networks where the DHCP server is not located within the same broadcast domain as the clients.



This snapshot shows that virtual vlan interfaces are created and IP address assigned.

## Host and wireless device Configurations

All the hosts and wireless devices have been configured.

# **Configuring NAT Overload (Port Address Translation PAT)**

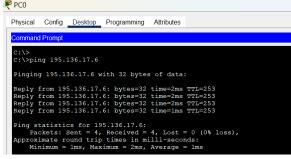
Configuring NAT Overload (also known as Port Address Translation, PAT) on a Cisco router involves the following steps:

- Define the Inside and Outside Interfaces
- o Configure NAT Overload on the Outside Interface
- o Create an Access Control List (ACL) to Permit the Traffic to be Translated

```
Physical Config CLI Attributes

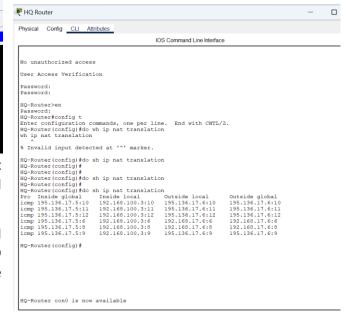
IOS Command Line Interface

00:00:40: $0SPF-S-ADJCHG: Process 10, Nbr 192.168.102.77 on GigabitEthernet0/1 from LOADING to FULL, Loading Done
00:00:48: $0SPF-S-ADJCHG: Process 10, Nbr 192.168.102.73 on GigabitEthernet0/0 from LOADING to FULL, Loading Done
No unauthorized access
User Access Verification
Password:
NG-RouterPen Password:
NG-RouterSeconfig t Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/2.
NG-Router(config) $int se0/2/0
NG-Router(config) $int se0/2/0
NG-Router(config) $int se0/2/1
NG-Router(config-if) $ip nat outside
NG-Router(config-if) $ip nat outside
NG-Router(config-if) $ip nat outside
NG-Router(config-if) $ip nat outside
NG-Router(config-if) $ip nat inside
NG-Router(config-if-range) $ip nat inside
NG-Router(config-if-range) $ip nat inside
NG-Router(config) $ip nat inside source list 1 interface se0/2/0 overload
NG-Router(config) $ip nat inside source list 1 interface se0/2/1 overload
NG-Router(config) $ip nat inside source list 1 interface se0/2/1 overload
NG-Router(config) $ip nat inside source list 1 interface se0/2/1 overload
NG-Router(config) $ip nat inside source list 1 interface se0/2/1 overload
NG-Router(config) $access-list 1 permit 192.168.100.128 0.0.0.63
NG-Router(config) $access-list 1 permit 192.168.100.128 0.0.0.63
NG-Router(config) $access-list 1 permit 192.168.100.100.0.0.63
NG-Router(config) $access-list 1 permit 192.168.100.0.0.0.63
N
```



First it is needed to ping to the ISPs from the host device for which we want traffic to be translated for public IP address.

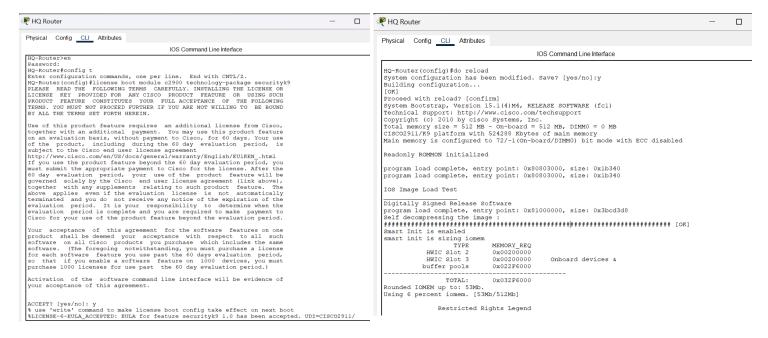
After pinging, we can see the original and translated IP addresses at the HQ router with DO show IP NAT translation command. We did the same configuration on Branch router as well.



# Configuring Site-to-Site IPsec VPN

- Enable security technology package
- Configure extended ACL permitting the target on each router
- o Configure the IKE phase 1 ISAKMP policy on each router
- o Configure the IKE phase 2 IPSec policy on each router
- Configure the crypto map on the outgoing interface

Commands < license boot module c2900 technology-package securityk9 > and < do reload > are used for enable security technology package.



ACL permitting the target on each router is done with the commands given below.

```
Password:
HO-Router>en
Password:
HO-Router#conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. HQ-Router(config) #access-list 110 permit ip 192.168.100.0 0.0.0.255 192.168.101.128 0.0.0.255
HQ-Router(config) #access-list 110 permit ip 192.168.101.128 0.0.0.127 192.168.101.128 0.0.0.255
HQ-Router(config)#do wr
Building configuration...
[OK]
HQ-Router(config)#
User Access Verification
Password:
BR-Router>en
Password:
BR-Router#conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
BR-Router(config) #access-list 110 permit ip 192.168.101.128 0.0.0.255 192.168.100.0 0.0.0.255
BR-Router(config) #access-list 110 permit ip 192.168.101.128 0.0.0.255 192.168.101.0 0.0.0.127
BR-Router(config)#do wr
Building configuration...
[OK]
BR-Router(config)#
```

The IKE (Internet Key Enable) phase 1 ISAKMP (Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol) policy on each router It is done with commands given below. ISAKMP is an essential protocol within the IPsec suite, responsible for establishing and managing security associations and keys. It plays a crucial role in ensuring secure communications across networks.

P HQ Router

```
BR-Router (config) #
BR-Router(config) #conf t
%Invalid hex value
BR-Router(config) #license boot module c2900 technology-package securityk9
% Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
BR-Router(config) #access-list 110 permit ip 192.168.101.128 0.0.0.255 192.168.100.0 0.0.0.255
BR-Router(config) #crypto isakmp policy 10
BR-Router(config-isakmp) #encryption aes 256
BR-Router(config-isakmp) #authentication pre-share
BR-Router(config-isakmp) #group 5
BR-Router (config-isakmp) #ex
BR-Router(config) #crypto isakmp key vpn123 address 192.168.102.89
A pre-shared key for address mask 192.168.102.89 255.255.255.255 already exists!
BR-Router(config) #do wr
Building configuration...
[OK]
BR-Router (config) #
BR-Router(config) #crypto ipsec transform-set VPN123 esp-aes esp-sha-hmac
BR-Router(config) #crypto map VPN-MAP 10 ipsec-isakmp
BR-Router (config-crypto-map) #description This VPN connects to Branch-Network.
BR-Router(config-crypto-map) #set peer 192.168.102.89
BR-Router(config-crypto-map) #set transform-set VPN123
BR-Router(config-crypto-map) #match address 110
BR-Router(config-crypto-map)#ex
BR-Router(config) #int se0/1/1
BR-Router(config-if) #crypto map VPN-MAP
*Jan 3 07:16:26.785: %CRYPTO-6-ISAKMP_ON_OFF: ISAKMP is ON
BR-Router(config-if)#ex
BR-Router(config) #do wr
Building configuration...
[OK]
```

# Result and analysis

## Key achievements

#### 1. Network Performance

 Packet loss was consistently below 0.1% across all network segments, indicating a high level of reliability and minimal disruption in data transmission.

#### 2. Security Implementation

- The configured ACLs effectively restricted access to sensitive departments, such as Medical Records Management (MRM) and the server-side site. Unauthorized attempts to access these segments were successfully blocked, demonstrating robust security controls.
- The IPSec VPN tunnel between the headquarters and the branch hospital was tested for performance and security. The tunnel provided secure and encrypted communication.

#### 3. IP Address Allocation

- Each department was successfully segmented into its respective VLAN, as per the design. This segmentation helps in managing network traffic more efficiently and enhances security by isolating departmental traffic.
- The DHCP server was configured correctly and dynamically assigned IP addresses within the predefined subnets. Devices across the network received appropriate IP addresses, ensuring seamless connectivity.

#### 4. Routing Efficiency

- OSPF was configured and tested on all routers and multilayer switches. The routing tables were correctly updated, and routes were efficiently advertised across the network, ensuring optimal path selection and load balancing.
- Default static routes were configured to provide a fallback path for traffic destined for unknown networks. This setup ensured uninterrupted network connectivity, even in case of dynamic routing protocol failures.

#### 5. NAT and PAT Configuration

- Network Address Translation (NAT) was successfully implemented, allowing internal devices to communicate with external networks using the public IP addresses provided by the ISPs. The NAT table showed correct translation of private IP addresses to public IP addresses.
- Devices within the network were able to access the internet using the static public IP addresses. This was verified through successful ping tests and browsing activities.

## **Analysis and Performance**

### 1. Network Scalability

 The hierarchical network design supports scalability, allowing for future expansion without significant reconfiguration. The current setup can easily accommodate additional departments or increased user load.

#### 2. Network Redundancy

 The use of dual ISPs and redundant routing configurations ensures high availability and reliability. In case of an ISP failure, traffic is automatically rerouted, maintaining continuous network operation.

## 3. Network Security

 The implemented security measures effectively ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data. The use of ACLs, VPN, and SSH provides a multi-layered security approach.