FINAL PROJECT IN NET 313 - ADVANCE NETWORKING

PROJECT TITLE:
ADVANCED NETWORK
ARCHITECTURE
WITH DHCP AND EIGRP
OPTIMIZATION

**GROUP 11** 





### **OBJECTIVE:**

Design, implement, and optimize a network infrastructure for a technology hub facility using Cisco Packet Tracer. The network must meet the scalability, redundancy, and security demands of a tech-driven environment. Network performancewill be evaluated, and enhancements proposed based on real-world business needs.

# Part 1: Company and Network Requirements

### 1. Define Your Company

### Company Type: Technology Hub Facility

The tech hub facility provides a collaborative space for startups, IT professionals, and developers. It includes shared work spaces, conference rooms, and a dedicated data center. The network accommodates multipleclients, ensuring secure high-speed internet, dependable connectivity, and strong security measures.



## Unique Networking Requirements:

High bandwidth to handle concurrent operations and extensive data transfers.

Segmented networks for tenant isolation and administrator access

Scalable infrastructure to accommodate up to 500 users simultaneously

## Goals:

Performance: Scalability: Security:

• Ensure stable, low-latency connections.

• Expand seamlessly as the user base increases.

 Protect client data and comply with industry standards.



## 2. Analyze Business Needs

### **IP Addressing:**

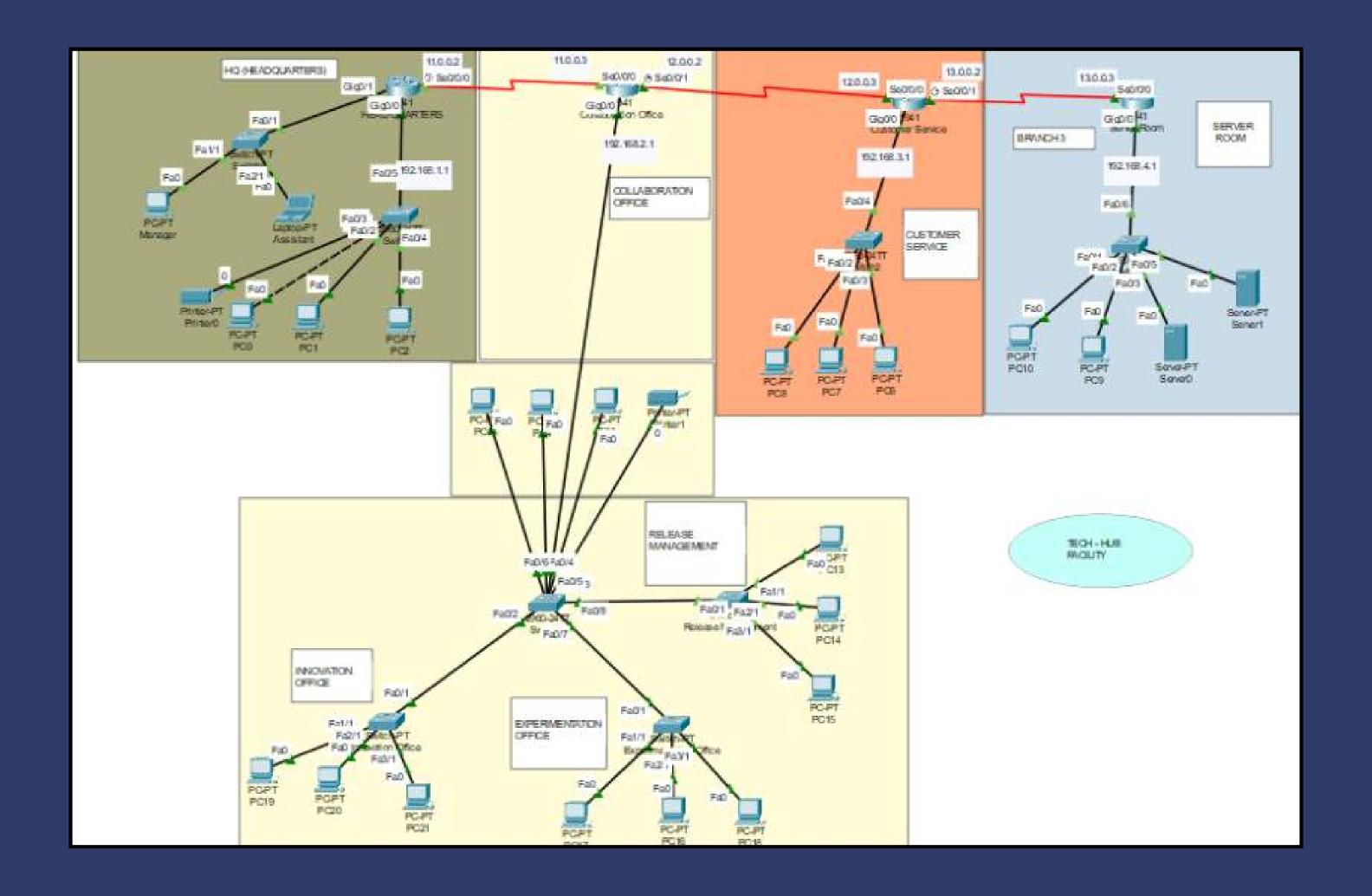
- Static IPs: Reserved for critical devices such as routers, servers, and printers.
- Dynamic IP Allocation: Provided via DHCP for client devices in each subnet.

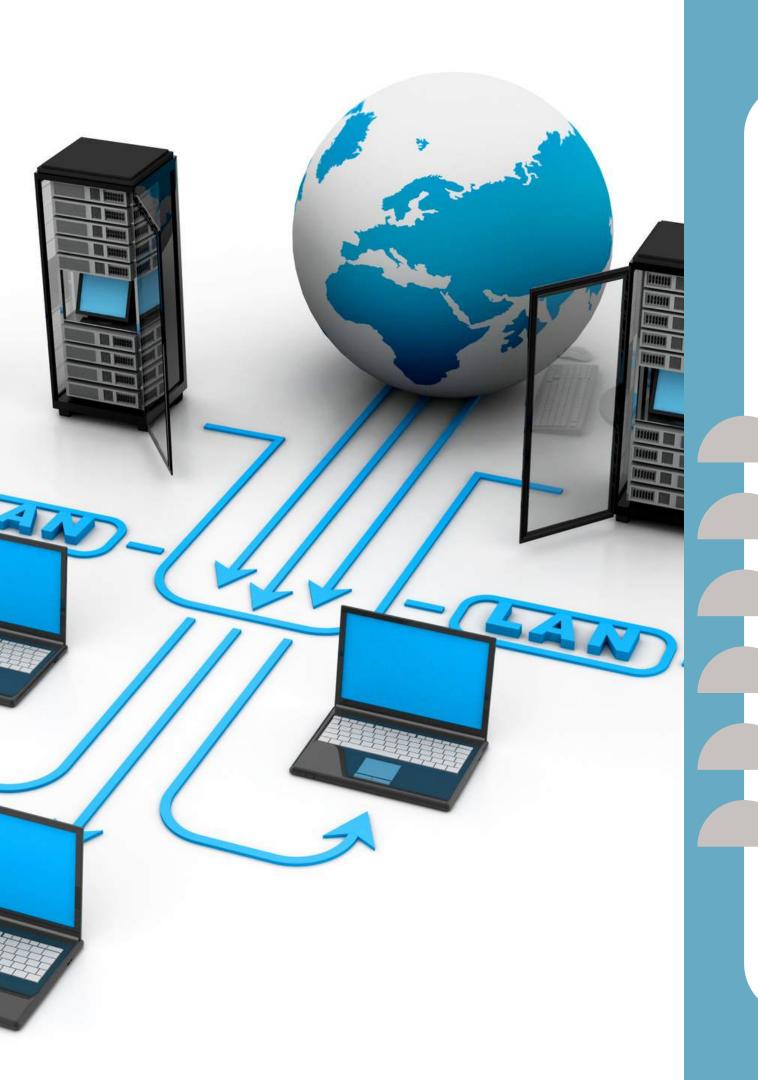
### **Security Requirements:**

- VLAN segmentation to isolate tenant traffic from administrative operations.
- Strong device authentication (e.g., WPA3) and encryption protocols (SSL/TLS).
- Firewalls, intrusion detection/prevention systems (IDS/IPS), and access control lists (ACLs).



# Part 2: Network Design and Planning





## 1. Network Topology

Topology Type: Hybrid Topology (Star + Point-to-Point WAN)

The network design uses a Hybrid Topology, which combines Star Topology for LAN configurations withineachlocation and Point-to-Point WAN links for inter-site connectivity.

# Why This Topology is Suitable for the Project:

- 1. Scalability
- 2. Reliability and Redundancy
- 3. Centralized Management
- 4. Optimized Bandwidth Usage
- 5. Cost-Effectiveness



## Network Overview:

- **Headquarters (HQ):** Subnet 192.168.1.0/24
- **Branch 1:** Subnet 192.168.2.0/24
- **Branch 2:** Subnet 192.168.3.0/24
- **Branch 3:** Subnet 192.168.4.0/24
- **WAN Links:** Using the range 10.0.0.0/30 for point-to-point inter-site connections.



# Headquarters (HQ):

• **Subnet:** 192.168.1.0/24

• Core Devices:

1. Router R1 with GigabitEthernet and Serial interfaces.

2. PCs (PC0-5), Printer0, and a centralized DHCP server.

## Branch 1:

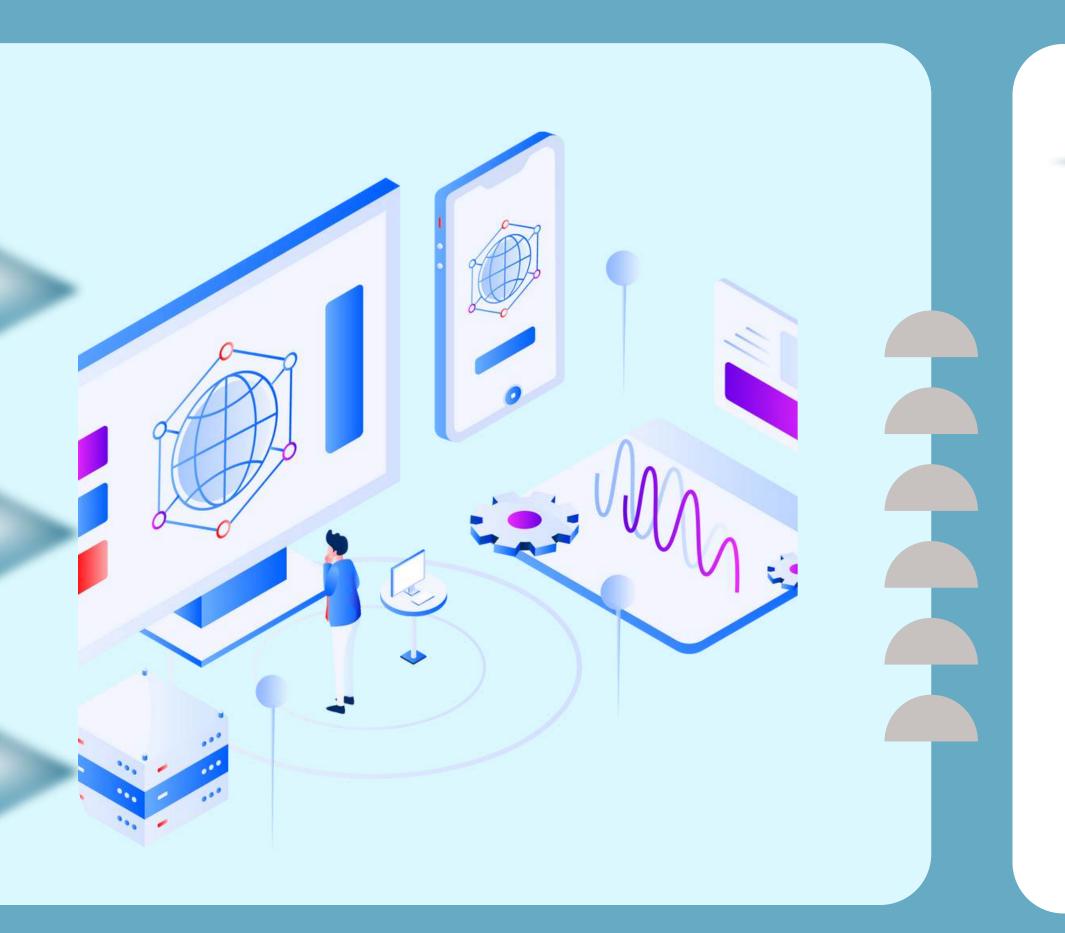
• **Subnet:** 192.168.2.0/24

• Core Devices:

1. Router R2 connected to HQ via a Serial link.

2. PCs (PC6-8), IP Phone6, and Printer1.





## Branch 2:

- **Subnet:** 192.168.3.0/24
- Core Devices:
- 1. Router R3 connected to HQ via Serial link.
- 2. PCs (PC9-11), IP Phone3, and a server cluster.

## Branch 3:

**Subnet:** 192.168.4.0/24

#### **Core Devices:**

1. Router R4 connected to HQ via a Serial link.

2. Devices include PCs (PC12-15) and IoT devices (e.g., sensors, smart boards) used for collaborative techlabs.





## WAN Network:

**IP Range:** 10.0.0.0/30 for Serial links between routers (HQ to Branch 1, 2, and 3).

# 2. Design Explanation

### **DHCP Configuration:**

Centralized DHCP Server: Located at HQ, serving the local subnet (192.168.1.0/24). DHCP Relay Agents: Configured on R2, R3, and R4 for Branch 1, Branch 2, and Branch 3 to enable dynamicIPallocation.

#### **Static Assignments:**

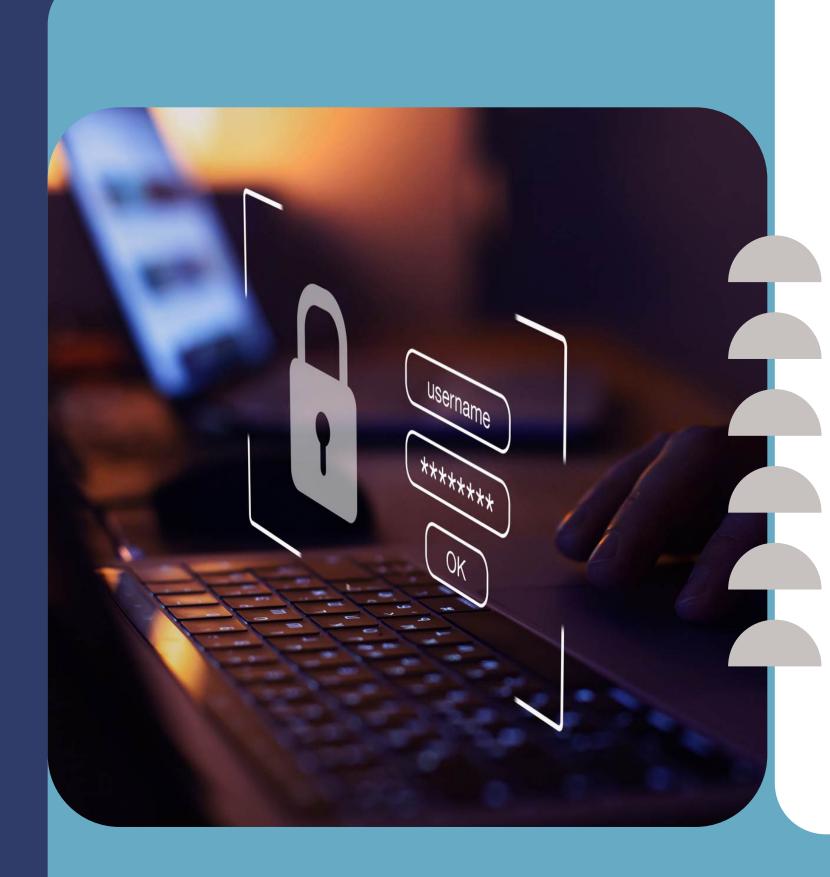
Static IPs are assigned to critical devices for reliability:

**HQ Router R1: 192.168.1.1** 

**Branch 1 Router R2: 192.168.2.1** 

**Branch 2 Router R3: 192.168.3.1** 

**Branch 3 Router R4: 192.168.4.1** 



## Security Features:

**VLANs:** Configured to segment tenant traffic and administrative traffic.

**Encryption:** Use of secure protocols such as WPA3 for wireless and SSL/TLS for management interfaces.

**Firewalls and ACLs:** Deployed to filter traffic and prevent unauthorized access.



## Part 3: Configuration and Implementation

### 1. Router and Switch Configuration

 Hostnames, encrypted passwords, and basic security applied to all devices.

### • DHCP Setup:

- 1. Centralized DHCP server with relay agents at each branch.
- 2. Static bindings for servers and printers to ensure consistent addressing. VLAN Configuration:



## Part 3: Configuration and Implementation

• **VLAN Configuration:** - VLANs for tenant and admin traffic, with inter-VLAN routing for management.

### 2. Security Configuration

- ACLs applied to control traffic flows.
- Encrypted passwords and management access.
- IDS/IPS for monitoring and firewall for traffic filtering.



## Part 4: Advanced Testing and Analysis

#### 1. Simulations and Tests

#### **Scenarios:**

- **Redundancy:** Simulate device and link failures to validate EIGRP failover mechanisms and redundancy.
- **DHCP Testing:** Validate dynamic IP allocation at HQ, Branch 1, Branch 2, and Branch 3, ensuring proper relay agent functionality.
- **EIGRP Performance:** Validate convergence times and routing table accuracy

**Testing Tools:** Cisco Packet Tracer for simulation and analysis.



## 2. Document and Evaluate Testing Results:

- Successful DHCP Allocation: Confirmed for all subnets.
- EIGRP Failover: Verified seamless route failover and reconvergence.
- Connectivity: Full end-to-end communication validated across all devices and locations.

## Conclusion

The Hybrid Topology combining Star Topology for LANs and Point-to-Point WAN links for branch connectionsisideal for the tech hub facility. This topology meets the project goals of scalability, reliability, and security whileenabling centralized management and efficient resource utilization.

