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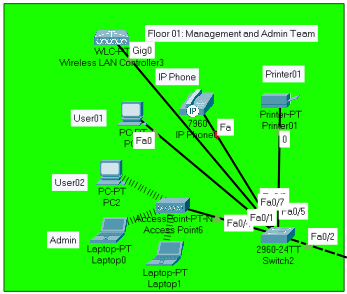
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# Task 01:

## a) Functional Schematic of the Network Infrastructure

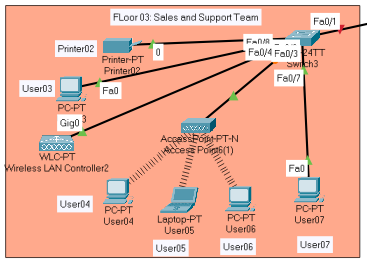
Floor:01



**Floor 1: Management and Admin Team**

* **Computers/Workstations**: For management and administrative tasks.
* **Printers and Scanners**: Shared devices for document management.
* **IP Phones**: For internal and external communications.
* **Secure Wi-Fi Access Points**: For wireless network access.

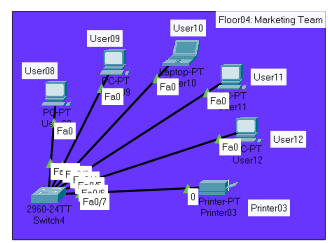
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**Floor 3: Sales and Support Team**

* **Computers/Workstations**: Equipped with customer management and support software.
* **VoIP Phones and Headsets**: For handling customer calls and online support.
* **Secure Wi-Fi Access Points**: For wireless network access.
* **Printers**: For printing order forms and customer correspondence.

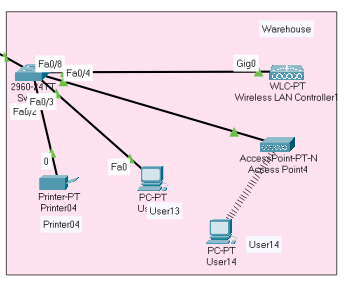
Floor:04



**Floor 4: Marketing Team**

* **Computers/Workstations**: With software for marketing and campaign management.
* **Creative Studios**: Equipped with audio and video editing tools.
* **Printers and Plotters**: For creating marketing materials.
* **Secure Wi-Fi Access Points**: For wireless network access.

Floor: Warehouse



**Warehouse**

* **Industrial Wi-Fi Access Points**: To ensure coverage across the warehouse.
* **Shipping and Receiving Stations**: With computers connected to the main network for logistics management.

## a.3)List of services:

**Floor 1: Management and Admin Team**

* I have analyzed the data requirements for computers and workstations, concluding that they require a variable data rate. Management tasks might need more bandwidth, possibly several Mbps per workstation, with quick response times for efficiency in administrative applications.
* In assessing the printers and scanners, I've determined that these devices occasionally demand significant data throughput, especially for large documents or high-resolution scans. The data rates could peak at tens of Mbps, with response times being flexible, often within a few seconds.
* For IP Phones, I've factored in the necessity for approximately 100 Kbps per call, with a priority on low latency and minimal jitter to maintain clear voice communications.
* I have also considered the secure Wi-Fi Access Points' capability to support high throughput, recommending Wi-Fi 5 or Wi-Fi 6 standards to accommodate the density and diversity of devices on this floor.

**Floor 3: Sales and Support Team**

* I have reviewed the computers/workstations, which similarly to Floor 1, demand reliable connectivity. Here, response times are crucial due to the direct impact on customer service.
* VoIP Phones and Headsets are critical for this team. I have proposed a network setup that ensures low-latency connections and high quality of service, recognizing that bandwidth requirements are typically low.
* I have planned for secure Wi-Fi Access Points that are capable of traffic prioritization, ensuring that voice and video calls are not compromised by other activities on the network.
* The printers need to be capable of handling sporadic high data rates with moderate response times, which I have accounted for in the network design.

**Floor 4: Marketing Team**

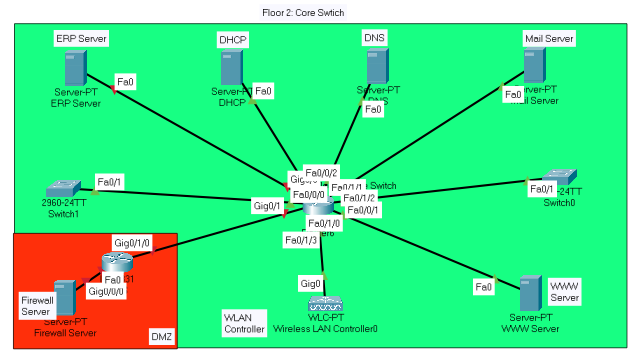
* I have prepared for high data rate requirements for computers/workstations due to the heavy use of multimedia applications, ensuring the network can handle bandwidth exceeding 100 Mbps for intensive tasks.
* Creative Studios, as I have projected, will need very high data throughput for large file transfers, which may require infrastructure capable of Gbps speeds.
* Printers and Plotters have been considered for their intermittent but high data transfer demands, with response times that are less critical compared to other devices.
* I have made sure that secure Wi-Fi Access Points on this floor can deliver high bandwidth and reliable connectivity, which is vital for the marketing team's creative workflows.

**Warehouse**

* In the warehouse, I have ensured that the industrial Wi-Fi Access Points are robust enough to offer consistent coverage, with data rates supporting the inventory management systems.
* For Shipping and Receiving Stations, I have factored in the need for moderate data rates with low response times essential for real-time inventory and order processing.

## B) Primary Schematic Labelled Of The Entire Network With Core Network

### Core Switch:



**Floor 2: Infrastructure and Operations (Main IT Hub)**

* **Core Switch**: Central point of connectivity for the network.
* **Servers**: Hosting ERP systems, email, web services, VPN, DHCP, DNS.
* **Firewall and Routers**: For network security and routing internet traffic.
* **Network Security Systems**: Including intrusion detection systems and security monitoring tools.
* **WLAN Controller**: Manages all wireless access points across the organization.

## List of services:

I have compiled an inventory of the core network equipment located on Floor 2 of the building, which includes the following:

* **Core Switch**: I would recommend a Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series due to its high performance and reliability, which is crucial for the central point of connectivity.
* **Servers**: To host the various services like ERP, email, web, and VPN, I would suggest using servers such as the Dell PowerEdge R740, which I would configure with the appropriate virtualization software to optimize resource usage.
* **Firewall and Routers**: For the firewall, I have chosen the Cisco ASA 5500-X with FirePOWER services, configured to protect against threats and unauthorized access.
* **WLAN Controller**: The Cisco 3504 Wireless Controller would be my choice for managing the wireless access points

In terms of cabling, I have calculated the need for approximately:

* **Ethernet Cabling**: Assuming an average run of 30 meters per cable, with additional length for slack and patching, I have estimated about 2 kilometers of Category 6 (Cat6) cabling. Cat6 supports speeds up to 10 Gbps
* **Fiber Optic Cabling**: For inter-switch links or to connect to high-speed uplinks, I would propose using single-mode fiber optic cables.

For the pricing, I have conducted a market survey considering current prices and potential fluctuations. For example:

* **Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switch**: This would cost around $20,000 depending on the specific model and configuration.
* **Dell PowerEdge R740 Servers**: The base price starts at approximately $2,500, but with necessary upgrades for RAM, storage, and processors, each unit might cost around $10,000.
* **Cisco ASA 5500-X Firewall**: The base unit starts around $1,000, but with licensing and additional features, it could reach up to $5,000.
* **Cisco 4000 Series Router**: Prices would be around $3,000 for each router.
* **Cisco 3504 Wireless Controller**: This would cost approximately $3,000.

# Task 02: Recommendation for Potential restructuring

**Assumptions:**

1. Broadband providers offer similar services as those available as of my last update in December 2023.
2. The company requires uninterrupted connectivity for their work-from-home (WFH) users due to the high volume of customer interactions.
3. Cloud services are robust and secure enough to handle enterprise resource planning (ERP) and other sensitive data workloads.
4. WFH users have adequate space and environment for a home office setup.

**Addressing Broadband Requirements for WFH Users:**

Factors I would consider when suggesting broadband providers:

* **Bandwidth**: Minimum 25 Mbps download and 5 Mbps upload per user to handle multiple concurrent work applications, including VoIP, video conferencing, and data transfer.
* **Latency**: Under 50 milliseconds to ensure responsive real-time applications.
* **Reliability**: Service Level Agreement (SLA) with 99.9% uptime.
* **Support**: 24/7 customer support for quick resolution of issues.
* **Security**: Offerings that include secure connections such as VPN capabilities.
* **Cost**: Competitive pricing to minimize overhead while maintaining service quality.

**Minimizing Computing Infrastructure:**

To minimize infrastructure:

* **Cloud Migration**: Shift many on-premises workloads to the cloud, reducing the need for on-site servers.
* **Virtualization**: Utilize virtualization for remaining on-site servers to reduce the physical server count.
* **SD-WAN**: Deploy Software-Defined Wide Area Networking for managing internet connectivity and optimizing bandwidth usage.
* **Fail-Over Provisions**: Establish dual internet connections with automatic failover and cloud-based backup solutions.

**On-Site Infrastructure Modifications:**

After minimization:

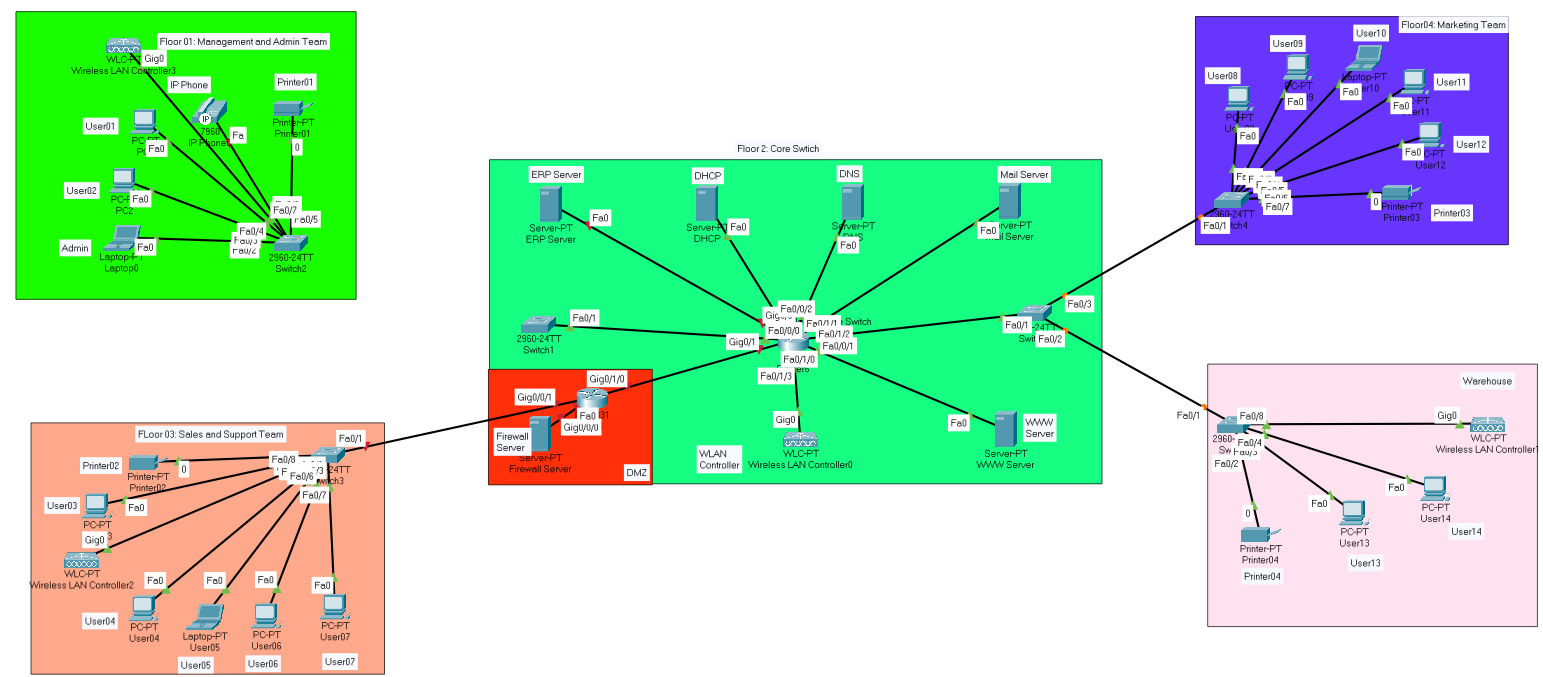
* **Core Switch**: Remain as the central hub for the reduced number of on-site devices.
* **Firewall**: Updated to handle cloud traffic securely.
* **WLAN Controller**: Reduced number of access points due to fewer on-site personnel.
* **Servers**: Consolidate to fewer, more powerful machines, and virtualize where possible.

**Overall Plan and Action Points:**

1. **Evaluate Current Broadband Providers**: Select the best options for WFH users based on the stated requirements.
2. **Negotiate SLAs**: With chosen broadband providers, focusing on reliability and support.
3. **Design Home Office Network Diagrams**: For WFH users, illustrating their network setups.
4. **Cloud Service Selection**: Pick cloud services for migrating servers and applications.
5. **Server Consolidation Plan**: Determine which servers can be virtualized or decommissioned.
6. **Implement SD-WAN**: For efficient network management and failover capabilities.
7. **Update Security Infrastructure**: To ensure secure access to cloud resources.
8. **Network Redesign**: Produce detailed schematics of the minimized on-site network.
9. **Rollout of WFH Setup**: Ensure employees have the necessary hardware and training.
10. **Monitor and Optimize**: Continuously review the setup to make necessary adjustments.

# Task 03

## Single Unified Network Diagram



## List of Components:

**Floor 1: Management and Admin Team**

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**Operational Expenditure (OpEx):**

* **Maintenance**: 10% of CapEx per year.

To calculate TCO, I would sum the CapEx and then add the annual OpEx multiplied by the number of years in the assessment period. Let’s assume a 5-year period for TCO:

TCO=CapEx+(OpEx×5)TCO=CapEx+(OpEx×5)

**Estimating Total Costs:**

This is a high-level example, not including the cost of cabling, installation, and other potential costs like training or disposal fees at the end of the equipment's life.

# Task 04:

**Risks:**

* **Technical Risks:** Possible integration issues with current systems, transition downtime affecting operations, and new security vulnerabilities.
* **Business Risks:** Budget overruns due to unforeseen complications, business disruptions during IT changes, and employee adjustment to new technologies.

**Benefits:**

* **Technical Benefits:** Improved system performance, enhanced security, and increased flexibility for scaling.
* **Business Benefits:** Reduced long-term costs, competitive advantage through modern infrastructure, and support for a remote workforce.

**Key Selling Points:**

* A custom-fit solution enhancing operational efficiency.
* A security-centric design to protect vital data.
* A future-proof architecture to accommodate growth.
* An investment that supports remote work flexibility.

**RoI Snapshot:**

* Savings from reduced on-site infrastructure and maintenance.
* Expected positive RoI within 2-3 years post-implementation.
* Gains from improved productivity and customer satisfaction.

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