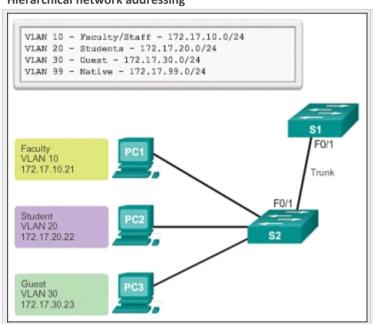
# **VLAN BASICS**

VLAN: Virtual Local Area Network: Allows logical network segmentation: Any port switch can belong to VLAN

• Unicast/multicast/broadcast packets forwarded/flooded to end stations w/in VLAN where sourced **Benefits of VLANS 3.1.1.2** 

Security	Sensitive data separated from network: Decreased chances of info breach
Cost	Less need for expensive upgrades: More efficient use of BW/uplinks (cheaper)
Performance	<ul> <li>Divides flat L2 networks into multiple logical workgroups (broadcast domains)</li> <li>Reduces unnecessary traffic: Boosts performances</li> </ul>
Shrink Broadcast Domains	Reduces number of devices in broadcast domain (b/c of division)
IT staff efficiency	<ul> <li>Easier to manage network (usrs w/similar reqs share same VLAN)</li> <li>New switch? Policies configured for VLAN/used when ports assigned</li> <li>Easy function ID</li> </ul>
Simpler project/app mgmt.	<ul> <li>Aggregate usrs/devices to support business/geographic reqs</li> <li>Separate functions: Project/App managing is easier</li> </ul>

## Hierarchical network addressing



- Each VLAN corresponds to an IP network
- Network numbers applied to segments/VLANs
- Takes whole network into consideration
- Blocks of addresses reserved on devices in specific areas

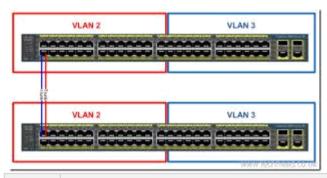
Types of VLANS: Some defined by traffic: Others function they serve

Data (AKA user VLAN)	<ul> <li>Config to carry user-generated traffic</li> <li>Separates network into groups of usrs/devices</li> <li>NOTE: Voice/mgmt. traffic NOT data VLAN</li> </ul>
Default	<ul> <li>All ports part of default VLAN after initial boot of switch (default config)</li> <li>Part of same broadcast domain</li> <li>Any device connected to port can communicate w/other devices on other ports</li> </ul>

	Default = VLAN 1: Can't be renamed/deleted ■ All L2 control traffic associated w/VLAN 1 show vlan brief shows current vlan setup
Native	■ Assigned to 802.1Q trunk port  Trunk port: Links between switches: Support transmission of traffic w/more than 1  VLAN  ○ 802.1Q supports traffic from many VLANs (tagged)  ○ Supports traffic that doesn't come from VLANs (untagged)  ○ Tagged traffic: 4byte tag insert w/in original Ethernet frame header:  Specifies VLAN frame belongs to  ○ 802.1Q trunk port places untagged traffic on native VLAN (default VLAN 1)  ○ Common identifier on opposite ends of trunk link  ○ Config native VLAN as unused VLAN instead of VLAN 1
Management	■ Any VLAN config to access management of switch ■ VLAN 1 is management VLAN (default)  To create: SVI (switch virtual interface) of that VLAN is assigned IP/subnet mask ○ Allows switch to be managed via HTTP/Telnet/SSH/SNMP ○ More than 1: Security risk: Increases attack exposure

# Voice VLANs 3.1.1.4

VoIP	<ul> <li>Separate VLANs need to support VoIP traffic</li> <li>Requires: Assured BW: Transmission priority (QoS): Less than 150ms delay:</li> <li>Routing around congestion</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Networks can be designed to support VoIP (cover more in VoIP class)</li> <li>Specific VLAN designed to carry voice traffic</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Machine attached to IP phone: Attached to switch</li> </ul>



## Trunk

- Point-to-point link between 2 devices: Carries more than 1 VLAN: Extends VLAN across a network
- Cisco supports IEEE 802.1Q (standards) for trunks on fa/g0/10Gb fa ints (FastEth0/Giga Eth0)
- VLANs not as useful w/out trunks
- Allow VLAN traffic between switches so devices on same VLAN/diff switches/ can comm w/out intervention of router
- Don't belong to specific VLAN: Conduit for multiple VLANs between switches/routers
- Could be used between network device/server/other equipped with 801.1Q-capable NIC

# **Broadcast Domains/VLANs**

# Switch receives a broadcast frame on port: Forwards frame out all ports except ingress A computer sends out broadcast frame: All switches send out frames out all ports Entire network receives broadcasts b/c of broadcast domain Can get traffic intensive With VLANs Segmentation w/VLANs help broadcast frames sent fwd it only to ports configured to support specific VLAN

- Trunks: Ports that comprise connection between switches
- Unicast/multicast/broadcast traffic from host to specific VLAN is restricted to devices in that VLAN

# Tagging Eth0 Frames for VLAN ID's /Header Info

- Catalyst 2960 switches: L2 devices: Use eth0 frame header info to forward packets: No routing tables
- Standard headers don't contain info about VLAN in frame: except when placed on trunk (then added)

# Tags: Extra information added to VLAN header frames on trunks Tagging: accomplished by IEEE 802.1Q header: Specified in standard 802.1Q header includes 4byte tag w/in original eth0 frame header specifying which VLAN it belongs to When switch receives frame on port configured in access mode & assigned a VLAN Switch inserts VLAN tag in frame header: recalculates FCS: sends tagged frame out of trunk

## **VLAN Tag Fields**

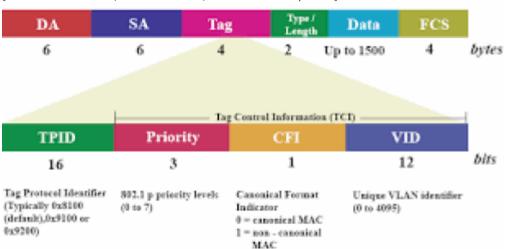
Consists of: Type/Priority/CFI/VLAN ID

Type/TPID value	Tag Protocol ID: 2 byte value: For Ethernet, set to hex 0x8100
User priority	• 3-bit value • Supports level/service implementation
CFI	<ul> <li>Canonical Format Identifier</li> <li>1-bit identifier</li> <li>Enables Token Ring frames to be carried across Ethernet links</li> </ul>
VID	<ul> <li>VLAN ID (Virtual LAN)</li> <li>12-bit VLAN ID number</li> <li>Supports up to 4096 VLAN IDs</li> </ul>

### How it works:

- 1. Switch inserts Type/Tag control info fields
- 2. Recalculates FCS values
- 3. Inserts new FCS into frame

[Destination Address/Source Address/Frame Check Sequence]



Voice VLAN tagging: Access port used to connect Cisco IP phone can be config to use 2 diff VLANS

- Voice traffic
- Data traffic

Link between switch/IP phone acts as trunk to carry both voice/data VLAN traffic

Contains	Integrated 3-port 10/100 switch: Dedicated connection to devices
	Port 1: Connects switch/other VoIP device
	• Port 2: Internal 10/100 int: Carries phone traffic
	Connects PC/device (access port)

Send voice traffic	Access config to send CDP (Cisco Discovery Protocol) packets: Instruct phone to send voice data
	Voice VLAN: Tagged w/L2 class of service priority value (CoS)
	Access VLAN: Tagged w/L2 CoS priority value
	Access VLAN: Untagged (no L2 CoS priority value)