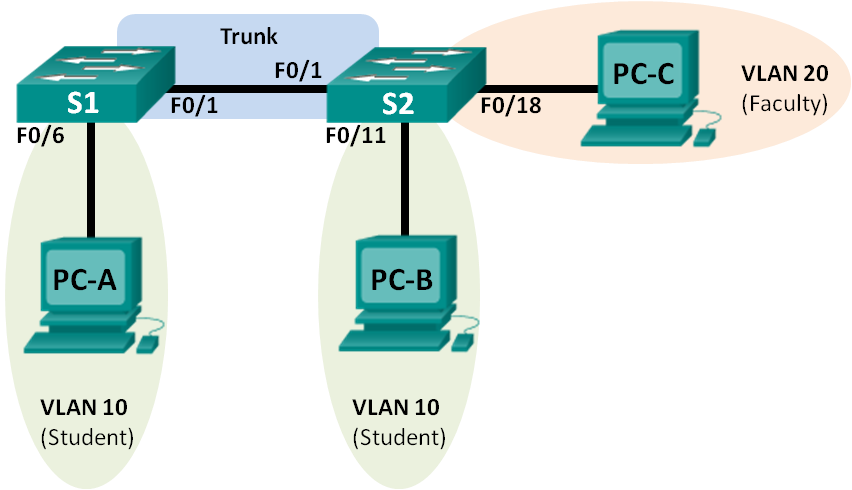


Lab - Configuring VLANs and Trunking

## Topology Diagram



Gi1/0/5

Gi1/0/18

S3

Gi1G/ i1/0/7

Gi1/0/5

S4

Gi1/0/24



Spare PC

**Modifications to Network Drawing**

If you are working via **remote access**, the PCs in the diagram are just for reference and will not be connected to your lab topology.

If you are working on-campus, you will use test PCs as specified in the **On-campus tests** sections.

## Addressing Table

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Device** | **Interface** | **IP Address** | **Subnet Mask** | **Default Gateway** |
| S3 | VLAN 99 | 192.168.1.11 | 255.255.255.0 | N/A |
| S4 | VLAN 99 | 192.168.1.12 | 255.255.255.0 | N/A |
| PC-A | NIC | 192.168.10.3 | 255.255.255.0 | 192.168.10.1 |
| PC-B | NIC | 192.168.10.4 | 255.255.255.0 | 192.168.10.1 |
| PC-C | NIC | 192.168.20.3 | 255.255.255.0 | 192.168.20.1 |

**Objectives**

**Part 1: Build the Network and Configure Basic Device Settings Part 2: Create VLANs and Assign Switch Ports**

**Part 3: Maintain VLAN Port Assignments and the VLAN Database Part 4: Configure an 802.1Q Trunk between the Switches**

**Part 5: Delete the VLAN Database**

## Background / Scenario

Modern switches use virtual local-area networks (VLANs) to improve network performance by separating large Layer 2 broadcast domains into smaller ones. VLANs can also be used as a security measure by controlling which hosts can communicate. In general, VLANs make it easier to design a network to support the goals of an organization.

VLAN trunks are used to span VLANs across multiple devices. Trunks allow the traffic from multiple VLANS to travel over a single link, while keeping the VLAN identification and segmentation intact.

In this lab, you will create VLANs on both switches in the topology, assign VLANs to switch access ports, verify that VLANs are working as expected, and then create a VLAN trunk between the two switches to allow hosts in the same VLAN to communicate through the trunk, regardless of which switch the host is actually attached to.

**Note**: The switches used are Cisco Catalyst 3650s with Cisco IOS Release 16.6.2 (universalk9 image). Other switches and Cisco IOS versions can be used. Depending on the model and Cisco IOS version, the commands available and output produced might vary from what is shown in the labs.

**Note:** Ensure that the switches have been erased and have no startup configurations and default vlan database. If you are unsure contact your instructor.

## Required Resources

* 2 Switches (Cisco 3650 with Cisco IOS Release 16.6.2 universalk9 image or comparable)
* 2 test PCs (when working on-campus)

# Part 1: Build the Network and Configure Basic Device Settings

In Part 1, you will set up the network topology and configure basic settings on the switches.

### Step 1: Interconnect the switches as shown in the topology.

Turn on the switches and verify the switch interconnection shown in the topology diagram (i.e. port Gi1/0/5 on both switches) is active.

Shutdown port Gi1/0/6 on both switches as we will be needing just one switch interconnection for this lab.

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### Step 2: Initialize and reload the switches as necessary.

Check that your switches are running with default settings and no existing VLAN configuration. If not, erase the startup-config, delete the vlan.dat and reload your switches.

### Step 3: Configure basic settings for each switch.

1. Disable DNS lookup.

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1. Configure device name as shown in the topology.
2. Enable **ssh** login with the username **lab** and the password **ccna** to all 16 vty lines

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1. Configure **logging synchronous** for the console line.

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1. Configure a MOTD banner to warn users that unauthorized access is prohibited.

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1. Administratively deactivate all unused ports on the switch.

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### Step 4: Connectivity scenarios

If you connected PC-A, PC-B and PC-C as show in the Topology Diagram and configured them with the IP settings specified in the Addressing Table.

**Note**: ping between the switches can be tested. For all other questions, use your networking knowledge to provide an answer.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Would PC-A ping PC-B? | Yes |
| Would PC-A ping PC-C? | No |
| Would PC-A ping S3? | No |
| Would PC-B ping PC-C? | No |
| Would PC-B ping S4? | No |
| Would PC-C ping S4? | No |
| Can S3 ping S4? | No |

If you answered no to any of the above questions, why would the pings be unsuccessful?

- **PC-A can ping PC-B: YES.** Both PC-A and PC-B are on the 192.168.10.0/24 network (subnet 192.168.10.x with a subnet mask of 255.255.255.0). They are in the same broadcast domain and can communicate directly via S3.

- Others no because they're on different networks, and there's no router to connect them

### Step 5: On-campus tests.

1. Connect the **VAN PC** to Gi1/0/24 on S4. Configure it with PC-B IP settings as per the Addressing Table.
2. Request instructor assistance to connect the **Ethernet PC** to port Gi1/0/7 on S3. Configure it with PC-A IP settings as per the Addressing Table.

Can PC-A ping PCB? Can PC-A ping S3? Can PC-B ping S4?

Are the results consistent with your answers to the questions in Step 4?

# Part 2: Create VLANs and Assign Switch Ports

In Part 2, you will create student, faculty, and management VLANs on both switches. You will then assign the VLANs to the appropriate interface. The **show vlan** command is used to verify your configuration settings.

### Step 1: Create VLANs on the switches.

1. Create the VLANs on S3.

S3(config)# **vlan 10**

S3(config-vlan)# **name Student** S3(config-vlan)# **vlan 20** S3(config-vlan)# **name Faculty** S3(config-vlan)# **vlan 99** S3(config-vlan)# **name Management** S3(config-vlan)# **end**

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1. Create the same VLANs on S4.

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1. Issue the **show vlan** command to view the list of VLANs on S3.

S3# **show vlan**

VLAN Name Status Ports

1 default active Gi1/0/1, Gi1/0/2, Gi1/0/3, Gi1/0/4 Gi1/0/5, Gi1/0/6, Gi1/0/7, Gi1/0/8 Gi1/0/9, Gi1/0/10, Gi1/0/11, Gi1/0/12 Gi1/0/13, Gi1/0/14, Gi1/0/15, Gi1/0/16 Gi1/0/17, Gi1/0/18, Gi1/0/19, Gi1/0/20 Gi1/0/21, Gi1/0/22, Gi1/0/23, Gi1/0/24 Gi1/1/1, Gi1/1/2, Gi1/1/3, Gi1/1/4

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 10 | Student | | active | |
| 20 | Faculty | | active | |
| 99 | Management | | active | |
| 1002 | | fddi-default | | act/unsup | |
| 1003 | | token-ring-default | | act/unsup | |
| 1004 | | fddinet-default | | act/unsup | |
| 1005 | | trnet-default | | act/unsup | |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VLAN |  | Type |  | SAID |  | MTU |  | Parent |  | RingNo |  | BridgeNo |  | Stp |  | BrdgMode |  | Trans1 |  | Trans2 |
| 1 |  | enet |  | 100001 |  | 1500 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| 10 |  | enet |  | 100010 |  | 1500 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| 20 |  | enet |  | 100020 |  | 1500 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| 99 |  | enet |  | 100099 |  | 1500 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| VLAN |  | Type |  | SAID |  | MTU |  | Parent |  | RingNo |  | BridgeNo |  | Stp |  | BrdgMode |  | Trans1 |  | Trans2 |
| 1002 |  | fddi |  | 101002 |  | 1500 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| 1003 |  | tr |  | 101003 |  | 1500 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| 1004 |  | fdnet |  | 101004 |  | 1500 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | ieee |  | - |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| 1005 |  | trnet |  | 101005 |  | 1500 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | ibm |  | - |  | 0 |  | 0 |

Remote SPAN VLANs

Primary Secondary Type Ports

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What is the default VLAN?

* The default VLAN is VLAN 1

What ports are assigned to the default VLAN?

=> Ports range from Gig1/0/1 to Gig1/1/4

### Step 2: Assign VLANs to the correct switch interfaces.

1. Assign VLANs to the interfaces on S3.
   1. Assign PC-A to the Student VLAN.

S3(config)# **interface g1/0/7**

S3(config-if)# **switchport mode access**

S3(config-if)# **switchport access vlan 10**

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* 1. Enable port security on interface **g1/0/7**

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* 1. Configure the management virtual interface

S3(config)# **interface vlan 99**

S3(config-if)# **ip address 192.168.1.11 255.255.255.0**

S3(config-if)# **end**

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1. Issue the **show vlan brief** command and verify that the VLANs are assigned to the correct interfaces.

S3# **show vlan brief**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VLAN |  | Name |  | Status |  | Ports |
| 1 |  | default |  | active |  | Gi1/0/1, Gi1/0/2, Gi1/0/3, Gi1/0/4 Gi1/0/5, Gi1/0/6, Gi1/0/8, Gi1/0/9 |

Gi1/0/10, Gi1/0/11, Gi1/0/12, Gi1/0/13 Gi1/0/14, Gi1/0/15, Gi1/0/16, Gi1/0/17 Gi1/0/18, Gi1/0/19, Gi1/0/20, Gi1/0/21 Gi1/0/22, Gi1/0/23, Gi1/0/24, Gi1/1/1 Gi1/1/2, Gi1/1/3, Gi1/1/4

10 Student active Gi1/0/7

20 Faculty active

99 Management active

1002 fddi-default act/unsup

1003 token-ring-default act/unsup

1004 fddinet-default act/unsup

1005 trnet-default act/unsup

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1. Issue the **show ip interface brief** command.

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1. What is the status of VLAN 99? Why?

=> VLAN 99 is administratively up (enabled) but its protocol is down. This means the VLAN interface exists, but it's not fully functional at Layer 3. Likely causes are no IP address assigned to the VLAN interface (SVI), no ports assigned to the VLAN, or routing issues.

1. Use the Topology to assign VLANs to the appropriate ports on S4.

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1. Use the **show vlan brief** command to verify that the VLANs are assigned to the correct interfaces.

S4# **show vlan brief**

VLAN Name Status Ports

1 default active Gi1/0/1, Gi1/0/2, Gi1/0/3, Gi1/0/4 Gi1/0/5, Gi1/0/6, Gi1/0/7, Gi1/0/8 Gi1/0/9, Gi1/0/10, Gi1/0/11, Gi1/0/12 Gi1/0/13, Gi1/0/14, Gi1/0/15, Gi1/0/16 Gi1/0/17, Gi1/0/19, Gi1/0/20, Gi1/0/21

Gi1/0/22, Gi1/0/23, Gi1/1/1, Gi1/1/2 Gi1/1/3, Gi1/1/4

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 10 | Student | active | Gi1/0/24 |
| 20 | Faculty | active | Gi1/0/18 |

99 Management active

1002 fddi-default act/unsup

1003 token-ring-default act/unsup

1004 fddinet-default act/unsup

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Would PC-A be able to ping PC-B? Why?

* Yes, because PC-A and PC-B have the same VLAN (VLAN 10)

Is S3 able to ping S4? Why?

* No, because they do not have same VLAN

### Step 3: On-campus tests.

1. Can PC-A ping PC-B?
2. Can S3 ping S4?
3. Are the ping results consistent with your answers to the questions in Step 2?

# Part 3: Maintain VLAN Port Assignments and the VLAN Database

In Part 3, you will change VLAN assignments to ports and remove VLANs from the VLAN database.

### Step 1: Assign a VLAN to multiple interfaces.

1. On S3, assign interfaces Gi1/0/11 – 24 to VLAN 10.

S3(config)# **interface range g1/0/11-24** S3(config-if-range)# **switchport mode access** S3(config-if-range)# **switchport access vlan 10** S3(config-if-range)# **end**

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1. Enable switch port security on all these interfaces

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2. Reassign Gi1/0/11 and Gi1/0/21 to VLAN 20.

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1. Verify that VLAN assignments are correct.

### Step 2: Remove a VLAN assignment from an interface.

1. Use the **no switchport access vlan** command to remove the VLAN 10 assignment to G1/0/24.

S3(config)# **interface g1/0/24**

S3(config-if)# **no switchport access vlan**

S3(config-if)# **end**

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1. Verify that the VLAN change was made.

Which VLAN is Gi1/0/24 is now associated with? => VLAN 1

### Step 3: Remove a VLAN ID from the VLAN database.

1. Add VLAN 30 to interface Gi1/0/24 without issuing the VLAN command.

S3(config)# **interface g1/0/24**

S3(config-if)# **switchport access vlan 30**

% Access VLAN does not exist. Creating vlan 30

**Note**: Current switch technology no longer requires that the **vlan** command be issued to add a VLAN to the database. By assigning an unknown VLAN to a port, the VLAN adds to the VLAN database.

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1. Verify that the new VLAN is displayed in the VLAN table.

S3# **show vlan brief**

VLAN Name Status Ports

1 default active Gi1/0/1, Gi1/0/2, Gi1/0/3, Gi1/0/4 Gi1/0/5, Gi1/0/6, Gi1/0/8, Gi1/0/9 Gi1/0/10, Gi1/1/1, Gi1/1/2, Gi1/1/3 Gi1/1/4

10 Student active Gi1/0/7, Gi1/0/12, Gi1/0/13, Gi1/0/14 Gi1/0/15, Gi1/0/16, Gi1/0/17, Gi1/0/18 Gi1/0/19, Gi1/0/20, Gi1/0/21, Gi1/0/22 Gi1/0/23, Gi1/1/1, Gi1/1/2, Gi1/1/3 Gi1/1/4

20 Faculty active Gi1/0/11, Gi1/0/21

30 VLAN0030 active Gi1/0/24

99 Management active

1002 fddi-default act/unsup

1003 token-ring-default act/unsup

1004 fddinet-default act/unsup

1005 trnet-default act/unsup

What is the default name of VLAN 30? => VLAN0030

1. Use the **no vlan 30** command to remove VLAN 30 from the VLAN database.

S3(config)# **no vlan 30**

S3(config)# **end**

1. Issue the **show vlan brief** command. Gi1/0/24 was assigned to VLAN 30.

After deleting VLAN 30, what VLAN is port Gi1/0/24 assigned to? What happens to the traffic destined to the host attached to Gi1/0/24?

S3# **show vlan brief**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VLAN |  | Name |  | Status |  | Ports |
| 1 |  | default |  | active |  | Gi1/0/1, Gi1/0/2, Gi1/0/3, Gi1/0/4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Gi1/0/5, Gi1/0/6, Gi1/0/8, Gi1/0/9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Gi1/0/10, Gi1/1/1, Gi1/1/2, Gi1/1/3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Gi1/1/4 |
| 10 |  | Student |  | active |  | Gi1/0/7, Gi1/0/12, Gi1/0/13, Gi1/0/14 |

Gi1/0/15, Gi1/0/16, Gi1/0/17, Gi1/0/18 Gi1/0/19, Gi1/0/20, Gi1/0/21, Gi1/0/22 Gi1/0/23, Gi1/1/1, Gi1/1/2, Gi1/1/3 Gi1/1/4

20 Faculty active Gi1/0/11, Gi1/0/21

99 Management active

1002 fddi-default act/unsup

1003 token-ring-default act/unsup

1004 fddinet-default act/unsup

1005 trnet-default act/unsup

1. Issue the **no switchport access vlan** command on interface Gi1/0/24.

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* After issuing the no switchport access vlan command on interface Gi1/0/24, the interface is still associated with VLAN 1. Even though the specific VLAN assignment is removed, it defaults back to VLAN 1.

**Note**: Before removing a VLAN from the database, it is recommended that you reassign all the ports assigned to that VLAN.

Why should you reassign a port to another VLAN before removing the VLAN from the VLAN database?

* Because reassigning ports before removing a VLAN prevents connectivity loss for connected devices.

# Part 4: Configure an 802.1Q Trunk Between the Switches

In Part 4, you will configure interface Gi1/0/5 to use the Dynamic Trunking Protocol (DTP) to allow it to negotiate the trunk mode. After this has been accomplished and verified, you will disable DTP on interface Gi1/0/5 and manually configure it as a trunk.

### Step 1: Use DTP to initiate trunking on Gi1/0/5.

The default DTP mode of a 2960 switch port is dynamic auto. This allows the interface to convert the link to a trunk if the neighboring interface is set to trunk or dynamic desirable mode.

1. Set Gi1/0/5 on S3 to negotiate trunk mode.

S3(config)# **interface g1/0/5**

S3(config-if)# **switchport mode dynamic desirable**

\*Mar 1 05:07:28.746: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan1, changed state to down

\*Mar 1 05:07:29.744: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to down

S3(config-if)#

\*Mar 1 05:07:32.772: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to up

S3(config-if)#

\*Mar 1 05:08:01.789: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan99, changed state to up

\*Mar 1 05:08:01.797: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan1, changed state to up

You should also receive link status messages on S4.

S4#

\*Mar 1 05:07:29.794: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to down

S4#

\*Mar 1 05:07:32.823: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface FastEthernet0/1, changed state to up

S4#

\*Mar 1 05:08:01.839: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan99, changed state to up

\*Mar 1 05:08:01.850: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface Vlan1, changed state to up

1. Issue the **show vlan brief** command on S3 and S4. Interface Gi1/0/5 is no longer assigned to VLAN 1. Trunked interfaces are not listed in the VLAN table.

S3# **show vlan brief**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| VLAN |  | Name |  | Status |  | Ports |
| 1 |  | default |  | active |  | Gi1/0/1, Gi1/0/2, Gi1/0/3, Gi1/0/4, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Gi1/0/6, Gi1/0/8, Gi1/0/9, Gi1/0/10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Gi1/0/24, Gi0/1, Gi0/2 |
| 10 |  | Student |  | active |  | Gi1/0/7, Gi1/0/12, Gi1/0/13, Gi1/0/14 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Gi1/0/15, Gi1/0/16, Gi1/0/17, Gi1/0/18 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Gi1/0/19, Gi1/0/20, Gi1/0/22, Gi1/0/23 |
| 20 |  | Faculty |  | active |  | Gi1/0/11, Gi1/0/21 |
| 99 |  | Management |  | active |  |  |
| 1002 |  | fddi-default |  | act/unsup |  |  |
| 1003 |  | token-ring-default |  | act/unsup |  |  |
| 1004 |  | fddinet-default |  | act/unsup |  |  |
| 1005 |  | trnet-default |  | act/unsup |  |  |

1. Issue the **show interfaces trunk** command to view trunked interfaces. Notice that the mode on S3 is set to desirable, and the mode on S4 is set to auto.

S3# **show interfaces trunk**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Port | Mode | Encapsulation Status | Native vlan |
| Gi1/0/5 | desirable | 802.1q trunking | 1 |

Port Vlans allowed on trunk Gi1/0/5 1-4094

Port Vlans allowed and active in management domain Gi1/0/5 1,10,20,99

Port Vlans in spanning tree forwarding state and not pruned Gi1/0/5 1,10,20,99

S4# **show interfaces trunk**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Port | Mode | Encapsulation Status | Native vlan |
| Gi1/0/5 | auto | 802.1q trunking | 1 |

Port Vlans allowed on trunk Gi1/0/5 1-4094

Port Vlans allowed and active in management domain Gi1/0/5 1,10,20,99

Port Vlans in spanning tree forwarding state and not pruned Gi1/0/5 1,10,20,99

**Note**: By default, all VLANs are allowed on a trunk. The **switchport trunk** command allows you to control what VLANs have access to the trunk. For this lab, keep the default settings which allows all VLANs to traverse Gi1/0/5.

1. Verify that VLAN traffic is traveling over trunk interface Gi1/0/5. Can S3 ping S4?

* Yes

Would PC-A ping PC-B?

* Yes

Would PC-A ping PC-C?

* No

Would PC-B ping PC-C?

* No

Would PC-A ping S3?

* No

Would PC-B ping S4?

* No

Would PC-C ping S4?

=> No

If you answered no to any of the above questions, explain below.

* The "no" answers are primarily due to VLAN segmentation. Trunks allow multiple VLANs to traverse a single link, but they do *not* automatically route traffic between those VLANs. Each VLAN remains a separate broadcast domain. To enable communication between VLANs (like VLAN 10 and VLAN 20), you need to configure inter-VLAN routing, typically using a router or a Layer 3 switch.

### Step 2: On-campus tests.

Can S3 ping S4? Can PC-A ping PC-B? Can PC-A ping S3? Can PC-B ping S4?

(Optional) Move and reconfigure the VAN PC as PC-C. Can PC-C ping any other device? Are the results consistent with your answers to the questions in Step 2?

### Step 3: Manually configure trunk interface Gi1/0/5.

The **switchport mode trunk** command is used to manually configure a port as a trunk. This command should be issued on both ends of the link.

1. Change the switchport mode on interface Gi1/0/5 to force trunking. Make sure to do this on both switches.

S3(config)# **interface g1/0/5**

S3(config-if)# **switchport mode trunk**

1. Issue the **show interfaces trunk** command to view the trunk mode. Notice that the mode changed from

**desirable** to **on**.

S4# **show interfaces trunk**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Port | Mode | Encapsulation Status | Native vlan |
| Gi1/0/5 | on | 802.1q trunking | 1 |

Port Vlans allowed on trunk Gi1/0/5 1-4094

Port Vlans allowed and active in management domain Gi1/0/5 1,10,20,99

Port Vlans in spanning tree forwarding state and not pruned Gi1/0/5 1,10,20,99

Why might you want to manually configure an interface to trunk mode instead of using DTP?

* Manually configuring trunking provides better security by disabling DTP, offers greater control and predictability over link configuration, ensures compatibility with devices that may have DTP issues, and simplifies management for point-to-point links where trunking is always desired. It's generally considered a best practice for modern networks.

# Part 5: Delete the VLAN Database

In Part 5, you will delete the VLAN Database from the switch. It is necessary to do this when initializing a switch back to its default settings.

### Step 1: Determine if the VLAN database exists.

Issue the **show flash:** command to determine if a **vlan.dat** file exists in flash.

S3# **show flash:**

Directory of flash:/

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2 | -rwx | 1285 | Mar | 1 | 1993 | 00:01:24 | +00:00 | config.text |
| 3 | -rwx | 43032 | Mar | 1 | 1993 | 00:01:24 | +00:00 | multiple-fs |
| 4 | -rwx | 5 | Mar | 1 | 1993 | 00:01:24 | +00:00 | private-config.text |
| 5 | -rwx | 11607161 | Mar | 1 | 1993 | 02:37:06 | +00:00 | c2960-lanbasek9-mz.150-2.SE.bin |

6 -rwx 736 Mar 1 1993 00:19:41 +00:00 vlan.dat

32514048 bytes total (20858880 bytes free)

**Note**: If there is a **vlan.dat** file located in flash, then the VLAN database does not contain its default settings.

**Note:** the contents of the flash will not be the same as shown in the output, as the output was taken on a different switch.

### Step 2: Delete the VLAN database.

1. Issue the **delete vlan.dat** command to delete the vlan.dat file from flash and reset the VLAN database back to its default settings. You will be prompted twice to confirm that you want to delete the vlan.dat file. Press Enter both times.

S3# delete vlan.dat

Delete filename [vlan.dat]? Delete flash:/vlan.dat? [confirm]

S3#

1. Issue the **show flash** command to verify that the vlan.dat file has been deleted.

S3# **show flash**

Directory of flash:/

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2 | -rwx | 1285 | Mar | 1 | 1993 | 00:01:24 | +00:00 | config.text |
| 3 | -rwx | 43032 | Mar | 1 | 1993 | 00:01:24 | +00:00 | multiple-fs |
| 4 | -rwx | 5 | Mar | 1 | 1993 | 00:01:24 | +00:00 | private-config.text |
| 5 | -rwx | 11607161 | Mar | 1 | 1993 | 02:37:06 | +00:00 | c2960-lanbasek9-mz.150-2.SE.bin |

32514048 bytes total (20859904 bytes free)

To initialize a switch back to its default settings, what other commands are needed?

* Deleting the startup configuration (erase startup-config) and reloading the switch.

## Reflection

1. What is needed to allow hosts on VLAN 10 to communicate to hosts on VLAN 20?

* A router or layer 3 switch to perform inter-VLAN routing.

1. What are some primary benefits that an organization can receive through effective use of VLANs?

* Improved network performance, enhanced security, simplified network management, and increased flexibility in network design.