

Wireless Networks Project Report



What is a VLAN?

Almost always within the developing network management scenario the most important components are how to make it more efficient and secure. This article offers to Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs) which is a useful network tools that will allow network administrators to portion the physical network into multiple logical subnetworks. VLANs create these virtual partitions which are a very capable available alternative to network performance improvement, network security, and network management simplicity solutions.

Traditionally, Local Area Networks' (LANs) are a unified single broadcast domain. This implies that all the computers which are part of LAN receive each broadcast message without checking who is being addressed by it. In large or complex networks, this incessant function of the order of unimportant traffic can result in excessive congestion and bad performance as a whole. Moreover, a flat LAN setup brings several security concerns since all the data travel across the whole network without segmentation at all.

VLANs overcome the above-mentioned limitations of the physical LANs by rendering them as a single logical broadcast domain. These virtual networks, defined by their specific VLAN ID, can be considered as lan cabinet of physical isolation. Devices within VLAN communicate with other devices in the same group alone. The isolation that is built into broadcast traffic ensures that the traffic in the assigned VLAN is the only one that is extracted from the network, thus, reducing network congestion and improving overall performance.

The Purpose of a VLAN

Enhance Security

VLANs physically divide the network broadcast zones, thereby, deny unauthorized access to vital data to other parts of the network. Such things like a VLAN which only financial department can use, and another VLAN for guest access that simply cannot be used by finance department, help decrease the possibility of security breaches.

Increase Manageability

VLANs offers a way to simplify network management because the administrators can now idea for a particular group of devices to use specific policies and configurations. For instance, network ACLs can serve the purpose of applying specific security settings on a per-VLAN level, hence helping to simplify the security management process.

Improve Performance

Being restrictive in their traffic, VLANs not only result in a significant reduction of network congestion, but also faster response time and in exceptional cases might bring overall better network performance for any device. It turns out that data transmission on fast networks is also a good option for band-width-intensive application including video conferencing or VoIP.

VLAN Memberships

VLAN membership can be assigned to a device by one of two methods

1. Static
2. Dynamic

These methods decide how a switch will associate its ports with VLANs.

1. Static VLANs

- Typical method of creating VLANs
- Most secure

A switch port assigned to a VLAN always maintains that assignment until changed

2. Dynamic VLANs

- Node assignment to a VLAN is automatic
 - MAC addresses, protocols, network addresses, etc
- VLAN Management Policy Server (VMPS)
 - MAC address database for dynamic assignments
 - MAC-address to VLAN mapping

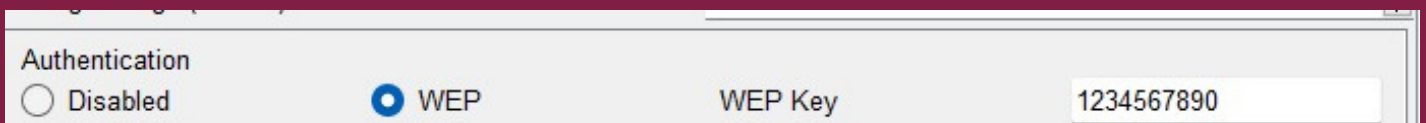
The main difference between static VLANs and dynamic VLANs is that the static VLANs are configured manually by assigning ports to a VLAN while dynamic VLANs use a database that stores a VLAN-to-MAC mapping to determine the VLAN that a particular host is connected to. This provides more flexibility in dynamic VLANs allowing the hosts to move within the network as opposed to static networks[2].

Properties of VLAN

- Allows us to split switches into separate (virtual) switches.
 - Inter-VLAN traffic must be routed (i.e. go through a router) because they are separate subnets
 - VLANs provide segmentation based on broadcast domains.
 - VLANs logically segment switched networks based on the functions, project teams, or applications of the organization regardless of the physical location or connections to the network.
 - All workstations and servers used by a particular workgroup share the same VLAN, regardless of the physical connection or location.
 - VLANs address scalability, security, and network management.
 - Routers in VLAN topologies provide broadcast filtering, security, and traffic flow management.
 - The switch behaves as several virtual switches, sending traffic only within VLAN members.
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VLAN CONNECTIONS

Access point:



Authentication

☐ Disabled ☒ WEP

WEP Key

Wireless devices:



IP Configuration

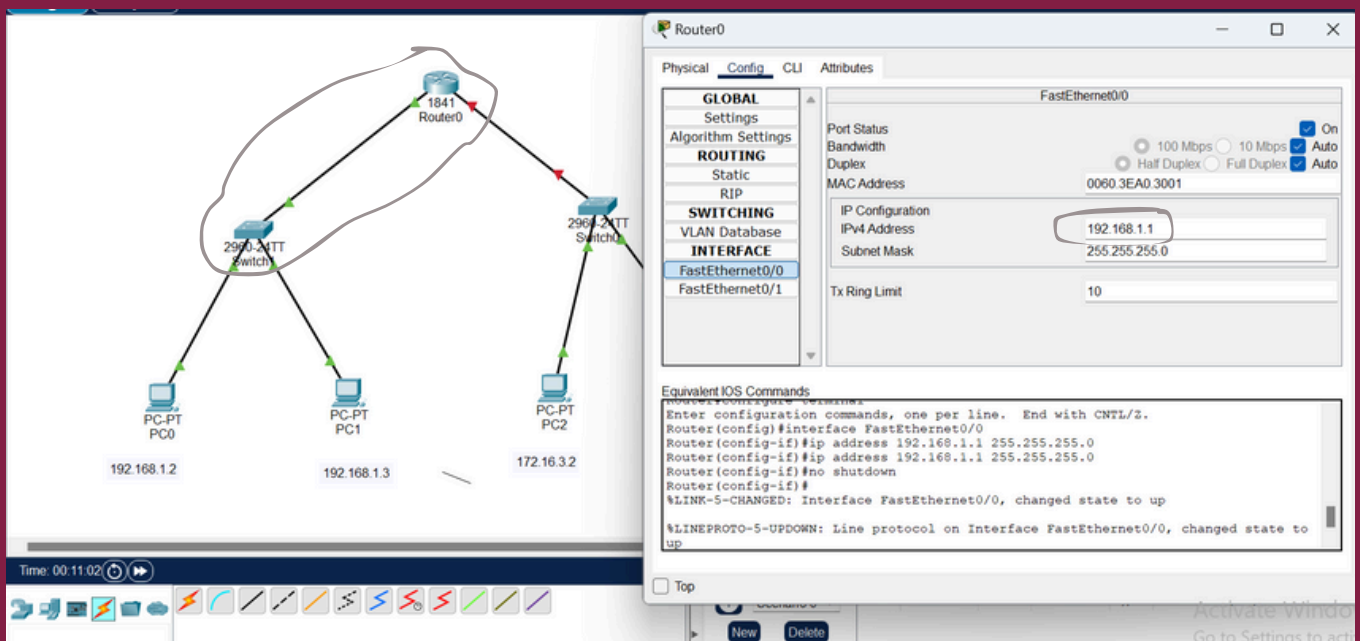
☐ DHCP ☒ Static

IPv4 Address	<input type="text" value="192.168.1.5"/>
Subnet Mask	<input type="text" value="255.255.255.0"/>
Default Gateway	<input type="text" value="192.168.1.1"/>
DNS Server	<input type="text" value="0.0.0.0"/>

Each device typically has its own IP address assigned to it. These IP addresses allow devices to communicate with each other within the network. Additionally, a default gateway is configured on each device to enable communication with devices outside the local network

CONFIGURATIONS

1. Configuring the Router:



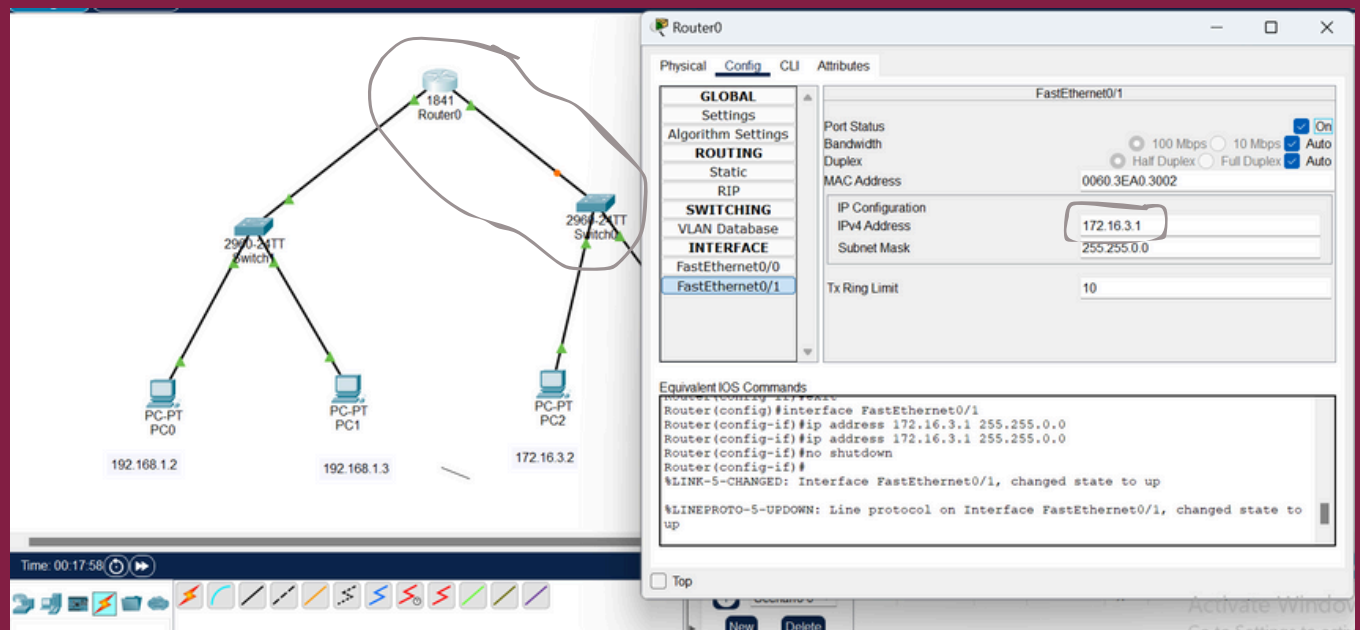
The network diagram shows a central router (1841 Router0) connected to two switches (2960-24TT Switch). The left switch is connected to two PCs (PC0 and PC1) with IP addresses 192.168.1.2 and 192.168.1.3. The right switch is connected to one PC (PC2) with IP address 172.16.3.2. The router is configured with the following settings:

- Physical:** FastEthernet0/0
- Config:** Port Status: On, Bandwidth: 100 Mbps, Duplex: Full Duplex, MAC Address: 0060.3EA0.3001
- ROUTING:** Static, RIP
- SWITCHING:** VLAN Database
- INTERFACE:** FastEthernet0/0

Equivalent IOS Commands:

```
Router(config)#interface FastEthernet0/0
Router(config-if)#ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0
Router(config-if)#no shutdown
Router(config-if)#
```

Time: 00:11:02



The network diagram shows the same setup as the previous image. The router is configured with the following settings:

- Physical:** FastEthernet0/1
- Config:** Port Status: On, Bandwidth: 100 Mbps, Duplex: Full Duplex, MAC Address: 0060.3EA0.3002
- ROUTING:** Static, RIP
- SWITCHING:** VLAN Database
- INTERFACE:** FastEthernet0/1

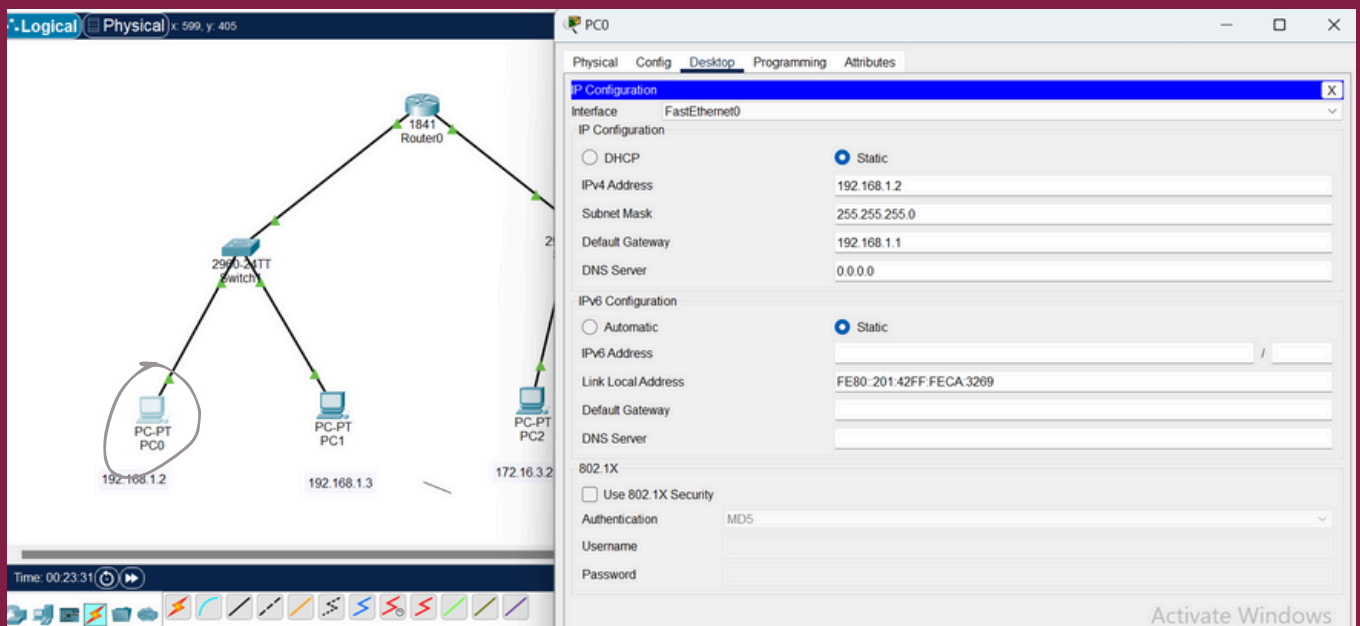
Equivalent IOS Commands:

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Router(config)#interface FastEthernet0/1
Router(config-if)#ip address 172.16.3.1 255.255.0.0
Router(config-if)#no shutdown
Router(config-if)#
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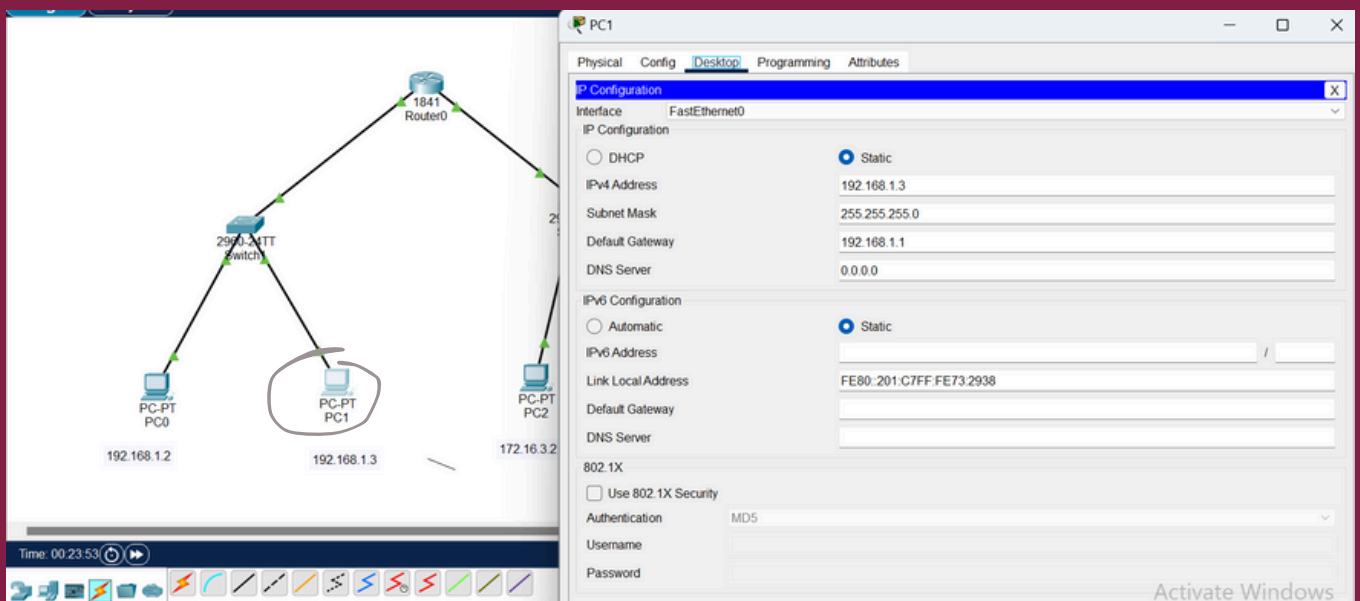
CONFIGURATIONS

2. Configuring the Devices:



The image shows a network diagram on the left and the configuration window for PC0 on the right. The network diagram features a central 2950L-24TTT switch connected to a 1841 Router0. Three PCs are connected to the switch: PC-PT PC0 (192.168.1.2), PC-PT PC1 (192.168.1.3), and PC-PT PC2 (172.16.3.2). PC0 is circled in the diagram. The configuration window for PC0 shows the following settings:

Section	Parameter	Value
IP Configuration	Interface	FastEthernet0
	IP Configuration	Static
	IPv4 Address	192.168.1.2
	Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
	Default Gateway	192.168.1.1
IPv6 Configuration	IPv6 Configuration	Static
	IPv6 Address	
	Link Local Address	FE80::201:42FF:FECA:3269
	Default Gateway	
	DNS Server	
802.1X	Use 802.1X Security	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Authentication	MD5
	Username	
	Password	

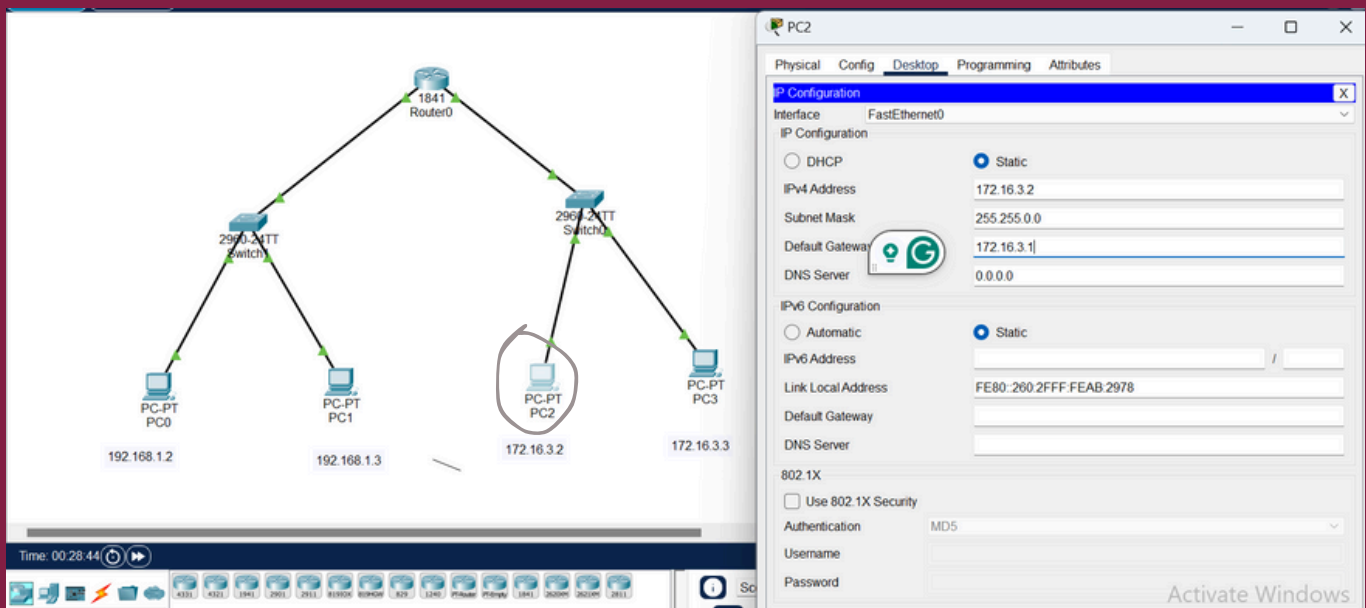


The image shows the same network diagram as above, but with PC1 circled instead of PC0. The configuration window for PC1 shows the following settings:

Section	Parameter	Value
IP Configuration	Interface	FastEthernet0
	IP Configuration	Static
	IPv4 Address	192.168.1.3
	Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
	Default Gateway	192.168.1.1
IPv6 Configuration	IPv6 Configuration	Static
	IPv6 Address	
	Link Local Address	FE80::201:C7FF:FE73:2938
	Default Gateway	
	DNS Server	
802.1X	Use 802.1X Security	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Authentication	MD5
	Username	
	Password	

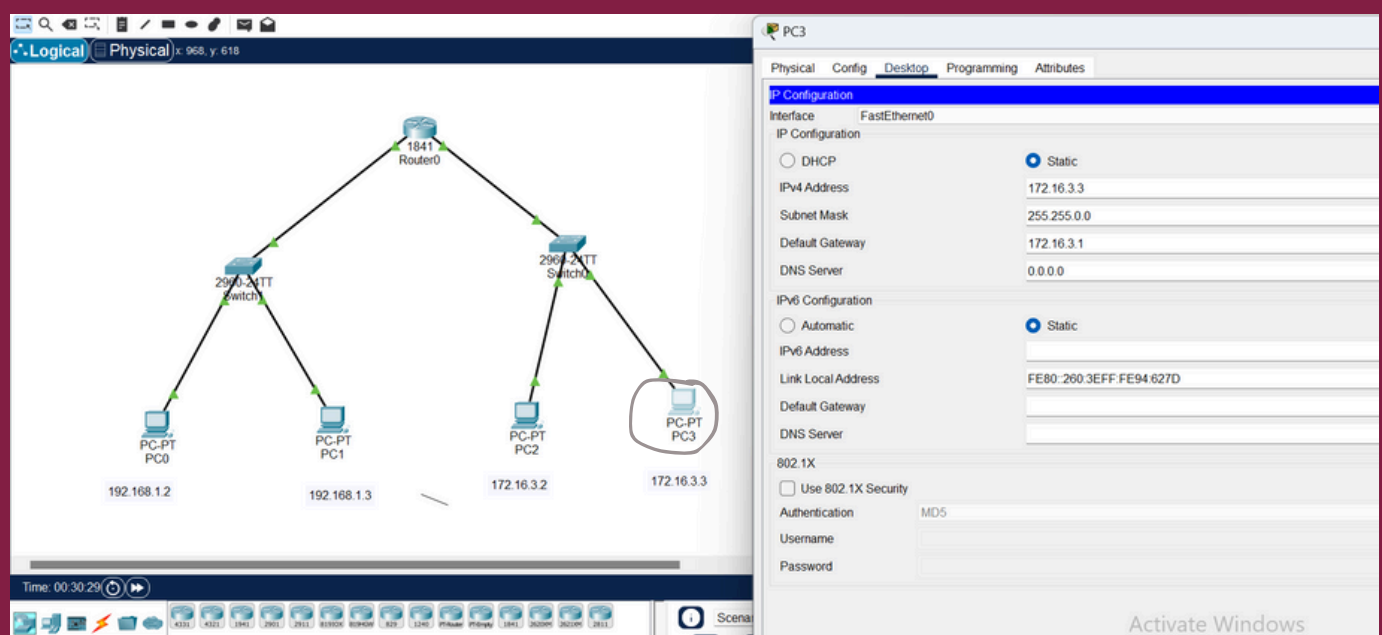
CONFIGURATIONS

2. Configuring the devices:



The top image shows a network diagram on the left and the configuration window for PC2 on the right. The network diagram features a central router (1841 Router0) connected to two switches (2960-24TT Switch0 and 2960-24TT Switch1). Switch0 is connected to PC0 (192.168.1.2) and PC1 (192.168.1.3). Switch1 is connected to PC2 (172.16.3.2) and PC3 (172.16.3.3). PC2 is circled in red. The configuration window for PC2 shows the following settings:

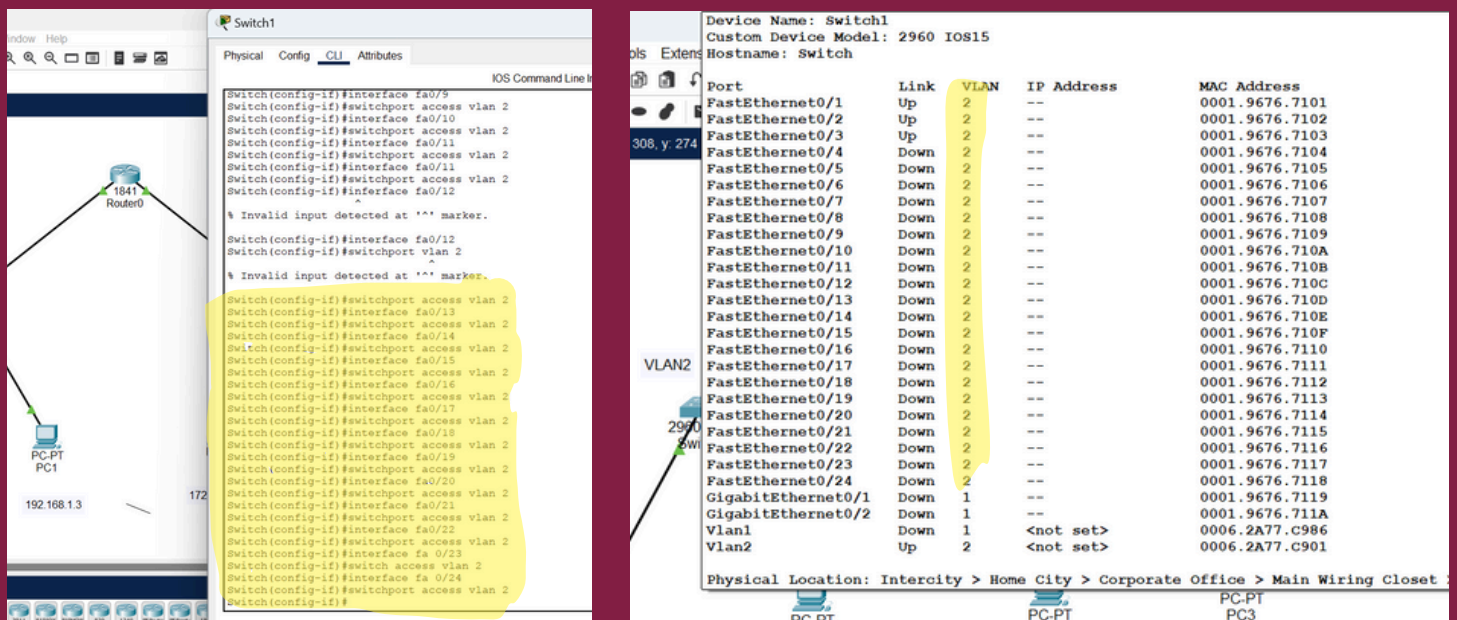
Section	Parameter	Value
IP Configuration	Interface	FastEthernet0
	IP Configuration	Static
	IPv4 Address	172.16.3.2
	Subnet Mask	255.255.0.0
	Default Gateway	172.16.3.1
IPv6 Configuration	IPv6 Configuration	Static
	IPv6 Address	
	Link Local Address	FE80::260:2FFF:FEAB:2978
	Default Gateway	
	DNS Server	
802.1X	Use 802.1X Security	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Authentication	MD5
	Username	
	Password	



The bottom image shows the same network diagram as the top, but with PC3 circled in red. The configuration window for PC3 shows the following settings:

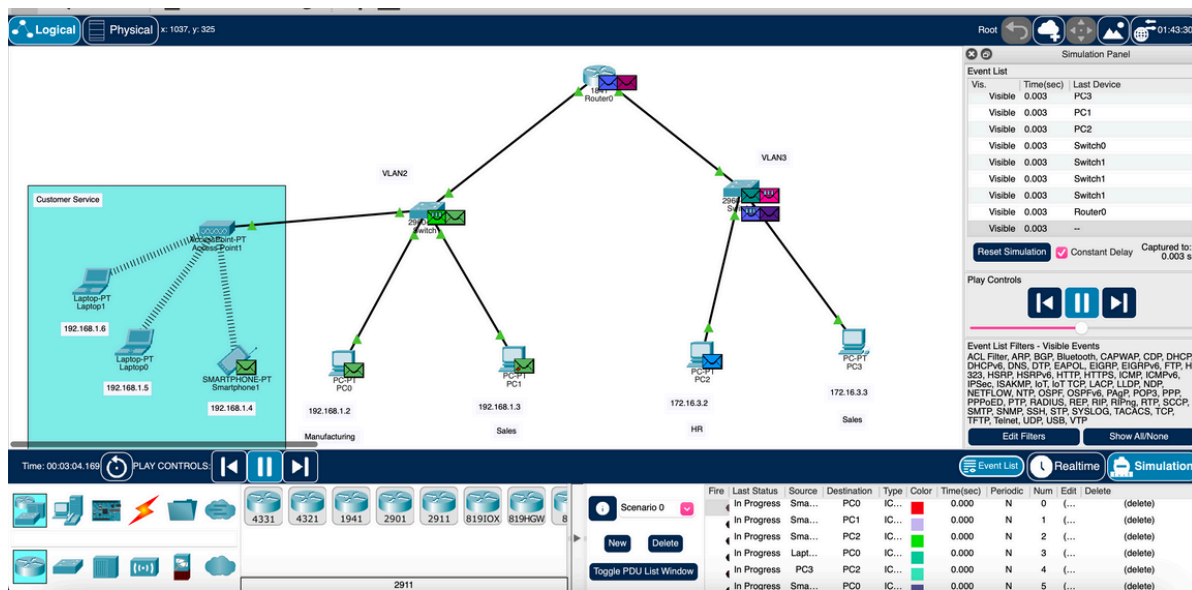
Section	Parameter	Value
IP Configuration	Interface	FastEthernet0
	IP Configuration	Static
	IPv4 Address	172.16.3.3
	Subnet Mask	255.255.0.0
	Default Gateway	172.16.3.1
IPv6 Configuration	IPv6 Configuration	Static
	IPv6 Address	
	Link Local Address	FE80::260:3EFF:FE94:627D
	Default Gateway	
	DNS Server	
802.1X	Use 802.1X Security	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Authentication	MD5
	Username	
	Password	

3. Configuring the Switch:



Testing

We used the ping to test the connectivity of our network devices



RESOURRESOURCES

[1]<https://www.techtarget.com/searchnetworking/definition/virtual-LAN>

[2]Sysnet Notes, “What is the difference between static VLAN and dynamic VLAN?,”
[Online]. Available: <https://sysnetnotes.blogspot.com/2013/07/what-is-difference-between-static-vlan.html>
