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## **Network Design For Office Management System**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This document presents the network design for Office Management, featuring key networking technologies such as VLAN, DHCP, OSPF routing, and NAT. The setup divides the network into three main floors facilitating optimized communication and resource management between departments.

## **COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK TOPOLOGY**

The network design spans three levels, with each floor organized into distinct departmental zones for streamlined operations.

#### 1. Floor 1:

Includes Reception, store and logistics.

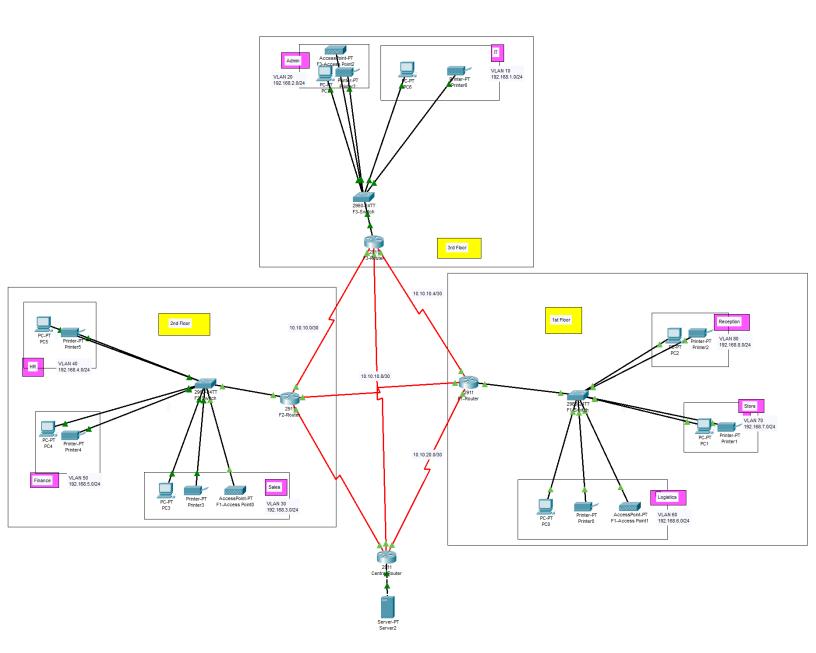
#### 2. Floor 2:

Includes HR, finance, and sales departments.

#### 3. Floor 3:

Includes admin and IT departments.

The central router connects the network to the internet. Each department is assigned a dedicated VLAN and utilizes subnetting for managing IP addresses. Routers configured with OSPF and NAT enable seamless communication between VLANs and provide internet connectivity.



## **IP ADDRESSING SCHEME:**

## 1. FLOOR 1:

Departments	Network ID	Subnet Mask	Range of Usable Hosts	Broadcast ID
Reception	192.168.8.0	255.255.255.0/24	192.168.8.1 to 192.168.8.254	192.168.8.255
Store	192.168.7.0	255.255.255.0/24	192.168.7.1 to 192.168.7.254	192.168.7.255
Logistics	192.168.6.0	255.255.255.0/24	192.168.6.1 to 192.168.6.254	192.168.6.255

## 2. FLOOR 2:

	Department	Network ID	Subnet Mask	Range of Usable Hosts	Broadcast ID
	Finance	192.168.5.0	255.255.255.0/24	192.168.5.1 to 192.168.5.254	192.168.5.255
Ī	HR	192.168.4.0	255.255.255.0/24	192.168.4.1 to 192.168.4.254	192.168.4.255
	Sales	192.168.3.0	255.255.255.0/24	192.168.3.1 to 192.168.3.254	192.168.3.255

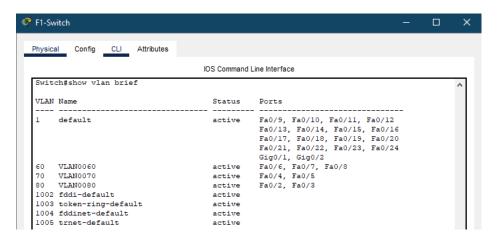
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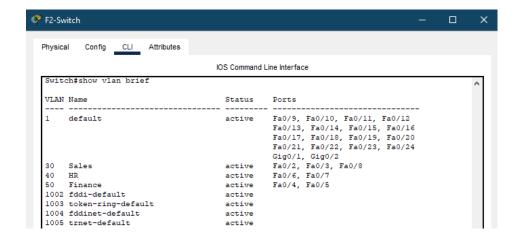
Department	Network ID	Subnet Mask	Range of Usable Hosts	Broadcast ID
Admin	192.168.2.0	255.255.255.0/24	192.168.2.1 to 192.168.2.254	192.168.2.255
IT	192.168.1.0	255.255.255.0/24	192.168.1.1 to 192.168.1.254	192.168.1.255

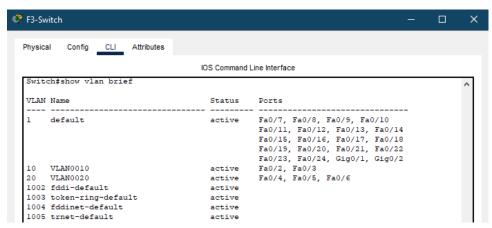
#### **VLAN CONFIGURATION**

VLANs were configured to create logical divisions between departments, enhancing both traffic control and network security. Each VLAN has been allocated a distinct subnet, as detailed below:

Each VLAN has been allocated a /24 subnet, allowing for up to 254 devices per VLAN, leaving room for growth.

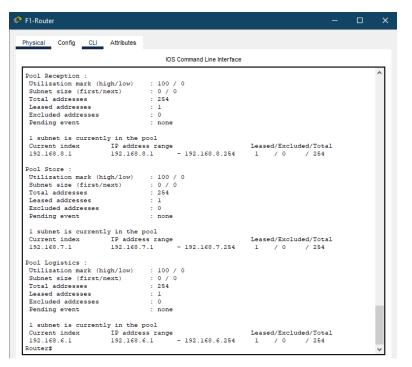


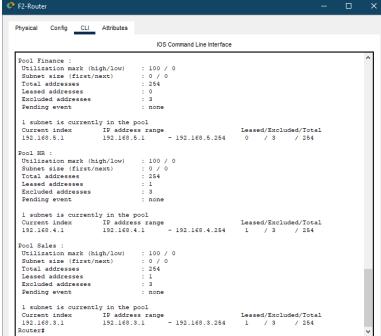


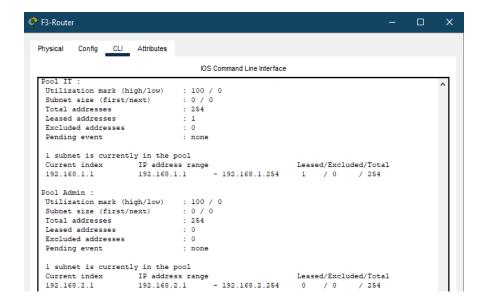


## **DHCP CONFIGURATION**

Routers have been configured as a DHCP servers to automate IP address assignment for devices within each VLAN. Individual DHCP pools were created for each VLAN to ensure accurate address allocation. This setup allows devices in the each VLAN to receive IP addresses dynamically.





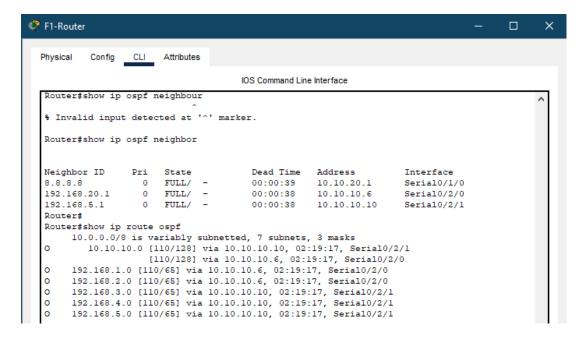


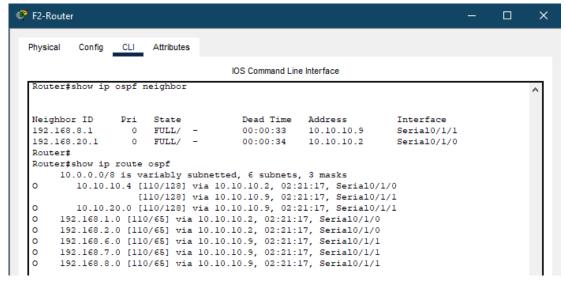
#### WHY OSPF ROUTING PROTOCOL?

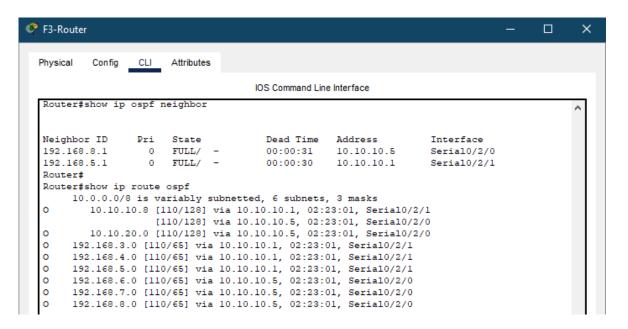
OSPF (Open Shortest Path First) was chosen as the routing protocol due to its ability to scale efficiently and its rapid convergence capabilities. The routers were set up to broadcast their directly connected networks, facilitating communication both between VLANs and with the ISP.

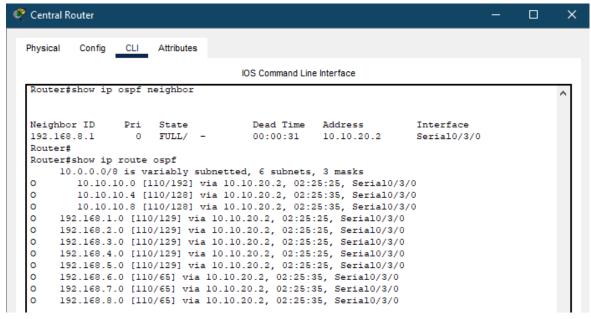
#### **ADVANTAGES:**

- 1. Facilitates structured and hierarchical routing.
- 2. Responds swiftly to changes in the network topology.
- 3. Minimizes excess traffic using designated and backup routers.



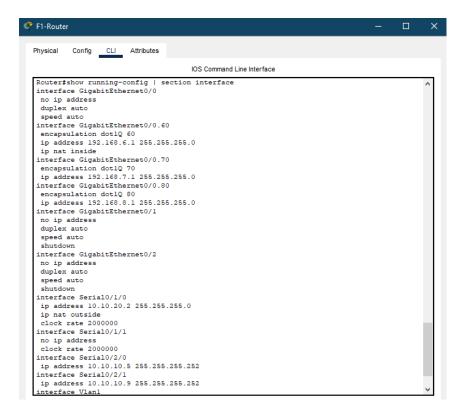


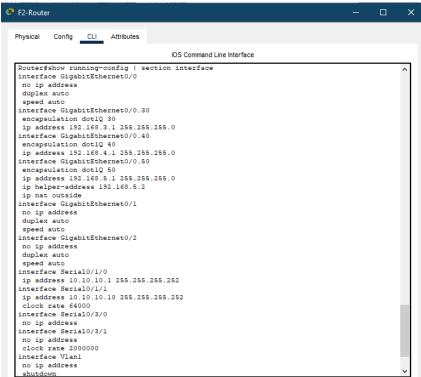


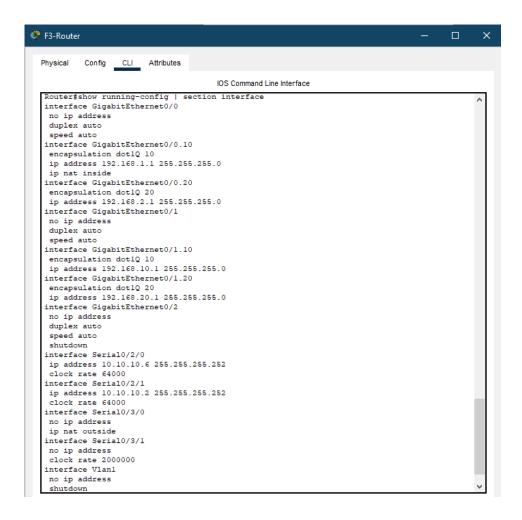


## **NAT CONFIGURATION**

Network Address Translation (NAT) was configured to enable devices within the private VLANs to connect to the internet using a single public IP address assigned by the ISP.







## **INSPIRATION SOURCES**

These websites/videos were used as a source of inspiration and came in handy for completion of the project:

- 1. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIaP2Bkzs6k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIaP2Bkzs6k</a>
- 2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCz9rRhzNy4
- 3. <a href="https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/ip/network-address-translation-nat/13772-12.html">https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/ip/network-address-translation-nat/13772-12.html</a>