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General Introduction

As part of the implementation of the company's network, we will configure VLANs to control broadcasts, enhance security, and group users. We will use RFC 1918 private addresses for the entire autonomous system, as well as DHCP on most LAN segments and NAT for Internet connectivity. We will also configure OSPF for internal routing and HSRP for gateway redundancy. The objective is to limit Internet access to web traffic while allowing multiple protocols within our WAN. To optimize the use of IP addresses and minimize waste, we will use VLSM where appropriate. Here is how we will proceed to configure the VLANs in Limerick, Galway, Cork, and Belfast as part of Phase I. Subsequently, we will address the next steps of the network configuration. Therefore, we will be working with the following schema:

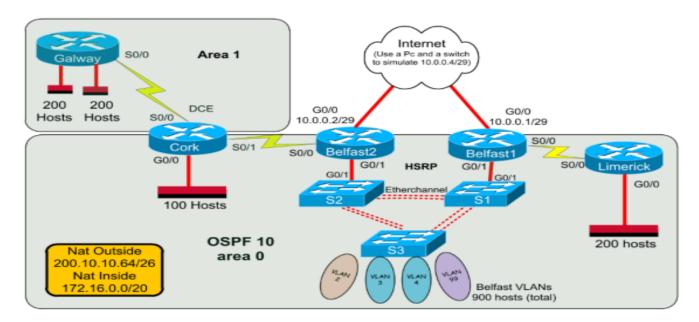


Figure 1: Working Network Topology

WAN and LAN Addressing

The objective of this phase is to establish a coherent and efficient addressing plan for our network, using appropriate subnets for each VLAN to minimize address waste and optimize performance.

1.1 Subnetting with the VLSM Method

In this section, we started by applying the VLSM method to address our LANs (Galway, Cork, Limerick, Belfast), using the IP address 172.16.0.0/20. We then applied /30 subnets on all serial interfaces, as represented in the following table:

Subnet Name	Needed Size	Allocated Size	Address	Mask	Dec Mask	Assignable Range	Broadcast
Belfst	900	1022	172.16.0.0	/22	255.255.252.0	172.16.0.1 - 172.16.3.254	172.16.3.255
Galway's	400	510	172.16.4.0	/23	255.255.254.0	172.16.4.1 - 172.16.5.254	172.16.5.255
Limerick	200	254	172.16.6.0	/24	255.255.255.0	172.16.6.1 - 172.16.6.254	172.16.6.255
Cork	100	126	172.16.7.0	/25	255.255.255.128	172.16.7.1 - 172.16.7.126	172.16.7.127
Serial betwen Galway's&Cork	2	2	172.16.7.128	/30	255.255.255.252	172.16.7.129 - 172.16.7.130	172.16.7.131
Serial betwen Limerick&Belfst1	2	2	172.16.7.132	/30	255.255.255.252	172.16.7.133 - 172.16.7.134	172.16.7.135
Serial btwen Cork&Belfst2	2	2	172.16.7.136	/30	255.255.255.252	172.16.7.137 - 172.16.7.138	172.16.7.139

Figure 1.1: Network summary, including required sizes and addressing details for different subnets

The **Belfast** subnet must be configured to support up to 900 devices, with the following distributions: 40 devices for VLAN 99 (Management VLAN), 120 hosts for VLAN 2, 250 hosts for VLAN 3, and 500 hosts for VLAN 4.

Subnet Name	Needed Size	Allocated Size	Address	Mask	Dec Mask	Assignable Range	Broadcast
VLAN 4	500	510	172.16.0.0	/23	255.255.254.0	172.16.0.1 - 172.16.1.254	172.16.1.255
VLAN 3	250	254	172.16.2.0	/24	255.255.255.0	172.16.2.1 - 172.16.2.254	172.16.2.255
VLAN 2	120	126	172.16.3.0	/25	255.255.255.128	172.16.3.1 - 172.16.3.126	172.16.3.127
VLAN 99	40	62	172.16.3.128	/26	255.255.255.192	172.16.3.129 - 172.16.3.190	172.16.3.191

Figure 1.2: Summary of VLAN configurations, including required and allocated sizes, IP addresses, subnet masks, assignable ranges, and broadcast addresses

1.2 DHCP Pool Configuration on the Cork Router

Let's configure DHCP services on the Cork router. DHCP should provide services to the following LAN hosts:

• VLAN 2, VLAN 3, and VLAN 4 of Belfast

DHCP must transmit the following parameters to the hosts:

• IP Address, Subnet Mask, Default Gateway, and DNS (10.0.0.4)

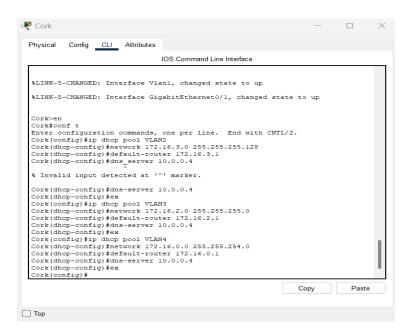


Figure 1.3: DHCP services configuration on the Cork router for Belfast's VLANs 2, 3, and 4

Configuration of Default Routes, OSPF Routing, and HSRP

- 2.1 Configure each router with a hostname and the required passwords
- 2.1.1 For the Galway Router

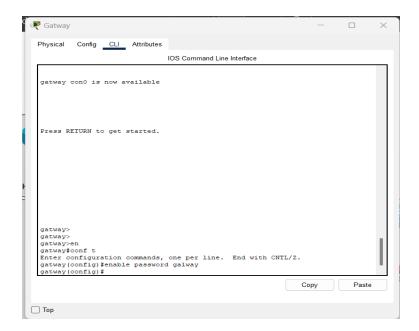


Figure 2.1: Configuration of hostname and password for the Galway router

- \implies The same configuration is applied to each router.
- 2.2 Configure each interface for every router
- 2.2.1 For the Limerick Router

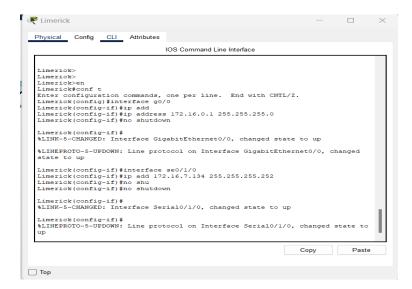


Figure 2.2: Interface configuration for the Limerick router

⇒ The same interface configuration is applied to each router.

2.3 Configure multi-area OSPF on the routers (Galway, Cork, Limerick, and Belfast)

Multi-area OSPF configuration on the routers involves dividing the network into different OSPF areas and configuring communication between these areas. The Cork router is configured in two areas (Area 0 and Area 1), making it an Area Border Router (ABR).

2.3.1 For the routers in Area 0



Figure 2.3: For the Limerick Router

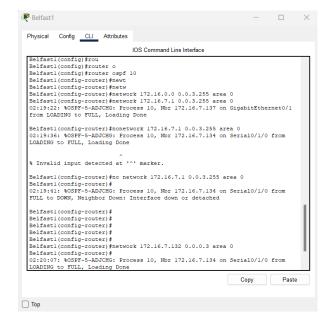


Figure 2.4: For the Belfast1 Router

 \implies The same for the Belfast2 Router.

2.3.2 For the Cork Router (ABR between Area 0 and Area 1)

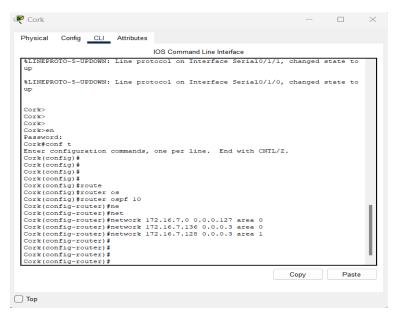


Figure 2.5: Configuring the Cork router with OSPF in both areas

2.3.3 For the Galway Router in Area 1

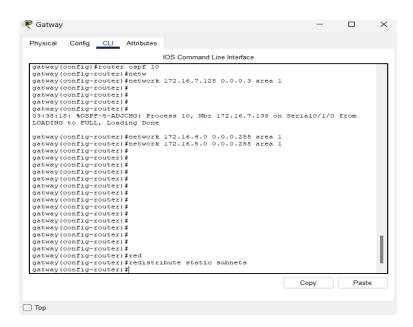


Figure 2.6: Configuring the Galway router with OSPF in Area 1

- 2.3.4 Routing Table for Each Router
- 2.4 Configure route summarization for Area 1



Figure 2.7: Routing table for the Belfast1 Router



Figure 2.9: Routing table for the Galway Router



Figure 2.8: Routing table for the Cork Router



Figure 2.10: Routing table for the Limerick Router

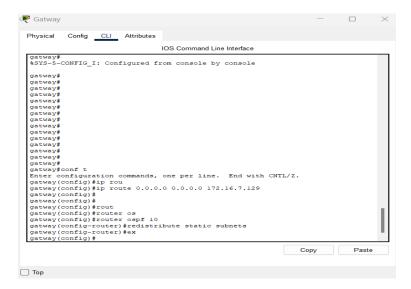


Figure 2.11: Configuration of route summarization for the Galway Router

2.5 Configure a default route on Belfast and redistribute it into the OSPF process

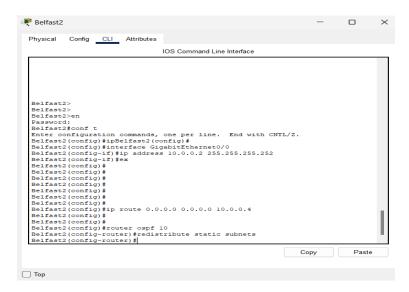


Figure 2.12: Configuring the default route on Belfast and redistributing it into OSPF

2.6 Configure MD5 authentication between OSPF routers on all WAN links

MD5 authentication is a security method used to secure OSPF routing exchanges. When enabled, it verifies the authenticity of OSPF packets using an MD5 hashing algorithm, preventing unauthorized routers from injecting false information. The configuration is shown in the following figure: \implies The same for each router.

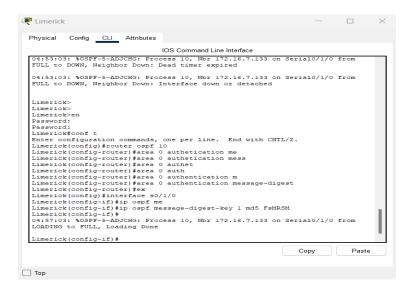
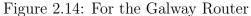


Figure 2.13: Configuration of OSPF MD5 authentication on WAN links

2.7 Set the Hello timer to 40 and the Dead timer to 160 on the link between Cork and Galway





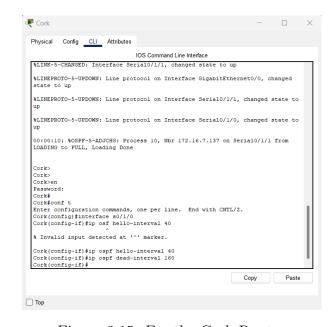


Figure 2.15: For the Cork Router

2.8 Verify that the Limerick, Belfast, Galway, and Cork routers are connected through Layers 1-7

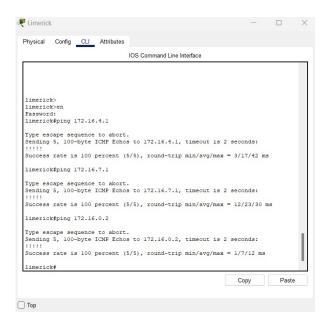


Figure 2.16: Successful ping results from the Limerick router to various IPs



Figure 2.17: Successful ping results from the ${\tt Galway}$ router

Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) Configuration

3.1 Apply basic switch configuration

To configure a basic switch, it is important to set a hostname and passwords to secure access. Additionally, it is often necessary to configure specific features such as the Root Bridge for the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) and server mode for specific interfaces. These basic steps are essential for ensuring the proper functioning and security of our network.

3.1.1 Configure the hostname and passwords for each switch

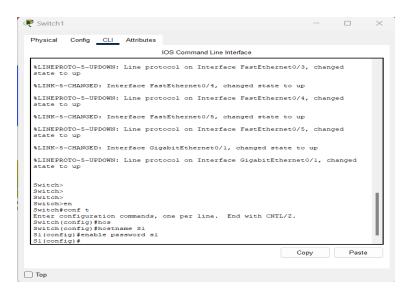


Figure 3.1: Configuration of hostname and password on a switch

 \implies The same configuration for each switch.

3.1.2 Configure VTP Server on S1



Figure 3.2: Configuration of the VTP domain, VLANs, and their names on the S1 switch

3.1.3 Configure the Root Bridge (PVST+)

For S1

Giving S1 a priority of 0 means this switch has been configured to be the root bridge of the network. In a network using Spanning Tree Protocol (STP), the root bridge is the central point to which all other interfaces connect. A lower priority (0 being the lowest) ensures that S1 will be elected as the root bridge, which is desirable in our configuration to control the data propagation path.

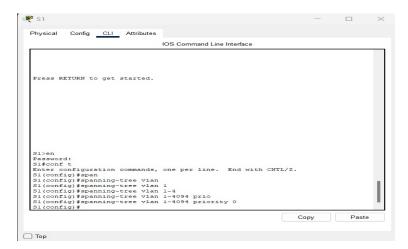


Figure 3.3: Setting the priority of switch S1 to 0 to designate it as the network's Root Bridge

For S2 and S3



Figure 3.4: Configuring the priority for VLANs 1-4094 on switch S2 to 4096

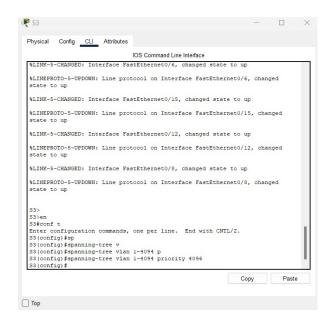


Figure 3.5: Configuring the priority for VLANs 1-4094 on switch S3 to 4096

3.2 Configure the Belfast LAN

3.2.1 Create and name three data VLANs and one management VLAN on a switch

We have already created the VLANs on the VTP server; the VTP client switches will share this database.

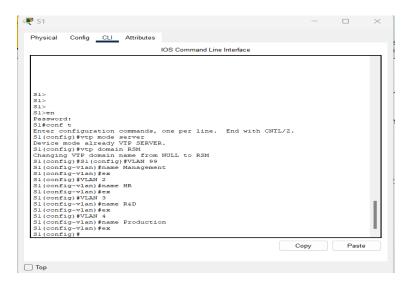


Figure 3.6: Configuration of VLANs and their names on the S1 switch

⇒ The same configuration for each switch.

3.3 Configure ports G0/0 as Trunk links (802.1Q) on S1 and S2

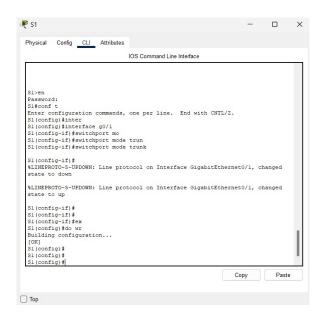


Figure 3.7: Trunk mode configuration on S1

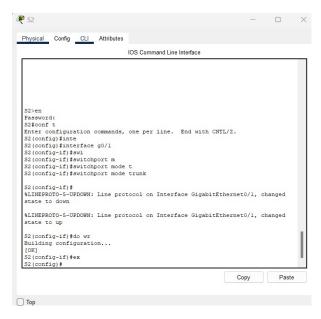


Figure 3.8: Trunk mode configuration on S2

3.4 Configure S1, S2, and S3 so that ports 1 to 4 are trunks using the 802.1Q protocol

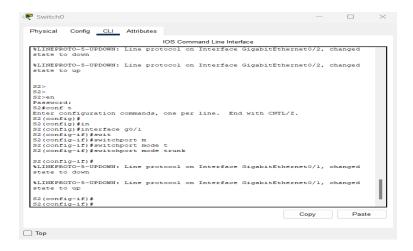


Figure 3.9: Trunk mode configuration on S2 for ports 1-4

 \implies The same configuration for each switch.

3.5 Access mode configuration on S3



Figure 3.10: Access mode configuration on S3

3.6 Connect G0/0 of the 2 Belfast routers to G0/0 of S1 and S2, and also a workstation per VLAN

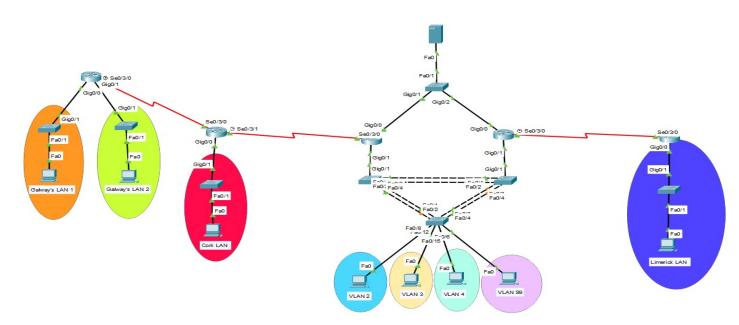


Figure 3.11: Connecting the G0/0 ports of the two Belfast routers to the G0/0 ports of S1 and S2 respectively, and also connecting one workstation per VLAN.

ACL Configurations

4.1 Configure a Reflexive ACL in Belfast and use an ACL to control VTY access for Limerick



Figure 4.1: Configuration of a Reflexive ACL in Belfast

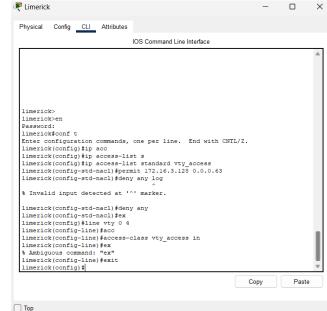


Figure 4.2: Configuration of VTY access on the Limerick router using an ACL

DHCP Configurations

5.1 Configuration of DHCP service for hosts in the Belfast LANs

See the first chapter.

5.2 DHCP services configuration on the Cork Router



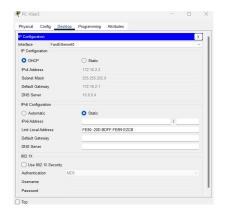
Figure 5.1: Configuring workstations to obtain their IP address automatically

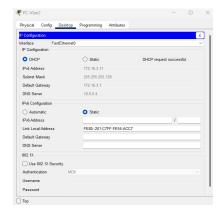


Figure 5.2: Configuring DHCP services on the Cork router

5.3 Verification that each VLAN receives its address from DHCP

The following figures show that each VLAN receives its address from the DHCP server.





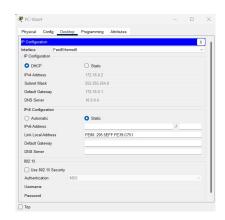


Figure 5.3: PC in VLAN 2

Figure 5.4: PC in VLAN 3

Figure 5.5: PC in VLAN 4

NAT Configurations

6.1 Configuration of the Cork Router

6.1.1 NAT pool configuration

The pool consists of the public network address 200.10.10.64/26. Exclude the first 10 addresses from this pool (to be used for servers when necessary).

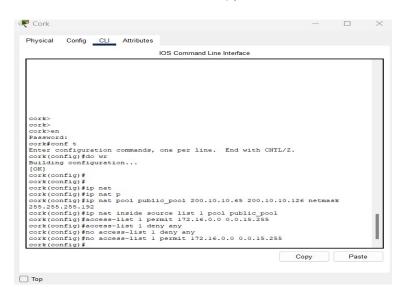


Figure 6.1: NAT pool configuration

6.1.2 Define an Access Control List (ACL)

To define an ACL that will translate all internal addresses (172.16.0.0/20) and deny all other traffic, we can use the following configuration:

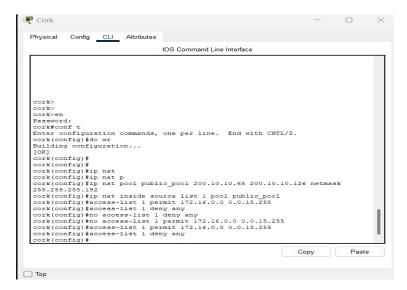


Figure 6.2: Defining the ACL for NAT

6.1.3 Dynamic Source Address Translation (NAT)

This configuration will apply NAT to all traffic from the internal network, translating their source addresses. Any traffic not matching the ACL will be denied.

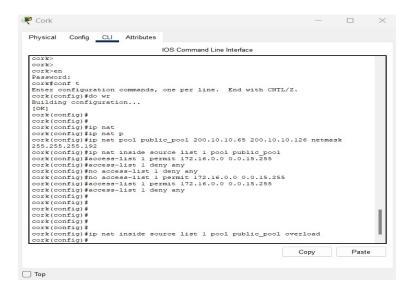


Figure 6.3: Configuring dynamic source NAT with an ACL

6.1.4 Specify the internal and external NAT interfaces

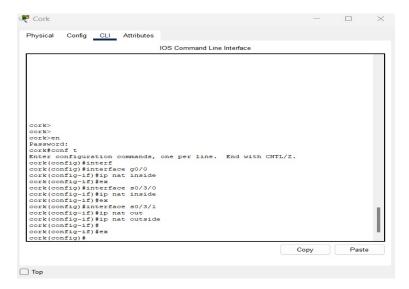


Figure 6.4: Configuring the internal and external NAT interfaces

6.2 Connect a workstation to port Fa0/0 of Belfast to simulate an ISP server

Configure this workstation as follows:

- Configure the IP address
- The subnet mask as 10.0.0.4/29
- Configure the default gateway

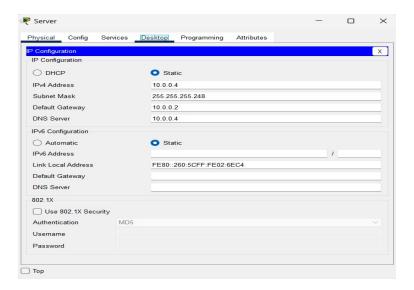


Figure 6.5: Connecting a workstation to simulate an ISP server

6.3 Configure the workstation to act as a web server

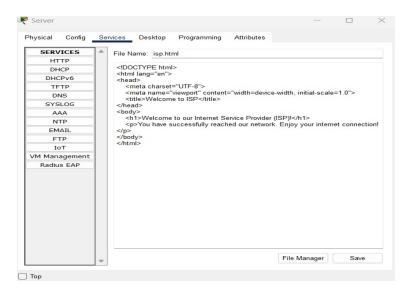


Figure 6.6: Configuring the workstation to act as a web server

Verification and Testing

7.1 Verify communication between the different hosts on the network

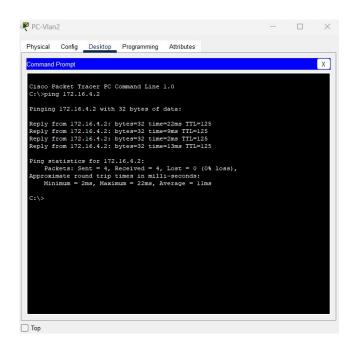


Figure 7.1: Ping between a station in VLAN 2 and a station in the Galway network



Figure 7.2: Ping between different stations across the network