



Assignment-2

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Computer Networks

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Scenario:- A national bank uses MPLS VPNs to isolate and secure branch traffic across the WAN.

Question:-

1. How does MPLS VPN ensure traffic segregation b/w branches?

A) 1. Label-Based Forwarding:

- * MPLS uses labels instead of IP addresses to forward packets

- * Each packet is assigned a unique label a predefined path mix with traffic from other branches.

2. Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF):

- * MPLS VPN uses separate VRF instance for each branch
- * VRFs allow the same IP address ranges to be used in different branches routing tables isolated.

3. Traffic Isolation via VPN instances:

- * Each customer gets a VPN instance.
- * The VPN instances network over a shared MPLS.

4. Provider Edge (PE) Routers Role.

- * PE routers manage the connection b/w customer edge routers and the MPLS

5. No overlap of Routing Information:

- * Routing information from one branch is not shared is not shared.

6. End-to-End Security:

- 2) Though MPLS doesn't encrypt traffic by default it provide logical separation

- 2) Security can be with IP sec over MPLS if needed for encryption.

2. Explain the role of VRF in such a setup

Ans) 1) Traffic segregation:

⇒ VRF allows multiple instances of routing tables to exist on same router

⇒ The traffic separation for different customers.

2) Improved security:

⇒ Each VRF is isolated from other, ensuring that the from one interfere with traffic in another VRF.

3) Overlapping IP addresses:-

⇒ VRF allows the use of identical IP address ranges in VRFs without conflict, making it suitable for multi-tenant environments.

4) Enhanced scalability:-

⇒ Supports scalable network design by segmenting routing information.

⇒ The manage large-scale networks more efficiently

5) Simplified Network management:

⇒ Allows logical separation of networks on a shared infrastructure.

⇒ The reducing hardware costs and simplifying overall network design.

6) MPLS Integration:-

⇒ The commonly used in MPLS VPNs to maintain customer-specific routing tables and ensure end-to-end traffic isolation.