NETWORKING STREAM: TECHNICAL REPORT

OVERVIEW:

This report outlines the development of an auto-topology generation and network simulation's as per the Networking Problem Statement of the Cisco Virtual Internship Program 2025. This project automatically parses router configuration files, constructs a network topology, validates setting and simulates performance and failures.

MAIN-PROJECT:

GITHUB -LINK:

https://github.com/tiwarirst/CISCO-VIP-NETWORKING-2025-enhanced

INPUT CONFIGURATION-FILES:

configs

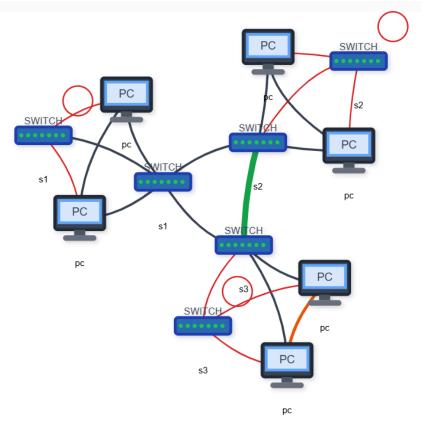
Each file includes interface settings, IP addresses, bandwidth, routing protocols (OSPF/BGP) VLANs, and more.

AUTO TOPOLOGY-GENERATION:

The system parses config files to extract link relationships, interface details, and bandwidth.

- A hierarchical topology is generated connecting routers, switches, and end devices.

- Visual layout auto-generates using extracted metadata.



CONFIGURATION VALIDATION & OPTIMIZATION:

The tool checks for:

- Missing configuration files (e.g., a switch config for an endpoint)
- Duplicate IPs in the same subnet
- Incorrect VLAN tags or gateway assignments
- MTU mismatches
- Potential network loops
- Suggestions to replace OSPF with BGP when scalability is needed

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Step 3: Running comprehensive network validation...
  Validation Results:
     x missing_components: 9 issues found
        - PC S1 appears to be missing associated switch configuration
        - PC S2 appears to be missing associated switch configuration
        - PC S3 appears to be missing associated switch configuration
        ... and 6 more
     duplicate_ips: No issues

✓ vlan_issues: No issues

     🗹 gateway_issues: No issues
     routing_recommendations: No issues
     mtu mismatches: No issues
     🗙 network_loops: 2 issues found
        - Potential network loop detected: R2 -> R1 -> R3 -> R2
        - Potential network loop detected: PC5 -> R3 -> S3 -> PC5
     aggregation opportunities: No issues
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LOAD-MANAGEMENT & TRAFFIC AWARENESS:

- Parses bandwidth details from configs to estimate capacity.
- Models expected traffic per application type (e.g., video conferencing vs file transfer).
- If a link is overloaded, recommends load balancing or path offloading.
- Provides fallback routing paths for low-priority traffic.

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Step 4: Analyzing traffic patterns and capacity...

Link Utilization Analysis:

Link R1-S1 is heavily utilized (100.0%)

Link R1-PC1 is heavily utilized (100.0%)

Link R1-PC2 is heavily utilized (100.0%)

Load Balancing Recommendations:

Activate alternative paths for R1-S1 to distribute load. Found 4 alternative routes.

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STIMULATION & FAULT-INJECTION:

- Day-1 simulation includes ARP, OSPF discovery, and neighbor formation.
- Impact on endpoints
- Routing table reconvergence
- MTU issue effect on data delivery

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Step 6: Running Day-1 simulation scenarios...

Bringing up all network devices...

All interfaces set to up
Running 60-second network stabilization...

Waiting 60s for Day 1 network stabilization...

Stabilization complete
Populating ARP tables and discovering neighbors...

ARP tables populated

OSPF adjacencies formed: {}

BGP sessions established: {}

Day 1 neighbor validation passed
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Day-2 testing includes link failure simulation and behavior analysis:

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Step 7: Testing link failure scenarios...

    Simulating failure: R1 <-> R2

2025-08-24 10:32:58,890 - SimulationEngine - INFO - Link failure injected: R1 <-> R2
      Network maintained connectivity
2025-08-24 10:33:00,891 - SimulationEngine - INFO - Link restored: R1 <-> R2
   🔭 Restored link: R1 <-> R2

⊗ Simulating failure: R1 <-> S1

2025-08-24 10:33:00,892 - SimulationEngine - INFO - Link failure injected: R1 <-> S1
      Network maintained connectivity
2025-08-24 10:33:02,893 - SimulationEngine - INFO - Link restored: R1 <-> S1
 Restored link: R1 <-> S1
Step 8: Running Day-2 comprehensive testing...
2025-08-24 10:33:02,896 - day2_testing - INFO - Checking configuration best practices
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   ■ Day-2 Test Summary:
      Total tests: 31
      Passed: 85
      Failed: 10
      Warnings: 5
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- Simulation can be paused, edited, and resumed.

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Step 11: Demonstrating pause/resume capabilities...
   Pausing simulation...
2025-08-24 10:33:03,494 - Node-R1 - INFO - Node R1 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,494 - Node-R2 - INFO - Node R2 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,494 - Node-R3 - INFO - Node R3 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,495 - Node-S1 - INFO - Node S1 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,495 - Node-S2 - INFO - Node S2 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,495 - Node-S3 - INFO - Node S3 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,495 - Node-PC1 - INFO - Node PC1 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,495 - Node-PC2 - INFO - Node PC2 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,495 - Node-PC3 - INFO - Node PC3 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,496 - Node-PC4 - INFO - Node PC4 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,496 - Node-PC5 - INFO - Node PC5 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,496 - Node-PC6 - INFO - Node PC6 paused
2025-08-24 10:33:03,496 - SimulationEngine - INFO - Simulation paused
   Resuming simulation...
2025-08-24 10:33:05,497 - Node-R1 - INFO - Node R1 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,497 - Node-R2 - INFO - Node R2 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,498 - Node-R3 - INFO - Node R3 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,498 - Node-S1 - INFO - Node S1 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,498 - Node-S2 - INFO - Node S2 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,498 - Node-S3 - INFO - Node S3 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,499 - Node-PC1 - INFO - Node PC1 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,499 - Node-PC2 - INFO - Node PC2 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,499 - Node-PC3 - INFO - Node PC3 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,500 - Node-PC4 - INFO - Node PC4 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,500 - Node-PC5 - INFO - Node PC5 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,500 - Node-PC6 - INFO - Node PC6 resumed
2025-08-24 10:33:05,500 - SimulationEngine - INFO - Simulation resumed
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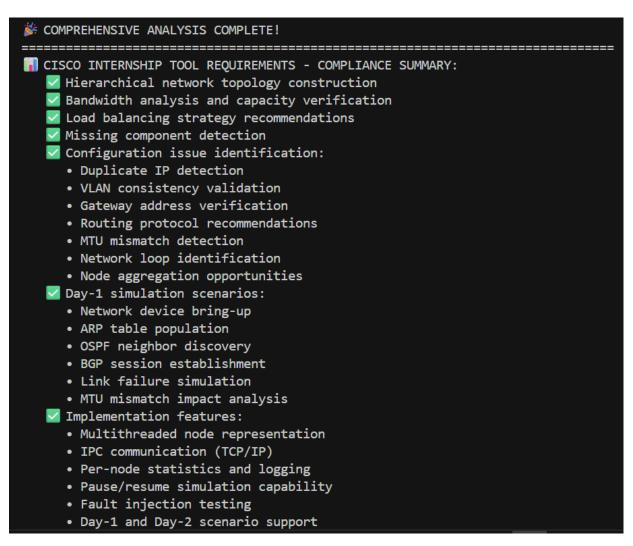
SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE:

- IPC (FIFO/TCP sockets) used to exchange metadata packets.
- Logs maintained per thread to simulate MAC/IP layer activity.
- Each router/switch is represented as a multithreaded object.

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↑ Step 5: Initializing multithreaded simulation engine with IPC...
2025-08-24 10:31:58,883 - SimulationEngine - INFO - IPC server listening on port 62728
2025-08-24 10:31:58,883 - SimulationEngine - INFO - Starting network simulation
2025-08-24 10:31:58,883 - Node-R1 - INFO - Node R1 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,883 - Node-R2 - INFO - Node R2 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,884 - Node-R3 - INFO - Node R3 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,884 - Node-S1 - INFO - Node S1 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,884 - Node-S2 - INFO - Node S2 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,884 - Node-S3 - INFO - Node S3 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,885 - Node-PC1 - INFO - Node PC1 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,885 - Node-PC2 - INFO - Node PC2 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,885 - Node-PC3 - INFO - Node PC3 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,886 - Node-PC4 - INFO - Node PC4 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,886 - Node-PC5 - INFO - Node PC5 started
2025-08-24 10:31:58,886 - Node-PC6 - INFO - Node PC6 started
   Simulation engine started with IPC capabilities
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CONCLUSION:

The project successfully automates network topology generation and simulation, streamlining configuration validation and performance testing. By minimizing manual effort and improving accuracy, it offers a reliable, efficient, and scalable solution for modern network design and troubleshooting.



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All reports and visualizations saved to: comprehensive_reports
Main report: comprehensive_reports\comprehensive_analysis_20250824_103302.json
Interactive topology: comprehensive_reports\network_topology_20250824_103302.html
Simulation will run for 30 more seconds to demonstrate IPC...
Shutting down simulation...
2025-08-24 10:33:37,507 - Node-R1 - INFO - Node R1 stopping
2025-08-24 10:33:37,507 - Node-R2 - INFO - Node R2 stopping
2025-08-24 10:33:37,507 - Node-R3 - INFO - Node R3 stopping
2025-08-24 10:33:37,507 - Node-S1 - INFO - Node S1 stopping
2025-08-24 10:33:37,507 - Node-S2 - INFO - Node S2 stopping
2025-08-24 10:33:37,508 - Node-S3 - INFO - Node S3 stopping
2025-08-24 10:33:37,508 - Node-PC1 - INFO - Node PC1 stopping
2025-08-24 10:33:37,508 - Node-PC2 - INFO - Node PC2 stopping
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2025-08-24 10:33:37,508 - Node-PC6 - INFO - Node PC6 stopping
2025-08-24 10:33:37,508 - SimulationEngine - INFO - Simulation stopped
   All threads terminated cleanly
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