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Packet Tracer – Who Hears the Broadcast?

Topology



Objectives

Part 1: Observe Broadcast Traffic in a VLAN Implementation

Part 2: Complete Review Questions

Scenario

In this activity, a 24-port Catalyst 2960 switch is fully populated. All ports are in use. You will observe broadcast traffic in a VLAN implementation and answer some reflection questions.

Part 1: Observe Broadcast Traffic in a VLAN Implementation

Step 1: Use ping to generate traffic.

- a. Click PC0 and click the Desktop tab> Command Prompt.
- b. Enter the ping 192.168.1.8 command. The ping should succeed.

Unlike a LAN, a VLAN is a broadcast domain created by switches. Using Packet Tracer **Simulation** mode, ping the end devices within their own VLAN. Based on your observation, answer the questions in Step 2.

Step 2: Generate and examine broadcast traffic.

a. Switch to Simulation mode.

- b. Click **Edit Filters** in the Simulation Panel. Uncheck the **Show All/None** checkbox. Check the **ICMP** checkbox.
- c. Click the Add Complex PDU tool, this is the open envelope icon on the right toolbar.
- d. Float the mouse cursor over the topology and the pointer changes to an envelope with a plus (+) sign.
- e. Click **PC0** to serve as the source for this test message and the **Create Complex PDU** dialog window opens. Enter the following values:
 - Destination IP Address: 255.255.255.255 (broadcast address)
 - Sequence Number: 1
 - One Shot Time: 0

Within the PDU settings, the default for **Select Application:** is PING. What are at least 3 other applications available for use?

- f. Click **Create PDU**. This test broadcast packet now appears in the **Simulation Panel Event List**. It also appears in the PDU List window. It is the first PDU for Scenario 0.
- g. Click Capture/Forward twice. What happened to the packet?
- h. Repeat this process for PC8 and PC16.

Part 2: Complete Review Questions

- 1. If a PC in VLAN 10 sends a broadcast message, which devices receive it?
- 2. If a PC in VLAN 20 sends a broadcast message devices receive it?
- 3. If a PC in VLAN 30 sends a broadcast message devices receive it?
- 4. What happens to a frame sent from a PC in VLAN 10 to a PC in VLAN 30?
- 5. Which ports on the switch light up if a PC connected to port 11 sends a unicast message to a PC connected to port 13?
- 6. Which ports on the switch light if a PC connected to port 2 sends a unicast message to a PC connected to port 23?
- 7. In terms of ports, what are the collision domains on the switch?
- 8. In terms of ports, what are the broadcast domains on the switch?

Suggested Scoring Rubric

There are 10 questions worth 10 points each.