



# Chapter 5: Inter-VLAN Routing



## Routing And Switching

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# Chapter 5

5.1 Inter-VLAN Routing Configuration

5.2 Troubleshooting Inter-VLAN Routing

5.3 Layer 3 Switching

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# Chapter 5: Objectives

- Describe the three primary options for enabling inter-VLAN routing
- Configure legacy inter-VLAN routing
- Configure router-on-a-stick inter-VLAN routing
- Troubleshoot common inter-VLAN configuration issues
- Troubleshoot common IP addressing issues in an inter-VLAN routed environment
- Configure inter-VLAN routing using Layer 3 switching
- Troubleshoot inter-VLAN routing in a Layer 3 switched environment

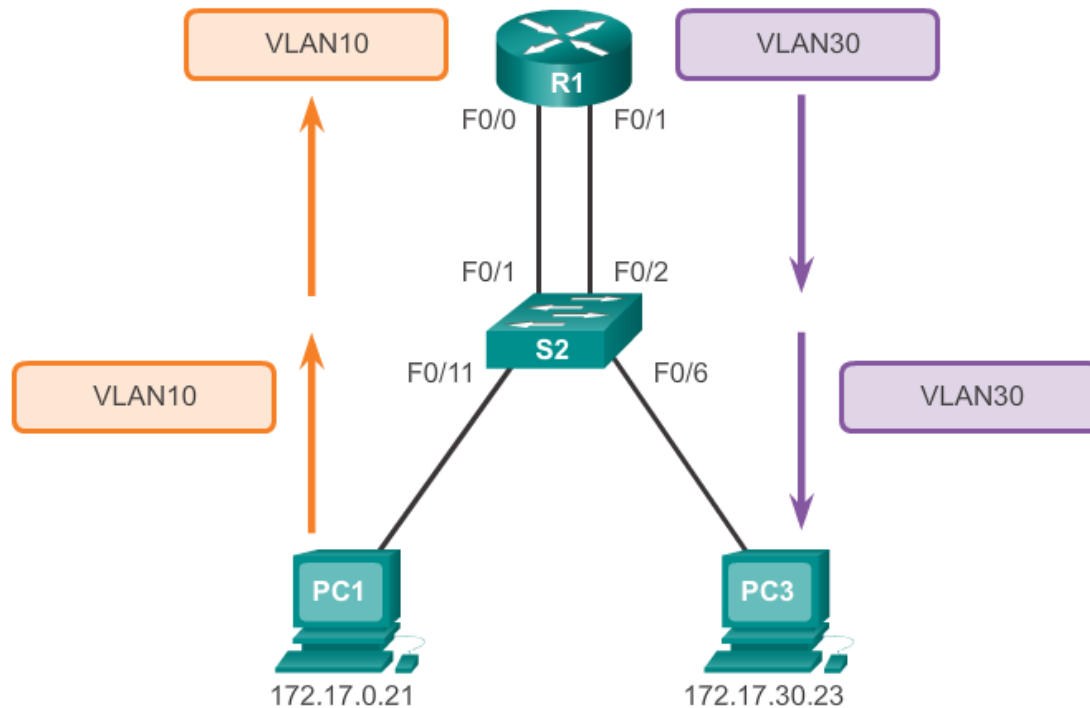
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## Inter-VLAN Routing Operation

# What is Inter-VLAN Routing?

- Layer 2 switches can't forward traffic between VLANs without the assistance of a router
- Inter-VLAN routing is a process for forwarding network traffic from one VLAN to another using a router



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## Inter-VLAN Routing Operation

# Legacy Inter-VLAN Routing

- In the past, actual routers were used to route between VLAN
- Each VLAN was connected to a different physical router interface
- Packets would arrive on the router through one through interface, be routed and leave through another
- Since the router interfaces were connected to VLANs and had IP addresses from that specific VLAN, routing between VLANs was achieved.
- Simple solution but not scalable. Large networks with large number of VLANs would require lots of router interfaces

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## Inter-VLAN Routing Operation

# Router-On-A-Stick Inter-VLAN Routing

- The so called router-on-a-stick approach uses a different path to route between VLANs
- One of the router's physical interfaces is configured as a 802.1Q trunk port. Now that interface can understand VLAN tags
- Logical subinterfaces are then created. One subinterface per VLAN
- Each subinterface is configured with an IP address from the VLAN it represents
- VLAN members (hosts) are configured to use the subinterface address as a default gateway.
- Only one of the router's physical interface is used

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## Inter-VLAN Routing Operation

# Multilayer Switch Inter-VLAN Routing

- Multilayer switches can perform Layer 2 and Layer 3 functions. Routers are not required anymore
- Each VLAN existent in the switch is a SVI
- SVI are seen as layer 3 interfaces
- The switch understands network layer PDUs and therefore, it can route between its SVIs just as a router routes between its interfaces
- With a multilayer switch, traffic is routed internal to the switch device
- Very scalable solution

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# Inter-VLAN Routing Operation

## 5.1.1.5 Activity - Identify the Types of Inter-VLAN Routing

**Activity - Part 1: Identify the Types of Inter-VLAN Routing**  
 Identify this topology as a legacy, router-on-a-stick, or multilayer switch inter-VLAN routing by dragging the appropriate answer to the field provided. Click Part 2 to continue this activity.

**R1 Interface**  
Gi0/0 Trunk Link

**R1 Subinterfaces**  
 Gi0/0.10 10.17.10.1/28  
 Gi0/0.20 10.17.20.1/28  
 Gi0/0.30 10.17.30.1/28

**S1 Ports**  
 Gi0/1 Trunk Link  
 Gi0/3 = VLAN 10  
 Gi0/9 = VLAN 20  
 Gi0/17 = VLAN 30

**End Devices**  
 PC1 - VLAN 10 10.17.10.4/28  
 PC2 - VLAN 20 10.17.20.4/28  
 PC3 - VLAN 30 10.17.30.4/28

**Inter-VLAN Routing Type**

Legacy

Router-on-a-Stick

Multilayer Switch

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## Configure Legacy Inter-VLAN Routing Preparation

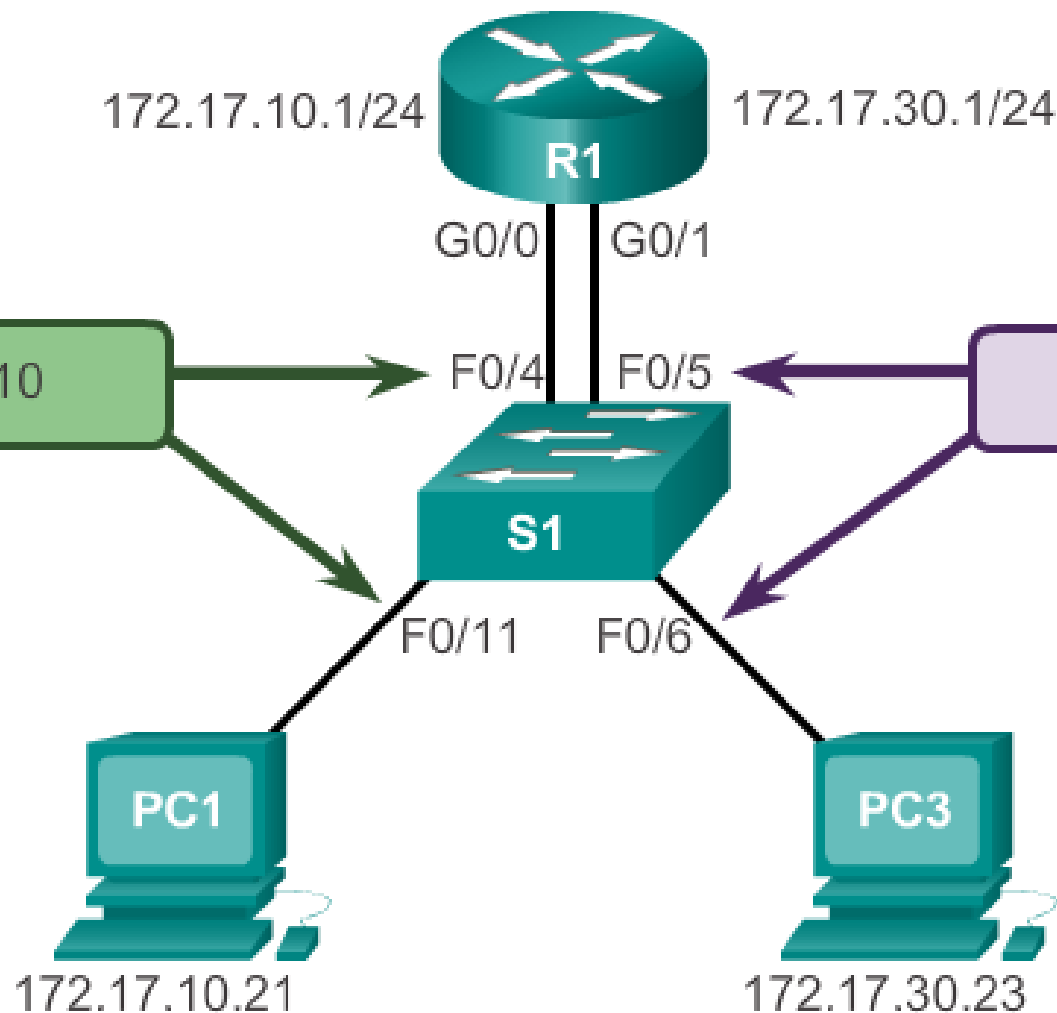
- Legacy inter-VLAN routing requires routers to have multiple physical interfaces
- Each one of the router's physical interfaces is connected to a unique VLAN
- Each interface is also configured with an IP address for the subnet associated with the particular VLAN
- Network devices use the router as a gateway to access the devices connected to the other VLANs

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# Configure Legacy Inter-VLAN Routing Preparation



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# Configure Legacy Inter-VLAN Routing

## Switch Configuration

```

S1(config)# vlan 10
S1(config-vlan)# vlan 30
S1(config-vlan)# interface f0/11
S1(config-if)# switchport access vlan 10
S1(config-if)# interface f0/4
S1(config-if)# switchport access vlan 10
S1(config-if)# interface f0/6
S1(config-if)# switchport access vlan 30
S1(config-if)# interface f0/5
S1(config-if)# switchport access vlan 30
S1(config-if)# end
*Mar 20 01:22:56.751: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by
console
S1# copy running-config startup-config
Destination filename [startup-config]?
Building configuration...
[OK]

```

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## Configure Legacy Inter-VLAN Routing

# Router Interface Configuration

```
R1(config)# interface g0/0
R1(config-if)# ip address 172.17.10.1 255.255.255.0
R1(config-if)# no shutdown
*Mar 20 01:42:12.951: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/0,
changed state to up
*Mar 20 01:42:13.951: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface
GigabitEthernet0/0, changed state to up
R1(config-if)# interface g0/1
R1(config-if)# ip address 172.17.30.1 255.255.255.0
R1(config-if)# no shutdown
*Mar 20 01:42:54.951: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/1,
changed state to up
*Mar 20 01:42:55.951: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface
GigabitEthernet0/1, changed state to up
R1(config-if)# end
R1# copy running-config startup-config
```

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## Configure Router-On-A-Stick

# Preparation

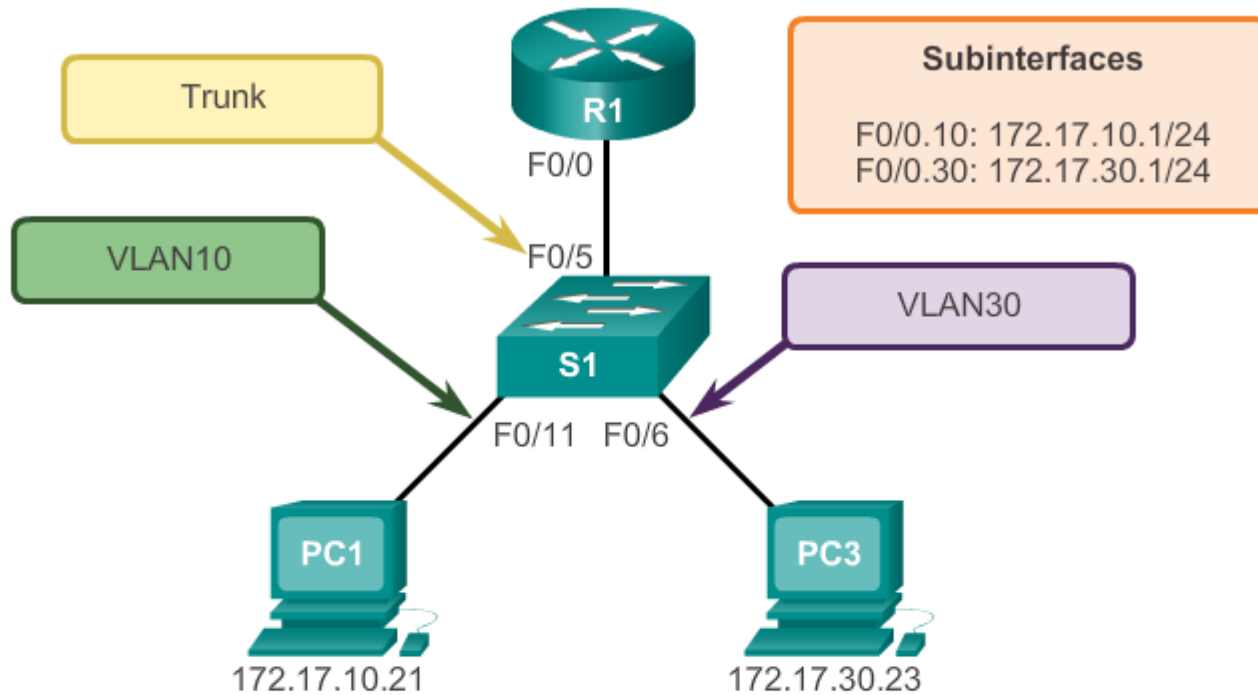
- An alternative to legacy inter-VLAN routing is to use VLAN trunking and subinterfaces
- VLAN trunking allows a single physical router interface to route traffic for multiple VLANs
- The physical interface of the router must be connected to a trunk link on the adjacent switch
- On the router, subinterfaces are created for each unique VLAN on the network
- Each subinterface is assigned an IP address specific to its subnet/VLAN and is also configured to tag frames for that VLAN

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# Configure Router-On-A-Stick Switch Configuration



```

S1(config)# vlan 10
S1(config-vlan)# vlan 30
S1(config-vlan)# interface f0/5
S1(config-if)# switchport mode trunk
S1(config-if)# end
S1#
    
```

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# Configure Router-On-A-Stick

## Router Interface Configuration

```

R1 (config)# interface g0/0.10
R1 (config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 10
R1 (config-subif)# ip address 172.17.10.1 255.255.255.0
R1 (config-subif)# interface g0/0.30
R1 (config-subif)# encapsulation dot1q 30
R1 (config-subif)# ip address 172.17.30.1 255.255.255.0
R1 (config)# interface g0/0
R1 (config-if)# no shutdown
*Mar 20 00:20:59.299: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/0,
  changed state to down
*Mar 20 00:21:02.919: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/0,
  changed state to up
*Mar 20 00:21:03.919: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on
  changed state to down
*Mar 20 00:21:02.919: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/0,
  changed state to up
*Mar 20 00:21:03.919: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on
  Interface GigabitEthernet0/0, changed state to up
  
```

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# Configure Router-On-A-Stick

## Verifying Subinterfaces

```

R1# show vlans
<output omitted>
Virtual LAN ID: 10 (IEEE 802.1Q Encapsulation)

vLAN Trunk Interface: GigabitEthernet0/0.10

  Protocols Configured: Address:      Received:    Transmitted:
        IP              172.17.10.1      11           18
<output omitted>
Virtual LAN ID: 30 (IEEE 802.1Q Encapsulation)

vLAN Trunk Interface: GigabitEthernet0/0.30

  Protocols Configured: Address:      Received:    Transmitted:
        IP              172.17.30.1      11           8
<output omitted>

```

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# Configure Router-On-A-Stick

## Verifying Subinterfaces

```

R1# show ip route
Codes: L - local, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP, M - mobile,
       B - BGP
       D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, O - OSPF,
       IA - OSPF inter area
       N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1, N2 - OSPF NSSA external
           type 2
       E1 - OSPF external type 1, E2 - OSPF external type 2
       i - IS-IS, su - IS-IS summary, L1 - IS-IS level-1,
       L2 - IS-IS level-2
       ia - IS-IS inter area, * - candidate default,
       U - per-user static route
       o - ODR, P - periodic downloaded static route, H - NHRP,
       l - LISP
       + - replicated route, % - next hop override

Gateway of last resort is not set

172.17.0.0/16 is variably subnetted, 4 subnets, 2 masks
C    172.17.10.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0.10
L    172.17.10.1/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0.10
C    172.17.30.0/24 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0.30
L    172.17.30.1/32 is directly connected, GigabitEthernet0/0.30
    
```

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## Configure Router-On-A-Stick

# Verifying Routing

- Access to devices on remote VLANs can be tested using the **ping** command.
- The **ping** command sends an ICMP echo request to the destination address
- When a host receives an ICMP echo request, it responds with an ICMP echo reply
- Tracert is a useful utility for confirming the routed path taken between two devices



## Inter-VLAN Configuration Issues

# Switch Port Issues

- When using the legacy routing model, ensure that the switch ports that connect to the router interfaces are configured with the correct VLANs
- Use the **switchport access vlan 10** command to correct any erroneous VLAN port assignment
- Also ensure the router is connected to the correct switch port
- When using router-on-a-stick, ensure the switch port connected to the router is configured as a trunk link
- The **switchport mode trunk** command can be used to solve this problem

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# Inter-VLAN Configuration Issues

## Verify Switch Configuration

```

S1# show interfaces fastEthernet 0/4 switchport
Name: Fa0/4
Switchport: Enabled
Administrative Mode: static access
Operational Mode: up
Administrative Trunking Encapsulation: dot1q
Operational Trunking Encapsulation: native
Negotiation of Trunking: On
Access Mode VLAN: 1 (default)
Trunking Native Mode VLAN: 1 (default)
<output omitted>
S1#
  
```

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## Inter-VLAN Configuration Issues

# Verify Router Configuration

- With router-on-a-stick configurations, a common problem is assigning the wrong VLAN ID to the subinterface
- The **show interface** command can help detecting this problem
- If this is the case, use the **encapsulation dot1q <vlan id>** interface command to fix the problem



# Inter-VLAN Configuration Issues

## Verify Router Configuration

```

R1# show interface

<output omitted>

GigabitEthernet0/0.10 is up, line protocol is down (disabled)
Encapsulation 802.1Q Virtual Lan, Vlan ID 100
ARP type :ARPA, ARP Timeout 04:00:00,
Last clearing of "show interface" counters never

<output omitted>

R1#
R1# show run
Building configuration...
Current configuration : 505 bytes

<output omitted>

!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0.10
encapsulation dot1q 100
ip address 172.17.10.1 255.255.255.0
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0.30

```

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## IP Addressing Issues

# Errors With IP Address And Subnet Mask

- When using legacy inter-VLAN routing, ensure the router has the correct IP address and mask on the interfaces connecting to the switch
- Also ensure the network devices are configured with the correct IP address and mask
- In the router, the **ip address** command can be used to fix any erroneous IP assignments
- In the PCs, refer to the installed operating system documentation to properly change IP information



## IP Addressing Issues

### Verifying IP Address And Subnet Mask Configuration Issues

- To verify if the correct IP address is configured in the router, use the **show ip interface** command
- The **show running-config** can also be useful when troubleshooting router related problems
- Although configuring subinterface IDs to match the VLAN number makes it easier to manage inter-VLAN configuration, it is not a requirement. When troubleshooting addressing issues, ensure that the subinterface is configured with the correct address for that VLAN.





# IP Addressing Issues

## 5.2.2.3 Activity - Identify the Solution to the Inter-VLAN Routing Issue

**Activity – Part 1: Identify the Solution to the Inter-VLAN Routing Issue**

You are troubleshooting an inter-VLAN issue and need to check your router(s) and switches for inter-VLAN operation. Use the output shown and determine which command produced the output. Click the button next to your answer. Click Button 2 to continue this activity.

Interface	IP-Address	OK?	Method	Status	Protocol
Embedded-Service-Engine0/0	unassigned	YES	unset	administratively down	down
GigabitEthernet0/0	unassigned	YES	unset	up	up
GigabitEthernet0/0.10	172.17.10.1	YES	manual	up	up
GigabitEthernet0/0.30	172.17.30.1	YES	manual	up	up
GigabitEthernet0/1	unassigned	YES	unset	administratively down	down
Serial0/0/0	unassigned	YES	unset	administratively down	down
Serial0/0/1	unassigned	YES	unset	administratively down	down

show interface Gi0/23 switchport  
 show ip route  
 show run

show ip interface brief  
 show vlan

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## Layer 3 Switching Operation And Configuration

# Introduction To Layer 3 Switching

- Layer 3 switches usually have packet-switching throughputs in the millions of packets per second (pps)
- All Catalyst switches support two types of Layer 3 interfaces:
  - Routed Port
  - SVI
- High-performance switches, such as the Catalyst 6500 and Catalyst 4500, are able to perform most of the router's functions
- But several models of Catalyst switches require enhanced software for specific routing protocol feature

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## Layer 3 Switching Operation And Configuration

# Inter-VLAN Routing with SVIs

- Today routing has become faster and cheaper and can be performed at hardware speed
- It can be transferred to core and distribution devices with little to no impact on network performance
- Many users are in separate VLANs, and each VLAN is usually a separate subnet
- This implies that each distribution switch must have IP addresses matching each access switch VLAN
- Layer 3 (routed) ports are normally implemented between the distribution and the core layer
- This model is less dependent on spanning-tree as there are no loops in the Layer 2 portion of the topology

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## Layer 3 Switching Operation And Configuration

# Inter-VLAN Routing with SVIs (cont)

- By default, an SVI is created for the default VLAN (VLAN1). This allows for remote switch administration
- Any additional SVIs must be created by the admin
- SVIs are created the first time the VLAN interface configuration mode is entered for a particular VLAN SVI
- The **interface vlan 10** entered by the first time creates an SVI named VLAN 10
- The VLAN number used corresponds to the VLAN tag associated with data frames on an 802.1Q encapsulated trunk
- Whenever the SVI is created, ensure that particular VLAN is present in the VLAN database

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## Layer 3 Switching Operation And Configuration

# Inter-VLAN Routing with SVIs (cont)

- SVIs advantages include:
  - It is much faster than router-on-a-stick, because everything is hardware switched and routed.
  - No need for external links from the switch to the router for routing.
  - Not limited to one link. Layer 2 EtherChannels can be used between the switches to get more bandwidth.
  - Latency is much lower, because it does not need to leave the switch.



## Layer 3 Switching Operation And Configuration

# Inter-VLAN Routing with Routed Ports

- A routed port is a physical port that acts similarly to an interface on a router
- Routed ports are not associated with any VLANs
- Layer 2 protocols, such as STP, do not function on a routed interface
- Routed ports on a Cisco IOS switch do not support subinterfaces
- To configure routed ports, use the **no switchport** interface configuration mode command
- **Note:** Routed ports are not supported on Catalyst 2960 Series switches.



## Layer 3 Switching Operation And Configuration

# Configuring Static Routes on a Cat2960

- The Cisco Switch Database Manager (SDM) provides multiple templates for the 2960 switch
- The sdm *lanbase-routing* template can be enabled to allow the switch to route between VLANs and to support static routing
- Use the **show sdm prefer** command verify which template is in use
- The SDM template can be changed in global configuration mode with the **sdm prefer** command

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## Troubleshooting Layer 3 Switching

# Layer 3 Switching Configuration Issues

- To troubleshoot Layer 3 switching issues, check the following items for accuracy:
  - **VLANs**
    - VLANs must be defined across all the switches
    - VLANs must be enabled on the trunk ports
    - Ports must be in the right VLANs
  - **SVIs**
    - SVI must have the correct IP address or subnet mask
    - SVI must be up
    - SVI must match with the VLAN number





## Troubleshooting Layer 3 Switching

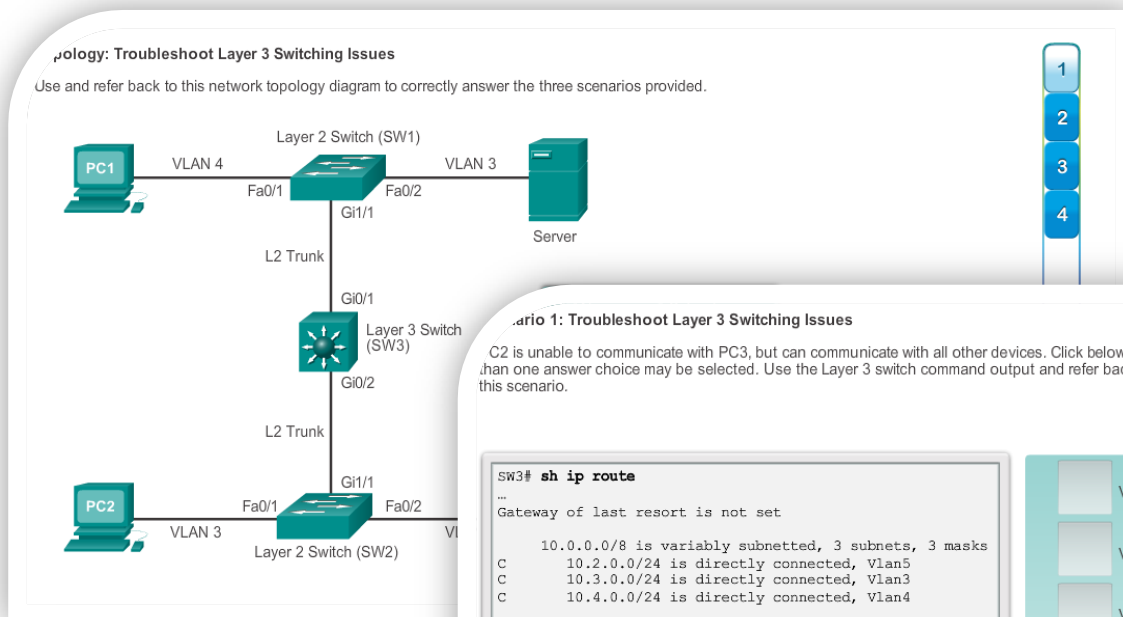
# Layer 3 Switching Configuration Issues

- To troubleshoot Layer 3 switching issues, check the following items for accuracy (cont):
  - **Routing**
    - Routing must be enabled
    - Each interface or network should be added to the routing protocol
  - **Hosts**
    - Hosts must have the correct IP address or subnet mask
    - Hosts must have a default gateway associated with an SVI or routed port



# IP Addressing Issues

## 5.3.2.3 Activity - Troubleshoot Layer 3 Switching Issues



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**Scenario 1: Troubleshoot Layer 3 Switching Issues**

PC2 is unable to communicate with PC3, but can communicate with all other devices. Click below to select the most likely causes for this issue. More than one answer choice may be selected. Use the Layer 3 switch command output and refer back to the network topology diagram to correctly answer this scenario.

```
SW3# sh ip route
...
Gateway of last resort is not set

  10.0.0.0/8 is variably subnetted, 3 subnets, 3 masks
C       10.2.0.0/24 is directly connected, Vlan5
C       10.3.0.0/24 is directly connected, Vlan3
C       10.4.0.0/24 is directly connected, Vlan4
```

- VLAN 3 and 4 are shutdown
- VLAN 3 IP address is not correct
- VLAN 4 has no IP address
- VLAN 2 is not configured
- VLAN 5 IP address is not correct

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Students do buttons 1- 4 on Activity 5.3.2.3



# Chapter 5: Summary

- This chapter covered Inter-VLAN routing, the process of routing traffic between different VLANs, using either a dedicated router or a multilayer switch.
- It discussed Legacy, router-on-a-stick and multilayer switching inter-VLAN routing.
- The chapter also covers Layer 3 switching, SVIs and routed ports.
- Lastly, troubleshooting inter-VLAN routing with a router or a Layer 3 switch were discussed. Common errors involve VLAN, trunk, Layer 3 interface, and IP address configurations.

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