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Virtual LAN: VLAN

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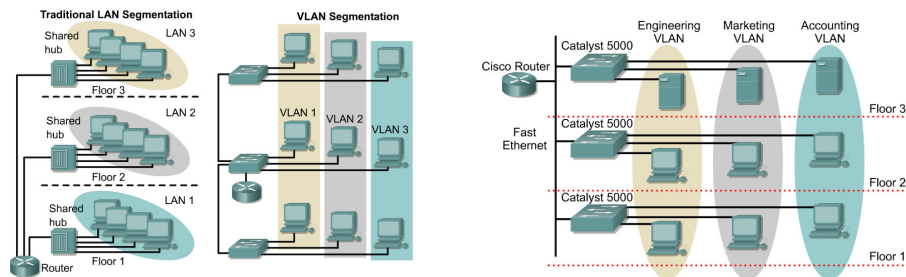
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## VLAN



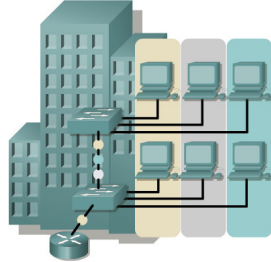
- **Problema:** far coesistere sulla stessa infrastruttura di rete fisica due o più reti IP distinte
- Gli switch possono gestire gruppi di porte in modo che gli host connessi a ciascun gruppo costituiscano una **rete Ethernet virtuale** separata dalle altre (VLAN)
- Alcuni fabbricanti, come Cisco, utilizzano numeri per contrassegnare le VLAN

## VLAN introduction



- **VLANs provide segmentation based on broadcast domains**
- VLANs logically segment switched networks based on the project teams, or applications of the organization regardless of the physical location or connections to the network
- All workstations and servers used by a particular workgroup share the same VLAN, regardless of the physical connection or location

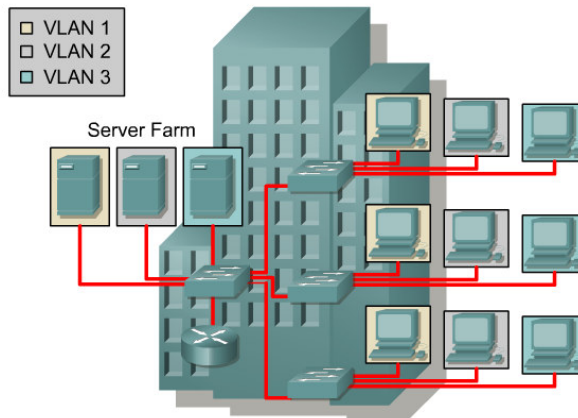
## VLAN introduction (2)



- A group of ports or users in same broadcast domain
- Can be based on port ID, MAC address, protocol, or application
- LAN switches and network management software provide a mechanism to create VLANs
- Frame tagged with VLAN ID

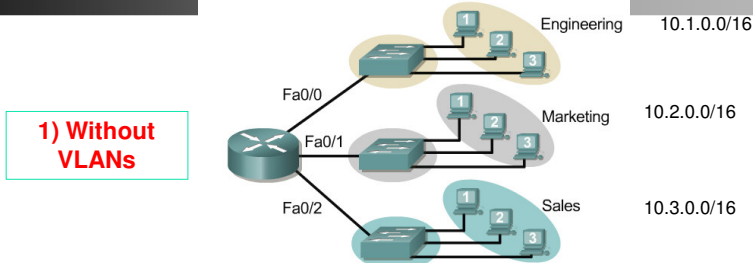
- VLANs are created to provide segmentation services traditionally provided by physical routers in LAN configurations
- VLANs address scalability, security, and network management. Routers in VLAN topologies provide broadcast filtering, security, and traffic flow management.
- Switches may not bridge any traffic between VLANs, as this would violate the integrity of the VLAN broadcast domain.
- Traffic should only be routed between VLANs

## Broadcast domains with VLANs and routers

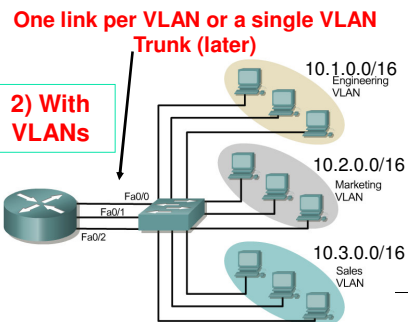


- A VLAN is a broadcast domain created by one or more switches
- The network design above creates three separate broadcast domains

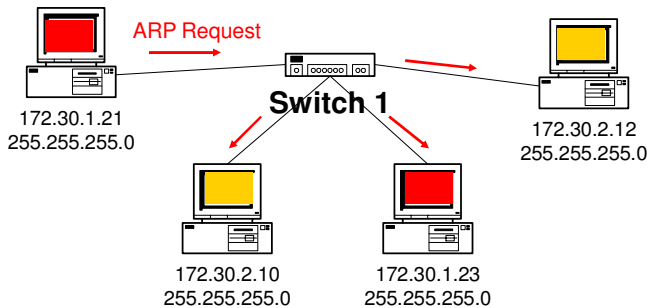
## Broadcast domains with VLANs and routers



- Without VLANs**, each group is on a different IP network and on a different switch.
  - Using VLANs:** Switch is configured with the ports on the appropriate VLAN. Still, each group on a different IP network; however, They are all on the same switch.
- What are the broadcast domains in each?



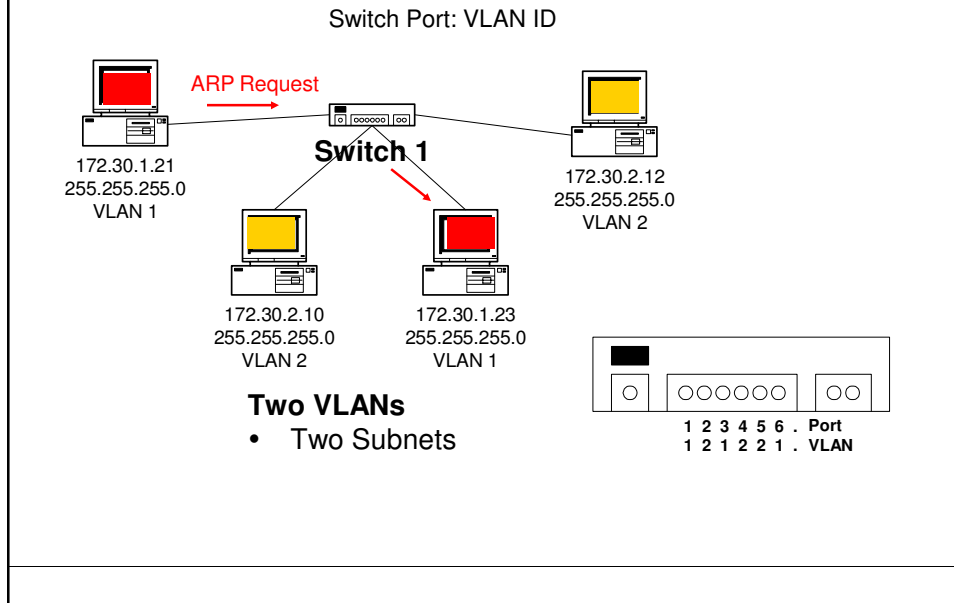
## Without VLANs – No Broadcast Control



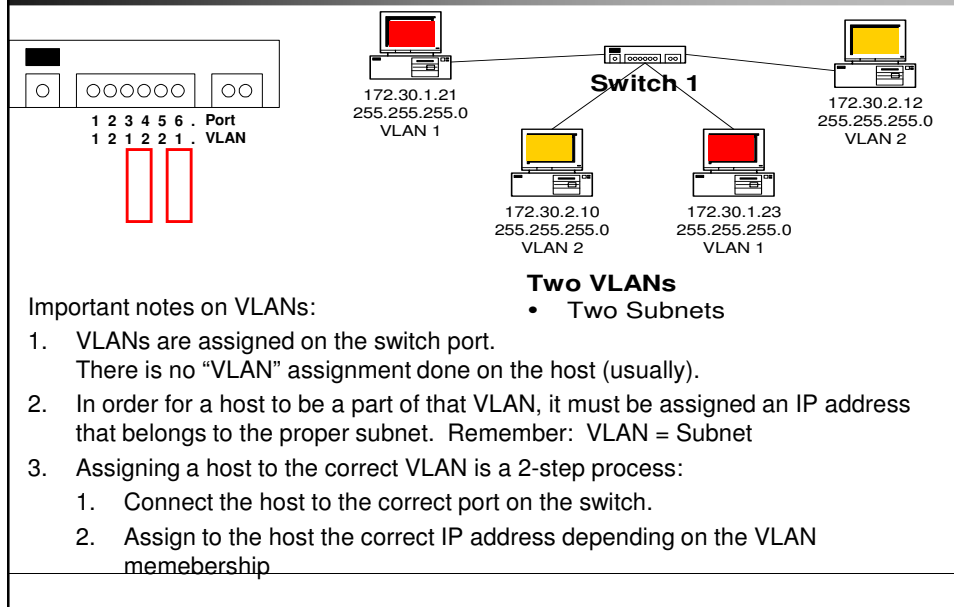
### No VLANs

- Same as a single VLAN
  - Two Subnets
- Without VLANs, the ARP Request would be seen by all hosts.
  - Again, consuming unnecessary network bandwidth and host processing cycles.

## With VLANs – Broadcast Control



## VLAN operation



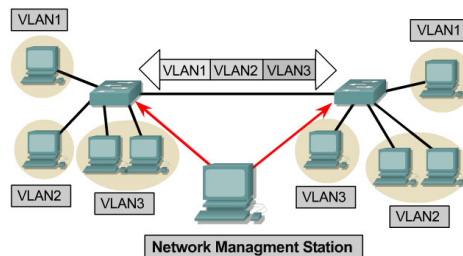
## VLAN operation



Configuring VLANs	Description
Statically	Network administrators configure port-by-port. Each Port is associated with a specific VLAN. The network administrator is responsible for keying in the mappings between the ports and VLANs.
Dynamically	The ports are able to dynamically work out their VLAN configuration. Uses a software database of MAC address to VLAN mappings (which the network administrator must set up first).

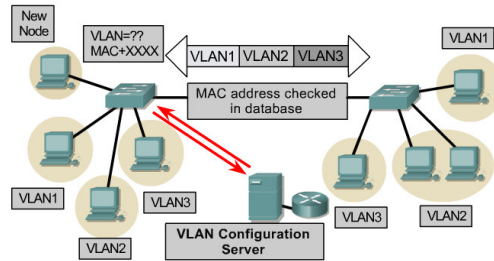
- Each switch port can be assigned to a different VLAN.
- Ports assigned to the same VLAN share broadcasts.
- Ports that do not belong to that VLAN do not share these broadcasts.

## VLAN operation



- **Static membership VLANs are called port-based VLANs**
- As a device enters the network, it automatically assumes the VLAN membership of the port to which it is attached
- The **default VLAN** for every port in the switch is the management VLAN (VLAN1) and **may not be deleted**
- All other ports on the switch may be reassigned to alternate VLANs

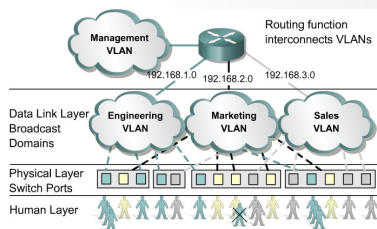
## VLAN operation



- **Dynamic membership VLANs are created through network management software. (Not as common as static VLANs)**
- **CiscoWorks 2000 or CiscoWorks for Switched Internetworks** is used to create Dynamic VLANs.
- Dynamic VLANs allow for membership based on the MAC address of the device connected to the switch port.
- As a device enters the network, it queries a database within the switch for a VLAN membership.

## Benefits of VLANs

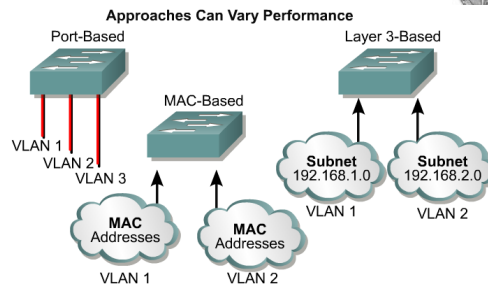
All users attached to the same switch port must be in the same VLAN.



If a hub is connected to VLAN port on a switch, all devices on that hub must belong to the same VLAN.

- The key benefit of VLANs is that they permit the network administrator to organize the LAN logically instead of physically
- This means that an administrator is able to do all of the following:
  - Easily move workstations on the LAN.
  - Easily add workstations to the LAN.
  - Easily change the LAN configuration.
  - Easily control network traffic.
  - Improve security.

# VLAN Types

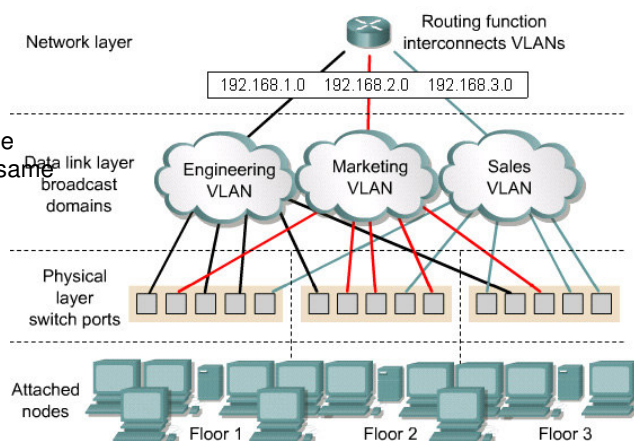


VLAN Types	Description
Port-based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most common configuration method.</li> <li>• Ports assigned individually, in groups, in rows, or across 2 or more switches.</li> <li>• Simple to use.</li> <li>• Often implemented where Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP) is used to assign IP addresses to network hosts.</li> </ul>
MAC address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rarely implemented today.</li> <li>• Each address must be entered into the switch and configured individually.</li> <li>• Users find it useful.</li> <li>• Difficult to administer, troubleshoot and manage.</li> </ul>
Protocol Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Configured like MAC addresses, but instead uses a logical IP address.</li> <li>• No longer common because of DHCP.</li> </ul>

# VLAN operation

- ◆ In port-based or port-centric VLAN membership, the port is assigned to a specific VLAN membership independent of the user or system attached to the port.

- ◆ All users of the same port must be in the same VLAN

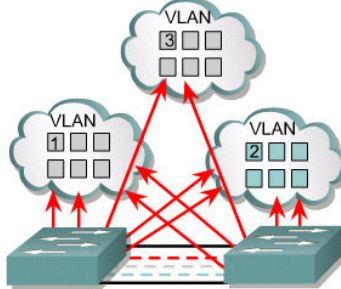




## Membership by Port



Maximizes Forwarding Performance



- User assigned by port association
- Requires no lookup if done in ASICs
- Easily administered via GUIs
- Maximizes security between VLANs
- Packets do not "leak" into other domains
- Easily controlled across network

## Membership by MAC-Addresses



Requires Filtering, Impacts Performance

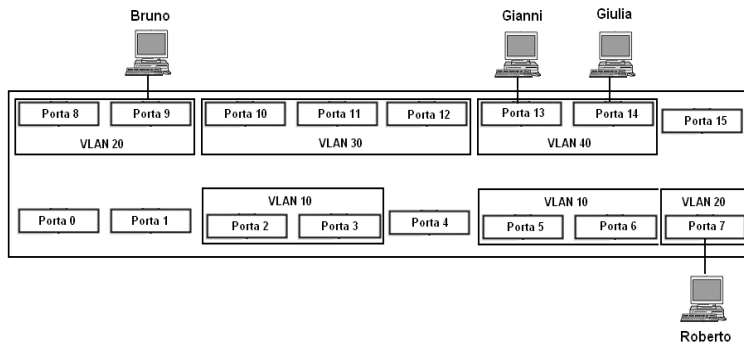


- User assigned based on MAC addresses
- Offers flexibility, yet adds overhead
- Impacts performance, scalability, and administration
- Offers similar process for higher layers

## Comunicazione con VLAN



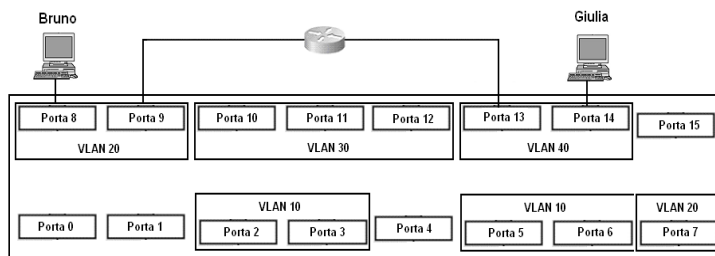
- Nella configurazione di VLAN rappresentata in figura, Gianni può inviare frame soltanto a Giulia



## Comunicazione tra VLAN diverse



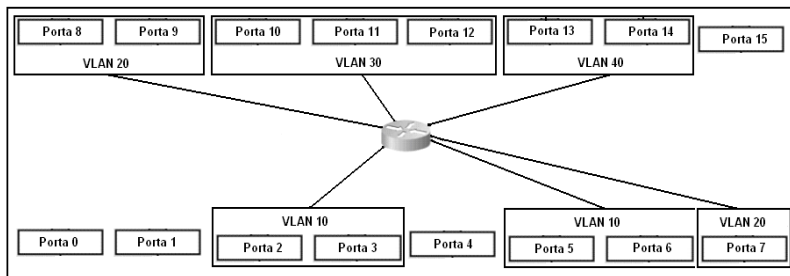
- Per fare comunicare VLAN diverse occorre creare un ponte attraverso un dispositivo apposito
  - bridge se opera a livello Ethernet (L2)
  - router se opera a livello rete (L3)



## Switch/router



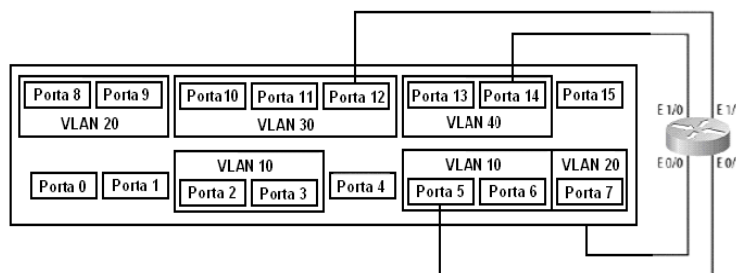
- Molti produttori offrono dispositivi in grado di svolgere contemporaneamente le funzioni di switch a livello Ethernet e di router a livello 3
- Questi dispositivi creano la connessione tra VLAN a livello 3



## Connessione a livelli superiori (1)



- In linea di principio, si potrebbe ottenere lo stesso risultato collegando le interfacce di un router a tutte le coppie di VLAN



## VLAN Trunking (1)

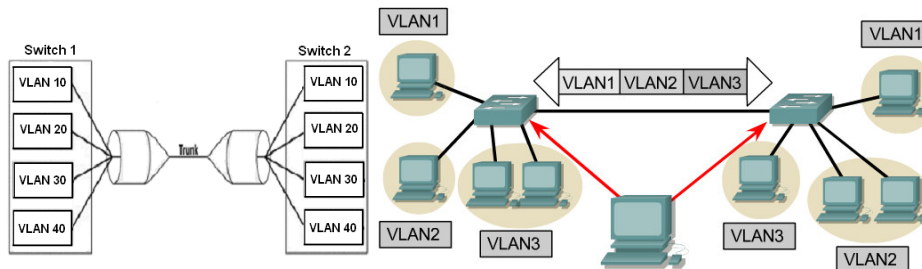


- La presenza delle VLAN crea un problema nella connessione tra due o più switch
  - Se collego la porta di uno switch a una porta di un altro switch, la connessione riguarderà solo le VLAN che comprendono le due porte utilizzate. Occorrerebbero quindi tanti collegamenti quante sono le VLAN da collegare

## VLAN trunking (2)



- Il trunking abilita la connessione tra le VLAN di switch diversi
  - Perché lo switch di destinazione sappia a quale VLAN inoltrare i frame in arrivo su una porta di trunking, occorre contrassegnare i frame con l'identificativo della VLAN di destinazione
  - Questo non è previsto dal protocollo Ethernet originale

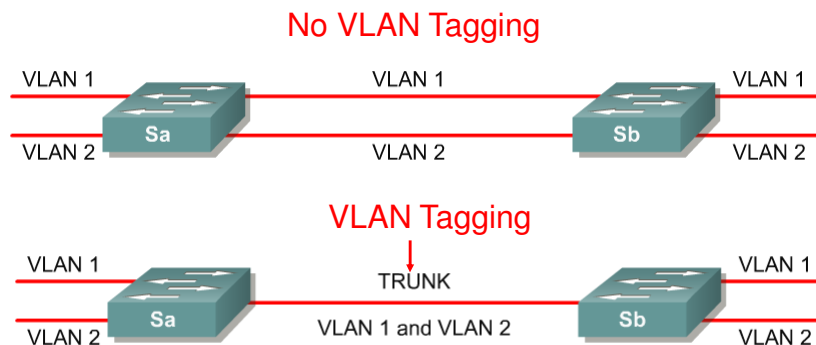


## VLAN Tagging



- **VLAN Tagging is used when a link needs to carry traffic for more than one VLAN.**
  - **Trunk link:** As packets are received by the switch from any attached end-station device, a unique packet identifier is added within each header.
- **This header information designates the VLAN membership of each packet.**
- The packet is then forwarded to the appropriate switches or routers based on the VLAN identifier and MAC address.
- Upon reaching the destination node (Switch) the VLAN ID is removed from the packet by the adjacent switch and forwarded to the attached device.
- Packet tagging provides a mechanism for controlling the flow of broadcasts and applications while not interfering with the network and applications.
- This is known as a trunk link or VLAN trunking.

## VLAN Tagging



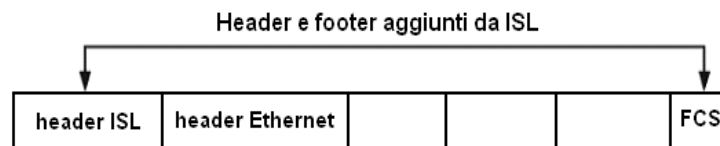
- VLAN Tagging is used when a single link needs to carry traffic for more than one VLAN.

## Protocolli di trunking (1)



### • Protocolli a incapsulamento

- Viene aggiunto uno header al frame Ethernet per indicare la VLAN di destinazione
- Es. Cisco Inter-Switch Link (ISL)



## Protocolli di trunking (2)



### • Protocolli a piggyback (IEEE.802Q)

- L'identificativo della VLAN (12 bit) è parte di un campo da 4 byte inserito nel frame Ethernet tra i campi indirizzo sorgente e tipo
- Occorre ricalcolare il CRC all'ingresso e all'uscita dal trunk

