

Application Note

Virtual Local Area Network



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Used symbols



Danger – Information regarding user safety or potential damage to the router.



Attention – Problems that can arise in specific situations.



Information – Useful tips or information of special interest.

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1. Introduction to VLAN



The functionality of this Router App is integrated into firmware version 6.5.0 and above. It is not integrated for the v2 product family.

A VLAN (Virtual Local Area Network) is an entity that uses IP header tagging to simulate multiple LANs within a single physical LAN. By identifying or tagging specific headers to indicate the specific broadcast domain they belong to, VLANs allow you to assign either physical or virtual ports to reside within partitioned port groups within the existing LAN on the device. This enables you to create specialized domains that have common topical or geographical attributes, giving you flexibility in your network setup.

While multiple VLANs are distinct from one another, like multiple LANs, multiple VLANs can coexist on the same physical networking segment. VLANs require VLAN-aware networking devices to offer this kind of virtualization. These include switches, routers, and firewalls that can recognize, process, remove, and insert VLAN tags to direct packets to the correct VLAN location after arriving at the device.

1.1 VLAN Example

Imagine that you have a house with two floors, as shown in the diagram below. There are three computer stations connected to one switch on each floor, and the backbone line connects the switches. If you want to connect PC stations to two independent groups (VLAN1 and VLAN2 – see the diagram below), create a VLAN for each group because physically creating two separate networks would be complicated due to the two-floor setup.

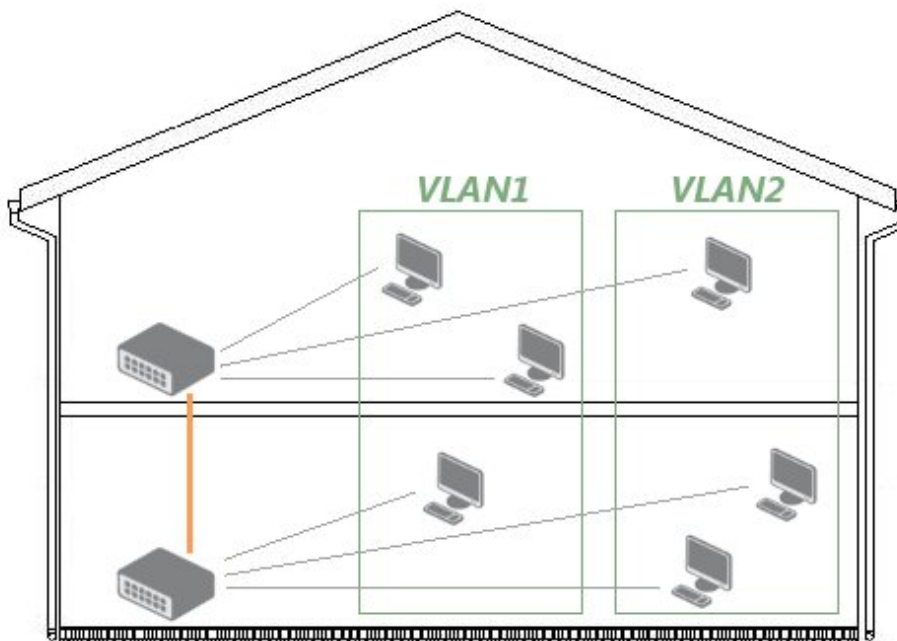


Figure 1: VLAN Example

2. Configuration



The following configuration is supported by routers with firmware 3.0.6 and later.

2.1 Create VLAN interface

It will be used eth1 interface. However, at first, it is necessary to have to bring the interface up without an IP address assigned to it before eth1 can be used.



```
ifconfig eth1 0.0.0.0 up
```

Now it can be created interface vlan 11 and vlan 12 on this eth1 interface. To create a vlan interface, use *vconfig add* command as below:



```
vconfig add eth1 11
Added VLAN with VID == 11 to IF -:eth1:-

vconfig add eth1 12
Added VLAN with VID == 12 to IF -:eth1:-
```

These commands (mentioned above) create virtual interfaces eth1.11 and eth1.12 that are considered by the system as other network devices so you can configure and assign IP addresses like others. You can see the VLAN interfaces by typing *ifconfig -a* command:



```
ifconfig -a

eth1.11 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:30:48:BF:4E:BD
BROADCAST MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
RX bytes:0 (0.0 b) TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)

eth1.12 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:30:48:BF:4E:BD
BROADCAST MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
RX bytes:0 (0.0 b) TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)
```

2.2 Assign IP address to the VLAN interfaces

The VLAN interfaces were successfully created on the previous section. Now we assign IP address on those interfaces using `ifconfig` command as below:



```
ifconfig eth1.11 192.168.11.254 netmask 255.255.255.0 up
ifconfig eth1.12 192.168.12.254 netmask 255.255.255.0 up
```

Make sure that the IP addresses were assigned successfully on the interfaces. It can be done by running the `ifconfig` command with interface name as a parameter:



```
ifconfig eth1.11

eth1.11 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:30:48:BF:4E:BD
10mm  inet addr:192.168.11.254 Bcast:192.168.11.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
UP BROADCAST MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
RX bytes:0 (0.0 b) TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)

ifconfig eth1.12

eth1.12 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:30:48:BF:4E:BD
inet addr:192.168.12.254 Bcast:192.168.12.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
UP BROADCAST MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
RX bytes:0 (0.0 b) TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)
```

3. Related Documents

You can obtain product-related documents on the **Engineering Portal** at icr.advantech.com.

To access your router's documents or firmware, go to the [Router Models](#) page, locate the required model, and select the appropriate tab below.

Documents that are common to all models and describe specific functionality areas are available on the [Application Notes](#) page.

The **Router Apps** installation packages and manuals are available on the [Router Apps](#) page.

If you are interested in further options for extending router functionality, either through scripts or custom Router Apps, please see the information available on the [Development](#) page.