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Introduction

In the modern digital world, all business organizations generate data for all their business operations. As it deals with a vast amount of digital assets, computer security is essential for protecting individuals and organizations from cyber threats. As given in the case, Network Co., Inc. is one of the software development organizations that requires establishing a new office and connecting with the existing organization's network. In addition to that, the organization requires that both primary and secondary offices maintain their entire network infrastructure to keep their information safe. The organization is dealing with important information, valuable assets, and information details; safeguarding all information is possible by strengthening the organization's infrastructure. This report will present the strategic placement of security devices and provide a plan for Network Co., Inc.'s business expansion.

TASK1: Draw a Network Diagram

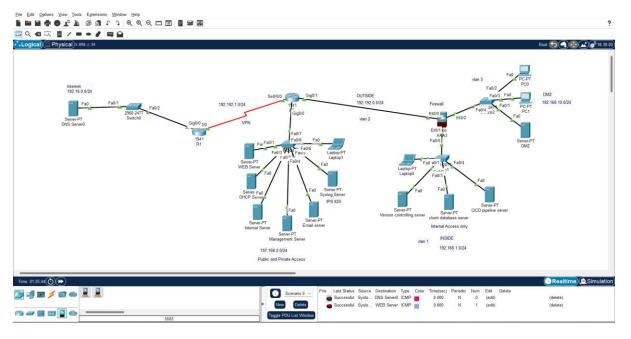


Figure 1 Network Diagram

The above-given diagram provides a detailed representation of the network diagram for Network Co., Inc. As given in the design, the internet is connected with firewalls before connecting to the routers as a secure model. Then the routers are directly accessed with primary and secondary internet service protocols [1]. After that, the router signal is captured over multiple switches for transmitting the data. Each department from both Network Co. Inc. will connect with the SE dev

department, QA development, IT team, security, management dev, and new office buildings. For protection, several mechanisms are included in the design, such as a firewall and DMZ. Finally, connect with the servers for enhanced communication. Through the servers, both offices can perform access control, monitoring, directory management, and emails.

TASK2: Justifying Network Security

In the context of Network Co Inc, the network security plays a paramount that should focuses on managing evolving landscape of all technology threats. It is significant that could able to manage data breaches, ransomware attacks, industrial espionage, disruption of system, information theft and build customer reputation [2].

Manage Data Breaches

Through the secure network design, the Network Co inc can able to handle valuable and sensitive data. It will be possible by adopting proprietary software information and by accessing client databases. Otherwise the data breaches will affect the unauthorized access to information, financial loss and cause reputational damage and legal consequences [3]. In addition to that protecting customer data is crucial that will maintain trust and focuses on safeguarding personal and financial information.

Restrict Ransomware attacks

As the organization consists of several critical files [4]. There is a possibility that ransomware attacks might disrupts business operation. By having a robust network security infrastructure, users can able to detect and prevent from ransomware attack. In addition to that the effective security protocols will mitigate the risk of DDoS attacks and its uninterrupted services.

Industrial Espionage

This organization is one of the leading software leader, there are more possibility that most of the cybercriminal will attack their network to steal proprietary information and innovative ideas. So that the network security is essential for safeguarding intellectual property and to protect valuable information [4].

Information Theft:

The overall network design focuses on having effective network security. The confidentiality assurance is more important for both the office because that directly involves in protect confidential client data and business strategies.

The network diagram consists of two internet connections from two internet service providers to ensure data redundancy and continuity. This will be helpful in managing the connection failure and enhancing continuity [5]. Each building is connected to the internet through a router, which directs traffic to the respective internet service providers. Finally, switches are placed to facilitate network connections among various devices. All the firewalls are strategically placed to control the incoming and outgoing traffic. The limited use of firewalls is protected by various cost considerations. The servers focus on controlling the overall operation and enhancing the connection through access control servers and other servers.

TASK3: Firewalls Placement

In the process of designing overall network security architecture, Network Co Inc focuses on placing firewall. The main reason for placing the firewall is for effective protection, cost factor, analysis on flow of data to make maximum impact.

Firewall Type	Location	Reasoning
External Firewalls	Internet - Internal	First line of defense against external threats, filtering
	Network	incoming traffic to allow only legitimate and safe data.
Perimeter Firewalls	Between Internet	Extra layer of protection, controlling traffic between
	Connections	different internet connections and the internal network.
Internal Firewalls	Between Departments	Protects sensitive data by controlling traffic between
		different departments, preventing unauthorized access.
Departmental	Between Specific	Enhances security by isolating and protecting servers
Firewalls	Departments	within each department from internal and external
		threats [6].
DMZ Firewalls	Entry and Exit Points of	Controls traffic entering and leaving the DMZ,
	DMZ	safeguarding servers that require public access from

		potential threats.	
BYOD and	Entry Points for External	Secures external devices accessing the network,	
Remote Access	Devices	ensuring compliance with security policies and	
		protecting against threats introduced through external	
		devices.	

The placement of all the firewall helps all the management division by adopting overall critical function and to safeguard all the data by managing internal and external threats. In addition to that identify the DMZ control traffic by protecting servers and adoption on model with public access such as web servers [5]. In addition to that there were several security policies against potential threats for creating security zone on controlling overall data flows and minimize security breaches.

Overall Benefits

- The placement of firewall effectively secure overall network without overburdening in cost factor.
- The strategic placement creates security zone on offering protection to critical assets, control data flow and minimize data breaches [6].

By implementing the placement, Network Co Inc can able to achieve a balance for cost effectiveness, robust network security and availability of its data and services.

TASK4: DMZ Configuration

Demilitarized Zone

It is a critical component of network architecture that is place in external and internal network. It is high designed for enhancing services and to access from internal network.

DMZ Configuration

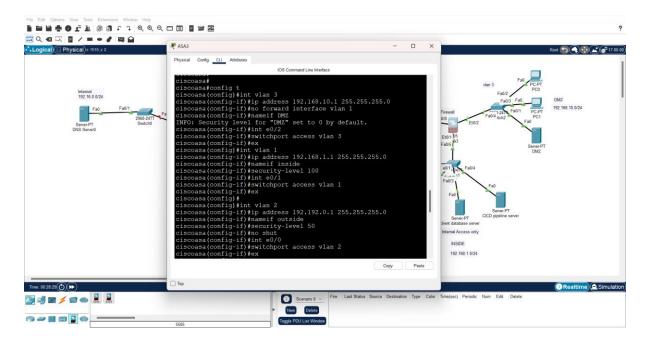
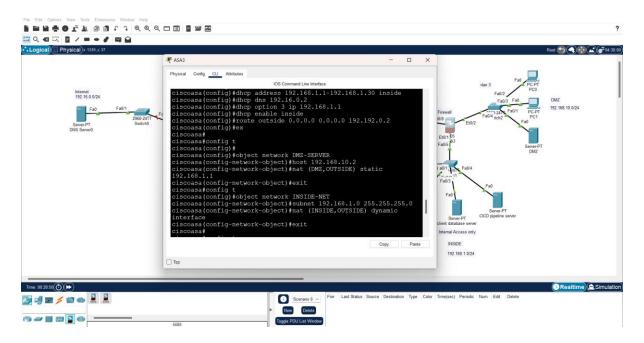
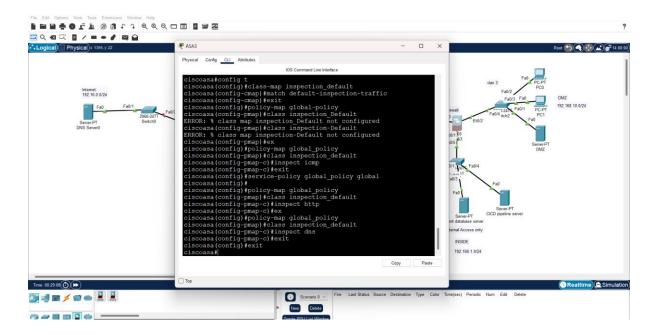


Figure 2 Figure for DMZ

The firewall is focusing on deploying firewall at entry and exit points.

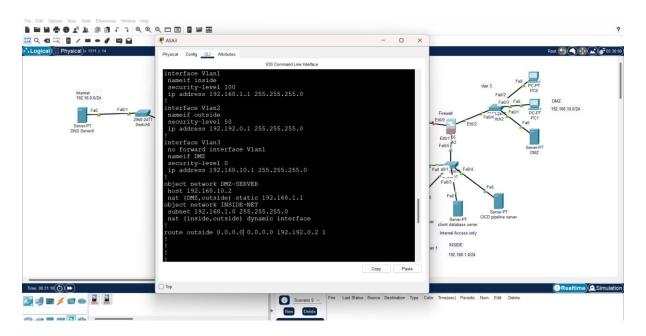


The configuration shows that this would allow only necessary traffics for web, email and DNS without blocking unauthorized access [7].

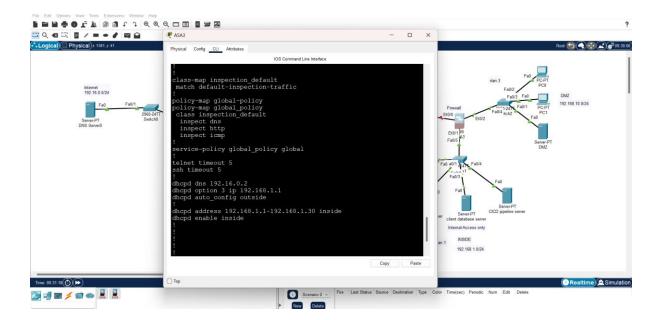


The Intrusion detection and prevention system is integrated with DMZ and improve their overall IPS devices and actively respond to prevent from overall security posture.

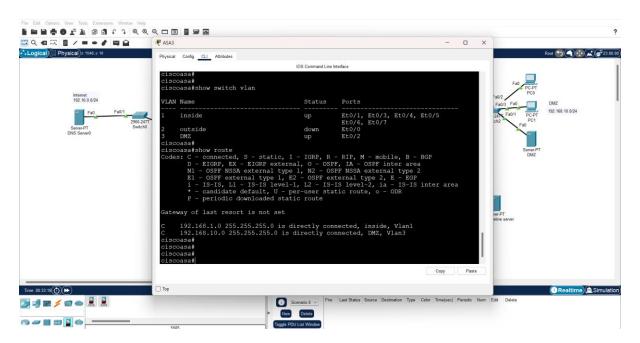
Show Run



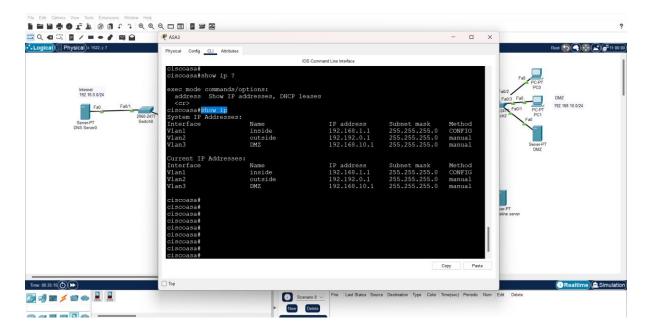
The traffic encryption is implemented to employ with security protocols such as HTTPS for web servers and to adopt with proper configuration to secure overall transmission.



This will provide entire protection to eaves dropping and data interception.

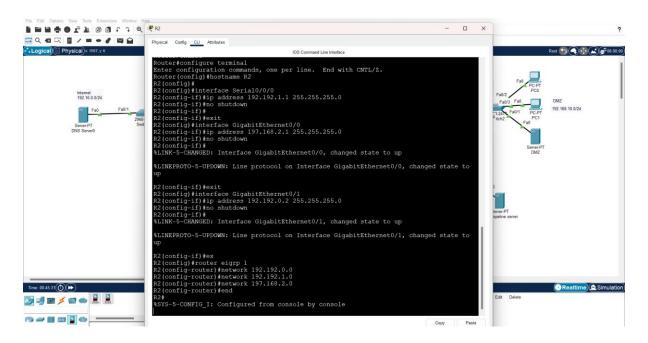


The above given image shows all the gateway information.

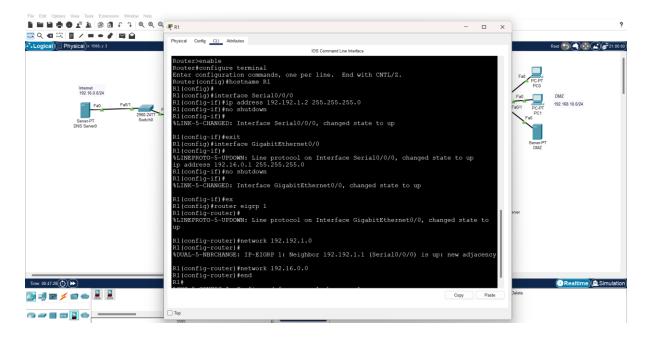


Finally, the logging and monitoring has been implemented for all the DMZ activities that will offer overall protection and by detecting all anomalies.

Router Configuration

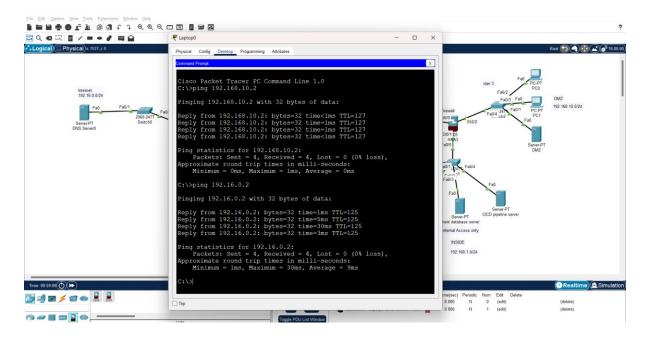


Connection for router is established in this network

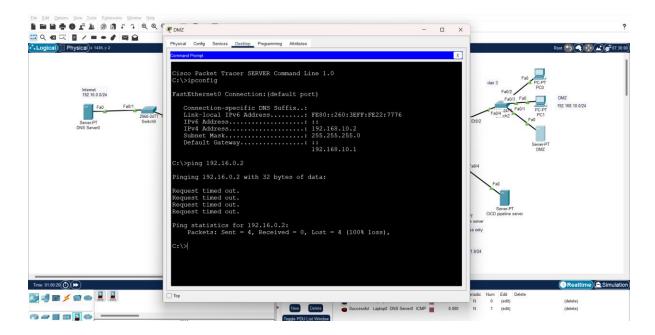


As given above, all the routers were placed.

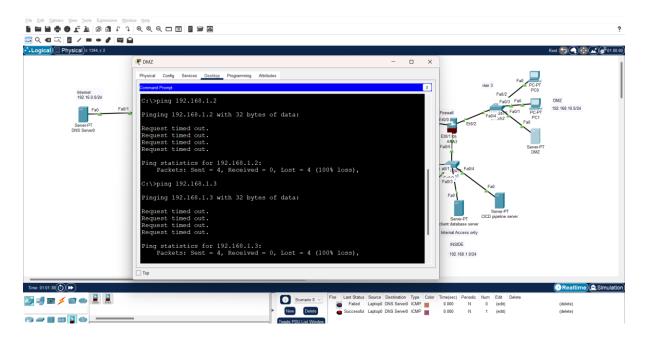
Ping



Perform ping operation to enhance the connectivity and it shows that the connection has been established.

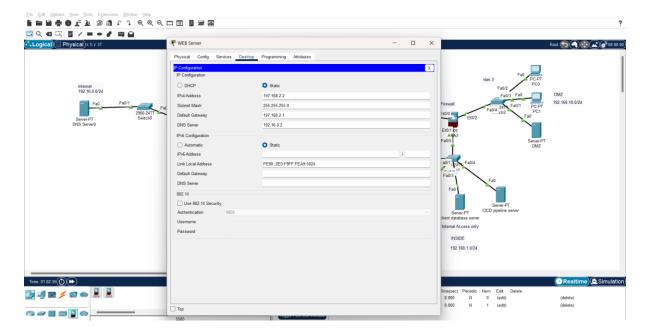


The packet send and received information were loaded without any delays.

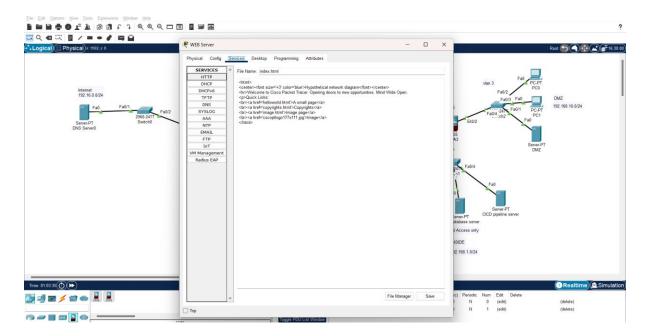


The packet loss details have been measured and managed with the timed out delay details entitled in it.

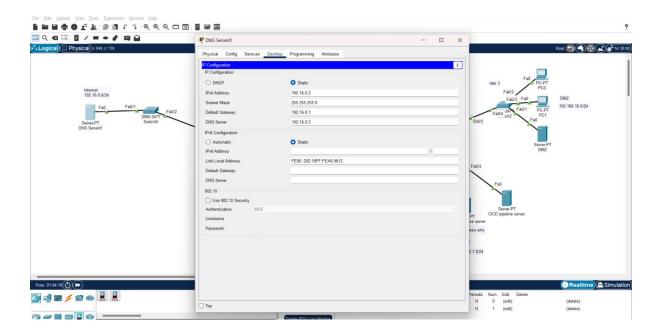
Web



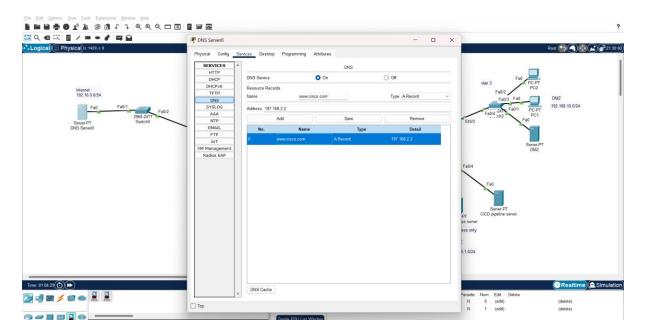
Choose the desktop in web application column and access to the static web details.



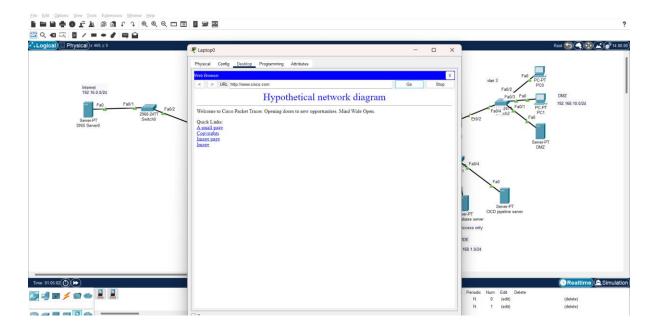
The HTTP connection were established and selected for loading overall information.



The static information has been chosen by enabling link local address details.

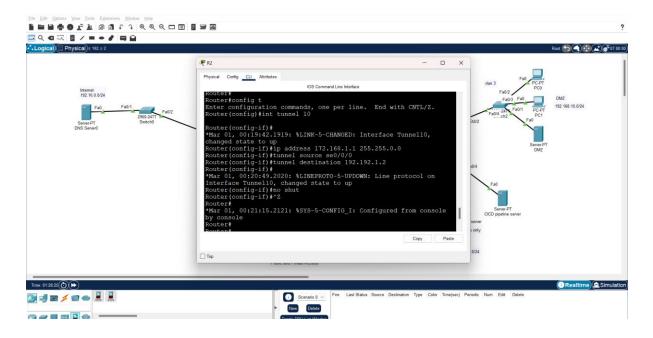


The service page is selected to enable DNS servers.

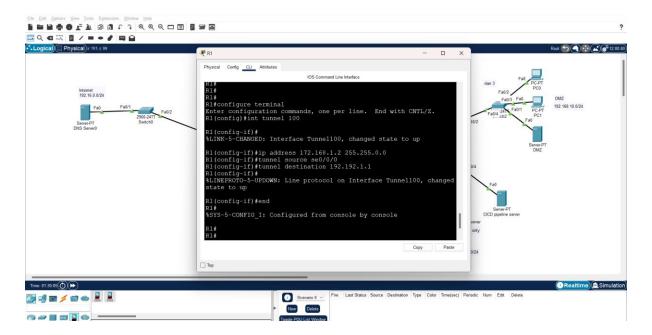


The webpage has been enabled for checking its entire services.

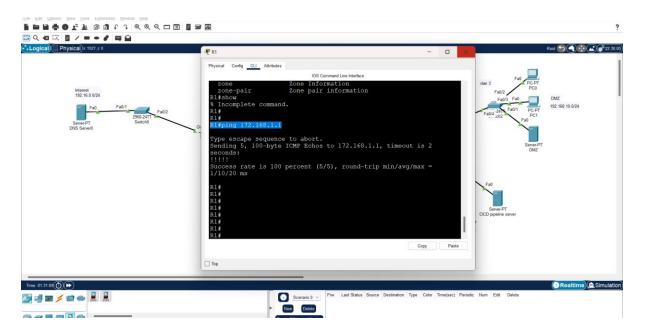
Vpn



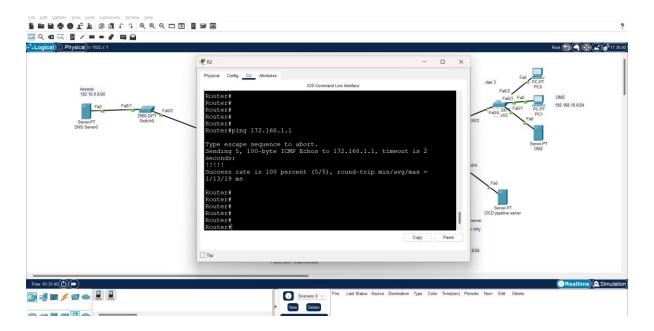
The VPN is established and connected with the configuration status without affecting it entirely.



The web server connectivity has provided and configuration successful on the same console.



The connectivity are enabled for successful pinging.



In overall now the success rate has made without any errors.

Components in DMZ

- The purpose of the web server is to host public facing website and services.
- The mail server is placed to facilitate external communication through mail without having email infrastructure. This will helpful in preventing email borne threats that might impact on internal network [7].
- The DNS servers are used to resolve domain names for external users. This will helpful in safeguarding DNS related attacks for ensuring smooth external access.
- Security servers are used for providing security services such as authentication and access control. This will enhance overall network security for Network Co Inc by performing several security checks.

Table for configuration

Devices	interface	Ip address	Network	Subnet mask
R1	Se0/0/0	192.192.1.2	192.192.1.0/24	255.255.255.0
	Gig0/0	192.16.0.1	192.16.0.0/24	255.255.255.0
R2	Se0/0/0	192.192.1.1	192.192.1.0/24	255.255.255.0

	Gig0/0	197.168.2.2	197.168.2.0/24	255.255.255.0
	Gig0/1	192.192.0.1	192.192.0.0/24	255.255.255.0
ASA	Ethernet0/0	192.192.0.1	192.192.0.0/24	255.255.255.0
	Ethernet0/1	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.0/24	255.255.255.0
	Ethernet0/2	192.168.10.1	192.168.10.0/24	255.255.255.0

Vpn

Devices	Ip address	Network	Subnet mask
R1	172.168.0.1	172.168.0.0/16	255.255.0.0
R2	172.168.0.2	172.168.0.0/16	255.255.0.0

IPS IDS

Devices	Ip address	Network	Subnet mask
Syslog Server	197.168.2.6	197.168.2.0/24	255.255.255.0

TASK5: Additional Security Devices

The security devices incorporated with Network Co Inc for enhancing overall security posture of network.

Intrusion detection system

It is placed in critical data points within internal network between different departments and

division. It is to be justified that IDS devices are adopted by monitoring overall network and

system activities by detecting unusual behavior and potential security threats [8]. The placement

of IDS devices requires comprehensive coverage and allows early detection.

Virtual Private Network Concentrator

The strategic position of VPN in this device is on internal network and accessed over external

location. The advantages of VPN placement are to ensure secure and encrypted communication.

This strategic placement provides secure access on maintaining control and visibility over remote

connection.

Network Access Control System

The deployment of NAC devices acts as an entry point for overall internal network and this will

comply with all security policies. It is to be justified that NAC devices supports to streamline

endpoint management and to grant overall network access [9].

Intrusion Prevention System

The strategic position of IPS placement is placed between internal network and border between

different department. The advantages were including detection and prevention from potential

intrusion and proactively defend from threats to compromise network integrity. It will actively

block overall malicious traffic against data threats.

TASK6: Security Policies Enhancement

Password Management Policy:

Multifactor Authentication: Enforce MFA for sensitive accounts.

Regular Password Changes: Mandate periodic password updates.

Password Complexity: Specify complex password requirements [10].

Data Classification and Handling Policy:

Data Sensitivity Levels: Classify data (public, internal, confidential).

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Encryption Protocols: Enforce encryption for data in transit and at rest.

Remote Access Policy:

VPN Usage: Require VPNs for remote access.

Endpoint Security: Mandate updated antivirus and endpoint protection.

Logging and Monitoring: Implement comprehensive remote access logs.

Network Security Policy:

Firewall Rules: Clearly define and regularly review rules [11].

Intrusion Prevention Measures: Implement automatic threat detection and response.

Bring Your Own Device Policy:

Device Registration: Approve and register personal devices.

Mobile Device Management: Enforce MDM for mobile security.

Employee Training and Awareness Policy:

Regular Training Sessions: Conduct ongoing security training.

Incident Reporting: Clearly define the incident reporting process.

Security Audits: Schedule regular security audits and adapt policies accordingly.

Conclusion

Thus, the report has proposed Network Co. Inc. network security design and implemented robust protection methods for enhancing operational efficiency. The entire network design places all its essential components, integrated with supplementary security devices, etc., for managing all its diverse threats. Through effective security policies, organizations can adopt employee training, improve password management, and protect their data through a resilient framework. Overall, the design focuses on safeguarding all critical assets of the organization and fostering customer trust.

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