

Denver, Colorado
October 11-13, 1995

Rising Star Research K. Karl Shimada kkarl@netcom.com



- Supports all 802 LAN technologies
 - 802.3 Ethernet
 - 802.3u 100BASE-T
 - 802.4 Token Bus
 - 802.5 Token Ring
 - 802.6 DQDB
 - 802.9 Isochronous Ethernet
 - 802.11 Wireless LAN
 - 802.12 Demand Priority



- Supports both Spanning Tree and Source Routed network topologies
 - Spanning Tree
 - » Single Spanning Tree per VLAN?
 - » Single Spanning Tree covering multiple VLANs?
 - Source Routing

» ?

 VLANs shall be transparent to end systems once "active"



 Communications between VLANs shall be supported at Layer 3 or higher





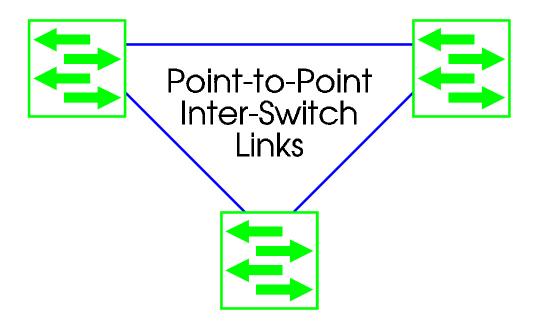
- Provides the "simple" creation of VLANs as a superset to existing adds, moves and changes
 - Drag and drop
 - Learn existing network topologies
 - Default policy tables
 - Default VLAN definition
- Provides "firewalls" between VLANs
 - Minimize / Eliminate leakage
- Performance "similar" to existing Bridged networks
 - Provide proactive traffic / loading management



- Will adapt to changing network topologies without network management intervention
 - Adding bridges to the network
 - Adding/Deleting links between switches
- Allows station mobility
 - Only in MAC-based VLANs
- Provides a standard method of "sharing"
 VLAN topology information
 - Switch configuration
 - Inter-Switch Links
- End-to-End flow control will be provided

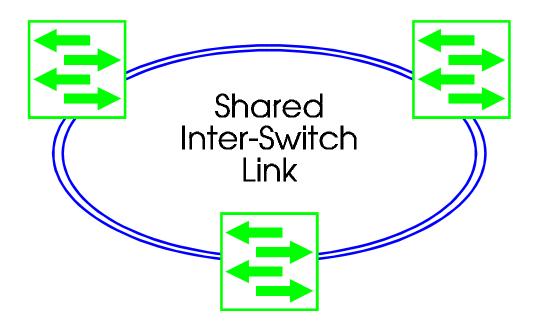


 Inter-Switch links shall support point-to-point, switched, as well as shared LAN connections



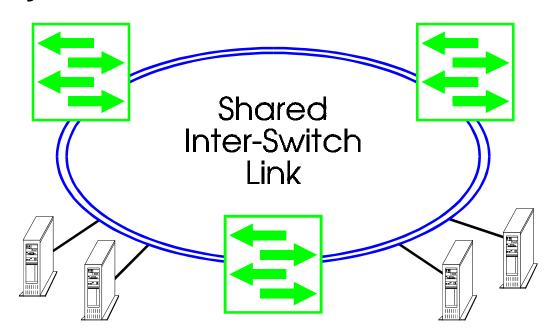


 Inter-Switch links shall support point-to-point, switched, as well as shared LAN connections





• Shared LAN IS-IS links shall support multiple end systems





- Enhanced VLAN services will be "allowed"
 - Protocol grouping
 - Quality of service
 - Application groups
- Will interoperate with existing stations
 - NICs
 - Drivers
- Will interoperate with existing 802.1D bridges
 - Spanning Tree
 - Source Routing
 - Source Routing Transparent



- Shall include defined management objects (join, leave, merge, partition)
 - Creation and deletion of VLANs
 - Addition of ports/stations/IS devices to VLANs
 - Changing ports/stations/IS devices on VLANs
 - Moving ports/stations/IS devices from one VLAN to another
 - Remove ports/stations/IS devices from VLANs
- Network management stations will be able to monitor all VLANs in an 802.1D Bridged LAN
 - Physical view
 - Logical view