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WLAN CONFIGURATION

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INTRODUCTION

This lab exercise was designed to simulate and configure both a home wireless network and an enterprise wireless environment using a Wireless LAN Controller (WLC). It involved hands-on tasks that reflect real-world networking scenarios, including securing wireless access, assigning IP addresses, and enabling authentication protocols.

In Part 1, the focus was on configuring a home wireless router. This included assigning an IP address, setting up the 2.4GHz wireless interface with a specific SSID and channel, enabling WPA2 Personal security, changing the default password, and connecting wireless clients like a laptop, tablet, and smartphone. Connectivity was verified through successful pings and web server access.

In Part 2, the lab shifted to an enterprise-level setup with a WLC. The configuration included setting up two VLAN interfaces (WLAN 2 and WLAN 5), each with its own IP configuration. One WLAN was secured using WPA2-PSK, and the other used WPA2-Enterprise with RADIUS server authentication. Additional configurations included an internal DHCP scope for management and SNMP settings for network monitoring. WLANs were created and assigned SSIDs, interfaces, and authentication methods, followed by FlexConnect settings. Client devices were then connected and tested for network access and server communication.

PACKET TRACER WLAN CONFIGURATION

CONFIGURE A HOME WIRELESS ROUTER

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for a Home Wireless Router. The 'Config' tab is active, and the 'Network Setup' section is expanded. The 'Internet Connection type' is set to 'Automatic Configuration - DHCP'. The 'Router IP' section shows an IP Address of 192.168.6.1 and a Subnet Mask of 255.255.255.224. The 'DHCP Server Settings' section shows the DHCP Server is 'Enabled', with a Start IP Address of 192.168.6.3, a Maximum number of Users of 20, and an IP Address Range of 192.168.6.3 - 22. The 'Static DNS' and 'WINS' sections are also visible.

Home Wireless Router

Physical Config **GUI** Attributes

Internet Connection type: Automatic Configuration - DHCP

Optional Settings (required by some internet service providers):

Host Name:

Domain Name:

MTU: Size: 1500

Network Setup

Router IP: IP Address: 192 . 168 . 6 . 1 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.224

DHCP Server Settings: DHCP Server: ☒ Enabled ☐ Disabled DHCP Reservation

Start IP Address: 192.168.6. 3

Maximum number of Users: 20

IP Address Range: 192.168.6. 3 - 22

Client Lease Time: 0 minutes (0 means one day)

Static DNS 1: 10 . 100 . 100 . 252

Static DNS 2: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

Static DNS 3: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

WINS: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

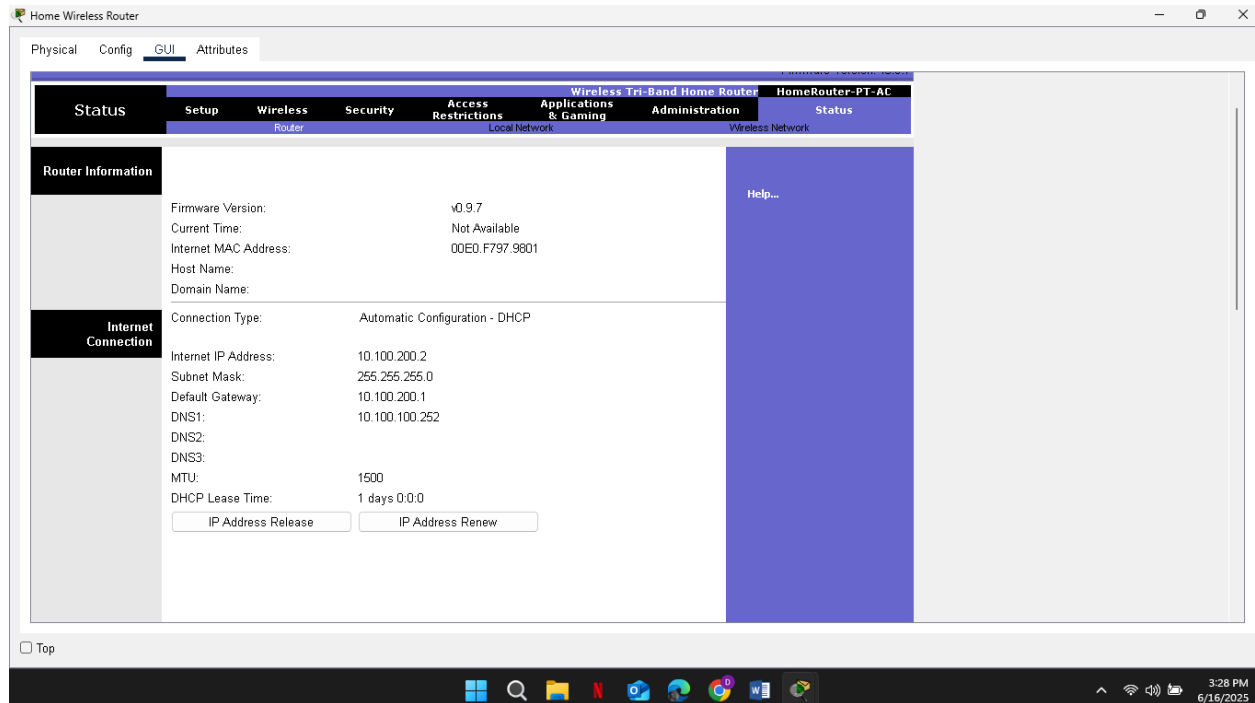
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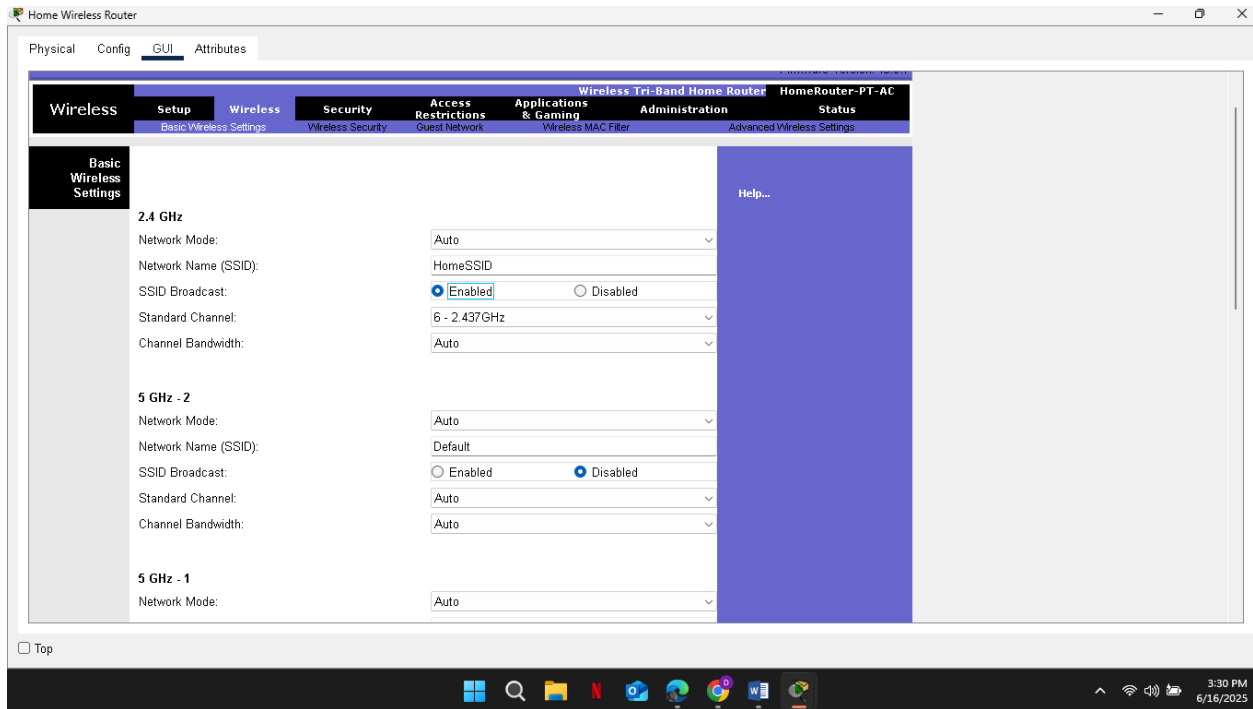
Verify the address. What address did it receive?

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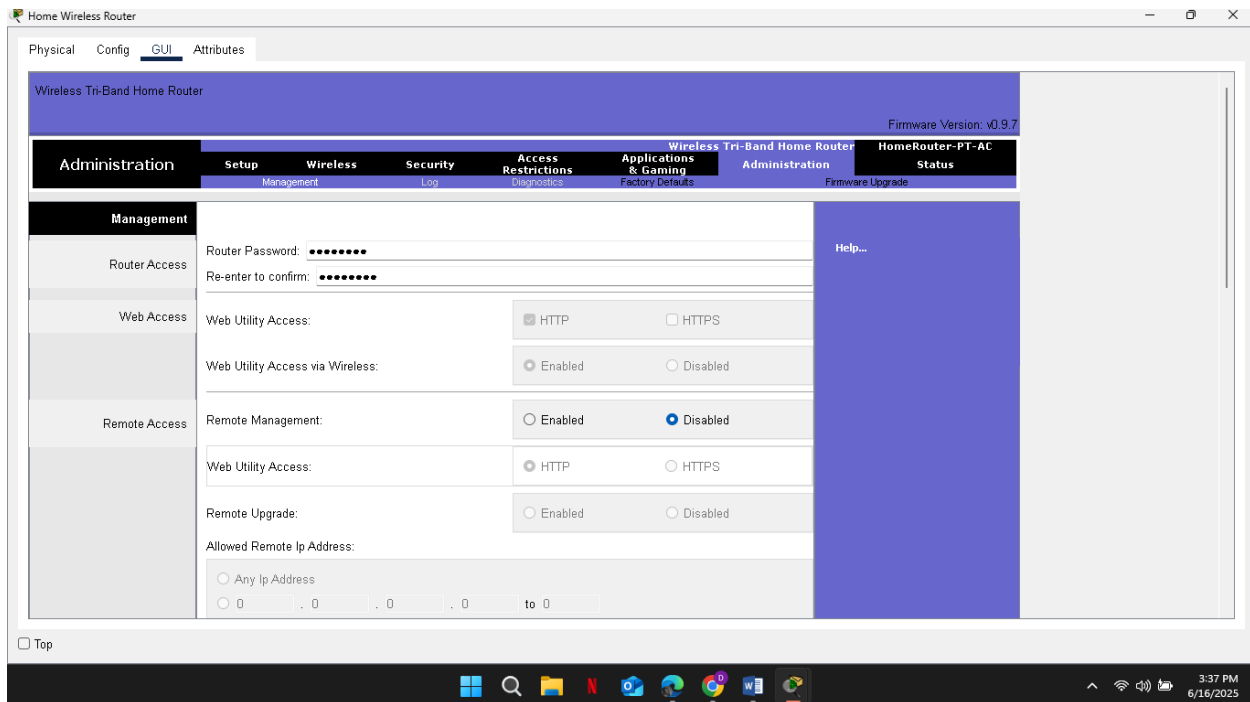
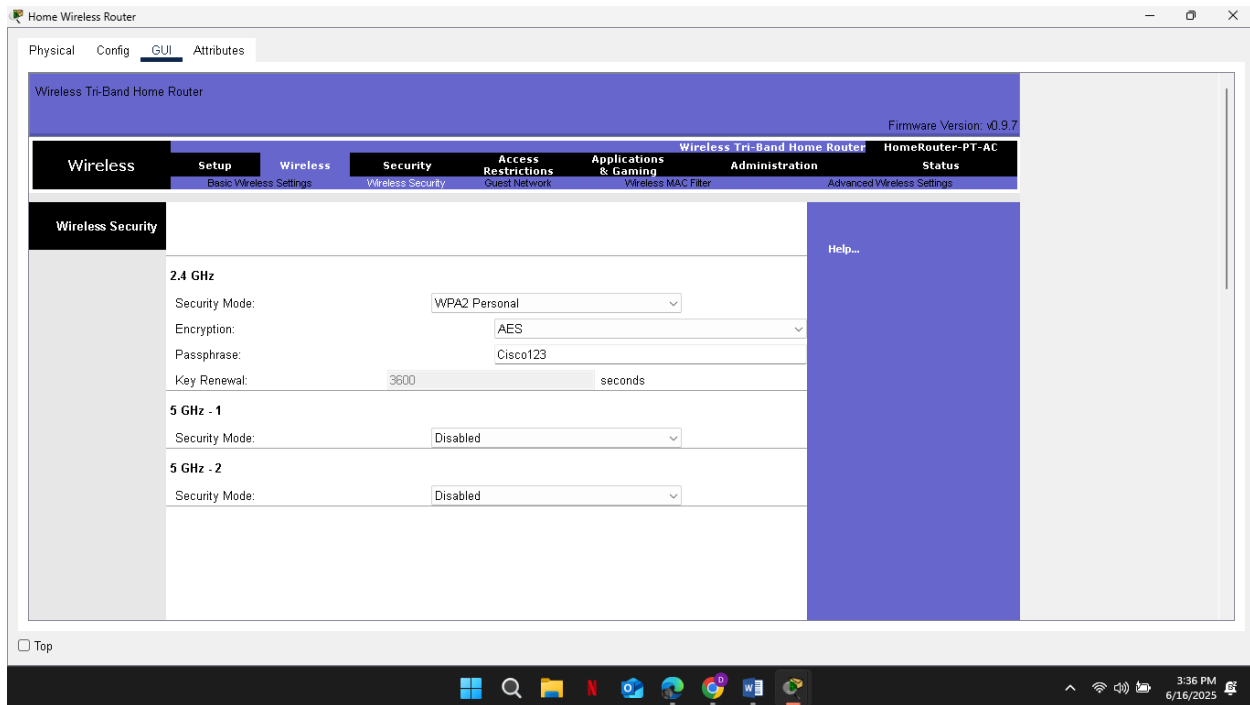
CONFIGURE WIRELESS LAN

- The network will use the 2.4GHz Wireless LAN interface. Configure the interface with the SSID shown in the Wireless LAN information table.
- Use **channel 6**.
- Be sure that all wireless hosts in the home will be able to see the SSID.



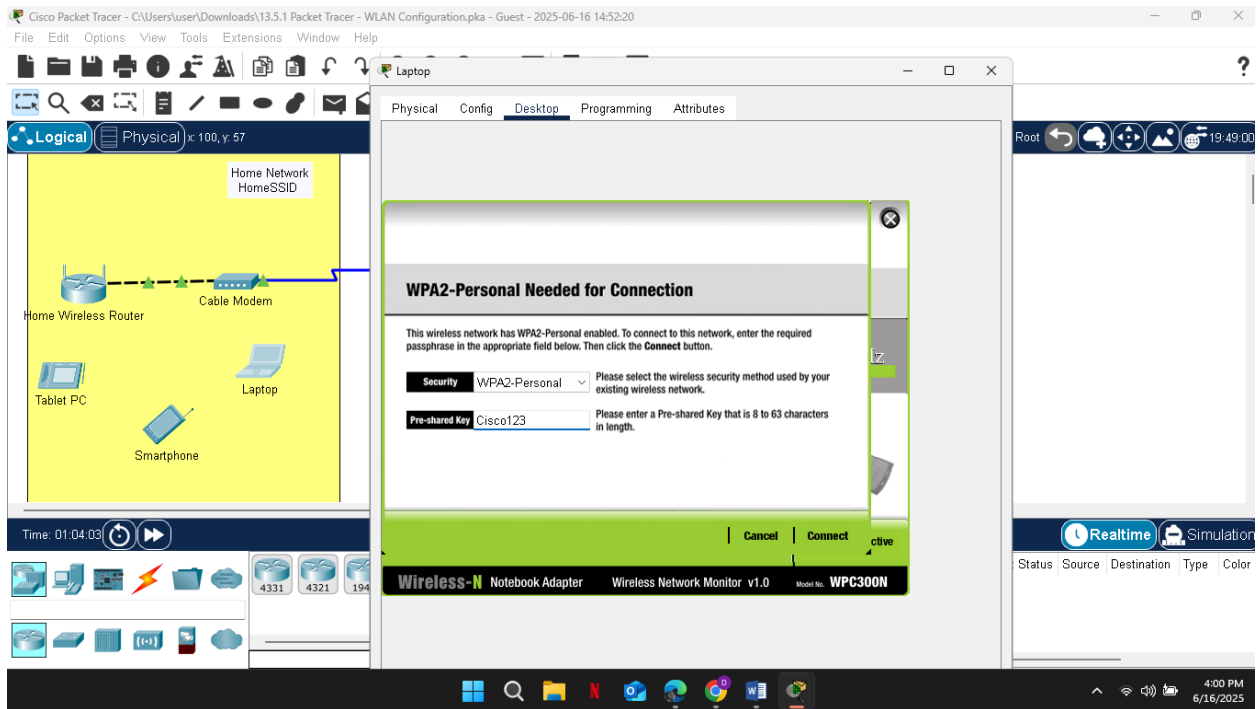
CONFIGURE SECURITY.

- Configure wireless LAN security. Use WPA2 Personal and the passphrase shown in the Wireless LAN information table.
- Secure the router by changing the default password to the value shown in the Wireless LAN information table.



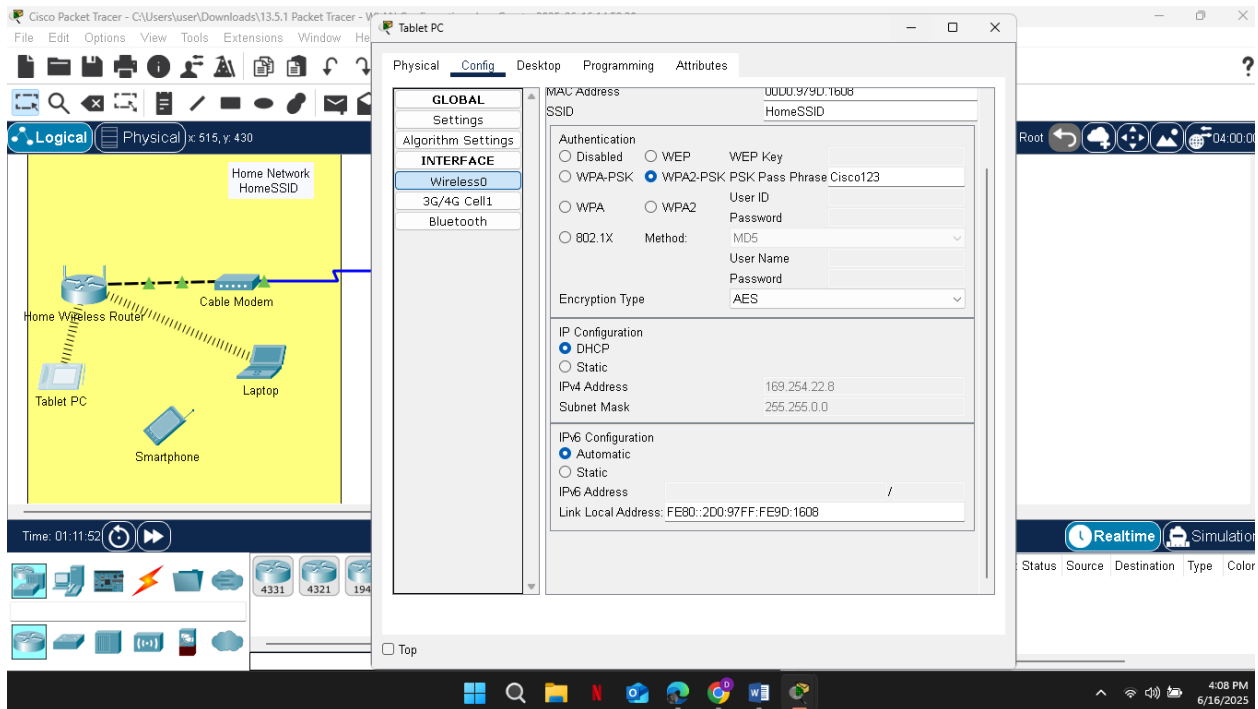
Connect clients to the network.

- Open the PC Wireless app on the desktop of the laptop and configure the client to connect to the network.



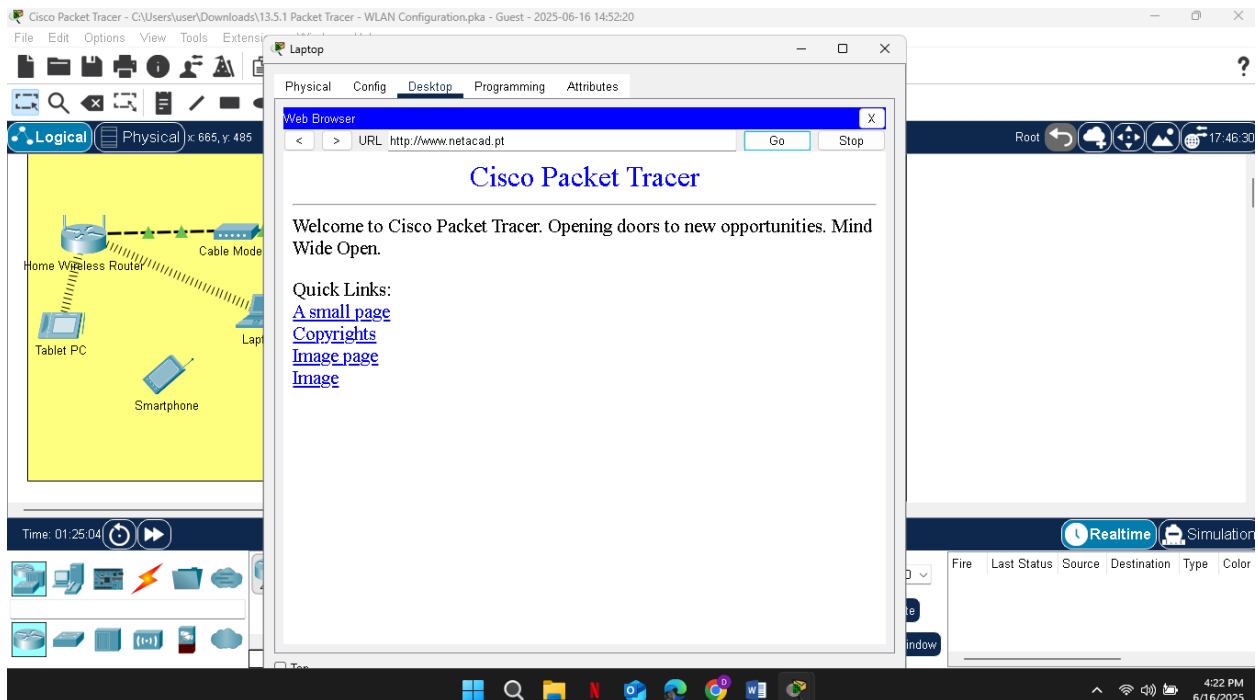
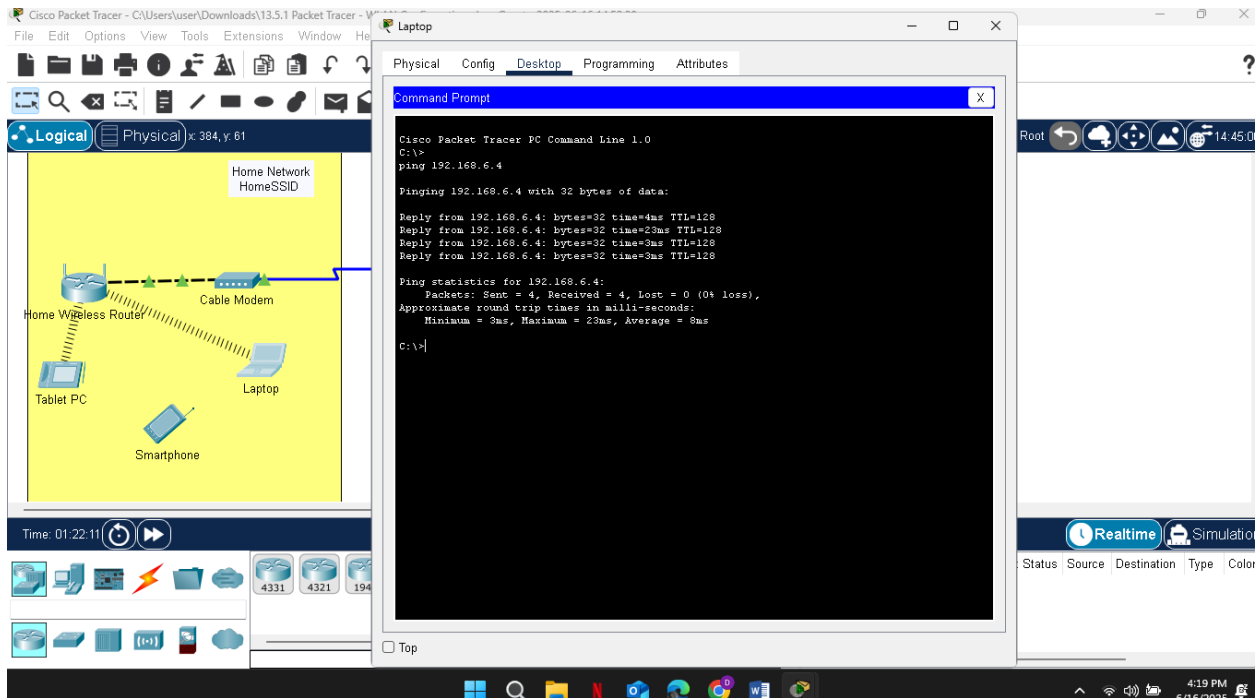
Inputting the password

b. Open the Config tab on the Tablet PC and Smartphone and configure the wireless interfaces to connect to the wireless network.

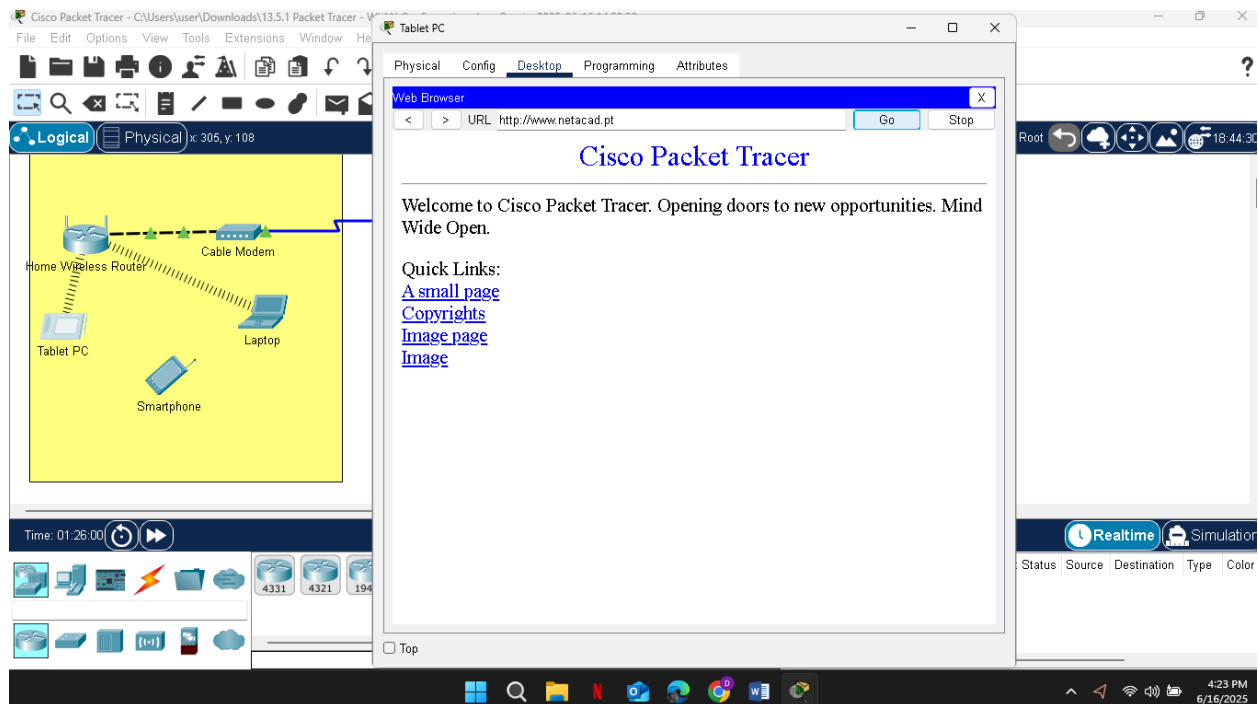


Shows the connection between the tablet and the router

c. Verify connectivity. The hosts should be able to ping each other and the web server. They should also be able to reach the web server URL



Laptop is able to access the web server



Tablet is also able to access web server

CONFIGURE A WLC CONTROLLER NETWORK

Configure the wireless LAN controller with two WLANs. One WLAN will use WPA2-PSK authentication. The other WLAN will use WPA2-Enterprise authentication. You will also configure the

WLC to use an SNMP server and configure a DHCP scope that will be used by the wireless management network.

CONFIGURE VLAN INTERFACES.

Enterprise Admin

Physical Config Desktop Programming Attributes

Web Browser

URL: https://192.168.100.254/frameInterfaceEdit.html

Go Stop

Save Configuration Ping Logout Refresh

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MONITOR WLANs CONTROLLER WIRELESS SECURITY MANAGEMENT COMMANDS HELP FEEDBACK Home

Controller

General

Inventory

Interfaces

Interface Groups

Multicast

Internal DHCP Server

Mobility Management

Ports

NTP

CDP

Tunneling

IPv6

mDNS

Backup Port: 0

Active Port: 0

Enable Dynamic AP Management: ☐

Interface Address

VLAN Identifier: 2

IP Address: 192.168.2.254

Netmask: 255.255.255.0

Gateway: 192.168.2.1

DHCP Information

Primary DHCP Server: 192.168.2.1

Secondary DHCP Server:

DHCP Proxy Mode: Global

Enable DHCP Option 82: ☐

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Enterprise Admin

Physical Config Desktop Programming Attributes

Web Browser

URL: https://192.168.100.254/frameInterfaceEdit.html

Go Stop

Save Configuration Ping Logout Refresh

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Backup Port: 0

Active Port: 0

Enable Dynamic AP Management: ☐

Interface Address

VLAN Identifier: 5

IP Address: 192.168.5.254

Netmask: 255.255.255.0

Gateway: 192.168.5.1

DHCP Information

Primary DHCP Server: 192.168.5.1

Secondary DHCP Server:

DHCP Proxy Mode: Global

Enable DHCP Option 82: ☐

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CONFIGURE INTERNAL DHCP SCOPE

The screenshot shows the Cisco Enterprise Admin interface for configuring an internal DHCP scope. The browser address bar displays the URL `https://192.168.100.254/frameDhcpScopeEdit.html`. The interface includes a top navigation bar with tabs for Physical, Config, Desktop, Programming, and Attributes. The left sidebar shows the Controller menu with options like General, Inventory, Interfaces, and Internal DHCP Server. The main content area displays the configuration for a DHCP scope named "management".

Field	Value
Scope Name	management
Pool Start Address	192.168.100.235
Pool End Address	192.168.100.245
Network	192.168.100.0
Netmask	255.255.255.0
Lease Time (seconds)	86400
Default Routers	192.168.100.1, 0.0.0.0, 0.0.0.0
DNS Domain Name	Not Supported
DNS Servers	0.0.0.0, 0.0.0.0, 0.0.0.0
Netbios Name Servers	0.0.0.0, 0.0.0.0, 0.0.0.0
Status	Enabled

The interface also includes a "Top" link and a system tray at the bottom showing the time as 7:54 PM on 6/16/2025.

EXTERNAL SERVER CONFIGS

The screenshot shows the Cisco Enterprise Admin interface for configuring an external RADIUS server. The browser address bar displays the URL `https://192.168.100.254/frameRadiusCreate.html`. The interface includes a top navigation bar with tabs for Physical, Config, Desktop, Programming, and Attributes. The left sidebar shows the Security menu with options like AAA, RADIUS, and TACACS+. The main content area displays the configuration for a RADIUS Authentication Server.

Field	Value
Server Index (Priority)	1
Server IP Address(Ipv4/Ipv6)	10.6.0.254
Shared Secret Format	ASCII
Shared Secret
Confirm Shared Secret
Key Wrap	<input type="checkbox"/> (Designed for FIPS customers and requires a key wrap compliant RADIUS server)
Port Number	1812
Server Status	Enabled
Support for CoA	Disabled
Server Timeout	2 seconds
Network User	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable
Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable

The interface also includes a "Top" link and a system tray at the bottom showing the time as 7:56 PM on 6/16/2025.

CREATE THE WLANS.

The first screenshot shows the 'SNMP Trap Receiver > Edit' configuration page. The 'Community Name' is set to 'WLAN', the 'IP Address(Ipv4/Ipv6)' is '10.6.0.254', the 'Status' is 'Enable', and 'IPSec' is unchecked. The second screenshot shows the 'SNMP Trap Receiver' list page, which contains one entry with the name 'WLAN', IP address '10.6.0.254', status 'Enable', and IPsec 'Disable'.

SNMP Trap Receiver > Edit

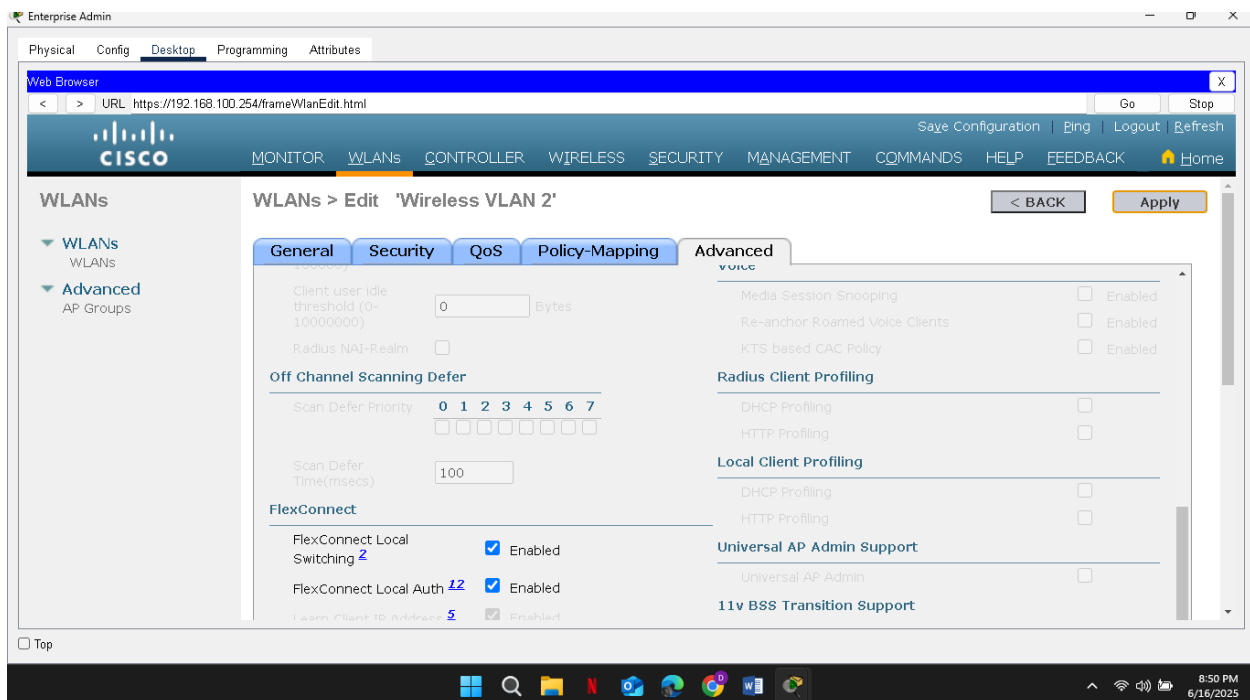
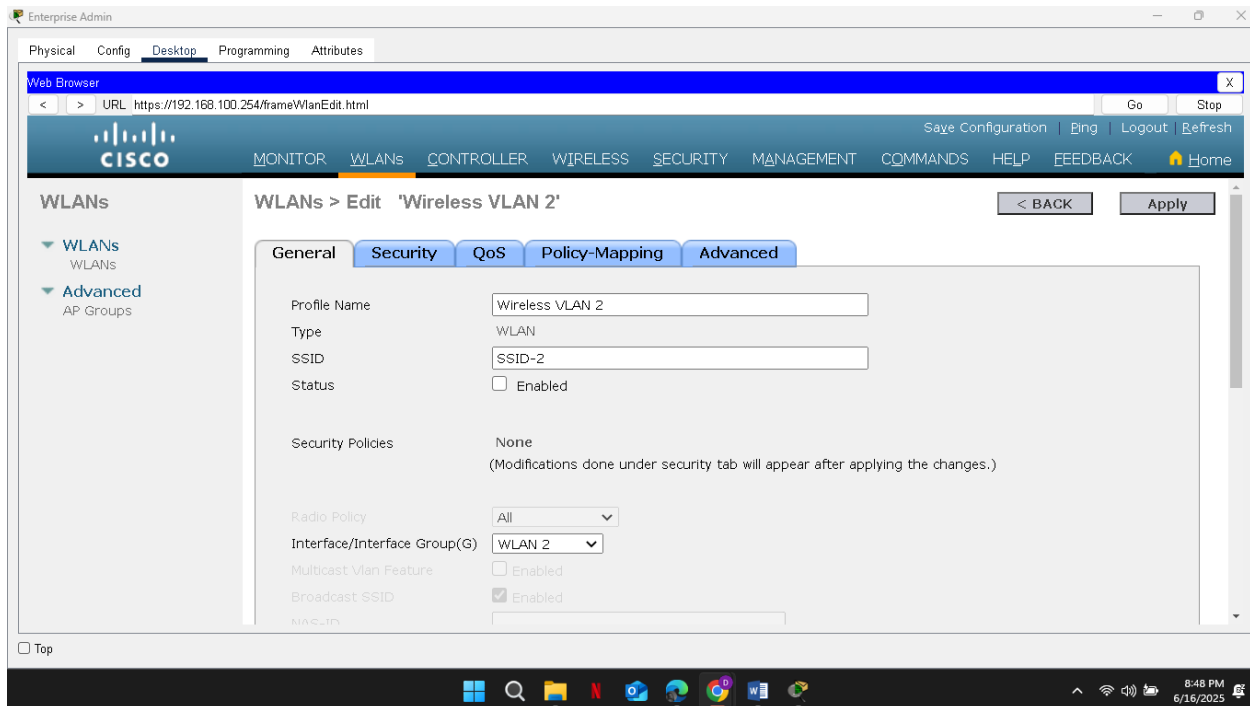
Community Name	WLAN
IP Address(Ipv4/Ipv6)	10.6.0.254
Status	Enable
IPSec	<input type="checkbox"/>

SNMP Trap Receiver

SNMP Trap Receiver Name	IP Address(Ipv4/Ipv6)	Status	IPSec
WLAN	10.6.0.254	Enable	Disable

Create the first WLAN: Profile Name: **Wireless VLAN 2**, WLAN SSID: **SSID-2**, ID: **2**, Interface: **WLAN 2**, Security: **WPA2-PSK**, Passphrase: **Cisco123**

Under the Advanced tab, go to the FlexConnect section. Enable **FlexConnect Local Switching** and **FlexConnect Local Auth**.

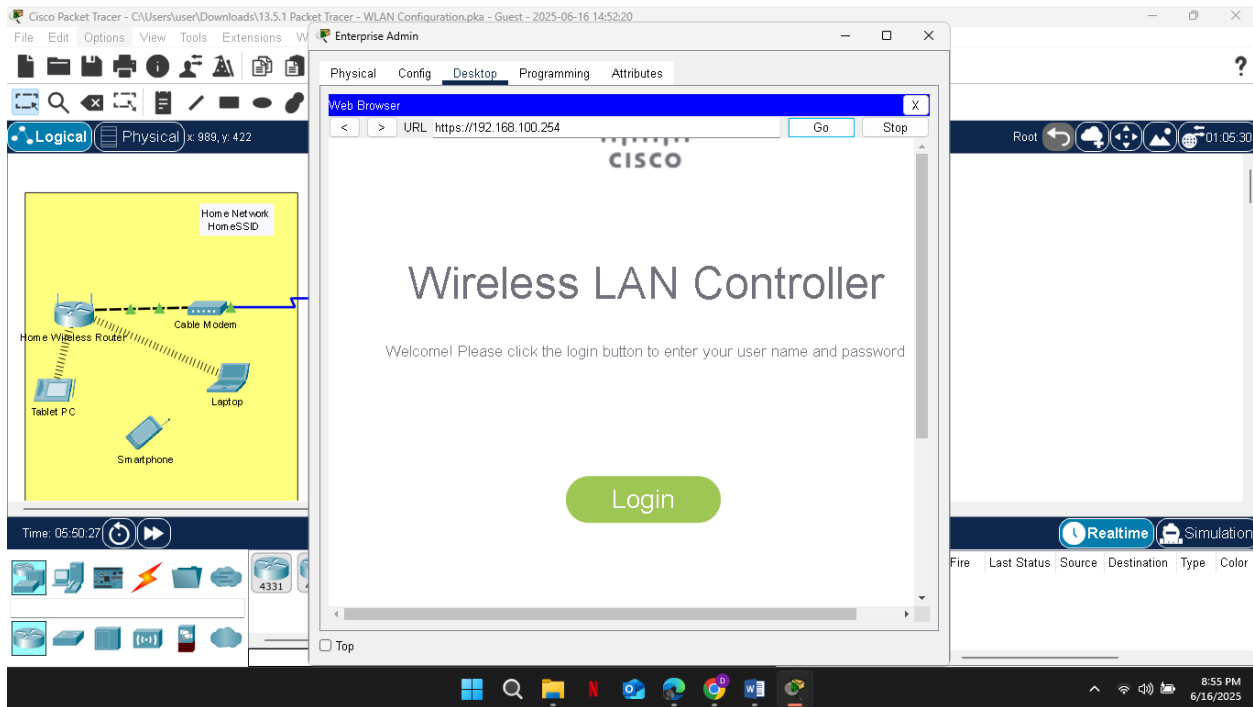


Create the second WLAN: Profile Name: **Wireless VLAN 5**, WLAN SSID: **SSID-5**, Interface: **WLAN 5**, ID: **5**, Security: **802.1x - WPA2-Enterprise**, Configure the WLAN to use the RADIUS server for authentication.

The screenshot displays the Cisco Enterprise Admin web interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Physical, Config, Desktop, Programming, and Attributes. The main content area is titled "WLANs" and features a sidebar with "WLANs" and "Advanced AP Groups". The main panel shows the configuration for a specific WLAN, with tabs for General, Security, QoS, Policy-Mapping, and Advanced. The "Security" tab is active, and the "Layer 2" sub-tab is selected. The configuration includes a dropdown for "Layer 2 Security" set to "WPA+WPA2", a checkbox for "MAC Filtering" which is unchecked, and a "Protected Management Frame" section with a "PMF" dropdown set to "Disabled". Below this, the "WPA+WPA2 Parameters" section shows checkboxes for "WPA Policy" and "WPA2 Policy", both of which are unchecked. The "Authentication Key Management" section includes checkboxes for "802.1X" (checked), "CKM" (unchecked), and "PSK" (unchecked), along with a "WPA gtk-randomize State" dropdown set to "Disable". The bottom of the interface shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system clock indicating 8:53 PM on 6/16/2025.

TEST CONNECTIVITY.

Test connectivity between the wireless hosts and the Web Server by ping and URL.



CONCLUSION

This lab provided a structured approach to setting up wireless networks in both home and enterprise contexts. The home network configuration demonstrated how to establish a secure, functional wireless environment with client connectivity and internet access.

The enterprise WLC setup allowed for a deeper understanding of network segmentation, security through both PSK and 802.1x methods, and integration with external services like DHCP and SNMP. Creating separate WLANs for different VLANs and authenticating users through a RADIUS server mirrored the kind of wireless infrastructure used in professional environments.

By the end of the lab, all client devices were able to successfully connect to their respective WLANs and communicate with the web server, confirming that the configuration was correct and functional. This exercise reinforced the importance of planning, securing, and testing wireless networks, especially when dealing with multi-layered environments like those found in modern organizations.