

**COURSE: CLOUD AND NETORK SECURITY**

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**WLAN CONFIGURATION**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

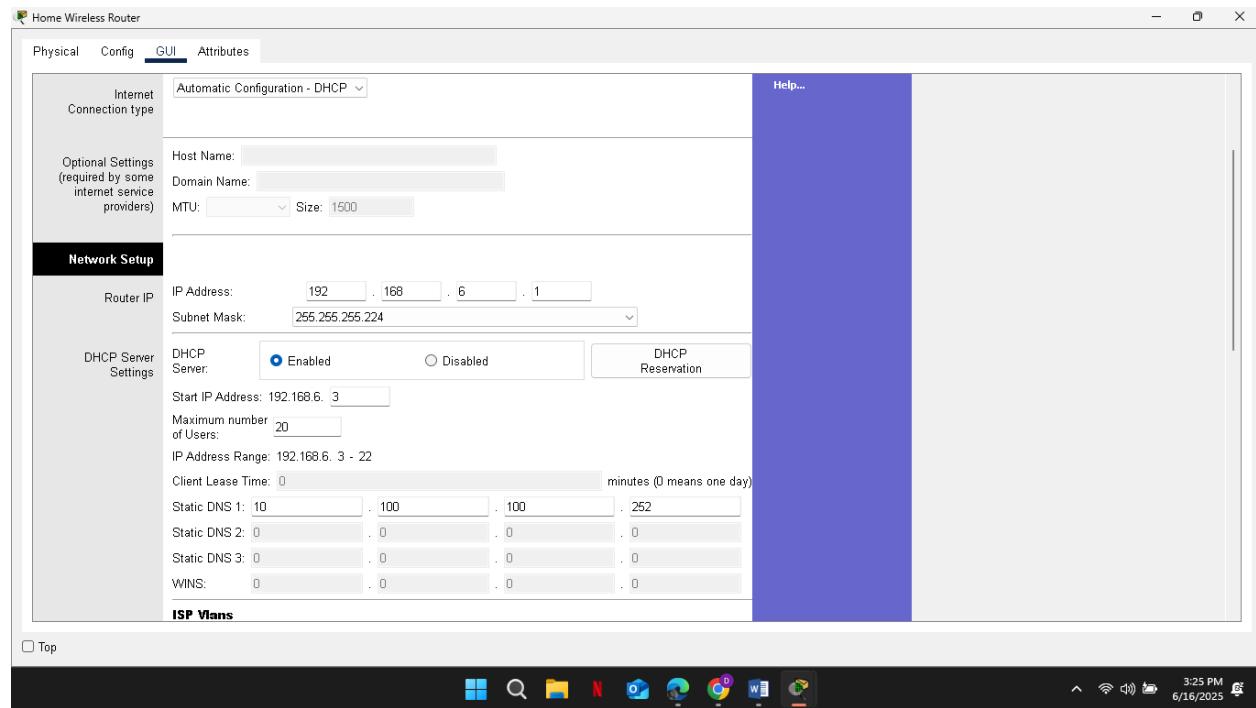
This lab exercise was designed to simulate and configure both a home wireless network and an enterprise wireless environment using a Wireless LAN Controller (WLC). It involved hands-on tasks that reflect real-world networking scenarios, including securing wireless access, assigning IP addresses, and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

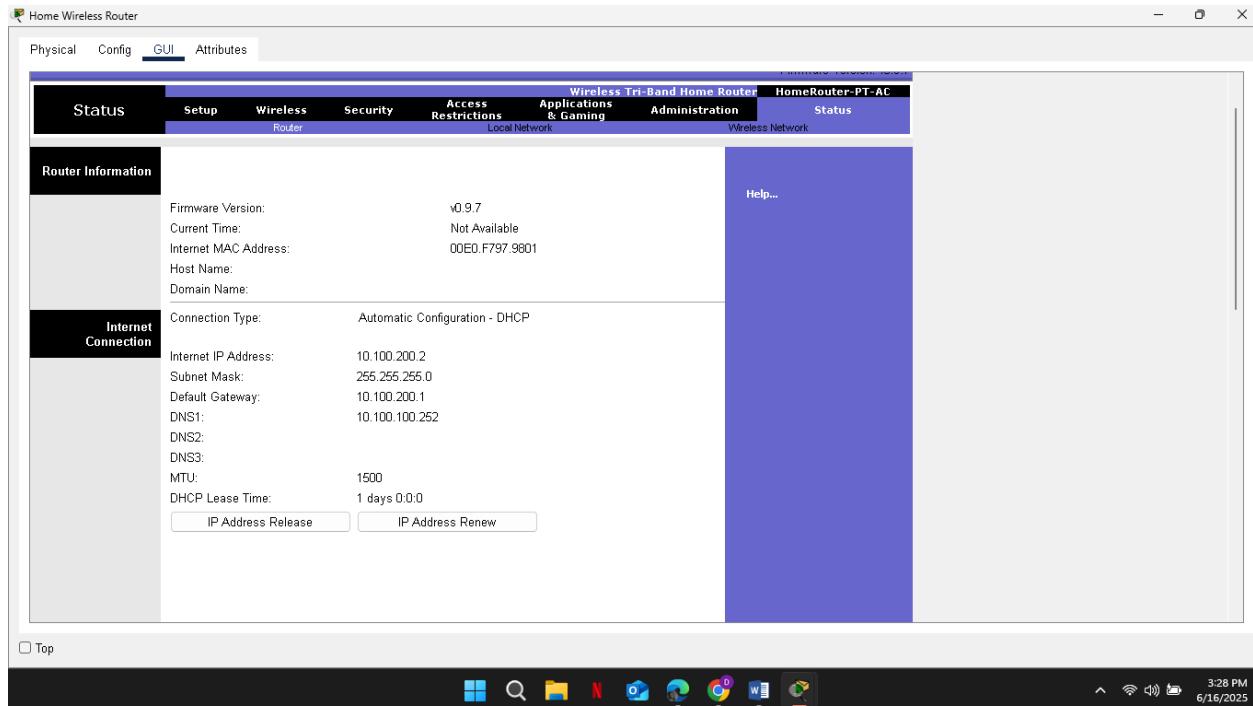
# PACKET TRACER WLAN CONFIGURATION

## CONFIGURE A HOME WIRELESS ROUTER



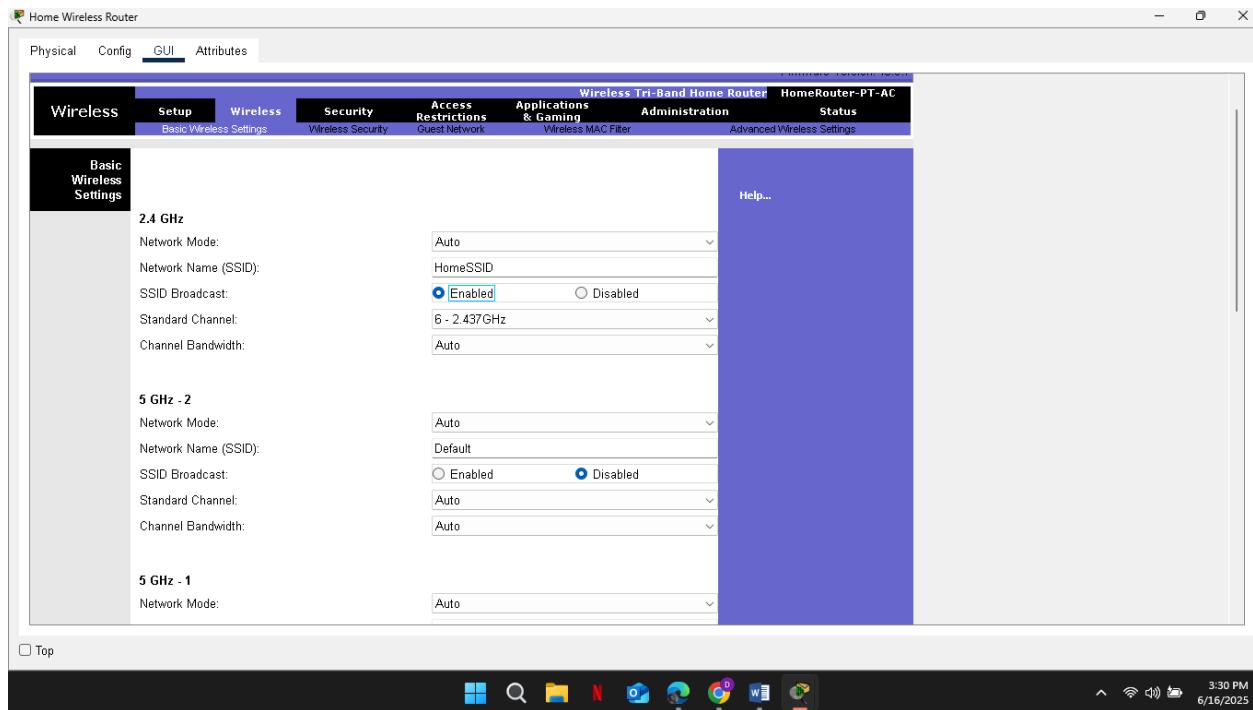
Verify the address. What address did it receive?

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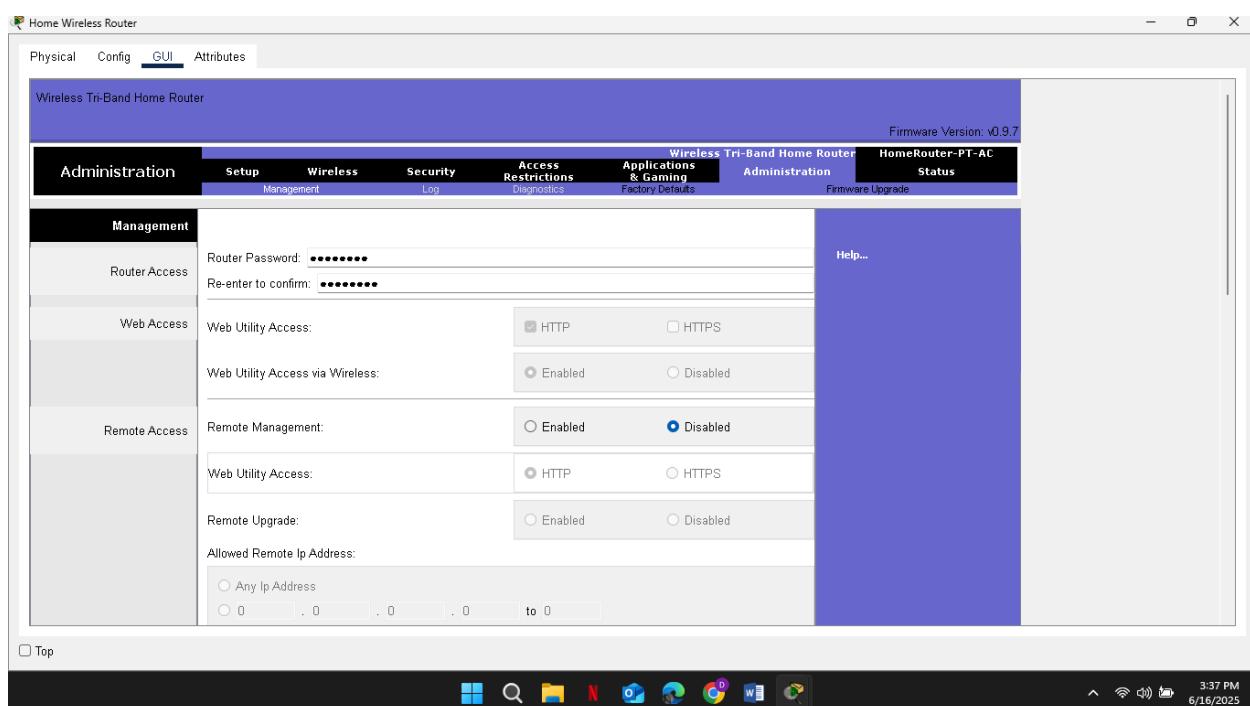
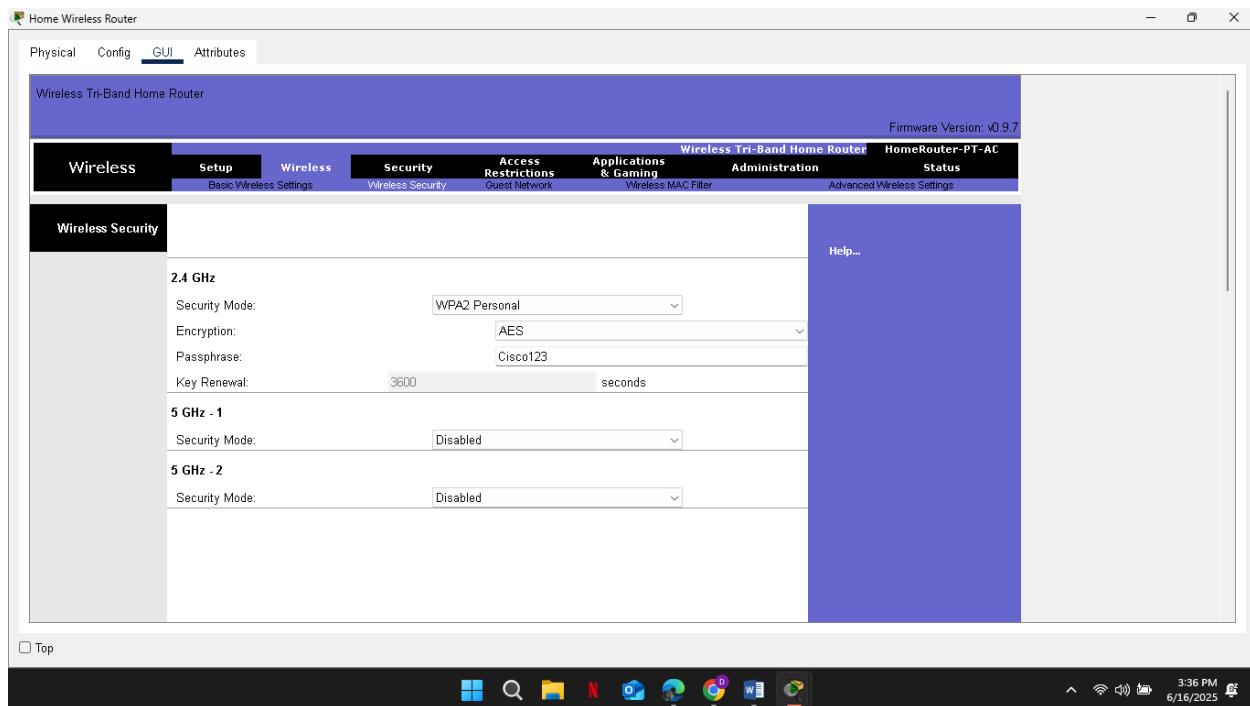
## CONFIGURE WIRELESS LAN

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



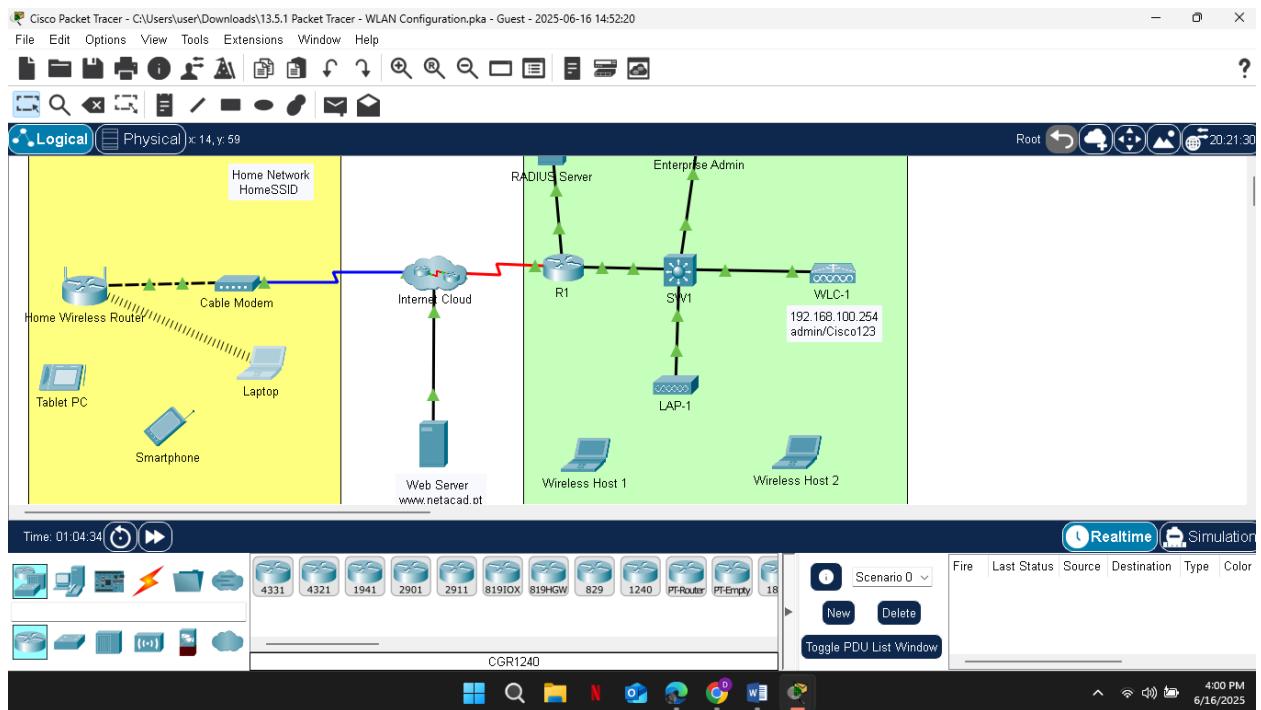
## CONFIGURE SECURITY.

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

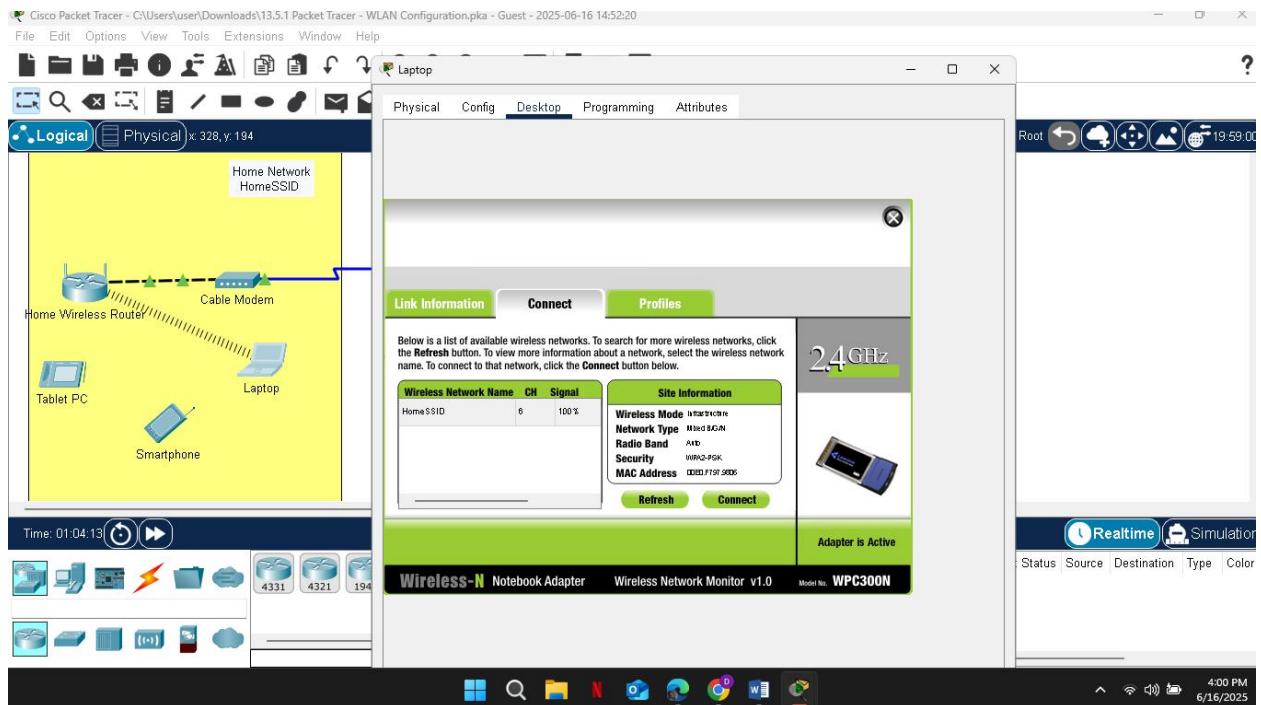


## Connect clients to the network.

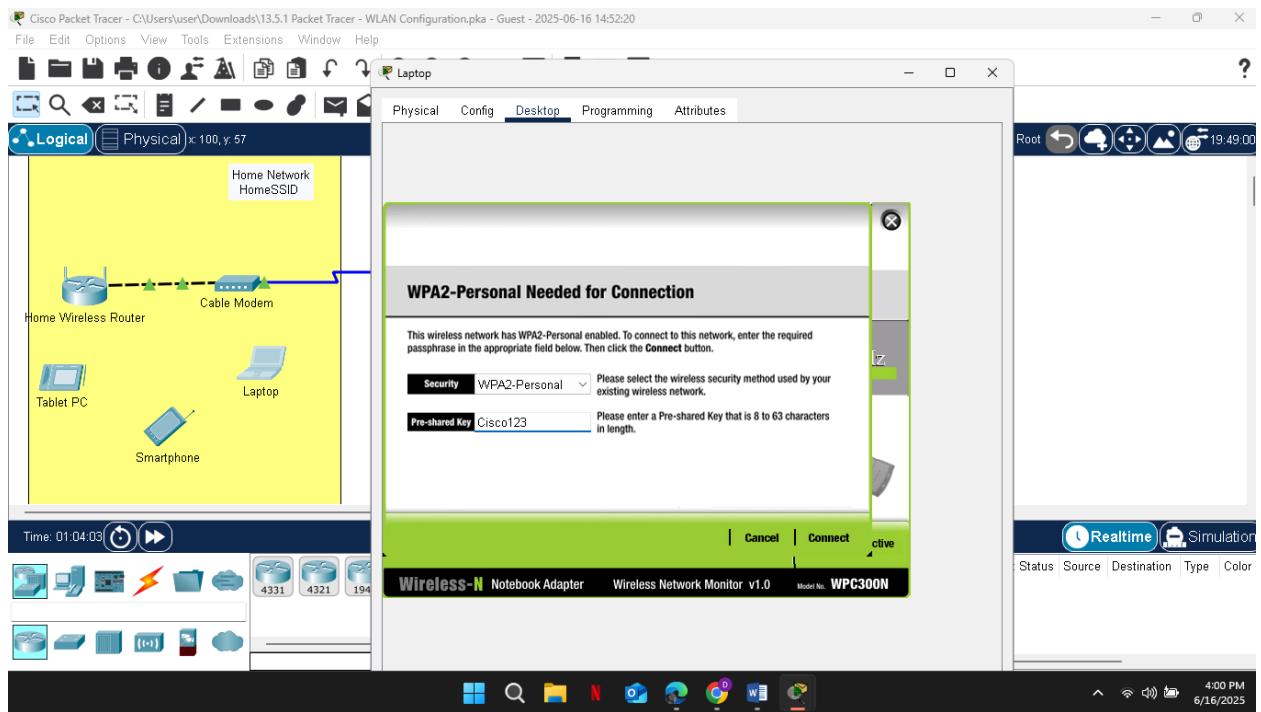
- Open the PC Wireless app on the desktop of the laptop and configure the client to connect to the network.



This shows an active connection between the router and the laptop

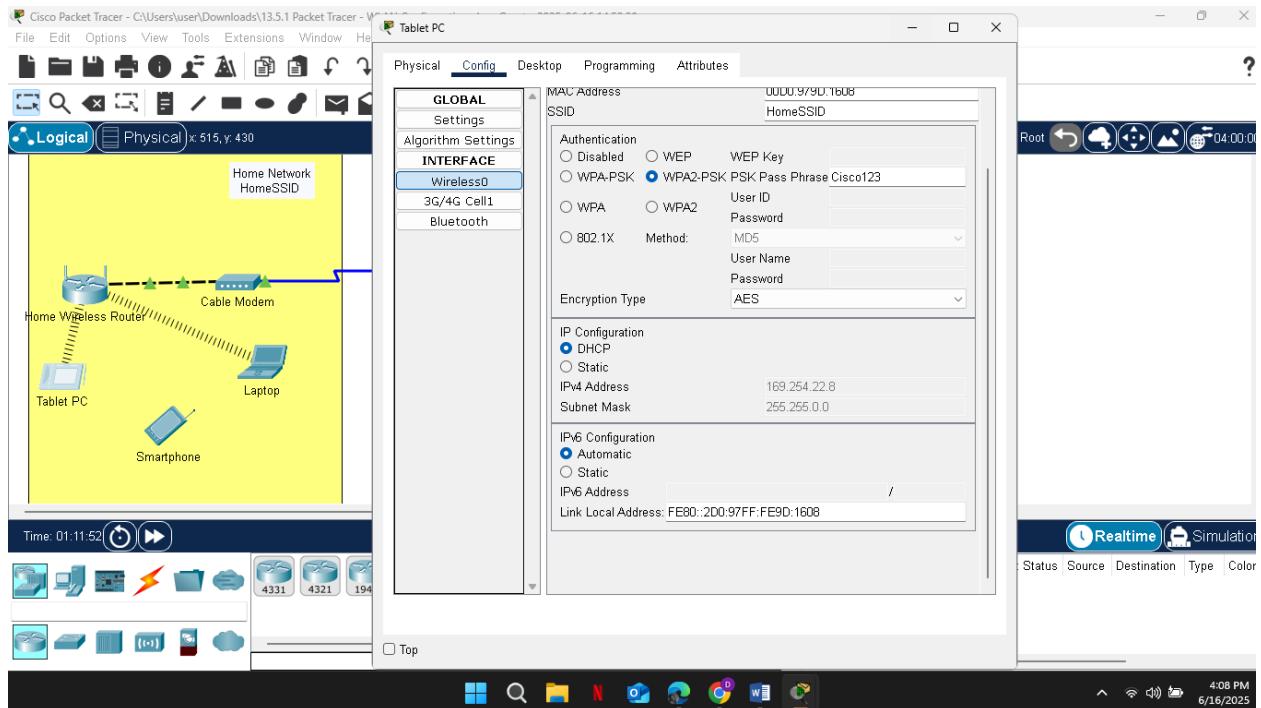


Connection to the home SSID



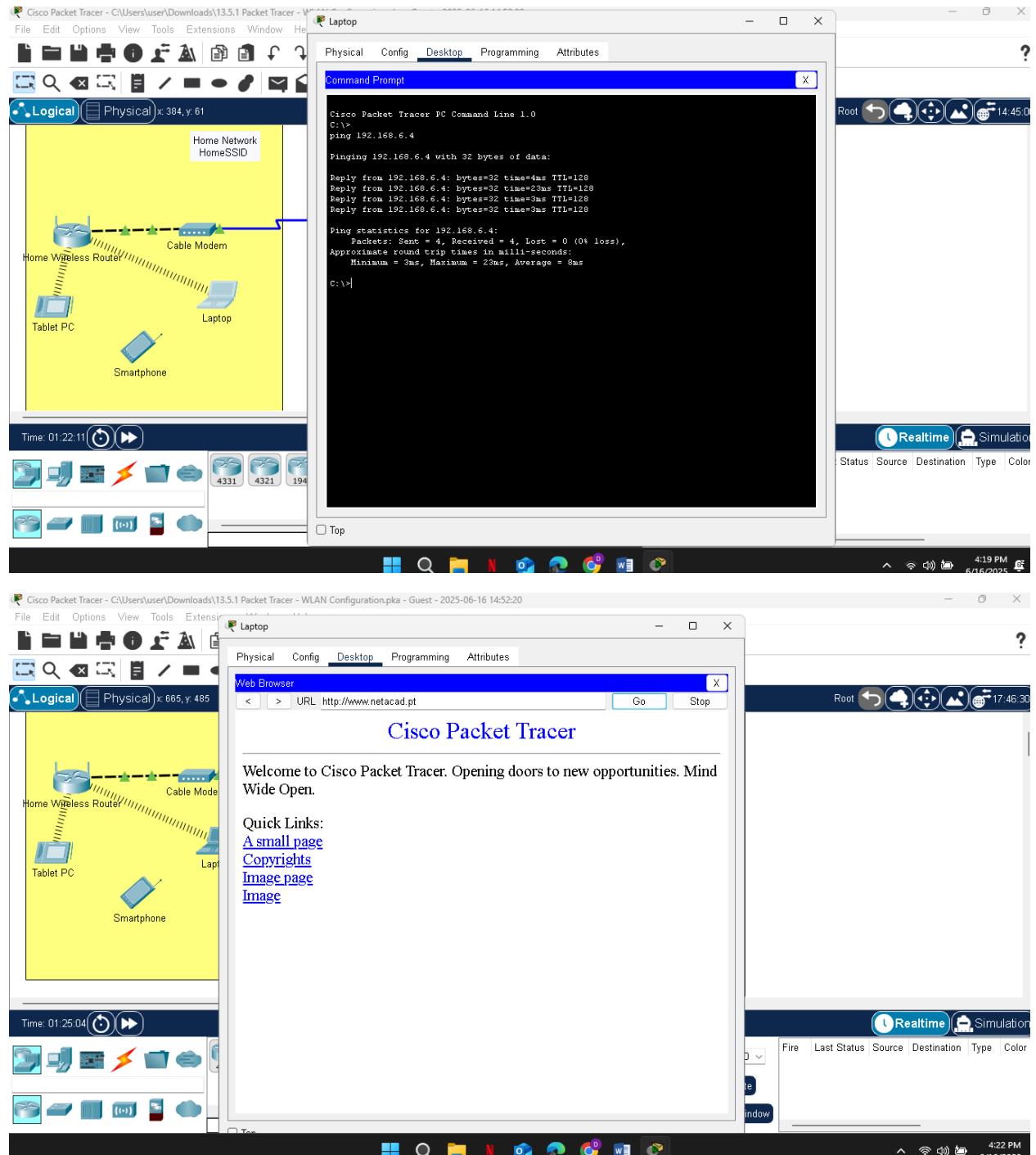
### Inputting the password

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

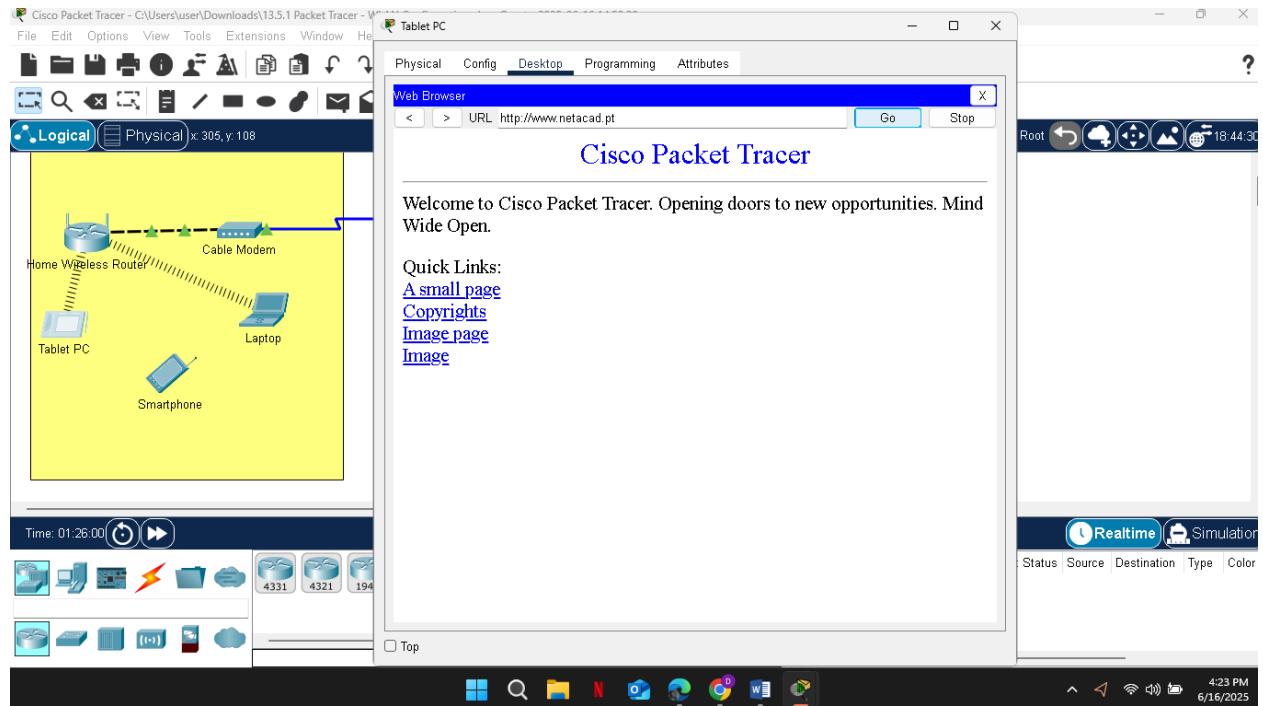


Shows the connection between the tablet and the router

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



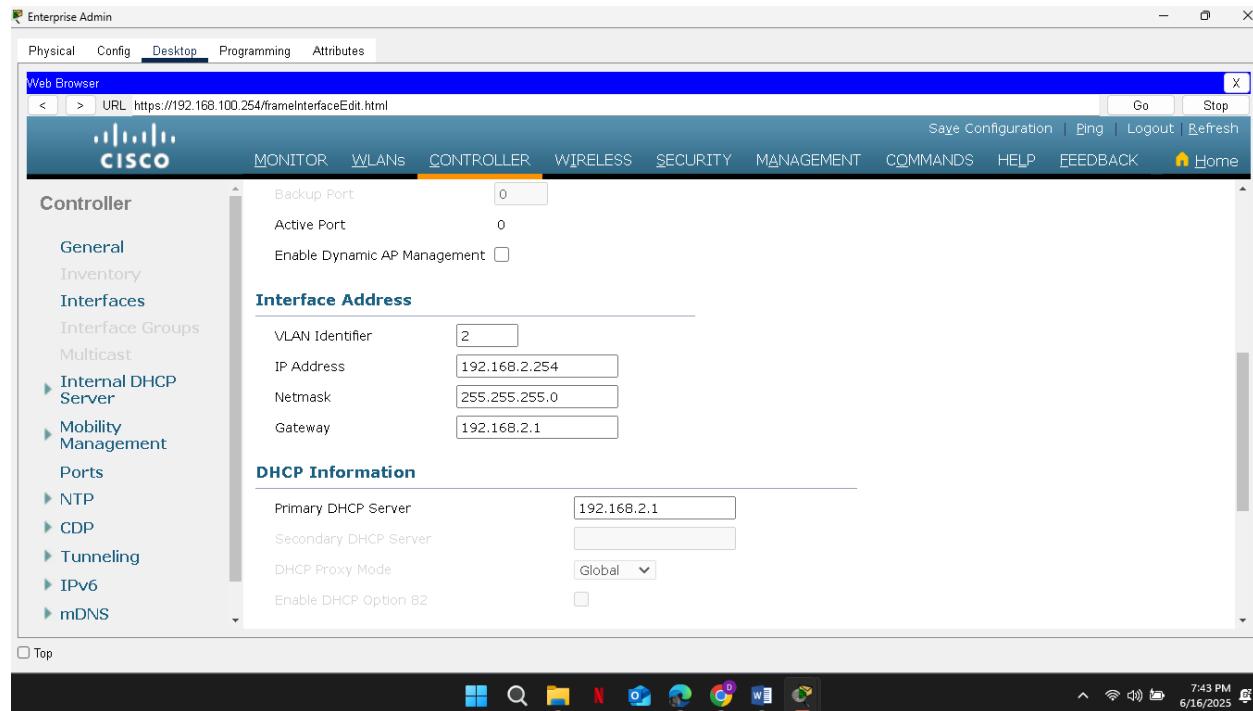
Tablet is also able to access web server

## CONFIGURE A WLC CONTROLLER NETWORK

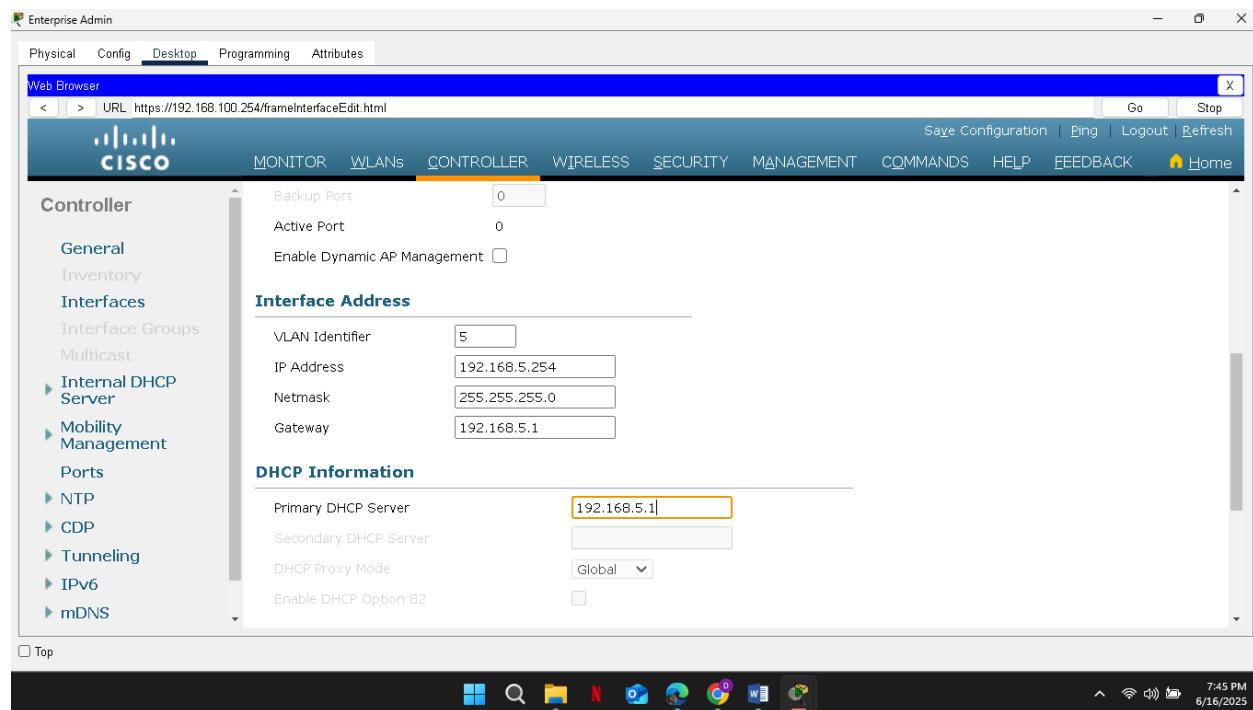
Configure the wireless LAN controller with two WLANs. One WLAN will use WPA2-PSK authentication. The other WLAN will use WPA2-Enterprise authentication. You will also configure the

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

## CONFIGURE VLAN INTERFACES.



The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller (WLC) web interface. The URL is https://192.168.100.254/frameInterfaceEdit.html. The navigation bar at the top includes tabs for Physical, Config, Desktop, Programming, and Attributes. The Desktop tab is selected. The main menu on the left has sections like Controller, General, Inventory, Interfaces, and Internal DHCP Server. The Internal DHCP Server section is expanded, showing sub-options like Mobility Management, Ports, NTP, CDP, Tunneling, IPv6, and mDNS. The right panel is titled 'Interface Address' and shows fields for VLAN Identifier (2), IP Address (192.168.2.254), Netmask (255.255.255.0), and Gateway (192.168.2.1). Below this is the 'DHCP Information' section with fields for Primary DHCP Server (192.168.2.1), Secondary DHCP Server (empty), DHCP Proxy Mode (Global), and Enable DHCP Option 82 (unchecked). The status bar at the bottom shows the time as 7:43 PM and the date as 6/16/2025.



This screenshot shows the same Cisco WLC web interface as the previous one, but with different configuration values. The VLAN Identifier is now set to 5. The IP Address is 192.168.5.254, and the Primary DHCP Server field is highlighted with a yellow selection box. All other fields (Netmask, Gateway, Secondary DHCP Server, DHCP Proxy Mode, and Enable DHCP Option 82) remain the same as in the first screenshot. The status bar at the bottom shows the time as 7:45 PM and the date as 6/16/2025.

## CONFIGURE INTERNAL DHCP SCOPE

The screenshot shows the Cisco Controller configuration interface. The left sidebar menu under 'Controller' includes options like General, Inventory, Interfaces, Interface Groups, Multicast, Internal DHCP Server, Mobility Management, Ports, NTP, CDP, Tunneling, IPv6, and mDNS. The 'Internal DHCP Server' section is selected. The main configuration area is titled 'management'. It contains fields for 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), DNS Domain Name (Not Supported), DNS Servers (0.0.0.0), and Netbios Name Servers (0.0.0.0). The status is set to Enabled.

## EXTERNAL SERVER CONFIGS

The screenshot shows the Cisco Controller configuration interface. The left sidebar menu under 'Security' includes AAA, RADIUS, TACACS+, LDAP, Local Net Users, MAC Filtering, Disabled Clients, User Login Policies, AP Policies, Password Policies, Local EAP, Advanced EAP, Priority Order, and Certificate. The 'AAA' section is expanded, showing RADIUS, TACACS+, and Local EAP. The 'RADIUS' section is selected. The main configuration area is titled 'RADIUS Authentication Servers > New'. It shows fields for Server Index (Priority) (1), Server IP Address (10.6.0.254), Shared Secret Format (ASCII), Shared Secret (\*\*\*\*\*), Confirm Shared Secret (\*\*\*\*\*), Key Wrap (unchecked), Port Number (1812), Server Status (Enabled), Support for CoA (Disabled), Server Timeout (2 seconds), Network User (Enable checked), and Management (Enable checked).

## CREATE THE WLANS.

Management > SNMP > SNMP Trap Receiver > Edit

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

< Back | Apply

Management > SNMP > SNMP Trap Receiver

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

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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**.

WLANS > Edit 'Wireless VLAN 2'

**General**

- Profile Name: Wireless VLAN 2
- Type: WLAN
- SSID: SSID-2
- Status:  Enabled

Security Policies: None  
(Modifications done under security tab will appear after applying the changes.)

Radio Policy: All

Interface/Interface Group(G): WLAN 2

Multicast Vlan Feature:  Enabled

Broadcast SSID:  Enabled

MAC limit: [ ]

WLANS > Edit 'Wireless VLAN 2'

**Advanced**

Off Channel Scanning Defefer

- Scan Defer Priority: 0
- Scan Defer Time(msecs): 100

FlexConnect

- FlexConnect Local Switching: 2  Enabled
- FlexConnect Local Auth: 12  Enabled
- Learn Client ID Address: 5  Enabled

Radius Client Profiling

- DHCP Profiling:
- HTTP Profiling:

Local Client Profiling

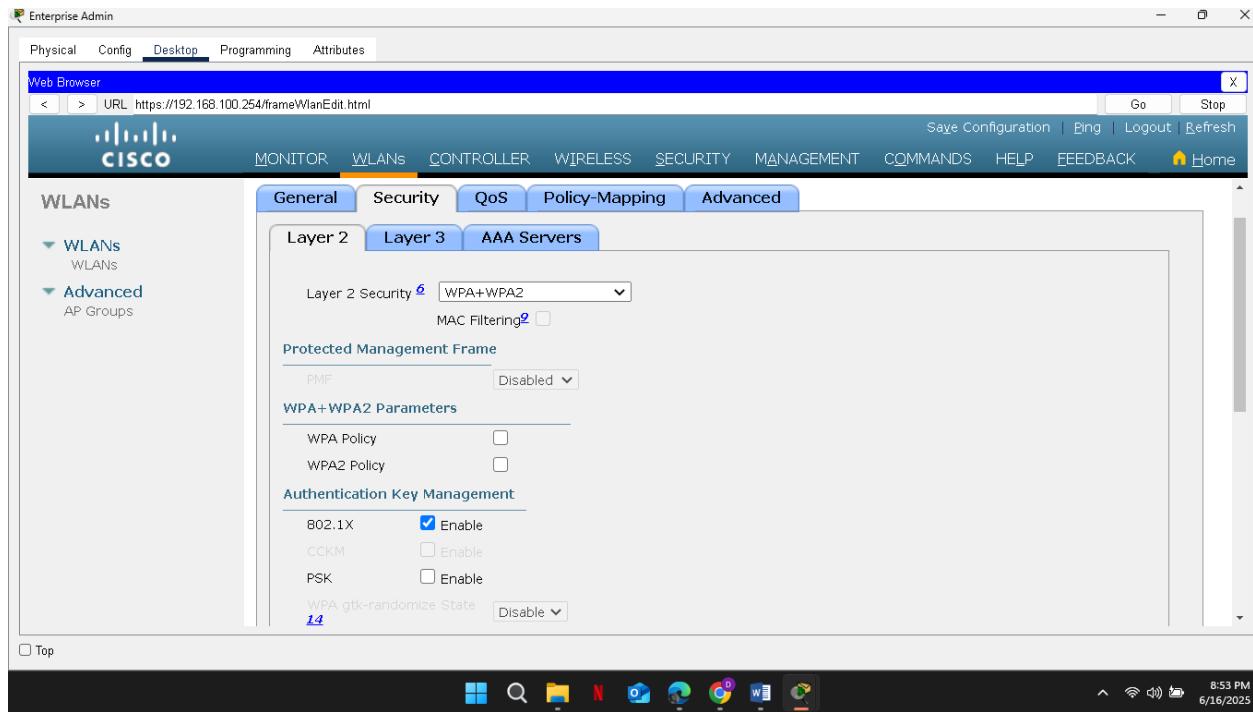
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Universal AP Admin Support

- Universal AP Admin:

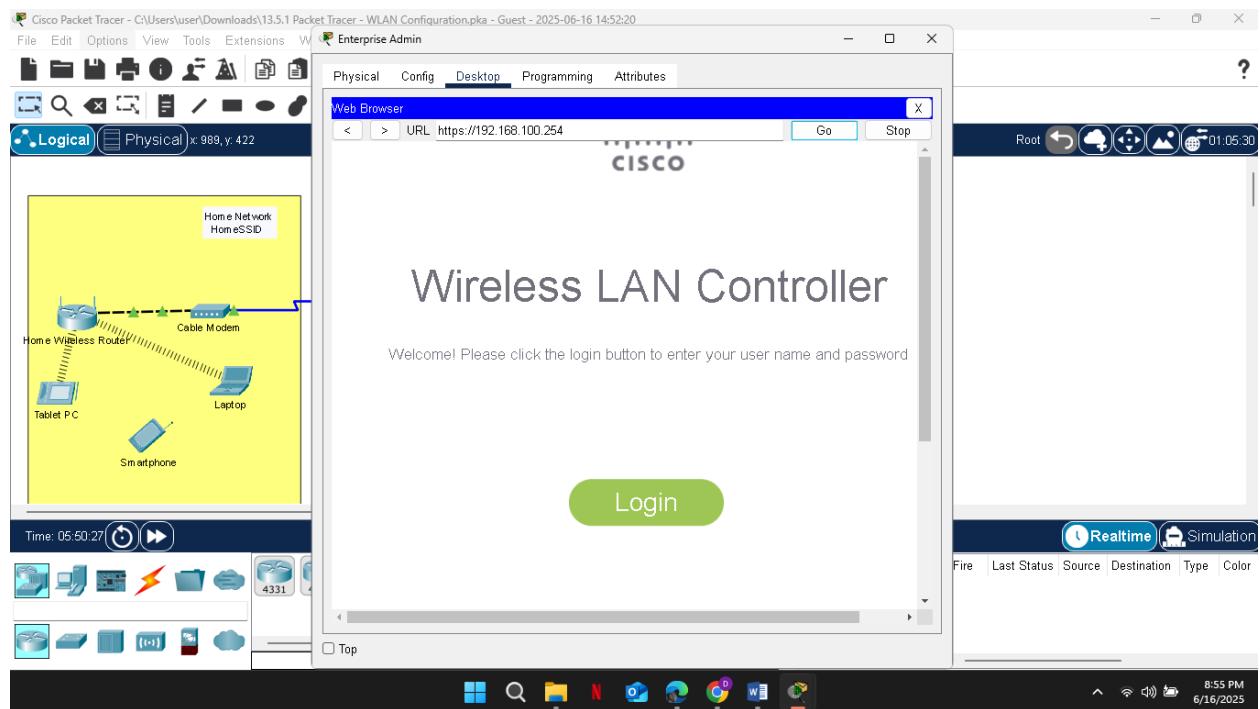
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Create the second WLAN: Profile Name: **Wireless VLAN 5**, WLAN SSID: **SSID-5**, Interface: **WLAN 5**, ID: **5**, Security: **802.1x - WPA2-Enterprise**, Configure the WLAN to use the RADIUS server for authentication.



## 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.