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Debugging Assignment Report:

Issues Identified

• Missing HTML Directory:

- 1. **Description**: The nginx/Dockerfile included the command COPY ./html /usr/share/nginx/html, but no html directory was present in the project structure.
- **2. Impact:** This caused the Docker build to fail since it was trying to copy a nonexistent directory.

• MAC Address Retrieval Issue:

- 1. **Description:** During application testing, the function to retrieve the MAC address of the host returned 00:00:00:00:00:00 for some interfaces. This address is generally invalid and unhelpful for identifying the host.
- **2. Impact:** Displaying 00:00:00:00:00 as the MAC address would not provide useful information to end users.

Resolution Steps

• Resolution for Missing HTML Directory:

1. Action Taken: To resolve the missing html directory issue, I removed or commented out the line COPY ./html /usr/share/nginx/html in the nginx/Dockerfile. Alternatively, I could have created an empty html folder if the application required serving static files. This allowed the Docker image to build successfully without errors related to missing directories.

• Resolution for MAC Address Retrieval Issue:

1. Action Taken: I modified the get_mac_address() function in app.py to skip any MAC address that was equal to 00:00:00:00:00:00. The updated function checks if the retrieved MAC address is valid (i.e., not 00:00:00:00:00) before returning it. This ensured that the application would only display meaningful MAC addresses or "N/A" if none were found