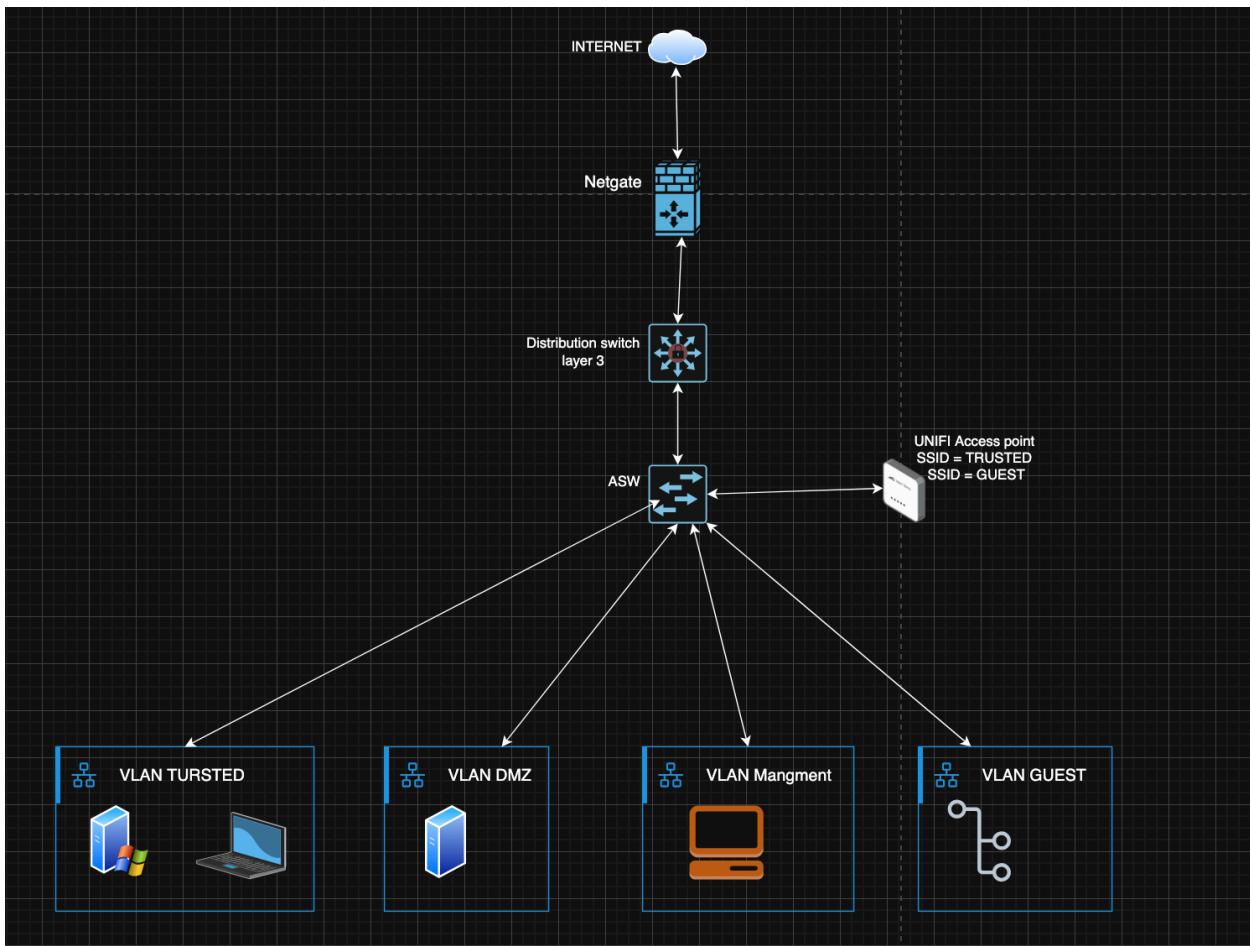


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VLAN on DSW

VLANs are added on the DSW to separate the network into trusted, DMZ, guest and management areas. This allows traffic to be isolated and controlled with routing, ACLs and firewall rules.

```
vlan 10
  name Trusted
vlan 20
  name DMZ
vlan 30
  name Guest
vlan 99
  name Management
```

Define trunking ports and Native VLAN:

I configured the trunk ports between DSW and access switch ASW. The trunk allows all VLANs to pass through, and I set VLAN 99 as the native VLAN. I also disabled DTP for security so the port does not negotiate automatically. The same trunk configuration was also applied on the uplink ports of ASW to allow VLANs 10, 20, 30, and 99 to pass between switches.

```
interface fastEthernet0/24
  switchport trunk encapsulation dot1q
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30,99
  switchport trunk native vlan 99
  switchport nonegotiate
  no shutdown
```

DSW (VTP Server):

VTP was used so all switches have the same VLAN information automatically. The DSW works as the VTP server, and ASW are VTP client. This makes VLAN management easier and reduces manual configuration on each switch.

```
vtp mode server
vtp version 2
```

```
vtp domain Group6. "important that they are at same domain name"  
vtp password cisco
```

OBS! Same command i used on ASW but instead of server, i wrote client

Enable routing on DSW & create SVIs:

To make the VLANs able to communicate with each other, I first enabled routing on the DSW so it works as a Layer 3 switch. This is necessary, because without it the switch can't route between VLANs.

```
ip routing "important command on DSW"
```

SVI Configuration (for inter-VLAN routing):

```
interface vlan 10  
ip address 10.0.10.1 255.255.255.0  
no shutdown
```

```
interface vlan 20  
ip address 10.0.20.1 255.255.255.0  
no shutdown
```

```
interface vlan 30  
ip address 10.0.30.1 255.255.255.0  
no shutdown
```

```
interface vlan 99  
ip address 10.0.99.1 255.255.255.0  
no shutdown
```

DHCP on DSW (all VLANs)

DHCP is configured on the DSW so each VLAN gets IP addresses automatically. Each VLAN has its own DHCP pool with the correct network, gateway, and DNS. The gateway addresses and some IPs are excluded to avoid conflicts with servers or static devices.

```
ip dhcp excluded-address 10.0.10.1 10.0.10.10
ip dhcp excluded-address 10.0.10.245 10.0.10.254
ip dhcp excluded-address 10.0.20.1 10.0.20.10
ip dhcp excluded-address 10.0.20.245 10.0.20.254
ip dhcp excluded-address 10.0.30.1 10.0.30.10
ip dhcp excluded-address 10.0.30.245 10.0.30.254
ip dhcp excluded-address 10.0.99.1 10.0.99.10
ip dhcp excluded-address 10.0.99.245 10.0.99.254
```

```
ip dhcp pool VLAN10-POOL
network 10.0.10.0 255.255.255.0
default-router 10.0.10.1
dns-server 8.8.8
```

```
ip dhcp pool VLAN20-POOL
network 10.0.20.0 255.255.255.0
default-router 10.0.20.1
dns-server 8.8.8
```

```
ip dhcp pool VLAN30-POOL
network 10.0.30.0 255.255.255.0
default-router 10.0.30.1
dns-server 8.8.8
```

```
ip dhcp pool VLAN99-POOL
network 10.0.99.0 255.255.255.0
default-router 10.0.99.1
dns-server 8.8.8
```

ACL rules

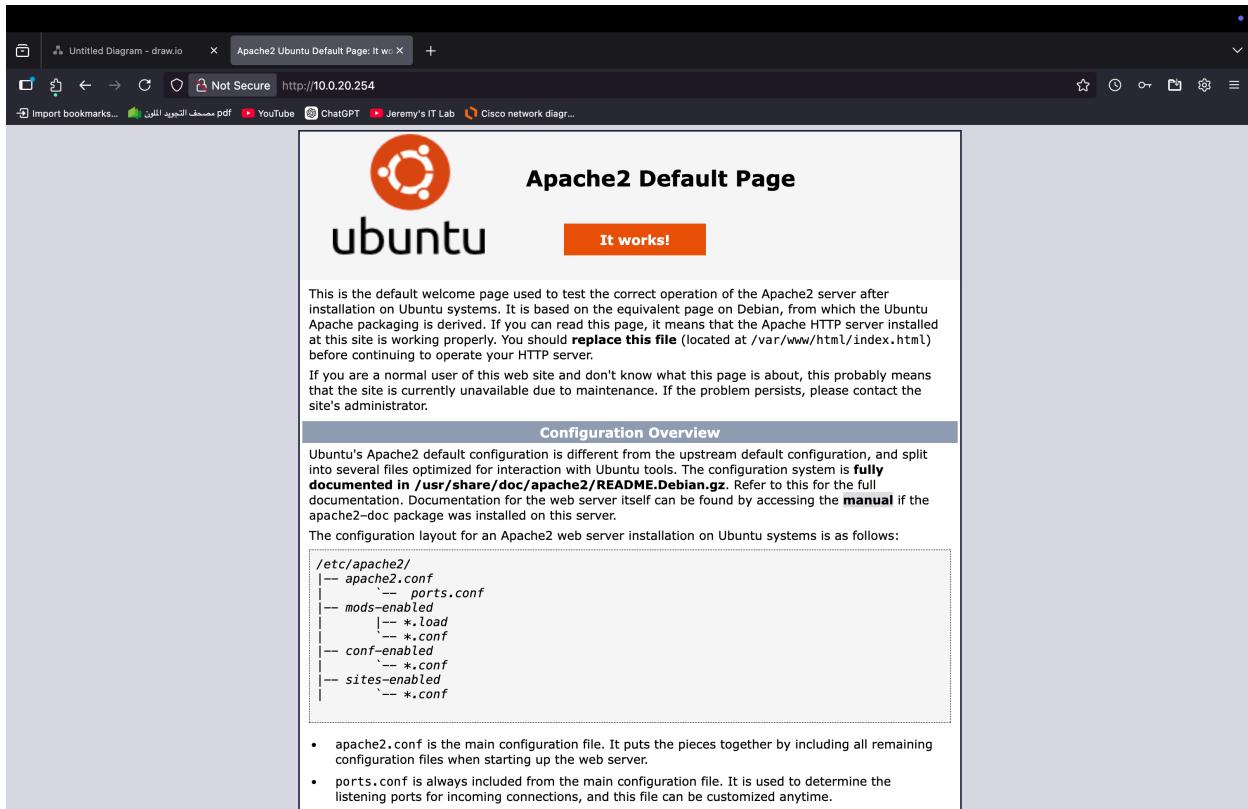
Implement ACLs to control access between VLANs

Extended IP access list KINAN_ACL

```
10 permit udp any any range bootps bootpc
20 permit ip 10.0.10.0 0.0.0.255 any
30 deny ip 10.0.30.0 0.0.0.255 10.0.10.0 0.0.0.255
40 deny ip 10.0.30.0 0.0.0.255 10.0.99.0 0.0.0.255
50 permit ip 10.0.30.0 0.0.0.255 any
60 permit tcp 10.0.20.0 0.0.0.255 any established
70 permit icmp 10.0.20.0 0.0.0.255 10.0.10.0 0.0.0.255 echo-reply
80 permit icmp 10.0.30.0 0.0.0.255 10.0.10.0 0.0.0.255 echo-reply
90 permit icmp 10.0.20.0 0.0.0.255 10.0.0.0 0.0.255.255 echo-reply
100 permit icmp 10.0.99.0 0.0.0.255 10.0.10.0 0.0.0.255
110 permit udp 10.0.99.0 0.0.0.255 host 10.0.10.254 eq 1812
120 permit udp 10.0.99.0 0.0.0.255 host 10.0.10.254 eq 1813
130 deny ip any any
```

TEST CURL AND ACCESS FROM THE BROWSER:

The web server in the VLAN 20, (10.0.20.254) was tested using both a browser and the curl command. The page loaded successfully and returned HTTP 200 OK, which confirms that the server is reachable from the internal network.



```
curl -I 10.0.20.254
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 05 Nov 2025 09:06:28 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
Last-Modified: Tue, 04 Nov 2025 17:19:23 GMT
ETag: "2aa6-642c808764a9b"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 10918
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Content-Type: text/html

KinanShell > 
```

DSW routed link to Netgate

To connect the DSW to the Netgate firewall using a Layer 3 link, I converted interface fa0/2 into a routed port and gave it an IP address in a /30 network.

```
interface fastEthernet0/2
no switchport
!description TO-NETGATE LAN1
ip address 172.16.1.2 255.255.255.252
no shutdown
```

Default Route on DSW

I added a default route on the DSW so all unknown traffic is sent to the Netgate firewall.

```
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 172.16.1.1
```

Netgate (pfSense)

pfSense was configured from the console. The WAN interface was given a static IP for internet access, and the LAN interface was set to connect to the internal network through the core switch.

1. Assign interfaces

```
Enter WAN interface name → mvneta0
Enter LAN interface name → mvneta1
```

2. Set WAN IP

```
Interface: WAN
New IPv4 address → 192.168.0.61
Subnet mask bits → 24
```

For wan enter the **new wan** ipv4 upstream gateway address. For lan, press enter for **none: 192.168.0.1 (outside)**

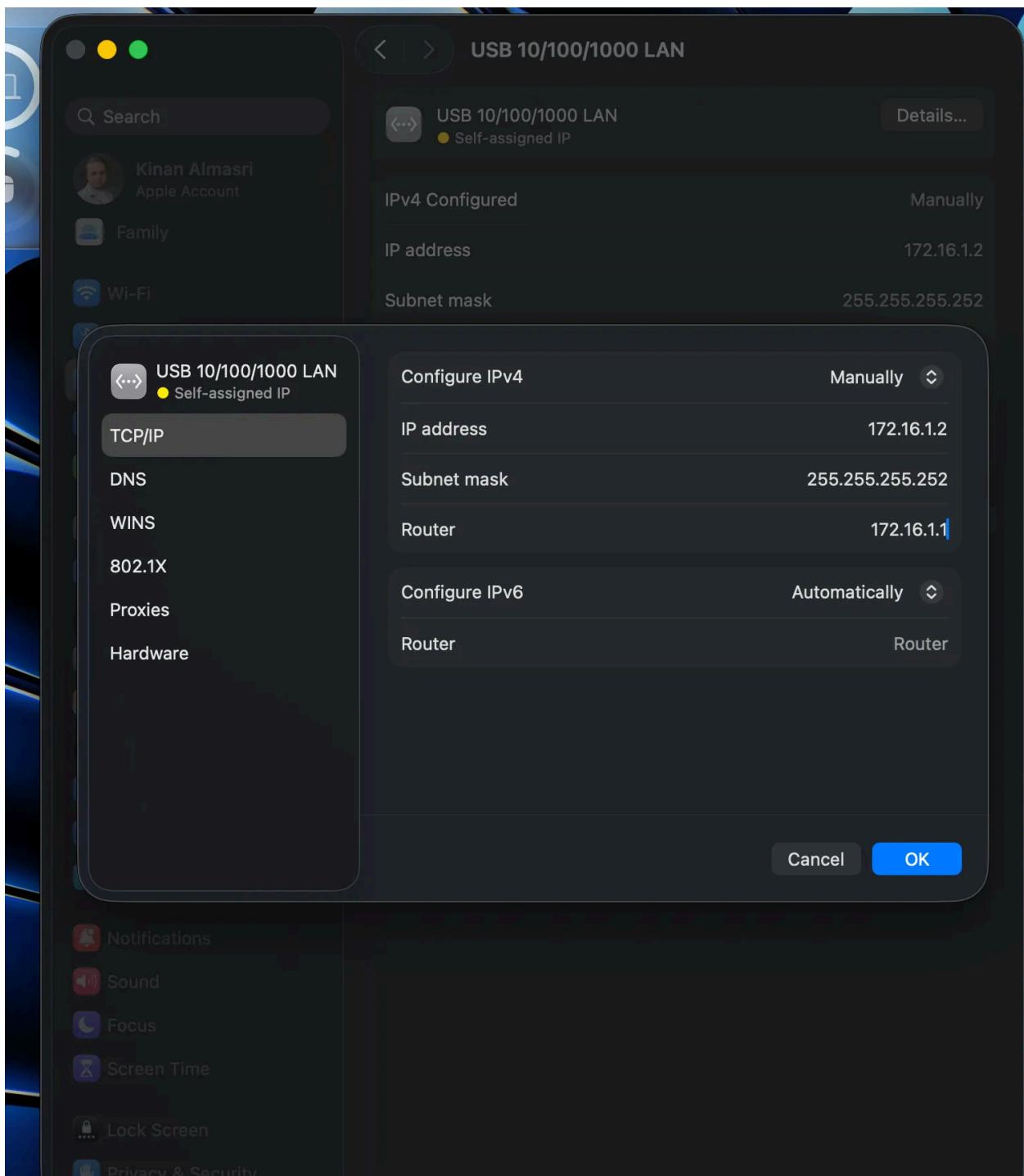
3. Set LAN IP

Interface: LAN

New IPv4 address → 172.16.1.1

Subnet mask bits → 30

Access the GUI



Static routes

Static routes were added on pfSense so it knows how to reach all VLAN networks through the core switch (DSW).

10.0.10.0/24 → 172.16.1.2 10.0.20.0/24 → 172.16.1.2 10.0.30.0/24 → 172.16.1.2 10.0.99.0/24 → 172.16.1.2

System / Routing / Static Routes / Edit

The following input errors were detected:

- A valid IPv4 or IPv6 destination network or an alias must be specified.

Edit Route Entry

Destination network	<input type="text" value="10.0.10.0"/> / <input type="text" value="24"/>
Destination network for this static route	
Gateway	<input type="text" value="LANGW - 172.16.1.2"/>
Choose which gateway this route applies to or add a new one first	
Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/> Disable this static route
Set this option to disable this static route without removing it from the list.	
Description	<input type="text" value="To Trusted"/>
A description may be entered here for administrative reference (not parsed).	

Save

NAT

On the pfSense firewall, I enabled outbound NAT so that the VLANs inside the network (10, 20 and 30) can access the internet. When they go outside, their private IP addresses are translated to the firewall's WAN IP.

Source network: 10.0.10.0/24
Source network: 10.0.20.0/24
Source network: 10.0.30.0/24

Firewall / NAT / Outbound / Edit

Edit Advanced Outbound NAT Entry

Disabled	<input type="checkbox"/> Disable this rule				
Do not NAT	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabling this option will disable NAT for traffic matching this rule and stop processing Outbound NAT rules In most cases this option is not required.				
Interface	WAN				
The interface on which traffic is matched as it exits the firewall. In most cases this is "WAN" or another externally-connected interface.					
Address Family	IPv4				
Select the Internet Protocol version this rule applies to.					
Protocol	Any				
Choose which protocol this rule should match. In most cases "any" is specified.					
Source	Network or Alias	10.0.10.0	/	24	Port or Range
Type		Source network for the outbound NAT mapping.			Port or Range
Destination	Any	/	24	Port or Range	
Type		Destination network for the outbound NAT mapping.			Port or Range
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Invert the sense of the destination match.					
Translation					
Address	WAN address				
Type					
Connections matching this rule will be mapped to the specified address. If specifying a custom network or alias, it must be routed to the firewall.					
Port or Range			<input type="checkbox"/> Static Port		
Enter the external source Port or Range used for remapping the original source port on connections matching the rule.					
Port ranges are a low port and high port number separated by ":". Leave blank when Static Port is checked.					
Misc					
No XMLRPC Sync	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Prevents the rule on Master from automatically syncing to other CARP members. This does NOT prevent the rule from being overwritten on Slave.					
Description	Trusted to outside!				
A description may be entered here for administrative reference (not parsed).					
<input type="button" value="Save"/>					

Connect Unifi AP to network

The access point is connected to a trunk port on ASW so it can carry multiple SSIDs on different VLANs (Trusted, Guest, Management). VLAN 99 is used as the native VLAN for management.

```
interface GigabitEthernet1/0/23
switchport trunk encapsulation dot1q
```

```
switchport mode trunk  
switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,30,99  
switchport trunk native vlan 99  
switchport nonegotiate  
spanning-tree portfast trunk  
no shutdown
```

1. Guest Wi-Fi

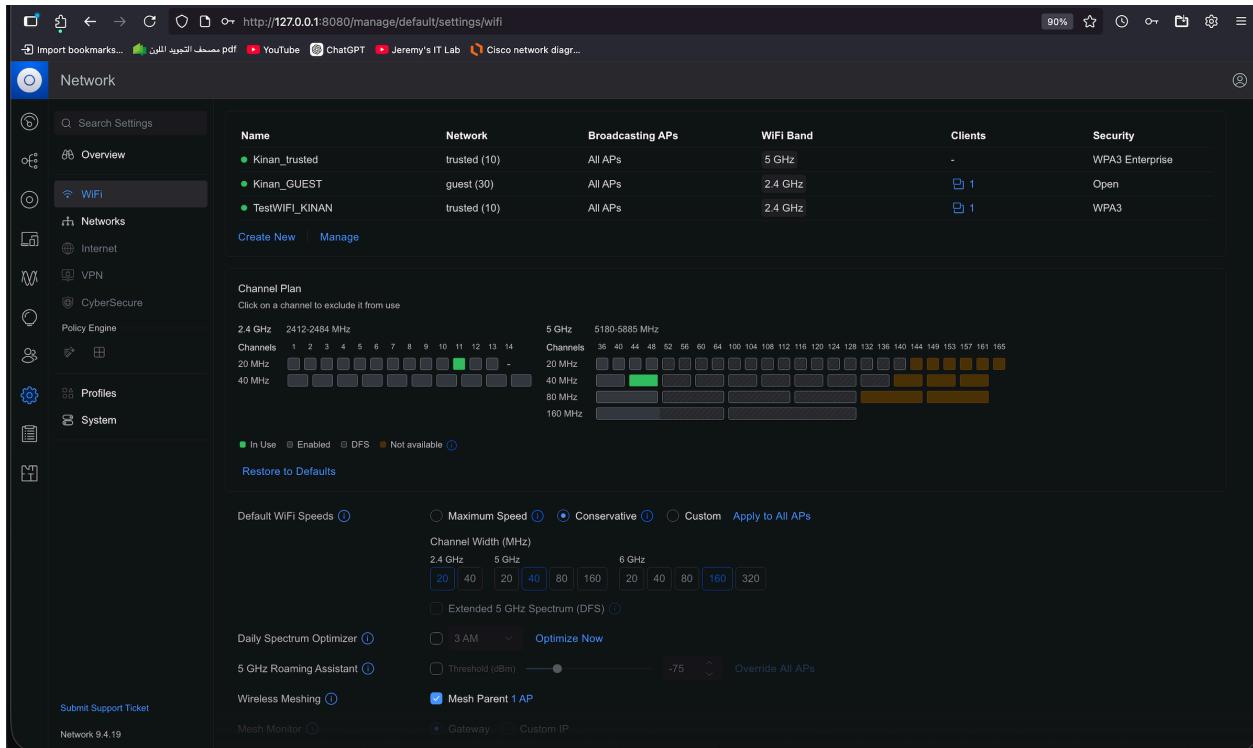
- security valid Open
- No RADIUS login internet access only

2. Trusted Wi-Fi

- WPA3-Enterprise with RADIUS (Windows NPS).
- Users authenticate with their domain credentials.

3. Test Wi-Fi

- No RADIUS. Security mode switched per run: Open → WPA2 → WPA3.
- Other settings kept the same to measure the overhead fairly.



Radius server:

I installed Windows Server 2025 and gave it a static IP (10.0.10.254 / 255.255.255.0) with gateway 10.0.10.1 and DNS 8.8.8.8 and 8.8.4.4 so it could reach the internet. The server was connected to the Trusted VLAN which also allowed me to use Remote Desktop from my laptop while I was connected to the trusted Wi-Fi.

After that, I promoted the server to a Domain Controller and installed Active Directory. In "Active Directory Users and Computers" I created the domain users, like the user "kinan", which I later used to log in to the secure Wi-Fi. and the password was Macbookmacbook@123456 the password should be strong like this and it cannot include my name.

Next, I installed the Network Policy Server (NPS) role to use the server as a RADIUS server. In NPS, I added the UniFi Access Point as a RADIUS Client. The IP

of the AP was 10.0.99.100 and I used a shared secret that I also wrote later in the UniFi Controller. Then I created a Network Policy for Wi-Fi access. The policy was set to allow access and used PEAP (Protected EAP) for authentication. Only domain users are allowed to connect.

Finally, in the UniFi Controller, I set my trusted Wi-Fi SSID to WPA3-Enterprise and added the RADIUS server details (IP 10.0.10.254). When connecting, the access point sends the username and password to the Windows Server, and NPS checks it with Active Directory. If the user exists and is correct, the Wi-Fi connection is allowed.

Protecting against a hacker:

1. NTP Configuration (Time Sync on the Network)

To make sure all devices in my network use the same time, I set up NTP. I used my pfSense firewall as the main time server, and that one gets the correct time from the internet (for example time.cloudflare.com). After that, I configured the DSW to sync its time from the firewall.

On the DSW I added the firewall IP as the NTP server, and after a few minutes I checked with `show ntp status` and it showed "Clock is synchronized", so I knew it was working. Since the management VLAN is protected by ACLs, I also had to allow NTP traffic there so the switch could reach the firewall.

```
ntp server 172.16.1.1  
clock timezone CET 1
```

```
DHCP snooping is configured on following VLANs:  
10,20,30,99  
DHCP snooping is operational on following VLANs:  
10,20,30,99  
DHCP snooping is configured on the following L3 Interfaces:  
  
Insertion of option 82 is enabled  
  circuit-id format: vlan-mod-port  
  remote-id format: MAC  
Option 82 on untrusted port is not allowed  
Verification of hwaddr field is enabled  
Verification of giaddr field is enabled  
DHCP snooping trust/rate is configured on the following Interfaces:  
  
Interface           Trusted     Rate limit (pps)  
-----  
FastEthernet0/24    yes        unlimited  
  
DSW#show ntp status  
Clock is synchronized, stratum 5, reference is 172.16.1.1  
nominal freq is 119.2092 Hz, actual freq is 119.2092 Hz, precision is 2**18  
reference time is ECB5ED8C.0A95662F (16:36:44.041 CET Wed Nov 5 2025)  
clock offset is 98.7825 msec, root delay is 6.65 msec  
root dispersion is 1040.66 msec, peer dispersion is 0.37 msec  
DSW#
```

On ASW:

I did the same setup:

```
interface vlan 99  
ip address 10.0.99.200 255.255.255.0  
ip default-gateway 10.0.99.1  
ntp server 172.16.1.1  
clock timezone CET 1
```

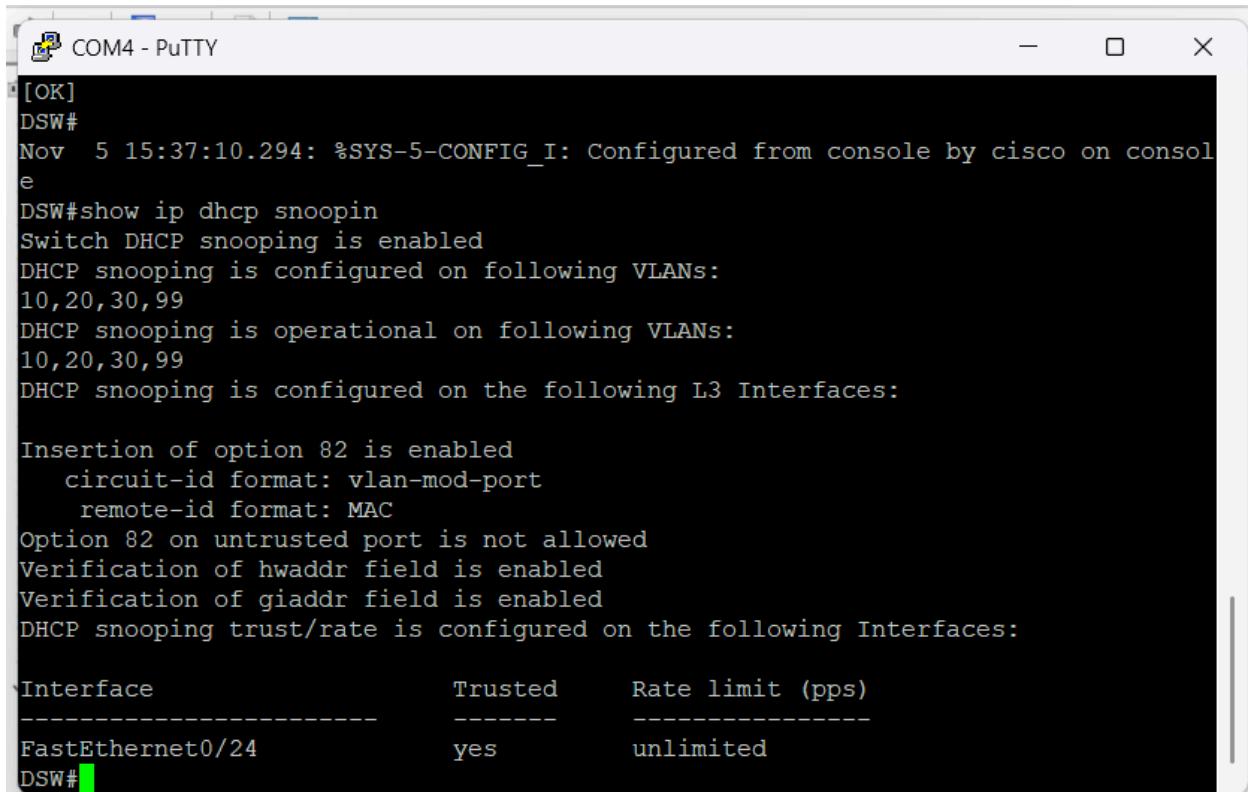
When I used `show ntp associations`, it showed `~172.16.1.1`, which means ASW1 found the NTP server and is trying to sync. It just didn't finish yet. I did this around 10 minutes before the exam, so I didn't have time to wait for full synchronization. But the configuration is correct and working it only needs more time.

```
GigabitEthernet1/0/32 unassigned    1ES unsec administratively down down
ASW1#show ntp associations

  address          ref clock      st  when   poll reach  delay  offset  disp
~172.16.1.1       .INIT.        16     -     64     0  0.000  0.000 15937.
* sys.peer, # selected, + candidate, - outlyer, x falseticker, ~ configured
ASW1#
```

2. DHCP Snooping

I enabled DHCP Snooping on the DSW and ASW to stop fake DHCP servers. I set it on VLANs 10, 20, 30 and 99. The port that goes to the real DHCP server (the firewall) is marked as trusted and all other ports are untrusted. After that, I checked with `show ip dhcp snooping` and it showed that DHCP Snooping is active and only the uplink port is trusted.



The screenshot shows a PuTTY terminal window with the title 'COM4 - PuTTY'. The session output is as follows:

```
[OK]
DSW#
Nov  5 15:37:10.294: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by cisco on consol
e
DSW#show ip dhcp snooping
Switch DHCP snooping is enabled
DHCP snooping is configured on following VLANs:
10,20,30,99
DHCP snooping is operational on following VLANs:
10,20,30,99
DHCP snooping is configured on the following L3 Interfaces:

Insertion of option 82 is enabled
  circuit-id format: vlan-mod-port
  remote-id format: MAC
Option 82 on untrusted port is not allowed
Verification of hwaddr field is enabled
Verification of giaddr field is enabled
DHCP snooping trust/rate is configured on the following Interfaces:

Interface           Trusted      Rate limit (pps)
FastEthernet0/24      yes        unlimited
DSW#
```

3. ACL – Protection Against Hackers and Unauthorized Access

To secure the network, I created an ACL on the DSW to control which VLANs are allowed to talk to each other. In this ACL, I blocked the guest VLAN (10.0.30.0/24) from accessing both the trusted VLAN (10.0.10.0/24) and the management VLAN (10.0.99.0/24).

The DMZ VLAN (10.0.20.0/24) is only allowed to reply if the traffic was started from inside the network (using the established rule). I also allowed RADIUS traffic from the management VLAN to the server at 10.0.10.254 so Wi-Fi authentication works.

If I had more time, I would add log monitoring and an IDS like Suricata or Snort. These tools help detect attacks such as port scans, strange traffic or many failed login attempts.

During the exam, I searched a bit about these tools to make sure they would work in my network. I didn't have time to install them, but if I could continue, I would install Suricata, add rules for my VLANs and send the alerts to a log server.

Ubuntu / Windows

I used my laptop with Ubuntu as the web server in the DMZ. First, I connected it to the internet to update the system and install Apache. After that, I tested it by opening a browser and typing `localhost` to make sure the web server works.

Then I moved the laptop to VLAN 20 (DMZ) and set a static IP address:

- IP: 10.0.20.254
- Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
- Gateway: 10.0.20.1

- DNS: 8.8.8.8, 8.8.4.4

On the Windows Server, I set a static IP address so it can always be reachable in the Trusted VLAN. I gave it:

- IP address: 10.0.10.254
- Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
- Default gateway: 10.0.10.1 (DSW SVI for VLAN 10)
- DNS: 8.8.8.8 and 8.8.4.4

and after applying the settings, I used `ipconfig` in Command Prompt to confirm it was correctly set.

Task 4 – Wi-Fi Security and Speed

For this test I wanted to see if Wi-Fi security affects internet speed. I used the Ubuntu server to host a 1 GB file and downloaded it from my Windows laptop using this command:

```
curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} byte
s/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
```

I tested the download three times with different Wi-Fi security settings:

- Open Wi-Fi (no password): Fastest speed, around 48–50 MB/s, because there is no encryption.
- WPA2: Speed dropped to around 14–15 MB/s, because all data is encrypted and decrypted.
- WPA3: Almost the same speed as WPA2 (14–15 MB/s), but with stronger security.

Result analysis

From my tests, it is clear that Wi-Fi security affects speed. Open Wi-Fi was the fastest. When I used WPA2 or WPA3, the speed became much lower. This is expected, because encryption makes the access point and the client use more processing power for every packet.

Research also shows the same thing like secure Wi-Fi like WPA2 and WPA3 is slower than open Wi-Fi because of encryption [1]. However, many studies show only a small drop in speed (about 5–10%), while in my test the drop was much bigger. I think this is because maybe the laptop I used are not very powerful for encryption and like stronger encryption in WPA2/WPA3 uses more CPU

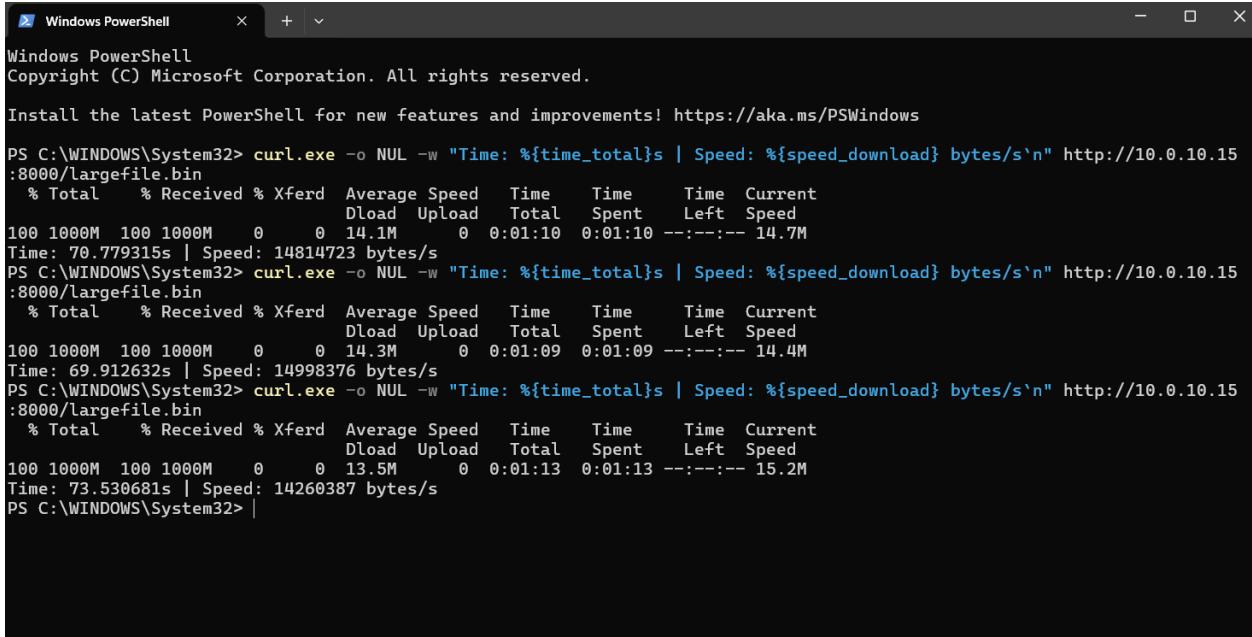
```

Time taken: 0.35 seconds
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
Invoke-WebRequest : Cannot bind parameter 'WebSession'. Cannot convert the "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" value of type "System.String" to type "Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.WebRequestSession".
At line:1 char:16
+ ... l -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\ ...
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : InvalidArgument: () [Invoke-WebRequest], ParameterBindingException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : CannotConvertArgumentNoMessage,Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.InvokeWebRequestCommand

PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time   Time   Time Current
          Dload  Upload   Total Spent   Left Speed
100 1000M 100 1000M  0     0  36.5M  0:00:27  0:00:27 --::-- 40.5M
Time: 27.349510s | Speed: 38339845 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time   Time   Time Current
          Dload  Upload   Total Spent   Left Speed
100 1000M 100 1000M  0     0  48.2M  0:00:20  0:00:20 --::-- 48.5M
Time: 20.739173s | Speed: 50560164 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time   Time   Time Current
          Dload  Upload   Total Spent   Left Speed
100 1000M 100 1000M  0     0  49.3M  0:00:20  0:00:20 --::-- 49.6M
Time: 20.271370s | Speed: 51726942 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32>

Time: 21.074555s | Speed: 0 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time   Time   Time Current
          Dload  Upload   Total Spent   Left Speed
100 1000M 100 1000M  0     0  14.3M  0:01:09  0:01:09 --::-- 14.2M
Time: 69.460924s | Speed: 15095912 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time   Time   Time Current
          Dload  Upload   Total Spent   Left Speed
100 1000M 100 1000M  0     0  14.5M  0:01:08  0:01:08 --::-- 14.6M
Time: 68.565340s | Speed: 15293091 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time   Time   Time Current
          Dload  Upload   Total Spent   Left Speed
100 1000M 100 1000M  0     0  14.3M  0:01:09  0:01:09 --::-- 13.5M
Time: 69.764037s | Speed: 15030322 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32>

```



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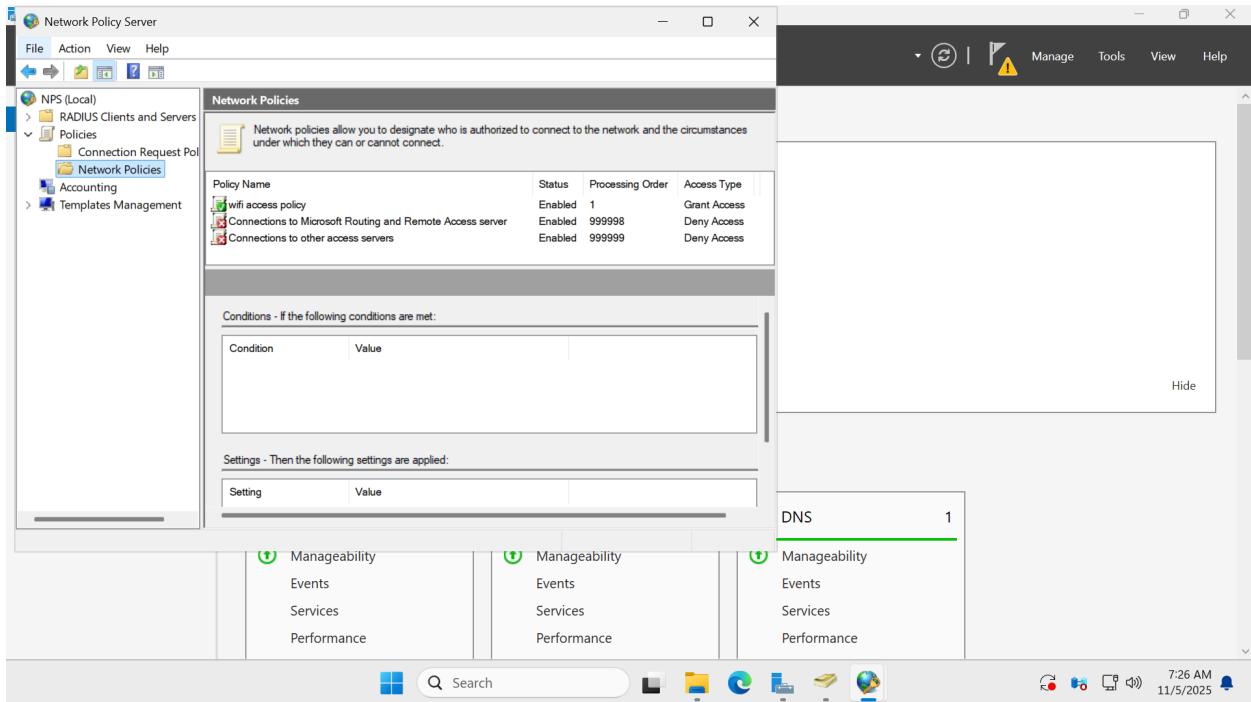
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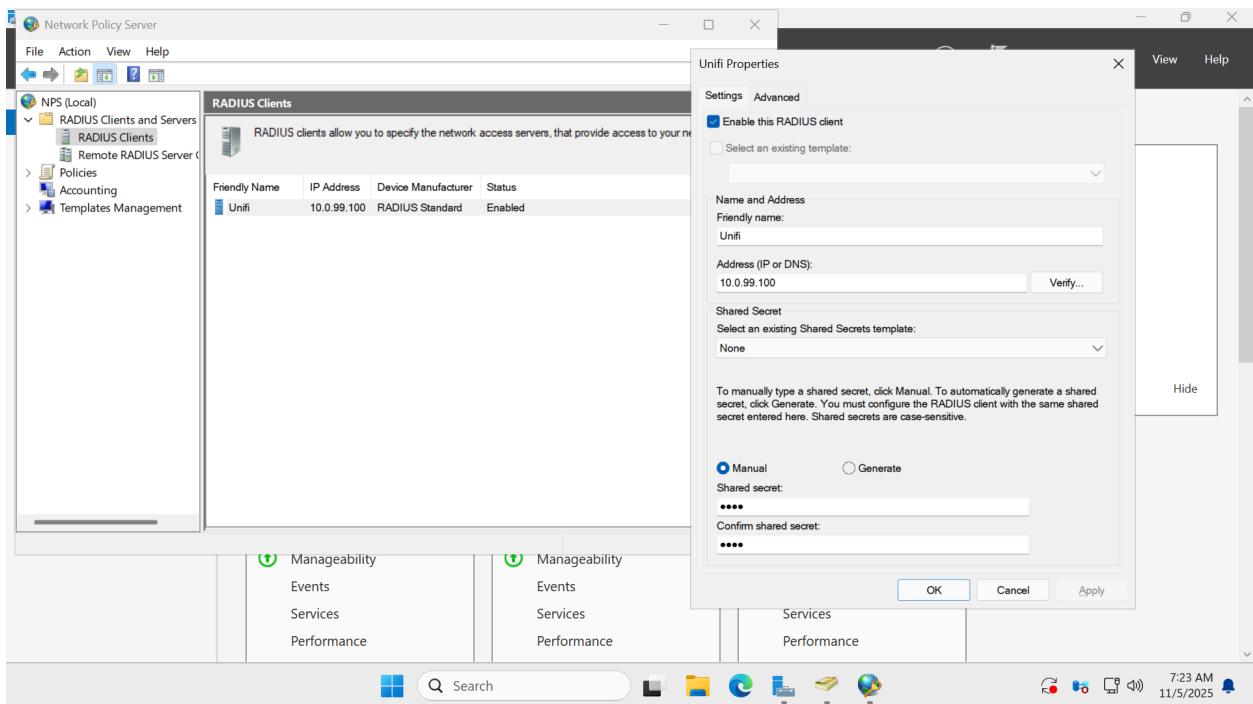
Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows

PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time     Time     Time  Current
          Dload  Upload   Total Spent  Left Speed
100 1000M  100 1000M  0      0  14.1M  0  0:01:10  0:01:10 --:--:-- 14.7M
Time: 70.779315s | Speed: 14814723 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time     Time     Time  Current
          Dload  Upload   Total Spent  Left Speed
100 1000M  100 1000M  0      0  14.3M  0  0:01:09  0:01:09 --:--:-- 14.4M
Time: 69.912632s | Speed: 14998376 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32> curl.exe -o NUL -w "Time: %{time_total}s | Speed: %{speed_download} bytes/s\n" http://10.0.10.15:8000/largefile.bin
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time     Time     Time  Current
          Dload  Upload   Total Spent  Left Speed
100 1000M  100 1000M  0      0  13.5M  0  0:01:13  0:01:13 --:--:-- 15.2M
Time: 73.530681s | Speed: 14260387 bytes/s
PS C:\WINDOWS\System32>

```

Screenshot from what I did:





for unifi

Network

Name: Kinan_trusted

Broadcasting APs: All

Advanced: Auto

Private Pre-Shared Keys

Hotspot: Off

Enhanced IoT Connectivity

WiFi Band: 5 GHz

Band Steering

Multicast and Broadcast Control

Multicast Enhancement

Hide WiFi Name

Client Device Isolation

Proxy ARP

BSS transition

UAPSD

Fast Roaming

WiFi Speed Limit

802.11 DTIM Period: Auto

Minimum Data Rate Control: Auto

MAC Address Filter

RADIUS MAC Authentication

Security Protocol: WPA3 Enterprise

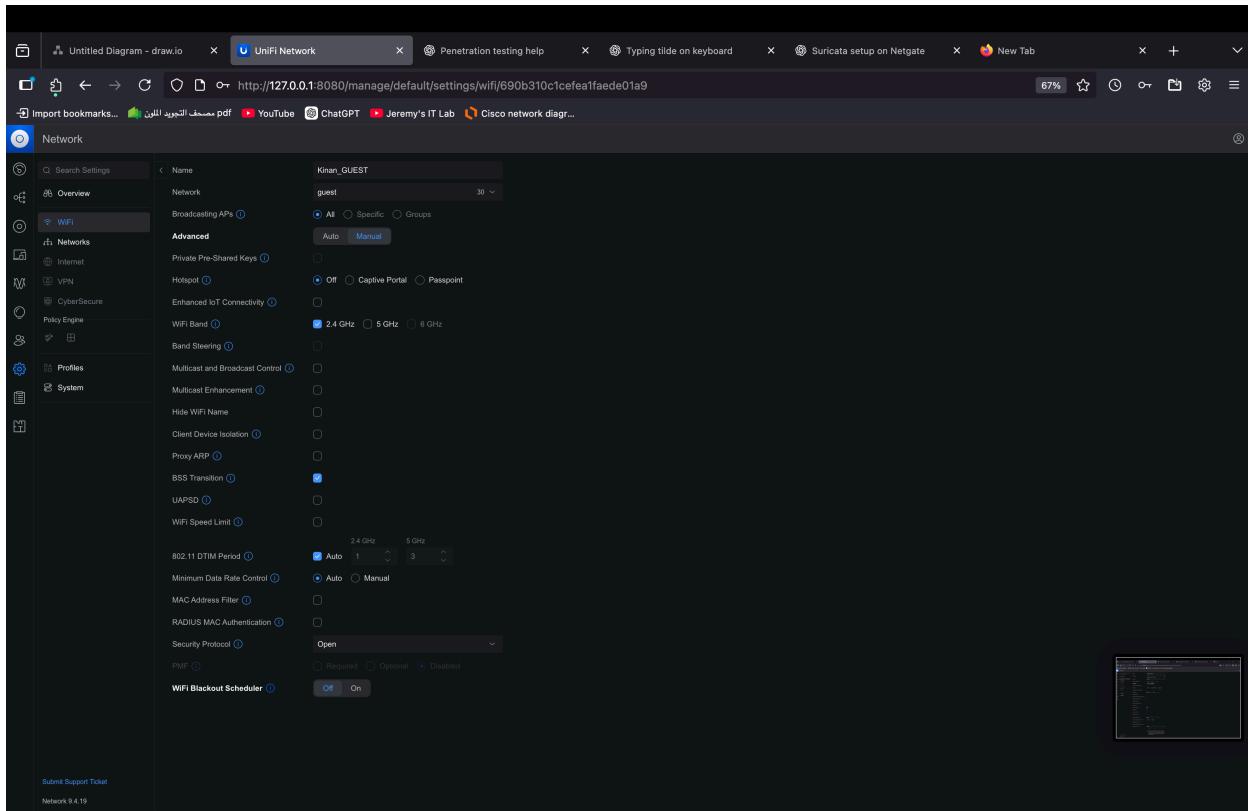
RADIUS Profile: kinan

NAS ID: BSSID

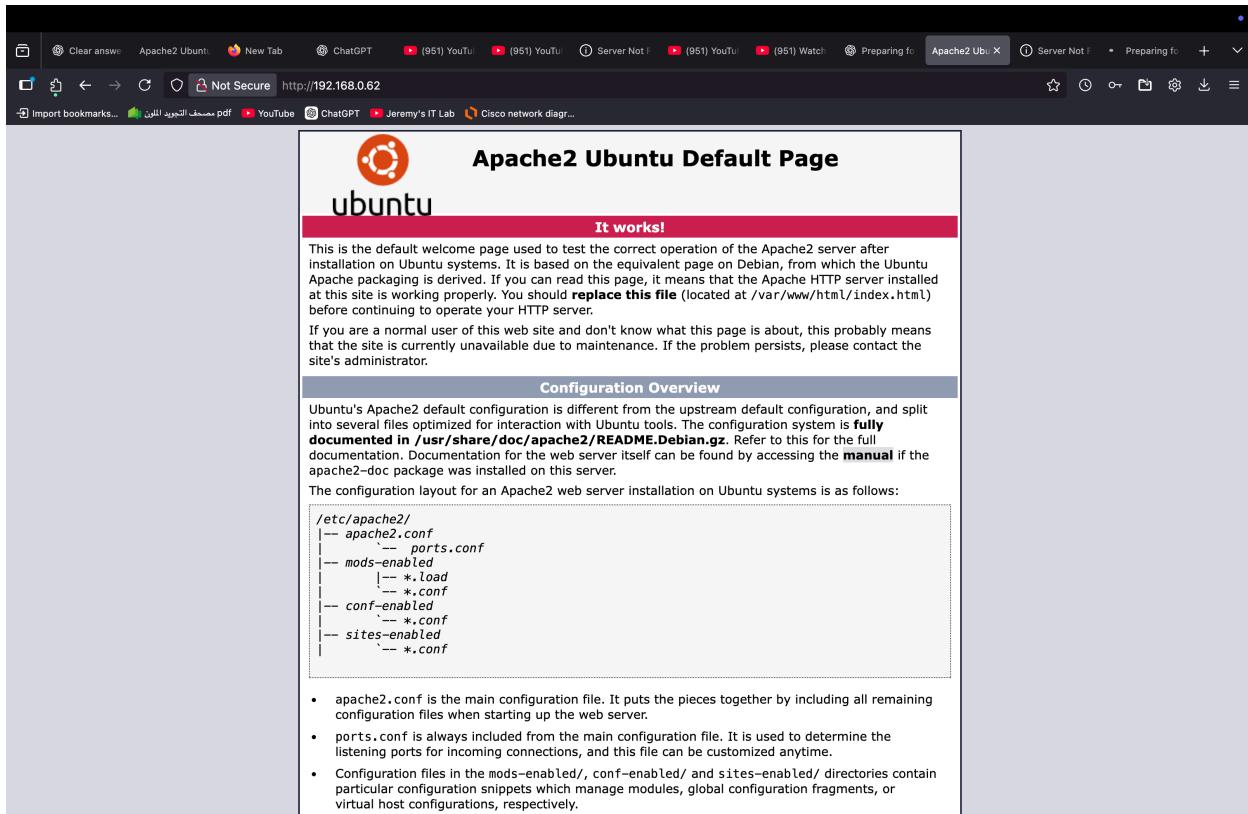
DAS/DAC (CoA)

PMF: Required

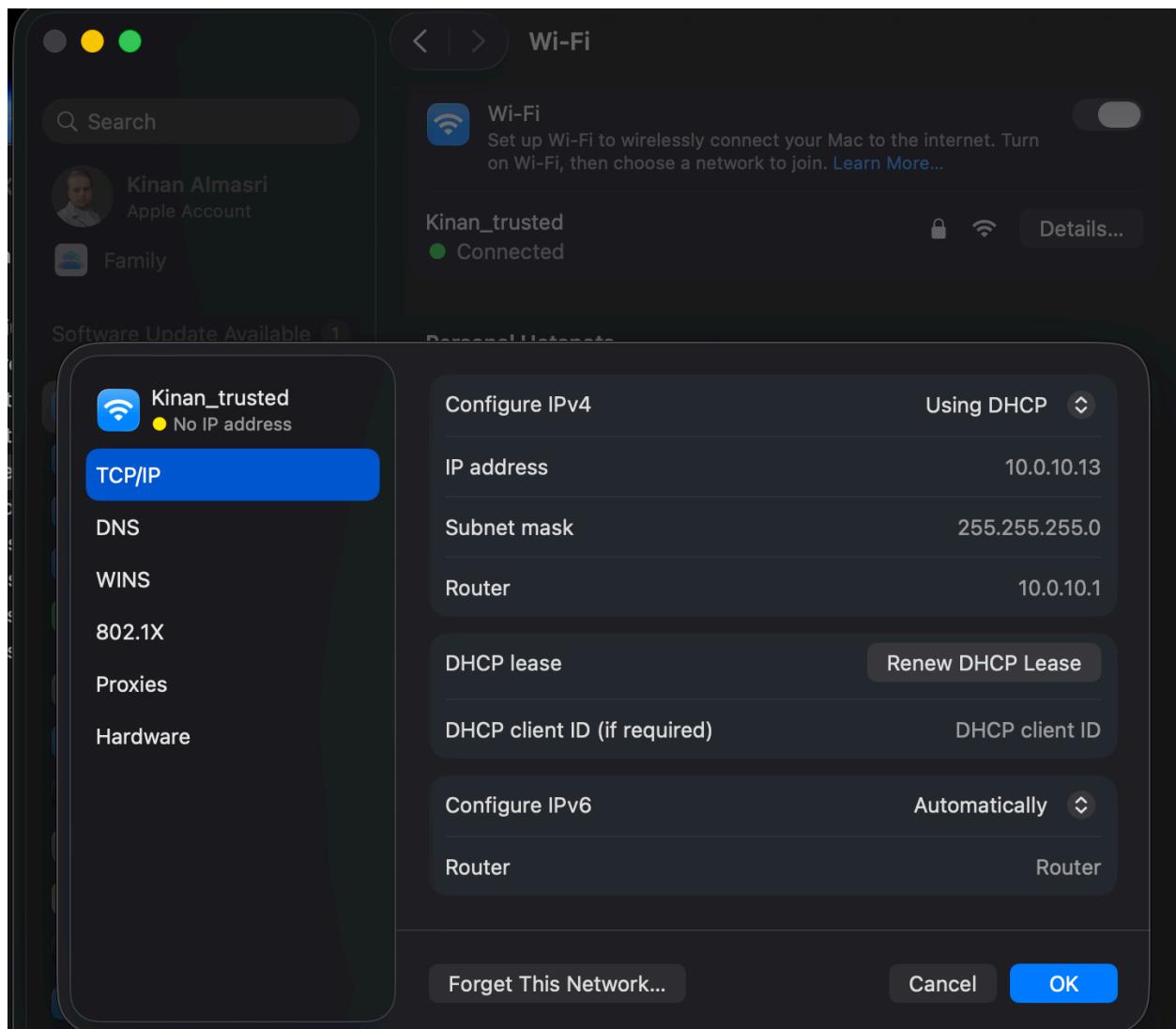
⚠ WPA3 enforces PMF, which may disconnect legacy or IoT clients. To avoid this, we strongly recommend a separate WPA2 broadcast with PMF disabled.

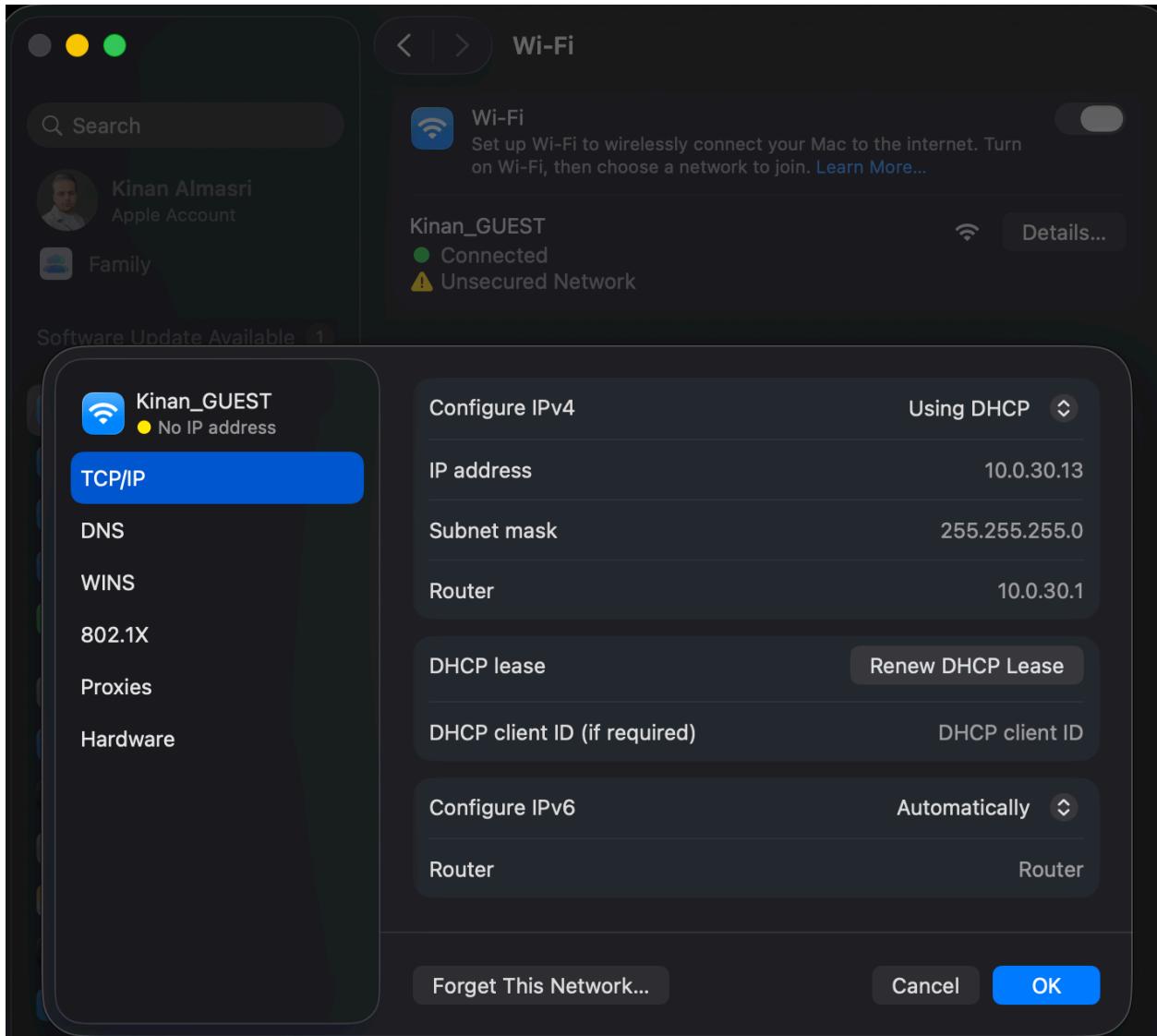


access the server from the outside



Access the trusted and guest network from the laptop





Part 6

Today many websites like gambling, adult sites or even social media try to check the age of users to protect kids from bad content. Some people think this is good. But other people say it is a problem because websites may ask for ID or passport,

and this is not safe for privacy. So the question is can we protect children online without taking people's personal data?

In the European Union there is a law called the Digital Services Act (DSA). This law says big online platforms must protect minors from harmful content [2]. Age checks are allowed, but they must also follow GDPR rules. That means websites cannot just take ID cards and keep them for no reason [2].

Some countries want stronger rules. In France, they want adult websites to verify age, and they work with CNIL (data protection authority) to do it in a way that doesn't show the person's identity [3]. In the UK, the online safety act also asks websites to check age, but many people worry about privacy.

There are privacy problems. The group EDRi says age verification can be dangerous if companies start collecting ID cards, face scans or other personal data [3]. They say the problem is not only age, but how the internet is designed. The European Data Protection Board (EDPB) says that if age checks are used, they must follow GDPR [4]. This means websites should only collect the minimum data, not keep it for a long time, and keep it safe [4]. They also say websites should not force people to give too much personal data just to prove age [4].

My opinion is what I think protecting children is important. But I don't think websites should collect or store ID cards or personal data because it can get hacked or misused. A better idea is to use systems like BankID, Freja eID or anonymous age tokens where the website only knows "this user is over 18" but does not know who the person is. age verification is possible, but it must be done carefully. It should protect children but also respect privacy, like the EU says.

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