

Mid-Term Exam

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- Due Sunday by 11:59am
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Faculty of Information Technology

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Course Code & Name: INSY 8121 & Computer Maintenance

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Date: From 13th to 19th July, 2025

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Group Day: (ALL) D, E, and F

DURATION: 7 Days

Computer Maintenance Mid-Term Exam

Date Due: **Saturday, 19th July 2025, 11:59 P.M.**

Submission File Format: Save as "YourStudentID_YourFullName_CM-spr25_MID.pka"

1. Initial Setup & User Profile Configuration

2. Download the .pka File:

- The exam file is available on Canvas. Make sure you have Packet Tracer version **8.2.2.0400** installed.



- Download this pka file:

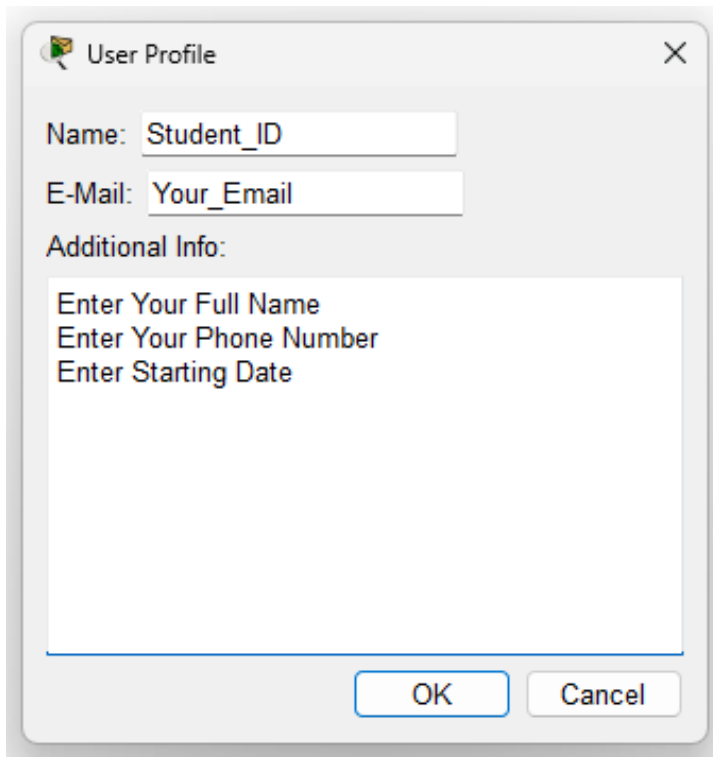
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▪ **Update the following fields:**

- **Name:** Enter your *Student ID*.
- **Additional Info:** Enter your *Full Name*, your *Phone*, and *Starting Date*.



The image shows a 'User Profile' dialog box from the Packet Tracer application. It has a title bar with a close button (X). Inside, there are three input fields: 'Name' with the placeholder text 'Student_ID', 'E-Mail' with the placeholder text 'Your_Email', and a larger 'Additional Info' text area. The 'Additional Info' area contains three lines of placeholder text: 'Enter Your Full Name', 'Enter Your Phone Number', and 'Enter Starting Date'. At the bottom right of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

- In Packet Tracer, locate the **User Profile** section.
 - **Name:** Enter your **Student ID**.
 - **Additional Info:** Enter your **Full Name** and **Phone Number**.
- Note:** Failure to update these fields before reconfiguring will result in your work not being graded, and all configurations will reset.

1. **Automatic Grading Reminder:**

- The provided .pka file uses Packet Tracer's built-in grading system. Your final grade depends on the accuracy and completeness of your configurations.
- **N.B:** you will see progress only when clicking "**Check Results**" manually
- **Use the Assessment Tree to score based on:**
 - Correct NIC installed (via MAC address)

- Correct port security config (MAC, mode, status)
 - Wireless interface SSID, security key
 - Interface is **up and secure**,....
 - **Or** you can test their own work with show command
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2.1. Scenario Overview

AUCA University has acquired new computers (both PCs and laptops). As an experienced computer technician, your task is to reconfigure the network in this exam file. You will:

- Install and configure proper Network Interface Cards and update Device Names on the new devices based on the ideal topology and a provided disconnected topology (which shows the required device names).
 - Ensure that all devices (PCs, laptops, servers, routers, and access points) can communicate.
 - Set up the necessary security features for network security.
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2.2. Objectives

- **Hands-On Network Configuration:**
Master the configuration of various network devices (routers, switches, wireless access points) using Packet Tracer, ensuring you can implement industry-standard settings.
 - **User Profile & Security Management:**
Learn to update and secure device profiles, including configuring hidden SSIDs, MAC filtering, and advanced wireless security protocols (WPA2, WEP).
 - **IP Addressing & DHCP/DNS Services:**
Gain practical experience in setting up IP addressing schemes, configuring DHCP servers for dynamic IP assignment, and setting up DNS services to resolve domain names.
 - **Troubleshooting & Verification:**
Develop your troubleshooting skills by verifying connectivity through ping tests and web browser validation, ensuring all devices communicate seamlessly.
 - **Real-World IT Support Skills:**
Simulate a real-world scenario where you integrate new hardware, configure security features, and maintain system integrity, preparing you for IT support roles in modern network environments.
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2.3. Interesting Outcomes

- **Enhanced Problem-Solving Skills:**
By working through a realistic network configuration scenario, you will sharpen your ability to

diagnose and resolve complex networking issues—a key skill in IT support and computer maintenance.

- **Improved Technical Proficiency:**

Successfully completing the exam will boost your confidence and technical competence in configuring and managing both wired and wireless networks, making you more marketable in today's IT job market.

- **Real-World Experience:**

The exercise mimics industry scenarios, allowing you to experience firsthand the challenges and rewards of maintaining a secure and efficient network, thereby bridging the gap between theory and practical application.

- **Critical Thinking & Decision Making:**

The exam encourages you to think critically about security implementations, device configurations, and network design. This will help you make informed decisions in real-world IT support and network administration roles.

- **Integration of Multiple Technologies:**

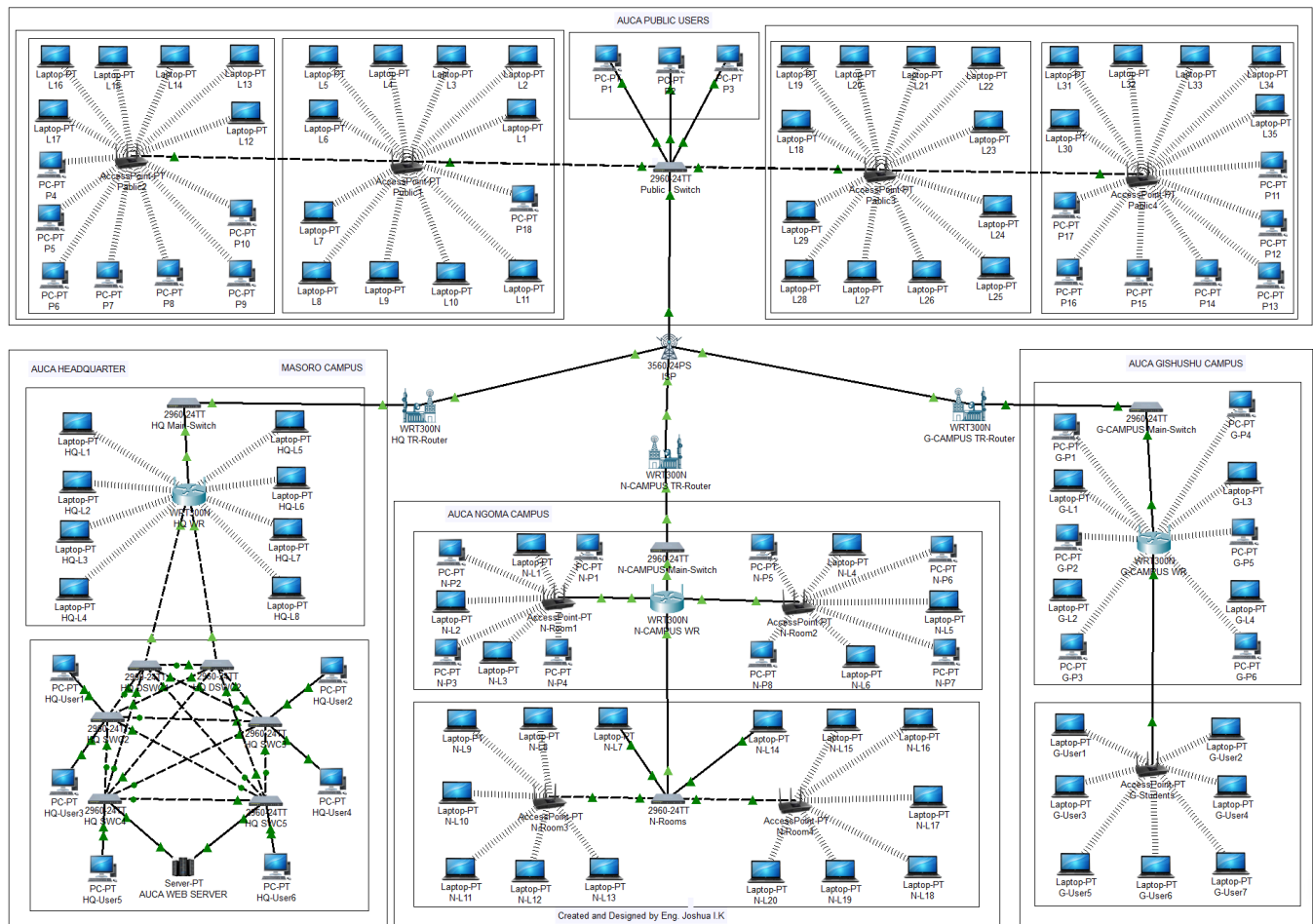
You will learn how various technologies interact—from MAC filtering and DHCP to DNS and wireless security—providing a comprehensive view of modern network management.

- **Preparation for Certification & Career Advancement:**

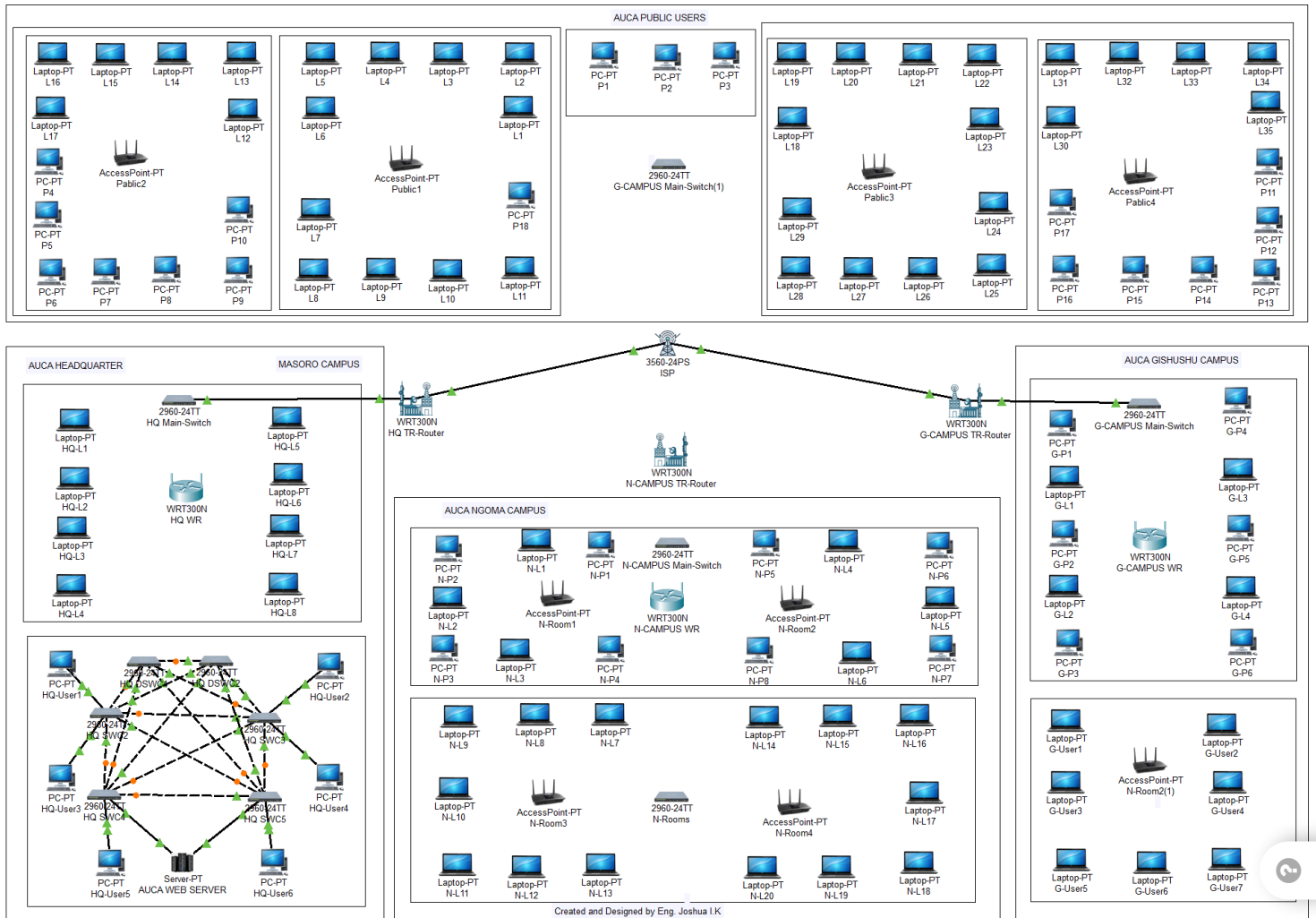
The skills and knowledge gained from this exam are directly applicable to industry certifications and career paths in computer maintenance, network administration, and IT support.



Ideal Network Topology:



Disconnected Topology:



3. Device Configurations

1. TR-Routers (Wireless Routers for Campus Transmission)

Router	SSID	Passphrase
HQ TR-Router	HQ TR-Router	HQ-TR-Router@Auca#2025
G-CAMPUS TR-Router	G-CAMPUS-TR-ROUTER	G-CAMPUS-TR-Router@Auca#2025
N-CAMPUS TR-Router	N-CAMPUS-TR-ROUTER	N-CAMPUS-TR-Router@Auca#2025

WR-Routers (Wireless Routers for Work/Students)

Router	SSID	Passphrase
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HQ WR	Auca-HQ	HeadQuarter@Auca#2025
G-CAMPUS WR	AUCA-G-CAMPUS	G-Campus@Auca#2025
N-CAMPUS WR	AUCA-N-CAMPUS	N-Campus@Auca#2025

Note:

- Set both TR routers and WR routers to hide their wireless SSIDs for security purposes, allowing only users with full credentials to access them.
- **Security Mode:** WPA2 Personal **and Encryption:** AES

Additional Security on WR-Routers:

- **HQ WR:**

Only allow connections from recognized MAC addresses.

Label	MAC Address
HQ-L1	00-01-43-A4-E0-27
HQ-L2	00-01-64-60-39-E1
HQ-L3	00-01-97-6D-C9-02
HQ-L4	00-60-47-72-86-86
HQ-L5	00-0C-CF-50-46-63
HQ-L6	00-90-0C-A7-14-DA
HQ-L7	00-01-63-E4-4C-39
HQ-L8	00-E0-8F-72-0D-3C

- **G-CAMPUS WR Router:**

Allow connections from all users except block these two MAC addresses due to detected malicious

activity:

Label	MAC Address
G-L2	00-02-16-9D-D3-E5
G-L4	00-40-0B-C9-30-64

1. Access Points Configuration

Configure the following access points with their respective settings:

Access Point	SSID	Authentication	Pass Phrase / Key	Security Type
G-Students	G-Students	WPA2-PSK	auca.ac.rw	(PSK based)
N-Room1	N-Room1	WPA2-PSK	auca.ac.rw	(PSK based)
N-Room2	N-Room2	WPA2-PSK	auca.ac.rw	(PSK based)
N-Room3	N-Room3	WPA2-PSK	auca.ac.rw	(PSK based)
N-Room4	N-Room4	WPA2-PSK	auca.ac.rw	(PSK based)
Public1	Public1	WEP	1234567890	(WEP)
Public2	Public2	WEP	1234567890	(WEP)
Public3	Public3	WEP	1234567890	(WEP)
Public4	Public4	WEP	1234567890	(WEP)

Server Configuration

AUCA WEB SERVER:

Parameter	IPs/Subnet Mask
Static IP Address	192.168.0.10
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Default Gateway	192.168.0.1
DNS Server	192.168.0.10

Network for Other Devices:

- All PCs and Laptops must automatically obtain IP addresses from Routers.

4. Configuration Steps

Step 1: File Download & User Profile Update

- **Download** the provided .pka file from Canvas.
- Open the file in Packet Tracer (v8.2.2.0400) and update your **User Profile** as instructed.

Step 2: Reconfigure Network Devices

- **TR-Routers & WR-Routers:**
 - On **HQ WR**, enter the allowed MAC addresses.
 - On **G-CAMPUS WR**, block the two listed MAC addresses.
 - Change the SSID and security settings as per the tables above.
 - Ensure the SSIDs are set to “hidden” on all TR and WR routers.
 - For WR routers, configure MAC filtering:
- **Access Points:**
 - Configure each AP with the appropriate SSID, authentication method, and pass phrase or key.
- **AUCA WEB SERVER:**
 - Verify the static IP configuration.
 - Confirm that the server is in the correct subnet (192.168.0.0/24).

Step 3: Device Interface & IP Configuration

- **PCs and Laptops:**

- Verify that each new device is installed with the proper Network Interface Cards.
- Ensure that the devices are set to obtain IP addresses automatically from the DHCP service provided by the routers in the 192.168.0.0/24 network.

Step 4: Security and Connectivity

- **Security Settings:**

- Double-check that each wireless router and access point is configured with the correct security mode (WPA2 Personal for most; WEP for Public SSIDs).
- Confirm hidden SSID settings.
- Validate MAC filtering rules on HQ WR and G-CAMPUS WR.

- **Connectivity Testing:**

- Ping between multiple devices, especially testing connectivity to the AUCA WEB SERVER using both its IP address (192.168.0.10) and the domain name (**auca.ac.rw**).
- Ensure all devices can access the web server.

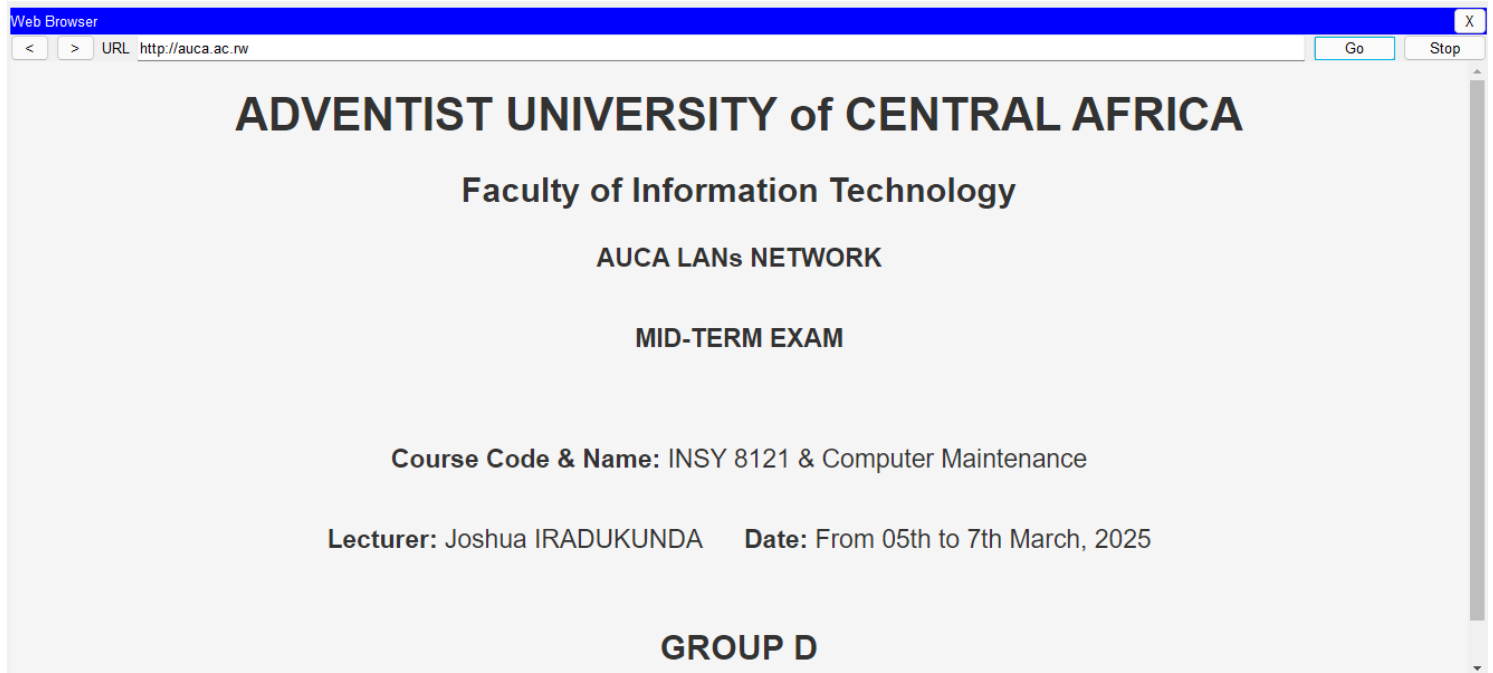
Step 5: Verification and Testing

- **Ping Tests:**

- From various PCs and laptops, run ping tests to verify connectivity to the AUCA WEB SERVER.

- **Browser Test:**

- The IP address: **192.168.0.10**
- The domain name: **auca.ac.rw**
- Open a web browser on a client device and try accessing the AUCA website using:



- **Automatic Grading:**

- Make sure all configurations meet the provided specifications, as the grading system will verify your settings automatically.

5. Final Checklist Before Submission

- **User Profile Updated:**

- Student ID in Name field; Full Name and Phone in Additional Info.

- **TR-Routers & WR-Routers:**

- SSIDs, passphrases, security modes, and encryption settings match the provided tables.
- SSIDs are set to hidden.

- **MAC Filtering:**

- **HQ WR:** Only the listed MAC addresses are allowed.
- **G-CAMPUS WR:** Block the two specified MAC addresses.

- **Access Points:**

- All APs are configured with the correct SSIDs, authentication methods, and keys.

- **Server & DHCP:**

- AUCA WEB SERVER is configured with static IP 192.168.0.10.
- All other devices receive IP addresses automatically from the 192.168.0.0/24 network.

- **Connectivity:**

- Successful ping tests between devices, especially with the AUCA WEB SERVER.
- Web browsing using both IP and domain name confirms DNS resolution.



- **Save Configuration:**

- Save the final configuration with the filename: **YourStudentID_YourFullName_CM-spr25_MID.pka**

- **Submission:**

- Upload the completed file back to Canvas before the deadline.

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