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Class Exercise: Packet Tracer WLAN configuration

1 ABSTRACT

This report described the configuration of both a home wireless router and an enterprise Wireless LAN Controller (WLC) network in Packet Tracer. The activity implemented WLAN connectivity using WPA2-Personal and WPA2-Enterprise security models. A home router was configured to provide secure wireless access for multiple devices through DHCP and WPA2-PSK authentication. In the enterprise network, the WLC was configured with VLAN interfaces, internal DHCP scope, external RADIUS authentication, and two WLANs mapped to separate VLANs. Wireless hosts were successfully connected to the appropriate SSIDs, and end-to-end connectivity was verified through ping and web access tests.

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2 INTRODUCTION

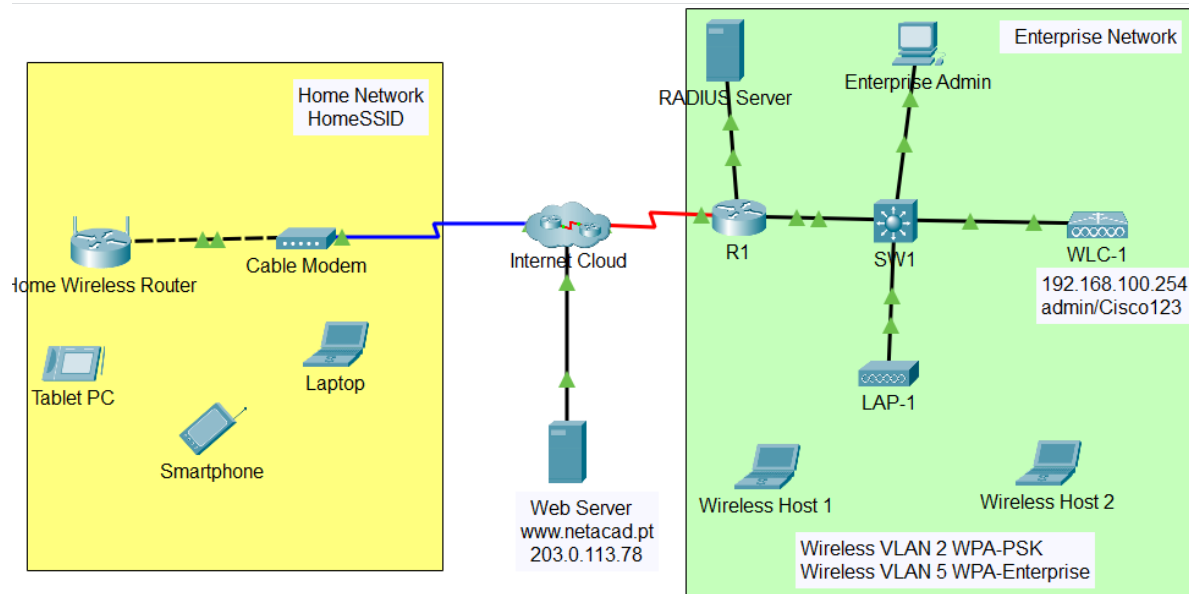
Wireless LANs were essential in modern networking due to their flexibility and support for mobile connectivity. However, wireless networks required strong security mechanisms such as WPA2 encryption and enterprise authentication through RADIUS servers. This activity focused on configuring a home WLAN using WPA2-Personal and an enterprise WLAN environment using a WLC with WPA2-Enterprise authentication.

3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this activity were:

- ❖ To configure a home wireless router to provide Wi-Fi connectivity to multiple devices.
- ❖ To implement WPA2-PSK security on a home WLAN.
- ❖ To configure VLAN interfaces on a Wireless LAN Controller.
- ❖ To create and configure WLANs on the WLC.
- ❖ To implement WPA2-PSK security on one enterprise WLAN and connect hosts to it.
- ❖ To implement WPA2-Enterprise authentication using a RADIUS server on a second WLAN.
- ❖ To verify end-to-end WLAN connectivity through ping and web access testing.

4 NETWORK TOPOLOGY



4.1 Addressing Table

Device	Interface	IP Address
Home Wireless Router	Internet	DHCP
	LAN	192.168.6.1/27
RTR-1	G0/0/0.2	192.168.2.1/24
	G0/0/0.5	192.168.5.1/24
	G0/0/0.100	192.168.100.1/24
	G0/0/1	10.6.0.1/24
SW1	VLAN 200	192.168.100.100/24
LAP-1	G0	DHCP
WLC-1	Management	192.168.100.254/24
RADIUS Server	NIC	10.6.0.254/24
Home Admin	NIC	DHCP
Enterprise Admin	NIC	192.168.100.200/24
Web Server	NIC	203.0.113.78/24
DNS Server	NIC	10.100.100.252
Laptop	NIC	DHCP
Tablet PC	Wireless0	DHCP
Smartphone	Wireless0	DHCP
Wireless Host 1	Wireless0	DHCP
Wireless Host 2	Wireless0	DHCP

WLAN Information

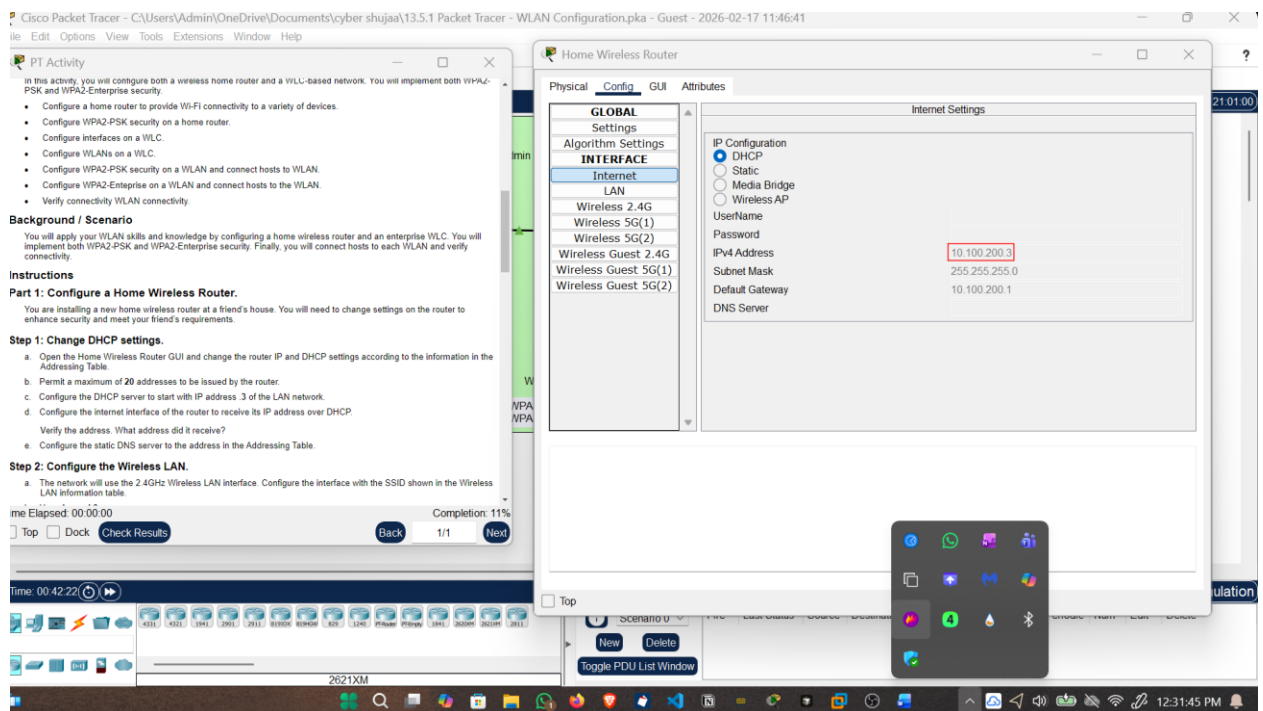
WLAN	SSID	Authentication	Username	Password
Home Network	HomeSSID	WPA2-Personal	N/A	Cisco123
WLAN VLAN 2	SSID-2	WPA-2 Personal	N/A	Cisco123
WLAN VLAN 5	SSID-5	WPA-2 Enterprise	userWLAN5	userW5pass

5 METHODOLOGY

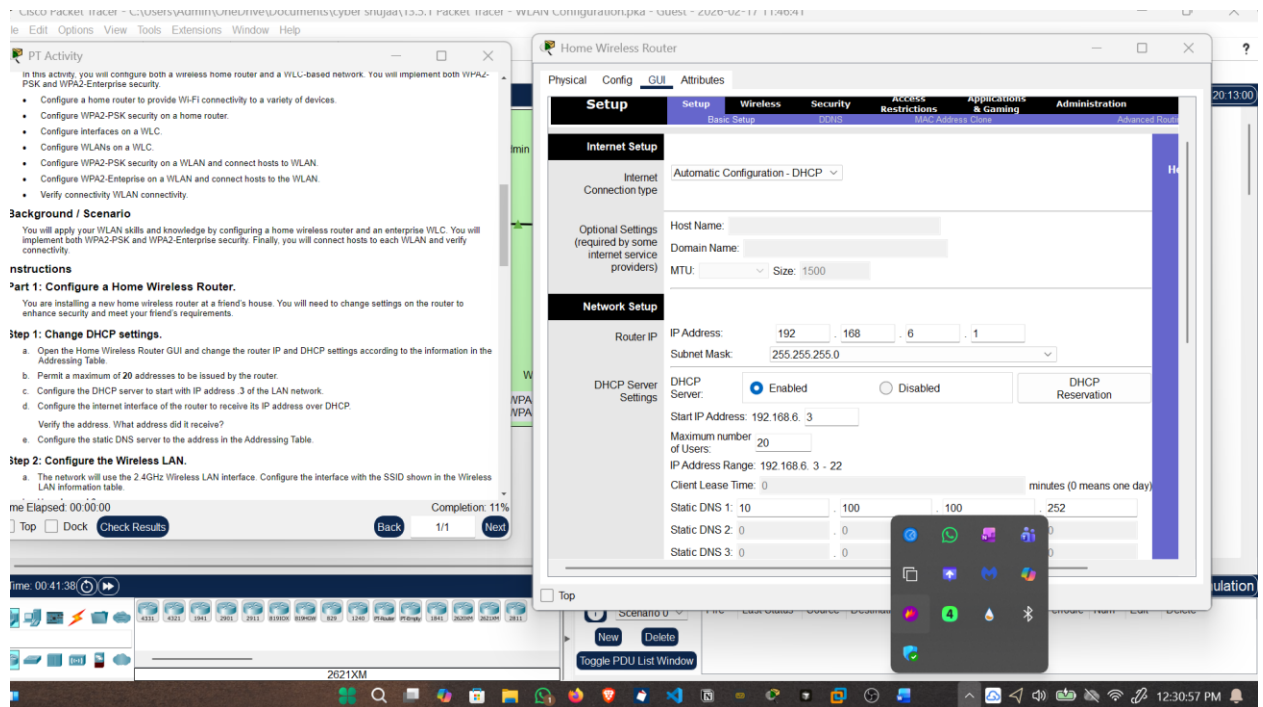
5.1 Part 1: Configure a Home Wireless Router.

5.1.1 Step 1: Change DHCP settings.

1. Open the Home Wireless Router GUI and change the router IP and DHCP settings according to the information in the Addressing Table.
2. Permit a maximum of **20** addresses to be issued by the router.
3. Configure the DHCP server to start with IP address **.3** of the LAN network.
4. Configure the internet interface of the router to receive its IP address over DHCP.
5. Question:
6. Verify the address. What address did it receive?

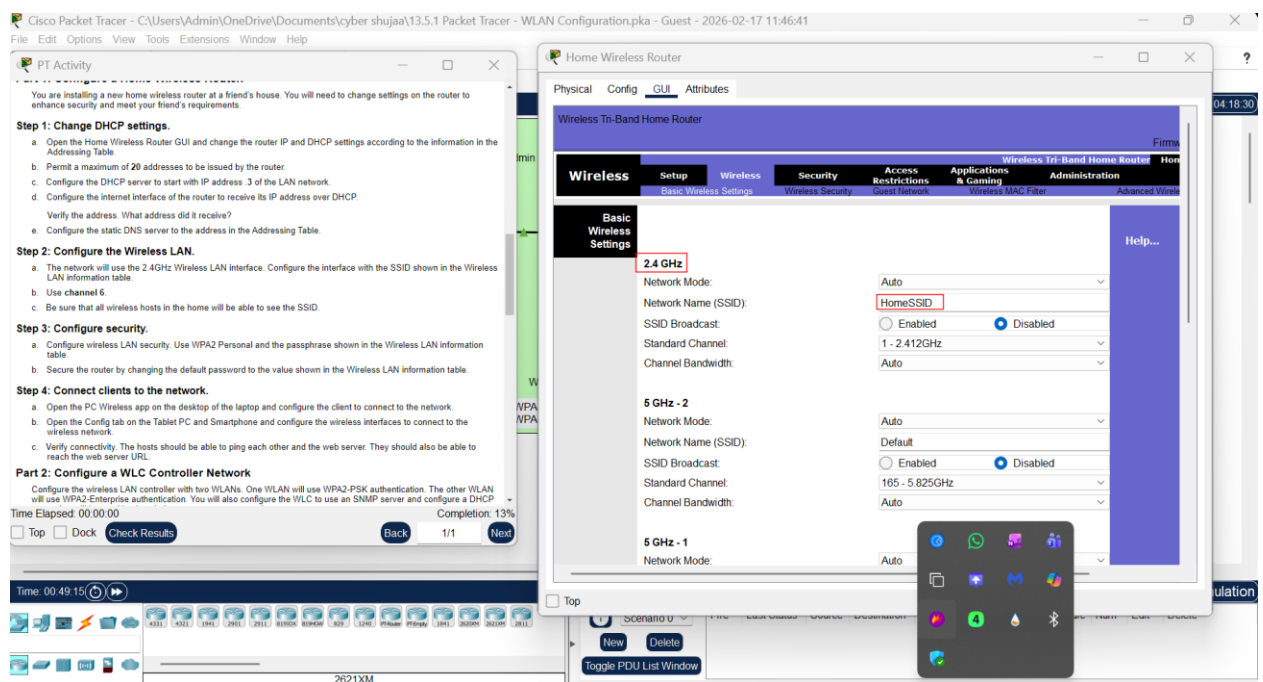


7. Configure the static DNS server to the address in the Addressing Table.



5.1.2 Step 2: Configure the Wireless LAN.

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



5.1.3 Step 3: Configure security.

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

PT Activity

Device	Interface	Configuration
Home Admin	NIC	DHCP
Enterprise Admin	NIC	192.168.100.200/24
Web Server	NIC	203.0.113.78/24
DNS Server	NIC	10.100.100.252
Laptop	NIC	DHCP
Tablet PC	Wireless0	DHCP
Smartphone	Wireless0	DHCP
Wireless Host 1	Wireless0	DHCP
Wireless Host 2	Wireless0	DHCP

WLAN Information

WLAN	SSID	Authentication	Username	Password
Home Network	HomeSSID	WPA2-Personal	N/A	Cisco123
WLAN VLAN 2	SSID-2	WPA2-Personal	N/A	Cisco123
WLAN VLAN 5	SSID-5	WPA2-Enterprise	userWLAN5	userV5pass

Note: It is not a good practice to reuse passwords as is done in this activity. Passwords have been reused to make it easier to work through the tasks.

Objectives

In this activity, you will configure both a wireless home router and a WLC-based network. You will implement both WPA2-PSK and WPA2-Enterprise security.

- Configure a home router to provide Wi-Fi connectivity to a variety of devices.
- Configure WPA2-PSK security on a home router.
- Configure interfaces on a WLC.
- Configure WLANs on a WLC.
- Configure WPA2-PSK security on a WLAN and connect hosts to WLAN.
- Configure WPA2-Enterprise on a WLAN and connect hosts to the WLAN.

Time Elapsed: 00:00:00 Completion: 17%

Top Dock Check Results Back 1/1 New

Time: 00:51:51

Home Wireless Router

Physical Config GUI Attributes

Wireless Setup Wireless Security Access Restrictions Applications & Gaming Administration

Wireless Security

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Security Mode: WPA2 Personal

Encryption: AES

Passphrase: Cisco123

Key Renewal: 3600 seconds

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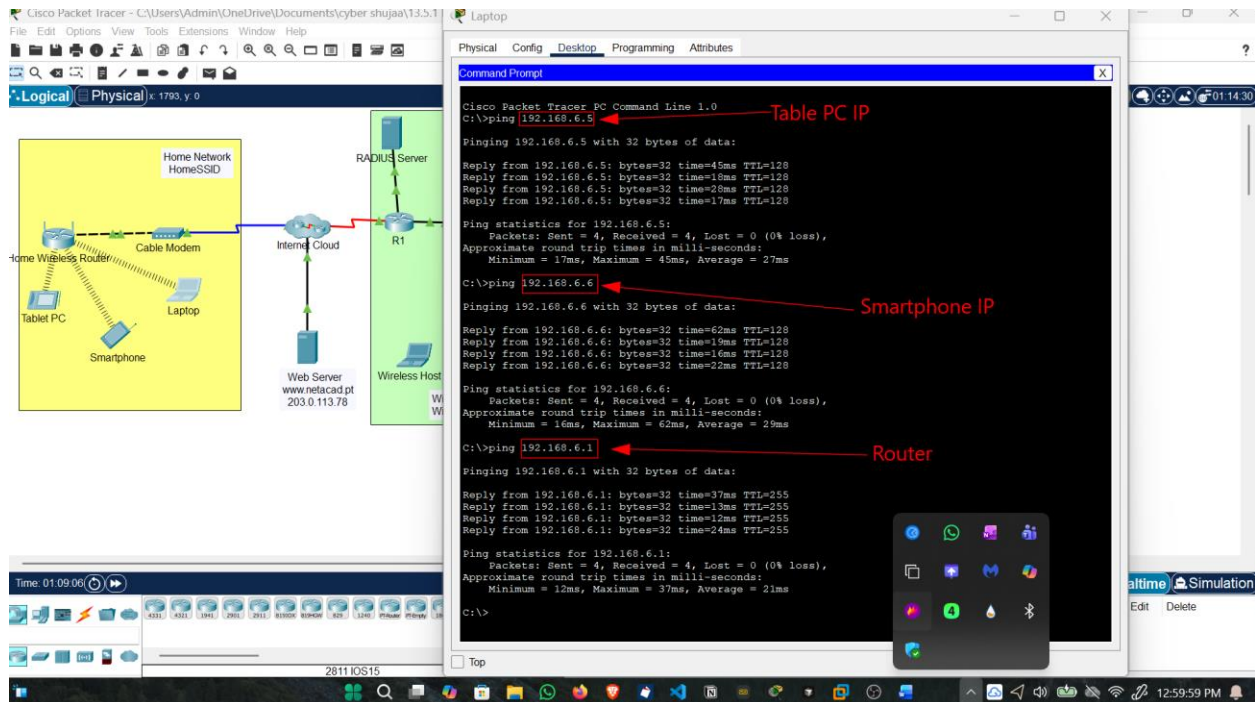
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Security Mode: Disabled

5.1.4 Step 4: Connect clients to the network.

1. Open the PC Wireless app on the desktop of the laptop and configure the client to connect to the network.
2. Open the Config tab on the Tablet PC and Smartphone and configure the wireless interfaces to connect to the wireless network.
3. 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.



5.2 Part 2: 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.

5.2.1 Step 1: Configure VLAN interfaces.

1. From the Enterprise Admin, navigate to the WLC-1 management interface via a web browser. To log into WLC-1, use **admin** as the username and **Cisco123** as the password.
2. Configure an interface for the first WLAN.

Name: WLAN 2

VLAN Identifier: 2

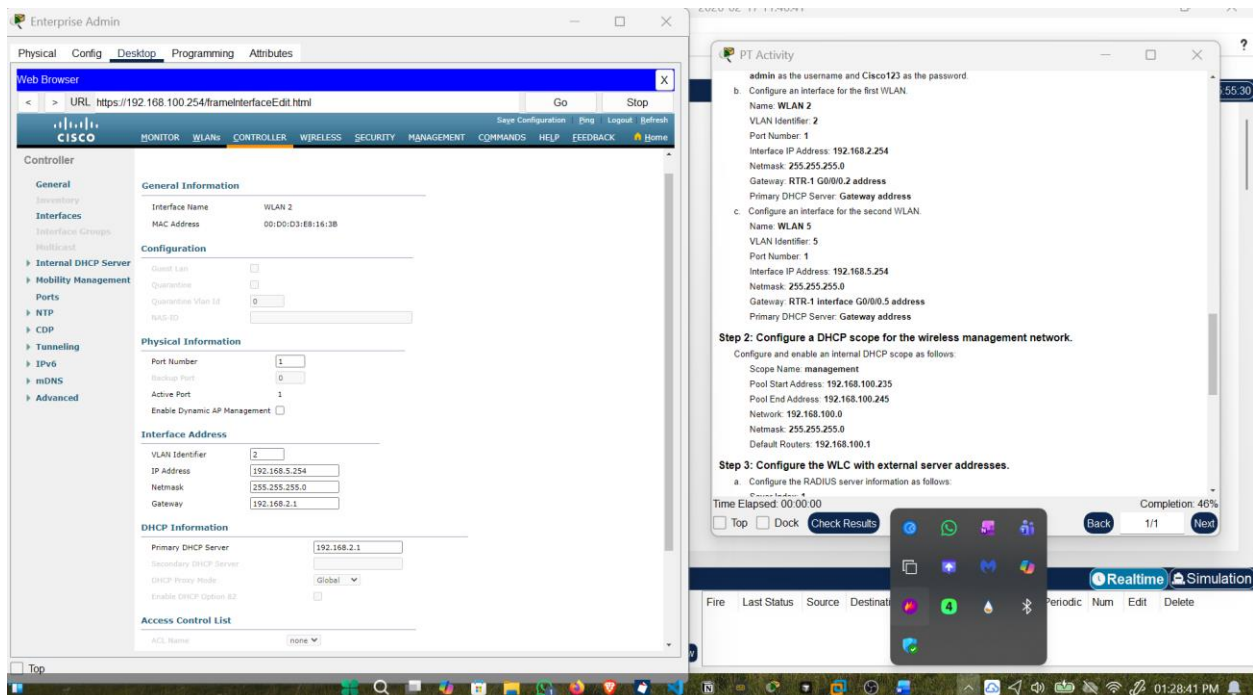
Port Number: 1

Interface IP Address: 192.168.2.254

Netmask: 255.255.255.0

Gateway: RTR-1 G0/0/0.2 address

Primary DHCP Server: Gateway address



3. Configure an interface for the second WLAN

Name: WLAN 5

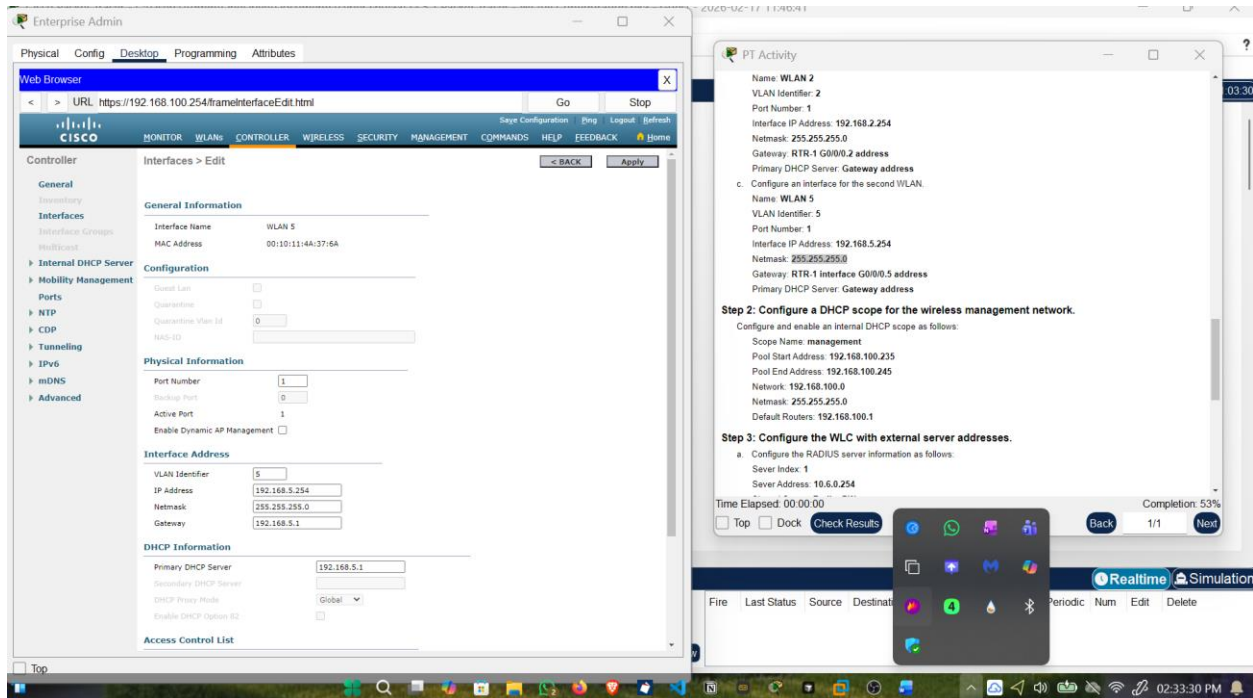
VLAN Identifier: 5

Port Number: 1

Interface IP Address: 192.168.5.254

Netmask: 255.255.255.0

Primary DHCP Server: Gateway address



5.2.2 Step 2: Configure a DHCP scope for the wireless management network.

Configure and enable an internal DHCP scope as follows:

Scope Name: **management**

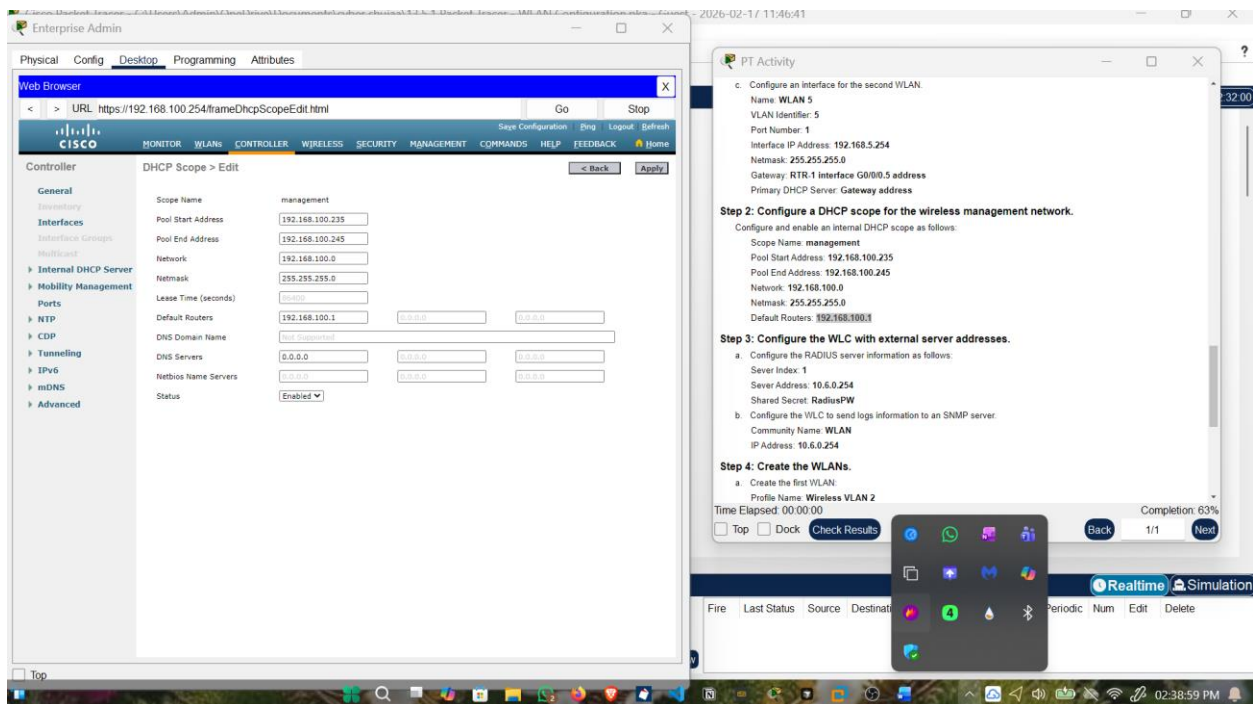
Pool Start Address: **192.168.100.235**

Pool End Address: **192.168.100.245**

Network: 192.168.100.0

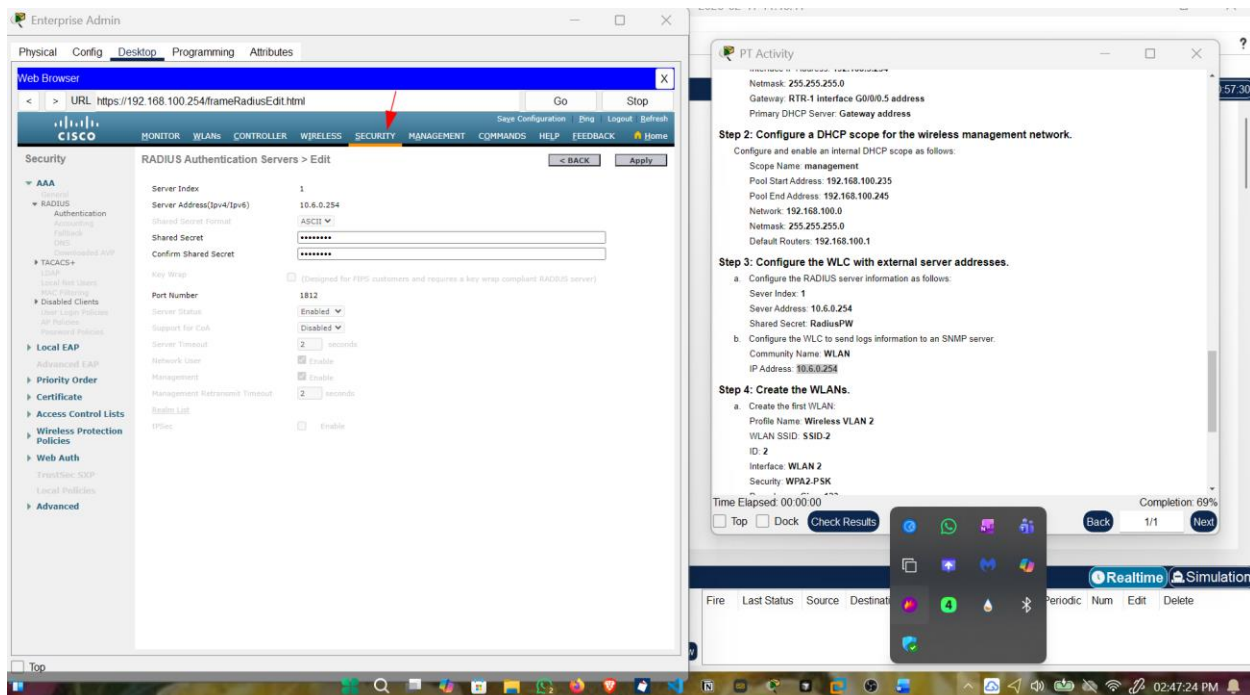
Netmask: **255.255.255.0**

Default Routers: **192.168.100.1**



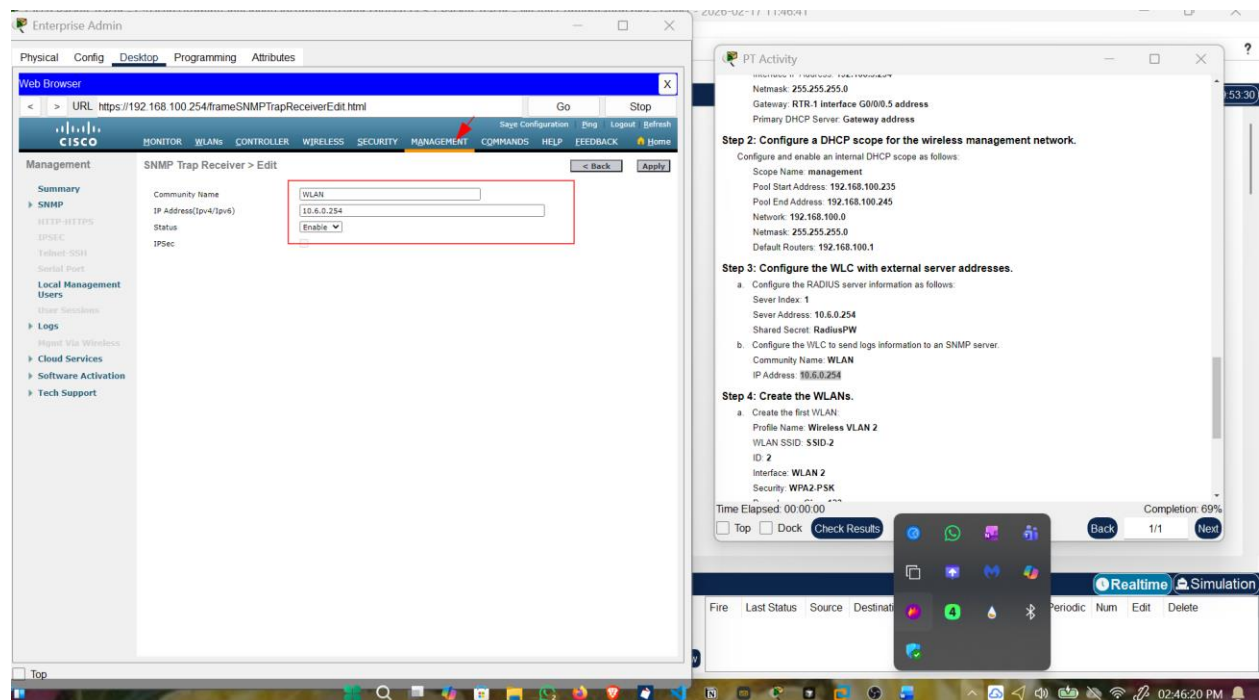
5.2.3 Step 3: Configure the WLC with external server addresses.

1. Configure the RADIUS server information as follows:
 - a. Sever Index: **1**
 - b. Sever Address: **10.6.0.254**
 - c. Shared Secret: **RadiusPW**



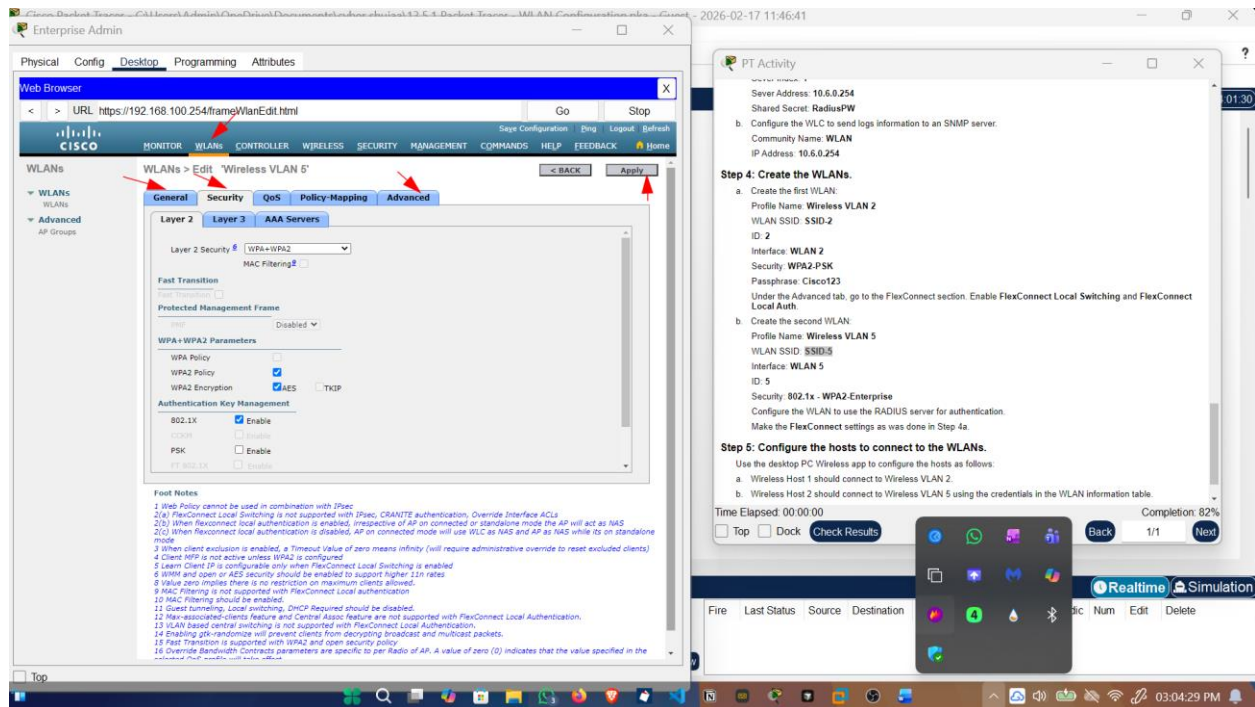
2. Configure the WLC to send logs information to an SNMP server.

- Community Name: **WLAN**
- IP Address: **10.6.0.254**



5.2.4 Step 4: Create the WLANs.

1. Create the first WLAN:
 - a. Profile Name: **Wireless VLAN 2**
 - b. WLAN SSID: **SSID-2**
 - c. ID: **2**
 - d. Interface: **WLAN 2**
 - e. Security: **WPA2-PSK**
 - f. Passphrase: **Cisco123**
 - g. Under the Advanced tab, go to the FlexConnect section. Enable **FlexConnect Local Switching** and **FlexConnect Local Auth**.
2. Create the second WLAN:
 - a. Profile Name: **Wireless VLAN 5**
 - b. WLAN SSID: **SSID-5**
 - c. Interface: **WLAN 5**
 - d. ID: **5**
 - e. Security: **802.1x - WPA2-Enterprise**
 - f. Configure the WLAN to use the RADIUS server for authentication.
 - g. Make the **FlexConnect** settings as was done in Step 4.1.



5.2.5 Step 5: Configure the hosts to connect to the WLANs.

Use the desktop PC Wireless app to configure the hosts as follows:

1. Wireless Host 1 should connect to Wireless VLAN 2.
2. Wireless Host 2 should connect to Wireless VLAN 5 using the credentials in the WLAN information table.

5.2.6 Step 6: Test connectivity.

Connectivity testing confirmed successful WLAN deployment. Both wireless hosts were able to obtain IP addresses via DHCP, communicate across the network, and access the external web server through ping and URL testing. The results verified that both WPA2-Personal and WPA2-Enterprise WLANs operated correctly with secure authentication and proper VLAN segmentation.

6 CONCLUSION

The WLAN configuration activity highlighted the deployment of secure wireless networking in both home and enterprise environments. The home router provided wireless connectivity using WPA2-Personal security and controlled DHCP addressing. In the enterprise scenario, the WLC supported multiple VLAN-based WLANs with WPA2-PSK and WPA2-Enterprise authentication

through a RADIUS server. Overall, the exercise emphasized the importance of WLAN security, VLAN integration, and centralized wireless management in ensuring reliable and protected wireless communication.

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