



The bridge to possible

Meraki 201: Programmatic Access

Accelerate with Intelligence

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Cisco Webex App

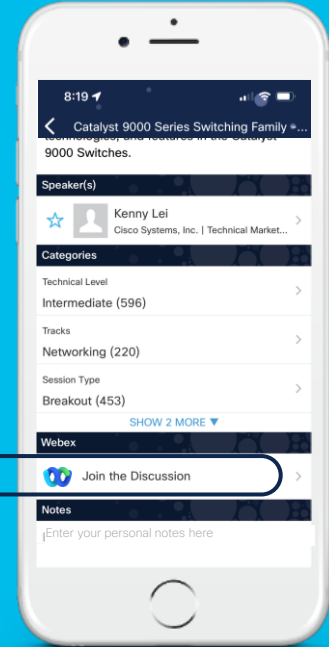
Questions?

Use Cisco Webex App to chat with the speaker after the session

How

- 1 Find this session in the Cisco Live Mobile App
- 2 Click “Join the Discussion”
- 3 Install the Webex App or go directly to the Webex space
- 4 Enter messages/questions in the Webex space

Webex spaces will be moderated until February 24, 2023.



Agenda

- Introduction
- API / Webhooks
- Network as a Sensor
- MV
- Conclusion

In the beginning...



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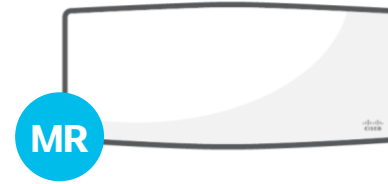
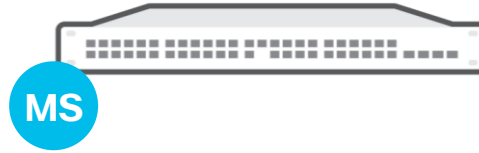
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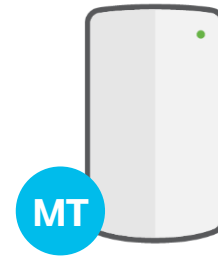
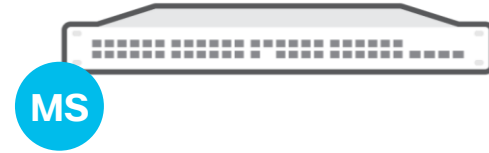
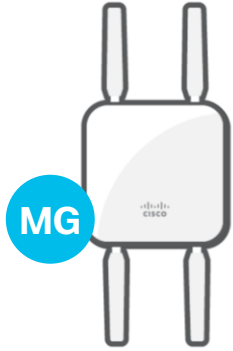
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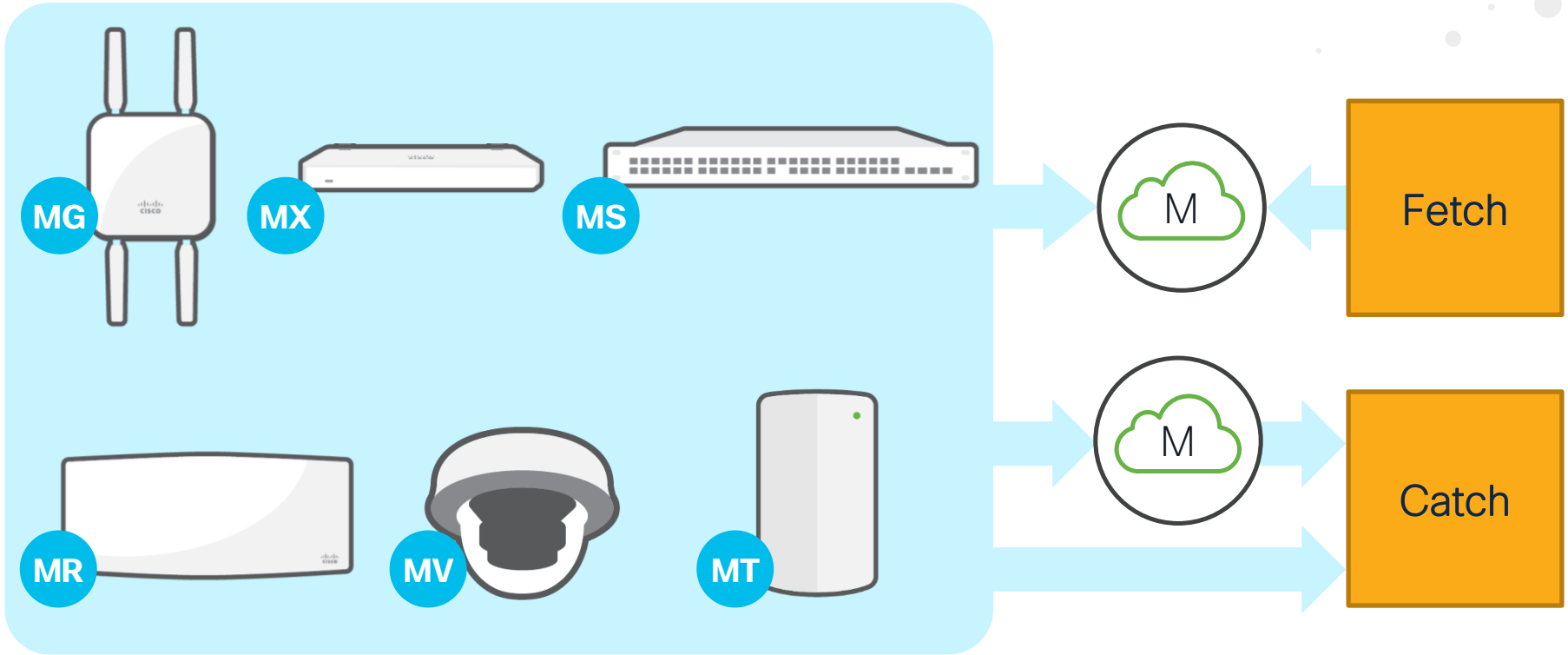
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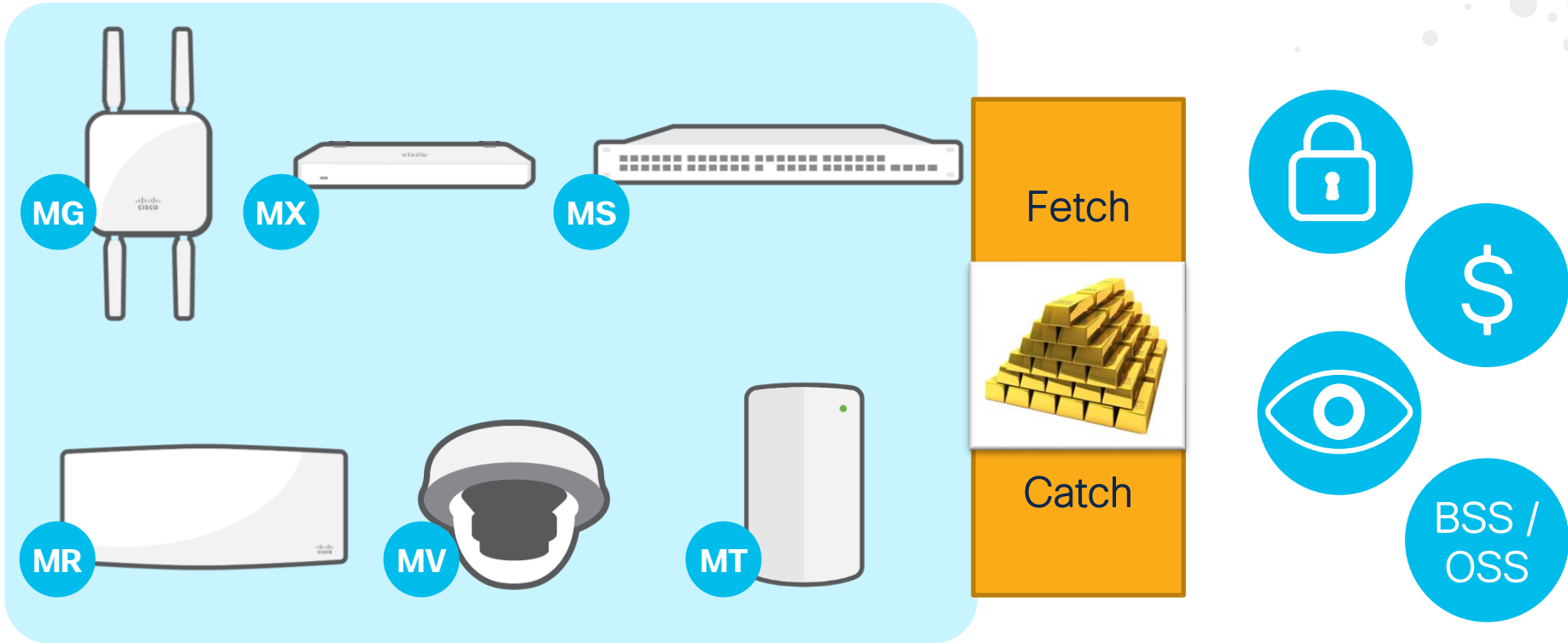
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API & Webhooks



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← POST →



API: Key

API access

API keys

Key	Created at	Last used	
*****8fd5	Apr 18 2018 15:02 UTC	Jan 04 2023 18:31 UTC	Revoke

[Generate new API key](#)

- Privileged as user
- Treat as a credential (sensitivity, rotation)
- System ID (no SAML access)

API: Rate-limit



Megaproxy

- 50 requests per second per IP address
- violation = 429

Shard

- 10 requests per second per organization
- violation = 429, retry-after

Optimize with “action batches”

API: Pagination

Request 1

```
[
  { "serial": "Q2CL-OU DM-ANAG", "model": "mr57" },
  { "serial": "Q2EM-ENT I-STHE", "model": "mr57" },
  { "serial": "Q2FU-TURE-OFAL", "model": "mr57" },
    <snip>
  { "serial": "Q2NE-NETW-ORKS", "model": "mr57" }
]
```

x1,000

Request 2

```
[
  { "serial": "Q2GE-TONB-OARD", "model": "mr57" },
  { "serial": "Q2SO-YOUA-RENT", "model": "mr57" },
  { "serial": "Q2LE-FTBE-HIND", "model": "mr57" }
]
```

x3

API: Pagination

Request 1

```
/inventory
```

x1,000

Request 2

```
/inventory?startingAfter=Q2NE-NETW-ORKS
```

x3

API: SDK

With SDK

```
response = dashboard.organizations.getOrganizations()
```

Without SDK

```
url = "https://api.meraki.com/api/v1/organizations"
```

```
payload = None
```

```
headers = {  
    "Content-Type": "application/json",  
    "Accept": "application/json",  
    "X-Cisco-Meraki-API-Key": "75dd5334bef4d2bc96f26138c163c0a3fa0b5ca6"  
}
```

```
response = requests.request('GET', url, headers=headers, data = payload)
```

API: Developer Portal



Webhooks



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Webhooks

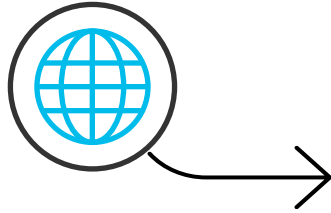


- Unsolicited
- Event-driven / real-time
- Encrypted (should be)
- Authenticated (should be)
- Reliably-transported (TCP)
- Lightweight protocol
- Verbose
- Machine-friendly formatting

Webhooks

```
{
  "sharedSecret": "secret",
  "sentAt": "2021-10-07T08:42:00.923716Z",
  "organizationId": "2930418",
  "networkId": "N_24329156",
  "deviceSerial": "Q234-ABCD-5678",
  "alertType": "Unreachable devices detected",
  "alertTypeId": "firewall_test_failed",
  "occurredAt": "2018-02-11T00:00:00.123450Z",
  "alertData": {
    "failingNodes": "3rd Floor, AP #14"
  }
}
```


Webhooks



Meraki Dashboard

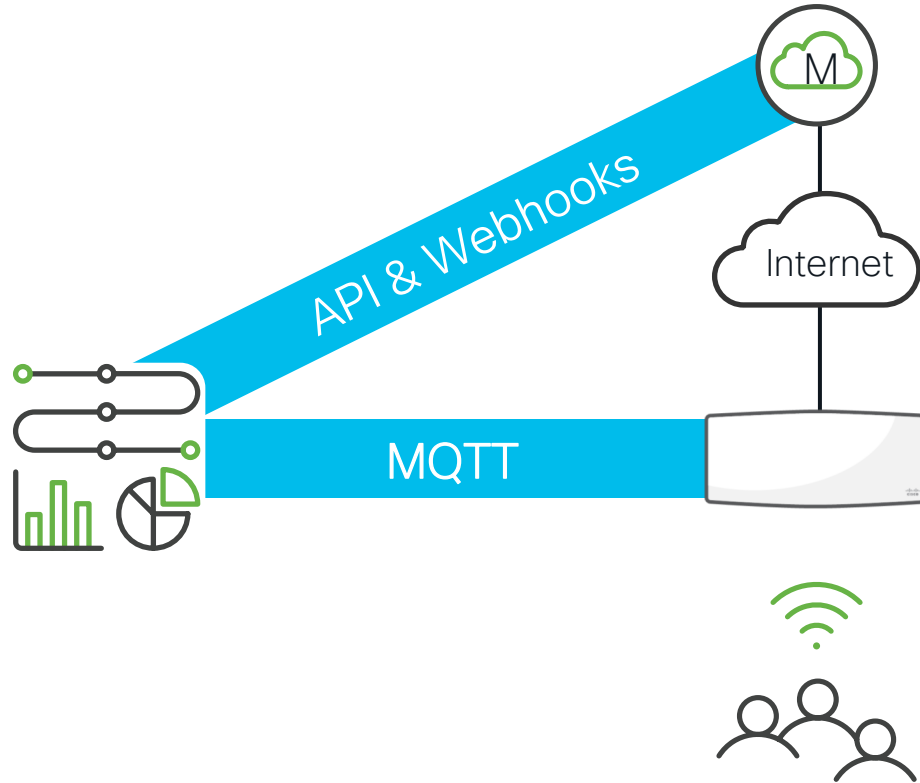
Webhooks: Best practices

- Use HTTPS
- Track SSL/TLS certificate expiration
- Troubleshoot via triangulation
- Separate storing from processing
- Correlate webhooks event with API endpoints

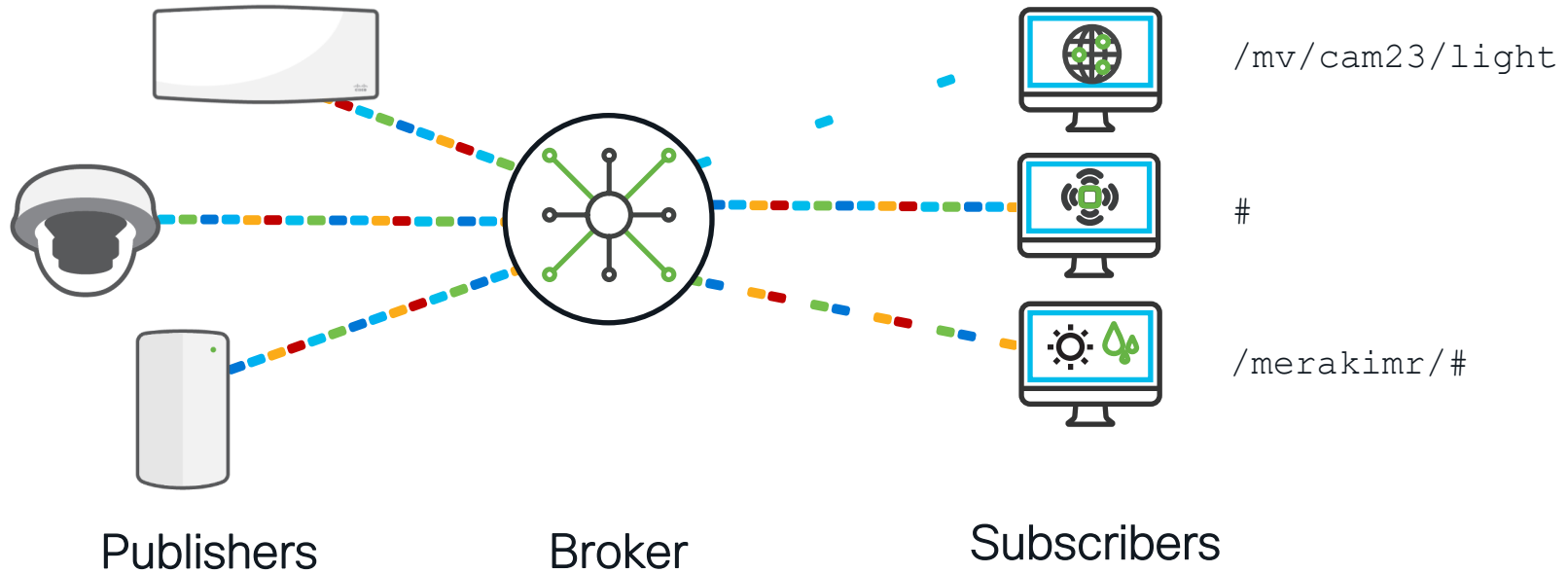
Network as a Sensor



Network as a Sensor: MQTT



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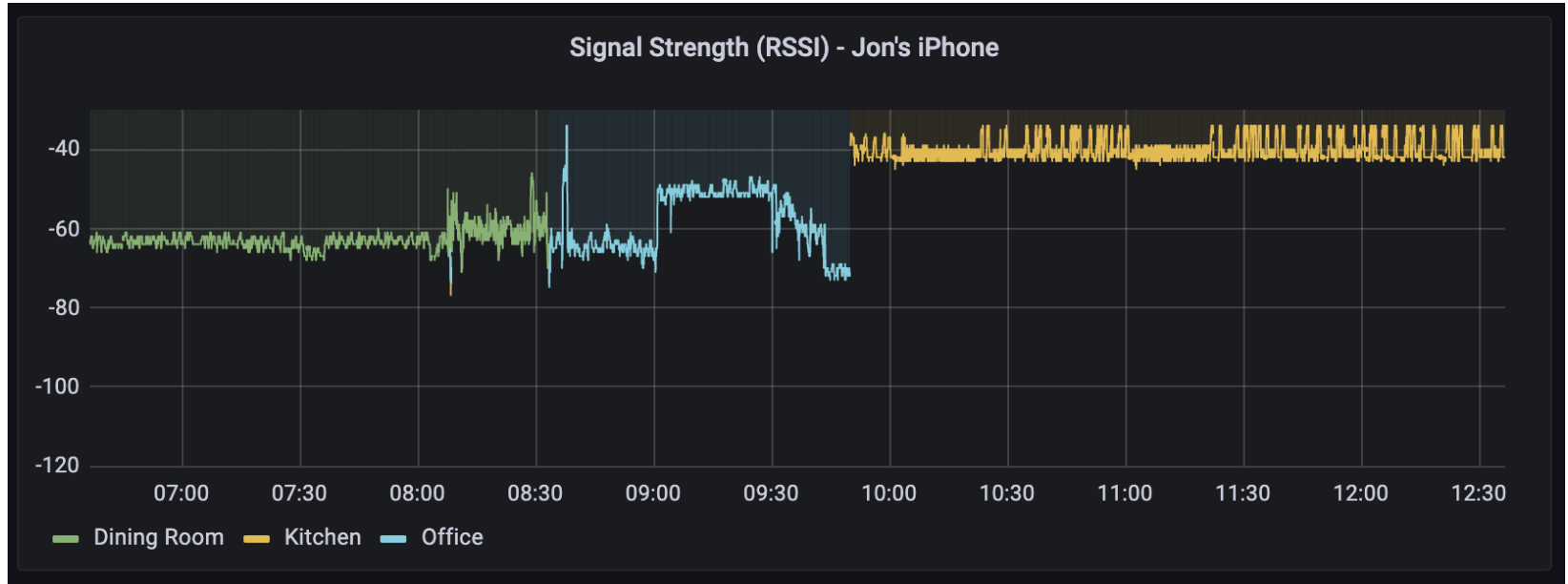


Network as a Sensor: MQTT



```
/merakimr {  
  "mrMac": "5C:AL:EA:B1:E0:00",  
  "clientType": "associated",  
  "clientMac": "BA:5E:BA:11:00:00",  
  "timestamp": "2021-10-19 20:06:35.696",  
  "networkId": "N_628252148018987654",  
  "rssi": "-51",  
  "radio": "wifi"  
}  
  
/merakimr {  
  "bleType": "unknown",  
  "mrMac": "0D:DB:A1:10:00:00",  
  "clientMac": "DE:AD:BE:EF:CA:FE",  
  "timestamp": "2021-10-19 20:06:36.244",  
  "networkId": "N_628252148018987654",  
  "rawPayload": "1bfff750042040180666407f652410000",  
  "rssi": "-90",  
  "radio": "ble"  
}
```

Network as a Sensor: MQTT



Network as a Sensor: MQTT

IoT Radio Settings

Bluetooth MQTT

MQTT telemetry streaming

Disabled

Enabled

MQTT broker

Select a MQTT broker for APs to publish to.

Lab Server

DETAILS

Host	10.10.10.21
Port	1883
Security	None

Wi-Fi telemetry

Disabled

Enabled

Wi-Fi client type

Client type, of which APs publish telemetry to the broker

Visible

Associated

Additional message fields

Select Wi-Fi fields to populate in MQTT messages.

☐ Band

MAC address allow list

MAC addresses of clients to publish telemetry to the broker for. Empty allow list will publish telemetry for all clients.

+ 30:65:EC:6F:C4:58

Hysteresis

Disabled

Enabled

Network as a Sensor: Loss & Latency

RTR: Response Time Reporter

SAA: Service Assurance Agent

IP SLA: IP Service Level Agreements

Network as a Sensor: Loss & Latency

SD-WAN & traffic shaping

Uplink configuration

Cellular active uplink

Enabled ▾

WAN 1

down (Mb/s)

500

[simple](#)

up (Mb/s)

500

Cellular

unlimited

[details](#)

Uplink statistics

Test Connectivity to	Description	Default
8.8.8.8	Google	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
9.9.9.9	Quad9	<input type="radio"/>
208.67.222.222	OpenDNS	<input type="radio"/>
1.1.1.1	Cloudflare	<input type="radio"/>

Connectivity to

8.8.8.8 ▾



Latency

12 ms
9 ms
6 ms
3 ms
0 ms

1.1.1.1

8.8.8.8

9.9.9.9

208.67.222.222

18:00

Loss





100 %
25 %
5 %
1 %
0 %

14:00

16:00

18:00

Network as a Sensor: Loss & Latency

Status	Network name	Interface	VoIP provider ▼	VoIP server address	VoIP health	MOS	Loss	Latency	Jitter
●	Hartman Household	WAN 1	Default Gateway	184.17.64.1		4.4	0.00%	5.8 ms	3.4 ms
●	Hartman Household	WAN 1	Cisco WebEx	cisco.webex.com		4.4	0.00%	60 ms	710 μs
●	Hartman Household	WAN 1	Christmas Music - Shoutcast	174.142.242.123		4.4	0.00%	41 ms	670 μs
●	Hartman Household	WAN 1	Christmas Music - iHeart Radio	151.101.201.132		4.4	0.00%	7.6 ms	740 μs

Network as a Sensor: Loss & Latency

Get Organization Devices

Uplinks Loss And Latency

```
{
  "networkId": "L_628252148018187961",
  "serial": "Q2MY-GNZL-6CXM",
  "uplink": "wan1",
  "ip": "1.1.1.1",
  "timeSeries": [
    {
      "ts": "2023-01-07T16:54:37Z",
      "lossPercent": 0,
      "latencyMs": 8.4
    },
    ... < snip >
    {
      "ts": "2023-01-07T16:58:36Z",
      "lossPercent": 0,
      "latencyMs": 8.4
    }
  ]
}
```

Meraki Vision



Meraki Vision



Meraki Vision



Meraki Vision: API

generateDeviceCameraSnapshot

/devices/{serial}/camera/generateSnapshot

Body

```
{
  "timestamp": "2021-04-30T15:18:08Z",
  "fullframe": false
}
```

Response

```
{
  "url": "https://spn4.meraki.com/stream/jpeg/snapshot/b2d123asdf423qd22d2",
  "expiry": "Access to the image will expire at 2023-02-11T03:12:39Z."
}
```


Meraki Vision: Webhooks

```
{
  "sentAt": "2023-01-11T02:18:16.316788Z",
  "organizationId": "410499",
  "networkId": "L_628252148018187961",
  "deviceSerial": "Q2NV-4CTA-CHQX",
  "deviceName": "MV - Stairs",
  "deviceModel": "MV2",
  "alertId": "628252148033001665",
  "alertType": "Motion detected",
  "alertTypeId": "motion_alert",
  "occurredAt": "2023-01-11T02:15:42.428999Z",
  "alertData": {
    "timestamp": 1673403342.429,
    "imageUrl": "https://<redacted>"
  }
}
```

Meraki Vision: RTSP

External RTSP

Enables an external RTSP interface for third party analytics.

Enabled

Disabled

RTSP stream link: `rtsp://10.10.10.167:9000/live`

Meraki Vision: MV Sense

Object detection model BETA

Allows you to select a different model for person detection if you'd like to experiment.

[More information](#)

Body (default) ▾

Sense API

5 licenses available.

[Add licenses...](#)

Enabled

Disabled

Audio detection BETA

This feature enables/disables detection of fire alarm and siren sounds, as well as the ambient audio level measured in decibels. Detections and measurements are sent to a configured MQTT broker.

Enabled

Disabled

Meraki Vision: MV Sense

Custom CV

Allows you to deploy custom models to detect specified objects

[Add or delete custom models](#)

Enabled

Disabled

MQTT Broker

Allows you to select the MQTT Broker that this camera will publish to.

[Add or edit MQTT Brokers](#)

Lab Server 1 ▼

MQTT Topics

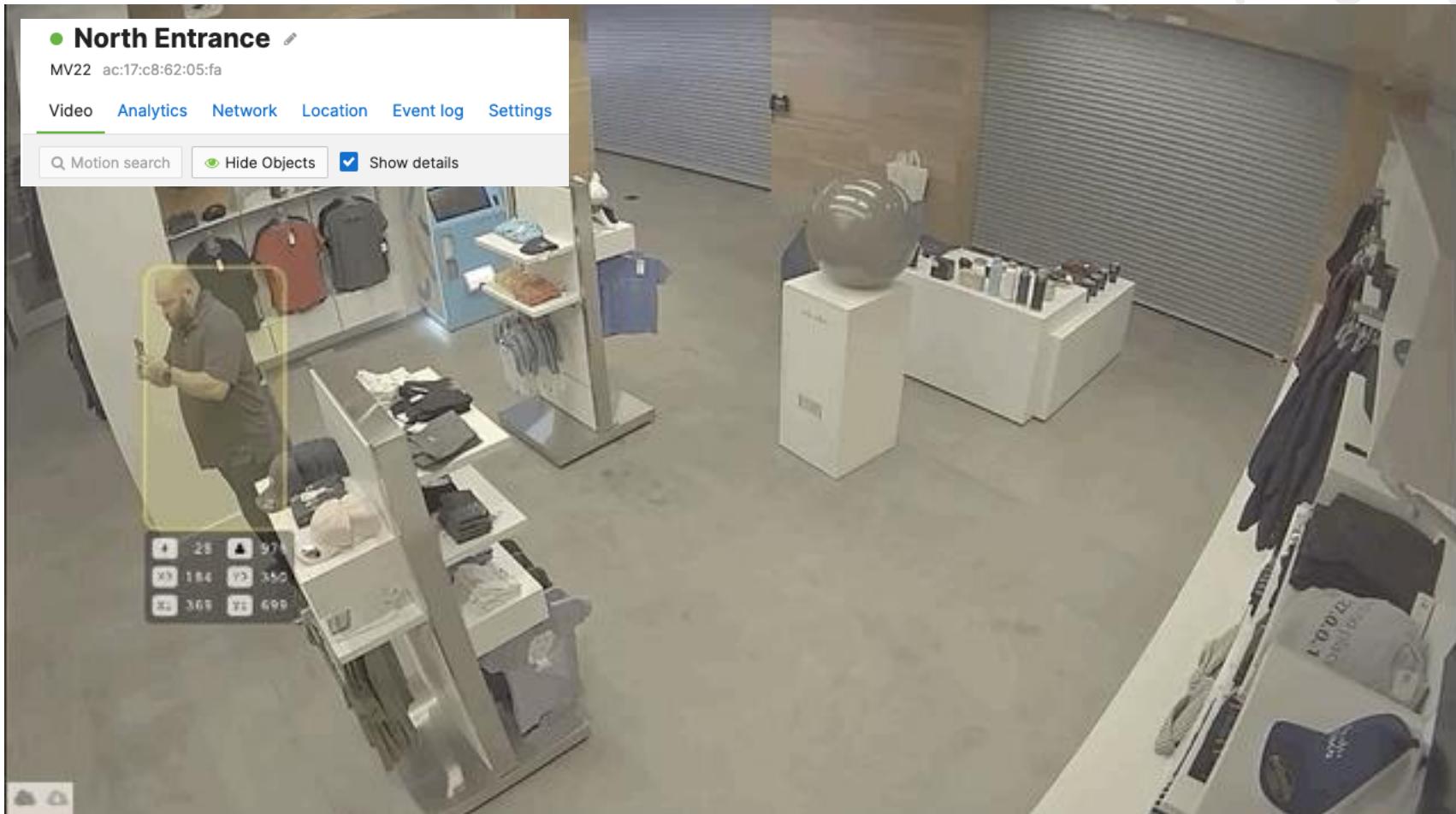
Topic	Area of Interest	Details
/merakimv/Q2EV-R6FG-BCSV/raw_detections	Entire image	Object detections from whole camera frame
/merakimv/Q2EV-R6FG-BCSV/audio_detections	Camera	Audio detections from the camera's microphone
/merakimv/Q2EV-R6FG-BCSV/audio_analytics	Camera	Measurements from the camera's microphone (dB)
/merakimv/Q2EV-R6FG-BCSV/light	Camera	Measurements from the camera's light sensor (lux)

Meraki Vision: MV Sense

Raw Detections

```
/merakimv/Q2EV-R6FG-BCSV/raw_detections {  
  "objects" :  
  [  
    {  
      "confidence" : 97,  
      "frame" : 276907,  
      "oid" : 186,  
      "type" : "person",  
      "x0" : 0.938, "x1" : 0.856,  
      "y0" : 0.642, "y1" : 0.256  
    }  
  ],  
  "ts" : 1673450962973  
}
```

```
/merakimv/Q2EV-R6FG-BCSV/0 {"ts":1673550196820, "counts":{"person":0}}
```



Meraki Vision: MV Sense

Audio Detections

```
/merakimv/Q2HV-24HB-TMZ9/audio_detections [  
  {  
    "confidence" : 0.99293702840805054,  
    "id" : 9,  
    "name" : "siren",  
    "ts" : "1673453302565"  
  }  
]
```

Meraki Vision: MV Sense

Audio Analytics

```
/merakimv/Q2HV-24HB-TMZ9/audio_analytics {  
  "audioLevel" : -47,  
  "ts" : 1673453184801  
}
```

Light

```
/merakimv/Q2HV-24HB-TMZ9/light {"lux": 30.8}
```


Meraki Vision



Fetch screen capture via API



Receive motion alert via webhooks



Video stream for 3rd party processing



Acquire sensor data via MQTT



Real-time or historical object counts

MV Sense

MT: Meraki Things (IoT sensors)



MT10 – Temp (Ambient) & Humidity

MT11 – Temp (Probe)

MT12 – Water Leak

MT14 – Air Quality

MT20 – Door Open/Close

MT30 – Smart Button

API

Webhooks

MQTT

Final Thoughts



Final thoughts

- Get a proper IDE and learn how to use it (PyCharm, VS Code, etc...)
- Maintain proper API key hygiene (rotation, sensitivity, exclusion from code)
- Choose the optimal way to acquire data (frequency, contention, source)
- Consider execution method (cron job, sleep timer, listener)

Related Sessions

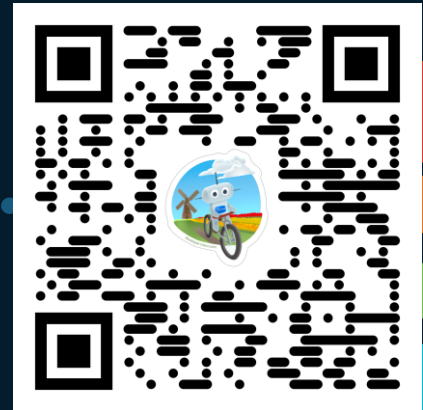
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