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# How UCSC troubleshoots Wireless using DNA Center

The Slug way

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### Cisco Webex App

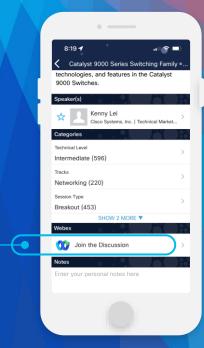
### Questions?

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

### How

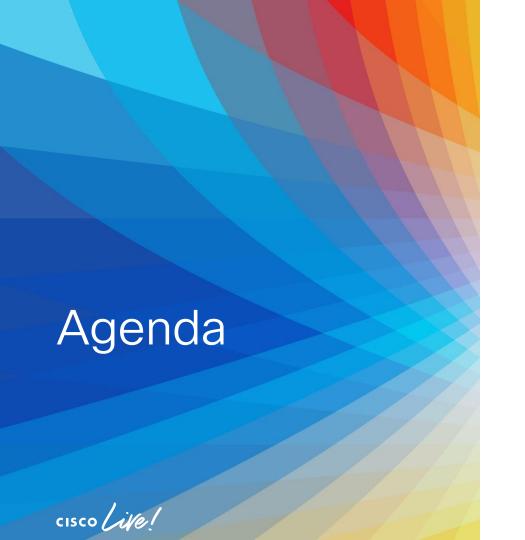
- 1 Find this session in the Cisco Live Mobile App
- 2 Click "Join the Discussion"
- 3 Install the Webex App or go directly to the Webex space
- 4 Enter messages/questions in the Webex space

Webex spaces will be moderated by the speaker until June 9, 2023.



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- The University
- Campus Challenges
- Infrastructure
- Let's play helpdesk
- Conclusion

### Who are We?

Agasthian Ponnambalam

Systems Architect, ex TAC, CCIE, India

Trail Running, Yoga, Rock Climbing



**David Hunt** 

Wireless Architect, Patent author, Opinionator

Swimmer, Pilot, Pizza Chef



Michael Usher

Network Manager, ex CA, Remover of Obstacles

Traveler, Father, Student





### University of California, Santa Cruz

Who are We? What are we doing?



- First to assemble the DNA sequence of the human genome
- · Mascot Banana Slug

 Our Main campus is home to more than 500 plant species on

2000 acres







### University of California, Santa Cruz

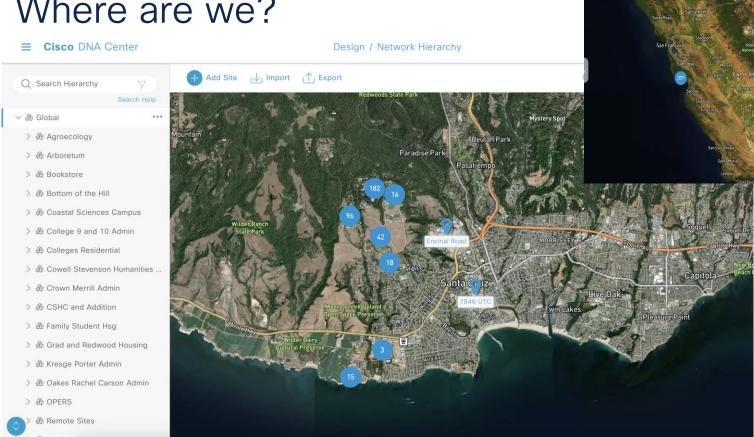
### Wireless Diversity

- Main Campus, over 2000 acres in the redwoods
- 2nd largest residential population within the UC system
- 8000 acres of research in Big Sur with 100% Solar Powered
- 1000 acres of oceanfront Marine research
- Remote campuses in Scotts Valley, Marina, Santa Clara





### Where are we?





## IT Operations and Challenges



### The Network Team

### Tiered support architecture

- 1. ITS Help Desk & ResNet
- 2. Core Tech Services
- 3. Network Operations Team

### **Network Services**

- Wireless Access
- Residential Networks
- Data Centers
- Network Security



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### Operational Challenges

- "Nice to have" → "Wireless First"
- Constantly changing expertise
- Technology Refresh
- Migrating from Prime Infrastructure
- 24\*7 problems to be solved by 8 to 5 staff
- 7 people for backbone support







## The Network Infrastructure



### The Network Infrastructure

- 4344 APs Mix of legacy up to 9136
- Catalyst switching infrastructure
- WLCs Catalyst 9800 Controllers
- ISE Cluster Multiple nodes
- Total Endpoints 25,000 to 41,000 endpoints
- Services eduroam, UCSC-Guest, ResWiFi
- DNA Center Appliance Running Version 2.3.3.7



### Why migrate to Cisco DNA Center?

- Common dashboard for Wireless, Switching and Clients
- Remediated Steps
- Client reporting/Increasing partnerships
- Location and Maps
- Configuration Consistency



### Other tools used

- Ekahau
- WiFi Explorer
- InSSIDer
- AKiPS
- speedtest.ucsc.edu













### Let's play help desk



### Gunnar our Backstop

Gunnar is our one-man army who protects us from all escalations

Core Tech Help Desk - LEAD

"Beer is the best, but DNA Center comes close." – *Gunnar Amundson* 





### Incident 1





### Incident 1: User unable to login

- Ticket received at 4:43 PM on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- User unable to login to the Wi-Fi network on his phone
- User can login on his laptop
- userid has been provided

What other information is needed?

How would you troubleshoot?

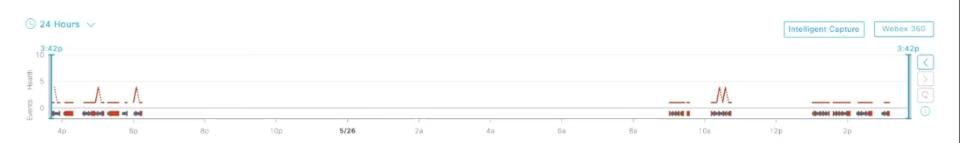


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#### **≡** Cisco DNA Center









Device: Un-Classified Device OS: iOS 15.6.1 MAC: 2 92:84:D6:68:79:5F IPv4: 169.233.144.168 IPv6: fe80::1c02:f51c:df8f:a491 L3 Virtual Network: -- L2 Virtual Network: -- VLAN ID: 480

Status: Disconnected Capability: Wi-Fi 6 Last seen: May 26, 2023 3:11:00 PM Connected Network Device: wap7194-120 SSID: eduroam View All Details

Issues Onboarding Path Trace Application Experience Device Info Connectivity RF iOS Analytics Event Viewer

### Issues (1)

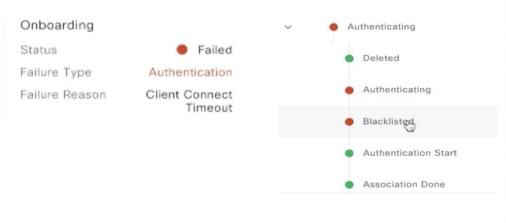
Onboarding

Wireless client failed to roam (AAA Server: 128.114.129.53) - AAA Server Rejected Client Instance Count: 2

May 26, 2023 10:21 AM - 10:23 AM

May 25, 2023 3:42 PM - May 26, 2023 3:42 PM 🐡

### Incident 1: Analysis



### Description

This client failed to complete authentication during onboarding because the 128.114.129.53 AAA server rejected the client. The client was roaming on 'eduroam' SSID on 5.0 GHz radio from 'wap7155-206' AP to 'wap7155-206' AP in Global/Crown Merrill Admin/7155 Crown Classroom/2, 'wap7155-206' AP is connected to 'noc-wlcx-1.ucsc.edu' WLC and 'wap7155-206' AP is connected to noc-wlcx-north.ucsc.edu WLC.

Last Occurred: May 26, 2023 10:23 AM





### Incident 1: Resolution

#### Suggested Actions (3)

Verify whether the client provided the correct credentials and if the client, AAA and the authentication database are in sync. Has

there been any recent configuration changes or batch password updates? If there are any recent changes, the AAA server may have trouble verifying the client credentials.

Verify if there has been any failure on the AAA Server or authentication database.

#### Authentication Details

Source Timestamp 2023-05-26 13:23:01.992

Received Timestamp 2023-05-26 13:23:01.992

Policy Server prd-ise-sc-psn4

Event 5440 Endpoint abandoned EAP session and started new

Failure Reason 24408 User authentication against Active Directory failed since

user has entered the wrong password

ISE Log



### Incident 2





### Incident 2: User having poor Wi-Fi at library

- Ticket received at 5:33 PM on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- User having poor Wi-Fi on her phone at the UCSC library from 12 pm till 4:30 pm
- User says she has had this problem for quite a few days and decided to open a ticket.
- User shared no issues with her laptop and said others are having the same issue with their phones
- Wi-Fi keeps dropping

What other information is needed?

How would you troubleshoot?













Device: Un-Classified Device OS: -- MAC: 💪 6A:58:0A:E8:16:1B IPv4: 169.233.232.174 IPv6: fe80::88:e77b:1a43:b05c L3 Virtual Network: -- L2 Virtual Network: -- VLAN ID: 480

Status: Connected Capability: 11ac Last seen: May 16, 2023 4:31:00 PM Connected Network Device: wap7782-212-new SSID: eduroam View All Details

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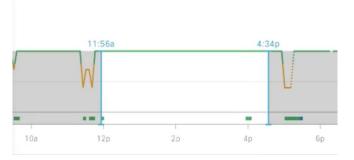
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Onboarding

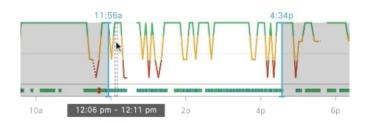
This 802 11r client is reaming slowly 16.0 out of 16.0 times in 30 min(s).

May 9, 2023 12:00 PM - May 18, 2023 12:00 PM

### Incident 2: Analysis

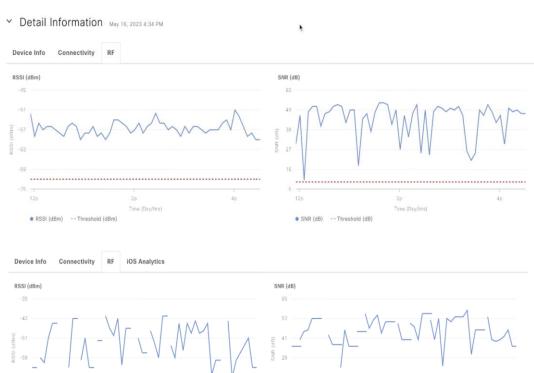


### Laptop



**iPhone** 

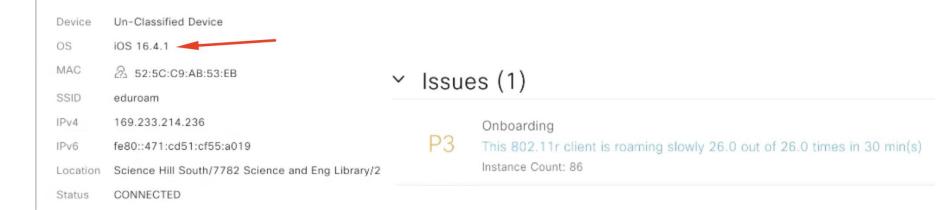




RSSI (dBm) -- Threshold (dBm)

SNR (dB) -- Threshold (dB)

### Incident 2: Resolution



### Suggested Actions (1)

Update the client driver to the latest version because the client may have fixed its roaming behaviour in later updates.



### Incident 2: Resolution

Community

wse Search

Sign in

iPhone



### iOS 16.4.1 Problems

Has anyone else experienced severe iPhone problems since the iOS 16.4.1? My mobile data works off and on. My wi-fi goes in and out even though all other non iPhone devices stay connected just fine. Apps won't load. Now my message app is starting to not load. It gets stuck on a white screen and my messages do not load. Also, my battery life is draining rapidly. This update has been the worst!!! Is apple doing anything to fix these issues?

iPhone 12 Pro

Posted on Apr 20, 2023 8:32 PM

### anyone else still having wifi issues on ios 16.4.1?

Discussion

I thought that 16.4.1 was supposed to fix wifi bugs. Since 16.4 my phone has been switching to cellular once it's in idle mode, and when I pick it up after like 10s it's back on wifi again. It definitely could be my wifi but does anyone else have this issue?



### Incident 3





### Incident 3: User having low speeds on Wi-Fi

- Ticket received at 10:13 PM on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2023
- User lives in Apartment Building 12 7546, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, bedroom C
- User says poor speeds from his bedroom
- Result shared from speedtest.ucsc.edu: –
   Kitchen: 51.2 Mbps Download / 35.3 Mbps Upload
   Living Room: 84.2 Mbps Download / 43.1 Mbps Upload
   User's Bedroom: 15.1 Mbps Download / 10.7 Mbps Upload

What other information is needed?

How would you troubleshoot?



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Apr 25, 2023 3:30 PM - May 16, 2023 5:00 PM

Client / Client 360

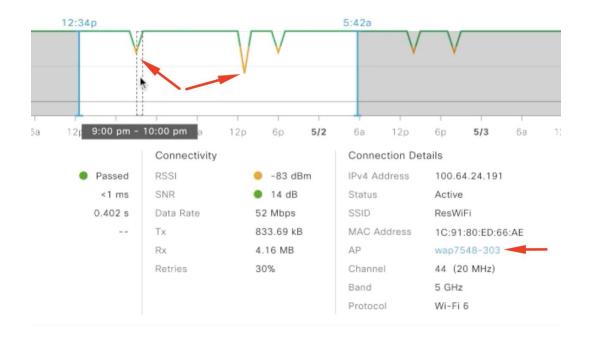
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Instance Count: 5

This 802.11r client is roaming slowly 16.0 out of 16.0 times in 30 min(s)



### Incident 3: Analysis





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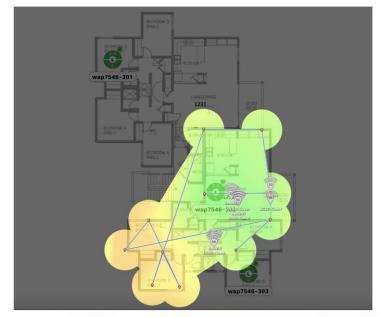
2nd floor better coverage



### Incident 3: Resolution

Adding at least one AP for coverage issues

- From a manual survey
- At-least 30 minutes to do the survey and other logistics involved to enter rooms



Requirements:

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34dB



### Being Proactive

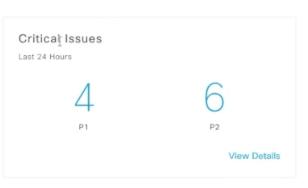






### Assurance Summary







### Network Snapshot



NTP Servers: 3

Add Sites



Network Devices

Unclaimed: 185 Unprovisioned: 4545 Unreachable: 127



Application QoS Policies As of May 18, 2023 2:05 PM Successful Deploys: 0 Errored Deploys: 0 Stale Policies: 0

Add New Policy

### What are our plans for DNAC

- Build out new cluster
- Add More nodes into architecture
- Moving to leverage more features such as...
  - Configuration Management
  - EoX (HW and SW)
  - Ekahau Integration
- Location Based Services



### Conclusion

DNA Center makes our life easier

- Visibility
- Guides us to resolution
- Allows us to be proactive

People love the network experience



Q & A



### Fill out your session surveys!



Attendees who fill out a minimum of four session surveys and the overall event survey will get **Cisco Live-branded socks** (while supplies last)!



Attendees will also earn 100 points in the **Cisco Live Challenge** for every survey completed.



These points help you get on the leaderboard and increase your chances of winning daily and grand prizes





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