

What's New in Cisco SD-Access

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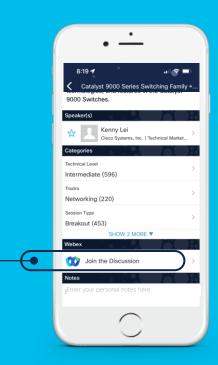
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- Based in Raleigh, NC (US)
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Career

- 22+ years as a Technical Marketing Engineer
- 13 Years focused on just Catalyst 6K Family
- 15 years as a Cisco Live Speaker
- 10 years as Cisco Live Session Group Manager for US and EMEA
- 2 Years as a Cisco Partner SE
- 2 Years Lead Network Engineer for 15-site Health Care network in North Carolina
- No formal technology schooling ... I have a Business Degree with a Finance Concentration

Current Focus

Cisco SD-Access Enablement and Design since 2016





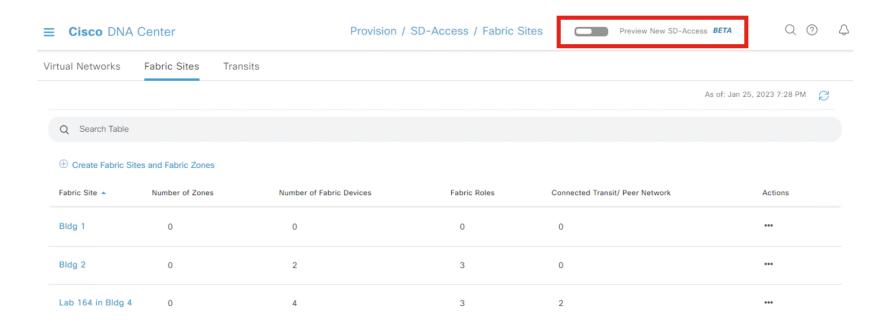


Agenda

- Layer 2 Switched Access Deployments
- LISP PubSub
 - Overview
 - Dynamic Default Borders
 - Backup Internet in SD-Access Transit
- SD-Access Extranet
- Fabric Zones
- Border Node Preference
- Zero-Trust Capabilities
 - Supplicant-Based Extended Nodes
 - Secure AP Onboarding

Note on Workflow Screenshots

All Screenshots in Ul 1.0, not Beta

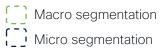


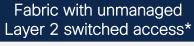


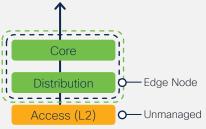
Layer 2 Switched Access Deployments



Evolve your switching fabric with SD-Access





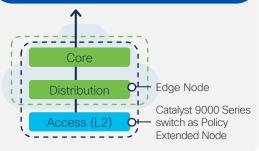


Use case: Keep your existing unmanaged switches

- · Segmentation starts at distribution layer
- · Integrated wired and wireless

Benefit: Allow tenants to bring their own network.

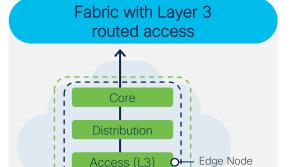
Fabric with managed Layer 2 switched access



Use case: Retain Layer 2 access

- Extend segmentation down to Layer 2
- Integrated wired and wireless

Benefit: Security and automation at every layer



Use case: Full SD-Access

- · Full stack macro and micro segmentation
- Integrated wired and wireless
- Policy-based traffic steering
- Topology independence

Benefit: Experience all that SD-Access offers

*Available since Cisco DNA Center release 2.2.1.x



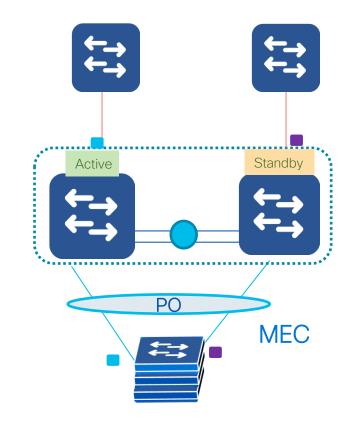
StackWise Virtual in Traditional Networking

Active/Active Data Plane

Both the switches are capable of forwarding the traffic locally without sending it over Interconnected-Link

Multi-Chassis EtherChannel

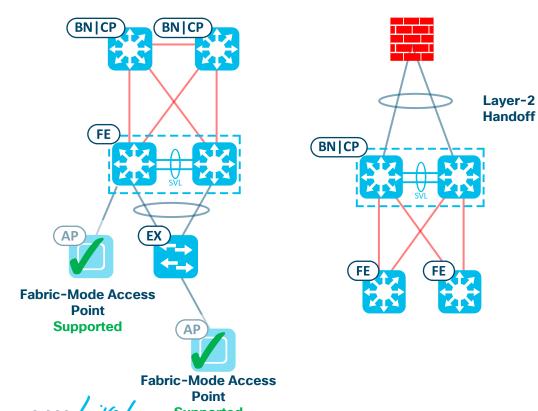
 Port-Channel Spanning across multiple Chassis

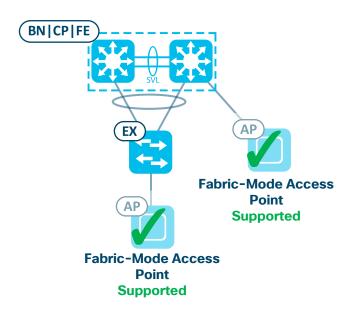




StackWise Virtual in SD-Access Topology Examples

Cisco DNA Center > 2.2.2.x





StackWise Virtual in SD-Access

Considerations

Link Types

If all links connected to the device are Layer 3, then no need for StackWise Virtual.

No ISSU Support

ISSU does not support LISP or Trustsec, which are key components of an SD-Access network.



StackWise Virtual Support as of 2.2.2.x Release

| SVL P | latform | Border Node | Edge Node | Control Plane Node | Colocated Border and Control Plane Node | Colocated Border and Edge Node | Fabric in a Box | Colocated Border and Control Plane Node with Embedded Wireless | Edge Node with Embedded Wireless | Fabric in a Box With Embedded Wireless |
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Policy Extended Node for Catalyst 9000 Series Switches

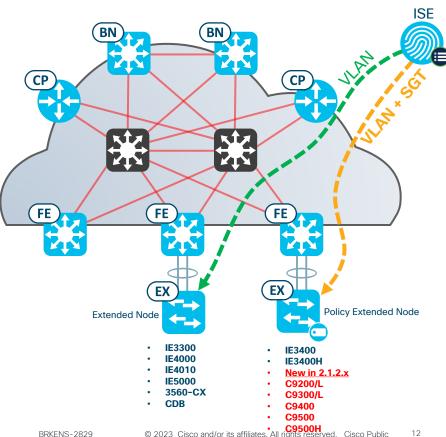
Feature

- Cisco DNA Center 1.3.3.x introduced Policy Extended Node (PEN) functionality for the IE3400 and IE3400H.
- ISE can assign VLAN and SGT to endpoint connected to a PEN upon Authentication/Authorization using 802.1x or MAB.
- Links connecting Edge Node to Policy Extended Node are configured with inline tagging so that SGT is propagated.
- The Policy Extended Node performs the SGACL enforcement.

Enhancement

- Cisco DNA Center 2.1.2.x extends PEN functionality to most Catalyst 9000 Series switches: C9200/L, C9300/L, C9400, C9500/H.
- Catalyst 9600 Series switches are not supported as Policy Extended Nodes.
- The Catalyst 9000 PEN can be deployed on as a switch stack (physical stacking), but not as a StackWise Virtual switch.



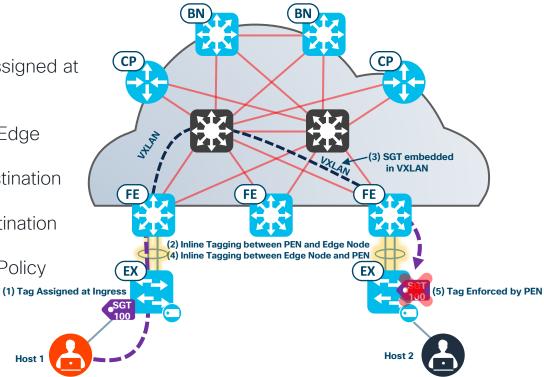


Flows from Policy Extended Nodes

Example: Host 1 and Host 2 are connected to different PENs.

 Traffic from Host 1 has source SGT assigned at the Policy Extended Node via Authentication/Authorization with ISE.

- 2. The SGT is carried inline to First-Hop Edge Node.
- 3. The SGT is carried over VXLAN to destination Edge Node.
- 4. The SGT is carried inline from the destination Edge Node to the destination PEN.
- 5. The SGT enforcement is done by the Policy Extended Node. (1) Tag As

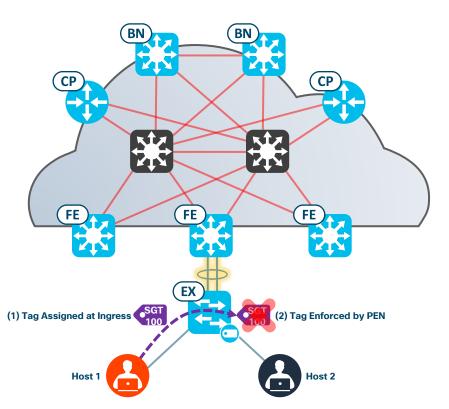




Flows from Policy Extended Nodes

Example: Host 1 and Host 2 are connected to the same PEN.

- 1. Traffic from Host 1 has source SGT assigned at the Policy Extended Node via Authentication/Authorization with ISE.
- The SGT enforcement is done by the Policy Extended Node without having to forward and hair-pin at the Edge Node.

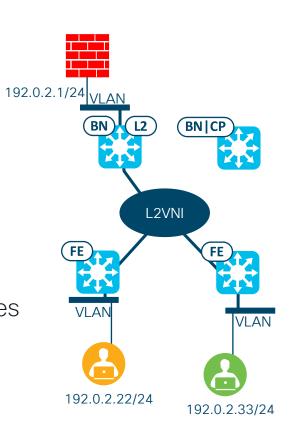




Also known as "Gateway Outside the Fabric"

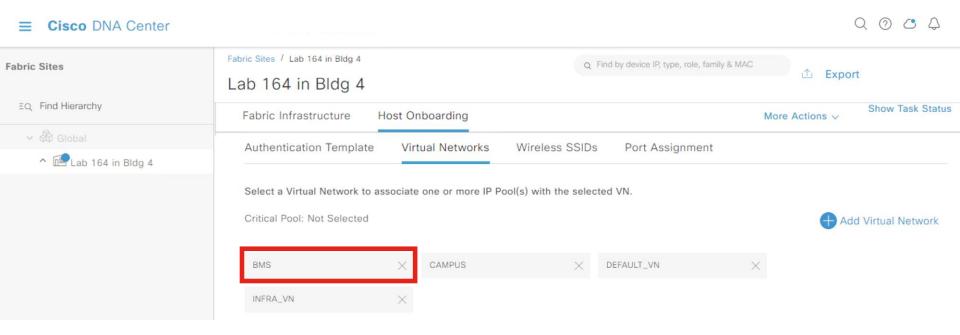
Best Practice: Dedicated Border for L2 Handoff

Considerations: Cat 9K Switches Only for Edge Nodes and Border Nodes





Workflow



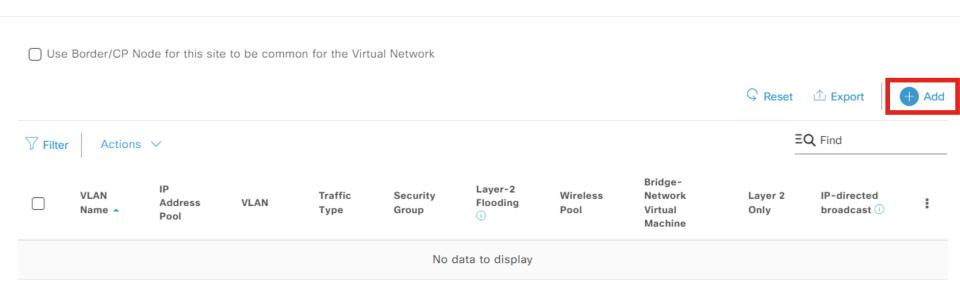
Select VN in Host Onboarding screen



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Workflow

Edit Virtual Network: BMS



Add an IP Pool to the VN



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Workflow

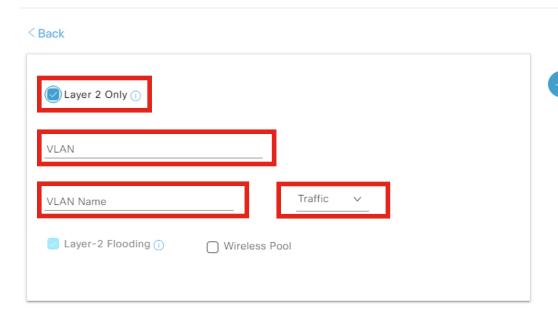
Select "Layer 2 Only" Box

Fill in VLAN number, VLAN Name and Traffic Type fields

Layer-2 Flooding is enabled by default for Layer 2 Only services

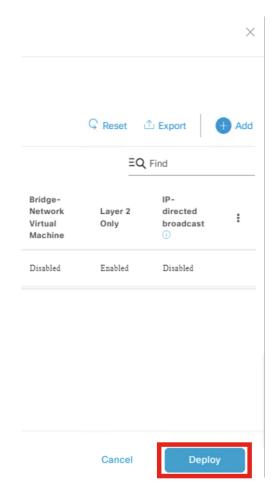
Click "Add" when done

Edit Virtual Network: BMS



VLAN-Based L2VNI Workflow

On the next screen, click "Deploy"





VLAN-Based L2VNI Workflow

And then "Apply" on the screen after that .

You can apply immediately or schedule a time to have the change applied.

Update Virtual Network



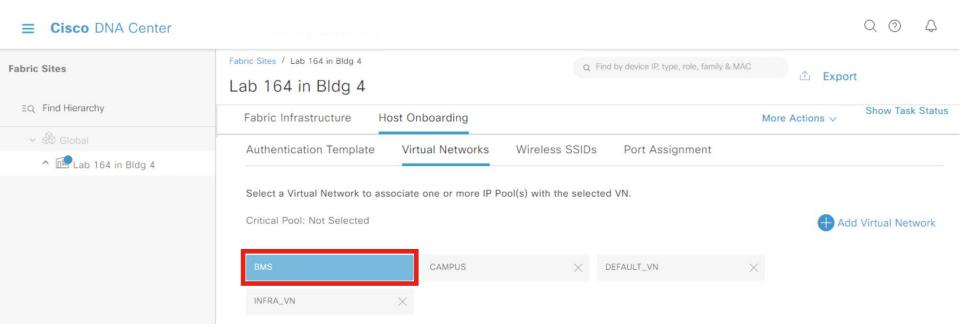






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Workflow



Notice that "BMS" has turned blue, indicating an there is a VLAN / IP Pool assigned



Design Considerations

Scale

- Uses same resources as IP Pool
- Total number of IP Pools + L2VNI VLANs cannot exceed published numbers in DNA Center Data Sheet

Hardware Support

- Only Fabric Sites with Catalyst 9K
 Edge Nodes and Layer 2 Handoff
 Border Nodes
- Routing platforms can be Control Plane Nodes and/or Layer 3 Handoff Border Nodes

Layer 2 Handoff

 Supported to collocate Layer 2 and Layer 3 Handoffs on same Border, but not Best Practice

SGTs

 SGT assignment and policy is supported in an VLAN-Based I 2VNI

Multicast

 L3 multicast within VLAN-Based L2VNI is <u>STRONGLY</u> not recommended as it is flooded to all Edge Nodes



Layer 2 Switched Access in SD-Access

Design Considerations

Fabric Edge Node Scale

| Cisco SD-Access edge node scale | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|----------|------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Catalyst Model | 9200-L | 9200 | 9300/L/X | 9400 | 9500/H | | | | | |
| Endpoints | 2000 | 4000 | 6000 | 6000 | 6000 | | | | | |

East-West Policy Enforcement at the Access?

Gateway outside the fabric required?





LISP Pub/Sub Control Plane

Basic Definitions

Publication

- The information that the mapping system sends to the Subscriber (the LISP device).
- Publishers Control Plane Nodes, Transit Control Plane Nodes

Subscription

- The process LISP devices use to express interest for a certain portion of information within the mapping system.
- Subscribers Border Nodes

What Challenges are We Solving?

Distribution of Prefixes

Current Method:

Exporting LISP registrations to the RIB Redistribute into BGP Advertise via BGP Import BGP into LISP Map-Cache

This has limitations based on the protocol used for distribution such as:

The address-families that are supported by the other routing protocol (BGP) The convergence mechanisms and timers by the other routing protocol (BGP)

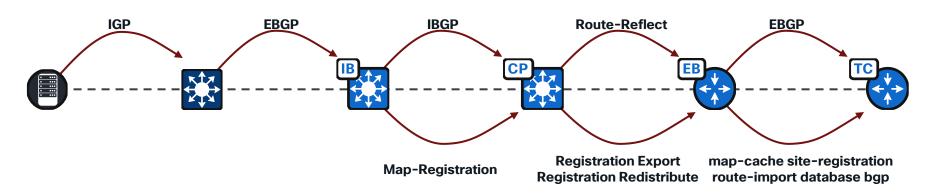


LISP/BGP Control Plane

Before LISP Pub/Sub

Reliance on BGP

- To push LISP Site-Registration table to another device, another protocol was needed.
- BGP was used as that transport
- This created an underlying reliance on BGP.





LISP/BGP Control Plane

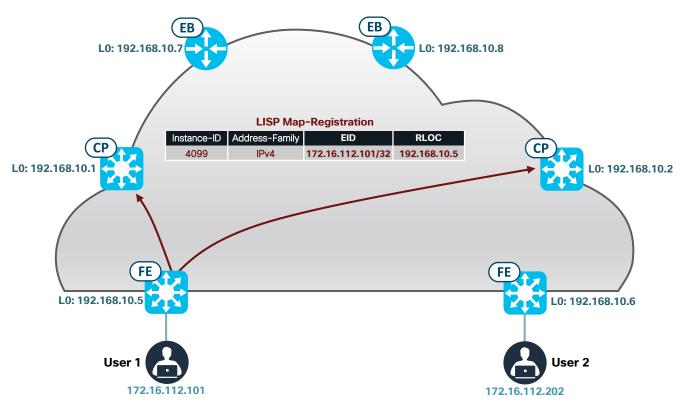
Before LISP Pub/Sub - Reliance on BGP

BGP can be counted on to converge reliably, even deterministically.

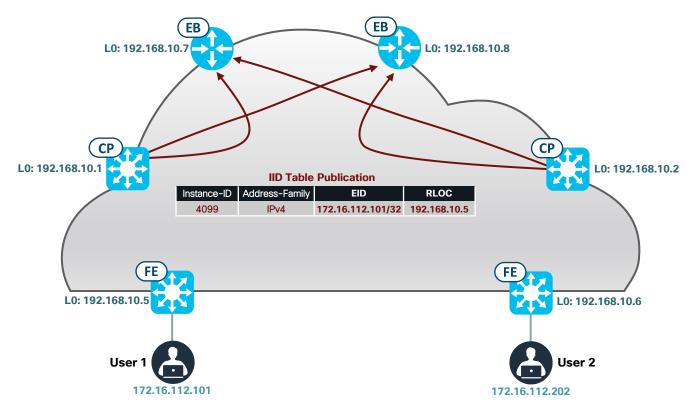
BGP does not converge quickly.

BGP is a "heavy" protocol

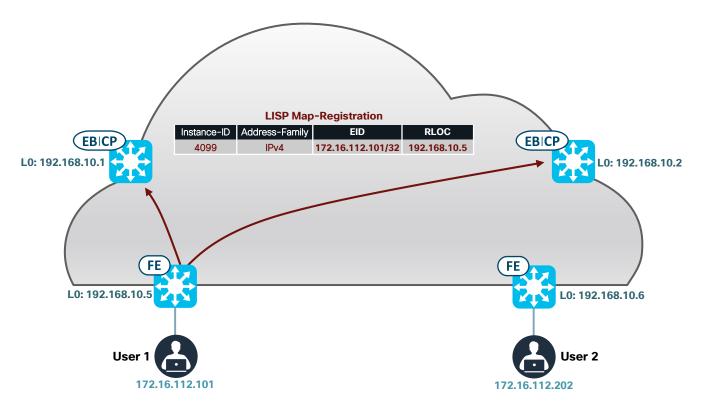
- Expertise required to appropriately configure, support, and troubleshoot the protocol.
- The expertise needed increases significantly when using multiple address-families such as BGP VPNv4 and VPNv6 address families.



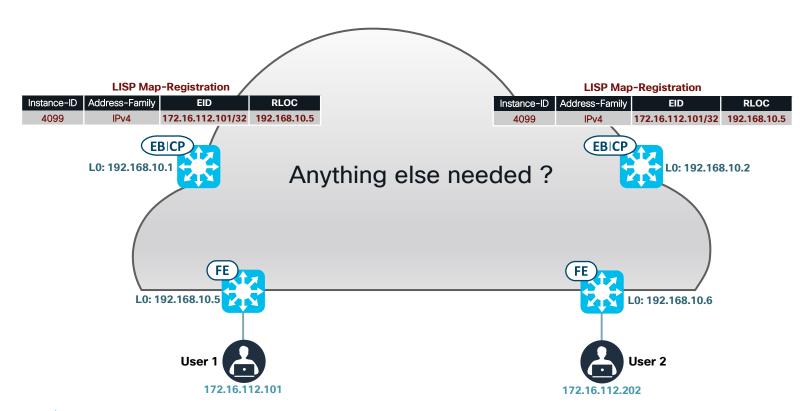




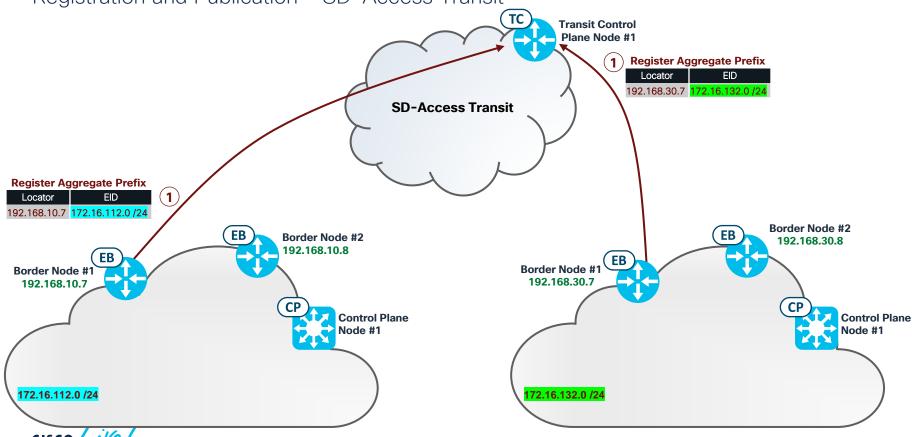


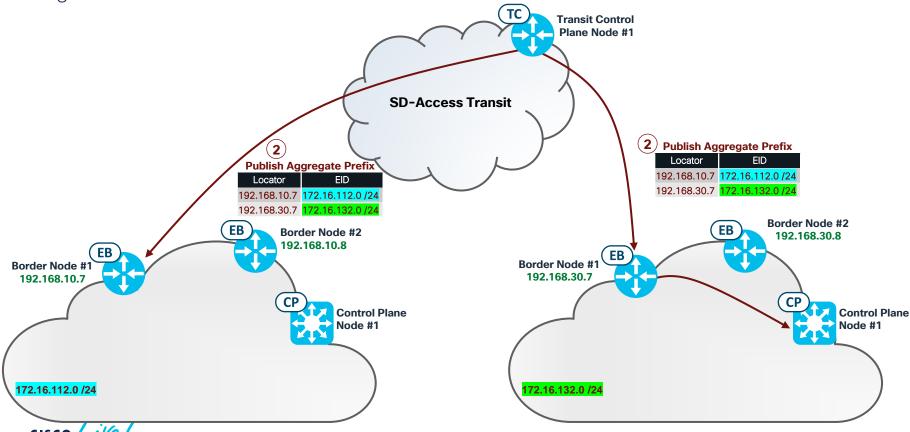


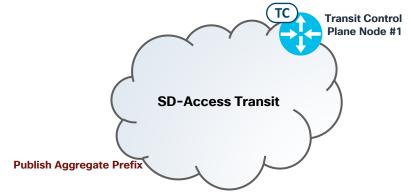


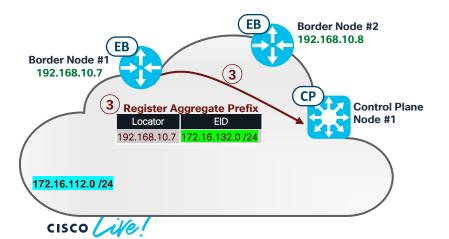


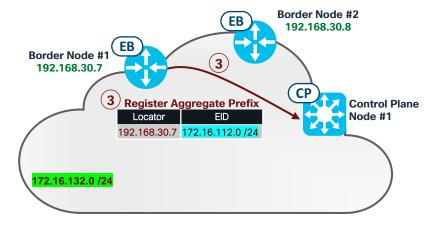


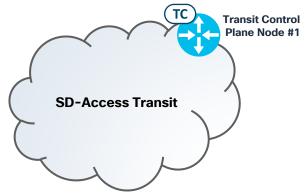


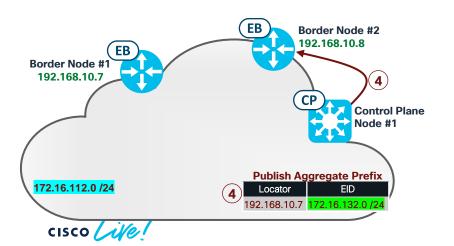


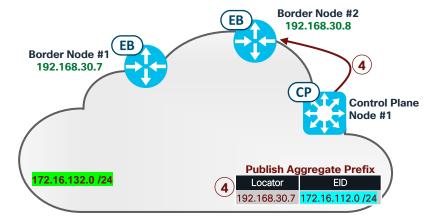






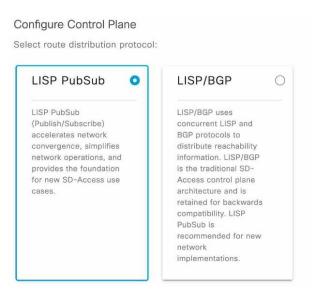


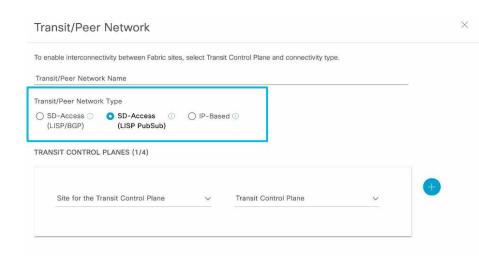




LISP Pub/Sub

Enabling in DNA Center





- LISP Pub/Sub can be enabled when adding Control Plane node/s to fabric.
- We can have up to 4 Transit Control Plane Nodes with LISP Pub/Subbased fabrics.



LISP PubSub

Design Considerations

Software Requirements

- IOS XE 17.6.1 or newer
- DNA Center 2.2.3.3 or newer

Site Requirements

- Supported for only newly created sites
- Upgrade of existing sites planned

Hardware Requirements

 Any supported Control Plan Node that can run IOS XE 17.6.1 or newer

Transit Requirements

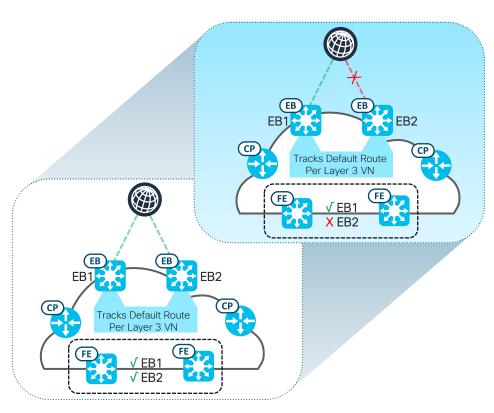
- All SD-Access Transit sites must be the same LISP type
- IP Transit sites can be a mix of LISP types



LISP PubSub

With Dynamic Default Border

- External Border/s within a fabric site registers the default route with local/transit Control Plane node/s.
- When hosts want to reach out to Internet/unknown prefixes, Fabric Edge nodes will send map-request to Control Plane node/s which replies with RLOC of External Border node/s which has default route registered with Control Plane node/s.
- When the upstream link to External Border node/s goes down (default route is removed from rib), that Border will send an update to Control plane node/s that default route is no more available, and uplink is down
- Also, at the same time for the actively received internet traffic Border sends a LISP message requesting Fabric Edges to update their map-cache entries
- Then, Fabric Edge node/s will send map-request to Control Plane node/s to get updated information on External Border node/s with active default route/s and traffic is dynamically converged.



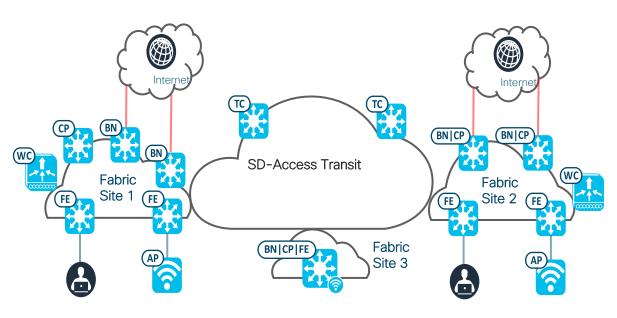
LISP PubSub

Backup Internet

- With LISP Pub/Sub, fabric sites with local internet connectivity connected via SD-Access transit can act as backup for other sites with Internet access.
 - E.g.: Fabric sites 1, 2 can act as backup internet access for each other.
 - Fabric Site 3 with no local Internet access will load balance and share internet between sites 1,2.
 - Sites with local internet connectivity will prefer the local connectivity over the remote connectivity

 Publishers : Transit/Control Plane Nodes

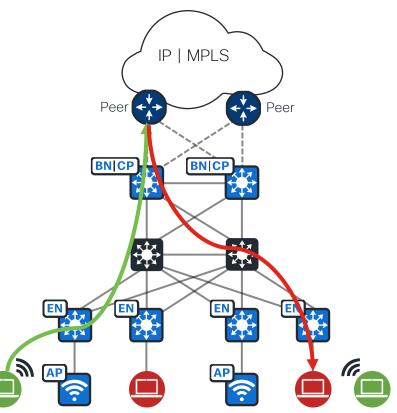
Subscribes : Borders Nodes





Shared Services Challenges with existing Architecture

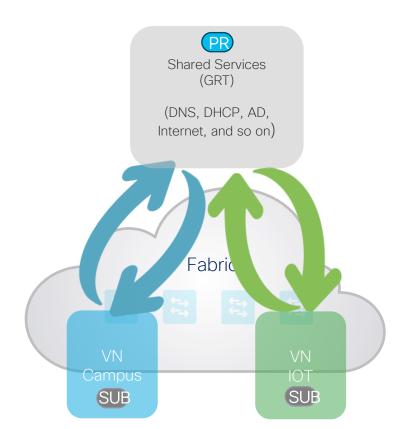
- Manual Route Leaking configurations using Route Targets can be complex
- Peer resource consideration
- Traffic Hair pinning across Peer device
- Peer throughput could be a bottleneck





Global Routing Table Use Case

VN/VRF/IID → GRT





PR Provider VN



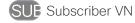
SUE Subscriber VN



Any Virtual Network Use Case

PR **Shared Services** (VN) (DNS, DHCP, AD, VN/VRF/IID → VN/VRF/IID Internet, and so on) Fabrid Campus SUB SUB







Design Considerations

SD-Access Extranet

| PRI Priicy | Provider VN | Subscriber VN |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Provider VN | NO | YES |
| Subscriber VN | YES | NO |

Traffic between clients in Provider VNs is dropped, even if allowed by a policy outside the Fabric Site.



Would you like to know more?

Check out the following session:

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LISP Architecture Evolution

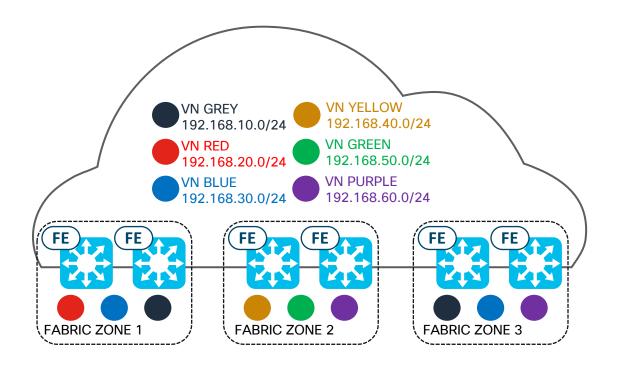
This session is a deeper dive into LIS Pub/Sub, Border Convergence, Back Internet, SD-Access Extranet and mo





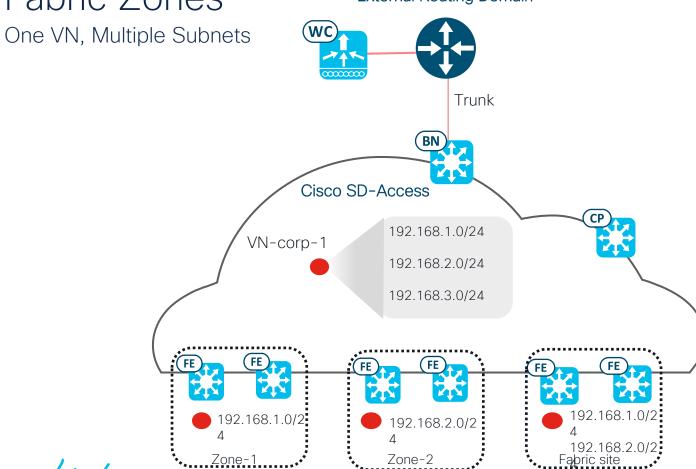


Overview

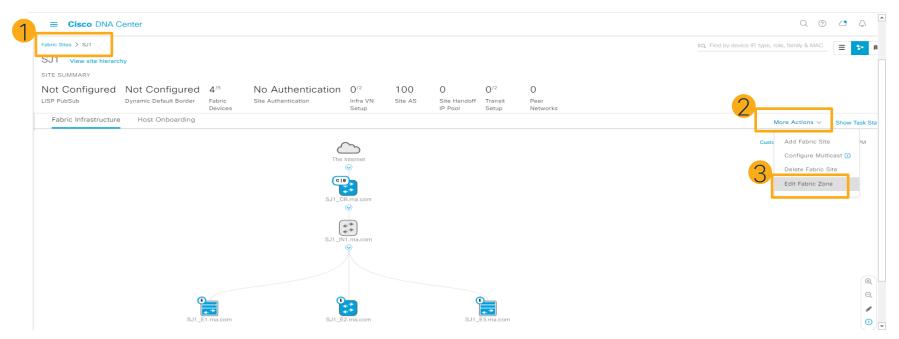




External Routing Domain



- □ Step 1: Edit Fabric Zone
 - ➤ Provision → Fabric Sites → More Actions → Edit Fabric Zone



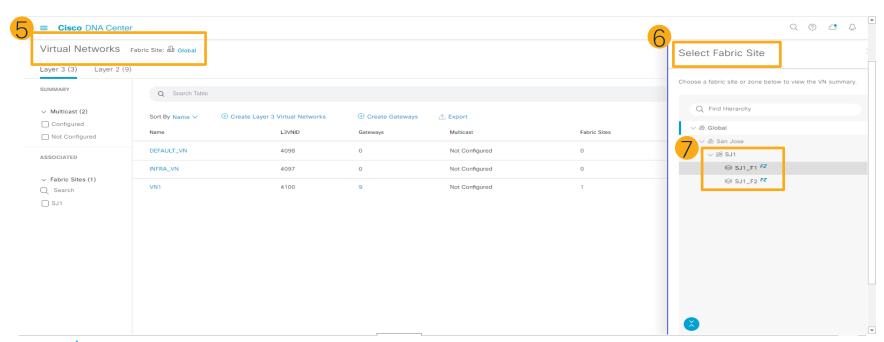


- ☐ Step 2: Designate Fabric Zones based on design hierarchy
 - ➤ Select areas, buildings and/or floors

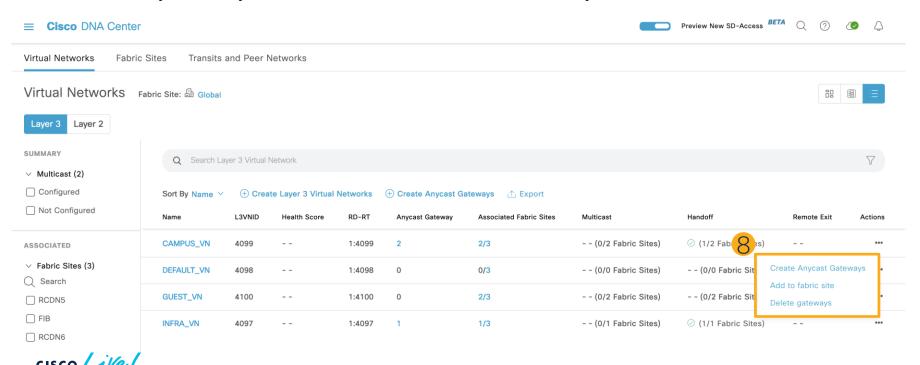




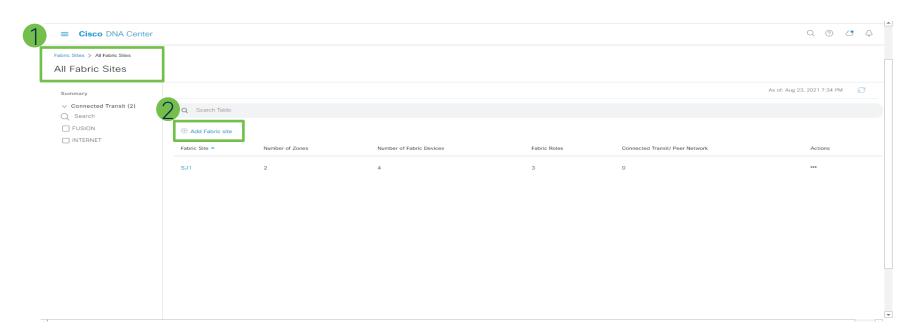
- ☐ Step 3: Select Fabric Zone Virtual Network
 - ➤ Provision → Virtual Networks → Select Fabric Site



- □ Step 4: Edit L2/L3 VN and Gateways
 - ➤ Add Layer 2/Layer 3 VN and Create/Delete Gateways

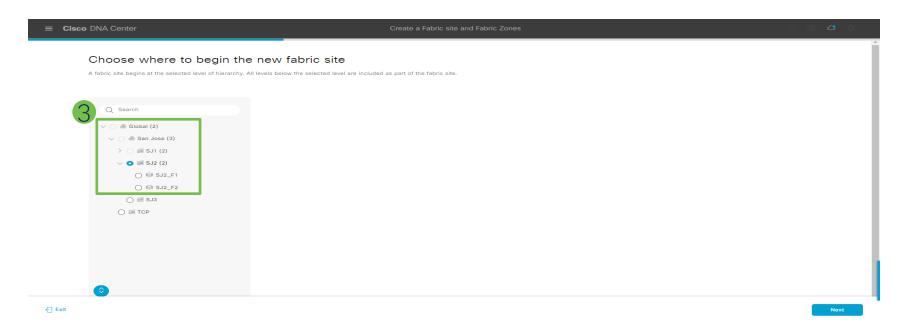


- ☐ Step 1: Add Fabric site
 - ➤ Provision → Fabric Sites → All Fabric Sites → Add Fabric Site



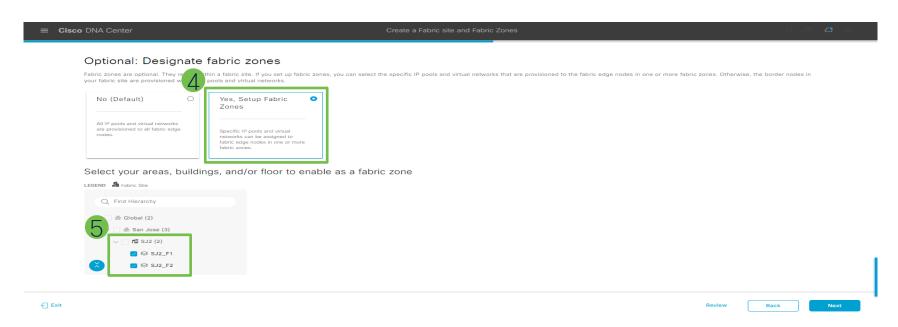


- □ Step 2: Choose new Fabric Site
 - ➤ Select level of hierarchy as part of new Fabric Site



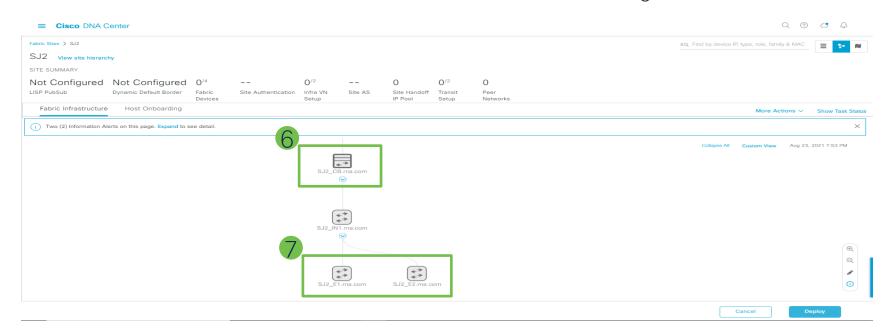


- ☐ Step 3: Designate Fabric Zones
 - ➤ Enable Fabric Zones and Select area, building and/or floor





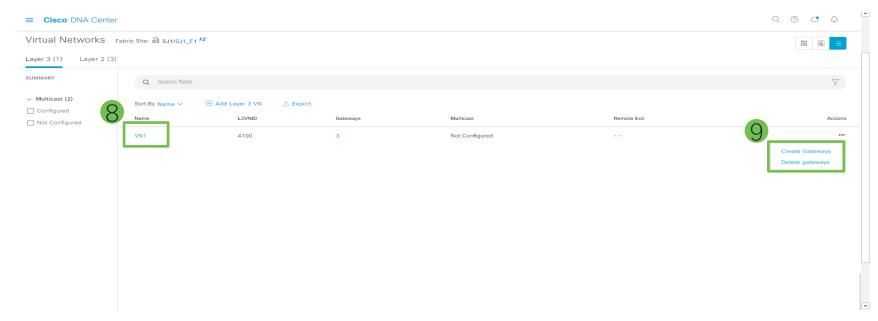
- □ Step 4: Enable Fabric nodes at Fabric Site and Fabric Zone
 - ➤ Enable CP and Border at Fabric Site and Fabric Zones at Edge Nodes





Adding to New Fabric Sites

- ☐ Step 5: Select Virtual Network of a Fabric Zone
 - ► Add VN and Create Gateways at Fabric Site and Fabric Zones



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Border Node Preference



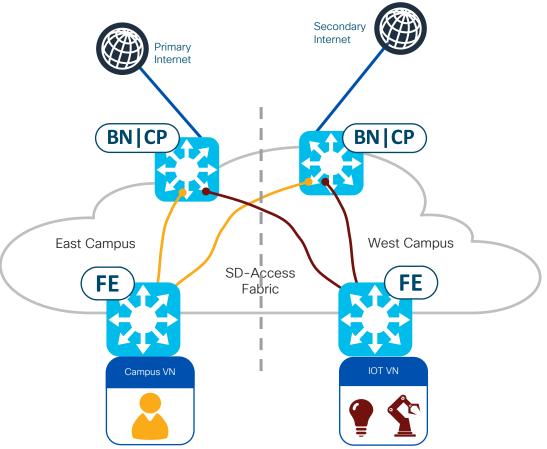
Border Node Preference in Fabric

Without Preference

All traffic from all Virtual Networks is load balanced across all Borders within a site.

Traffic may be routed to a border that then needs to send traffic back to another border, resulting in sub-optimal traffic pathing and more challenging troubleshooting.

Software upgrades can be disruptive without the ability to gracefully move traffic.





Border Node Preference in Fabric

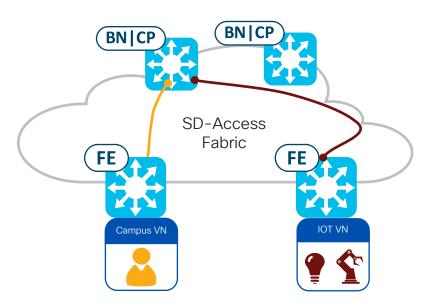
Use Case

 Traffic egressing a fabric site via a Border of choice gives customers flexibility in deploying their Cisco SD-Access networks as their sites might be connected to high bandwidth circuits or border nodes located in different datacenters.

Details

- Cisco DNA Center provides users with an option to select a border node to route your network traffic. If your network is configured with more than one border, you can set a priority value for each border node. Traffic is routed through the border node that has the lowest priority.
- Users can set the priority values between 1 and 9 (1 is the highest priority and 9 is the lowest. Lower number is the preferred Border).
- By default (if user do not set a priority value), the border is assigned a priority value of 10. If border priorities are not set (or same across Borders), traffic is load balanced across the border nodes.
- User can modify border node priority in Day N without removing devices from fabric.







Border Node Preference in Fabric

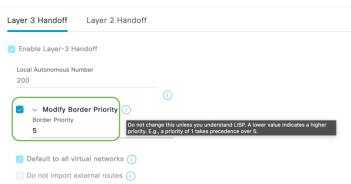
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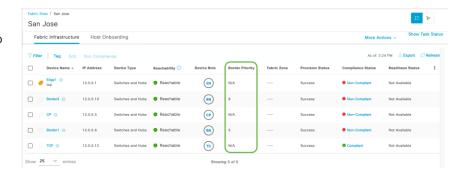
- The priority value set for a border is applicable to all the virtual networks that are handed-off from that border. Border priority is supported for both unicast and multicast traffic.
- If an SD-Access Transit interconnects the fabric sites, an external border with the Lowest priority is chosen to send traffic to external networks.
- This is supported for both IPv4 and IPv6.

Considerations

- Supported with both Lisp Pub/Sub and Lisp BGP fabrics.
- All Virtual Networks traffic within a site will traverse via the preferred Border via Cisco DNA Center UI.

Border1







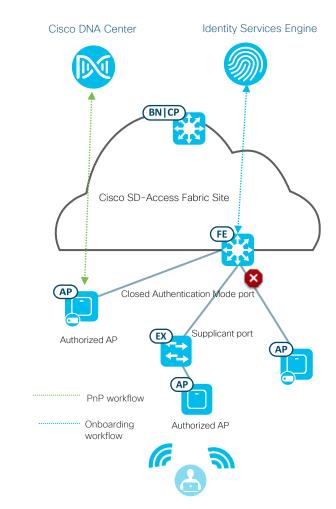
Zero Trust Capabilities (Secure AP Onboarding)



Zero Trust Capabilities

Secure AP Onboarding

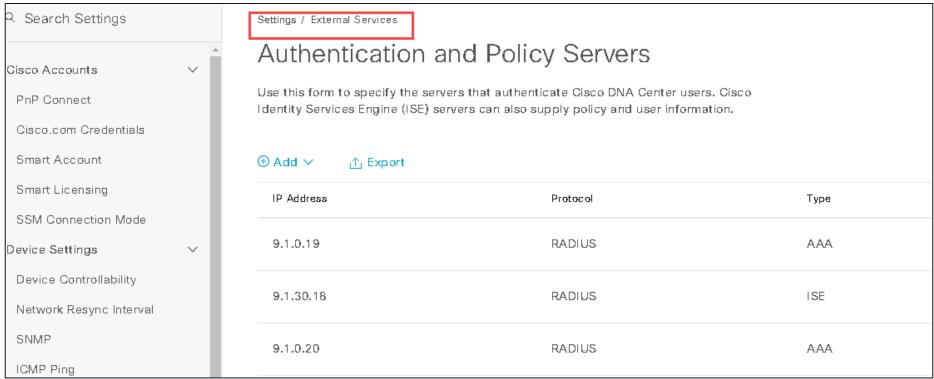
- Onboard and enable Dot1x on the Access point connected to an Edge Node, Extended Node or Policy Extended Node on closed authentication ports.
- Protect the network from attachment of unauthorized Access Points by maintaining closed authentication on all
- Secesse APrtsnboarding is done by authorizing the Access Point on a closed authentication port by allowing limited access to DHCP/DNS and Cisco DNA Center for PnP workflow
- The PnP workflow on the Cisco DNA Center is enhanced to enable dot1x supplicant on the Access Point





Steps

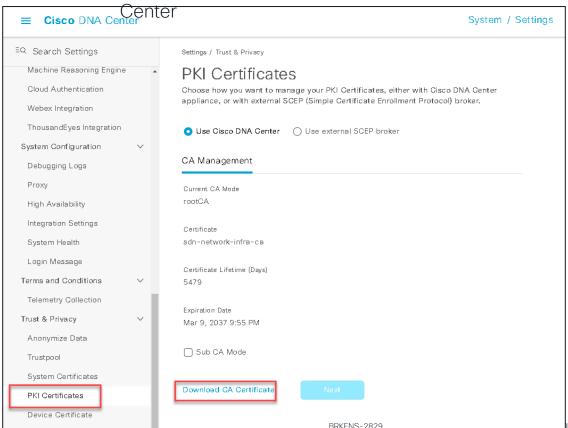
Add ISE or any external AAA server on the Cisco DNA





Steps

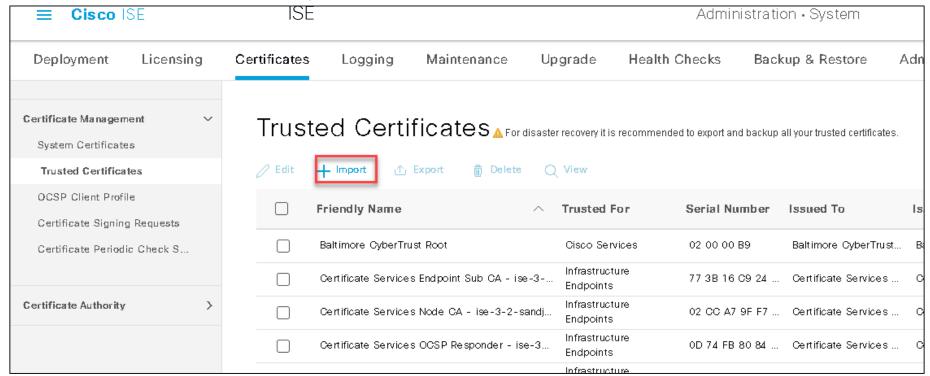
Create CA certificate in Cisco DNA





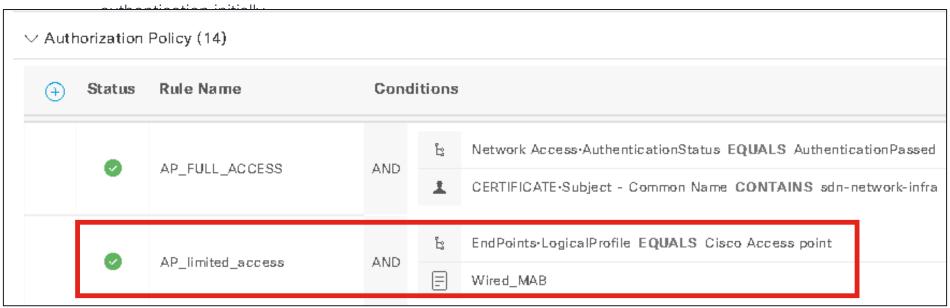
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Import DNA Center created certificate into



Onboarding Process

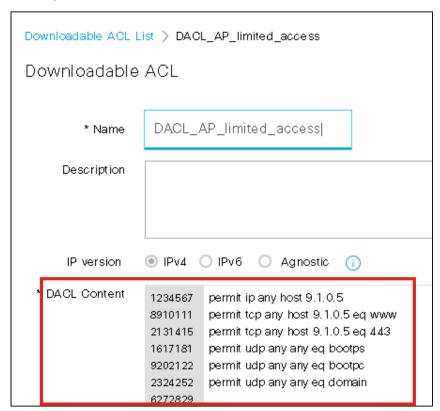
Access Points out of factory don't have a dot1x supplicant and goes through a MAB

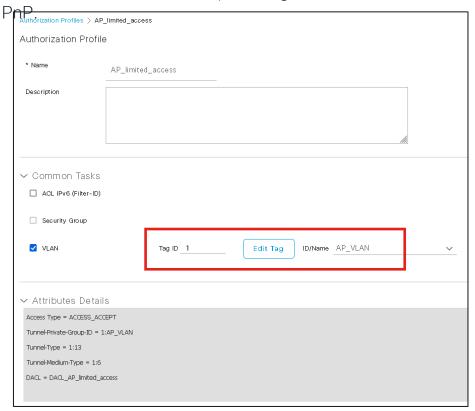




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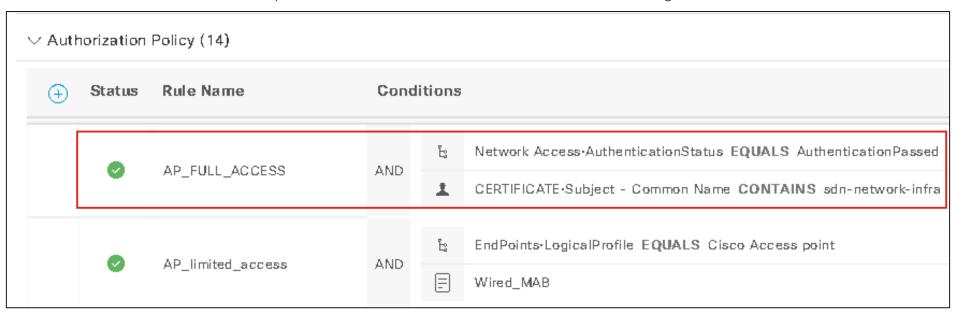
As part of MAB authentication and authorization, a VLAN and an ACL is returned providing limited access to do





Onboarding Process

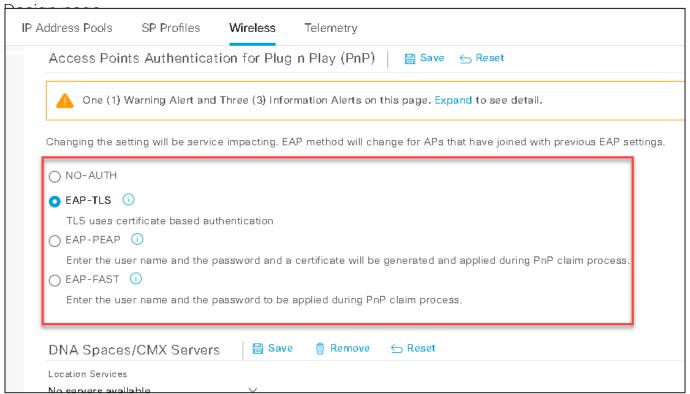
Once the PnP workflow is completed the AP does a dot1x authentication resulting in a full access to the network.





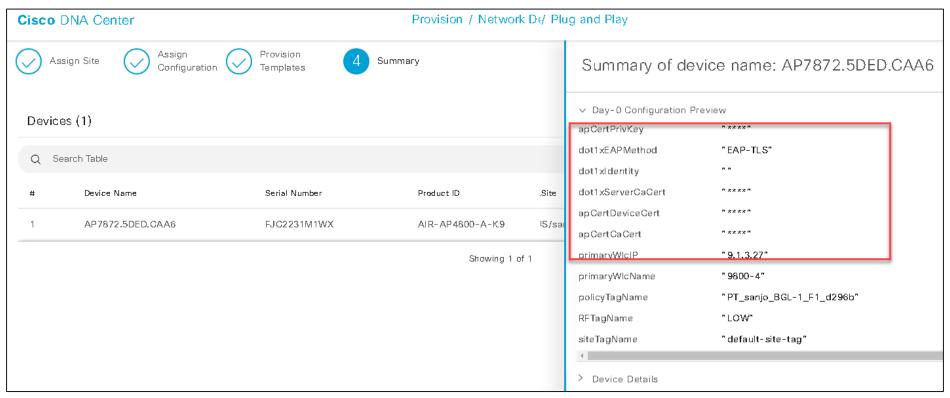
Onboarding Process

The authentication option for AP is enabled on the wireless network settings under



Onboarding Process

The PnP workflow is enhanced to send the dot1x configuration to the access point.



Onboarding Process

Access Point initially goes through a MAB authentication on switchport

```
fabric edget#sh access-session interface gi 1/0/12 details
            Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/12
               IIF-ID: 0x186C3CD7
          MAC Address: 7872.5ded.caa6
         <snip>
Server Policies:
           Vlan Group: Vlan: 1027
              ACS ACL: xACSACLx-IP-DACL AP limited access-624e6cc4
Method status list:
       Method
                        State
        dot1x
                        Stopped
                        Autho Success
          mab
```

Onboarding Process

Access Point after completion of the PnP process reboots and starts dot1x with the switchport

```
Fabric edget#sh access-session interface gi 1/0/12 details
            Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/12
               IIF-ID: 0x1984EC50
          MAC Address: 7872.5ded.caa6
         <snip>
Local Policies:
Server Policies:
     Interface Template: ApAutzTemplate
Method status list:
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        dot1x
                        Autho Success
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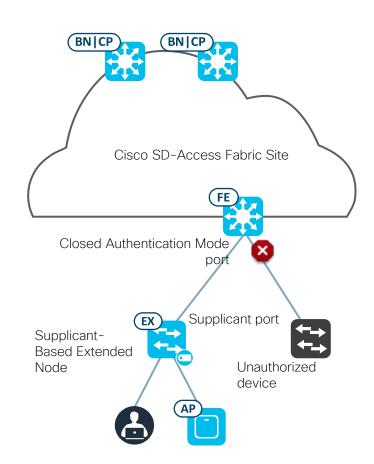
Zero Trust Capabilities (Supplicant-Based Extended Nodes)



Zero Trust Capabilities

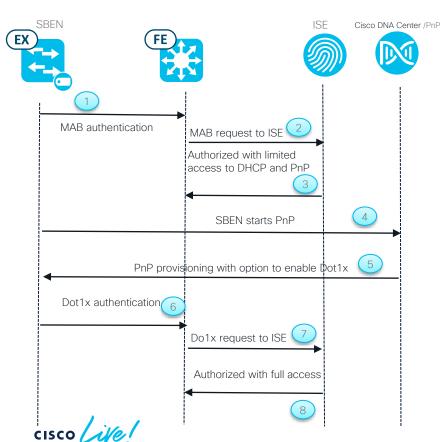
Supplicant-Based Extended Node (SBEN)

- Automatically onboard supported factory default switches connected to Fabric Edge (FE) node closed authentication ports.
- Protect the network from attachment of unauthorized devices by maintaining closed authentication on all Edge Node access ports
- Supplicant-Based Extended Nodes (SBEN) onboarding is designed to onboard EN using PNP in a zero-trust environment.
- Supplicant-Based Extended Nodes (SBEN) are provisioned by Cisco DNA Center to have a supplicant with EAP-TLS authentication on their uplink to the Edge Node. The EAP-TLS certificate is provisioned by Cisco DNA Center from Cisco DNA Center Certificate Authority (CA).
- After successful onboarding, access to the port is purely based on authentication status. If device/port goes down, authentication session is cleared, and traffic is not allowed on the port. When the port comes back, it goes through dot1x authentication to regain access to the Cisco SD-Access network.
- Supplicant-Based Extended Nodes (SBEN) are provisioned as Policy Extended Nodes. Thus, they use SGTs for microsegmentation on access ports.



Supplicant-Based Extended Node

Workflow



| Flow | Event |
|------|---|
| 1 | Extended node out of factory connects to a closed auth port on the fabric edge. The FE is configured for dot1x followed by MAB. The FE starts MAB after dot1x timeout. |
| 2 | FE forwards the MAB request to Cisco ISE for authentication and authorization |
| 3 | Cisco ISE authorizes the MAB request with limited access, only providing access to DHCP and PnP. Cisco DNA Center provisions the ACL and interface template on fabric devices for providing limited access. |
| 4 | SBEN starts PnP with the Cisco DNA Center. |
| 5 | Cisco DNA Center as part of the PnP workflow provisions dot1x credentials and enables dot1x supplicant on the extended node. |
| 6 | SBEN stars dot1x authentication after the PnP provisioning |
| 7 | FE forwards the Dot1x request to Cisco ISE for authentication and authorization |
| 8 | Cisco ISE authorizes the dot1x request providing full access. Cisco DNA Center provisions the required interface template for full access which can be referred in the authorization profile. |

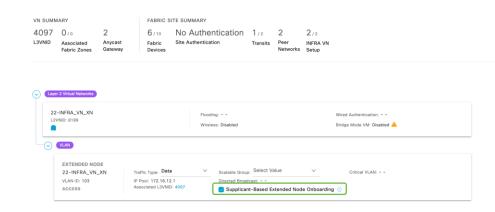
Supplicant-Based Extended Node

Considerations

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- Upstream Edge Nodes must be 9300/L, 9400 or 9500/H Series Switches.
- SBENs must be Catalyst 9200/L/CX, 9300/L, 9400, or 9500/H Series Switches.
- Both the Edge Nodes and their connected SBENs must use IOS XE 17.7.x ,ISE 3.1 or later .
- SBEN supports a maximum of one physical uplink port. EtherChannel is not supported.
- Configuration on ISE for providing limited access /policy authorization must be done manually out of band.
- · Daisy chain of SBEN not supported.

First Method to enable SBEN from Cisco DNA Center UI



Second method to enable SBEN from Cisco DNA Center UI



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