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Cisco pxGrid 2.0 for IoT Platform Integration to Increase Visibility & Security

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Agenda

- Cisco pxGrid Overview
- How to Develop using pxGrid
- Industrial IOT (IIOT) Use Case
- Getting Started

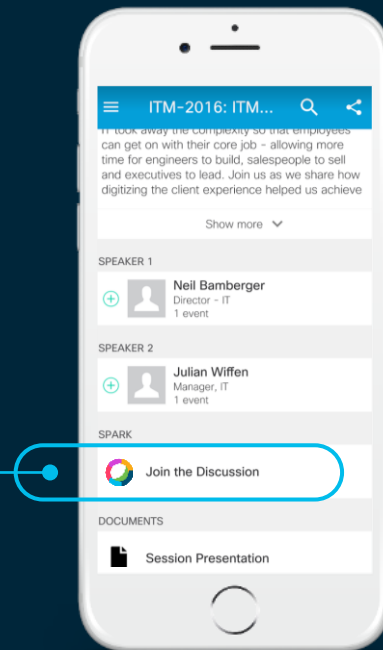
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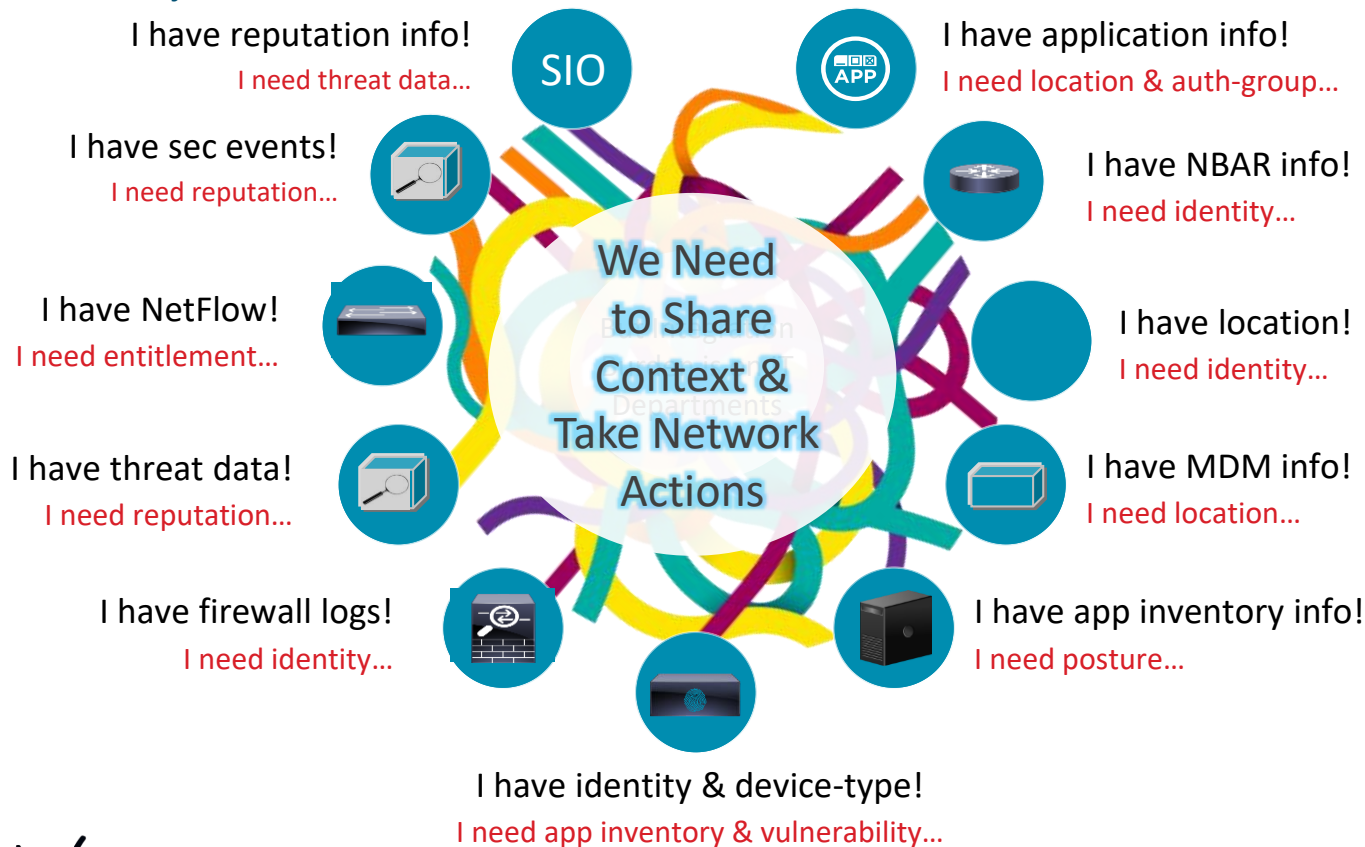


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Cisco pxGrid Overview

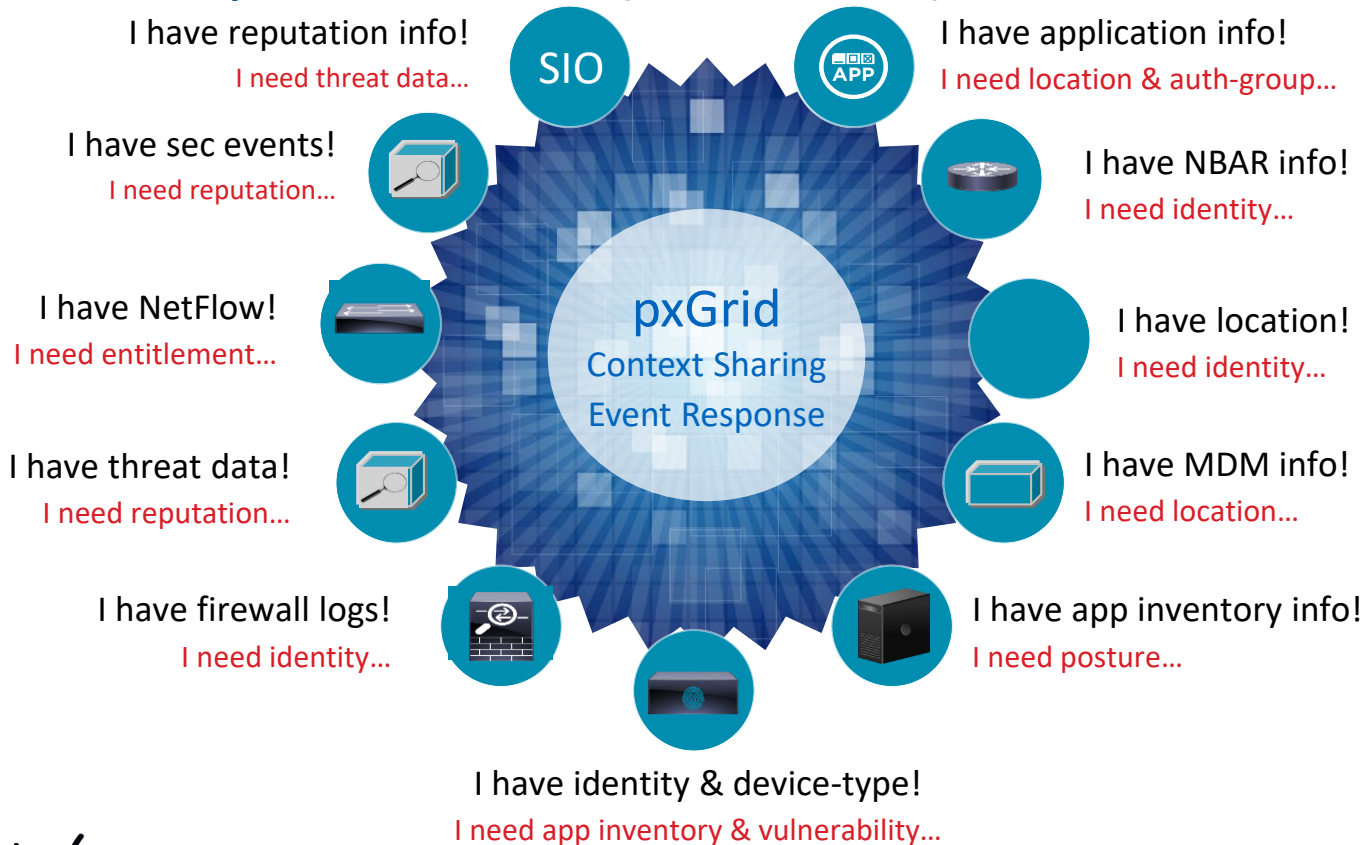
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...but it's not easy to execute...but pxGrid accomplishes this

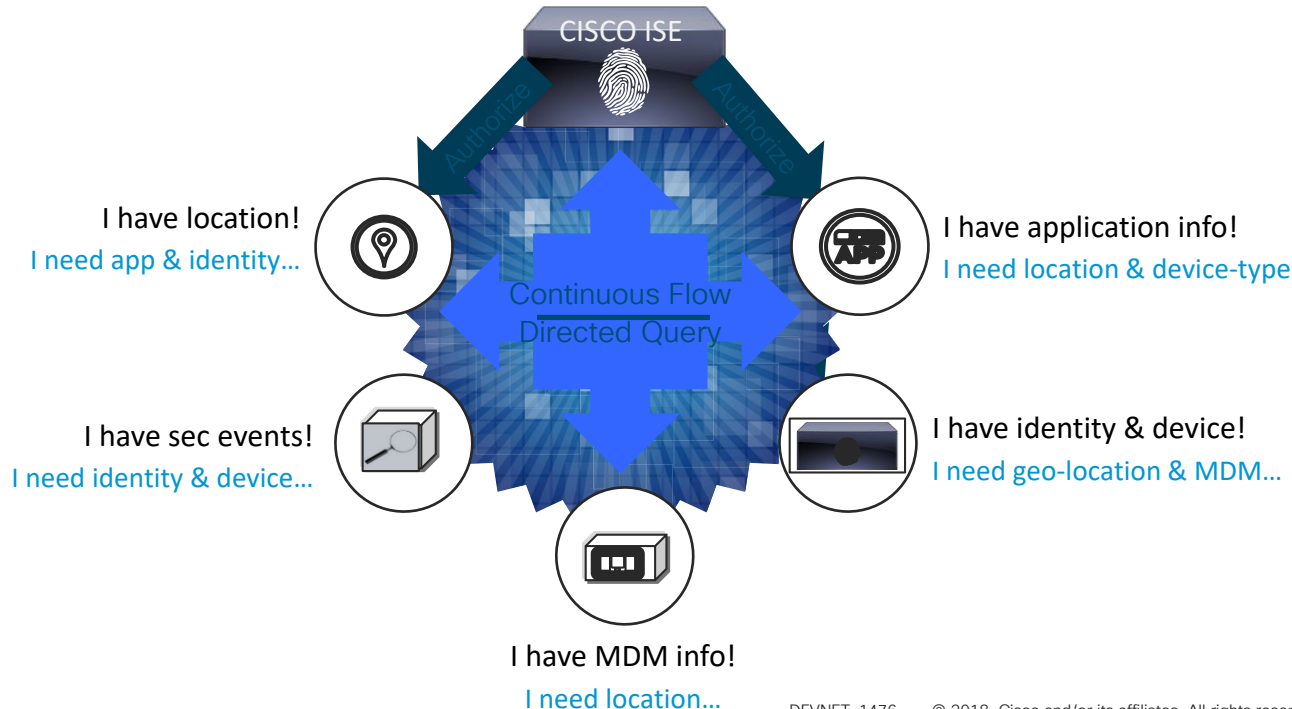


How pxGrid Works: Partners Connecting to Cisco Security Platforms...and to Other Partners

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Subscriber: Authenticate → Authorize → Discover → Subscribe → Query

Cisco ISE as pxGrid Controller



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Traditional APIs have many limitations – pxGrid addresses these issues:

- Single-purpose function = need for many APIs/dev (and lots of testing)
- Not configurable = too much/little info for interface systems (scale issues)
- Pre-defined data exchange = wait until next release if you need a change
- Polling architecture = can't scale beyond 1 or 2 system integrations
- Security can be “loose”

Cisco pxGrid – Context-Sharing & Network Mitigation

Connecting Partners & Cisco Security Platforms, Connecting Partners-to-Partners

1

ISE Makes Customer IT Platforms
User/Identity,
Device and Network Aware



ISE Shares User/Device &
Network Context with IT
Infrastructure

2

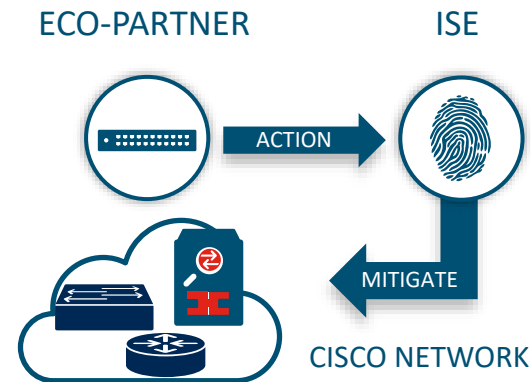
Make ISE a Better Network Policy
Platform for Customers



ISE Receives Context from Eco-
Partners to Make Better Network
Access Policy

3

Help Customer IT Environments
Reach
into the Cisco Network



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BENEFITS

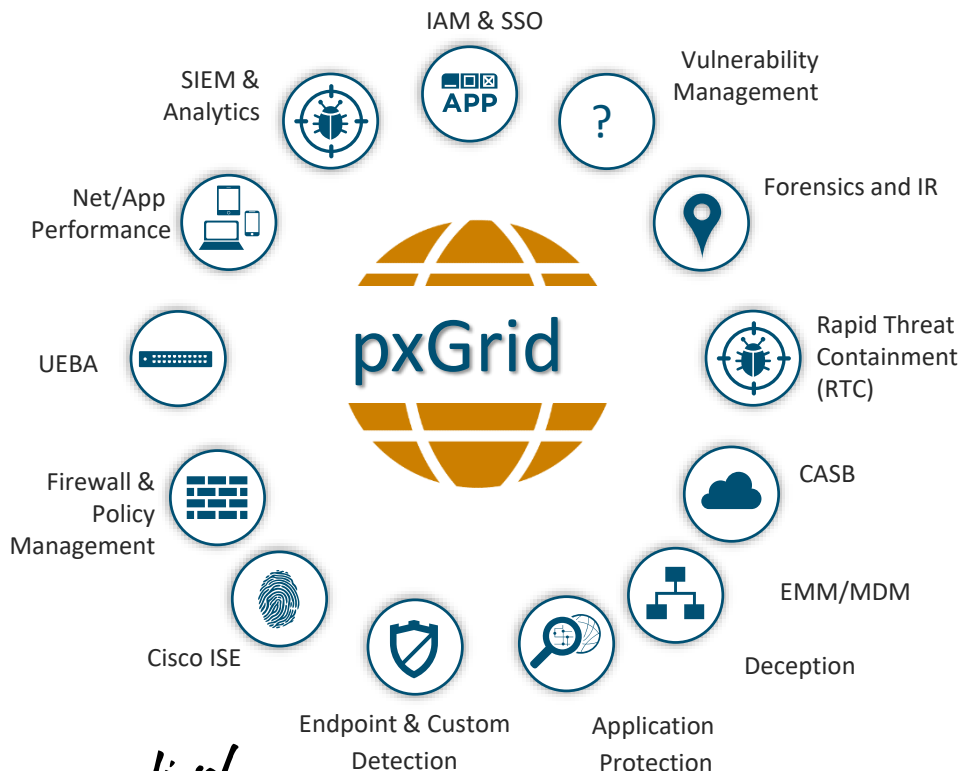
Puts “Who, What Device, What Access” with
Events. Way Better than Just IP Addresses!

Creates a Single Place for Comprehensive
Network Access Policy thru Integration

Decreases Time, Effort and Cost to Responding to
Security and Network Events

pxGrid – Industry Adoption Critical Mass

50+ Partner Product Integrations and 12 Technology Areas



- **Application Protection**: Arxan, DB Networks
- **SIEM and Analytics**: HanSight, Hawk*, Huntsman*, LogRhythm*, Micro Focus NetIQ*, Splunk*, TripWire*, IBM- Qradar, Secureonix
- **CASB**: Elastica*, NetSkope, Skyhigh
- **Deception**: Attivo, illusive*, TrapX*
- **Endpoint and Custom Detection**: Invincea*, Redshift*, ThreatTrack, CloudPost Networks***, McAfee DXL, TriagingX
- **Firewall and Policy Management**: Bayshore*, Check Point, InfoBlox*, Intelliment, Cisco FMC*
- **Forensics and IR**: Cisco Cognitive Threat Analytics*, Lumeta, Endace, Cisco Stealthwatch*, Lemonfish*, TripWire*, WireX Systems
- **IAM/SSO**: Ping Identity, Secureauth*, Situational
- **Other**: Cisco WSA, Ark NSS****, Cisco ISE PIC
- **Threat Intelligence**: Infocyte*
- **UEBA**: E8*, Exabeam*, Fortscale*, Niara, Greenlight****
- **Vulnerability Management**: Rapid 7*, SAINT*, Tenable*, Tripwire*

Solutions

* Rapid Threat Containment, ** Regulatory and Compliance Solution

IoT, *Regulatory and Compliance

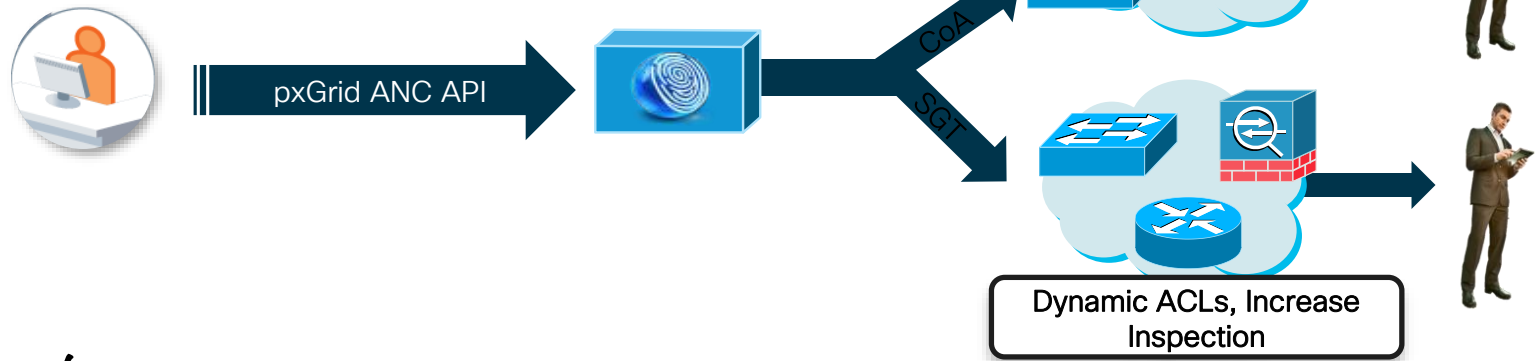
pxGrid: Adaptive Network Control

Makes Cisco Infrastructure a Unified Event Response Network

Adaptive Network Control provides the ability to:

- Quarantine user devices from 3rd party products, such as SIEM systems
- Enlist other Cisco infrastructure in the network response – such as dynamic ACLs on switches and ASA or increase IPS inspection levels

“1-touch” network mitigation action –
from 3rd party partner console



How to Develop using pxGrid 1.0

pxGrid 1.0 Architecture & Components

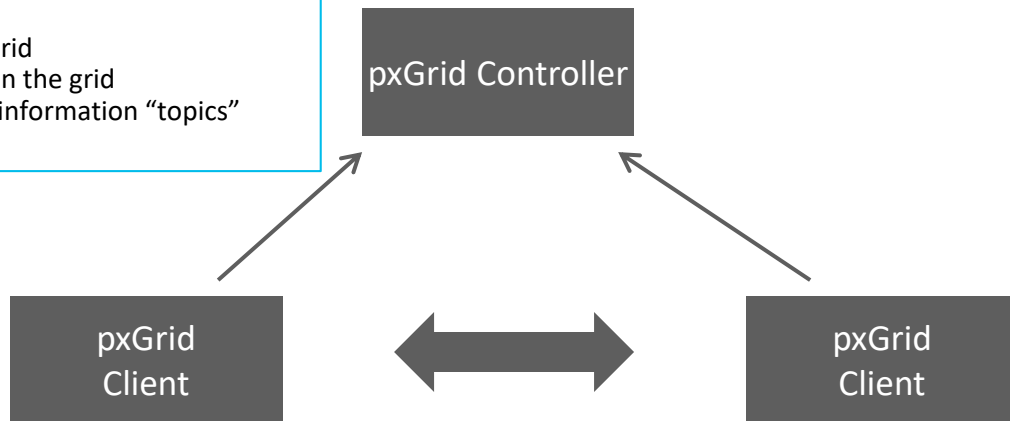
XMPP

Client based

XML

pxGrid Controller Responsible for Control Plane:

- Establishing the “grid” instance
- Authenticating clients on to the grid
- Authorizing what clients can do on the grid
- Maintaining directory of context information “topics” available on the grid



pxGrid Clients (Eco-Partner Platforms) Responsible for:

- Utilizing pxGrid Client Libraries (in SDK) to communicate with the pxGrid Controller
- If sharing contextual information, publishing it to a “topic”
- If consuming contextual information, subscribing to appropriate “topic”
- Filtering “topics” to exclude unwanted information
- Ad-hoc query to “topics”

Cisco pxGrid 1.0 Summary

- Visibility into *“who is connecting”, “who is accessing what”*
- Centralized, policy-based authorization – *“who can do what”*
- Secure, bidirectional connectivity
- Mutual certs-based authentication, pre-shared key (PSK)
- Flexible consumption APIs – real-time (XMPP), on-demand (XMPP), bulk transfer (REST)
- Client contextual needs support through semantic, syntactic filtering
- Ability for peers to negotiate out-of-band, secure p2p connection
- Standardize schemas & information models through XML
- Dynamic topic support with authorizations on publish, subscribe and publisher actions
- Dynamic discovery of topics available on pxGrid 1.0
- Scalable to thousands of nodes

Cisco pxGrid 1.0 SDK Components & Function

Component	Function
Grid Client Library (GCL) in C and Java	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Software libraries for embedding in partner system• Connects partner system to the pxGrid
Sample pxGrid Data Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sample data from Cisco ISE across a pxGrid connection to test with
Sample Data Generator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generates live session data across a pxGrid connection• Uses Cisco ISE user/device session data
pxGrid Controller Virtual Machine for Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ISO of bundled Cisco ISE and pxGrid Controller for local testing in your lab
Hosted Testing Sandbox	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enables developer to connect to an already setup test environment
pxGrid Documentation: Tutorials, Development Guides, testing guides,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete documentation to guide the developer from concept to implementation to verification testing

How to Develop using pxGrid 2.0

pxGrid 2.0 addresses ...

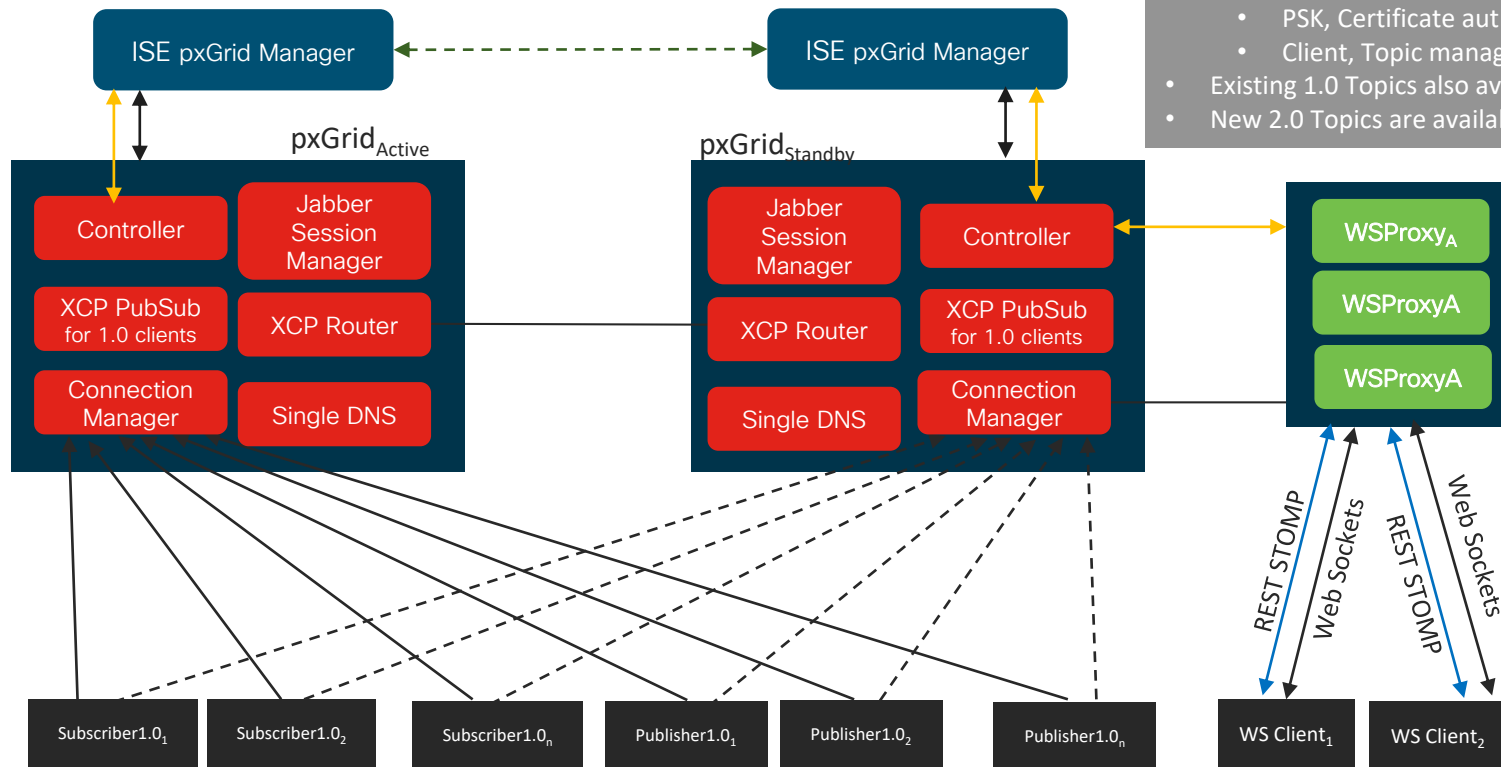
REST-WS

Clientless

JSON

- Ease of adoption with clientless approach
 - *No SDK or language dependency*
- Horizontal scalability
- Maintain backward compatibility with pxGrid 1.0
- Reduce technical support & integration effort
- pxGrid 1.0 support remains
- pxGrid 1.0 clients will continue to work with 1.0 Topics
- Pubsub “Data” is bridged between pxGrid 1.0 and pxGrid 2.0

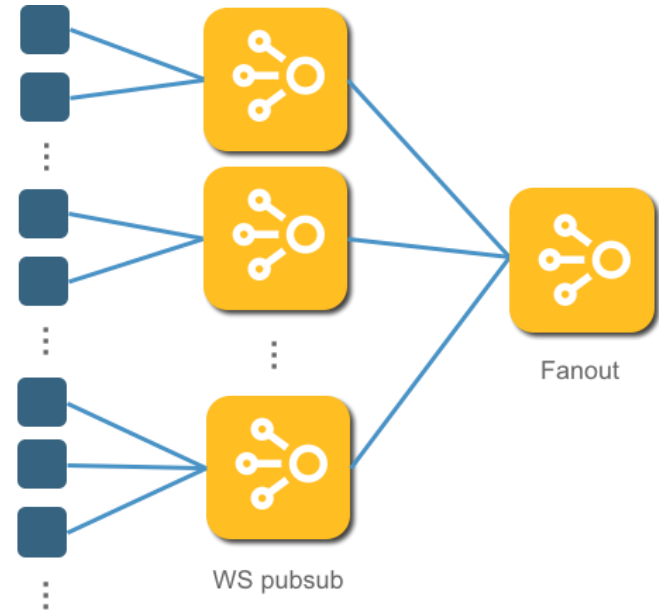
pxGrid 2.0 Architecture



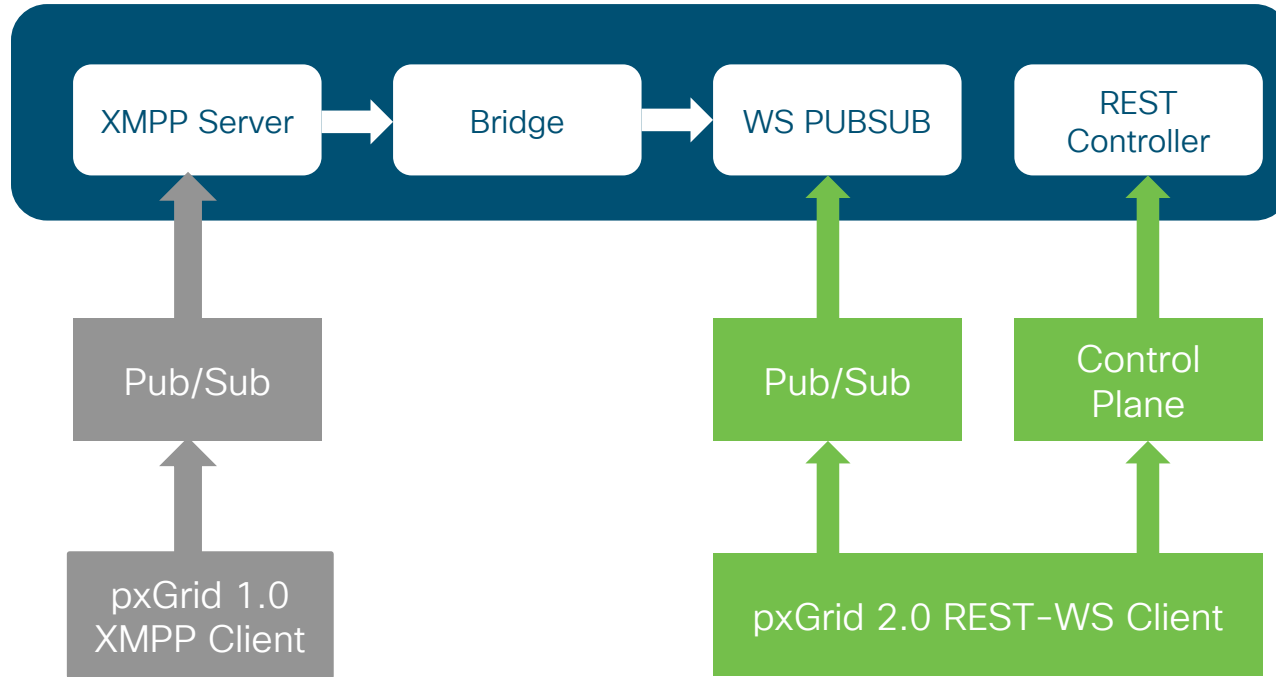
- REST (STOMP model) for control plane, queries
- Web Sockets for Pub/Sub
- Web Sockets proxy deployed in Active-Active
- Similar to pxGrid v1.0
 - Topic Discovery
 - PSK, Certificate authentication
 - Client, Topic management
- Existing 1.0 Topics also available on 2.0
- New 2.0 Topics are available only for 2.0 clients

pxGrid 2.0 Internals

- REST for authentication, authorization control plane and queries
- Web sockets for pubsub
- Uses Simple Text Oriented Messaging Protocol (STOMP) message format
 - Façade for any messaging system
 - STOMP is mostly a message format
 - Defines simple semantics such as Connect/Disconnect, Send/Subscribe etc. with frames modelled on HTTP
- Provides horizontal scaling through fan out



Support for pxGrid 1.0 Clients in pxGrid 2.0



[Parity between pxGrid 1.0 and pxGrid 2.0](#)

pxGrid 1.0 vs pxGrid 2.0

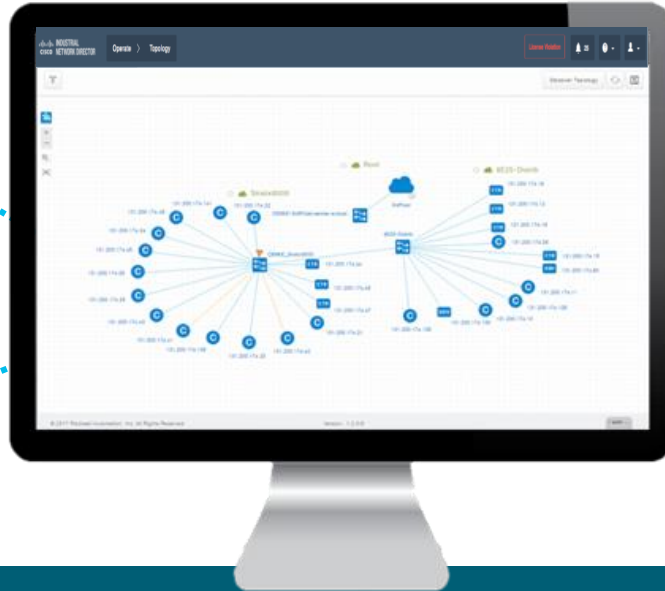
	pxGrid 1.0	pxGrid 2.0
Consumer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDK based • XMPP queries • XMPP pubsub 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agentless: no SDK required • REST API calls for registration • STOMP pubsub • Websocket transport layer
Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires SDK • XMPP Discovery/Authz API • XMPP authentication • XMPP query handlers • XMPP pubsub publisher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No SDK • REST Discovery/Authz API • Webapp authentication provider • REST API handlers • STOMP pubsub • Websocket transport layer
Pubsub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCP Transport • XML parsing • Single instance • Dynamic topics support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WebSockets transport • Data is opaque • Horizontal scaling with multiple active instances • Dynamic topics support
Control Plane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XMPP Discovery, Authc, Authz • XMPP component • Clients require SDK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REST + STOMP • Written as a Webapp • No SDK required
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISE topics are published and available both on pxGrid 1.0 & pxGrid 2.0 • Dynamic topics created on pxGrid 1.0 are available for pxGrid 1.0 clients only • pxGrid 1.0 clients can subscribe to ISE pxGrid 1.0 topics • pxGrid 2.0 clients can subscribe to ISE pxGrid 1.0 or ISE pxGrid 2.0 topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topics created on pxGrid 2.0 are available to pxGrid 2.0 clients only

How to Install and Test Using the pxGrid 2.0

- Install Cisco ISE 2.3 or later ISO on a VM
- Follow the steps and review the sample code specified in pxGrid devnet website
<https://developer.cisco.com/docs/pxgrid/>
- pxGrid 2.0 client application documentation –
<https://github.com/cisco-pxgrid/pxgrid-rest-ws/wiki/pxgrid-consumer>

ISE – Industrial Network Director (IND) Industrial IOT Use Case

Cisco Industrial Network Director Network Management, Simplified & Automated



Plug-and-Play server
for Zero-Touch
Switch Commissioning

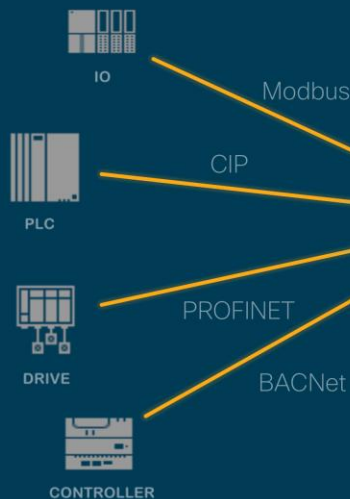
Improved Industrial
Asset Visibility & Network Troubleshooting
with Automation Context

REST APIs for
Integration with
Automation Systems

OT intent driven
security workflows
through ISE integration

OT Intent Driven Security Policies

Industrial Assets



OT Platform



CONTEXT

pxGrid

CONTEXT

IT Platform



SGT, dACL

SXP

pxGrid

StealthWatch

Use Cases

Dynamic Network Segmentation

On-Demand Remote Access

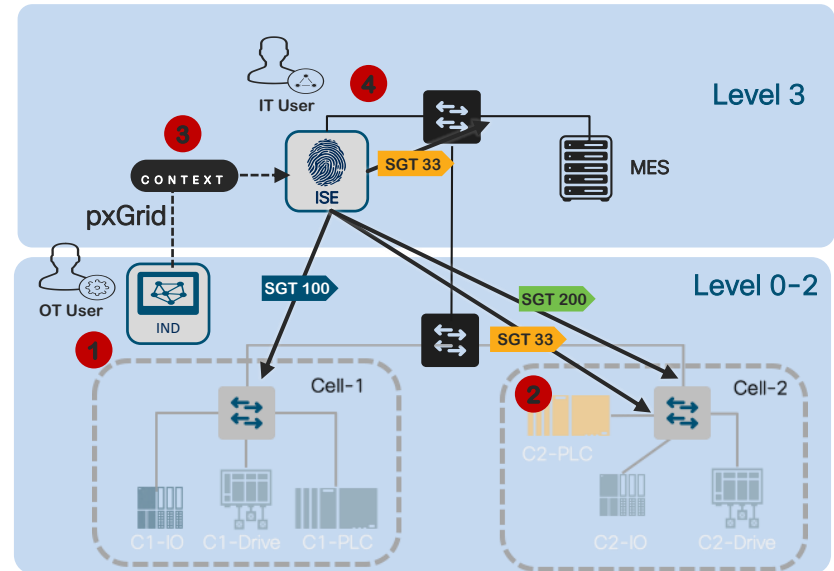
Context based Anomaly Detection

Cell Segmentation

Requirement

- Segment the industrial network such that only certain assets can communicate with each other
- OT user (not IT) knows the control system, and must therefore have the ability classify the assets into segments at any time

	SGT 33	SGT 100	SGT 200
SGT 33	✓	✓	✓
SGT 100	✓	✓	X
SGT 200	✓	X	✓



Industrial Asset Visibility in ISE through IND



IND Asset Inventory

```
{
  "iotId": 105,
  "iotName": "172.27.162.184",
  "iotIpAddress": "172.27.162.184",
  "iotMacAddress": "00:1d:9c:c2:7d:d2",
  "iotVendor": "Rockwell Automation/Allen-Bradley",
  "iotProductId": "1756-EN2TR/B",
  "iotSerialNumber": "10423738",
  "iotDeviceType": "Ethernet/IP Node",
  "iotSwRevision": "4.2",
  "iotHwRevision": "2.0",
  "iotProtocol": "CIP",
  "iotConnectedLinks": [
    {
      "iotId": 103,
      "iotDeviceType": "Switch",
      "iotName": "IE3010-TrunkSwitch",
      "iotPortName": "FastEthernet0/13",
      "iotIpAddress": "172.27.162.162"
    }
  ],
  "iotCustomAttributes": [
    {
      "attrName": "deviceProfile",
      "Value": "Communications Adapter"
    },
    {
      "attrName": "productNode",
      "Value": "242"
    }
  ]
}
```

pxGrid 2.0

ISE Profiler Attributes



Identity
Services
Engine

- iotMacAddress
- iotIpAddress
- iotName
- iotVendor
- iotProductId
- iotSerialNumber
- iotDeviceType
- iotSwRevision
- iotHwRevision
- iotProtocol
- iotConnectedLinks
- iotCustomAttributes

ISE profiling rules based on attributes like *Make, Model, Serial Number, Device Type* etc. instead of just IP address

Custom Attributes allows IND to signal higher order information that is common to a group of assets

IND integration with ISE using pxGrid 2.0

1. Enable pxGrid service on ISE 2.4
2. Provision IND certificate in ISE and vice-versa
3. Enable pxGrid profiling probe in ISE
4. Approve IND pxGrid client account on ISE
5. IND creates “com.cisco.endpoint.asset” service & “/topic/com.cisco.endpoint.asset” topic
6. IND publishes on “/topic/com.cisco.endpoint.asset” topic & ISE subscribers to the topic
7. ISE receives custom attributes from ISE & uses them to classify IOT assets and perform segmentation

Sample Context-In Publish Code

Account Activate – Requires admin to approve the new node

```
// AccountActivate
PxgridControl control = new PxgridControl(config);
while (control.accountActivate() != AccountState.ENABLED) {
    Thread.sleep(60000);
}
logger.info("pxGrid controller version={}", control.getControllerVersion());
```

Service Register to register the service “com.cisco.ise.pubsub”

Service Register to register the topic “/topic/com.cisco.endpoint.asset”

```
// pxGrid ServiceRegister
Map<String, String> sessionProperties = new HashMap<>();
sessionProperties.put("wsPubsubService", "com.cisco.ise.pubsub");
sessionProperties.put("assetTopic", "/topic/com.cisco.endpoint.asset");
ServiceRegisterResponse response = control.serviceRegister("com.cisco.endpoint.asset", sessionProperties);
String registrationId = response.getId();
```

Sample Context-In Publish Code

"com.cisco.ise.pubsub" PubSub Service Lookup

```
// pxGrid ServiceLookup for pubsub service
Service[] services = control.serviceLookup("com.cisco.ise.pubsub");
if (services.length == 0) {
    logger.info("Pubsub service unavailable");
    return;
}
```

Get Access Secret to "com.cisco.ise.pubsub" PubSub Service

```
// Use first service
Service wsPubsubService = services[0];
String wsURL = wsPubsubService.getProperties().get("wsUrl");
logger.info("wsUrl={}", wsURL);

// pxGrid AccessSecret
String secret = control.getAccessSecret(wsPubsubService.getNodeName());
```


Sample Context-In Publish Code

Setup WebSocket Client & Connect

```
// Setup WebSocket client
ClientManager client = ClientManager.createClient();
SslEngineConfigurator sslEngineConfigurator = new SslEngineConfigurator(config.getSSLContext());
client.getProperties().put(ClientProperties.SSL_ENGINE_CONFIGURATOR, sslEngineConfigurator);
client.getProperties().put(ClientProperties.CREDENTIALS,
    new Credentials(config.getNodeName(), secret.getBytes()));

// WebSocket connect
StompPubsubClientEndpoint endpoint = new StompPubsubClientEndpoint();
URI uri = new URI(wsURL);
Session session = client.connectToServer(endpoint, uri);

// STOMP connect
endpoint.connect(uri.getHost());
```

Sample Context-In Publish Code

Publish Asset Attributes to “/topic/com.cisco.endpoint.asset” topic

```
Asset asset = new Asset();
asset.setAssetId("1");
asset.setAssetName("pxGrid2-PC");
asset.setAssetIpAddress("10.0.0.21");
asset.setAssetMacAddress("00:0C:29:C1:7B:2C");
asset.setAssetHwRevision("5.6");
asset.setAssetProtocol("CIP");
AssetConnectedLink[] assetConnectedLinks = new AssetConnectedLink[1];
AssetConnectedLink link = new AssetConnectedLink();
link.setKey("indattr1");
link.setValue("1");
assetConnectedLinks[0] = link;

AssetCustomAttribute[] assetCustomAttributes = new AssetCustomAttribute[1];
AssetCustomAttribute attr = new AssetCustomAttribute();
attr.setKey("Threat");
attr.setValue("1");
assetCustomAttributes[0] = attr;
asset.setAssetCustomAttributes(assetCustomAttributes);

AssetOperation assetOperation = new AssetOperation();
assetOperation.setAsset(asset);
assetOperation.setOpType("UPDATE");

Gson gson = new Gson();
String data = gson.toJson(assetOperation);

// STOMP send periodically
executor.scheduleWithFixedDelay(() -> {
    try {
        endpoint.publish("/topic/com.cisco.endpoint.asset", data.getBytes() );
    } catch (IOException e) {
        logger.error("Publish failure");
    }
}, 0, 5, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
```

Sample Context-In Publish Code

UnRegister service "com.cisco.ise.pubsub"

```
// pxGrid ServerUnregister  
control.unregisterService(registrationId);
```

Disconnect & Close WebSocket Connection

```
// STOMP disconnect  
endpoint.disconnect("ID-123");  
// Wait for disconnect receipt  
Thread.sleep(3000);  
  
// Websocket close  
session.close();
```

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