Lab 6: Authentication with 802.1X. Wireless networking concepts

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Introduction to LAB 6

In the first exercise, you will configure a router to allow telnet access but instead the router itself to check the credentials, an external server (RADIUS) will be responsible for this task.

In the second exercise, you will explore the Wireless Access Point configuration using Cisco Wireless LAN Controller.

Exercise 1: Configure RADIUS authentication for telnet access

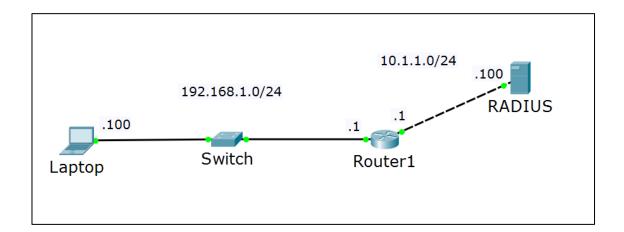
Task 1: Create the topology

1. Create the physical topology

In the packet tracer, move the following devices to the workspace:

- One end device (use <u>Generic</u>, the second in the list)
- One switch (2960)
- One router (2911)
- One server (Generic, the third one from the End Devices list)

Rename and connect the devices as per the picture below (IP addressing will be discussed in a second)

















2. Assign IP addresses

This is a simple topology with two IP subnets: 192.168.1.0/24, which will be the client network and 10.1.1.0/24, which will be the server network. Refer to the table for the exact IP address assignments:

Device/Port	IP Address	Belongs to network (informational only)
Laptop	192.168.1.100	192.168.1.0
Router1/port-to-Laptop	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.0
Router1/port-to-RADIUS	10.1.1.1	10.1.1.0
RADIUS	10.1.1.100	10.1.1.0

Note: All masks are /24

3. Configure the connectivity

The laptop needs to communicate with the server. The "client" and the "server" networks are separated by a single router, which knows for both of these networks/subnets. As you have learned before, this is known as <u>direct routing</u> and no additional routing configuration on Router1 is required. Still, you will need to set up default gateway addresses on the client and on the server. Configure them as following:

- the laptop should have default gateway of 192.168.1.1
- The server should have default gateway of 10.1.1.1

4. Test the connectivity

You should be now able to ping between the client, the server (RADIUS) and the router.















Task 2: Configure telnet access to the router using RADIUS authentication

In previous LABs you have configured telnet access to a router using the router's internal database for authentication. Now you will use the RADIUS server which will be used to validate the credentials.

1. Configure the router

One thing to start with is a creating a local account on the router which can be used as a backup account in case of lost connection to the RADIUS server. To create a local account, type this command from global config mode

username BackupAdmin privilege 15 secret SoftUni

Then, create "enable secret" password for accessing the privileged mode. After this, make the following configuration on Router1 from global configuration.

- aaa new-model
- radius server softuni
 - o address ipv4 10.1.1.100
 - o **key SoftUni** (ignore the warnings after the command)
 - exit
- aaa authentication login vty_login group radius local
- line vty 0 15
 - o login authentication vty_login
 - exit
- aaa authentication login console_login none
- line console 0
 - login authentication console_login













Explanations:

- the "aaa new-model" command tells the router that you will be using RADIUS for authentication (or TACACS+). Basically, it enables the commands after it, otherwise they will not be available
- the "radius server softuni" command will define a RADIUS server with this name
- The two "radius server softuni" sub-commands will set the details about the RADIUS server what is the IP address and what is the password for the communication between the client (Router1) and the RADIUS server
- the "aaa authentication login vty_login group radius local" command specifies that:
 - o we will use AAA for logging to the device (the "login" word)
 - we create "vty_login" authentication configuration which specifies "radius" as the first authentication option and "local" as a backup authentication option (will be used if the RADIUS server is not accessible)
- the "login authentication vty_login" command under the "line vty 0
 15" virtual interfaces will set the login configuration to "vty_login",
 explained in the above point. This means that the VTY virtual
 interfaces (like "telnet") will require RADIUS authentication but will
 also have a backup with the local account
- the "aaa authentication login console_login none" command creates a login configuration named "console_login", which will not use authentication (and will be used for the console interface in the next step)
- the "login authentication console_login" command under the "line console 0" virtual interface will set the login configuration to "console_login", which means no authentication
- 2. Configure the server

















Open the RADIUS server and go to <u>Services</u> -> <u>AAA</u> tab. Enable the service and accept the default Radius port (1645). Notice that there are two sections:

- Network Configuration This is the "Router1 to Radius" communication section. Note that the term "Client" here refers to the RADIUS client, which is the router!
- User Setup
 This is the section where you configure the user accounts which the Radius server will validate

Configure the following in the <u>Network Configuration</u> section and then click Add:

- Client Name: **R1** (informative only, does not need to match the actual hostname)
- Client IP: 10.1.1.1 (this is the router's IP address, which is a RADIUS client)
- Secret: **SoftUni** (the password which protects the router-to-server communication)

Configure the following in the <u>User Setup</u> section and then click <u>Add</u>:

Username: test1Password: 123456



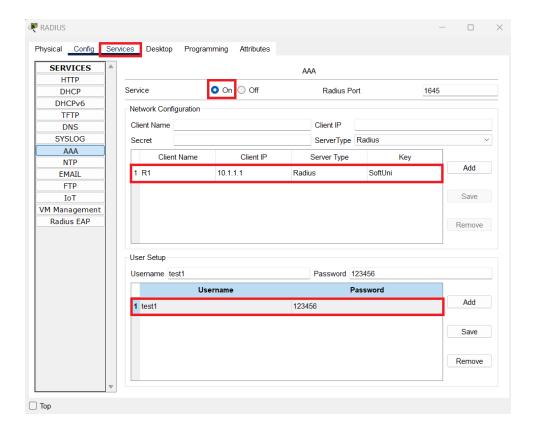












3. Test the authentication From the CLI of your client (Laptop) type:

• telnet 192.168.1.1

You should be prompted for username and password. Use the credentials that you configured in the RADIUS server:

Username: test1Password: 123456

You should be successfully logged in the router via telnet.

<u>Note</u>: We have enabled RADIUS only for "login" and not for "enable", meaning that it will be used only when you initially connect to the Router. After this, when you type "enable", you will need the local "enable secret" password configured earlier.











There is another option to trigger the RADIUS server authentication check also when you type "enable", but we are not doing it in this lab.

<u>Note</u>: You can add more user accounts in the RADIUS server (in the <u>User Setup</u> section) and test them for login via telnet. And this is the whole idea – we do not have local accounts on the networking devices (except for a backup) and instead, we have a centralized database. This is much more efficient and secure when we have multiple devices and administrators.

4. Test the "local" backup option Disable one of the ports between Router1 and the RADIUS server and try the telnet access and authentication again. You should fails with the RADIUS accounts but you should succeed with the local "BackupAdmin" account. Note that it might take longer time for this authentication.

<u>Note</u>: There are two configuration steps that we have made but they are not really required. Can you observe the topology again and find what can be removed from the configuration, while it will continue to work? Hint – it is in Task 1 of the current exercise.

Exercise 2: Configuring a wireless network using Cisco Wireless LAN Controller

In this exercise, you are going to configure a wireless network using a Wireless LAN controller. You will have two SSIDs — one for the employees (Corp) and one for the guests (Guest). They will have different security requirements and configurations — the Guest network will use WPA2 with pre-shared key (PSK), while the Corp network will use external Radius (AAA) server for authentication. You will also have a DHCP and DNS server for your network. You will (optionally)















group the access points to see how you can control which SSIDs to be advertised by which access points.

Task 1: Create the topology

1. Add the devices

Move the following devices to the logical workspace:

- One laptop
- One server
- One L3 switch (3560-24PS)
- One L2 switch (2960-24TT)
- Three Lightweight Access Points (LAP-PT)
- One Wireless Lan Controller (<u>WLC-3504</u>)
- Two smart devices (the name will be <u>SMARTHONE-PT</u> when moved to the topology). These will be the wireless clients
- 2. Power up the access points and rename all devices
 As usual, we want to rename the devices in our topology. But for the access points (the three LAP-PT devices), this requires one more step. We need to first power them up. In order to do this, we need either Power over Ethernet (PoE), meaning to connect them to a switch, which can supply them with power, or to add a power adapter to each of them. We will use the second approach. To do this, click on one of them and on the Physical tab, move the power adapter to the correct place















Once you are ready with this for all of the three access points, they will be powered and you can go to the <u>Config</u> tab, where you can change their names.



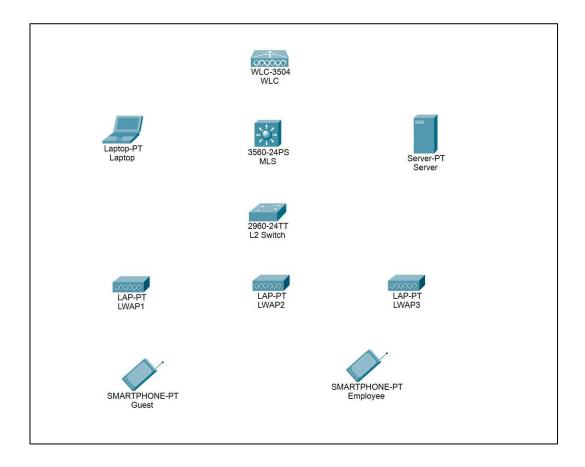








This is how your picture should look like when you rename the devices:



The abbreviations from the above picture:

- WLC = Wireless Lan Controller
- MLS = Multi-Layer Switch (this will be our L3 switch, which will route between the VLANs)
- LWAP = Light Weight Access Point
- 3. Connect the devices

When you have renamed the devices, connect them as per the picture below





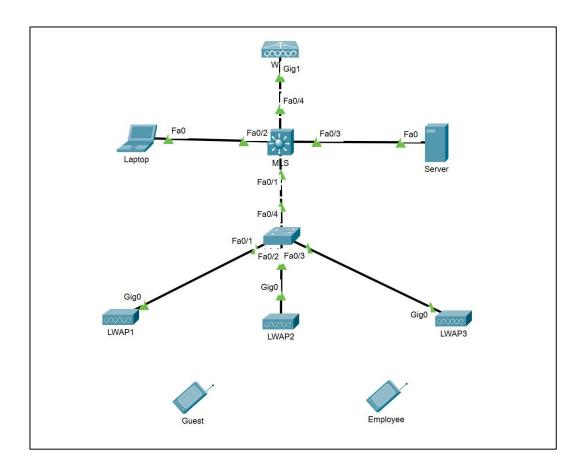












<u>Note</u>: The device model is now hidden in order to free some space for the device names and the port numbers/labels. Your port numbers maybe different, depending on which you connect first, second, etc.

<u>Note</u>: The <u>Guest</u> and <u>Employee</u> smart devices are not connected at this time. Later, when you make the configurations, they will automatically connect (wirelessly) to the access points (either <u>LWAP1</u>, <u>LWAP2</u> or <u>LWAP3</u>)

Task 2: Configure the infrastructure

The picture below tries to summarize what is required and what will be configured in this scenario.



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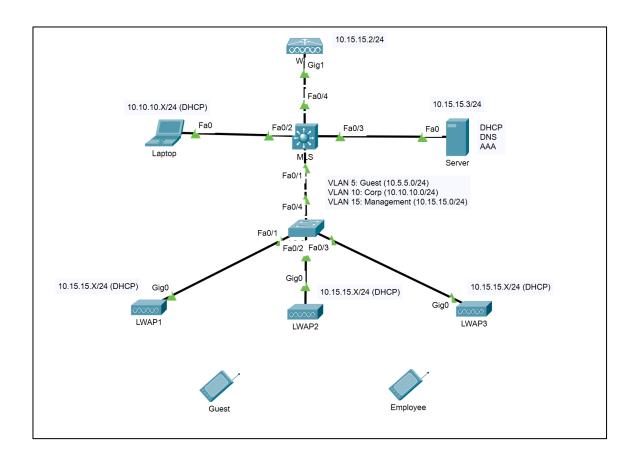












We will have three VLANs – VLAN5 (Guests), VLAN 10 (Corp) and VLAN15 (Management). They will be mapped to the 10.5.5.0/24, 10.10.10.0/24 and 10.15.15.0/24 subnets, respectively. Let's discuss each device and its function.

The <u>MLS</u> switch (Multi-Layer Switch) will route between these VLANs, so it will have an IP address for each of them. These addresses will act as default gateways for the respective VLANs.

The <u>Laptop</u> is only required for one single purpose – in order to configure the controller (<u>WLC</u>). When you click on the controller, you can only configure its IP address and some other port details, but you need a browser to connect to the web management and make all the configurations. For that purpose, we will use the browser from the Laptop (and we also need routing between these devices)

The <u>WLC</u>, as you can guess, is our Wireless Lan Controller. This is "the brain" for the access points (<u>LWAP1</u>, <u>LWAP2</u> and <u>LWAP3</u>), which will not have individual configurations and settings. Instead, they will build a tunnel to the controller (called CAPWAP) and take their settings from there. In the <u>WLC</u>, you will configure













the wireless networks, the SSIDs, the security settings for the authentication, and the SSID/WLAN to VLAN mappings.

The <u>Server</u> will have three purposes - it will be a DHCP server, a DNS server and an authentication server (AAA), where the employees (from the <u>Corp</u> SSID/VLAN) will authenticate.

The <u>L2 Switch</u> will have its uplink to the <u>MLS</u> as a trunk and the other three ports, going to the access points, will be in the management VLAN – VLAN15.

The <u>LWAP1</u>, <u>LWAP2</u> and <u>LWAP3</u>, are our Light Weight Access Points. They are "Light Weight" because they cannot do their job alone – they need a controller. We need to make sure that these access points will build CAPWAP (Control And Provisioning of Wireless Access Points) tunnels to the <u>WLC</u> and take their configurations from there.

Finally, the <u>Guest</u> and <u>Employee</u> devices will be our clients. Once we create the infrastructure configurations, we will put the correct SSID and password (or a username and password) inside them and will expect that they will connect to an access point.

Now that we have on overview what is the purpose of each device, lets get started with the actual configuration.

❖ MLS:

- Create the three VLANs and assign IP addresses to the VLAN interfaces as follows:
 - o VLAN 5, 10.5.5.1/24
 - o VLAN 10, 10.10.10.1/24
 - o VLAN 15, 10.15.15.1/24
- This is L3 switch, but you need to enable the L3 functionality. To do this,
 type ip routing from the global config mode
- Make the port to VLAN assignments. The port which goes to the <u>Laptop</u> should be access port in VLAN 10 (Corp). The port which goes to the <u>Server</u> should be in VLAN 15 (Management). The two ports which go to the <u>WLC</u> and to the <u>L2 Switch</u> should be trunk ports. But on these trunk ports change















the Native VLAN to VLAN 15! To do this, you need the command switchport trunk native vlan 15 for each of the trunk ports.

<u>Note</u>: At this moment you may receive error messages from spanning tree and from CDP and this is because of the different native VLANs between the <u>MLS</u> and the <u>L2 Switch</u>. When we configure the <u>L2 Switch</u>, this will be fixed.

DHCP relay

Our DHCP server will be on a separate VLAN than our clients, so we need to configure DHCP relay for VLAN 5 (Guest) and VLAN 10 (Corp). In order to do this, go to these VLAN interfaces and type **ip helper-address 10.15.15.3**Note that you do not need to do this for VLAN 15, because this VLAN is the native VLAN on all trunk ports and this is where the Server belongs

❖ Server:

As you already know, our server will be used for three purposes – DHCP, DNS and AAA. We will configure the first two now. Before this, setup the server's IP address to be **10.15.15.3/24** and the default gateway to be **10.15.15.1**

DHCP – go to the <u>Services</u> -> <u>DHCP</u> and configure two DHCP pools:

Corp

Default Gateway: 10.10.10.1

DNS Server: 10.15.15.3

Start IP address: 10.10.10.20
 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
 Maximum number of users: 50

TFTP Server: leave default WLC Address: leave default

Management

Default Gateway: 10.15.15.1

DNS Server: 10.15.15.3

Start IP address: 10.15.15.20
 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
 Maximum number of users: 50

o TFTP Server: leave default



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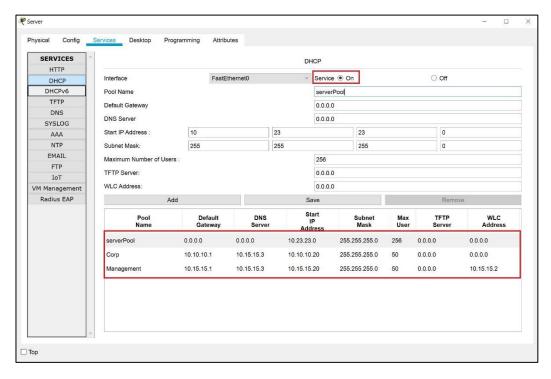




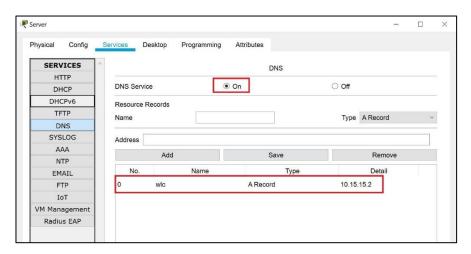
 WLC Address: 10.15.15.2 (this is how the access points will find their controller)

Then, modify the default <u>serverPool</u> to have the <u>Start IP Address</u> to something non-existent, like 10.23.23.0 (as in the screenshot) in order not to be confused with the Management pool (otherwise it will also have the 10.15.15.X subnet and you may have problems)

Finally, do not forget to enable the DHCP service.



DNS – go to <u>Services</u> -> <u>DNS</u> and create an A record for the <u>WLC</u>, pointing to 10.15.15.2. Also, enable the service.

















L2 Switch:

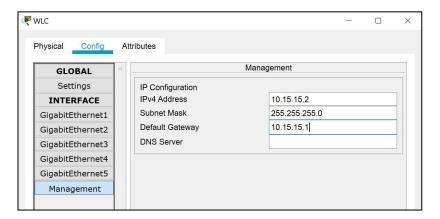
You need to create the three VLANs here (5, 10 and 15) and then to associate the ports going to the access points with VLAN 15 and the port going to the <u>MLS</u> as a trunk port. Make VLAN 15 the native VLAN on the trunk port (**switchport trunk native vlan 15**)

❖ WLC:

1. Go to Config -> Management and configure the IP settings of the controller:

• IP address: 10.15.15.2

Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0Default Gateway: 10.15.15.1



At this point, you should be able to reach the <u>WLC</u> web interface from the <u>Laptop</u>. First, go to the <u>Laptop</u> and make sure that you configure it to receive its IP setting from the DHCP server. Check the IP address settings (it should receive an IP address from the 10.10.10.X subnet, gateway address of 10.10.10.1 and a DNS of 10.15.15.3). Confirm that you can ping the <u>Server</u> and the <u>WLC</u> before you continue

 From the Laptop, open a browser and type WLC (just this, should be enough). After a while you should see the initial configuration. Type admin for username and SoftUn1 for password. Then click Start



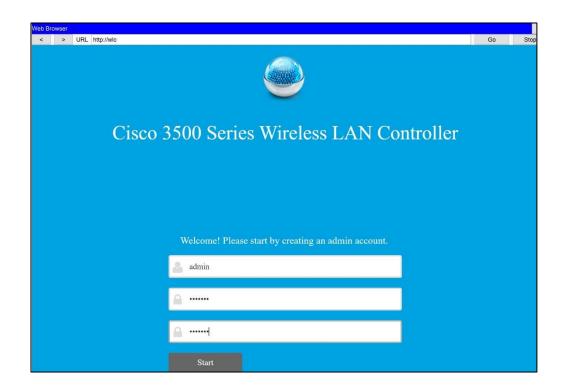












- 3. On the next screen, enter the required information. The important things that you should enter are:
 - System name: **Test**
 - Management IP address: 10.15.15.2 (the same address that you configured before)
 - Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0Default Gateway: 10.15.15.1

Click on Next







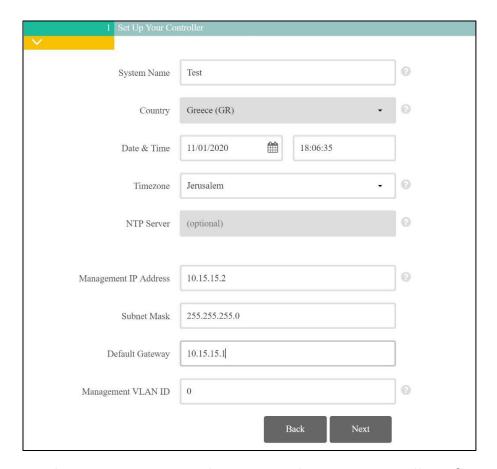












4. On the <u>Create Your Wireless Networks</u> page, you will configure something temporary (because you have to), which we will disable later

Network Name: Temp
Security: leave default
Passphrase: 00000000

• Confirm Passphrase: **00000000**

Click on Next





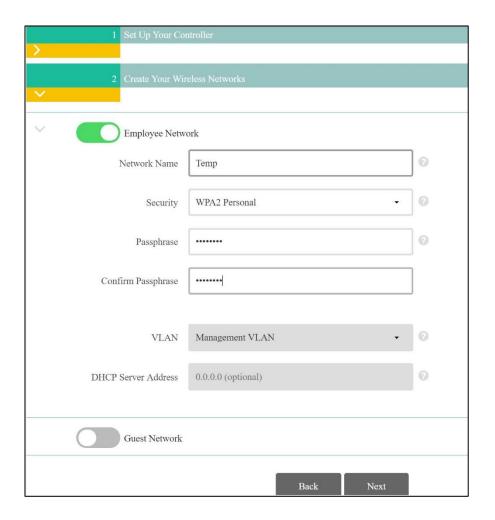












- 5. On the Advanced Settings page, leave the defaults and click on Next
- 6. Then, on the <u>Please confirm settings and apply</u>, click on <u>Apply</u> (and confirm the warning message)
- 7. When you see the message **Saving the configuration...this may take a minute**, wait for about 5-10 seconds, then close the browser and re-open it.

 Now, it is very important that when you enter the URL, it should be httpS in front of it, otherwise it will not load the web configuration. So, go to https://wlc and enter your credentials (User: **admin**, password: **SoftUn1**)
- 8. Create the Interfaces.

The first thing (after the initial configuration) would be to define the so-called "interfaces" in the controller. These interfaces are logical and has to be associated with the correct VLAN and the correct WLAN (this is how we associate the SSID (WLAN) with the correct VLAN). Go to <u>Controller</u> -> <u>Interfaces</u> and click on <u>New</u>

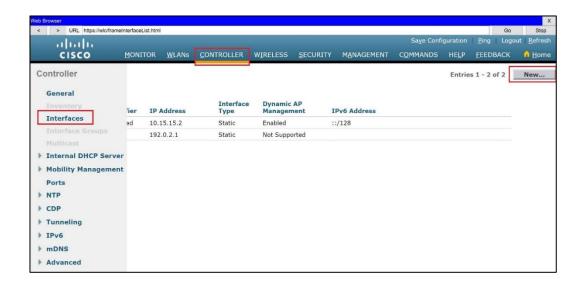




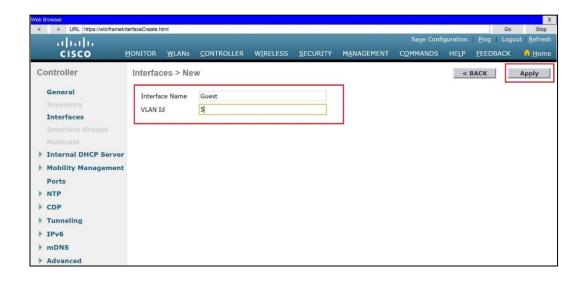








For Interface Name type Guest and for VLAN Id type 5. Then click on Apply



On the next screen, configure the following (leave others to the default):

Port number: 1

IP address: 10.5.5.2

Netmask: 255.255.255.0

Gateway: 10.5.5.1

Primary DHCP Server: 10.15.15.3

Then go to the upper right corner and click <u>Apply</u> (confirm the warning message)



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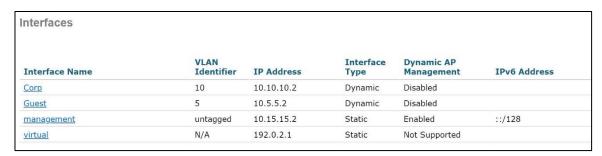
Go back to <u>Controller</u> -> <u>Interfaces</u> and create one more. This time your interface should be named **Corp** and associated with VLAN 10. The other settings of this interface should be:

Port number: 1

IP address: 10.10.10.2
Netmask: 255.255.255.0
Gateway: 10.10.10.1

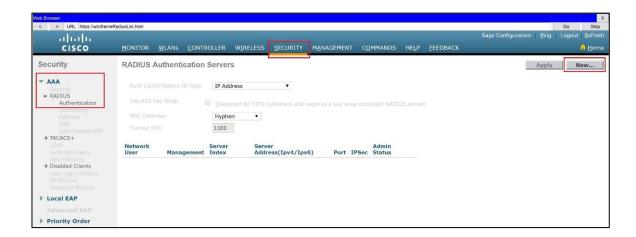
• Primary DHCP Server: 10.15.15.3

When you apply and go back to <u>Interfaces</u>, you should see the following:



9. Put the RADIUS (AAA) server in the configuration.

Before we create the WLANs, we will configure the <u>WLC</u> to know where our RADIUS/AAA server is, so later we will point to it. To do this, go to SECURITY -> AAA -> RADIUS -> Authentication and click on New











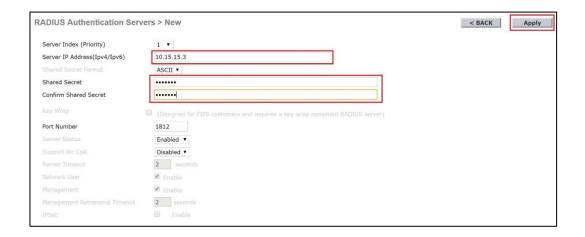


Make the following configurations (leave others to the default) and click on Apply:

Server IP Address(Ipv4/Ipv6): 10.15.15.3

• Shared Secret: SoftUn1

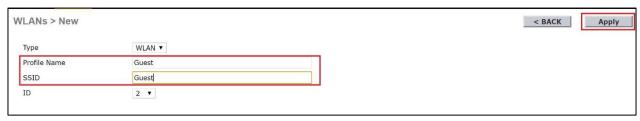
Confirm Shared Secret: SoftUn1



10.Create the WLANs and associate them with the interfaces. Go to WLANs and right next to <u>Create New</u> click on <u>Go</u>.



For Profile Name and SSID type Guest. Then click Apply.



Next, enable the SSID and associate it with the <u>Guest</u> interface.

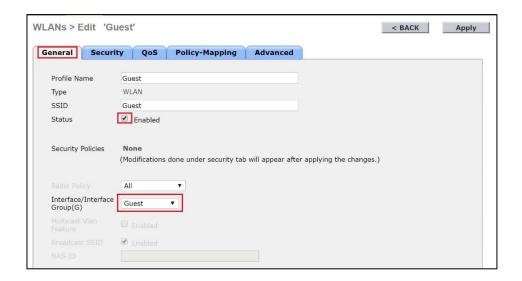




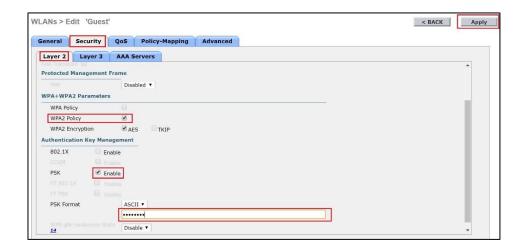








Go to the <u>Security</u> -> <u>Layer 2</u> tab and select <u>WPA + WPA2</u>. Then click on <u>WPA2 Policy</u>. After this click on <u>Enable</u> next to <u>PSK</u> and enter **Guest123** as a password (the pre-shared key). Click on <u>Apply</u>.



Go back to <u>WLANs</u> and create one more, this time it will be named **Corp** (for both <u>Profile Name</u> and <u>SSID</u>). Then enable it and associate it with the <u>Corp</u> interface.

In the <u>Security</u> -> <u>Layer2</u> tab of this WLAN, select again <u>WPA + WPA2</u> and <u>WPA2 Policy</u> but this time click <u>Enable</u> next to <u>802.1X</u>.









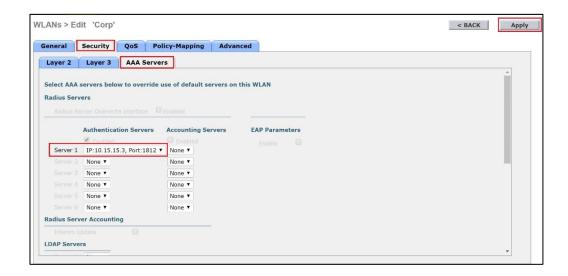








Go to <u>Security</u> -> <u>AAA Servers</u> tab and in the dropdown menu next to <u>Server</u> <u>1</u>, select <u>IP:10.15.15.3</u>, <u>Port:1812</u> (this is why we have put the RADIUS (AAA) server in the configuration in the previous step). Click on <u>Apply</u>.



Finally, you can either delete or simply disable the $\underline{\text{Temp}}$ WLAN by going to $\underline{\text{WLANs}}$, select the $\underline{\text{Temp}}$ WLAN (select the $\underline{\text{WLAN ID}}$ number $\underline{\textbf{1}}$) and remove the checkbox next to $\underline{\text{Enabled}}$. Click on $\underline{\text{Apply}}$.



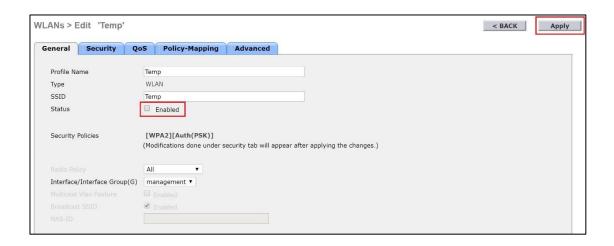












11. Optional: create AP groups.

This step is optional because the GUI here sometimes does not show the graphics correctly (this is why we do not have screenshots here). You can go to <u>WLANs</u> -> <u>Advanced</u> -> <u>AP groups</u> and create different AP groups in order to limit which WLANs (SSIDs) will be advertised by which access points. For example, you can configure <u>LWAP1</u> to broadcast only the <u>Guest WLAN/SSID, LWAP2</u> to broadcast both <u>Guest and Corp WLANs/SSIDs and LWAP3</u> to broadcast only the <u>Corp WLAN/SSID</u>.

❖ Server (again):

We have configured the <u>WLC</u> to point to a RADIUS/AAA server when it comes to authentication for the <u>Corp</u> WLAN/SSID which means that the credentials will be checked on an external server. Let's configure this server to accept those authentication request from the <u>WLC</u> (which is the RADIUS client!) and also create one account (username and password) in the <u>Server</u> which will be used by our simulated "employee" to connect to the <u>Corp</u> network (WLAN/SSID).

Click on the <u>Server</u> and go to <u>Services</u> -> AAA. Make the following configurations:

- Enable the service
- Change the <u>Radius Port</u> to **1812** (this is what we configured on the <u>WLC</u>)
- For <u>Client Name</u> put **WLC** (the name does not really matter)
- For <u>Client IP</u> put **10.15.15.2** (remember, the client in this communication is the WLC)



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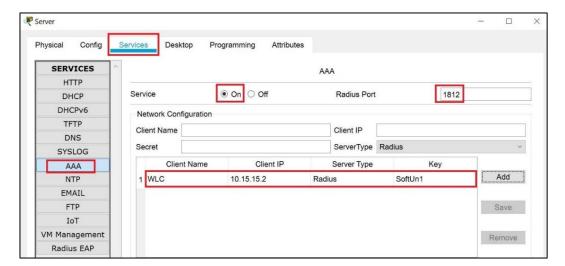








- For <u>Secret</u> type **SoftUn1** (the same secret that we configured on the <u>WLC</u>)
- Leave Radius for Server Type
- Click on Add to add your RADIUS client (The WLC)



Then, configure one user account - again there (<u>Services</u> -> <u>AAA</u>) but in the second part of the window (called <u>User Setup</u>). For <u>Username</u> type **Bob** and for Password type **Bob123**. Then click on Add





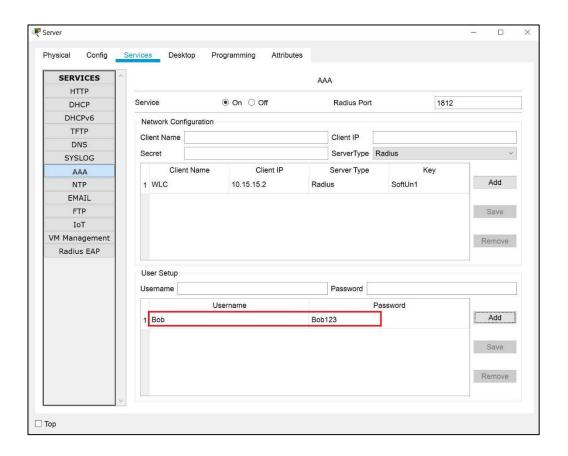












❖ The access points (<u>LWAP1</u>, <u>LWAP2</u> and <u>LWAP3</u>):

You don't need to configure anything there because each access point should automatically receive its IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, DNS server and information about where the controller is, from the DHCP. Then, it will build the CAPWAP tunnel to the <u>WLC</u> and take its configuration from there. What you need to do though is to refresh the DHCP process from them in order to force them to start looking for these configurations again (because everything else is now configured). Go to each of the access points, go to Config -> Settings and click on Static, then click again on DHCP



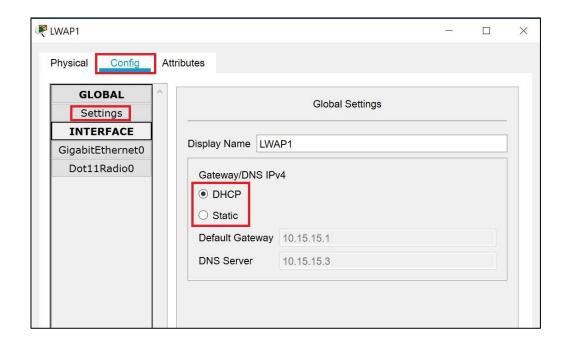






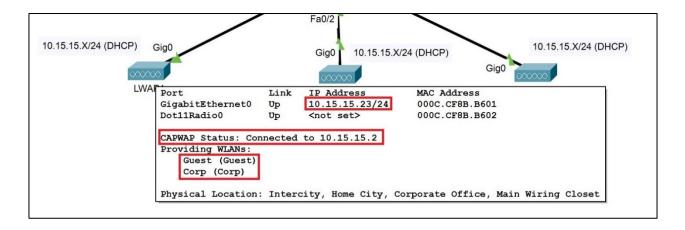






After several seconds, you should see the Default Gateway configured for 10.15.15.1 and the DNS Sever configured for 10.15.15.3.

Also, when you go to the topology and hover your cursor over each access point, you should see the access point's IP address, the CAPWAP connection to the <u>WLC</u> and the SSIDs that it broadcasts













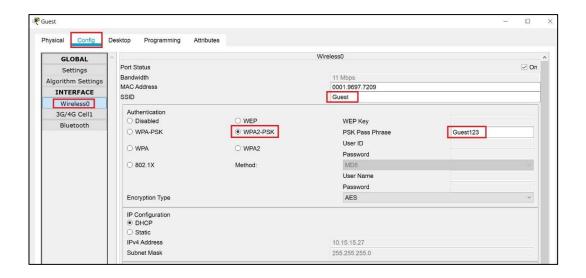


Task 3: Connect the clients

Now that our infrastructure is ready, it is time to connect the wireless clients to the network.

1. The Guest device.

Go to <u>Config</u> -> <u>Wireless0</u> and next to <u>SSID</u> type **Guest**. Then under <u>Authentication</u> select <u>WPA2-PSK</u> and type the password: **Guest123** (after this you can press the TAB key, it acts like Apply in the Packet Tracer)



Wait several seconds and look at the topology – you should see the wireless connection between the <u>Guest</u> device and one of the access points (either <u>LWAP1</u>, <u>LWAP2</u> or <u>LWAP3</u> – you cannot control which one, it is random here)

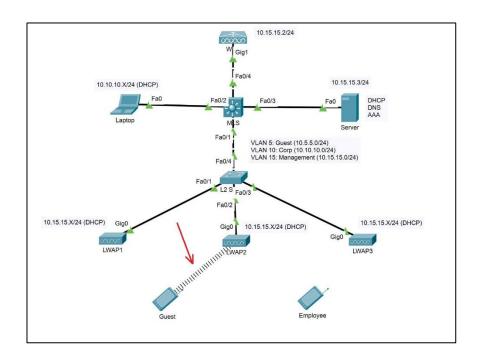












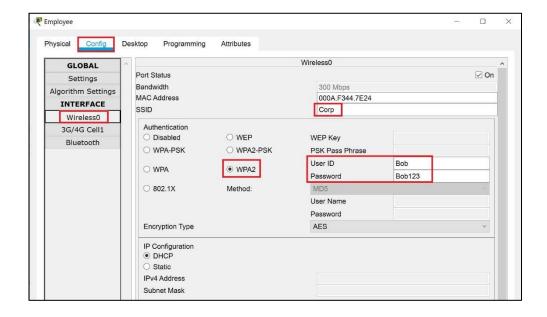
2. The **Employee** device.

Go to <u>Config</u> -> <u>Wireless0</u> and next to <u>SSID</u> type **Corp**. Then under <u>Authentication</u> select <u>WPA2</u> (instead of <u>WPA2-PSK</u>). Then, type the credentials that you have in your RADIUS/AAA server:

User ID: Bob

Password: Bob123

Note: Both the User ID and the password are case-sensitive









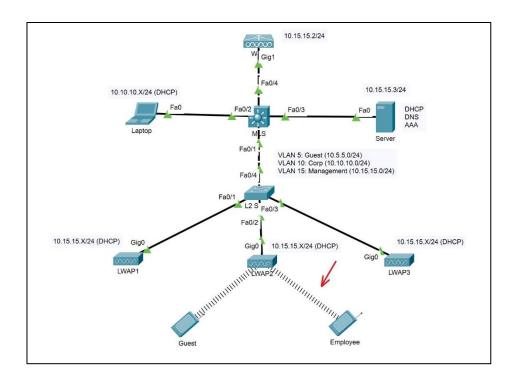








Again, wait several seconds and look at the topology – you should see the wireless connection between the <u>Employee</u> device and one of the access points (either <u>LWAP1</u>, <u>LWAP2</u> or <u>LWAP3</u> – it can be the same or different one that the Guest is connected to. Also, it depends if you have configured AP Groups or not)



Note: Hover your cursor over the <u>Guest</u> and <u>Employee</u> devices after they are successfully connected to an access point. You will notice that both of them have received IP addresses from the management VLAN – 10.15.15.0/24. Why? The answer is – Packet Tracer limitations. And the thing is that the <u>WLC</u> cannot put a VLAN tag on the packets (at least in the current version which is 7.3.1). This is why we do not have a <u>Guest DHCP</u> pool in the <u>Server</u> (the <u>Corp</u> pool is only for the <u>Laptop</u>). This is also why we have VLAN 15 as a native VLAN on the <u>MLS</u> uplink to the <u>WLC</u> and on the trunk between the <u>MLS</u> and the <u>L2 Switch</u>.

You have completed LAB 6.











