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# WiFi VLAN Application Note



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- VLAN Introduction
- WiFi VLAN Ingress/Egress Flow Chart
- WiFi VLAN Command List
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# **VLAN INTRODUCTION**



## What is VLAN?

## **Create Separate Broadcast Domain**

#### Logical grouping of devices in the same broadcast domain

A virtual LAN (VLAN) is any broadcast domain that is partitioned and isolated in a computer network at the data link layer. VLANs work by applying tags to network frames and handling these tags in networking systems

#### Isolate traffic

#### Reduce the ability to see anything not in your VLAN

A VLAN can be used to secure LAN traffic. This means that even with a route - if a computer isn't configured access to a VLAN they can't get into the VLAN.



## What is VLAN?

## **Allow QoS**

#### Prioritizes traffic so that important packets can pass first

VLAN allow QoS measures to be taken on devices normally fighting for shared bandwidth. The network admin can provide different QoS to different VLANs and prevent low priority packets from killing high priority packets

## Separate the Network Logically

Keep network devices separate despite being connected to the same physical network.

Creating the appearance and functionality of network traffic that is physically on a single network but acts as if it is split between separate networks. In this way, VLANs can keep network applications separate despite being connected to the same physical network. VLAN also Allows hosts to be grouped together in the same broadcast domain even if they are not connected to the same switch.



# Why Use VLAN?

Result in

Separate broadcast domain

Separate the network logically

**Isolate traffic** 

**Allow QoS** 

Better network performance

Better security

**More Flexibility** 

# **Category of VLANs**

Port based Mac based Tag based IP based Q in Q



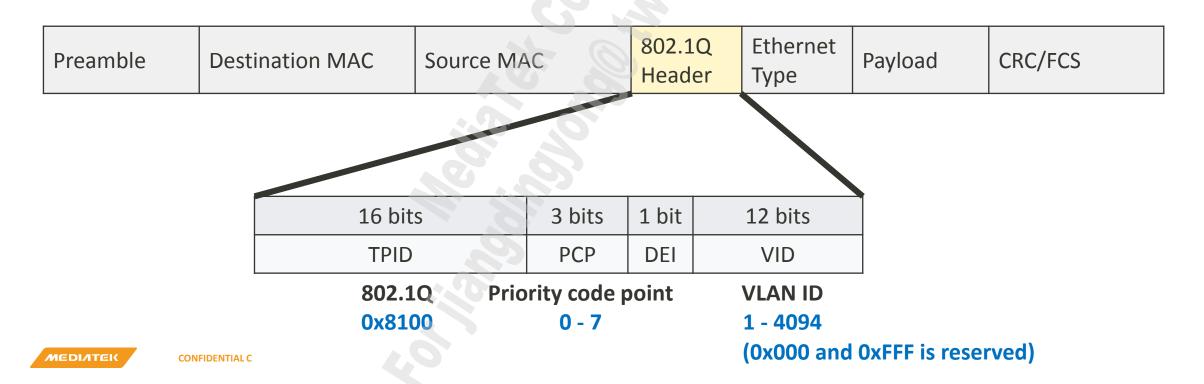
## 802.1Q Tag Format

#### **Protocols**

Standard Cisco Proprietary

IEEE 802.1Q VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP)

Inter-Switch Link (ISL)



**Flow Chart and Behavior** 

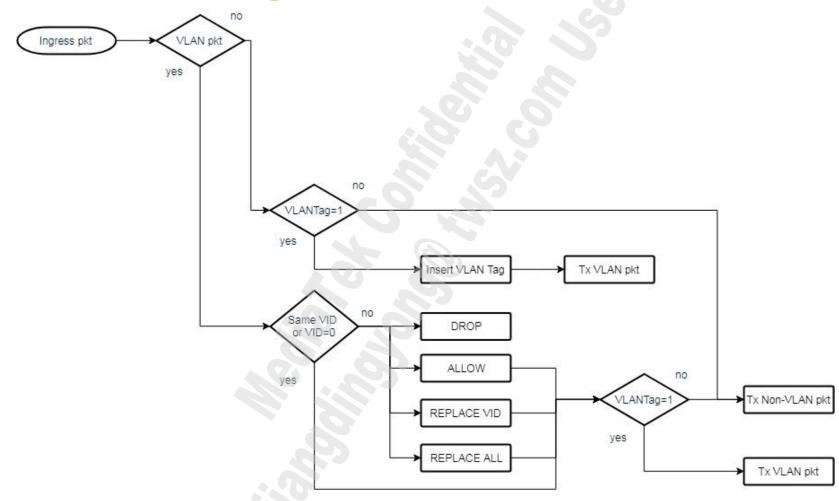
WIFI VLAN INGRESS/EGRESS FLOW CHART

# **Egress Behavior**

Tx Behavior	Egress			
	Same VID VLAN pkt (or VID=0)	Diff VID VLAN pkt	Non-VLAN pkt	
VLANTag=0	Untag	If policy is Drop,drop it Otherwise, Untag	N/A	
VLANTag=1	Follow Policy		Insert PCP & VID	
Policy : Drop (Default)	N/A	Drop	N/A	
Policy : ALLOW	N/A	Allow	N/A	
Policy : REPLACE VID	N/A	Replace VID	N/A	
Policy : REPLACE ALL	N/A	Replace PCP&VID	N/A	



# **Egress Flow Chart**

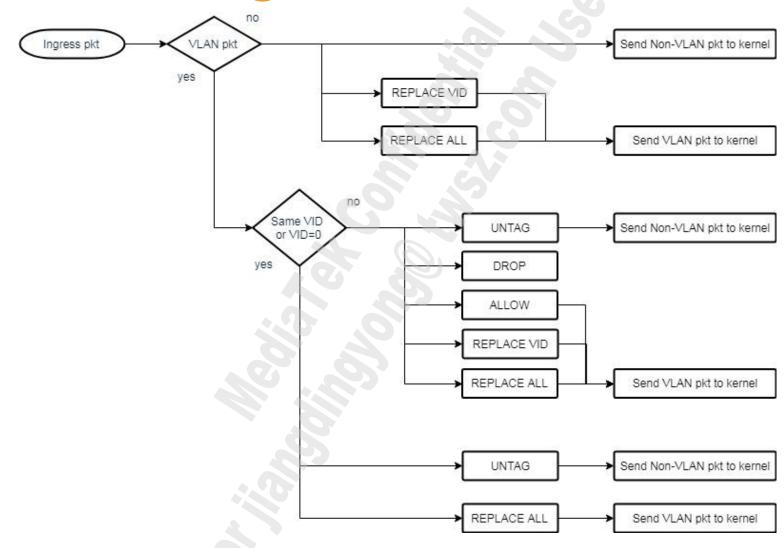


# **Ingress Behavior**

Rx Behavior	Ingress			
	Same VID VLAN pkt (or VID=0)	Diff VID VLAN pkt	Non-VLAN pkt	
Policy : Drop (Default)	N/A	Drop	N/A	
Policy : Untag	Untag		N/A	
olicy : ALLOW N/A		Allow	N/A	
Policy : REPLACE VID N/A		Replace VID only	Insert VID only	
Policy : REPLACE ALL	Replace PCP if PCP is diff	Replace VID & PCP	Insert VID & PCP	



# Ingress Flow Chart



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**COMMAND LIST** 

# Command List (1/3)

- iwpriv [INTERFACE] show vlaninfo
  - All MBSS interfaces share the same RXPolicy

iwpriv ra0 show vlaninfo iwpriv apcli0 show vlaninfo

```
root@OpenWrt:/# iwpriv ra0 show vlaninfo
[65701.944000] bVLAN_Tag=0
[65701.948000] VLANID=0
[65701.952000] VLANPriority=0
[65701.960000] VLANPolicy(Tx)=1
[65701.964000] VLANPolicy(Rx)=1
```



# Command List (2/3)

- iwpriv [INTERFACE] set VLANTag=[VALUE]
  - VALUE = 0/1 : Egress packet will be untagged/tagged

```
iwpriv ra0 set VLANTag=0 # Tx frames will be no tagged
iwpriv ra0 set VLANTag=1 # Tx frames will be tagged
```

- iwpriv [INTERFACE] set VLANID=[VID]
  - VID = [0,4095] (0x000 and 0xFFF is reserved)

```
iwpriv ra0 set VLANID=1
iwpriv ra0 set VLANID=20
```



# Command List (3/3)

- iwpriv [INTERFACE] set VLANPriority=[PCP]
  - PCP = [0,7]

iwpriv ra0 set VLANPriority=3

- iwpriv [INTERFACE] set VLANPolicy=[PATH]:[POLICY]
  - PATH = 0/1 : Set the Tx/Rx Policy
  - POLICY: refer to following slides

```
iwpriv ra0 set VLANPolicy=0:0 # Set Tx Policy
iwpriv ra0 set VLANPolicy=1:0 # Set Rx Policy
```



# **Tx Policy**

## iwpriv [INTERFACE] set VLANPolicy=0:[POLICY]

POLICY	<b>Policy Name</b>	Description
0	DROP	If received packet from kernel has different VID, drop it
1	ALLOW	If received packet from kernel has different VID, do nothing
2	REPLACE VID	If received packet from kernel has different VID, replace VID
3	REPLACE ALL	If received packet from kernel has different VID, replace PCP & VID

iwpriv ra0 set VLANPolicy=0:1 # Set Tx ALLOW

iwpriv ra0 set VLANPolicy=0:1 # Set Tx REPLACE VID



# **Rx Policy**

## iwpriv [INTERFACE] set VLANPolicy=1:[POLICY]

POLICY	<b>Policy Name</b>	Description
0	DROP	If ingress VLAN pkt has different VID, drop it
1	UNTAG	If ingress pkt is tagged, un-tag it
2	ALLOW	If ingress VLAN pkt has different VID, do nothing
3	REPLACE VID	If ingress VLAN pkt has different VID, replace VID Insert the VLAN Tag if the ingress pkt is non-vlan
4	REPLACE ALL	If ingress VLAN pkt has different VID, replace PCP & VID Insert the VLAN Tag if the ingress pkt is non-vlan

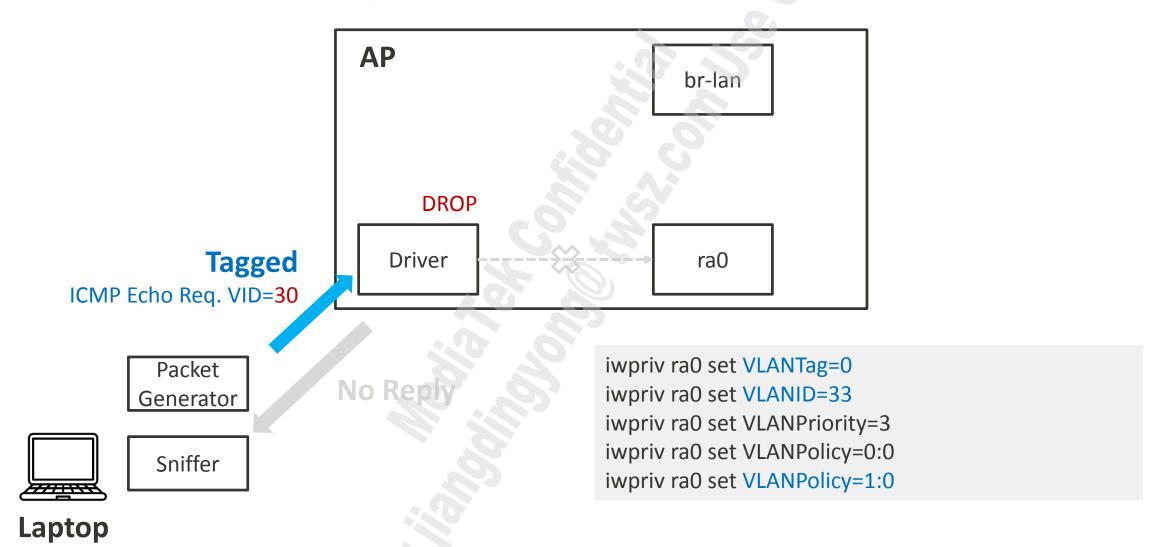
iwpriv ra0 set VLANPolicy=1:1 # Set Rx UNTAG

iwpriv ra0 set VLANPolicy=1:4 # Set Rx REPLACE ALL



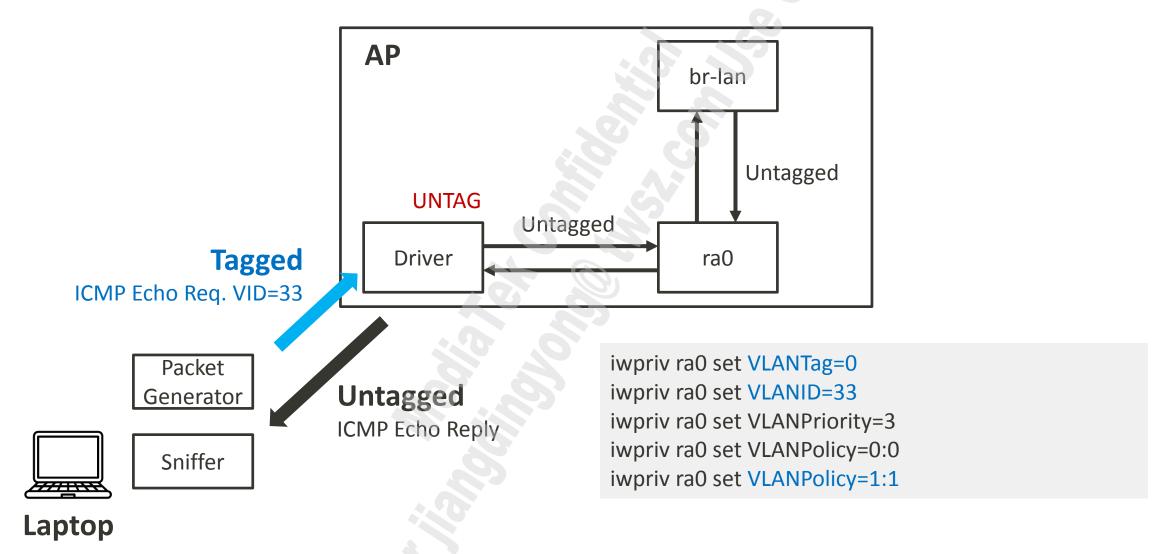
**TEST SCENARIOS** 

# **Ingress Rule Test - DROP**

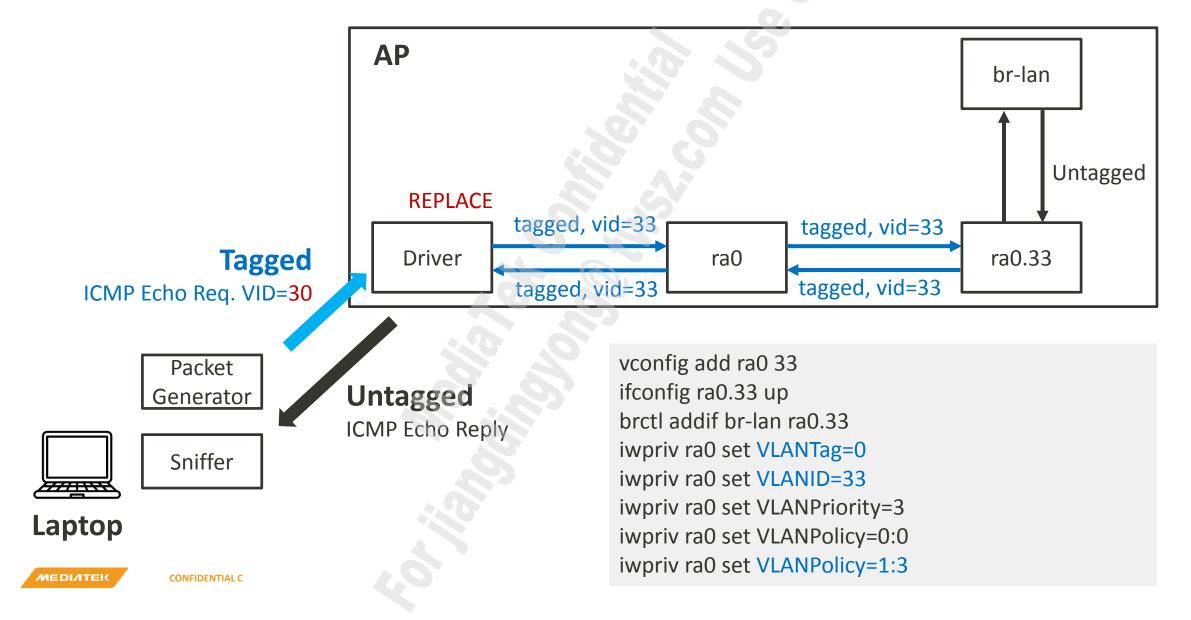




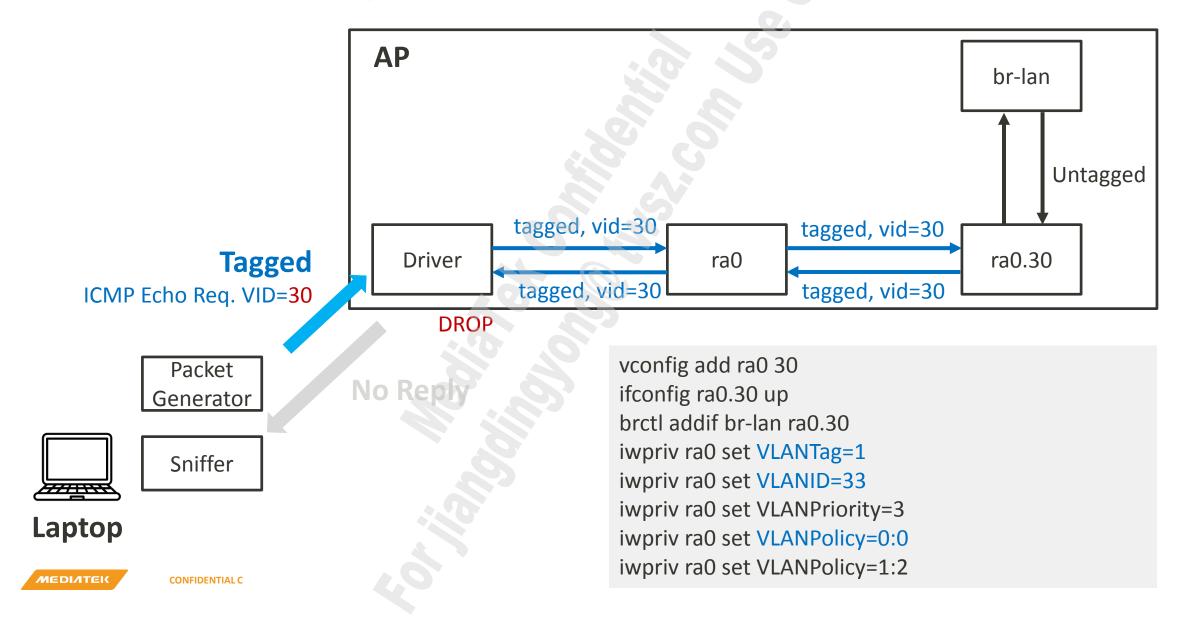
# **Ingress Rule Test - UNTAG**



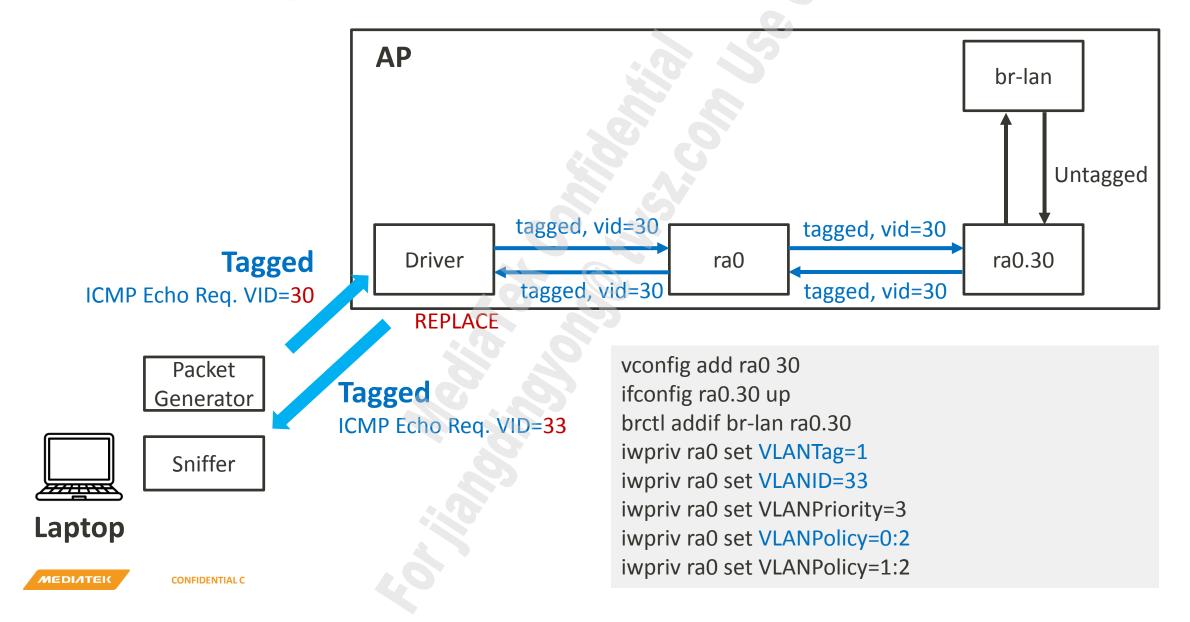
# Ingress Rule Test – REPLACE VID



# Egress Rule Test – DROP



## Egress Rule Test – REPLACE VID



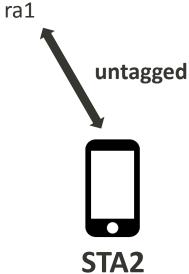
## **Backhaul Link is VLAN**

iwpriv ra0 set VLANTag=1 iwpriv ra0 set VLANID=33 iwpriv ra0 set VLANPriority=3 iwpriv ra0 set VLANPolicy=0:0 iwpriv ra0 set VLANPolicy=1:1



iwpriv apcli0 set VLANTag=1 iwpriv apcli0 set VLANID=33 iwpriv apcli0 set VLANPriority=3 iwpriv apcli0 set VLANPolicy=0:0 iwpriv apcli0 set VLANPolicy=1:1





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