



SD-Access Wireless Design and Deployment Guide

Cisco DNA Center 2.1.1

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Executive summary

Digitization is transforming business in every industry, requiring every company to be an IT company. Studies show that companies that master digital not only drive more revenue, but are 29 percent more profitable on average (Source: Leading Digital). This transformation is critical and urgent, as 40 percent of incumbents are at risk of being displaced (Source: Digital Vortex).

The Cisco Digital Network Architecture (Cisco DNA Center) is an open, software-driven architecture built on a set of design principles to provide:

- **Insights and actions** to drive faster business innovation
- **Automaton and assurance** to lower costs and complexity while meeting business and user expectations
- **Security and compliance** to reduce risk as the organization continues to expand and grow

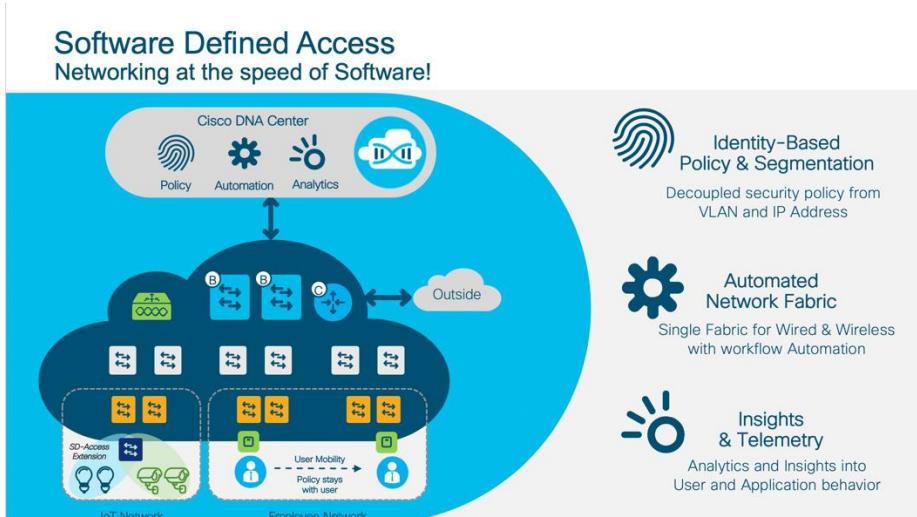
Cisco® Software-Defined Access (SD-Access) is a critical building block of Cisco DNA and brings the principles and advantages of Cisco DNA to Cisco customers.

Software-Defined Access

SD-Access is Cisco's next-generation enterprise networking access solution, designed to offer integrated security, segmentation, and elastic service rollouts via a fabric-based infrastructure. It features an outstanding GUI experience for automated network provisioning via the Cisco DNA Center application. By automating day-to-day tasks such as configuration, provisioning, and troubleshooting, SD-Access reduces the time it takes to adapt the network, improves issue resolution, and reduces the impact of security breaches. These benefits result in significant CapEx and OpEx savings for the business.

Figure 1 summarizes the benefits of SD-Access.

Figure 1. Benefits of SD-Access



In this document the focus is on the wireless integration in SD-Access, and it is assumed that the reader is familiar with the concept of SD-Access fabric and the main components of this network architecture.

For additional information on SD-Access capabilities, please refer to the SD-Access site at <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/enterprise-networks/software-defined-access/index.html> and the SD-Access Design Guide (Cisco Validated Design).

SD-Access Wireless

SD-Access Wireless integrates wireless access into the SD-Access architecture to gain all the advantages of fabric and Cisco DNA Center automation.

Some of the benefits of SD-Access Wireless are:

- **Centralized wireless control plane:** The innovative RF features found in Cisco Unified Wireless Network deployments are also leveraged in SD-Access Wireless. Wireless operations are the same as with Cisco Unified Wireless Network in terms of radio resource management (RRM), client onboarding, client mobility, and so on, which simplifies IT adoption.
- **Optimized distributed data plane:** The data plane is distributed at the edge switches for optimal performance and scalability without the hassles usually associated with distributing traffic (spanning VLANs, subnetting, large broadcast domains, etc.)
- **Seamless Layer 2 roaming everywhere:** The SD-Access fabric allows clients to roam seamlessly across the campus while retaining the same IP address.
- **Simplified guest and mobility tunneling:** An anchor wireless controller (WLC) is no longer needed; guest traffic can go directly to the network edge (DMZ) without hopping through a foreign controller.
- **Policy simplification:** SD-Access breaks the dependencies between policy and network constructs (IP address and VLANs), simplifying the way we can define and implement policies for both wired and wireless clients.
- **Segmentation made easy:** Segmentation is carried end to end in the fabric and is hierarchical, based on virtual network identifiers (VNIs) and scalable group tags (SGTs). The same segmentation policy is applied to both wired and wireless users.

All these advantages are present while still maintaining:

- **Best-in-class wireless** with future-ready WiFi 6 Access Points (APs), 802.11 Wave 1, 802.11ac Wave 2 AP, Cisco 3504, 5520, 8540, C9800-40, C9800-80, C9800-CL and the EWC(9800 software running on a Catalyst 9300/9400/9500).
- **Investment protection** by supporting existing AireOS WLCs; SD-Access Wireless is optimized for 802.11ac Wave 2 APs but also supports Wave 1 APs.

Figure 2. Benefits of SD-Access Wireless



Security - Policy Simplification

- E2E (End to End) Segmentation based on SGT and VRF
- Topology agnostic Policy: any underlay network, abstracted from VLANs, ACLs, IP subnetting
- Consistent Policy for wired and wireless



Data Plane Optimization and Scale

- L2 Mobility everywhere with optimized data plane
- Optimized data plane: no more hair-pinning of traffic for Enterprise and Guest traffic. No VLAN spanning, no large broadcast domain, no SPT, simple subnetting
- Easy to scale, just add switches and APs to the Fabric



Operation Simplification

- DNAC Automation: reduce the management touch points
- DNAC Assurance: Proactive monitoring and troubleshooting of the E2E network
- Wireless centralized Control Plane – same simplified wireless operations as today

Wireless integration in SD-Access

Customers with a wired network based on SD-Access fabric have two options for integrating wireless access:

- SD-Access Wireless Architecture
- Cisco Unified Wireless Network Wireless Over the Top (OTT)

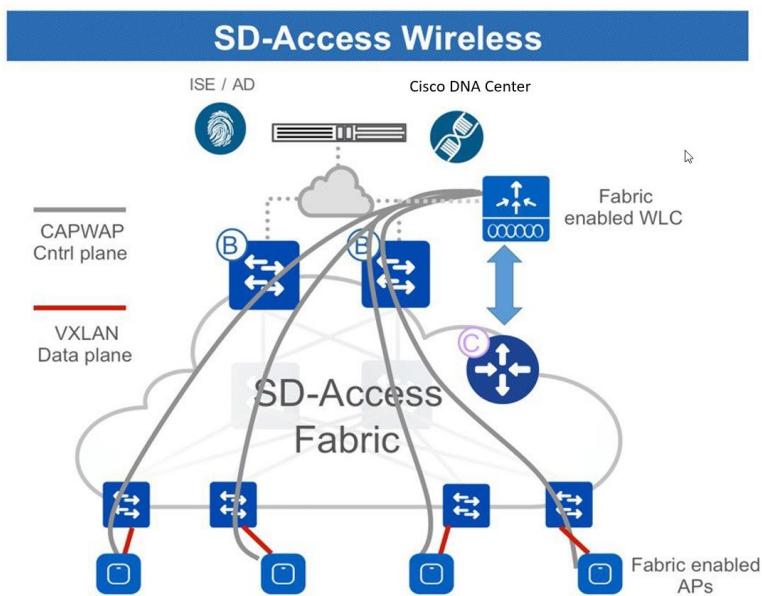
Let's first examine the SD-Access Wireless option, since it brings the full advantages of fabric for wireless users and things. We'll begin by introducing the architecture and main components and then describe how to set up an SD-Access Wireless network using Cisco DNA Center.

OTT basically involves running traditional wireless on top of a fabric wired network. This option will be covered later in the document, together with the design considerations.

SD-Access Wireless architecture

Figure 3 shows the overall SD-Access Wireless architecture.

Figure 3. SD-Access Wireless architecture

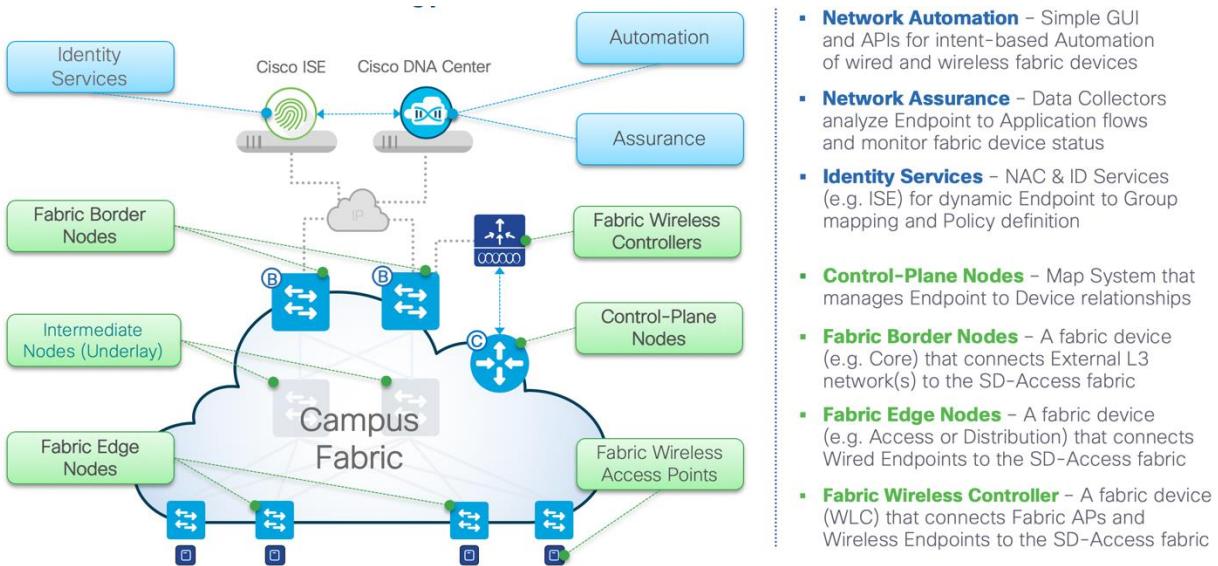


In SD-Access Wireless, the control plane is centralized. This means that, as with Cisco Unified Wireless Network, a Control and Provisioning of Wireless Access Points (CAPWAP) tunnel is maintained between APs and WLC. The main difference is that in SD-Access Wireless, the data plane is distributed using a Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN) directly from the fabric-enabled APs. The WLC and APs are integrated into the fabric, and the APs connect to the fabric overlay (endpoint ID space) network as "special" clients.

Components of the SD-Access Wireless architecture

Figure 4 shows the main components of the SD-Access Wireless architecture. A description of these components follows.

Figure 4. SD-Access Wireless architecture components



- **Network Automation** – Simple GUI and APIs for intent-based Automation of wired and wireless fabric devices
- **Network Assurance** – Data Collectors analyze Endpoint to Application flows and monitor fabric device status
- **Identity Services** – NAC & ID Services (e.g. ISE) for dynamic Endpoint to Group mapping and Policy definition
- **Control-Plane Nodes** – Map System that manages Endpoint to Device relationships
- **Fabric Border Nodes** – A fabric device (e.g. Core) that connects External L3 network(s) to the SD-Access fabric
- **Fabric Edge Nodes** – A fabric device (e.g. Access or Distribution) that connects Wired Endpoints to the SD-Access fabric
- **Fabric Wireless Controller** – A fabric device (WLC) that connects Fabric APs and Wireless Endpoints to the SD-Access fabric

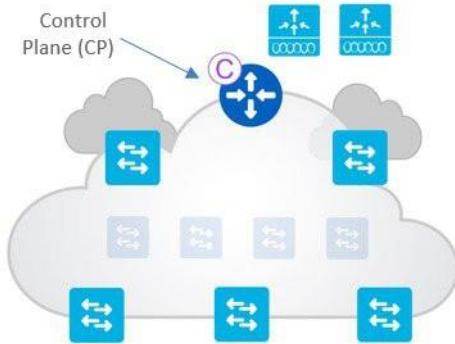
- **Control plane (CP) nodes:** Host database that manages endpoint ID to device relationships.
- **Fabric border (FB) nodes:** A fabric device (such as a core or distribution switch) that connects external Layer 3 network(s) to the SD-Access fabric.
- **Fabric edge (FE) nodes:** A fabric device (such as an access switch) that connects wired endpoints to the SD-Access fabric.
- **Fabric WLC:** Wireless controller that is fabric enabled.
- **Fabric APs:** Access points that are fabric enabled.
- **Cisco DNA Center:** Single pane of glass for enterprise network automation and assurance. Cisco DNA Center brings together the enterprise software-defined networking (SDN) controller and the policy engine (Cisco Identity Services Engine [ISE]).
- **Policy engine:** An external ID service (such as ISE) that provides dynamic user or device to group mapping and policy definition.
- **Assurance engine:** A data collector (NDP) running on Cisco DNAC analyzes user or device to app flows and monitors fabric status.

The following sections describe the roles and functions of the main components of the SD-Access Wireless architecture.

Control plane node

The fabric control-plane node is based on a LISP map server/resolver and runs the Fabric Endpoint ID Database to provide overlay reachability information.

Figure 5. Control plane node



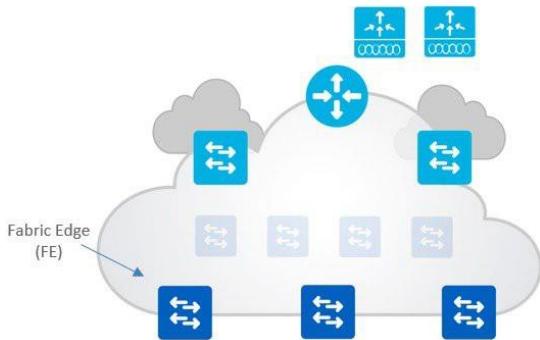
The CP is the host database, tracking endpoint ID (EID) to edge node bindings, along with other attributes. It does the following:

- Supports multiple types of EID lookup keys (IPv4/32, IPv6/128, or MAC addresses).
- Receives prefix registrations from edge nodes and fabric WLCs for wired local endpoints and wireless clients, respectively.
- Resolves lookup requests from remote edge nodes to locate endpoints.
- Updates fabric edge nodes and border nodes with wireless client mobility and routing locator (RLOC) information.

Fabric edge node

The fabric edge provides connectivity for users and devices connected to the fabric.

Figure 6. Fabric edge node



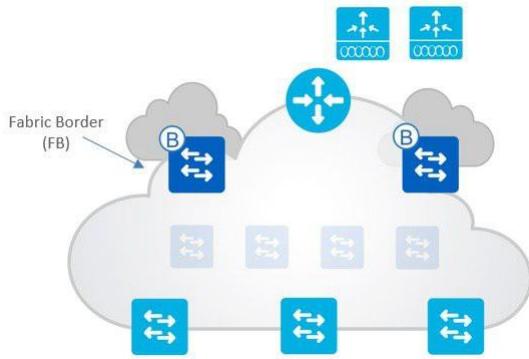
The fabric edge does the following:

- Is responsible for identifying and authenticating wired endpoints
- Registers wireless IPv4/IPv6 endpoint ID information with the control-plane node(s)
- Provides an anycast Layer 3 gateway for connected endpoints
- Provides virtual network (VN) services for wireless clients
- Onboards APs into the fabric and forms VXLAN tunnels with APs
- Provides guest functionality for wireless hosts interacting with the guest border and guest control-plane node

Fabric border node

All traffic entering or leaving the fabric goes through the fabric border.

Figure 7. Fabric border node



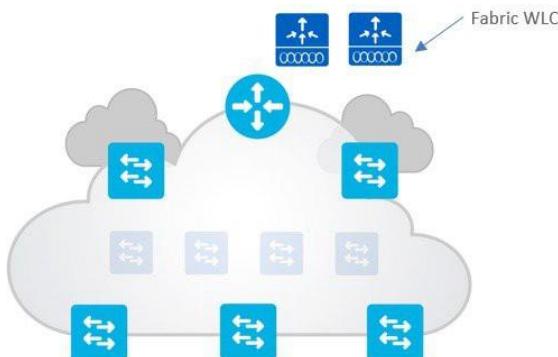
- There are two types of fabric border nodes: border and default border nodes. Both types provide the fundamental routing entry and exit point for all data traffic going into or out of the fabric overlay, as well as for VN and/or group-based policy enforcement (for traffic outside the fabric).
- A fabric border is used to add “known” IP/mask routes to the map system. A known route is any IP/mask that you want to advertise to your fabric edge nodes (remote WLC, shared services, data center, branch, private cloud, and so on)
- A default border is used for any “unknown” routes (such as the Internet or public cloud), as a gateway of last resort.
- A border is where fabric and non-fabric domains exchange endpoint reachability and policy information.
- Borders are responsible for translation of context (virtual route forwarding [VRF] and SGT) from one domain to another.

Fabric-enabled WLC

- **The fabric-enabled WLC integrates with the LISP control plane.**

The control plane is centralized at the WLC for wireless functions.

Figure 8. Fabric-enabled WLC



- The WLC is still responsible for AP image/configuration, RRM, client session management and roaming, and all the other wireless control plane functions.
- For fabric integration:
 - For wireless, the client **MAC address is used as the EID**.
 - Interacts with the Host Tracking database on the control-plane node for **client MAC address registration** with SGT and VNI.
 - The VN information is mapped to a VLAN on the fabric edges.
 - The WLC is responsible for updating the Host Tracking database with **roaming** information for wireless clients

- The fabric-enabled WLC can only manage a single fabric site.

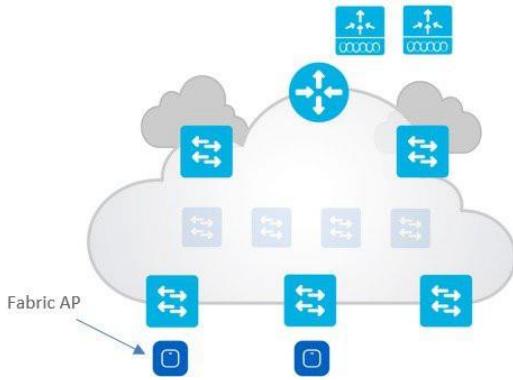


Note The WLC and APs need to be within 20 ms of latency. Usually, this means being on the same physical site.

Fabric APs

Fabric APs extend the SD-Access data plane to the wireless edge.

Figure 9. Fabric APs



- A fabric AP is a local mode AP and needs to be **directly connected** to the fabric edge switch or to a classic/policy extended node.
- The CAPWAP control plane goes to the WLC using fabric as the transport.
- Fabric is enabled per service set identifier (SSID):
 - For a fabric-enabled SSID, the AP converts 802.11 traffic to 802.3 and encapsulates it into VXLAN, encoding the VNI and SGT information of the client.
 - The AP forwards client traffic based on the forwarding table as programmed by the WLC. The VXLAN tunnel destination is always the Fabric Edge where the access tunnel is terminated. In case of an extended node the access tunnel is terminated on the Fabric Edge where the extended nodes are connected.
 - SGT- and VRF-based policies for wireless users on fabric SSIDs are applied at the fabric edge, the same as they are for wired.
- For fabric-enabled SSIDs, the user data plane is distributed at the APs, using VXLAN as encapsulation.
- The AP applies all wireless-specific features, such as SSID policies, Application Visibility and Control (AVC), quality of service (QoS), etc.



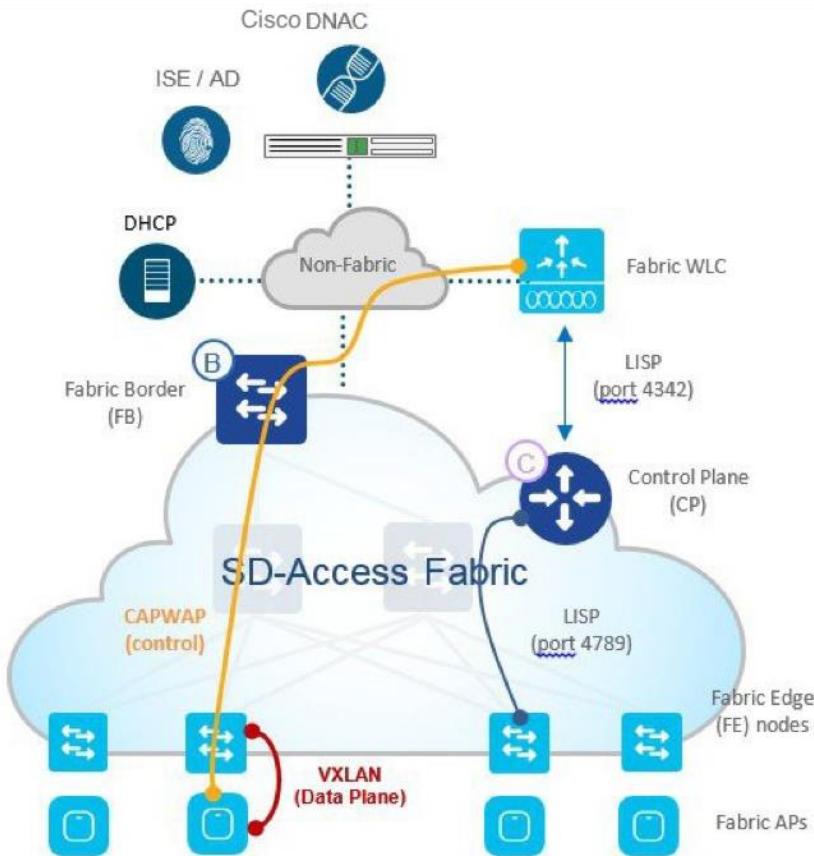
Note For feature support on APs, refer to the WLC release notes.

APs can optionally be connected to one of the supported fabric extended nodes. Refer to the ordering guide for supported switch models (<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/collateral/enterprise-networks/software-defined-access/guide-c07-739242.html>).

SD-Access Wireless protocols and communication interfaces

Figure 10 illustrates the protocols and interfaces used in SD-Access Wireless.

Figure 10. Communication between the different components



- Between the WLC and APs: Communication between the control plane WLC and AP is via CAPWAP, similar to existing modes.
- Between the APs and switch: Data traffic is switched from the AP to the edge switch using VXLAN tunnel encapsulation, with UDP port 4789 as per standard.
- Between the WLC and control-plane node: The WLC communicates with the control plane running on TCP port 4342 on the controller.
- Between Cisco DNA Center and the WLC: For Aire-OS platforms, Cisco DNA Center uses the command-line interface (CLI) through SSH/Telnet to configure the WLC.
- On the Catalyst 9800 Platforms, the Cisco DNA Center uses the netconf-yang model to push/provision configuration on the device. Enabling netconf-yang is covered in the subsequent sections. The netconf uses TCP port 830.
- On EWC (9800 software on Catalyst 9300/9400 and 9500), the control plane resides on the Catalyst switch. There exists a LISP agent on the 9800 software responsible to talk to the control plane.
- Between the switch and control plane node: The fabric-enabled switches communicate with the control-plane node on TCP port 4342.

SD-Access Wireless platform support

The SD-Access Wireless architecture is supported on the following WLCs and APs:

Cisco 3504, 5520, and 8540 Series Wireless Controllers

Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers (9800-40, 9800-80, 9800-L, 9800-CL)

Cisco Catalyst 9800 Embedded Wireless on C9300, C9400, C9500 Series Switch
WiFi 6 Access Points: Cisco Catalyst 9115AX and Cisco Catalyst 9117AX
WiFi 6 Access Points: Cisco Catalyst 9120AX Series
WiFi 6 Access Points: Cisco Catalyst 9130AX Series
802.11 Wave 2 Access Points: Cisco Aironet 1800, 2800, 3800, and 4800 Series
802.11 Wave 2 outdoor Access Points: Cisco Aironet 1540, 1560
802.11 Wave 2 Access Points: Cisco Catalyst IW6300 Heavy Duty Series Access Points
802.11 Wave 2 Access Points: Cisco 6300 Series Embedded Services Access Points

Please refer to the SD-Access Compatibility Matrix for the latest supported device and software information:
<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/enterprise-networks/software-defined-access/compatibility-matrix.html>

SD-Access Wireless network deployment

This section gives some important considerations for deploying WLC and APs in an SD-Access Wireless network. please refer to the picture below:

Access points must be deployed as follows:

- Be directly connected to the fabric edge (or to an extended node switch)
- Be part of the fabric overlay
- Belong to the INFRA_VN, which is mapped to the global routing table
- Join the WLC in Local mode

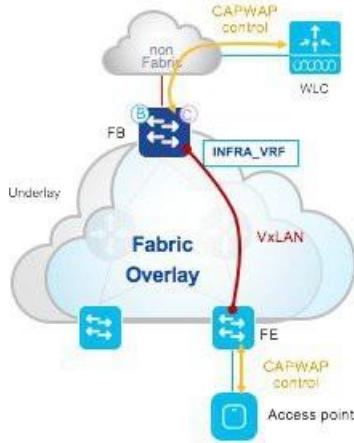
WLCs must be deployed as follows:

- Be connected outside the fabric (optionally directly to border)
- Reside in the global routing table
- No need for inter-VRF leaking for an AP to join the WLC
- Communicate to only one control-plane node (two for redundancy); hence one WLC can belong to only one fabric domain (FD)



Note To make the fabric control plane protocol more resilient, it's important that a **specific route to the WLC be present in each fabric node's global routing table**. The route to the WLC's IP address should be either redistributed into the underlay Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) at the border or configured statically at each node. The WLC is considered as an RLOC within the SD-Access, so as part of LISP RLOC reachability check a specific route to the WLC is needed on the underlay. In other words, the WLC should not be reachable through the default route.

Figure 12. Deployment of AP and WLC



AP-to-WLC communication

From a network deployment perspective, the access points are connected in the overlay network while the WLC resides outside the SD-Access fabric in the traditional IP network.

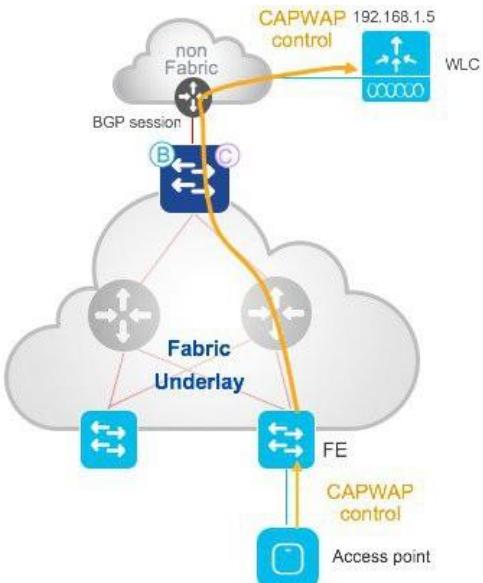
Note: Ensure that the WLC is physically located on-site and does not sit across the WAN. Fabric APs must be in Local mode and need less than 20 ms latency between AP and WLC

The WLC subnet will be advertised into the underlay so that fabric nodes in the network (fabric edge and control plane) can do native routing to reach the WLC. The AP subnets in the overlay will be advertised to the external network so the WLC can reach the APs via the overlay.

Let's look a bit deeper into how the CAPWAP traffic flows between APs and WLC for fabric-enabled SSIDs. This is the control plane traffic only for an AP join operation and all the other control plane traffic. (Client data plane traffic does not go to the WLC, as it is distributed from APs to the switch using VXLAN.)

CAPWAP traffic in the south-north direction, from APs to WLC, is illustrated in Figure 13.

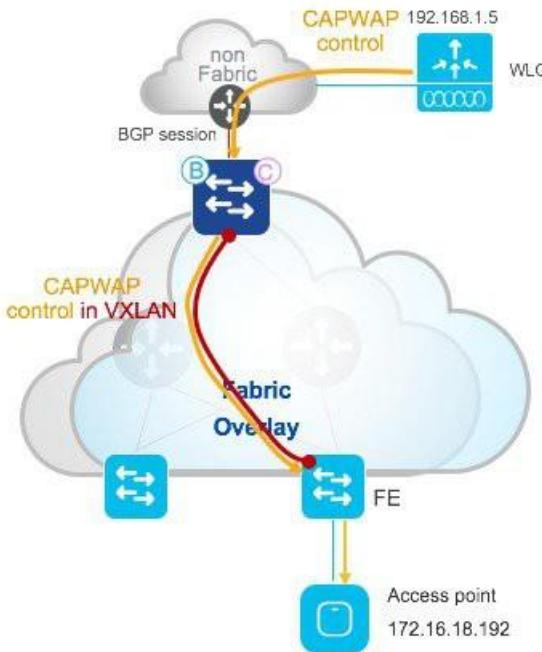
Figure 13. South-north CAPWAP traffic from AP to WLC



- The border (internal or external) redistributes the WLC route in the underlay (using the IGP of choice).
- The FE learns the route in the global routing table.
- When the FE receives a CAPWAP packet from the AP, the FE finds a match in the RIB and the packet is forwarded with no VXLAN encapsulation.
- The AP-to-WLC CAPWAP traffic travels in the underlay.

CAPWAP traffic in the north-south direction, from WLC to APs, is illustrated in Figure 14.

Figure 14. North-south CAPWAP traffic from WLC to AP



- The AP subnet is registered in the control plane, as it is part of the overlay.
- The border exports the AP's local EID space from the control plane to the global routing table and also import the AP routes into the LISP map-cache entry.
- The border advertises the local AP EID space to the external domain.
- When the border receives a CAPWAP packet from the WLC, the LISP lookup happens and traffic is sent to the FE with VXLAN encapsulation.
- The WLC-to-AP CAPWAP traffic travels in the overlay.

Note: We have described the CAPWAP traffic path from AP to WLC. The same path applies to other types of traffic originated from the AP and sent to destinations known in the global routing table, such as DHCP, DNS, etc

Setting up SD-Access Wireless with Cisco DNA Center

This section provides a step-by-step guide to setting up wireless capabilities in SD-Access through Cisco DNA Center. Cisco DNA Center is the single pane of glass that provides automation, policy, and assurance for the SD-Access solution.

One of the prerequisites in setting up the SD-Access wireless is to have the Cisco DNA Center installed. The Wireless LAN Controller (WLC) should be installed with the image supported by the Cisco DNA Center.

The workflow and screenshots in the further sections are taken from Cisco DNA Center 1.3.3.

The Identity Service Engine (ISE) needs to be installed and ready with the following personas at a minimum: The Primary PAN/PSN/MNT. Refer to the ISE deployment guide mentioned below to suite a distributed model that supports the scale required. The Identity Service Engine (ISE) has to have the following service running: PxGRID and ERS API.

For more information on the compatible software recommendation for SDA, please refer to the compatibility matrix guide posted below.

[SD-Access Compatibility Guide](#)

For Cisco DNA Center install and upgrade process, please follow the instructions on the given link:

[Cisco DNA Center Install Guide](#)

To install and set up the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller (WLC) and to get the initial configuration completed. Please refer the instructions below for the Aire-OS /Catalyst 9800 platforms

[Cisco Aire-OS 8540 deployment guide](#)

[Cisco Aire-OS 5520 deployment guide](#)

[Cisco Catalyst 9800 deployment guide](#)

[Installation guide for Identify Service Engine \(ISE\)](#)

RMA Process for Fabric wireless

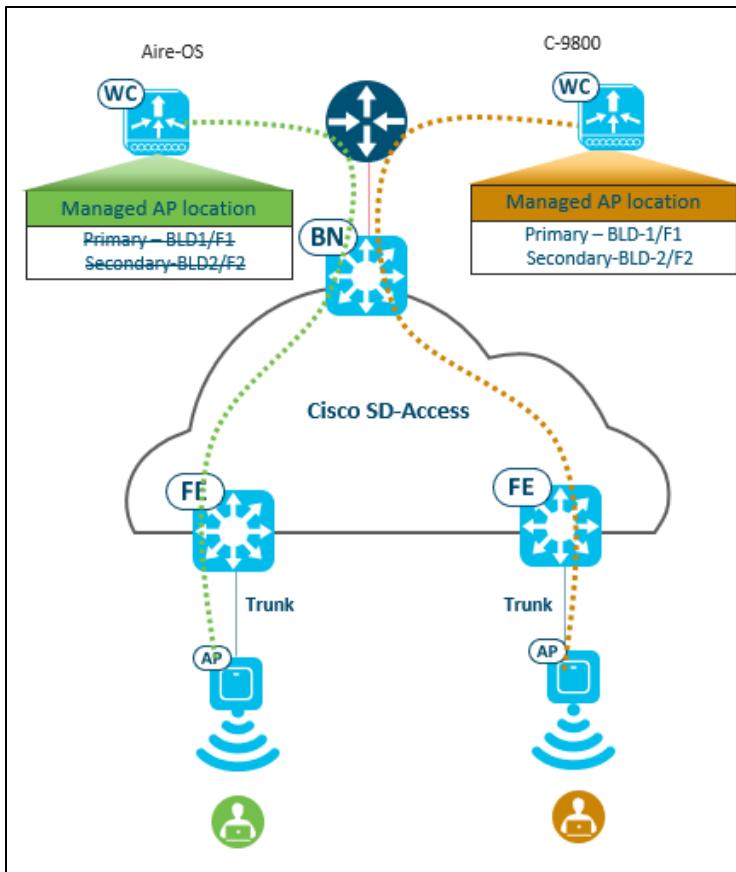
The Return Material Authorization (RMA) workflow in Cisco DNA Center provides users the ease of automation to replace failed devices quickly, thus improving productivity and reducing operational expense. RMA provides a common workflow to replace routers, switches, and access points.

Currently, the RMA workflow on the Cisco DNA center can be utilized only for fabric Access-Point. The RMA workflow for a fabric Wireless Lan Controller and EWC-9k is not supported with Cisco DNA Center 2.2.x.x. To replace a fabric Wireless Lan Controller, kindly raise a TAC case to have an expert drive the RMA process.

For more information on the RMA workflow, please refer to the configuration guide of the Cisco DNA Center.

[RMA workflow configuration on the Cisco DNA Center](#)

Migration: AireOS to C-9800



migrated and managed by the C-9800 controller. The C-9800 controller can now be added to the fabric as a fabric-enabled Wireless LAN Controller.



Note

N+1 HA is not supported with Aire-OS and C-9800 acting as primary and secondary to each other. Due to the config model differences between the Aire-OS based controller and the C-9800, the Cisco DNA center will not provision these controllers to act in N+1 HA mode. The N+1 HA mode in wireless allows controllers to act a primary and secondary for sites, acting as a backup to each other

A site once migrated to the C-9800 controller will have the AP dissociate from the current Aire-OS based controller. The AP will now associate with the C-9800 controller, this can result in a downtime for the AP to download the new image and relevant config from the C-9800 controller. Please ensure that the migration is planned with a proper maintenance window accommodating this downtime.

Seamless roaming is supported for the same SSID across these controllers. A wireless endpoint associated with an AP on an Aire-OS based controller can seamlessly roam to an AP associated with the C-9800 based controller. For seamless roaming to happen the controllers needs to be configured with the respective mobility configuration.

For Cisco DNAC- 2.1.2.x version and below, the mobility configuration is automated by the Cisco DNA Center. For releases 2.2.x.x and above the mobility configuration needs to be provisioned using the workflow provided on the inventory app.

With the introduction of the Catalyst 9800 Wireless LAN Controller, existing customers who have deployed fabric with the AireOS based controller would require a migration path towards the C-9800 based controller. In this section, we will detail the steps that can aid the customer in migrating their fabric-enabled wireless from AireOS to C9800.

An SD-Access fabric site can support multiple Wireless LAN Controllers within a single fabric site. An exception to this when using EWC-9k. A fabric site can only support a maximum of two embedded wireless LAN controllers within a fabric site. The migration outlined in this section can't be used to migrate from an AireOS to an EWC-9k controller. The first step in the emigration path is to onboard the catalyst C-9800 Wireless LAN Controller on the Cisco DNA Center inventory app. The details of how to discover the device and add them to the inventory are mentioned in the following section:

[Discovery of Devices on the Cisco DNA Center](#)

Once the device is discovered and added to the inventory, the device needs to be provisioned. To provision the wireless LAN controller, we would have to take a phased approach. A managed site could either be a building or a floor within the site hierarchy needs to be unmanaged from the current Aire-OS controller and be managed by the C-9800 controller. Once the device is provisioned, the site is

Cisco DNA Center

Provision . Network Devices . Inventory

Inventory Plug and Play Inventory Insights

Find Hierarchy

Global

Unassigned Devices (7)

- > India
- > US

DEVICES (8) FOCUS: Inventory

Actions ▾ ⓘ | Take a Tour | 1 Selected

| Device Family | Device Name | IP Address | Inventory | Manageability | Compliance | Health Score | Site | MAC Address |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| wireless controller | 9800-1 | 9.1.3.25 | Provision | pliant | Compliant | NA | Assign | 00:1e:7a:56:69:ff |
| wireless controller | 9800-2-ha | 9.1.3.19 | Telemetry | pliant | Compliant | NA | Assign | 00:1e:bd:fb:f0:ff |
| wireless controller | 9800-3 | 9.1.3.26 | Device Replacement | pliant | 10 | ... | ... | ... |
| wireless controller | 9800-4 | 9.1.3.27 | Others | pliant | 10 | ... | ... | ... |
| Aire-OS-WLC-1 | 9.1.0.15 | Wireless Controller | Compliance | pliant | Learn Device Config | NA | Assign | 2e:d0:2d:bd:f2:df |
| Aire-OS-WLC-2 | 9.1.3.15 | Wireless Controller | | pliant | Configure WLC HA | NA | Assign | 70:1f:53:b6:3e:80 |
| | | | | | Configure WLC Mobility | | | |

Configure Mobility Group

Mobility Group Name: sand

RF Group Name: default

Data Link Encryption:

Virtual IP: 1.1.1.1

Restart for Virtual IP to take effect:

Last updated: 10:24 AM

Add

Mobility Peers

Filter | Delete

| Device Name | IP Address | Mobility Group Name |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|
| 9800-4 | | |
| 9800-3 | | |
| 9800-1 | | |
| 9800-2-ha | | |

Search peer device

Cancel Save Configure Mobility



Note

Cisco DNA Center expects the mobility name to be user-defined and not to use the default mobility group name for security reasons.

AP fallback a common feature used in wireless to allow an AP to do fallback from the primary controller to the secondary controller is not supported in this scenario. For redundancy aspects, a customer could deploy the Aire-os or the C-9800 WLC in HA-SSO mode.

9800 Embedded Wireless LAN Controller(EWC)

One of the pre-requisites to install the Embedded Wireless Controller on a Catalyst 9k switch is to have netconf enabled. The Cisco DNA Center takes care of the enabling netconf on the device. The netconf is one of the methods the Cisco DNA Center uses to provision configuration to the devices.

The below section highlights the steps required to enable netconf manually on the Catalyst 9k switch if not done through the Cisco DNA Center. For the Cisco DNA center to provision netconf to the device ensure netconf is selected as one of the credentials during the discovery process. The Catalyst Switch should be running in install mode for the wireless package to be installed. The version of the wireless package should be the same as that of the Cisco IOS-XE version running on the switching platform.

If the Catalyst 9k switch is running on 16.11.1c, the 9800-SW package should be of the same version -16.11.1. For the wireless package to install properly you need to have the DNA-advantage license active on the switch. You can check this through show version command. If not, you can activate the evaluation through the normal license commands.

The software for the wireless package on the Catalyst 9k family is located on Cisco.com under the switching product family.

The images are also posted as special releases, to obtain the images under the special release browse through the SDA compatibility matrix.

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>Software Download</p> <p>Downloads Home / Switches / Campus LAN Switches - Access / Catalyst 9300 Series Switches / Catalyst 9300-24S-A Switch</p> <p>Select a Software Type</p> <p>IOS XE Software IOS XE Wireless Controller Software Package NBAR2 Protocol Packs</p> | <p>Cisco Catalyst 9800 Embedded Wireless on C9300, C9400, C9500 Series Switch</p> <p>IOS XE 16.12.2t, IOS XE 16.12.1s, IOS XE 16.11.1c</p> <p>IOS XE 17.1.1s IOS XE 16.12.2t, IOS XE 16.12.1s, IOS XE 16.11.1c</p> |
|---|---|

The EWC is currently supported only with SD-Access deployments. The Cisco DNA Center is used to provision and install the wireless package on the Catalyst 9k switch.

Step 1 check the DNA-advantage license is enabled.

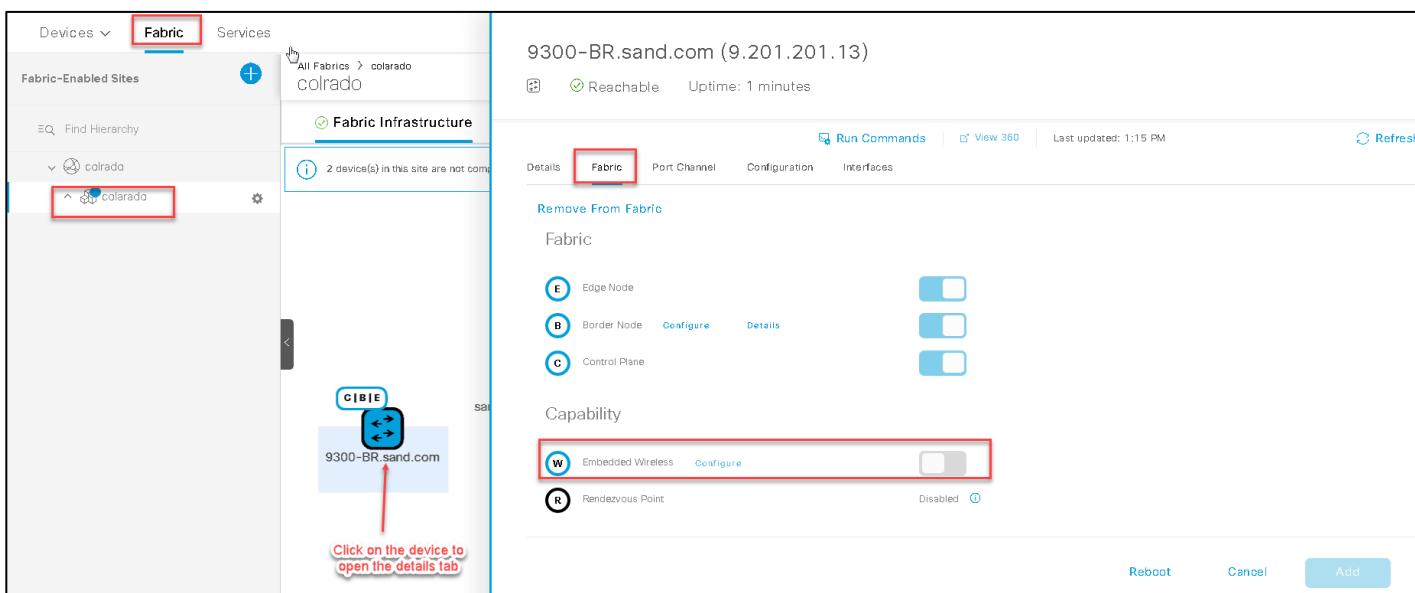
```
Switch#show version | b Technology
Technology Package License Information:
-----
Technology-package          Technology-package
Current                      Type
-----                         Next reboot
network-advantage           Permanent      network-advantage
dna-advantage                Subscription   dna-advantage
```

Step 2 Enable netconf on the Catalyst Switch manually:

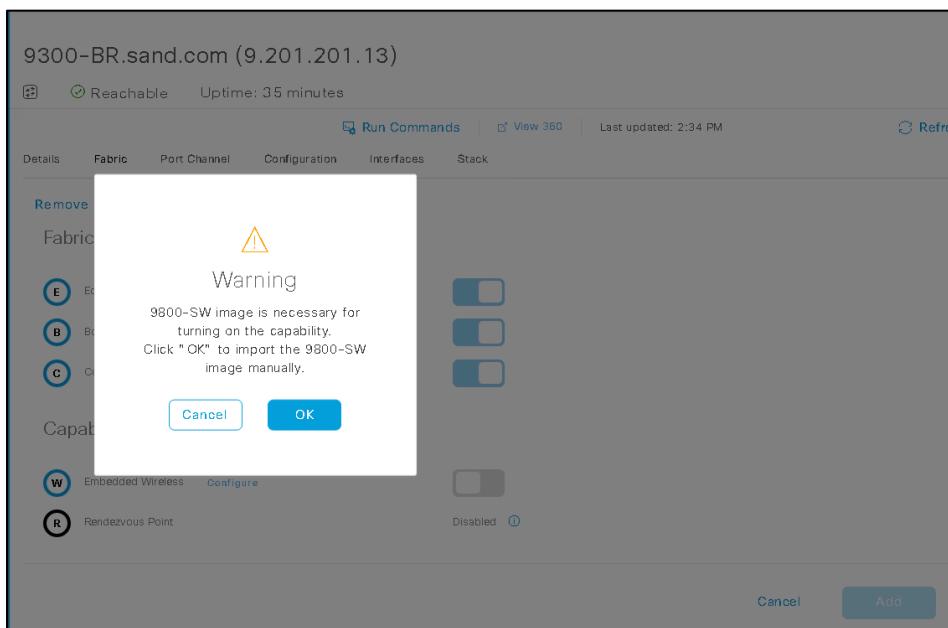
```
Switch(config-t)# netconf-yang -> Enable NETCONF/YANG globally. It may take up to 90 seconds to initialize
Switch(config-t)# aaa new-model
Switch(config-t)# authorization exec default local -> Required for NETCONF-SSH connectivity and edit-config
operations

Switch#show netconf-yang status
netconf-yang: enabled -> netconf status
netconf-yang ssh port: 830-> Port on which Cisco DNA center to the device
netconf-yang candidate-datastore: disabled
```

Step 3 Once the device is discovered and added to a Fabric, the 9800-SW needs to be enabled on the Catalyst 9k switch. To enable the wireless controller functionality click on the device to open the device details page. In the details page an administrator can see the capabilities supported on the device. One of the capabilities supported is the “Embedded wireless”. Move the slide bar to enable the option.



Step 4 Once the embedded wireless capability is added, the next process involves importing the 9800-SW image on the device using the SWIM module on the Cisco DNA center. Click Ok to go through the SWIM process.



Step 5 Specify the location of the image. Enable the activate option and click on “Import”

9300-BR.sand.com

1 Download Image 2 Manage Scope 3 Advanced 4 Summary

Select an image from computer

Choose File C9800-SW-los...2.01.SPA.bin

OR

Enter image URL

Activate image after import

Import

Cancel Back Next

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1 Download Image 2 Manage Scope 3 Advanced 4 Summary

Image imported successfully

C9800 Image activated successfully

Cancel Back Next

Step 6 Once the image is imported and activated on the device, select the sites that are managed by the device.

9300-BR.sand.com X

Download Image 2 Manage Scope Advanced 3 Advanced 4 Summary

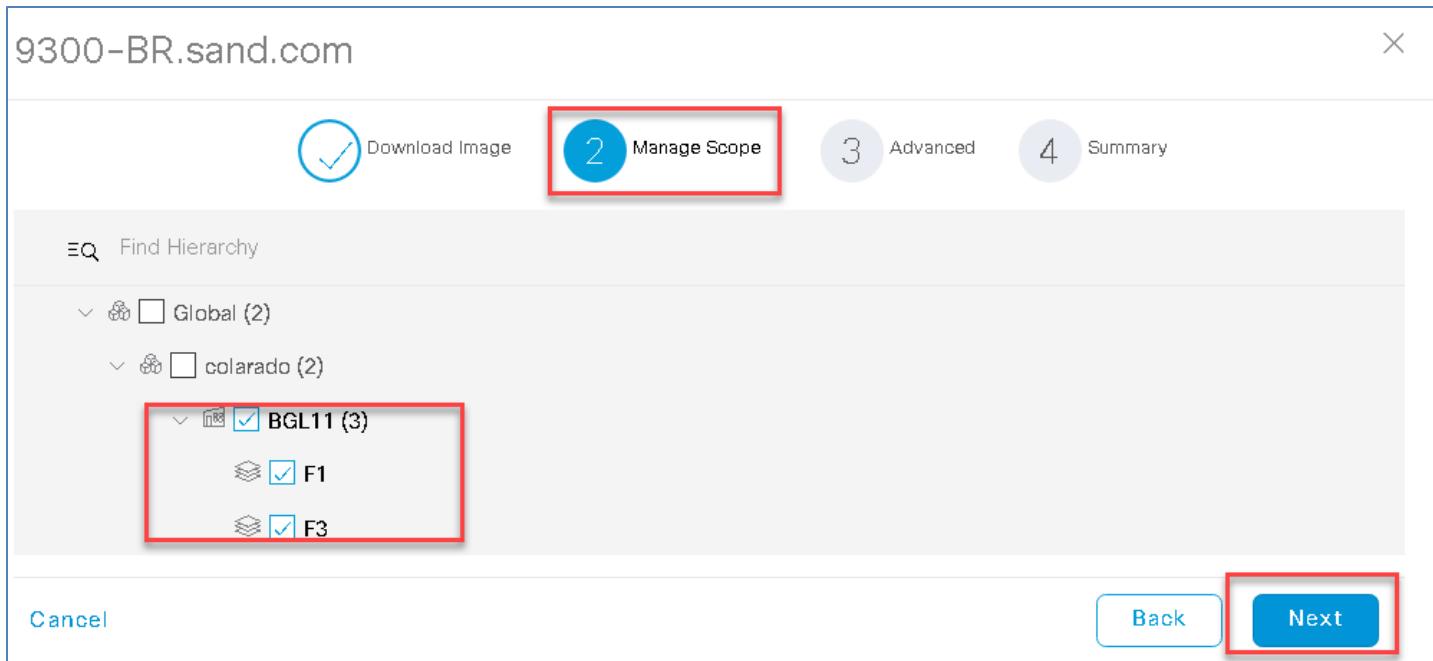
Find Hierarchy

Global (2)

colarado (2)

BGL11 (3) F1 F3

Cancel Back Next



Step 7 The Cisco DNA center shows the summary of the config provisioned on the device such as the SSID config.

9300-BR.sand.com X

Download Image 1 Manage Scope Advanced 4 Summary

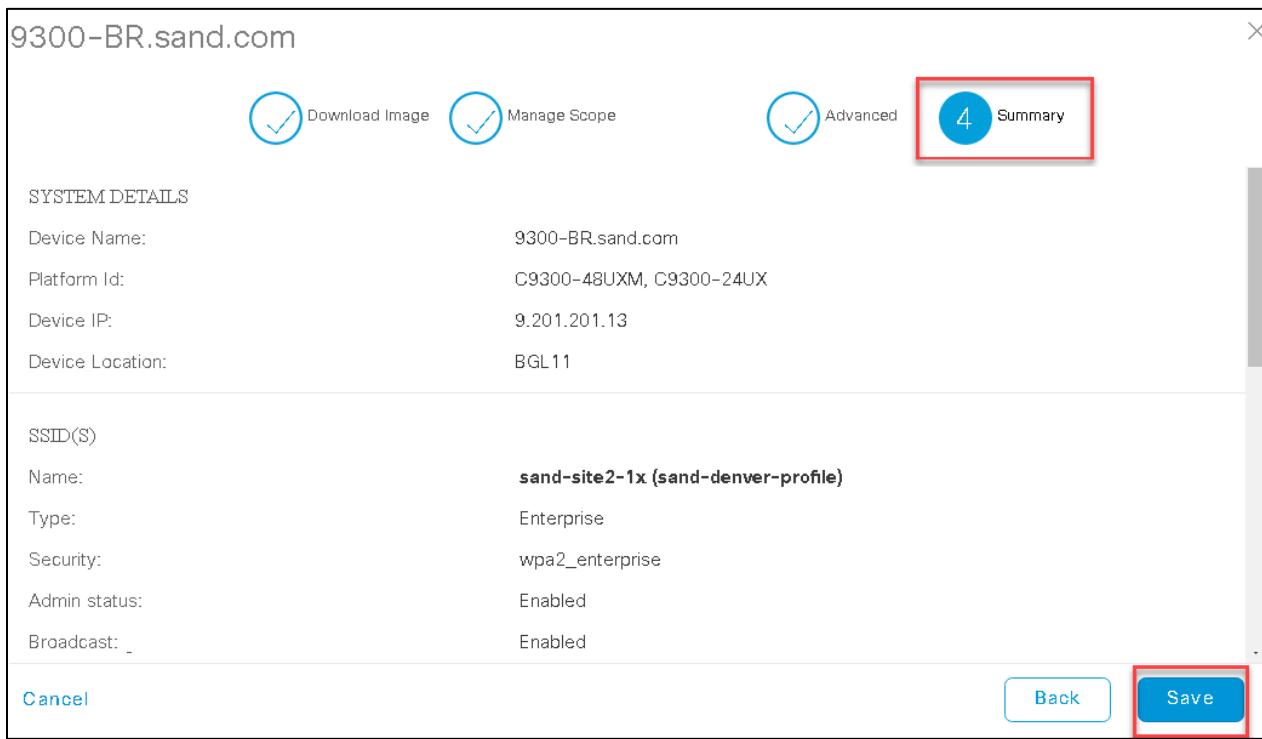
SYSTEM DETAILS

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Device Name: | 9300-BR.sand.com |
| Platform Id: | C9300-48UXM, C9300-24UX |
| Device IP: | 9.201.201.13 |
| Device Location: | BGL11 |

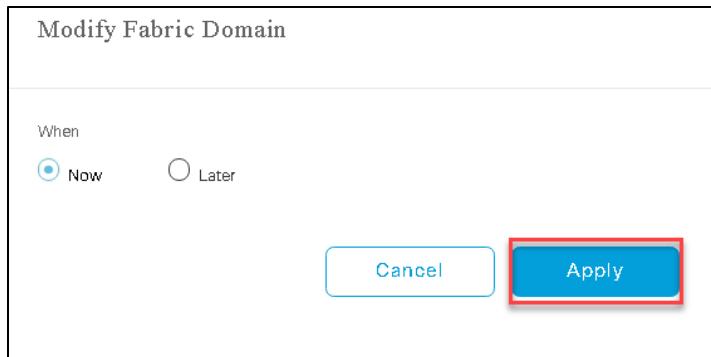
SSID(S)

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Name: | sand-site2-1x (sand-denver-profile) |
| Type: | Enterprise |
| Security: | wpa2_enterprise |
| Admin status: | Enabled |
| Broadcast: | Enabled |

Cancel Back Save



Step 8 After the embedded wireless is added, save the fabric configuration:



Fabric Enabled AP and Catalyst 4500E as Fabric Edge

Special consideration should be taken if the SD-Access fabric consists of a catalyst 4500E as a Fabric Edge (FE) and the AP's are directly connected. With Fabric Enabled Wireless (FEW) the Cisco Access-point creates a VxLAN tunnel to the respective Fabric Edge. To have the Catalyst 4500E to support the VxLAN tunnel, the switch needs to be booted in install mode. The daughter card on the switch is responsible for the de-encapsulation of the VxLAN header coming from the access-tunnel.

For the recommended release, Supervisor modules, and the line cards that are supported with the Catalyst 4500E, please refer to the SDA compatibility guide.

The other important consideration is that the ports on the Supervisor module must be used for connecting upstream to the rest of the fabric, while the Access Points (AP) can be connected directly to the supported line cards.

To verify if the daughter card is enabled on the platform, please use the show module CLI:

```
4503-02#show module
Chassis Type : WS-C4503-E

Power consumed by backplane : 0 Watts

Mod Ports Card Type          Model           Serial No.
---+---+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1   12  Sup 8-E 10GE (SFP+), 1000BaseX (SFP)  WS-X45-SUP8-E  CAT1947L0LU
 2    12  10GE SFP+                         WS-X4712-SFP+E  CAT1849L2F2
 3    48  100/1000/2500/5000/10GBaseT UPOE E Ser WS-X4748-12X48U+E  CAT1925L9E3

M MAC addresses             Hw   Fw       Sw           Status
---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1 a89d.21d7.70c0 to a89d.21d7.70cb 1.3 15.1(1r)SG17 03.11.00.E      Ok
 2 74a0.2fa2.eec8 to 74a0.2fa2.eed3 2.0                      Ok
 3 78ba.f9a0.9270 to 78ba.f9a0.929f 1.0 0.0                  Ok

Mod Submodule               Model           Serial No.   Hw   Status
---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1  Daughter Card            WS-UA-SUP8E      CAT1948LG9Z  1.1  Ok

Mod LinecardMode
---+-----+
 3    1

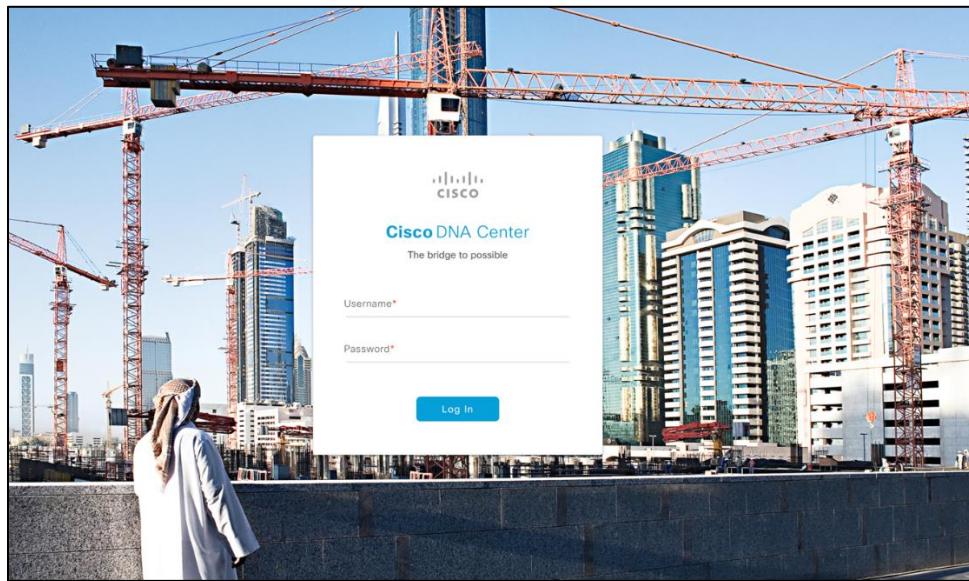
4503-02#
```

SD-Access WLC underlay discovery

Please upgrade your browser to the latest version before logging in to Cisco DNA Center.

Procedure

- Step 1** Log in to Cisco DNA Center using the management IP address and credentials assigned when it was installed.



- Step 2** Once logged in, you will see the Cisco DNA Center landing page.

Cisco DNA Center DESIGN POLICY PROVISION ASSURANCE PLATFORM

Welcome, admin Get Started Take a Tour Learn More

In a few simple steps, discover your devices to begin your Cisco DNA Center journey!

Get Started

Assurance Summary

Health 1
Healthy as of Jan 28, 2020 11:35 AM

Network Devices %
Wireless Clients %
Wired Clients %

[View Details](#)

Critical Issues
Last 24 Hours

P1: 0 [View Details](#) P2: 0

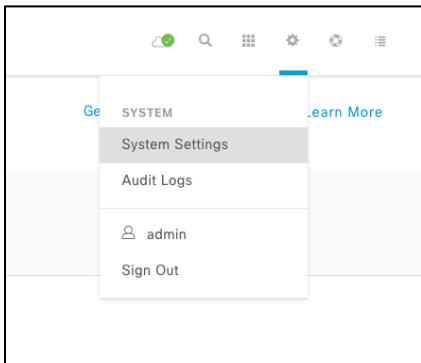
Network Snapshot

Network Devices As of Jan 28, 2020 11:46 AM Unclaimed: 0

Application Policies As of Jan 28, 2020 11:46 AM Successful Deploy: 0

Adding ISE to Cisco DNA Center

Cisco DNA Center must be able to communicate securely with ISE to be able to download SGTs and create new policies. The ISE server and Cisco DNA Center exchange information through pxGrid and REST API services.



Adding ISE to Cisco DNA Center is a very simple operation: in Cisco DNA Center, go to System Settings by clicking the “gear” symbol on the right top corner of the homepage:

On the System Settings page, click Authentication and Policy Servers and click Add to add a new server:

A screenshot of the Cisco DNA Center System Settings page. The left sidebar shows various system management options like Account Lockout, Anonymize Data, and Certificate. The main content area is titled "Authentication and Policy Servers" and contains a table with columns: IP Address, Protocol, Type, and Status. A message at the top says "Use this page to specify the servers that authenticate Cisco DNA Center users. ISE servers can also supply policy and user information." There are buttons for Refresh, Export, and Add. The "Add" button is highlighted with a blue border.

Fill in the ISE information (remember to toggle the “Cisco ISE server” switch):

A screenshot of the "Add AAA/ISE server" dialog box. It has fields for Server IP Address (10.195.180.131), Shared Secret (redacted), Cisco ISE server (switch is checked), Username (admin), Password (redacted), FQDN (prabhu-ise.cisco.com), Subscriber Name (dnac-133), SSH Key (redacted), and Virtual IP Address(es) (redacted). There is also a "View Advanced Settings" link. At the bottom are "Cancel" and "Apply" buttons.

The shared secret defines the passphrase used on the network devices (switches and WLC) and the same is configured on the ISE when creating a Network Access Device(NAD). The Cisco DNA center automates the radius server configuration on the network devices and the NAD configuration on the ISE server. The username and password are the administrator credentials for the ISE cluster. Enter the FQDN for ISE (hostname plus domain name).

Note: Ensure the administrator credentials are the same for web GUI and SSH access.

As of today, Cisco DNA Center will not verify the FQDN with DNS, but the name has to match the real name of the ISE server. Don't forget to add a subscriber name; this is important to establish the pxGrid credentials (this name doesn't have to match any existing user name on ISE).

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center Administration > System > Deployment interface. A node named "ise-sand" is selected. The "General Settings" tab is active, showing the following details:

| | |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| Hostname | ise-sand |
| FQDN | ise-sand.cisco.com |
| IP Address | 9.1.0.20 |
| Node Type | Identity Services Engine (ISE) |

Role: STANDALONE **Make Primary**

Checkboxes for Administration and Monitoring are checked.

The FQDN name for the ISE cluster can be obtained by logging into the Web GUI of the primary PAN and navigating to the following link.

Administration > System>Deployment> hostname of the cluster

Go to ISE and approve the Cisco DNAC's pxgrid connection by approving the subscriber name – dnac-133 by going to **Administration > pxGrid Services**.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center Administration > pxGrid Services interface. A list of pending approvals is displayed:

| Client Name | Client Description | Capabilities | Status | Client Group(s) | Auth Method | Log |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| ise-admin-prabhjit-ise | | Capabilities(5 Pub, 2 Sub) | Online (XMPP) | Internal | Certificate | View |
| ise-pubsub-prabhjit-ise | | Capabilities(0 Pub, 0 Sub) | Online (XMPP) | Internal | Certificate | View |
| ise-pubsub-ise-vm-1 | | Capabilities(0 Pub, 0 Sub) | Online (XMPP) | Internal | Certificate | View |
| ise-fanout-ise-vm-1 | | Capabilities(0 Pub, 0 Sub) | Online (XMPP) | Internal | Certificate | View |
| ise-bridge-prabhjit-ise | | Capabilities(0 Pub, 4 Sub) | Online (XMPP) | Internal | Certificate | View |
| ise-fanout-prabhjit-ise | | Capabilities(0 Pub, 0 Sub) | Online (XMPP) | Internal | Certificate | View |
| ise-mnt-prabhjit-ise | | Capabilities(2 Pub, 1 Sub) | Online (XMPP) | Internal | Certificate | View |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dnac-133 | | Capabilities(0 Pub, 0 Sub) | Pending | | Certificate | View |

A message at the top right says: "Click here to do wireless setup and visibility setup Do not show this again."

Check the status of ISE on Cisco DNAC.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center PLATFORM > Authentication and Policy Servers interface. The "Settings" tab is selected. The "Cisco DNA Center" section shows the following configuration:

| IP Address | Protocol | Type | Status |
|----------------|----------|------|--------|
| 10.195.180.131 | RADIUS | ISE | ACTIVE |

The left sidebar includes links for Account Lockout, Anonymize Data, Authentication and Policy Servers, Certificate, Cisco Credentials, CMX Servers, Debugging Logs, Device Controllability, Device EULA Acceptance, Email Configuration, and Events and Subscription.

SD-Access WLC discovery

In Cisco DNA Center, the Discovery tool is used to find existing underlay devices using Cisco Discovery Protocol or IP address ranges. The assumption here is that the wired network has already been discovered.

Procedure

Step 1 In the homepage of Cisco DNAC, scroll down to **Tools > Discovery** or on top right > Discovery to discover your devices and begin the Cisco DNA Center journey.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center homepage. At the top, there are tabs: DESIGN, POLICY, PROVISION, ASSURANCE, and PLATFORM. On the right, a vertical sidebar titled 'TOOLS' has a 'Discovery' button highlighted with a red box. Below the sidebar, there's a grid of tools:

- Discovery**: Automate addition of devices to controller inventory. This icon is also highlighted with a red box.
- Topology**: Visualize how devices are interconnected and how they communicate.
- Command Runner**: Allows you to run diagnostic CLIs against one or more devices.
- License Manager**: Visualize and manage license usage.
- Template Editor**: An interactive editor to author CLI templates.
- Security Advisories**: Identify security vulnerabilities in the network.
- Network Telemetry**: Network Telemetry Design and Provision.
- Data and Reports**: Access Data Sets, Schedule Data Extracts for Download in multiple formats like PDF Reports, CSV, Tableau etc.

This will take us to the Discovery dashboard where an overview of discovered devices can be seen. Click on “Add Discovery” to start a new discovery.

The screenshot shows the Discovery Dashboard. At the top left, there's a 'Discovery' tab. On the left, a section titled 'Discovery Dashboard' has a 'Add Discovery' button highlighted with a red box. Below it, a message says 'Device Controllability is Enabled.' To the right, there are three main sections: 'Inventory Overview' (As of Jan 28, 2020 2:04 PM), 'Latest Discovery' (As of Jan 28, 2020 2:04 PM), and 'Recent 10 Discoveries' (As of Jan 28, 2020 2:04 PM). The 'Discovery Status' section in the bottom left shows 0 devices for CDP, IP Address/Range, and LLDP. The 'Recent 10 Discoveries' section shows 0 queued, 0 in progress, 0 completed, 0 aborted, and 0 scheduled discoveries.

Step 2 Enter a Discovery Name, select Range for discovery type, enter the management IP address of your network WLC as the start and end of the range. Ensure that the Wireless management interface option is selected. In case of Aire-OS this would be management interface and in case of 9800 the wireless management interface. Please specific the exact IP and don't specify the range as this would cause DNAC to discover the RMI interface if the WLC is in HA mode.

Ensure the device controllability is enabled on Cisco DNA Center for assurance to work as there is no way to enable if the WLC is discovered in disabled mode.

The screenshot shows the 'Discovery' section of Cisco DNA Center. A new discovery named 'WLC' is being configured. The 'Discovery Type' is set to 'IP Address/Range'. The 'From' field is set to '192.168.1.10' and the 'To' field is also set to '192.168.1.10'. Under 'Preferred Management IP Address', 'None' is selected. The 'Credentials' section indicates that no credentials are currently displayed for both CLI and SNMPv2c Read. A note at the bottom states that device controllability is enabled. At the bottom right are 'Reset' and 'Discover' buttons.

Step 3 Click on “Add Credentials” to add credentials to access WLC. Fill in the device Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) credentials (read and write) as shown below:

The screenshot shows the 'Discovery' section of Cisco DNA Center with the 'Add Credentials' dialog open. The dialog is titled 'Add Credentials' and contains tabs for CLI, SNMPv2c, SNMPv3, SNMP PROPERTIES, HTTPS, and NETCONF. Under 'Name/Description', 'admin-wlc' is entered. Under 'Username', 'admin' is entered. Under 'Password', '*****' is entered. Under 'Enable Password', '*****' is entered. A checkbox 'Save as global settings' is checked. At the bottom are 'Reset' and 'Save' buttons. The main configuration area on the left remains the same as the previous screenshot.

Add Credentials

SNMPv2c

Read

Name/Description*
pbagga

Read Community*

Save as global settings
Settings will be used for this specific Discovery only

Save

Add Credentials

SNMPv2c

Write

Name/Description*
pbagga

Write Community*

Save as global settings
Settings will be used for this task and saved for later

Reset **Save**

Enabling all the given options for the credentials during the discovery will initiate the Cisco DNA Center to configure them on the discovered WLC. The Cisco DNA Center will log in to the device through Telnet/SSH and enable SNMP and netconf on the device. The SNMP read/write is used for Assurance, while the netconf being one of the methods to provision configuration on the Wireless LAN Controller (WLC). Please refer to the Wireless LAN controller configuration guide on how to enable SSH on the platform.

Cisco DNA Center

Discovery

New Discovery

Discovery Name*
WLC

Netconf is mandatory for enabling Wireless Services on Wireless capable devices such as C9800-Switches/Controllers.
GLOBAL Task-specific

| | |
|---|---|
| CLI | SNMPv2c Read |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> admin admin-wlc | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pbagga <input type="checkbox"/> pbagga |

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| SNMPv2c Write | SNMPv3 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pbagga | No credentials to display |

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| HTTP(S) Read | HTTP(S) Write |
| No credentials to display | No credentials to display |

| |
|---|
| NETCONF |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 830 |

Add Credentials

Port 830

Save as global settings
Settings will be used for this specific Discovery only

Reset **Save**

Step 4 Collapse the Credentials section and expand the Advanced section. Select Telnet and/or SSH by clicking on it. SSH is enabled by default on the AIRE-OS based Wireless LAN Controller (WLC). To enable SSH on the Catalyst 9800 WirelessLAN Controller(WLC), refer to the configuration guide.



Click Discover in the lower right corner. Once the discovery starts, the page will present the discovery settings and details.

| IP Address | Device Name | Status | ICMP | SNMP | CLI | NETCONF |
|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| 192.168.1.10 | WLC-3504 | Success | Green | Green | Green | Grey |

Similarly, discover other devices in your network that you would like to make part of the fabric. Names of wired devices will begin appearing on the right of the screen as they are discovered.

Again, the assumption here is that the other fabric wired devices (border and edge nodes) have been discovered already. Cisco Discovery Protocol discovery is recommended for switches.

Device Controllability is **Enabled**. Config changes will be made on network devices during discovery/inventory or when device is associated to a site. [Learn More](#) | [Disable](#)

[Delete](#) [Copy & Edit](#) [Re-discover](#)

Once the device discovery is complete, all of the discovered devices are populated into the device inventory of the Cisco DNA Center.

Inventory app

Procedure

Once the devices are discovered, click on Provision > Inventory up top to open the Device Inventory app to view the discovered devices. In the Provision > Inventory page, all the devices should have a “Reachability Status” of “Reachable,” and the “Last Inventory Collection Status” should be “Managed.”

If you have jumped over the discovery steps above, make sure the devices are listed as managed. If they are not, you need to correct this before proceeding.

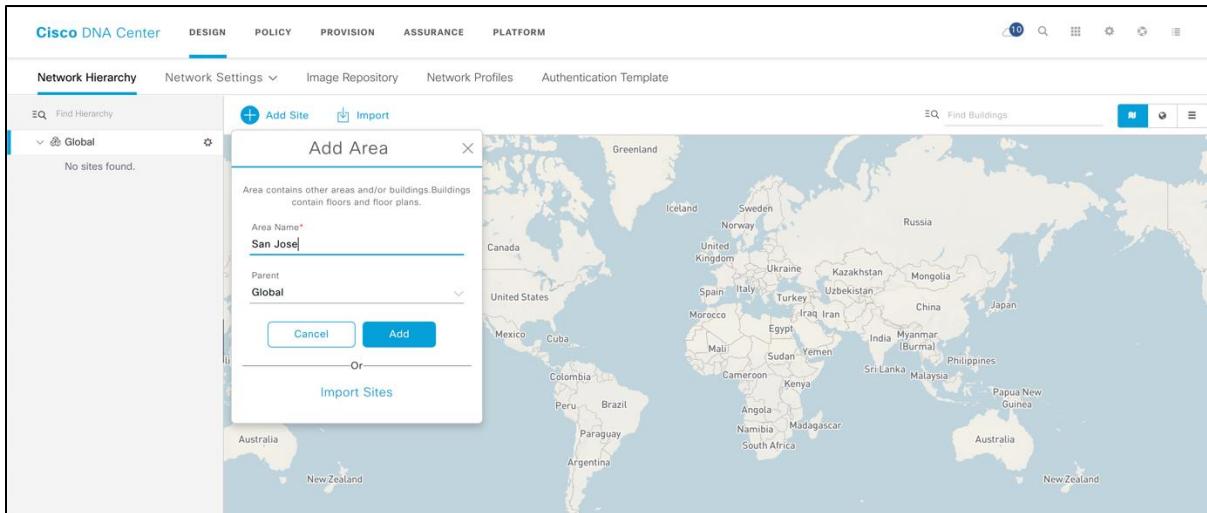
SD-Access Design

Get started using Cisco DNA Center Design

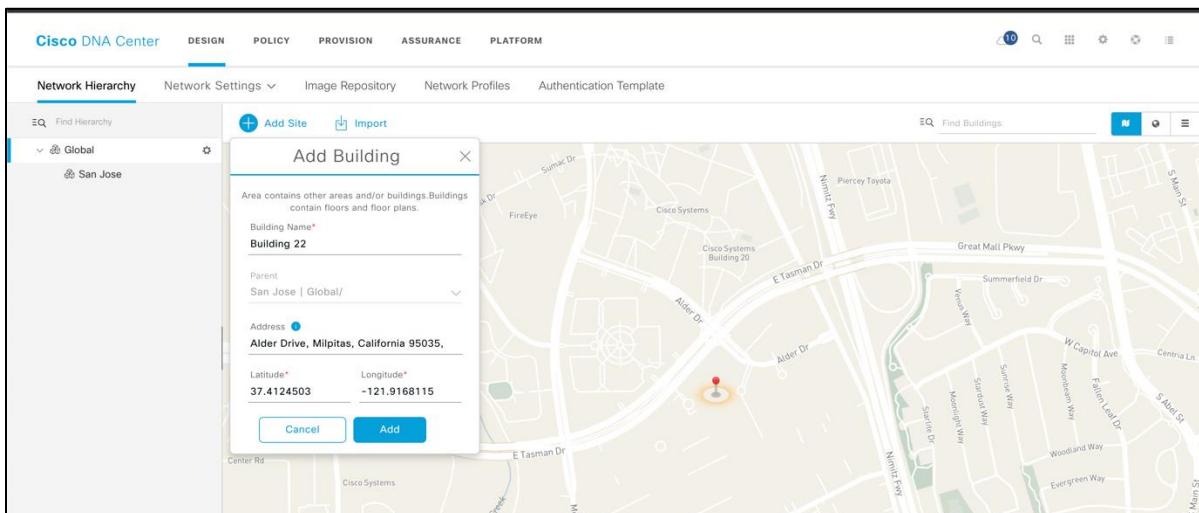
Cisco DNA Center provides a robust Design application to allow customers of every size and scale to easily define their physical sites and common resources. This is implemented using a hierarchical format for intuitive use, while removing the need to redefine the same resource in multiple places when provisioning devices.

Procedure

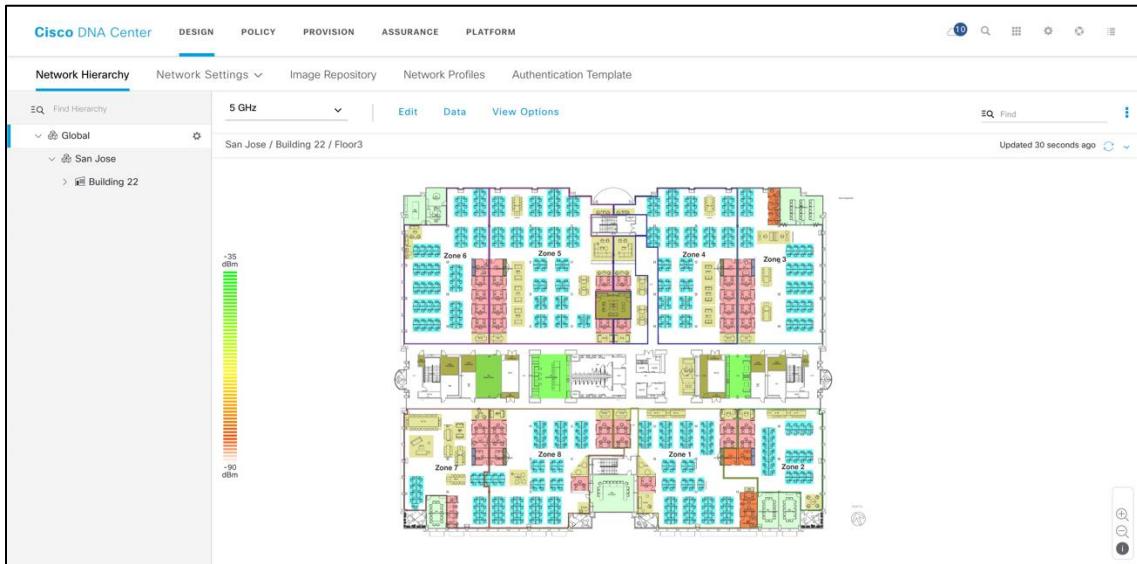
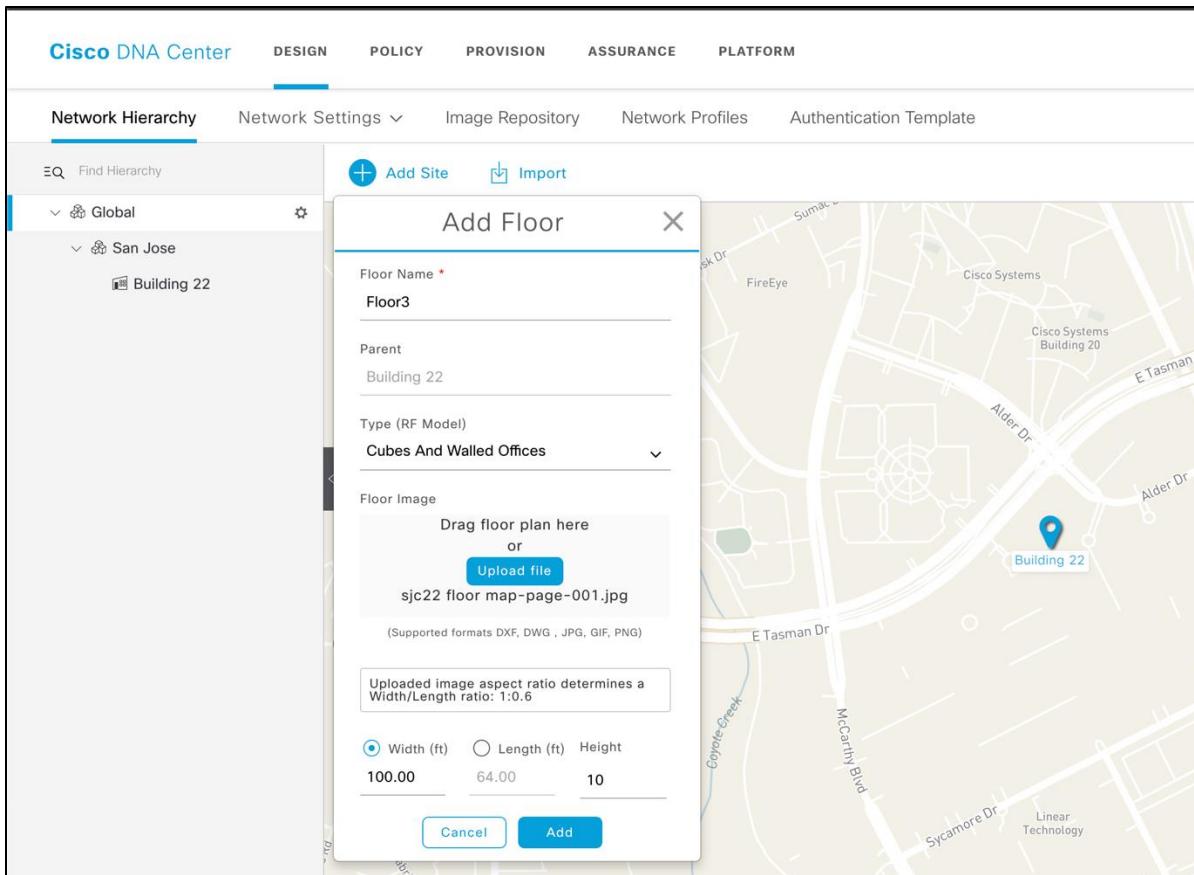
Step 1 Create the sites and site hierarchy of your network, using the Design page similar to the example below.



The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center Design interface. The top navigation bar includes DESIGN, POLICY, PROVISION, ASSURANCE, and PLATFORM. The DESIGN tab is selected. Below the navigation is a 'Network Hierarchy' section with a 'Find Hierarchy' search bar and a dropdown menu showing 'Global'. A modal window titled 'Add Area' is open, prompting for 'Area Name*' (San Jose) and 'Parent' (Global). The background features a world map with country names labeled.



The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center Design interface with the DESIGN tab selected. The 'Network Hierarchy' section shows 'Global' and 'San Jose' under it. A modal window titled 'Add Building' is open, prompting for 'Building Name*' (Building 22), 'Parent' (San Jose | Global), 'Address' (Alder Drive, Milpitas, California 95035), 'Latitude*' (37.4124503), and 'Longitude*' (-121.9168115). The background features a detailed map of Milpitas, California, with street names like Alder Dr, E Tasman Dr, and Great Mall Pkwy visible.



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Network settings

Cisco DNA Center allows you to save common resources and settings with Design's Network Settings application. This allows information pertaining to the enterprise to be stored so it can be reused throughout the Cisco DNA Center. DHCP, DNS servers, and device credentials should already be defined here.

Creating IP pools

Please configure IP pools manually for both your APs and client subnets, as per the network addressing scheme on your DHCP server. Additionally, ensure that you have DHCP option 43 defined in your DHCP server for the AP IP pool to allow AP registration with the WLC. Cisco DNA Center does not provide automation for this step, as this guide doesn't leverage the IP address manager (Infoblox) integration.

Procedure:

Using the menu, navigate to Design > Network Settings, then select IP Address Pools. Click Add to open a dialog box for creating new IP pools.

Add IP Pool

IP Pool Name *
Campus-v4

Type*
Generic

IP Address Space
 IPv4 IPv6

Tunnel Type is supported for IPv4 pools only. If IPv6 is selected, all the below fields will have to be IPv6 format.

IP Subnet *
192.168.11.0

CIDR Prefix
/24 (255.255.255.0)

Gateway IP Address
192.168.11.1

DHCP Server(s)
10.5.130.2

DNS Server(s)
171.70.168.183

Search or Add Value
171.70.168.183

When completed, the Cisco DNA Center IP Address Pools tab for clients and APs should look very similar to the following page.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the DESIGN tab. In the Network Hierarchy, 'San Jose' is selected. Under 'Network Settings', the 'IP Address Pools' tab is active. The table lists four IP address pools:

| Name | Type | IPv4 Subnet | IPv6 Subnet | Actions |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| AP-Pool | Generic | 192.168.18.0/24 0% IPs available | - | Edit Delete |
| BorderHandoff | Generic | 20.20.20.0/24 0% IPs available | - | Edit Delete |
| Campus | Generic | 192.168.11.0/24 0% IPs available | - | Edit Delete |
| IoT | Generic | 192.168.12.0/24 0% IPs available | - | Edit Delete |

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Creating wireless SSIDs

Procedure

Step 1 Under Network Settings, click the Wireless tab.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the DESIGN tab. In the Network Hierarchy, 'San Jose' is selected. Under 'Network Settings', the 'Wireless' tab is active. On the right, there is a map of the San Jose area with several buildings labeled: Corporation, SanDisk, McCarthy Blvd, Cisco Systems Building 24, Cisco Systems Building 23, FireEye, Sumac Dr, SanDisk Dr, Ferntree Dr, Technology Dr, and Cisco Systems. A legend indicates 'Site' and 'Import' options.

Creating an SSID is a two-step process. First, create a wireless network by choosing the type of network and assigning a security type; second, create or assign a wireless profile. If you create a new profile, add sites where you want this SSID to be broadcasted. See the steps below to follow the workflow.

Step 2 Click Add in the Enterprise Wireless SSID (“Internal03” in this example) and choose WPA2 Personal and a secure passphrase as the Level of Security. Fast Transition (802.11r) can be configured in the SSID creation phase.

In all the examples in this guide, names for SSIDs, profiles, pools, etc. are just for reference. You can specify your own names.

Step 3 Click Next. If not configured already, Cisco DNA Center will prompt you to create a Wireless Profile to associate with the SSID. Name of Wireless Profile in this case is “employee”. If already present, you can select one of the existing profiles. The network profile defines the type of SSID, fabric or non-fabric, and the sites where it will be broadcasted. Click Finish to create the Wireless Profile.

Under Wireless Profile it can be determined if the Profile is for an SD-Access Fabric or not and add locations where the SSIDs in this profile will be broadcasted. In the example shown below, SSID pbagga-internal is mapped to site Sanjose, and the children sites (Floor-1) will inherit the settings. Just type the first letters of the site to see it appear.

Step 4 Once the profile is configured, you can click Save and return to the main SSID page.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the DESIGN tab. In the Network Hierarchy, 'Global' is selected. Under 'Network Settings', the 'Wireless' tab is active. The main area displays 'Enterprise Wireless' profiles. A table lists two profiles: 'Network Name (SSID)' (wpa2_personal) and 'Security' (employee). A blue 'Add' button is located in the top right corner.

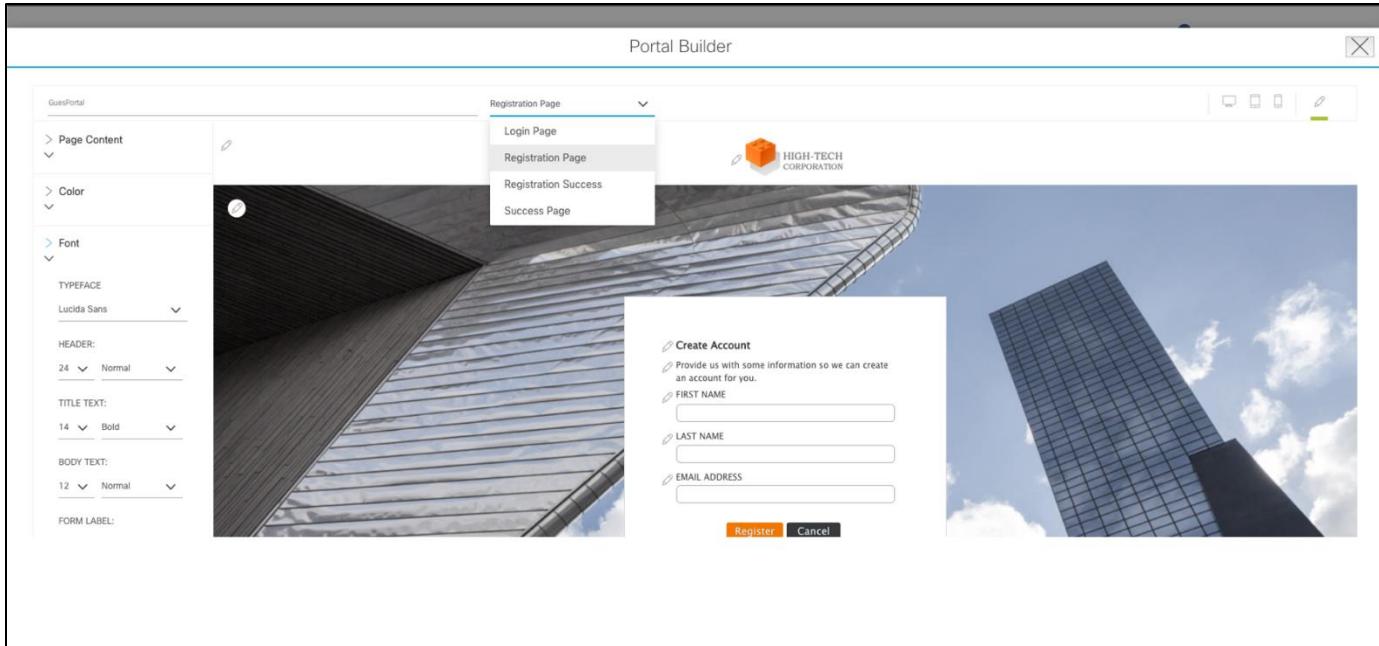
Step 5 You can now create a guest SSID. Under Guest Wireless, click the Add icon to add a guest SSID.

The screenshot shows the 'Guest Wireless Network' configuration screen. It includes fields for 'Wireless Network Name(SSID)' (Guest-WiFi), 'SSID STATE' (Admin Status and Broadcast SSID toggles), 'Level Of Security' (Web Policy selected), 'Authentication Server' (ISE Authentication selected), and 'What kind of portal are you creating today?' (Self Registered selected). On the right, it shows where guests will redirect after authentication (Original URL). Navigation buttons at the bottom include 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next'.

Step 6 Add the SSID to a network profile as you have done for the non-guest SSID.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Wireless Profile' dialog box. It contains fields for 'Wireless Profile Name' (employee), 'Fabric' (Yes selected), and 'Profiles' (a table showing one entry: 'employee' by 'admin'). The 'Attach Template(s)' section is empty. Navigation buttons at the bottom include 'Cancel' and 'Save'.

Step 7 Cisco DNA Center offers back-end integration with ISE for portal and profile configuration. The screenshot below shows the available options for portal customization. Central Web Auth (CWA) with ISE is supported.



Step 8 Click Finish to complete the Guest SSID design phase

| Portal Name | Type | Action |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| GuesPortal | Self registered | Edit Delete |

Step 9 Optionally, you can configure a customized RF profile. The profile in the design phase is then applied in the provisioning phase (described later in this guide). Scroll down the wireless page to view the available wireless radio frequency profiles.

| Profile Name | Type | 5Ghz Data Rates | 2.4Ghz Data Rates | Channel Width | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| HIGH | 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz | 12,18,24,36,48,54 | 9,12,18,24,36,48,54 | 20 MHz | View |
| LOW | 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz | 6,9,11,12,18,24,36,48,54 | 1,2,5,5,6,9,11,12,18,24,36,48,54 | 20 MHz | View |
| TYPICAL | 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz | 6,9,12,18,24,36,48,54 | 9,12,18,24,36,48,54 | 20 MHz | View |

To create a new profile, click Add. The following page is displayed.

Create Wireless Radio Frequency Profile

PROFILE NAME*
demo

PROFILE TYPE

2.4 GHz
Parent Profile
 High Medium (Typical) Low Custom

5 GHz
Parent Profile
 High Medium (Typical) Low Custom

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

Choose customization parameters (dynamic bandwidth selection, DCA channel flexibility, and HD RF settings) for the parent profile on the 2.4- or 5-GHz band.

5 GHz

Parent Profile
 High Medium (Typical) Low Custom

Channel Width
Best

| | | |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 20 MHz | UNII-2 52-144 | UNII-3 149-165 |
| 40 MHz | 52 56 60 64 | 149 153 157 161 |
| 80 MHz | 100 104 108 112 | 165 |
| 160 MHz | 116 120 124 128 | |
| Best | 132 136 140 144 | |

Data Rate
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

TX Power Configuration
Power Level
-10 dBm 10 dBm 30 dBm

Power Threshold
-80 dBm -65 dBm -50 dBm

RX SDR
Auto
High
Medium
Low
Auto

AAA server per SSID

In this section, we will discuss the AAA server per SSID feature introduced as part of the Cisco DNAC-2.2.1.0 release. Prior to Cisco DNAC-2.2.1.0 release the AAA sever used by an SSID was defined in the design network settings. The number of the AAA server that can be defined in the network settings was limited to just two. There was no way to specify a unique set of AAA servers that can be mapped to an SSID, as the AAA servers defined under the design settings page were common to the wired and wireless infrastructure. The AAA server per SSID allows an administrator to map up to six AAA servers per SSID. An upgrade from a pre-Cisco DNAC 2.2.1.0 to 2.2.1.0 or above will have the AAA server auto-populated and migrated from the network settings to the per SSID AAA server settings.

The AAA server defined for an SSID can be a mix of an ISE PSN and regular AAA servers. The feature provides the flexibility to define a different group of AAA servers for an enterprise SSID and a different set of servers for the Guest SSID. It is a common practice to isolate AAA servers for trusted and untrusted users. Administrators can also override the AAA servers defined for an SSID at the floor/building or a location within the site hierarchy. When doing an override, the Cisco DNAC will provision multiple SSID with the same name but a different profile name based on the layer where the override was done. The feature is supported on the Aire-OS-based controllers and the Catalyst 9800 Wireless LAN Controllers. The support for this feature on the EWC-9k platforms is only supported from the Cisco DNAC-2.2.2.0 release onwards.

If using Aire-OS based controllers, the maximum number of global AAA servers that can be supported on the platform is limited to 32. The sum of all the different AAA servers configured under the SSID should be within the limit of 32. If the AAA servers exceed the value of 32, a provisioning failure would occur.

The AAA server per SSID workflow on an SSID would be activated only if the security configuration on the SSID requires authentication and authorization. Any changes made to the AAA server on an SSID would require the WLC to be re-provisioned for the new settings to take effect.

The following defines the steps to enable the AAA server per SSID feature.

Step1: Integrate/add the ISE PAN/AAA servers to the Cisco DNAC.

Navigate to **System->Settings->External services ->Authentication and policy servers.**

| IP Address | Protocol | Type | Status | Actions |
|------------|----------|------|--------|---------|
| 9.4.0.66 | RADIUS | AAA | ACTIVE | ... |
| 9.1.0.19 | RADIUS | ISE | ACTIVE | ... |
| 9.3.0.61 | RADIUS | AAA | ACTIVE | ... |
| 9.4.0.65 | RADIUS | AAA | ACTIVE | ... |
| 9.22.0.68 | RADIUS | AAA | ACTIVE | ... |

Step2: The next step is to create an SSID, and map the AAA servers on the SSID. The AAA server mapping can be done while creating the SSID. Any modification to the AAA server can be done post SSID creation by navigating to the **Design->Network Settings**.

Cisco DNA Design

Network Device IP Address Pools SP Profiles **Wireless**

Find Hierarchy Enterprise Wireless Add

Global US

Filter Edit Delete

| <input type="checkbox"/> Network Name (SSID) ▲ | Security | Wireless Profiles | Action |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-1x | wpa2_enterprise | fabric | Configure AAA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-2-1x | wpa2_enterprise | fabric | Configure AAA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-3-1x | wpa2_enterprise | fabric | Configure AAA |

Network Dev IP Address Pools SP Profiles **Wireless**

Find Hierarchy Enterprise Wireless

Global US

Filter Edit Delete

| <input type="checkbox"/> Network Name (SSID) ▲ | Security |
|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-1x | wpa2_ent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-2-1x | wpa2_ent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-3-1x | wpa2_ent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-4-1x | wpa2_ent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-5-1x | wpa2_ent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-6-1x | wpa2_ent |

Configure AAA Server for sand-mg-1x

This feature is supported for EWC, AireOS, C9800 and AireOSME platforms.

No AAA configured yet. Click + to configure

Select Value

+

Click on "+" icon to add multiple AAA servers.

Cisco DNA Design - Network Settings

Network Device Address Pools SP Profiles

Find Hierarchy Enterprise Wireless

Global US

Filter Edit Delete

| <input type="checkbox"/> Network Name (SSID) ▲ | Security |
|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-1x | wpa2_ent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-2-1x | wpa2_ent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sand-mg-3-1x | wpa2_ent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interface Name ▲ | |

Configure AAA Server for sand-mg-2-1x

This feature is supported for EWC, AireOS, C9800 and AireOSME platforms.

Server 9.2.0.62 Additional Server 9.2.0.61

Additional Server 9.2.0.63 Additional Server 9.2.0.64

Additional Server 9.2.0.65 Additional Server 9.2.0.66

Cancel **Configure**

Step4: This is an optional step. To override the AAA server per site. Navigate to the respective site and modify the AAA server. The icon shows the SSID inherits the settings such as a AAA server from the global configuration and the absence of it signifies the configuration is overridden at the site level.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface. On the left, the navigation pane is visible with sections like Network, Device Creden, Address Pools, SP Profiles, and Wireless. The Wireless tab is selected. The main area shows a hierarchy of sites: Global, US, San Jose, and Santa Clara. In the San Jose site, there are two B1 sub-sites, each containing an F1 profile. The F1 profile under the B1 site is highlighted with a red box. The right side of the screen displays a configuration dialog titled "Configure AAA Server for sand-mg-3-1x". It includes a note: "Only PSK, AAA Configuration, Mac Filtering and overriding other settings are supported for this feature." The configuration table lists several SSIDs and their associated AAA servers. A specific row for "sand-mg-1x" has a red arrow pointing to the icon next to the SSID name, which is described by a tooltip as "The settings are inherited global". The configuration table rows are as follows:

| Network Name (SSID) | Security |
|---------------------|----------|
| sand-mg-1x | wpa2_ent |
| sand-mg-2-1x | wpa2_ent |
| sand-mg-3-1x | wpa2_ent |
| sand-mg-4-1x | wpa2_ent |

Below the table, there are sections for "Server" (9.33.0.61), "Additional Server" (9.33.0.62), "Additional Server" (9.33.0.63), "Additional Server" (9.33.0.65), "Additional Server" (9.33.0.66), and a "Configure" button.

Step4: Provision the WLC to have the SSID and AAA server configs to be pushed on the WLC. To provision, the WLC navigate to **Provision->Inventory**. Select the WLC and on the action tab select provision.

Once the WLC is provisioned successfully. For an Aire-OS based controller, the AAA servers are configured globally and mapped to the SSID. For the Catalyst 9800 based Controllers, the Cisco DNAC uses the following sequence to map the AAA server per SSID. AAA Servers are created first and the servers get mapped to a server group. The server groups now get mapped into a method list and the method list is mapped to the SSID. For Accounting, the method list is mapped to the respective policy profile used by the SSID.

CISCO MONITOR WLANs CONTROLLER WIRELESS SECURITY MANAGEMENT FEEDBACK

Security RADIUS Authentication Servers

AAA

- General
- RADIUS
 - Authentication** (highlighted)
 - Accounting
 - Auth Cached Users
 - Fallback
 - DNS
 - Downloaded AVP
- TACACS+
- LDAP
- Local Net Users
- MAC Filtering
- Disabled Clients
- User Login Policies
- AP Policies
- Password Policies
- Local EAP**
- Advanced EAP
- Priority Order**
- Certificate**
- Access Control Lists**
- Wireless Protection Policies**
- Web Auth**
- TrustSec**
- Local Policies
- Umbrella
- Advanced**

Auth Called Station ID Type: AP MAC Address:SSID

Use AES Key Wrap: (Designed for FIPS customers and requires a key server)

MAC Delimiter: Hyphen

Framed MTU: 1300

| Network User | Management | Tunnel Proxy | Server Index | Server Address(Ipv4/Ipv6) | Port | IPSec | Admin Status |
|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | * | | 9.1.0.19 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 2 | | | 9.5.0.66 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 3 | | | 9.6.0.66 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 4 | | | 9.4.0.64 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 5 | | | 9.4.0.63 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 6 | | | 9.4.0.62 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 7 | | | 9.5.0.63 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 8 | | | 9.5.0.64 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 9 | | | 9.4.0.61 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 10 | | | 9.5.0.65 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 11 | | | 9.6.0.61 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 12 | | | 9.5.0.61 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 13 | | | 9.5.0.62 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 14 | | | 9.6.0.62 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 15 | | | 9.6.0.64 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 16 | | | 9.6.0.63 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 17 | | | 9.6.0.65 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 18 | | | 9.4.0.66 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |
| 19 | | | 9.4.0.65 | 1812 | Disabled | Enabled | |

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Welcome sa. ?

Configuration > Security > AAA

Servers / Groups (highlighted)

+ AAA Wizard

+ Add X Delete

RADIUS

Servers (highlighted)

Servers Groups

| Name | Address | Auth Port | Acct Port |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| dnac-radius_9.1.0.19 | 9.1.0.19 | 1812 | 1813 |
| dnac-radius_9.2.0.61 | 9.2.0.61 | 1812 | 1813 |
| dnac-radius_9.2.0.62 | 9.2.0.62 | 1812 | 1813 |
| dnac-radius_9.2.0.63 | 9.2.0.63 | 1812 | 1813 |
| dnac-radius_9.2.0.64 | 9.2.0.64 | 1812 | 1813 |
| dnac-radius_9.2.0.65 | 9.2.0.65 | 1812 | 1813 |

Items per page: 10

Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller

Configuration > Security > AAA

Servers / Groups AAA Method List AAA Advanced

+ Add X Delete

RADIUS

| Name | Server 1 | Server 2 | Server 3 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-1x-10f0c47f | dnac-radius_9.1.0.19 | dnac-radius_9.1.0.28 | dnac-radius_9.1.0.67 |
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-2--004b60df | dnac-radius_9.2.3.66 | dnac-radius_9.2.3.229 | dnac-radius_9.2.3.214 |
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-3---98fab1a0 | dnac-radius_9.3.0.62 | dnac-radius_9.3.0.61 | dnac-radius_9.3.0.63 |
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-4--45b185e3 | dnac-radius_9.4.0.61 | dnac-radius_9.4.0.62 | dnac-radius_9.4.0.63 |
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-5--acecb2d5 | dnac-radius_9.5.0.61 | dnac-radius_9.5.0.62 | dnac-radius_9.5.0.63 |
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-6--6ff08086 | dnac-radius_9.6.0.61 | dnac-radius_9.6.0.62 | dnac-radius_9.6.0.63 |
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-2--e61ed710 | dnac-radius_9.2.0.62 | dnac-radius_9.2.0.61 | dnac-radius_9.2.0.63 |
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-3---96d4baef3 | dnac-radius_9.3.0.62 | dnac-radius_9.3.0.61 | dnac-radius_9.3.0.63 |
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-4--a5f7cf59 | dnac-radius_9.4.0.61 | dnac-radius_9.4.0.62 | dnac-radius_9.4.0.63 |
| dnac-rGrp-sand-mg-5--6d1065fe | dnac-radius_9.5.0.61 | dnac-radius_9.5.0.62 | dnac-radius_9.5.0.63 |

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MONITOR WLANS CONTROLLER WIRELESS SECURITY MANAGEMENT COMMANDS HELP

WLANs WLANs Edit 'sand-mg-5_Global_F_6fa4f30b'

General Security QoS Policy-Mapping Advanced

Layer 2 Layer 3 AAA Servers

Select AAA servers below to override use of default servers on this WLAN

RADIUS Servers

RADIUS Server Overwrite interface Enabled
Apply Cisco ISE Default Settings Enabled

| Authentication Servers | | Accounting Servers | | EAP Parameters | |
|---|------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled | IP:9.5.0.61, Port:1812 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled | IP:9.5.0.61, Port:1813 | Enable | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Server 1 | IP:9.5.0.62, Port:1812 | Server 2 | IP:9.5.0.62, Port:1813 | | |
| Server 3 | IP:9.5.0.63, Port:1812 | Server 4 | IP:9.5.0.63, Port:1813 | | |
| Server 5 | IP:9.5.0.64, Port:1812 | Server 6 | IP:9.5.0.64, Port:1813 | | |
| Server 6 | IP:9.5.0.65, Port:1812 | | IP:9.5.0.65, Port:1813 | | |
| | Server 1 | | Server 2 | | |
| | IP:9.5.0.66, Port:1812 | | IP:9.5.0.66, Port:1813 | | |

Authorization ACA Server Accounting ACA Server

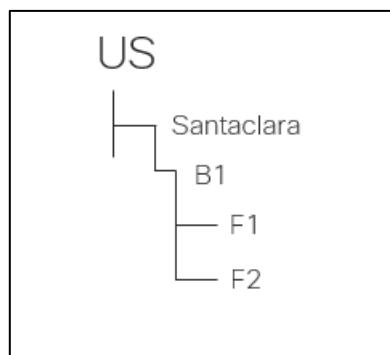
Enabled Enabled
Server None None

The screenshot shows the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller interface. In the top navigation bar, the path 'Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs' is highlighted with a red box. On the right side, the 'Edit WLAN' panel has the 'Security' tab selected, also highlighted with a red box. Within the 'Security' tab, the 'AAA' sub-tab is selected, highlighted with another red box. Below these tabs, there is a section titled 'Authentication List' containing a dropdown menu with the value 'drac-cts-sand-mg-'. The main content area displays a table of WLAN configurations, with the second row selected (highlighted in blue) and showing the name 'sand-mg-2-_F1_F_6283e5cc'.

AAA Sever Override

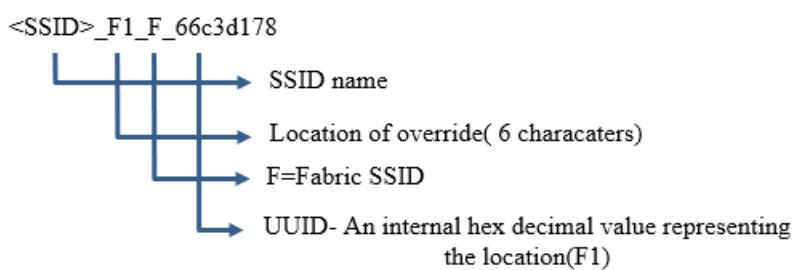
As outlined in step4 the AAA server per SSID feature, the AAA servers are inherited from the global settings. The administrator has an option to override the AAA server on a per-site/location/building or a per-floor basis. In the case where an override for the AAA server is done, the Cisco DNAC provisions multiple SSID with the same name but a different profile name. Each of these SSID would have a unique set of AAA servers based on the override.

Let us take an example to understand the provisioning logic on the Cisco DNAC when an override is done on a per floor basis. The logic is similar even if the override is done on a per-site/location or per building.



In this case, we have a fabric site at the site hierarchy level “Santa Clara” and are overriding the AAA server on floor-1 and floor-2 under the building “B1”. The Cisco DNAC will now provision the two SSID with the same name but mapped to two different profile names. The way to differentiate between the SSID would be based on a unique identified WLAN profile name. Cisco DNAC will also provision the respective policy profile and create a policy tag and have that attached to the AP when an AP is assigned for that respective location.

The WLAN profile created by the Cisco DNAC follows the logic as defined below. The following nomenclature is used by the Cisco DNAC to derive the WLAN profile name. <SSID>_F1_F_66c3d178 and <SSID>_F2_F_3f83cc83.



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show wlan summary

Number of WLANs: 2

ID Profile Name           SSID          Status   Security
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
17    fabricssid_F1_F_66c3d178  fabricssid  UP      [WPA2] [802.1x] [AES]
18    fabricssid_F2_F_3f83cc83  fabricssid  UP      [WPA2] [802.1x] [AES]

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SD-Access policy

In SD-Access, the network policy is a group-based policy based on Cisco TrustSec®. Virtual networks (VNs) (the equivalent of VRFs) and scalable group tags (SGTs) are used to provide a hierarchical network policy and segmentation: at a macro level, you can use VNs to completely separate groups of users, from a control plane and data plane perspective. This is stateful segmentation, as you would usually go through a firewall to allow inter-VRF traffic. Within the VN, SGTs allow customers to implement micro-segmentation and define a stateless policy between users based on secure group access control lists (SGACLs). The beauty of SD-Access is that this applies to both wired and wireless users.

In the subsequent section, we would create a policy between two groups in the fabric and assign a contract. A contract “demo_access” is created to allow HTTP access between the two user groups “employees” and “pci_servers”.

To assign an SGT to a user, refer to the Identity service Engine(ISE) guide for segmentation.

[ISE Segmentation Guide](#).

Procedure

Step 1 In Policy > Virtual Network page, create a new VN by clicking the “+” icon. Choose a name and assign scalable groups to the VN. This is an optional step.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface with the 'Virtual Network' tab selected. A new Virtual Network named 'IoT' is being created. The 'Available Scalable Groups' section lists various groups such as Auditors, BYOD, Contractors, Developers, etc. The 'Groups in the Virtual Network' section shows three groups assigned: Point_of_Sale_Sys, PCI_Servers, and Unknown.

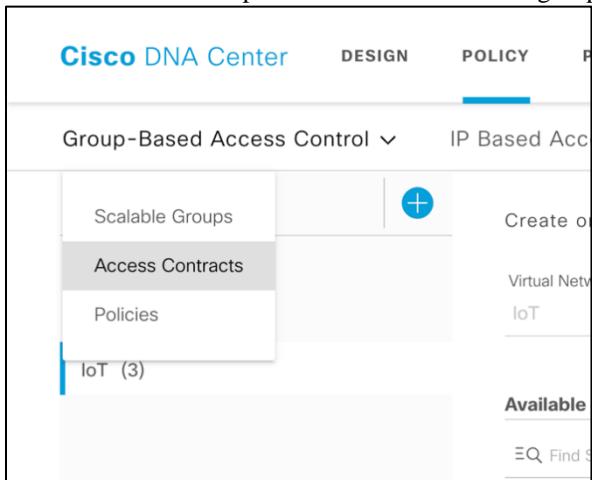
The reason you might want to add groups (SGTs) to a VN at this point will become clear in the onboarding section: if you want

to statically assign an SGT to an SSID or a port, you can do it through a pool association, and when selecting the SGT you can choose from the ones you have included in the VN at this point.

Step 2 Click Save to create the VN.

Upon successful creation, you will see a message pop up in the lower right corner of the screen.

Step 3 Next, click Policy > Group-Based Access Control > Access Contracts to add a Contract. A contract is where you define what traffic is permitted between scalable groups.



Click the Add Contract icon on the top right corner of the window to open up the contract editor as shown below. In this example, we have created “demo_access” with Permit action for a specific port/protocol, in this case HTTPs. Note the implicit Deny action; you can change it to default Permit. Click Save to create the contract.

| Name | Description | Rules Count | Deployed | Policies |
|--------------------|--|-------------|----------|----------|
| AllowDHCPDNS | Sample contract to allow DHCP and DNS | 2 | No | 0 |
| AllowWeb | Sample contract to allow access to Web | 2 | No | 1 |
| Deny IP | Deny IP SGACL | | No | 3 |
| Deny_IP_Log | Deny IP with logging | | No | 0 |
| DenyRemoteServices | Sample contract to block Remote Access and telnet services | 4 | No | 0 |
| (3) | | | | |

Create Access Contract

| Name* | demo_access | Description | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| CONTRACT CONTENT (1) | | | | | | | | |
| # | Action* | Application | Transport Protocol | Source / Destination | Port | Logging | Action | |
| 1 | Permit | http | TCP | Destination | 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> | + X | |
| Default Action | | Permit | Logging | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

Cancel Save

A new contract is created but it is not yet deployed. To deploy it, click on the new contract checkbox and click on Deploy.

Cisco DNA Center DESIGN POLICY PROVISION ASSURANCE PLATFORM

Migration is complete. Cisco DNA Center will be the policy administration point, and screens of Scalable Groups, Access Contracts and Policies in Cisco ISE will be read-only. You can review the policy migration log, and/or change the administration mode in [GBAC Configurations](#) X

Group-Based Access Control ▾ IP Based Access Control ▾ Application ▾ Traffic Copy ▾ Virtual Network

Last updated: 5:07 PM [Refresh](#) + Create Access Contract

Access Contracts (9)

| <input type="checkbox"/> Name | Description | Rules Count | Deployed | Policies |
|---|--|-------------|----------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AllowDHCPDNS | Sample contract to allow DHCP and DNS | 2 | No | 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sync not started | Sample contract to allow access to Web | 2 | No | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> demo_access | | 1 | No | 0 |

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Group-Based Access Control ▾ IP Based Access Control ▾ Application ▾ Traffic Copy ▾ Virtual Network

Access Contracts (9)

| <input type="checkbox"/> Name | Description | Rule |
|---|--|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AllowDHCPDNS | Sample contract to allow DHCP and DNS | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AllowWeb | Sample contract to allow access to Web | 2 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> demo_access | | 1 |

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the Policy tab. In the Group-Based Access Control section, the 'Access Contracts' tab is selected. There are three contracts listed:

- AllowDHCPDNS**: Sample contract to allow DHCP and DNS. Rules Count: 2, Deployed: Yes, Policies: 0.
- AllowWeb**: Sample contract to allow access to Web. Rules Count: 2, Deployed: Yes, Policies: 1.
- demo_access**: Rules Count: 1, Deployed: Yes, Policies: 0.

The screenshot is for reference only. You can name the contract as per your choice and assign any permission to it.

Step 4 Lastly, create a group-based access policy using the contract (created in step 3) to tie scalable groups together. Go to **Policy > Group-Based Access Control > Policies**.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the Policy tab. In the Group-Based Access Control section, the 'Policies' tab is selected. It displays the following components:

- Scalable Groups**: (9)
- Access Contracts**
- Policies**

Step 5 In the Policy you will notice a Matrix with Source and Destination Scalable Groups. Click on any of the combinations of Scalable groups, for example: Employees > PCI_Servers.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the Policy tab. In the Group-Based Access Control section, the 'Policies' tab is selected. A 'Create Policy' dialog box is open, showing a matrix for defining the policy. The matrix has 'Employees' as the source and 'PCI_Servers' as the destination. The matrix cells are colored red, yellow, or green, indicating different policy types (Permit, Deny, Custom). The right-hand side pane shows the policy details:

- Employee → PCI_Servers Default**
- Policy Status**: Enabled
- Contract**: Change Contract

Click on Change Contract from the right-hand side pane and select the “demo_access” contract that we created in the last step. This is Policy between Employee and PCI_Servers.

[Edit Policy](#) [Create Contract](#)

Change Contract

[Filter](#)

| Name | Description | Policies Referencing |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| demo_access | | 0 |
| Deny IP | Deny IP SGACL | 3 |
| Deny_IP_Log | Deny IP with logging | 0 |
| dfsdaf | dfsdafdsf | 0 |
| Permit IP | Permit IP SGACL | 1 |
| Permit_IP_Log | Permit IP with logging | 0 |
| AllowWeb | Sample contract to allow access to Web | 1 |
| AllowDHCPDNS | Sample contract to allow DHCP and DNS | 0 |
| DenyRemoteServices | Sample contract to block Remote Access and telnet services | 0 |

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Click on Change and Save to see that this policy gets applied.

Verify from the Policies Matrix page that the Scalable Group Access List policy got created.

Cisco DNA Center DESIGN POLICY PROVISION ASSURANCE PLATFORM

Migration is complete. Cisco DNA Center will be the policy administration point, and screens of Scalable Groups, Access Contracts and Policies in Cisco ISE

Group-Based Access Control ▾ IP Based Access Control ▾ Application ▾ Traffic Copy ▾ Virtual Network

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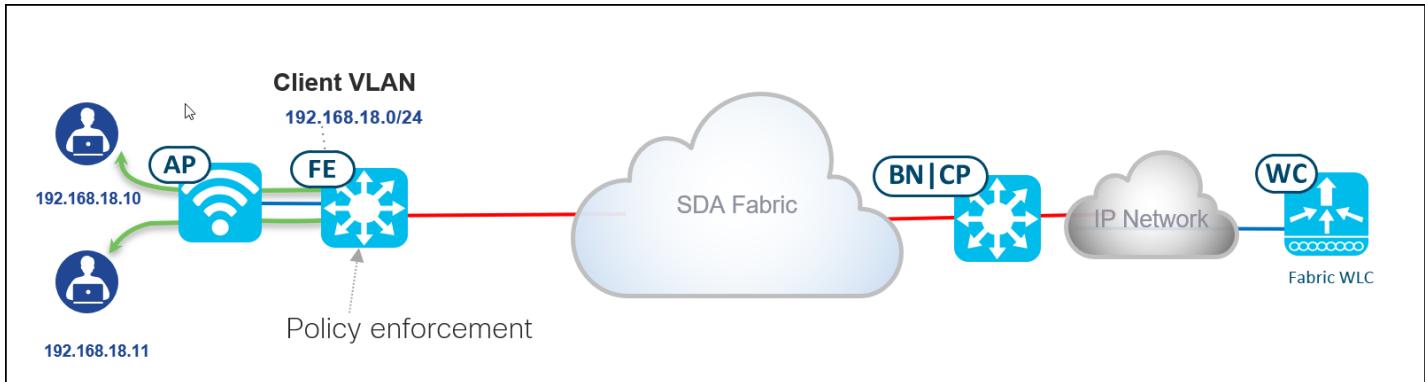
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| Auditors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Contractors | | | | ■ Deny | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Developers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Development_S... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employees | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ Permit | | | | | | |
| Faculty | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Guests | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Network_Service... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PCI_Servers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Point_of_Sale... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Printers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production_Ser... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Employees > **demo_access** > PCI_Servers
PCI_Servers > Default Policy > Employees

The above screenshot is for illustration purposes only. Create a policy depending on your selection of scalable groups.

Peer to Peer Blocking

One of the most common features used in the wireless network is peer to peer blocking. Peer to peer blocking is used in scenarios where an Administrator would want to restrict users in the same SSID to talk to each other. The most common use-case for guest traffic is where untrusted users are not allowed to communicate with each other for security reasons. To achieve peer to peer blocking in SD-Access fabric we would need to create a policy that defines the same SGT as the source and destination and deny IP communication between them. Native peer to peer blocking is NOT supported on the SDA-wireless. An administrator would have to use the Cisco Trustsec policy to achieve the desired output.



Traffic flow between clients connected to the same AP/SSID and on the same VLAN will always get switched at the Fabric edge, the AP encapsulates the traffic in a VxLAN tunnel to the fabric edge and the fabric edge does the switching of the traffic back to the same AP. By having the fabric edge to do the switching, the policy enforcement for peer to peer blocking can be achieved by having an SGACL that denies IP communication between the SGT's. The fabric edge downloads the SGACL from the Identity Service Engine (ISE) and can do the enforcement.

SD-Access overlay provisioning

The Provision section is where you push the network configurations to the devices.

Device (WLC) provisioning

Procedure

- Step 1** From the top menu, select the Provision tab.

Begin the provisioning process by selecting the WLC and associating it to the sites previously created during the design phase.

- Step 2** Select the WLC using a single click. Once it is selected, pull down the Actions menu and choose Assign Device to Site, and then assign it to the location where the WLC is physically located. This step is important to assign the WLC to a regulatory domain corresponding to the site where it is physically located. The site needs to be a building or a floor – in other words, a site with coordinates.

Note The above screenshot is for illustration purposes only. Please select your network WLC.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface. The top navigation bar includes DESIGN, POLICY, PROVISION, ASSURANCE, and PLATFORM. The main menu on the left has Devices, Fabric, and Services selected. The central area displays a device inventory with 6 entries. The 'FOCUS' dropdown is set to 'Inventory'. The 'REACHABILITY' filter is set to 'All'. A table lists devices with columns for Device Name, Site, Reachability, MAC Address, Device Role, Image Version, and Uptime. One device, 'WLC-3504', is selected. A context menu for this device is open, showing options like 'Inventory', 'Software Image', 'Provision', 'Device Replacement', and 'Others'. The 'Provision' option is highlighted. The table shows the following data:

| Device Name | Site | Reachability | MAC Address | Device Role | Image Version | Uptime |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| CONTROL-PLANE.cisco.com | 22/Floor3 | Reachable | d4:ad:71:30:a7:00 | DISTRIBUTION | 16.11.1c | 14 days 20 hrs 18 mins |
| FE1-9300-03.cisco.com | 22/Floor3 | Reachable | 00:29:c2:2e:0e:00 | ACCESS | 16.11.1c | 18 days 16 hrs 13 mins |
| FE2-9300-04.cisco.com | 22/Floor3 | Reachable | 00:29:c2:27:51:00 | ACCESS | 16.11.1c | 18 days 16 hrs 08 mins |
| INT-BOR.cisco.com | 22/Floor3 | Reachable | 38:ed:18:67:46:00 | DISTRIBUTION | 16.11.1c | 43 days 20 hrs 48 mins |
| pb-fusion-router | 22/Floor3 | Reachable | c0:67:af:d4:af:80 | ACCESS | 16.11.20190312:035643 | 107 days 20 hrs 06 mins |
| WLC-3504 | 192.168.1.10 | Supported | 00:bc:60:fd:81:00 | ACCESS | 8.8.100.0 | 209 days 1 hrs 55 mins |

A modal dialog titled 'Choose a site' is displayed. It shows a hierarchical tree structure under 'Find Hierarchy': Global (1) > San Jose (1) > Building 22 (1) > Floor3. The 'Building 22 (1)' node is currently selected.

If you want to configure stateful switchover high availability (SSO HA), you need to add the second WLC to the same site at this point. Then, from the same Device Inventory page, click the WLC you want to configure as primary and go to the High Availability tab. Here enter the Management and Redundancy Management information for both the primary and secondary controllers and then click OK. The controllers will reboot, and after some time you will see only one WLC in the inventory. From now on, you can continue to provision as if it was a single WLC.

WLC-3504 (192.168.1.10)

Reachable Uptime: 209 days 1 hours 55 minutes

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| Details | Interfaces | Wireless Info | Mobility |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Device Name | WLC-3504 | Location | Global/San Jose/Building 22/Floor3 |
| Device Type | Wireless Controller | Reachability | Reachable |
| IP Address | 192.168.1.10 | Uptime | 209 days 1 hours 55 minutes |
| Last Sync Status | Managed | Role | ACCESS |
| MAC Address | 00:bc:60:fd:81:00 | | |

INVENTORY

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| Serial Number | FCW2221M0JT | Resync Interval | 6 hours |
| Last synced | 3 hours ago | Series | Cisco 3500 Series Wireless LAN Controller |
| Platform | AIR-CT3504-K9 | | |

SOFTWARE IMAGES

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Software Image | Cisco Controller | Software Version | 8.8.100.0 |
| Image Series | - | Update Status | This image needs to be golden |

PROVISION

| | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|
| Provision Status | Not Provisioned | Last Provisioned | - |
| Credential Status | Not Provisioned | | |

Step 3 Once the WLC is added to the site, select it and click Provision.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'PROVISION' tab. On the left, the device tree shows 'Global' and 'San Jose'. In the center, a table lists devices with columns: Device Name, IF, REACHABILITY, Device Family, Site, Reachability, MAC Address, Device Role, Image Version, and Uptime. The row for 'WLC-3504' is highlighted. On the right, a context menu is open over the WLC-3504 row, showing options like 'Inventory', 'Software Image', 'Provision', 'Device Replacement', 'Others', 'Learn Device Config', and 'Configure WLC HA'. The 'Provision' option is the second item in the list.

Step 4 Select the location where the WLC is placed, the Settings defined in the network profiles such as the Syslog/SNMP and NTP are pushed to the WLC

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'PROVISION' tab. In the 'Provision Devices' section, step 1 'Assign Site' is highlighted. A WLC-3504 device is listed with its serial number FCW2221M0JT. To the right, a location entry 'Global/San Jose/Building 22/Floor3' is shown with a delete icon.

Step 5 Select the AP locations managed by this WLC. It is important to select the floors where you will have APs deployed, if any. Click Next.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'PROVISION' tab. In the 'Provision Devices' section, step 2 'Configuration' is highlighted. The WLC-3504 device is selected, and its role is set to 'Active Main WLC'. Below, there are options for 'Guest Anchor' and 'Select Secondary Managed AP Locations'. A 'Mobility Group' section is also visible.

Step 6 Review the configuration – system details, global settings for authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA), DHCP, DNS servers, SSID, and managed sites that will be pushed as part of WLC provisioning from Cisco DNA Center. Click Deploy.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'PROVISION' tab. In the 'Provision Devices' section, step 3 'Advanced Configuration' is highlighted. The WLC-3504 device is selected, and its configuration details are displayed. These include 'Device Details' (Device Name: WLC-3504, Platform ID: AIR-CT3504-K9, Device IP: 192.168.1.10, Device Location: Global/San Jose/Building 22/Floor3, Device Role: Active Main WLC), 'Network Setting' (AAA Client Server, DHCP Server, DNS Domain Name, DNS Primary Server), and 'SSID (employee)' (Name: pbaggia-internal, Type: Enterprise, Security: wpa2_personal, Fast Transition: Adaptive, Traffic Type: Voice + Data, Fabric Enabled: No, Fast Lane enabled: No, Mac Filtering Enabled: No, Flex Connect Enabled: No, Broadcast Enabled: Yes). At the bottom, there are 'Cancel' and 'Deploy' buttons.

Note: The Country code of the WLC is chosen based on the region where the Access point is mapped. If the WLC is managing the Access Point mapped to a region for example: India and the US. Then the country code pushed by the DNAC is "US, IN". The

country code is mapped to a Building and the floors beneath it inherit it from the building.
Refer to the screenshot below to understand the country codes pushed to the WLC by the Cisco DNA Center.

The screenshot shows the 'Provision Devices' interface in Cisco DNA Center. The top navigation bar has tabs: 1 Assign Site, 2 Configuration, 3 Advanced Configuration, and 4 Summary (which is highlighted with a red box). Below the tabs, there's a section titled 'MFP Client Protection' with an 'Optional' link. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Managed Sites' (highlighted with a red box), 'Primary WLC:', 'Rolling AP Upgrade', and 'AP Reboot Percentage'. The 'Managed Sites' section lists four sites: Global/colorado/denver/BGL11/F1, Global/colorado/denver/bangalore/F1 (India), Global/colorado/denver/Japan (Japan), and Global/colorado/denver/Japan/f1 (Japan).

Step 7 The configuration pushed through Cisco DNA Center can be viewed on the WLC, such as the RADIUS server for authentication and accounting. Also, two WLANs are created with WLAN ID >17 and status disabled, one for each site the WLAN is associated with. The WLANs will be disabled until you configure Host Onboarding and assign a pool to the SSID.

The screenshot shows the 'Security' configuration page on a Cisco WLC. The left sidebar menu includes: AAA (General, RADIUS, TACACS+), Local EAP, Advanced EAP, Priority Order, Certificate, Access Control Lists, Wireless Protection Policies, Web Auth, TrustSec, Local Policies, Umbrella, and Advanced. The main panel is titled 'RADIUS Authentication Servers' and contains fields for 'Auth Called Station ID Type' (set to 'AP MAC Address:SSID'), 'Use AES Key Wrap' (checkbox checked), 'MAC Delimiter' (set to 'Hyphen'), and 'Framed MTU' (set to '1300'). A table lists a single server entry: Network User Management Tunnel Proxy Server Index Server Address(Ipv4/Ipv6) Port IPSec Admin Status. The entry shows: Network User (checked), Management (checked), Tunnel Proxy (unchecked), Server Index '1', Server Address '10.195.180.131', Port '1812', IPSec 'Disabled', Admin Status 'Enabled'. There are 'Apply' and 'New...' buttons at the top right.

The screenshot shows the 'WLANs' configuration page on a Cisco WLC. The left sidebar menu includes: WLANs (WLANs, Advanced). The main panel is titled 'WLANs' and shows 'Entries 1 - 2 of 2'. It has a 'Current Filter:' dropdown set to 'None' with buttons for '[Change Filter]' and '[Clear Filter]'. A 'Create New' button and a 'Go' button are also present. A table lists two WLAN entries: WLAN ID, Type, Profile Name, WLAN SSID, Admin Status, and Security Policies. The entries are: WLAN ID 17, Type WLAN, Profile Name Internal03_F_2866e, WLAN SSID Internal03, Admin Status Disabled, Security Policies [WPA2][Auth(802.1X)]; WLAN ID 18, Type WLAN, Profile Name Guest03_F_450ae, WLAN SSID Guest03, Admin Status Disabled, Security Policies MAC Filtering.

Screenshot for Cisco Catalyst 9800 WLC:

The screenshot shows the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller interface. The top navigation bar includes the Cisco logo, the device name "Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller", and a date/time stamp "16.12.21". On the left, there's a sidebar with links for Dashboard, Monitoring, Configuration (which is selected and highlighted with a red box), Administration, and Troubleshooting. The main content area has tabs for "Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs". Below this are buttons for "+ Add", "Delete", "Enable WLAN", and "Disable WLAN". A message "Number of WLANs selected : 0" is displayed above a table. The table lists two WLAN entries: "sand-cyclops-global_F_88f47f3f" (ID 17) and "A\$Soc1at#_Global_F_3883b8c1" (ID 18). Both entries have a red error icon next to them. The table includes columns for Status, Name, ID, SSID, and Security. At the bottom of the table are pagination controls showing "10 items per page".

Note:

The above screenshots are for illustration purposes only. You will see your network-related configuration (IP address and names) on the WLC.

Now that Cisco DNA Center is aware of where devices reside within the sites, you can begin the fabric provisioning.

Creating fabric

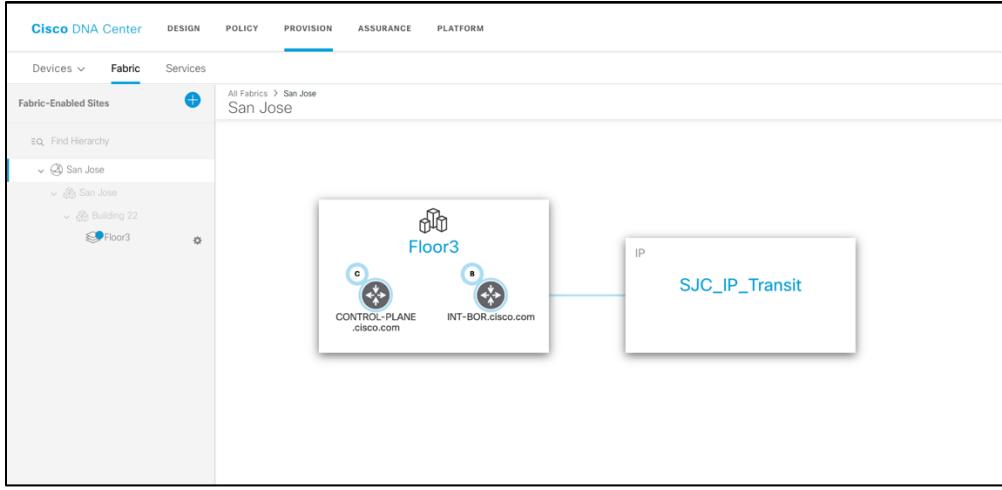
Procedure

Step 1 Select Fabric from the menu. You will be taken to a new page for creating and managing the SD-Access fabric.

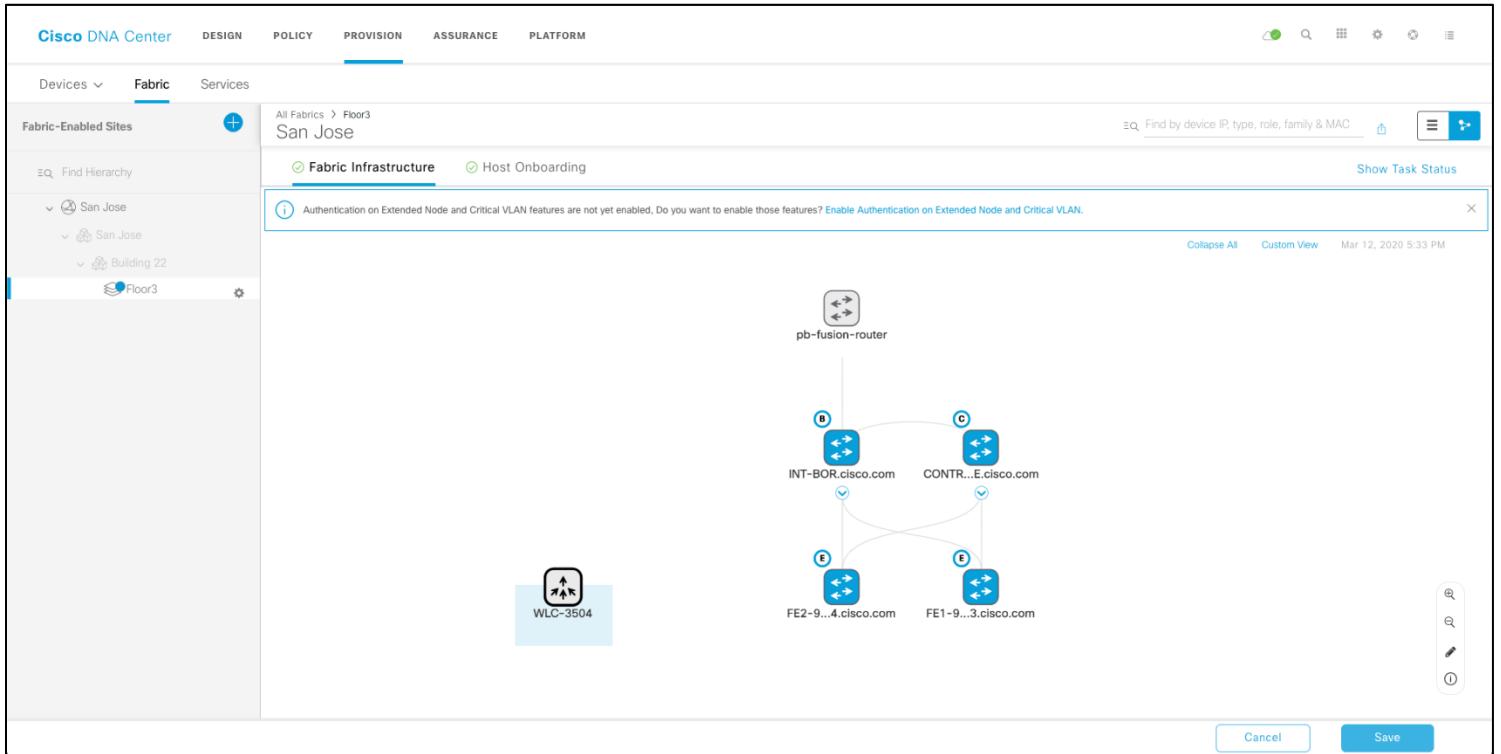
Step 2 You can create a new fabric or click Default LAN Fabric. In the example below, we have created a new fabric called San Jose.

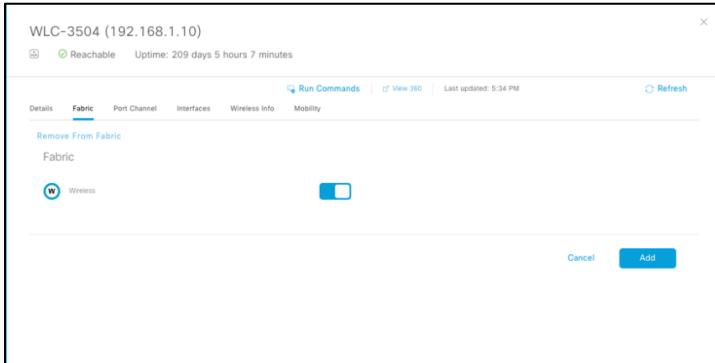
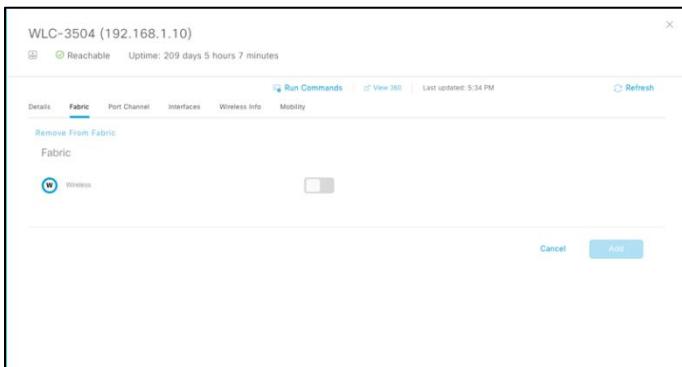
The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface. The top navigation bar includes the Cisco DNA Center logo, and tabs for DESIGN, POLICY, PROVISION (which is selected and highlighted with a blue underline), ASSURANCE, and PLATFORM. Below this, a secondary navigation bar shows "Devices" (selected), "Fabric" (which is highlighted with a blue underline), and "Services". The main content area is titled "SD-Access Fabrics and Transit/Peer Networks" and contains the sub-instruction "Choose a Fabric or Transit/Peer Network below to manage, or add a new item by clicking 'Add Fabric or Transit/Peer Network'". Below this, there's a section titled "Fabrics" with a blue information icon. Two fabric cards are visible: "Default LAN Fabric" (0 Site, 0 Fabric Device, 0 Control Plane, 0 Border LAN) and "San Jose" (1 Site, 4 Fabric Device, 1 Control Plane, 1 Border LAN). Each card has a small trash can icon in the top right corner.

In San Jose Fabric, click on "Floor 3"

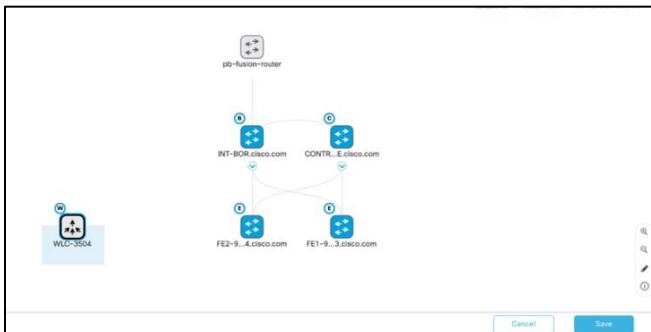


Step 3 Click Select Devices and add nodes to the fabric. To add a device to the fabric, just click the WLC-3504 and select the Wireless radio button to add the WLC to Fabric. Click Add.

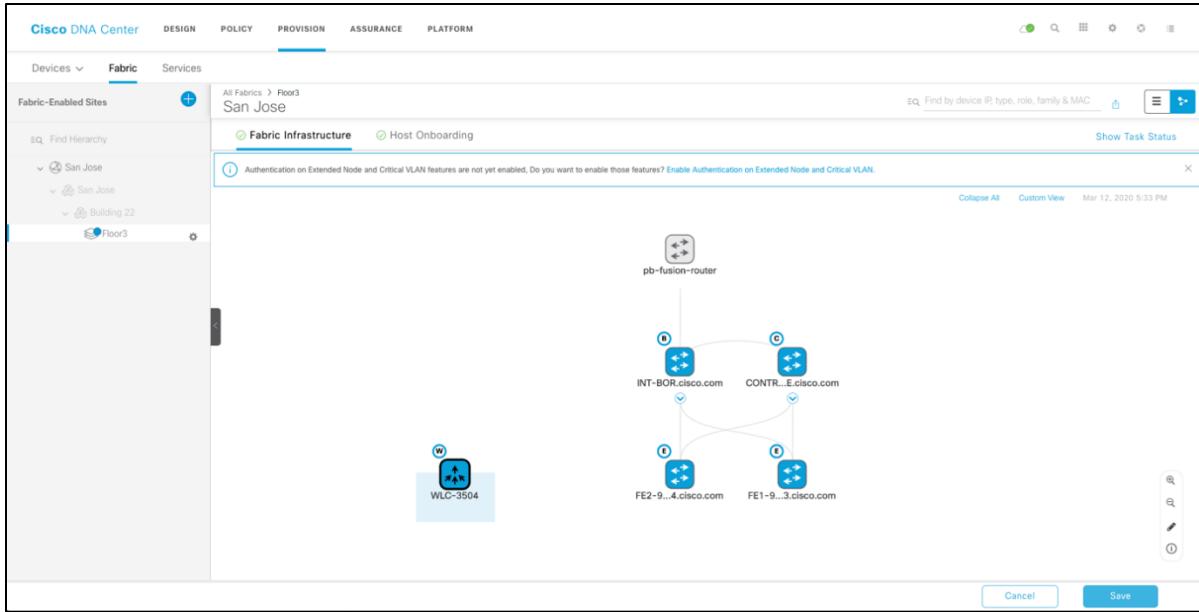




Click Save and Apply to push the configurations to WLC and make it part of the Fabric.



Step 4 The devices should change color from grey to blue once they are added to the fabric, as shown in the example below.



Note The above screenshot is for illustration purposes only. You may have multiple nodes as part of the fabric.

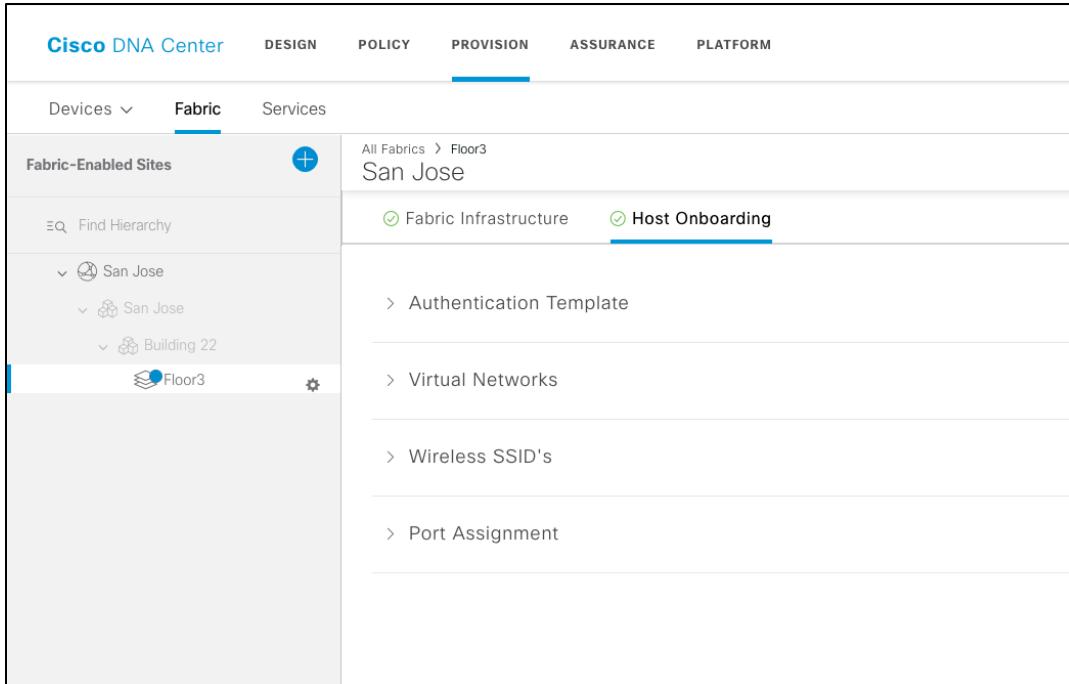
AP and host onboarding

In this guide, it is assumed that the fabric wired network has been provisioned already, so after adding the WLC it's time to onboard APs and wireless clients. For this, IP address pools need to be added to enable APs and wireless hosts to communicate within the fabric. When an IP pool is configured in SD-Access, Cisco DNA Center immediately connects to each edge node to create the appropriate switch virtual interface (SVI) to allow the hosts to communicate.

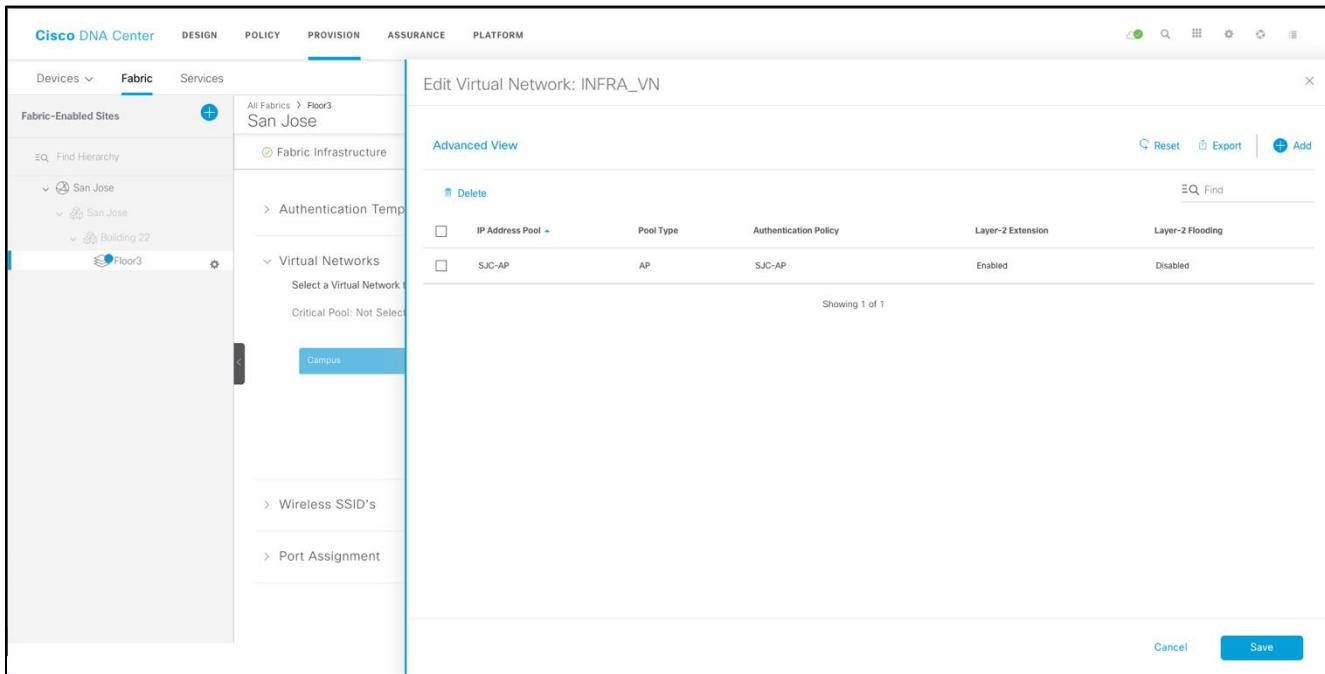
In addition, an anycast gateway is applied to all edge nodes. This is an essential element of SD-Access, as it allows hosts to easily roam to any edge node with no additional provisioning.

Procedure

Step 1 Click Host Onboarding at the top of this screen to start enabling the IP pools for APs and client devices.



Step 2 In Virtual Networks, click INFRA_VN, and a window will open with configured address pools. Select the address pool for APs. Notice how AP provisioning and Layer 2 extension are already turned on for this VN, as both are needed to onboard APs. Click Save.



The Layer 2 Extension setting enables Layer 2 LISP and associates a Layer 2 VNID to this pool so that the Ethernet frame can be carried end to end on the fabric. This is what allows a simulated Layer 2 stretched subnet service.

Selecting AP Provision Pool will automatically push a configuration macro to all the edge node switches, so that when the AP is directly connected, the switch will recognize that it's an AP through Cisco Discovery Protocol and the macro will be applied to the port automatically, assigning the physical port to the right VLAN associated with the pool.

The **CDP macro** on the FEs for AP onboarding is pushed **only if the No Authentication template** is selected for the port.

With Cisco DNA Center 1.2.x macros were used to identify the device connected to a Fabric Edge (FE) as an AP. Once the macro detects the device to be a Cisco Access point, the relevant configuration is provisioned on that port.

With Cisco DNA Center 1.3.x, Autoconf is used to identify the device as a Cisco Access Point, so the port is provisioned with the

right configurations. The example below shows the port configured as “No Authentication” mode. The Access point can be connected to a closed authentication port. The details on how to onboard an Access point on closed auth mode is discussed further in the following section. The Autoconf uses the Device Classifier to identify the end devices that are connected to a port.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'Fabric' tab. In the 'Host Onboarding' section, the 'No Authentication' template is selected. Other options like 'Open Authentication', 'Closed Authentication', and 'Low Impact' are also listed. A 'Set as Default' button is at the bottom right.

In the Port Assignment section select on the ports that are connected to AP, and select the “Connected Device Type” as Access Point (AP). This step is required if using Cisco DNA Center 1.2.x and, if the Authentication template for the fabric is something other than “No Authentication”.

The screenshot shows the 'Port Assignment' dialog. Under 'Connected Device Type', 'Access Point(AP)' is selected. Other options like 'User Devices (ip-phone,computer,laptop)', 'Access Point(AP)', and 'Server' are listed in a dropdown. A 'Description' field is at the bottom.

At this point, the AP will be assigned to the right VLAN/subnet, will obtain an IP address from the specified pool, and will discover the WLC through one of the standard mechanisms (Plug and Play, DHCP option 43, DNS, etc.). The AP then joins the WLC.

AP onboarding with Closed Authentication

In this section, it is assumed that the users have an understanding of closed authentication mode. The SD-Access fabric on DNAC 1.3.3 supports closed authentication mode with dot1x as the first priority followed by Machine Authentication Bypass(MAB). The Access point out of the box doesn't have the dot1x supplicant enabled and is not provisioned with the credential to authenticate with the Fabric Edge. One of the main features that are used to onboard an AP with closed auth, is the use of profiling feature on Identity Service Engine(ISE).

The profiling feature enables ISE to identify the identity of the endpoints and once profiled assign the appropriate authorization profiles.

More details on the Profiling, refer to the guide on the community page.

[ISE Profiling Design Guide](#)

The Cisco DNA center automates the profiling configuration on the Fabric devices, an example of the profiling configuration pushed to the fabric devices are as follows:

```
device-sensor filter-list cdp list iseCDP
  tlv name device-name
  tlv name capabilities-type
  tlv name version-type
  tlv name platform-type
!
device-sensor filter-list dhcp list iseDHCP
  option name host-name
  option name parameter-request-list
  option name class-identifier
!
device-sensor filter-list lldp list iseLLDP
  tlv name system-name
  tlv name system-description
  tlv name system-capabilities
device-sensor filter-spec dhcp include list iseDHCP
device-sensor filter-spec lldp include list iseLLDP
device-sensor filter-spec cdp include list iseCDP
device-sensor notify all-changes
```

The Cisco DNA center automates a template on the Fabric Edge, this template needs to be returned as an attribute once the Access Point has been profiled on the Identity service Engine.

A sample of the template pushed to the fabric device are as follows:

```
template ApAutzTemplate
  switchport access vlan 2045
  switchport mode access
  access-session interface-template sticky timer 10
!
```

Let's discuss on the AP onboarding flow for closed auth

Step 1: AP connects to a port on the Fabric Edge configured for Closed authentication, the AP fails to respond to dot1x messages and the fabric edge does a fallback to MAB.

Initial authentication of Access Point using MAB:

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center Policy Sets interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Identity Services Engine', 'Home', 'Context Visibility', 'Operations', 'Policy', 'Administration', and 'Work Centers'. Below this, a sub-menu for 'Policy Sets' shows 'Profiling', 'Posture', 'Client Provisioning', and 'Policy Elements'. The main area displays a table of policy rules. A search bar at the top left contains 'Search'. The table columns are: Status, Rule Name, Conditions, Profiles, Security Groups, Hits, and Actions. A yellow banner at the bottom of the table header indicates 'Normalised Radius-RADIUSFlowType EQUALS WiredMAB'. The table data shows several rows of policy entries, each with a timestamp, rule status, rule name, conditions, and associated profiles and security groups. The last row is highlighted in yellow.

| Status | Rule Name | Conditions | Profiles | Security Groups | Hits | Actions | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Green checkmark | wired_MAB | Normalised Radius-RADIUSFlowType EQUALS WiredMAB | PermitAccess | + Auto create security group Select from list | 2 | gear icon | |
| May 03, 2020 12:37:21.973 PM | ap1234 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> Dot1X | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_template_return_1 | |
| May 03, 2020 12:37:21.957 PM | ap1234 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> Dot1X | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_template_return_1 | |
| May 03, 2020 12:37:21.908 PM | ap1234 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> Dot1X | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_template_return_1 | |
| May 03, 2020 12:35:58.569 PM | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> MAB | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_template_return_1 | |
| May 03, 2020 12:35:00.498 PM | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> MAB | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_template_return_1 | |
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| May 03, 2020 12:34:19.419 PM | | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | | | | | |
| May 03, 2020 12:34:19.052 PM | | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | | Default >> MAB | Default >> wired_MAB | PermitAccess |

Step 2: Once the port is authorized using MAB. The identity service engine will now profile the endpoint and categorize it as an Access point.

The ISE will initiate a COA to the Fabric edge. The Fabric edge will restart the authentication process.

These steps are highlighted in the ISE policy logs below. The fabric edge will send the profiling information using Radius accounting packets to the Identity Service Engine.

Policy Set on ISE:

Profiling information on ISE:

Profiling data send to the Identity Service Engine(ISE) by the Fabric Edge:

Authorization profile for Access point

Authorization Profiles > Ap_Template_return_1

Authorization Profile

- * Name: Ap_Template_return_1
- Description:
- * Access Type: ACCESS_ACCEPT

Network Device Profile: Cisco

Service Template:

Track Movement:

Passive Identity Tracking:

Common Tasks

- MACSec Policy
- NEAT

Interface Template: ApAutzTemplate

Web Authentication (Local Web Auth)

Advanced Attributes Settings

Select an item =

Attributes Details

Access Type = ACCESS_ACCEPT
cisco-av-pair = interface-template-name=ApAutzTemplate

ISE COA and subsequent re-authentication:

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| May 03, 2020 12:37:21.973 PM | | | 0 | ap1234 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> Dot1X | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_Template_return_1 |
| May 03, 2020 12:37:21.957 PM | | | | ap1234 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> Dot1X | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_Template_return_1 |
| May 03, 2020 12:37:21.908 PM | | | | ap1234 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> Dot1X | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_Template_return_1 |
| May 03, 2020 12:35:28.569 PM | | | | | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> MAB | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling |
| May 03, 2020 12:35:00.498 PM | | | | | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> MAB | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling |
| May 03, 2020 12:34:29.267 PM | | | | | | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | | | Ap_Template_return_1 |
| May 03, 2020 12:34:19.444 PM | | | | | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> MAB | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling |
| May 03, 2020 12:34:19.419 PM | | | | | | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | | | Ap_Template_return_1 |
| May 03, 2020 12:34:19.052 PM | | | | | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | | Default >> MAB | Default >> wired_MAB |

Step 3: Once the AP re-authenticates using MAB. The AP will join the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller(WLC) using option 43. The WLC will have the relevant configuration to enable the dot1x supplicant on the Access point. For more information on how to enable dot1x configuration on the Access point, refer to the following URL. The configuration on WLC can be enabled by logging into the WLC or by using templates on Cisco DNA Center.

Enabling Dot1x on AIRE-OS based Wireless LAN Controllers:

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/technotes/8-7/b_802_1x_eap_supplicant_on_cos_ap.html

Enabling Dot1x on Catalyst 9800 Wireless LAN Controllers:

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/9800/config-guide/b_wl_16_10_cg/802-1x-support.html

Given below is a screenshot of a sample template for the Catalyst 9800 Wireless LAN Controller, the template shown is for illustration purpose.

Please re-write and modify the template as per the requirements.

```

1 ap profile default-ap-profile
2   description "default ap profile"
3   dot1x eap-type eap-peap
4   dot1x username ap1234 password 0 ap1234

```

Step 4: The Access point resets and enables the dot1x supplicant and authenticates with the ISE. The ISE as part of the authorization returns the template “ApAutzTemplate” for the fabric edge to assign the right template to the port.

AP resets once dot1x supplicant is enabled and Authenticates with ISE:

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| May 03, 2020 12:37:21.973 PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | ap1234 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> Dot1X | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_Template_return_1 |
| May 03, 2020 12:37:21.957 PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | ap1234 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> Dot1X | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_Template_return_1 |
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| May 03, 2020 12:34:19.444 PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | Cisco-AP-Aironet-4800 | Default >> MAB | Default >> Cisco_AP_Profiling | Ap_Template_return_1 |
| May 03, 2020 12:34:19.419 PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | | | | |
| May 03, 2020 12:34:19.052 PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | 78:72:5D:ED:CC:1A | | Default >> MAB | Default >> wired_MAB | PermitAccess |

Note: For profiling to happen with much-needed accuracy the profiler feed should be updated to the latest on the Identity service Engine.

A credential needs to be configured on the Identity Service Engine (ISE) to be used by Access Point in the case of EAP-FAST or PEAP.

For EAP-TLS a certificate needs to be pushed to the AP, refer the URL’s in Step 3 on how to push a certificate to the Access Point.

Provisioning the APs

Now that the AP has obtained an IP address and learned the WLC’s management IP address, the AP will join the WLC. Of course, this is assuming that there is IP connectivity between the AP and WLC (this is outside the scope of this document and really depends on where the WLC is connected, usually outside of the fabric). Once the APs are registered to the WLC, they will appear on the Inventory page on Cisco DNA Center.

Procedure

Step 1 Go back to Provision > Devices > Inventory to see the APs joining the fabric-enabled wireless controller.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'Devices' tab. The 'Device Inventory' section displays a list of 5 unassigned devices. The first two devices, 'AP1850-Edge1' and 'AP3800-Edge1', are selected and highlighted with a red box. The other three devices are listed below them.

| Device Name | Device Type | IP Address | Site | Serial Number |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|--------|---------------|
| AP1850-Edge1 | Unified AP | 9.6.51.53 | SJC-14 | KWC193904BH |
| AP3800-Edge1 | Unified AP | 9.6.51.54 | SJC-14 | FCW2034NWJK |
| Border_Node.demo.com | Switches and Hubs | 9.6.48.1 | SJC-14 | FCW2024F05A |
| Edge1.demo.com | Switches and Hubs | 9.6.48.4 | SJC-14 | FCW2025C049 |
| Fab-WLC1 | Wireless Controller | 9.6.40.4 | SJC-14 | FCH1925V05W |

The above screenshot is for illustration purposes only. You may have different 802.11ac Wave 2 access point models in your setup.

Step 2 Select one or more APs from the Device list and choose Assign Device to Site as shown in the example below.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'Devices' tab. The 'Device Inventory' section displays a list of 7 unclaimed devices. The first device, 'AP4001', is selected and highlighted with a red box. The other six devices are listed below it.

| Device | Provision | Device Type |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| AP4001 | Provision | Unified AP |
| AP500F.8086.7866 | | Unified AP |
| AP500F.8086.7867 | | Unified AP |
| AP500F.8086.7868 | | Unified AP |
| AP500F.8086.7869 | | Unified AP |
| AP500F.8086.7870 | | Unified AP |

Choose a floor where the APs will be placed and click Assign. Make sure that the WLC that the APs are registered to has been provisioned to manage that floor. If the floor was added later, you can go back and provision the WLC again to add the specific floor.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'PROVISION' tab. The 'Assign Device to Site' dialog is open, listing two devices: 'AP4001.7A70.6004' and 'AP500F.8086.7866'. A dropdown menu labeled 'Choose a floor' is open, showing options like '...loor-1/Diegem' and '...Diegem/Floor-1/Diegem'. The 'Assign' button is visible at the bottom right of the dialog.

Step 3 Next, select one or more APs from the Device list and provision them as shown in the example below. This time, select Provision from the Actions menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Device Inventory' section of a management interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Devices' and 'Fabric'. Below them, it says 'Inventory (7)' and 'Unclaimed Devices (1)'. A green progress bar is visible. Under the inventory, there's a 'Filter' button and an 'Actions' dropdown. A context menu is open over the device 'AP4001', listing 'Assign Device to Site', 'Provision', and 'Device Type'. Other devices listed are 'AP500F.8086.7866' and 'Unified AP'. The 'AP4001' row has a checked checkbox.

Choose a floor or just click Next if already selected.

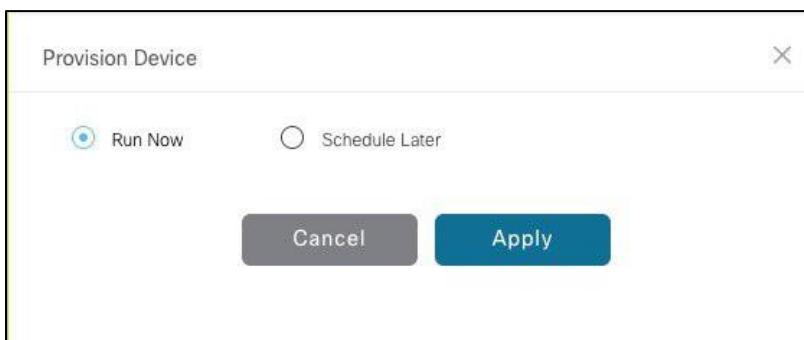
Note You can select Apply to All for the site to be mapped to all devices.

Step 4 For the RF profile for the AP, choose from High, Typical, or Low or a customized one defined previously. In the example below, we have selected Typical and clicked Next.

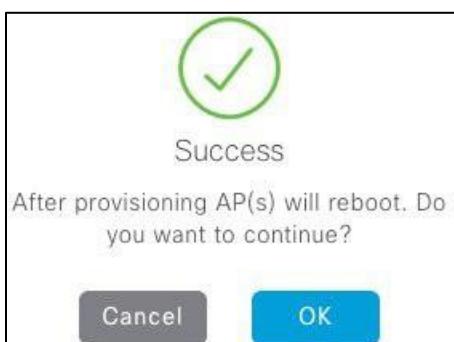
The screenshot shows the 'Provision Devices' screen. It has three steps: 'Assign Site' (step 1), 'Configuration' (step 2, highlighted in blue), and 'Summary' (step 3). There are two rows of device configuration. The first row has 'Serial Number' as 'FDW2130B3L2', 'Device Name' as 'AP4001.7A70.6004', and 'RF Profile' set to 'TYPICAL' with a dropdown arrow. A checkbox labeled 'Apply to All' is checked. The second row has 'Serial Number' as 'FDW2130B3KR', 'Device Name' as 'AP500F.8086.7866', and 'RF Profile' set to 'TYPICAL' with a dropdown arrow.

Step 5 Click Deploy, and as a part of AP provisioning, the configuration will be pushed to the AP, as shown below. The AP will reboot and rejoin the WLC

Click Run Now in the window that pops up.



A message appears warning you that the APs will reboot. Click OK.



Step 6 You will now see the Provision Status for the AP listed as “Success.”

| Device Name | Device Type | IP Address | Site | Serial Number | Uptime | OS Version | OS Image | Sync Status | Last Provision | Provision Status |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|
| AP4001.7A70.6004 | Unified AP | 172.16.3.131 | _Joor-1/Diegem | FDW2130B3L2 | 2days 20:44:26.110 | 8.5.110.0 | Not Available | Managed | Jan 15 2018 14:03:20 | Success |
| AP500F.8086.7866 | Unified AP | 172.16.3.130 | _Joor-1/Diegem | FDW2130B3KR | 2days 20:44:26.110 | 8.5.110.0 | Not Available | Managed | Jan 15 2018 14:03:20 | Success |

Note: The above screenshot is for illustration purposes only. The AP deployment details may be different in your setup.

Step 7 As part of AP provisioning, some configuration is pushed on the WLC.

An AP group will be created with the name of the site it was mapped to (step 3 above).

| WLANs | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| WLANS | | | | | | | |
| Entries 1 - 5 of 5 | | | | | | | |
| ▼ WLANs | WLANS | None | [Change Filter] [Clear Filter] | Create New ▾ | Go | | |
| Advanced | AP Groups | | | | | | |
| WLAN ID | Type | Profile Name | WLAN SSID | Admin Status | Security Policies | | |
| 1 | WLAN | ssid-1 | ssid-1 | Disabled | [WPA2][Auth(802.1X)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 17 | WLAN | Guest-WiFi_Global_F_c4d14f67 | Guest-WiFi | Disabled | MAC Filtering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 18 | WLAN | pbagga-int_Global_F_16acea8c | pbagga-internal | Disabled | [WPA2][Auth(PSK)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 23 | WLAN | pbagga-emp_Global_F_31ddd44d | pbagga-employee-open | Disabled | None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 24 | WLAN | pbagga1234_Global_F_c8cc58b2 | pbagga1234 | Disabled | [WPA2][Auth(PSK)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

APs and WLANs will be part of that AP group, as shown in the example below.

| AP Groups | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| WLANS | | | | | | | |
| Entries 1 - 2 of 2 | | | | | | | |
| ▼ WLANs | WLANS | Add Group | | | | | |
| Advanced | AP Groups | | | | | | |
| AP Group Name | AP Group Description | | | | | | |
| Floor3_TYPICAL_08d44 | default-group | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |

In case of Catalyst 9800 WLC, three tags are assigned to an Access Point:

Site Tag: A site tag contains the Ap join profile characteristics such as CAPWAP timers, AP username, and password.

RF Tag: The RF tag contains the RF profile characteristics assigned.

Policy Tag: The Policy tag contains the WLAN and policy profile mapping.

For more information on the usage of tags, refer the URL below to understand the config model on Catalyst 9800:

[Understand Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller Configuration Model:](#)

Tags Assigned to the Access Point:

Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller

Configuration > Wireless > Access Points

All Access Points

Number of AP(s): 1

| AP Name | AP Model | Slots | Admin Status | IP Address | Base Radio MAC | AP Mode |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------|
| sand-4800-site2 | AIR-AP4800-A-K9 | 3 | ✓ | 9.11.50.202 | 7872.5dee.53c0 | Local |

10 items per page

5 GHz Radios

2.4 GHz Radios

Dual-Band Radios

Country

LSC Provision

Edit AP

Location*: Global/colorado/den

Base Radio MAC: 7872.5dee.53c0

Ethernet MAC: 7872.5ded.cc1a

Admin Status: ENABLED

AP Mode: Local

Operation Status: Registered

Fabric Status: Enabled

LED State: ENABLED

LED Brightness Level: 8

CleanAir NSI Key

RLOC IP: 9.201.201.14

Control Plane Name: default-control-plane

Tags

Policy: PT_deneve_BGL11_F

Site: default-site-tag

RF: TYPICAL

Details of Policy Tag:

Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Tags

Policy Site RF AP

+ Add X Delete

| Policy Tag Name |
|--------------------------|
| default-policy-tag |
| PT_deneve_BGL11_F1_45efe |

10 items per page

Edit Policy Tag

⚠ Changes may result in loss of connectivity for some clients that are associated to APs with this tag.

Name*: PT_deneve_BGL11_F

Description: PolicyTagName PT_1

WLAN-POLICY Maps: 3

+ Add X Delete

| WLAN Profile | Policy Profile |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| sand-mac-s_Global_F_4256d671 | sand-mac-s_Global_F_4256d671 |
| sand-site2_Sanjos_F_7a13809e | sand-site2_Sanjos_F_7a13809e |
| sand-nonfa_Sanjos_NF_5aec7152 | sand-nonfa_Sanjos_NF_5aec7152 |

10 items per page

Details of RF tag:

Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Tags

RF Tag Name

- TYPICAL
- default-rf-tag

Items per page: 10

5 GHz Band RF Profile
2.4 GHz Band RF Profile

Name*: TYPICAL

Description: Enter Description

Typical_Client_Densi

Typical_Client_Densi

Details of the Site tag:

Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Tags

Site Tag Name

- default-site-tag

Items per page: 10

AP Join Profile: default-ap-profile

Name*: default-site-tag

Description: default site tag

Control Plane Name:

Enable Local Site:

Site tag Provisioning on C9800.

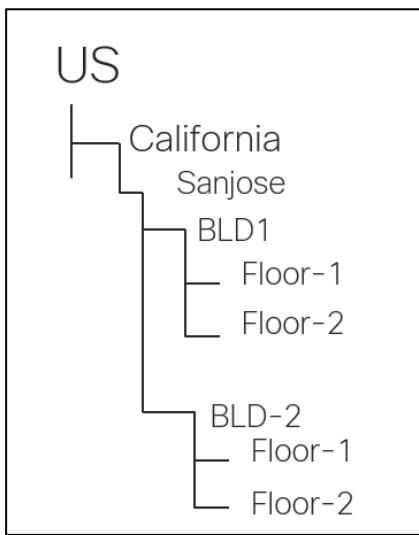
Auto-generated Site tag:

The Cisco DNAC has introduced the use of a custom site tag starting from 2.1.1.x release. The site tag is a way of grouping Access points on the Cisco Catalyst 9800 WLC. A site tag represents a roaming domain in wireless. Creating multiple site tags helps the WLC to load balance access points to internal processes within the system. Having a custom site tag helps an administrator to have more granular control on how the AP's are grouped when provisioned by the Cisco DNAC. In this section, we will discuss how the DNAC provisions a site tag and how to create a custom site tag and have that provisioned on the Cisco WLC. The auto-generated site tag by the Cisco DNAC is created at a building level and all the floors under the building inherit the same site tag. The Access points are provisioned to the multiple floors of the same building will inherit the same site tag.

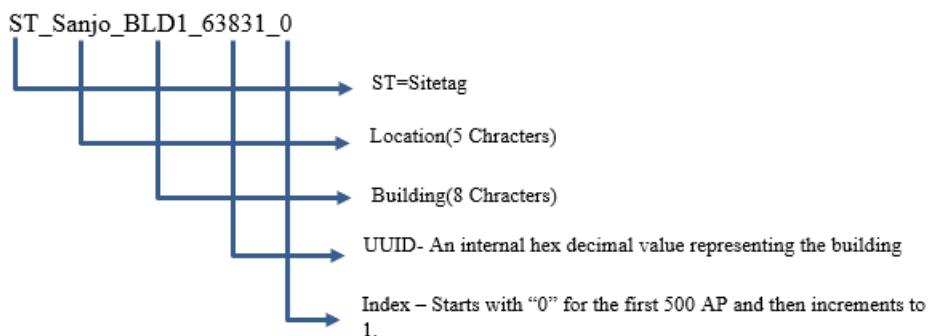
The Cisco DNAC uses the following format internally to generate the respective site tag:-

ST_<location>_<building_name>_<building_UUID>_<index>

Let's take an example to understand the auto-generated site tag created, a sample network hierarchy shown below is used to understand how the Cisco DNAC derives the site tag.



Assuming the fabric site is created at the root level which in this case is the global location “US” and an Access point provisioned to the location “Building-1/Floor-1” or “building-1/Floor-2” will inherit the following site tag.



If the Access point is provisioned to “Building-2/floor-1 or floor-2”. The following site tag would be auto-generated by the Cisco DNAC.

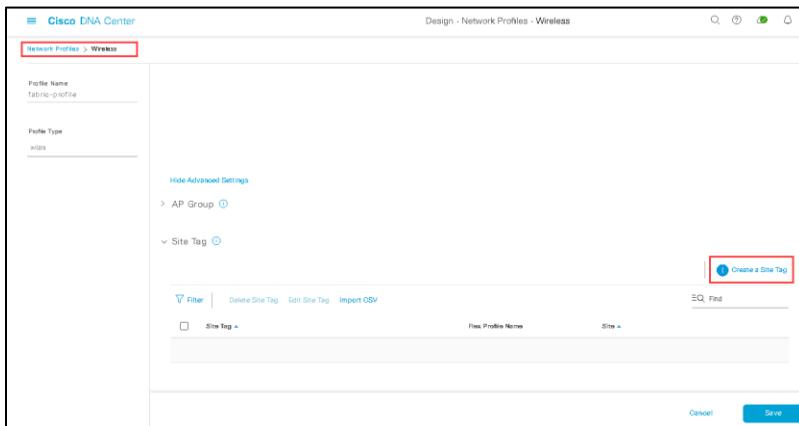
ST_Sanjo_BLD2_45121_0

A single tag can accommodate about 500 AP, if the number of AP's exceeds the 500 AP limit then the index is incremented and a new site tag is created.

Custom Site tag:

A custom site tag allows an administrator to group access points on a per floor or a building level and create a roaming domain. The auto-generated site tag by Cisco DNAC is created at a building level while a custom site allows the tag to be mapped over to a building or on a per floor level.

The custom site tag association with the floor/building is done on the wireless profile. If a custom site tag is mapped to a floor, all the Access points on that floor would be assigned the respective site tag, while the other floors in the building would be mapped to the auto-generated site tag created by the Cisco DNAC.



The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface for creating a Site Tag. On the left, a sidebar shows a wireless profile named "fabric-profile" with a "wlan" type. The main area is titled "Create a Site Tag" and shows the Site Tag name "sand-sanjose-B1-F3" and a Flex Profile Name "default-flex-profile". A "Select Sites" dropdown menu is open, showing a hierarchy of sites: Global (2), India (1), US (2), sanjose (3), B1 (6), F1, F2, and F3. The checkbox for F3 is checked and highlighted with a red box. Other checkboxes for F1 and F2 are also present. At the bottom right is a "Save" button.

To verify the site tag on the Catalyst 9800 WLC, login to the CLI of the WLC and issue the following CLI:

```
9800-1#sh wireless tag site summary
Number of Site Tags: 6
Site Tag Name          Description
-----
default-site-tag       default site tag ← Default site tag on the system
sand-sanjose-B1-F3    Site Tag sand-sanjose-B1-F3 ← Custom site tag
ST_sanjo_B1_a42cc_0   Site Tag ST_sanjo_B1_a42cc_0 ← auto-generated site tag-cisco DNAC
ST_sanjo_B2_1fe90_0   Site Tag ST_sanjo_B2_1fe90_0
ST_sanjo_B3_61190_0   Site Tag ST_sanjo_B3_61190_0
```

```
9800-1#sh ap tag summary
Number of APs: 6
```

| AP Name Tag Name | AP Mac | Site Tag Name Misconfigured | Policy Tag Name | RF |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----|
| | | Tag Source | | |
| sand-3800-fe2-gi-1-0-2 TYPICAL | 00f6.636f.9282 | sand-sanjose-B1-F3 No Static | PT_sanjo_B1_F3_8cd9e | |
| sand-3800-fe2-gi-1-0-7 TYPICAL | cc16.7e98.79a6 | ST_sanjo_B1_a42cc_0 No Static | PT_sanjo_B1_F3_8cd9e | |
| sand-4800-wol TYPICAL | 7872.5ded.caa6 | ST_sanjo_B2_1fe90_0 No Static | PT_sanjo_B2_F2_2be9a | |
| sand-4800-9300ER-tw-1- TYPICAL | 7872.5ded.cc1a | sand-sanjose-B1-F3 No Static | PT_sanjo_B1_F2_3d612 | |
| sand-3800-fe-1 TYPICAL | 00f6.6373.879a | ST_sanjo_B2_1fe90_0 No Static | PT_sanjo_B2_F3_cb741 | |
| sand-3800-wol-nei TYPICAL | 00f6.6373.87c2 | ST_sanjo_B3_61190_0 No Static | PT_sanjo_B3_F3_a0127 | |

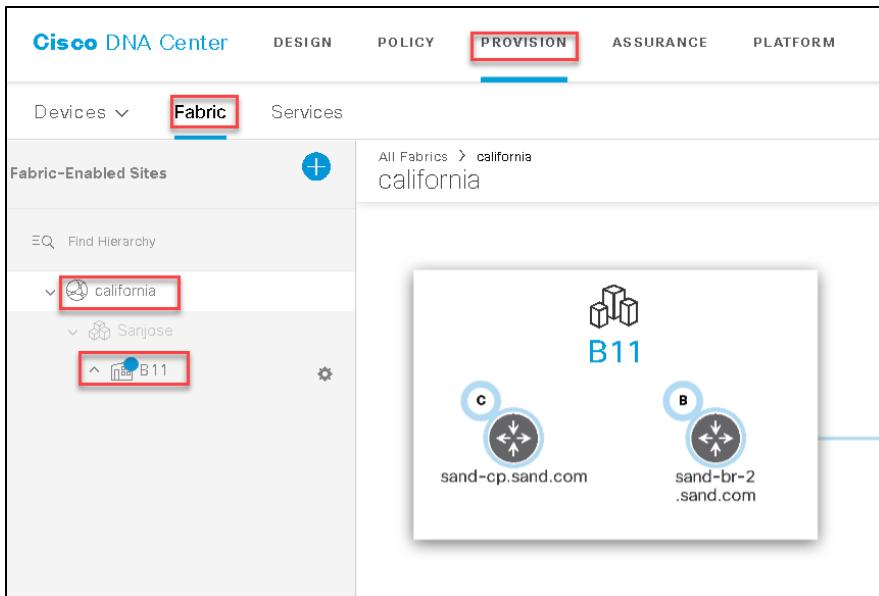
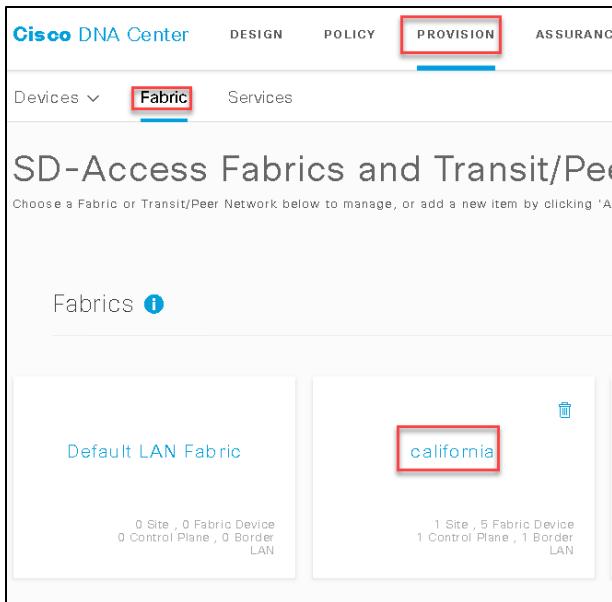
Onboarding clients

Now we need to assign IP pools to wireless clients and SSIDs to enable clients to join the wireless network.

Procedure

Step From the Cisco DNA Center home page. Navigate to **Provision > Fabric**.

In this example, we are editing the fabric by the name “California”. It is assumed that the fabric has a control plane and border already configuration. the Section will focus on how to add a Wireless Lan controller to the fabric and enable host onboarding for a wireless client.



Step 2 With Cisco DNAC 1.3.3 if a new VN is created, it needs to be manually added to a fabric. For migration to 1.3.3 all the VN's that existed on the previous version would be available on the host onboarding page. If the VN's are not available on the host onboarding page, click on the “Gear” icon next to the site to add a VN in the Fabric. Alternatively, add a VN from the host onboarding page. Ensure that the new VN that is added has a handoff configured from the Fabric border.

The image displays two screenshots of the Cisco DNA Center interface. The top screenshot shows the 'Fabric' tab selected. A context menu is open over a site named 'colando'. The 'ADD VN's to a fabric site' option is highlighted with a red arrow. To the right, a modal window titled 'Add Virtual Network' lists several virtual network options: 'Virtual Network', 'CAMPUS', 'DEFAULT_VN', and 'guest'. The 'Virtual Network' option is highlighted with a red box. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Host Onboarding' step. A red box highlights the 'Host Onboarding' button. Below it, there is a section for selecting a virtual network, with a red box highlighting the 'Add Virtual Network' button.

Step 3 Once the Virtual Networks are added to a site. An IP pool needs to be associated with the VN to be used by the clients in the fabric. Click on the VN (corp in the example below) and, from the available address pools, select the address pool for wireless clients.

IMPORTANT: Enable the option wireless pool if the wireless clients need to use the pool.

The image shows the 'Edit Virtual Network: corp' dialog. At the top, there is an 'Advanced View' button, a 'Reset' button, an 'Export' button, and an 'Add' button, which is highlighted with a red box. Below this is a search bar labeled 'Find'. Under the 'Actions' section, there is a dropdown menu, a 'Find' icon, and a 'Find' input field. At the bottom, there are four tabs: 'IP Address Pool' (selected), 'Authentication Policy', 'Traffic Type', and 'Layer-2 Flooding'. A message at the bottom states 'No data to display'.

Edit Virtual Network: corp

[Back](#)

IP Address Pool: lan_pool_f1 (9.10.60.0/24)

Authentication: Bol_10_60_0-cc Scalable Group

Traffic: Data

Layer-2 Flooding Critical Pool

Common Pool Wireless Pool

[Cancel](#) [Add](#)

Click add to associate the pool to a VN. The traffic type option (Data or Data + Voice) is relevant only for wired clients. The correspondent settings for wireless clients are done at the SSID level.

By default starting from Cisco DNA Center 1.3 an administrator would need to enable the “Wireless pool” option to push the pool to a Wireless LAN Controller(WLC).

This was done to optimize the layer 2 VNID provisioned on the Cisco WLC. A pool that doesn’t have a wireless pool option enabled will not be provisioned on the WLC with the respective layer 2 VNID.

Note: If using VNID override as part of client authorization, please ensure that the override pool has the “Wireless pool” option enabled.

- Step 4** Associate the SSID with the pool that you configured earlier (optionally you can also associate an SGT to be assigned to all clients joining this SSID).

Wireless SSID's

Enable Wireless Multicast

[Reset](#) [Save](#) [Find](#)

| SSID Name | Type | Security | Traffic Type | Address Pool | Scalable Group |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|---|----------------|
| sand-site1-1x | Enterprise | WPA2 Enterprise | Voice + Data | Choose Pool 9_10_60_0-corp <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Assign SGT |

Onboarding guest clients

For the guest SSID, you have two implementation choices (the different available designs are presented in more details later, in the Guest Design section):

1. Use the same enterprise guest CP node for guest traffic: The guest SSID is associated with a dedicated guest VN in the fabric and uses fabric segmentation (VNI, SGT) to isolate guest traffic.
2. Dedicated a guest control plane and border for guest traffic.

In both cases, before configuring the SSID, you need to mark the VN as being guest enabled. This tells Cisco DNA Center that this is a “special” VN that needs to be configured accordingly.

Go to **Policy > Virtual Networks** and create a new VN. Check the Guest Virtual Network checkbox as shown below, and add the scalable groups that belong to this virtual network.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'POLICY' tab. In the 'Virtual Network' section, a new virtual network named 'guest' is being created. The 'Available Scalable Groups' list includes various groups like AU, BY, CA, CO, DE, DS, EM, TS, UN, FW, WC, WI, WC, and WP. A checkbox for 'Guest Virtual Network' is checked. The 'Groups in the Virtual Network' section shows a single group 'Guests'.

Refer step no:2 in the client onboarding section to add the VN to a site.

Now you can configure the SSID in the onboarding session. For the common control-plane node, the procedure is the same as for any other SSID configuration: simply click on the VN you are using for guest clients, and from the available address pools, select the address pool for wireless clients. Click Update. See the example below.

The screenshot shows the 'Host Onboarding' section under 'Virtual Networks'. It lists available VNs: DEFAULT_VN, INFRA_VN, corp, and guest. The 'guest' VN is highlighted with a yellow background and a red border. An 'Add Virtual Network' button is visible.

The left panel shows the 'Edit Virtual Network: guest' configuration. It includes fields for IP Address Pool (guest_pool (9.10.61.0/24)), Authentication (9_10_61_0-guest), Scalable Group, Traffic, Layer-2 Flooding, Critical Pool, Common Pool, and Wireless Pool (checkbox checked). The right panel shows the 'Edit Virtual Network: guest' details page with a table:

| Actions | IP Address Pool | Authentication Policy | Traffic Type | Scalable Group |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | guest_pool 1 | 9_10...guest | Data | - |

The 'Wireless Pool' checkbox in the left panel and the 'guest_pool' row in the right panel are both highlighted with red boxes.

From DNAC 1.3, we must click on the “Wireless Pool” checkbox to be able to associate this IP Pool to Wireless SSID in Wireless SSID’s subsection.

Then associate the guest SSID with the pool and click Save, as you did in step 4 for the regular enterprise SSID.

Wireless SSID's

Enable Wireless Multicast

| SSID Name | Type | Security | Traffic Type | Address Pool | Scalable Group |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| sand-guest-1 | Guest | Web Auth | Data | Choose Pool | Assign SGT |
| sand-site1-1 | Enterprise | WPA2 Enterprise | Voice + Data | 9_10_61_0-guest | Assign SGT |

Reset Save

If you are using a dedicated border and control plane for guest traffic, you need to add the guest control-plane and border to the fabric: click the device icon to open the device details page.

The window shown below will pop up, and you can select both Border and Control Plane functionality. Also, the VN you marked as being guest enabled will show up here. Internally, Cisco DNA Center will take care of the fabric configuration to associate the guest SSID with the pool and map that pool to the guest control-plane and border.

An important point note is that it is recommended to keep the Guest Border and Control plane co-located on the same device. The handoff from the Guest Border is a manual process, the administrator can configure a protocol of choice to do the handover to the external domain.

All Fabrics > colorado
colorado

Fabric Infrastructure

2 device(s) in this site are not connected

Click on the node

sand-csr-2.sand.com (9.1.0.249)

Reachable Uptime: 30 days 5 hours 42 minutes

Run Commands View 3d

Details Fabric Port Channel Configuration Interfaces

Remove From Fabric

Fabric

- E Edge Node
- B Border Node
- C Control Plane
- G Guest Border / Control Plane

Enable Guest

Select the role(s) you intent to assign

Control Plane Border

Set as default border

Routing Protocol
BGP

ASPLAIN ASDOT ASDOT+

Routing AS number/process
65003

Select one guest virtual network
 guest

Step 5 Once you have associated the SSID with a pool in step 4, on the WLC, you will see that the Admin Status of the SSIDs is now “Enabled.”

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Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs

| | Status | Name | ID | SSID | Security |
|--------------------------|--------|------------------------------|----|---------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | sand-guest_Sanjos_F_927bb184 | 17 | sand-guest-1 | [open],MAC Filtering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | sand-site1_Sanjos_F_0e15a102 | 18 | sand-site1-1x | [WPA2][802.1x][AES] |

Note The above screenshot from the WLC is for illustration purposes only. The WLAN name and security may be different in your setup.

Step 6 Clients can now be connected to the fabric-enabled wireless SSID. You can go to your WLC and view the connected client details.

Navigate to Monitoring->Wireless->Clients

You can see the client fabric status and the SGT tag pushed to the WLC from ISE based on the authorization rule.

QoS on SDA Wireless

Quality of Service (QoS) provides the ability to prioritize the traffic by giving preferential treatment to specific traffic over the other traffic types. Without QoS, the device offers best-effort service for each packet, regardless of the packet contents or size. The device sends the packets without any assurance of reliability, delay bounds, or throughput.

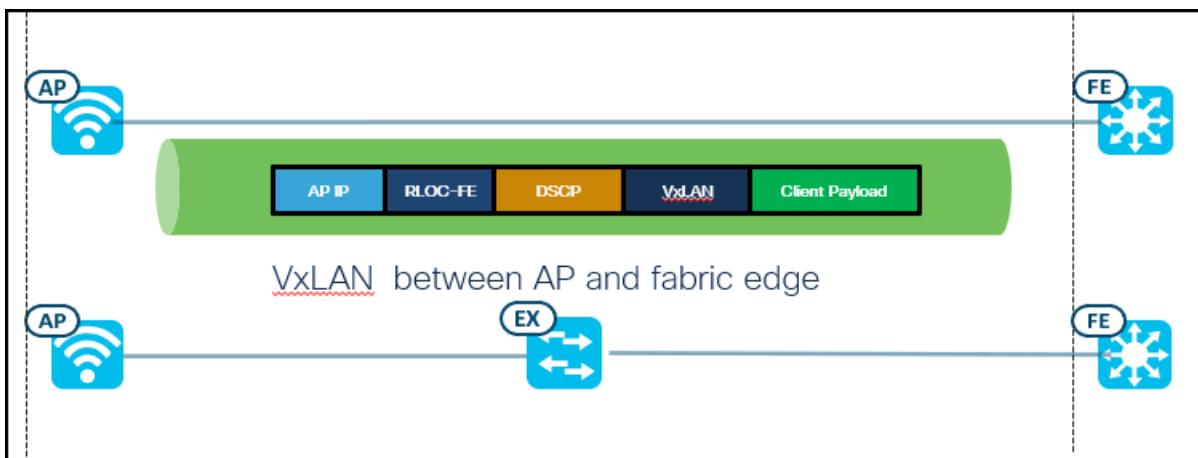
In this section, we will focus on how traffic is prioritized and maintained when the traffic is originated and destined to a wireless client/endpoint. There are four metal policies or access categories that are defined by the standard IEEE 802.11e specifications. These policies define the priority and queues associated with the wireless medium(radio). The parameters for the metal policies can't be modified by an Administrator as these are defined in the 802.11e specifications. These metal policies define their usage and are available on the Aire-OS and Catalyst 9800 Wireless LAN controller. The QoS in a wireless network is to give preferential treatment to access the wireless medium and also translate that priority over the wired medium both in the upstream(wireless client to wired network) and downstream (wired network to wireless client) direction. The wireless medium is half-duplex unlike wired so to ensure that high-priority applications always get an opportunity to transmit and access the medium, there are certain parameters such as contention window, back off timer, and transmission opportunity which control how packets in each of the queue access the physical media. The access point maintains separate queues and transmission timers for each of the metal queue. If there is a data stream that is traversing downstream direction(wired to wireless) the access point maps the incoming frame from the wired network to one of the metal queues based on the incoming DSCP, and thus giving priority in transmission in the downstream direction. Similarly, if there is a data frame in the upstream direction wireless client would categorize the frame and follow the timers associated with the respective metal queue. Once the data frame is received at the access point, the access point needs to translate the priority to the wired medium by mapping the priority of the incoming frame onto the DSCP of the outgoing packet to the wired medium. For more information in understanding how each of the metal policies access the medium and the respective timers, please refer to the following documentation:

The four metal policies/ access categories on the system are as follows:

- Platinum—Used for VoIP clients.
- Gold—Used for video clients.
- Silver— Used for traffic that can be considered best-effort.
- Bronze—Used for Non-real time traffic

Fabric AP Access Tunnel

The access point in a fabric mode has a VxLAN tunnel(Access-Tunnel) build to the fabric edge where the AP is attached. In cases where the AP is attached to an Extended Node(EN) or a Policy Extended Node(PEN). The access-tunnels are build between the Access Point (AP) and the respective fabric edge where the extended node is uplinked to. The VxLAN tunnel between an AP and a fabric edge is to preserve the segmentation till the access point. The access point is responsible to insert the SGT tag in the VxLAN tunnel to the fabric edge.



The following output is taken from a fabric edge which has two fabric AP attached to it and has two VxLAN/access tunnels. The below output is for illustration purposes while the actual output may vary based on the number of AP's attached to the Fabric edge directly or indirectly through an extended node/policy extended node.

```
show access-tunnel summary

Access Tunnels General Statistics:
    Number of AccessTunnel Data Tunnels      = 2

    Name      RLOC IP (Source)    AP IP (Destination)    VRF ID    Source Port    Destination Port
    ---      -----            -----                  -----    -----        -----          -----
    Ac1      9.254.254.71       9.40.50.166           0         N/A          4789
    Ac0      9.254.254.71       9.40.50.160           0         N/A          4789

    Name      IfId                Uptime
    ---      -----              -----
    Ac1      0x0000004F 1 days, 13:12:22
    Ac0      0x0000004E 0 days, 19:30:51
```

QoS profile on SSID

WLAN data in an SDA fabric Network is tunneled in VxLAN (IP UDP packets).To maintain the QoS classification that has been applied to a WLAN frame, the fabric AP uses a process of mapping classifications to and from 802.11e UP/DSCP. For example, when WMM classified traffic is sent by a WLAN client, it has an 802.11e UP classification in the 802.11 header and a DSCP carried in the IP header. The AP needs to translate this classification i.e 802.11e UP or DSCP into a DSCP value for the VxLAN encapsulated packet carrying the frame. This is done to ensure that the packet is treated with the appropriate priority while traversing across the SDA fabric.

An application running on a wireless endpoint can insert the right QoS in the data frame by tagging the data frame with an

802.11e UP and by inserting the right DSCP value in the IP header. The Cisco AP can inspect the 802.11e UP/DSCP in an 802.11 data frame from a wireless endpoint and derive the respective DSCP value which would be inserted into the DSCP field of the outer IP header in the tunneled VxLAN packet.

The derivation of the DSCP to be inserted in the IP header of the VxLAN is based on the Cisco AVVID table and metal policies which define the mapping of the respective 802.11e UP /DSCP to the equivalent DSCP.

An SSID has a QoS profile attached to it. The QoS profile is associated with one of the metal classes defined on the system which is defined as follows based on the priority.

- Platinum – Voice
- Gold - Video
- Silver – Best Effort
- Bronze - Background

The role of assigning a metal policy to an SSID is to set the ceiling for the data frame that can be allowed on that SSID. If the profile is set to Silver – best effort then any traffic tagged with a voice priority is degraded and re-written to best effort on the AP and transmitted. If the profile is set to platinum then traffic tagged with voice/video/best-effort and background are allowed by the system.

Currently, there is an interop issue between different vendors in the wireless world as different vendors follow different paradigm structure to map the 802.11e UP and the respective DSCP. This creates an issue as the infrastructure may not be able to categorize the traffic correctly. ***To circumvent this issue the Cisco recommends as a best practice to trust the DSCP in the upstream direction (wireless to wired medium).***

Note: Starting with Cisco IOS-XE-17.4, trust DSCP upstream is enabled by default. Release prior to 17.4, trust DSCP needs to manually enabled on the WLC. Refer to the respective controller configuration guide to manually set the option.

The trust DSCP upstream config option on an Aire-OS-based WLC:

Navigate to wireless → Qos → QoSMap

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless Controller (WLC) interface. The top navigation bar includes links for MONITOR, WLANs, CONTROLLER, WIRELESS (which is highlighted with a red box), MANAGEMENT, COMMANDS, HELP, FEEDBACK, and a user session (User:nortel(ReadWrite)). Below the navigation is a toolbar with Save Configuration, Ping, Logout, Refresh, and Home buttons. The main left sidebar menu includes sections like Wireless, Access Points (All APs, Radios, 802.11a/n/ac/ax, 802.11b/g/n/ax, Dual-Band Radios, Dual-5G Radios, Global Configuration), Advanced, Mesh, AP Group NTP, ATF, RF Profiles, FlexConnect Groups, FlexConnect ACLs, FlexConnect VLAN Templates, Network Lists, Netflow, and QoS (Profiles, Roles, QoS Map). The 'QoS Map' item is also highlighted with a red box. The central content area is titled 'QoS Map Config' and shows the 'Up Stream' configuration. It features two radio buttons: 'Trust DSCP UpStream' (selected, highlighted with a red box) and 'UP to DSCP Map' (unchecked). Below these are 'Apply' and 'Modify' buttons. To the right, there's a 'Down Stream' section and a 'DSCP to UP Map' table with columns for User Priority, DSCP Start, and DSCP End. The 'DSCP to UP Map List' table shows three entries: UP 0, Start DSCP 0, End DSCP 7; UP 1, Start DSCP 8, End DSCP 15; and UP 2, Start DSCP 16, End DSCP 23.

| UP | Start DSCP | End DSCP |
|----|------------|----------|
| 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 1 | 8 | 15 |
| 2 | 16 | 23 |

Trust DSCP upstream config for the Catalyst 9800 IOS-XE based WLC is configured under the respective AP join profile:

The screenshot shows the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller's configuration interface. On the left, there's a navigation bar with options like Dashboard, Monitoring, Configuration, Administration, Licensing, and Troubleshooting. The main area has a breadcrumb path: Configuration > Tags & Profiles > AP Join. A red box highlights the 'AP Join' link. Below it, a table lists 'AP Join Profile Name' with entries for 'default-ap-profile' and 'default-ap-profile-fabric'. The 'default-ap-profile' row is selected. To the right, a detailed configuration window titled 'Edit AP Join Profile' is open. It has tabs for General, Client, CAPWAP, AP, Management, Security, and QoS (which is highlighted with a red box). Under the QoS tab, there's a section for 'Action Frame' with a checked checkbox for 'Trust DSCP Upstream' (also highlighted with a red box). Below that is a 'DSCP to UP Range' section with a table header:

| User Priority | UP to DSCP Upstream | Lower DSCP Range | Upper DSCP Range |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|

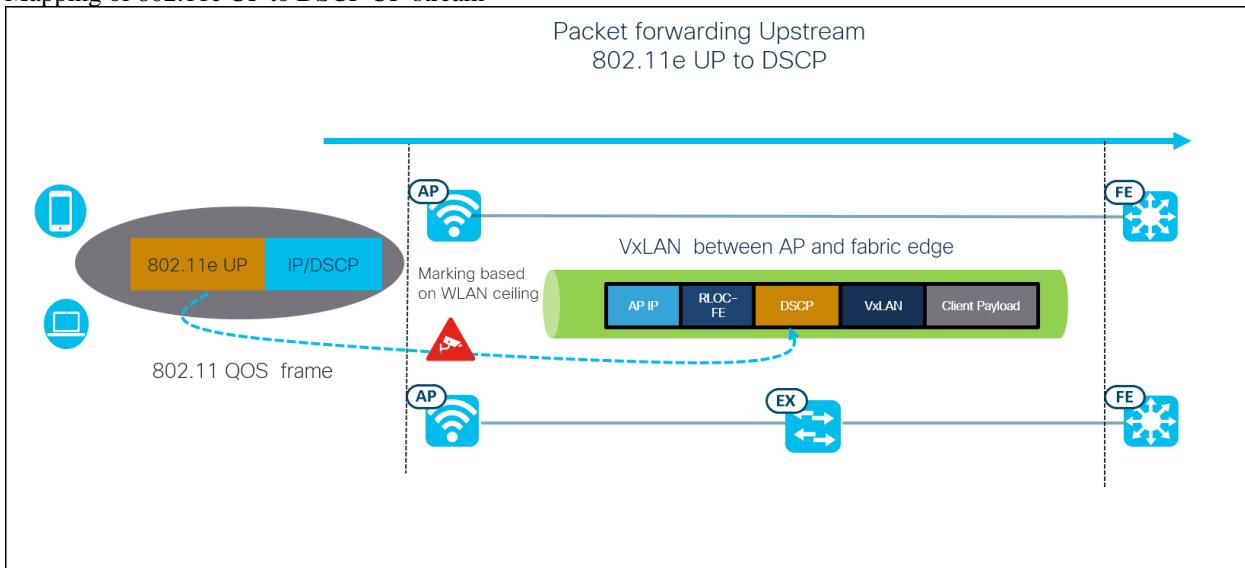
At the bottom of the configuration window are 'Cancel' and 'Device' buttons.

In the case of the trust DSCP the access point extracts the DSCP from the incoming 802.11 client payload and copies it to the VxLAN outer IP header.

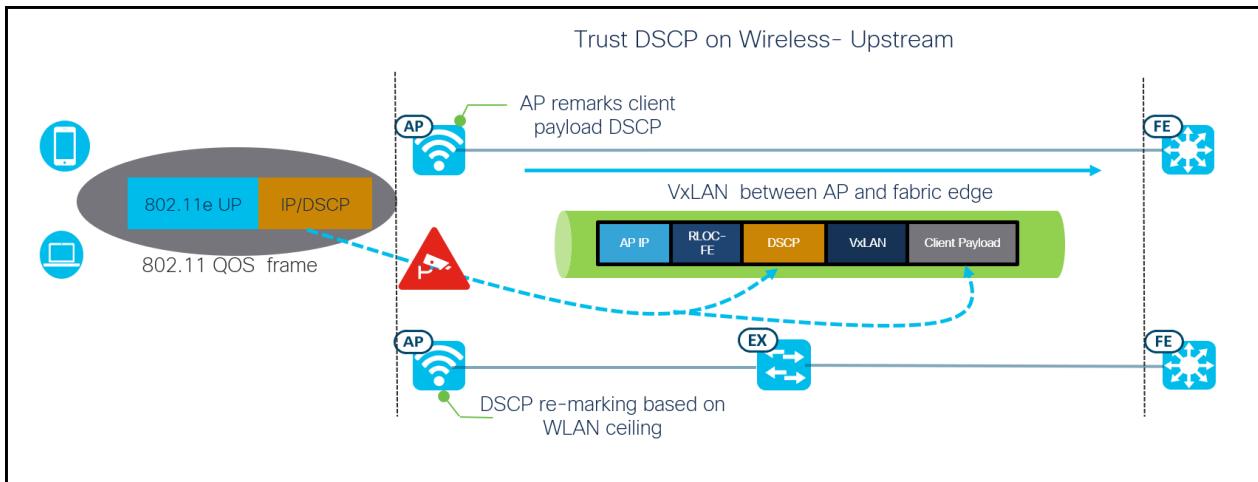
The WLAN ceiling still applies even when the trust DSCP upstream option is enabled on the WLC. For example, if the WLAN metal policy is mapped to Gold and the incoming 802.11 frame from a wireless client carries a DSCP of 46 (Expedited Forwarding). The access point would re-write the DSCP on the original client payload to AF41 and the VxLAN IP header carries the DSCP of AF41.

The following figures show the mapping of how the 802.11e UP /DSCP is carried upstream from a wireless client and how the priority is maintained and preserved in the SDA fabric.

Mapping of 802.11e UP to DSCP UP-stream

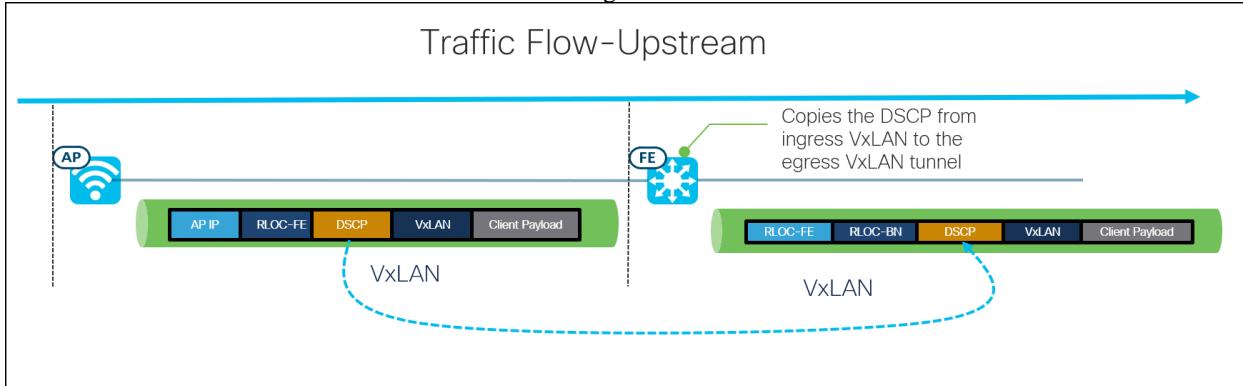


Derivation of DSCP when trust DSCP upstream is enabled on the Wireless LAN Controller:

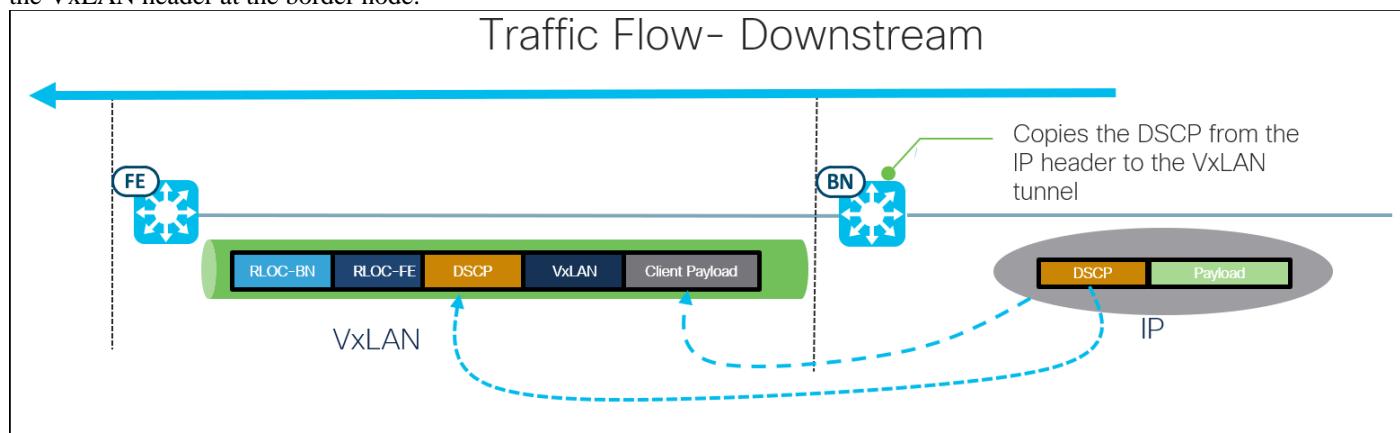


The fabric edge will terminate the VxLAN tunnel from the access point and will determine the destination where the data frame needs to be forwarded. Based on the destination the fabric edge will copy the DSCP from the incoming VxLAN to the egress VxLAN tunnel. Thus the priority is preserved as the data frame propagates within the fabric. If the traffic is destined northbound, the termination of the VxLAN happens on the border node and the client payload is transmitted preserving the DSCP in the packet.

Preservation of DSCP for traffic flow from the fabric edge:

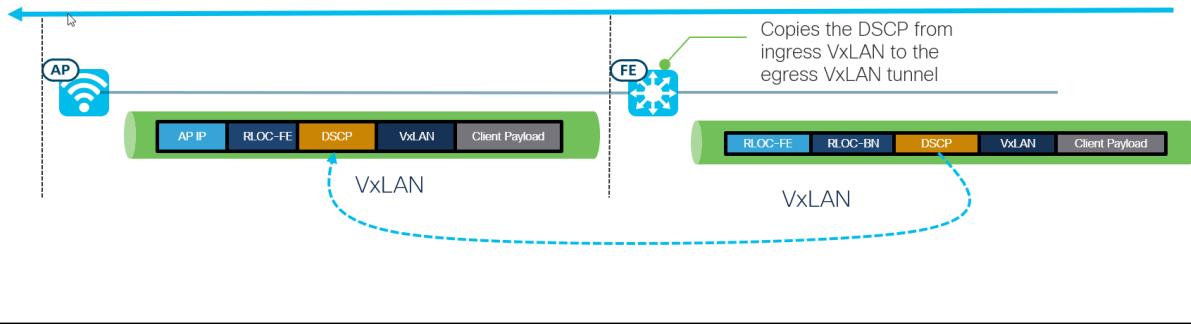


In the downstream direction for traffic originating from outside the fabric, the DSCP from the incoming IP packet is copied onto the VxLAN header at the border node.



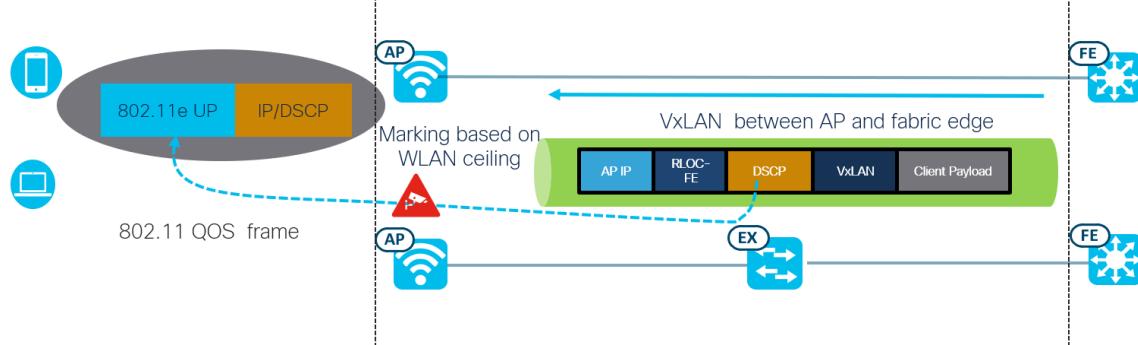
The VxLAN data frame is terminated at the fabric edge and will copy the DSCP from the incoming frame onto the access tunnel to the fabric AP.

Traffic Flow-Downstream- Access Tunnel



The access point will terminate the VxLAN tunnel and derive the equivalent 802.11e UP to be forwarded to the wireless client. The access point will cap the DSCP of the client payload and the 802.11e UP based on the WLAN QoS profile mapping. For example, if the incoming DSCP in the VxLAN is set to EF and the WLAN QoS profile is marked for Gold, then the 802.11eUP will be capped at five and the DSCP of the client payload will be re-written to AF41.

Traffic Flow-Downstream



The Cisco DNA automates the QoS metal policies for the SSID. During the SSID creation, an administrator needs to specify the type of the enterprise network. If the SISD is set up for voice and data, the DNAC automates the QoS profile for platinum.

Screenshot of the Cisco DNA interface showing the configuration of an Enterprise Wireless Network. The 'Wireless' tab is selected. The 'Enterprise Wireless Network' section shows the SSID name 'sand-mg-1x'. A red arrow points to the 'Type Of Enterprise Network*' field, which has 'Voice and Data' selected. The 'Configure AAA' section includes options for 'Fast Lane' and 'Mac Filtering'. Other settings include 'Admin Status' (disabled), 'Broadcast SSID' (disabled), and security levels for 'Enterprise', 'Personal', 'Open Secured', and 'Open' (with WPA2 selected).

The QoS profile provisioned by the Cisco DNAC on an Aire-OS based WLC:

The screenshot shows the 'WLANs > Edit' screen for the SSID 'sand-mg-1x_Global_F_af24c947'. The 'QoS' tab is selected. A red box highlights the 'Quality of Service (QoS)' dropdown set to 'Platinum (voice)'. Below it, under 'Override Per-User Bandwidth Contracts (kbps)', there are four pairs of input fields for DownStream and UpStream rates. Under 'Override Per-SSID Bandwidth Contracts (kbps)', there are two more pairs of input fields. The 'Advanced' section is also visible on the left.

The QoS profile for the Catalyst 9800 based WLC is provisioned on the policy profile mapped to the SSID:

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Policy Profile' screen for the 'sand-mg-1x_Global_F_af24c947' profile. A red box highlights the 'QoS and AVC' tab. Another red box highlights the 'QoS SSID Policy' section, which contains 'Egress' and 'Ingress' dropdowns both set to 'platinum'. The 'General' tab is also visible.

AVC on SDA Wireless

The Cisco DNAC can be used to provision application policies and these policies are supported on Aire-OS and Catalyst 9800 based WLC. In the case of Catalyst 9800 based WLC, the Cisco DNAC doesn't support metal policies and application policy at the same time as both of them get configured as an SSID policy. The Catalyst 9800 wireless controller when working in fabric mode can only support up to three applications per traffic class. There are about eleven traffic classes, which make a total of 33 applications that are recognized by the system when working in fabric mode.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'Policy - Application' section. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Application Policies' selected. In the main area, a policy named 'sand-fabric' is listed with a status of 2 total devices. Below this, a table lists individual devices: one is marked as 'Success' with a tooltip stating 'Protocol/Application based policy is configured on the device by selecting maximum 3 applications per traffic class.' The table also includes columns for Device Name, Site, Status, Status Details, Device Type, and Network Role.

Please refer to the guide below in enabling Application policies on the Cisco DNAC.

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/cloud-systems-management/network-automation-and-management/dna-center/1-3-1-0/user_guide/b_cisco_dnac_center_ug_1_3_1_0/b_cisco_dnac_center_ug_1_3_1_0_chapter_01011.html#id_51875

References:

Understanding Wireless QoS:

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/8-1/Enterprise-Mobility-8-1-Design-Guide/Enterprise_Mobility_8-1_Deployment_Guide/ch5_QoS.html#73518

Cisco AVVID mapping table:

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/8-5/config-guide/b_cg85/quality_of_service.html

Catalyst 9800 QOS Configuration guide:

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/9800/16-11/config-guide/b_wl_16_11_cg/quality-of-service.html#id_136353

Note: Application Assurance is not supported on wireless when operating in fabric mode(Cisco DNAC 2.1.2.x.)

Configuring multicast

To enable multicast for wireless, you first need to configure multicast in the wired network. Cisco DNA Center makes it very easy to configure both, as outlined in the steps below.

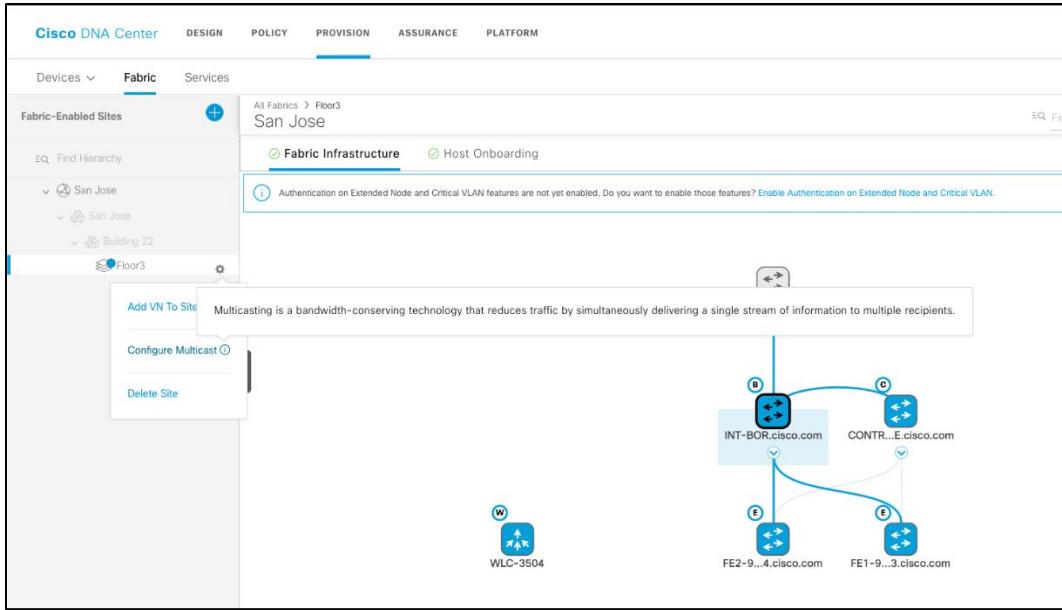


Note Multicast over wireless needs to be considered with some caution.

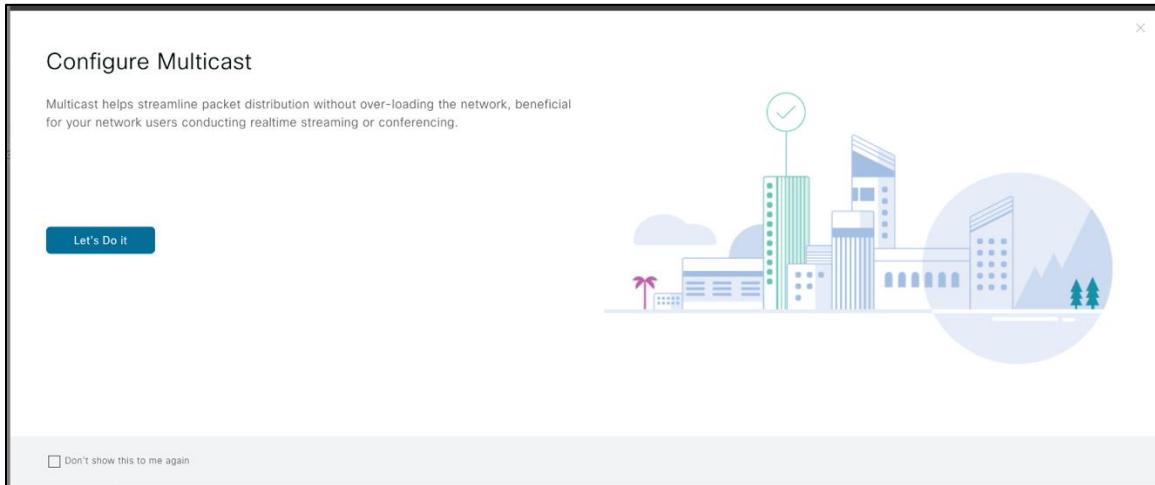
Once multicast IP traffic gets to the AP, these packets are transmitted over the air as broadcast Layer 2 frames; this basically means traffic gets transmitted at the highest mandatory data rate (to be able to reach all connected clients) and the transmission frames are not acknowledged, so a collision in the air will result in the loss of the frame. This has implications for the achievable throughput of multicast traffic over the air. To improve the performance and reliability of multicast traffic over Wi-Fi, Cisco has developed the VideoStream feature, which converts multicast frames into unicast frames at the AP, solving the problems mentioned above. The support for VideoStream (also known as the multicast-to-unicast feature) is supported by using templates starting from Cisco DNA Center 1.3.

Procedure

Step1 Click on the site gear menu in the Fabric > San Jose > Floor 3 and click on “Configure Multicast”. By clicking on this, you will be taken a walkthrough of steps to enable Multicast in your fabric.



Step2 In the Enable Multicast workflow, click on “Let’s do it” to Configure Multicast.



Step3 Select Native or Headend Multicast and click on Next.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface. At the top, there are tabs for DESIGN, POLICY, PROVISION, ASSURANCE, and PLATFORM. Below the tabs, the title 'Enabling Multicast' is displayed. A descriptive text states: 'Multicast can be used to streamline packet distribution without over-loading the network with the same packets. It is especially beneficial if your network users conduct realtime streaming or conferencing. Choose the method first.' Underneath, a question asks 'How would you like to implement multicast in your network?' with two options: 'Native multicast' (radio button) and 'Head-end replication' (radio button). At the bottom right are 'Exit' and 'Next' buttons.

Step4 Select your virtual networks to use in your multicast setup for Floor3 and click on Next.

The screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface under the 'Virtual Networks' section. The title 'Virtual Networks' is at the top. Below it, a sub-instruction says 'Select your virtual networks to use in your multicast setup for Floor3'. A table lists four virtual networks: 'Campus' (selected), 'DEFAULT_VN', 'Guest' (selected), and 'IoT'. The 'Campus' and 'Guest' rows are highlighted with a blue background. A 'Find' search bar is at the top right. At the bottom, there are 'Review', 'Back', and 'Next' buttons.

Step5 In the Multicast Pool mapping page, select the IP Pools that will be used to send multicast traffic. Every Fabric node requires an IP Address per VN to enable multicast. Click “Next” to go to the next section

Cisco DNA Center DESIGN POLICY PROVISION ASSURANCE PLATFORM

Multicast Pool mapping

Every Fabric node requires an IP Address per VN to enable multicast.

Campus

IP Pools*

Campus-Multicast-SJC (1.1.1.0)

Guest

IP Pools*

Search Dropdown

Campus-Multicast-SJC (1.1.1.0)

Guest-Multicast-SJC (2.2.2.0)

Exit All changes saved

Review Back Next

This screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface for configuring Multicast Pool mapping. It displays two sections: 'Campus' and 'Guest'. Under 'Campus', a single IP pool named 'Campus-Multicast-SJC (1.1.1.0)' is selected. Under 'Guest', a dropdown menu is open, showing two options: 'Campus-Multicast-SJC (1.1.1.0)' and 'Guest-Multicast-SJC (2.2.2.0)'. The 'Guest-Multicast-SJC (2.2.2.0)' option is highlighted with a grey background. At the bottom of the screen, there are standard navigation buttons: 'Exit', 'All changes saved', 'Review', 'Back', and 'Next'.

Step6 Select SSM or ASM

Cisco DNA Center DESIGN POLICY PROVISION ASSURANCE PLATFORM

Select SSM or ASM

The Source Specific Multicast (SSM) feature is an extension of IP multicast where traffic is forwarded to receivers from only those multicast sources to which the receivers have explicitly joined. For multicast groups configured for SSM, only source-specific multicast distribution trees (no shared trees) are created.

Multicast can be used to streamline packet distribution without over-loading the network with the same packets. It is especially beneficial if your network users conduct realtime streaming or conferencing. Choose the method first.

SSM

ASM

Exit

Review Back Next

This screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface for selecting SSM or ASM. The title is 'Select SSM or ASM'. It contains a brief description of the SSM feature and its benefits. Below the description are two radio buttons: 'SSM' (which is selected) and 'ASM'. At the bottom of the screen, there are standard navigation buttons: 'Exit', 'Review', 'Back', and 'Next'.

Step7 Select the multicast IP range for SSM. Configure your SSM list by adding an IP group range for each virtual network.

Cisco DNA Center DESIGN POLICY PROVISION ASSURANCE PLATFORM

SSM

Configure your SSM list by adding an IP group range for each virtual network.

Campus

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Group Range 232.0.0.0 | Wildcard Mask 0.255.255.255 | + |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|

Guest

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Group Range 232.0.0.0 | Wildcard Mask 0.255.255.255 | + |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|

All changes saved Review Back Next

Step8 Review all the multicast configs and click on “Finish” to deploy Multicast.

Cisco DNA Center DESIGN POLICY PROVISION ASSURANCE PLATFORM

Summary

Review your multicast settings and make any changes.

[Delete Multicast Config](#)

Enabling Multicast [Edit](#)
Implementation Head-end replication

Virtual Networks [Edit](#)
Selected VNs Campus Guest

Multicast Pool mapping [Edit](#)
Campus Campus-Multicast-SJC (1.1.1.0)
Guest Guest-Multicast-SJC (2.2.2.0)

Select SSM or ASM [Edit](#)
Multicast Type SSM

SSM [Edit](#)
Campus 232.0.0.0 0.255.255.255
Guest 232.0.0.0 0.255.255.255

All changes saved Finish

This will complete the Multicast Configuration workflow.



Step9 After deploying multicast on the wired fabric infrastructure. The multicast needs to be enabled on the SD-Access wireless infrastructure. The option to enable multicast on wireless is located on the SSID configuration on the host onboarding page.

Navigate from Cisco DNA Center Homepage :

Provision->Fabric ->Fabric site->Host onboarding->Wireless SSID's

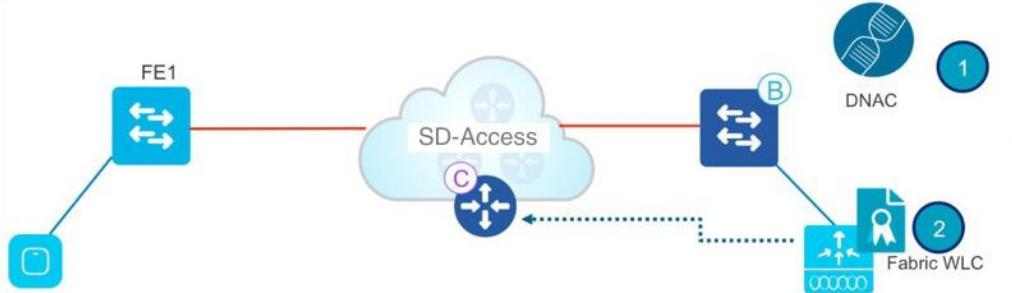
| SSID Name | Type | Security | Traffic Type | Address Pool | Scalable Group |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| sand-site1-1x | Enterprise | WPA2 Enterprise | Voice + Data | Choose Pool 9_10_60_0-corp | Assign SGT |

SD-Access Wireless – A Look Under the Hood

This section describes and explains the basic operations of SD-Access Wireless to give you a clear understanding of what happens “behind the scenes” of the Cisco DNA Center. This flow assumes that you are done with the Design phase and just focuses on the implementation and provisioning phase.

Adding a WLC to the fabric

Figure 15. Adding a WLC to the fabric

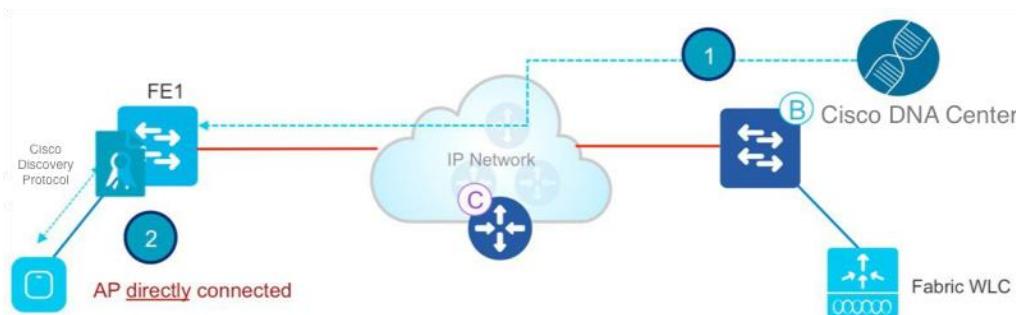


In Cisco DNA Center, first provision and then add the WLC to the fabric domain.

1. Fabric configuration is pushed to the WLC. The WLC becomes fabric aware. Most importantly, the WLC is configured with credentials to establish a secure connection to the fabric control plane.
2. The WLC is ready to participate in SD-Access Wireless.

AP join flow

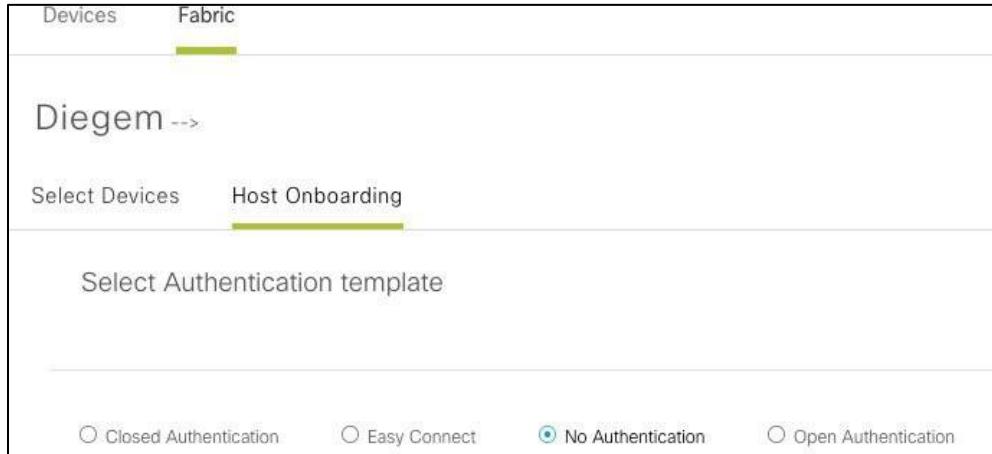
Figure 16. Connecting and discovering the AP



1. An admin user configures a pool in Cisco DNA Center to be dedicated to APs in the INFRA_VN (this means checking the AP Provisioning box in the pool definition). Cisco DNA Center pre provisions the AP VLAN and related template on the fabric edges. Cisco DNA Center 1.3 and above uses Autoconf while release 1.2 uses macro.
2. The AP is plugged in and powers up. The device classifier on FE discovers it's an AP through Cisco Discovery Protocol and applies the template configuration to assign the switch port to the right VLAN.
3. The AP gets an IP address through DHCP. It is a “special” wired host to the fabric.

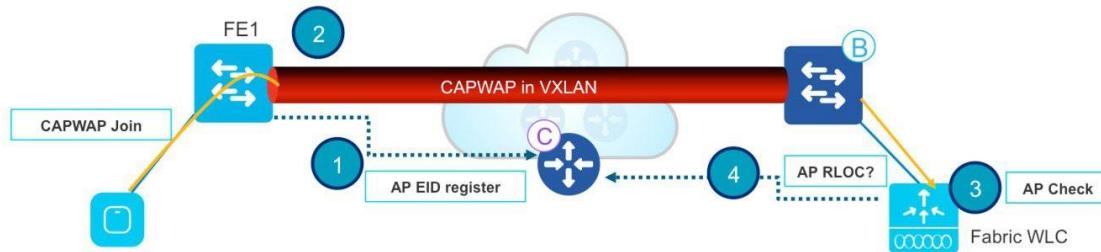
NOTE: As of Cisco DNA Center, 1.3 Autoconf is used to identify the device as an Access point. Autoconf only works if the port is set as “No Authentication” mode. A switch port template is selected during host onboarding configuration. This is shown in the screenshot below.

If any other authentication template is selected, the admin user will have to statically map the APs’ switch ports to the right IP pool. The AP’s are also supported on closed authentication port, the workflow and the steps are defined in the AP onboarding section.



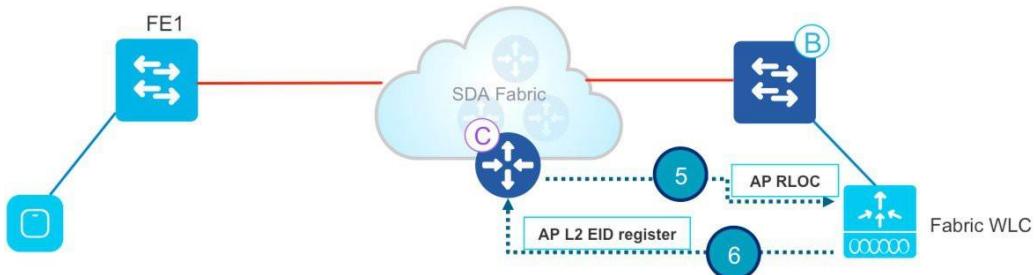
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Figure 17. AP onboarding



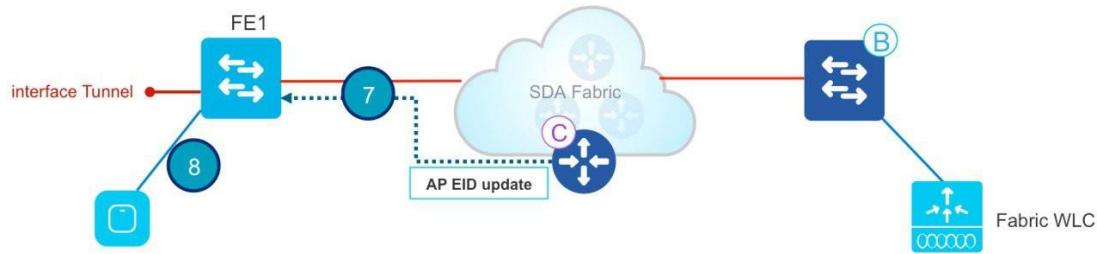
1. The fabric edge registers the AP's IP address in the control-plane node. The AP location is now known in the fabric.
2. The AP learns about the WLC using traditional methods (DHCP option 43, DNS, Plug and Play) and joins the WLC. The fabric AP joins as a Local mode AP.
3. The WLC checks whether the AP is fabric capable (that is, a Wave 2 or Wave 1 AP).
4. If the AP model is supported, the WLC queries the CP to learn whether the AP is connected to the fabric.

Figure 18. Exchanging RLOC and EID information



5. The CP replies to the WLC with the RLOC information. This means the AP is attached to the fabric and will be shown as fabric enabled in the WLC AP details.
6. The WLC does a Layer 2 LISP registration for the AP in the Host Tracking database (this registers the AP as a “special” secure client). This is used to pass important metadata information from the WLC to the FE.

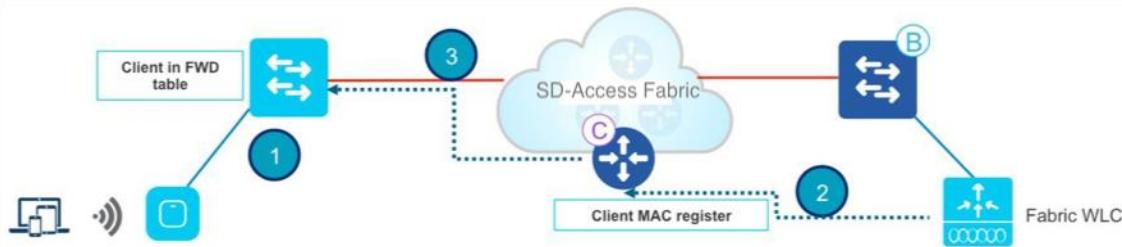
Figure 19. Creating a VXLAN tunnel for the AP



7. In response to this proxy registration by the WLC, the CP notifies the fabric edge and passes the metadata received from the WLC (a flag that says it's an AP and provides the AP's IP address).
8. The fabric edge processes the information, learns that this client is an AP, and creates a VXLAN tunnel interface to the specified IP address (optimization: the switch side is ready for clients to join).

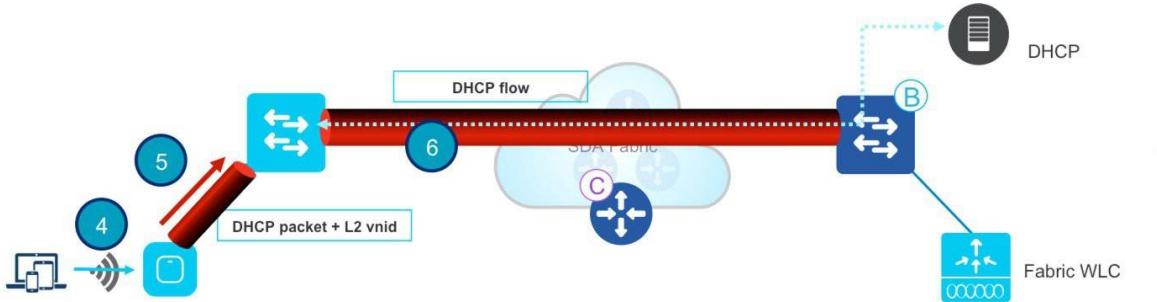
Client onboarding flow

Figure 20. Authentication and policy retrieval



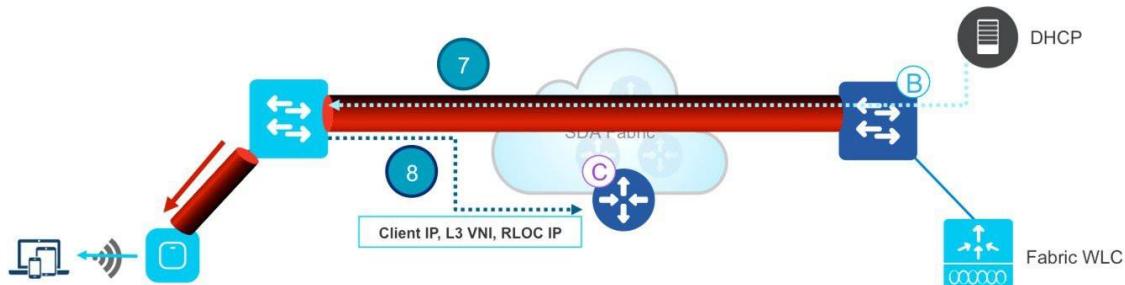
1. The client authenticates to a fabric-enabled WLAN. The WLC gets the client SGT from ISE (assuming the WLAN is configured for 802.1X authentication) and updates the AP with the client Layer 2 VNID and SGT. The WLC knows the RLOC of the AP from its own internal record (saved during the AP join process).
2. The WLC proxy registers the client's Layer 2 information in the CP; this is a LISP modified message to pass additional information, such as the client SGT.
3. The CP notifies the FE, which adds the client's MAC address to the Layer 2 forwarding table and fetches the policy from ISE based on the SGT.

Figure 21. DHCP flow



4. The client initiates a DHCP request.
5. The AP encapsulates it in VXLAN with Layer 2 VNI information.
6. The fabric edge maps the Layer 2 VNID to the VLAN and VLAN interface and forwards DHCP in the overlay using anycast IP as the DHCP relay (the same as for a wired fabric client).

Figure 22. Completing the onboarding process



7. The client receives an IP address from DHCP.
8. DHCP snooping (and/or ARP for static) triggers the fabric edge to register the client to the Host Tracking database. This completes the client onboarding process.

Client roaming flow

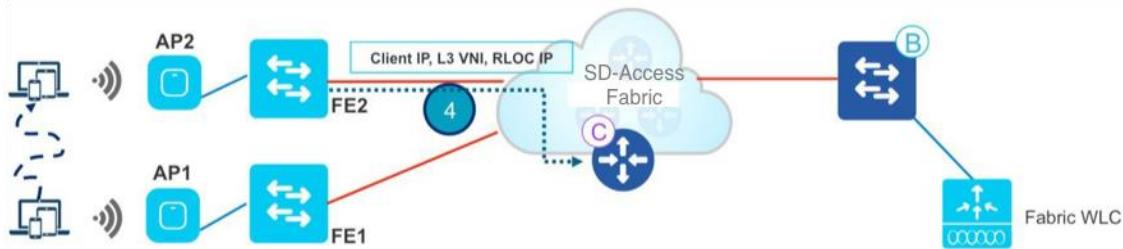
Figure 23. Updating the client information



1. The client roams to AP2 on FE2 (Interswitch roaming). AP2 notifies the WLC.
2. The WLC updates the forwarding table on the AP with the client information (SGT, RLOC IP address).

- The WLC updates the Layer 2 MAC entry in the CP with the new RLOC for FE2.

Figure 24. Control plane notifications



- The CP then notifies:

- Fabric edge FE2 (the “roam-to” switch) to add the client MAC to the forwarding table pointing to the VXLAN tunnel
- Fabric edge FE1 (the “roam-from” switch) to do cleanup for the wireless client
- The fabric border to update the internal RLOC for this client

- The FE will update the Layer 3 entry (IP address) in the CP upon receiving traffic.

Roam is Layer 2, as FE2 has the same VLAN interface (anycast gateway).

Designing the wireless integration in SD-Access

As mentioned earlier, there are two possible designs for deploying wireless with an SD-Access fabric:

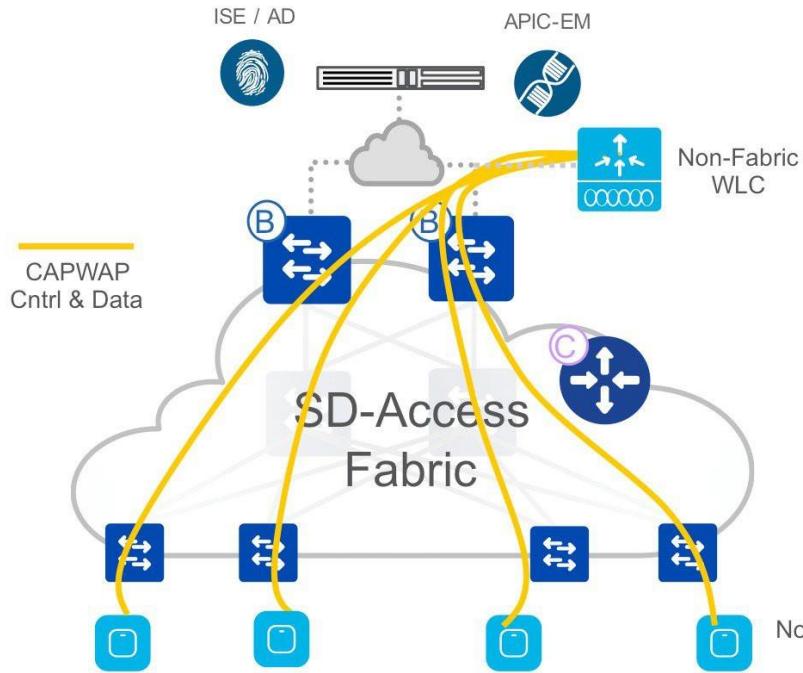
- Cisco Unified Wireless Network wireless OTT: The SD-Access fabric is just an IP transport network, and wireless is a pure overlay.
- SD-Access Wireless: Wireless is integrated into SD-Access and can leverage all the advantages of the fabric.

Cisco Unified Wireless Network wireless OTT

In this case traditional wireless is carried on top of the SD-Access fabric. This mode is important as a migration step for customers that decide to implement SD-Access first on the wired network and then plan the wireless integration.

Figure 25. Cisco Unified Wireless Network wireless OTT

CUWN wireless Over The Top (OTT)



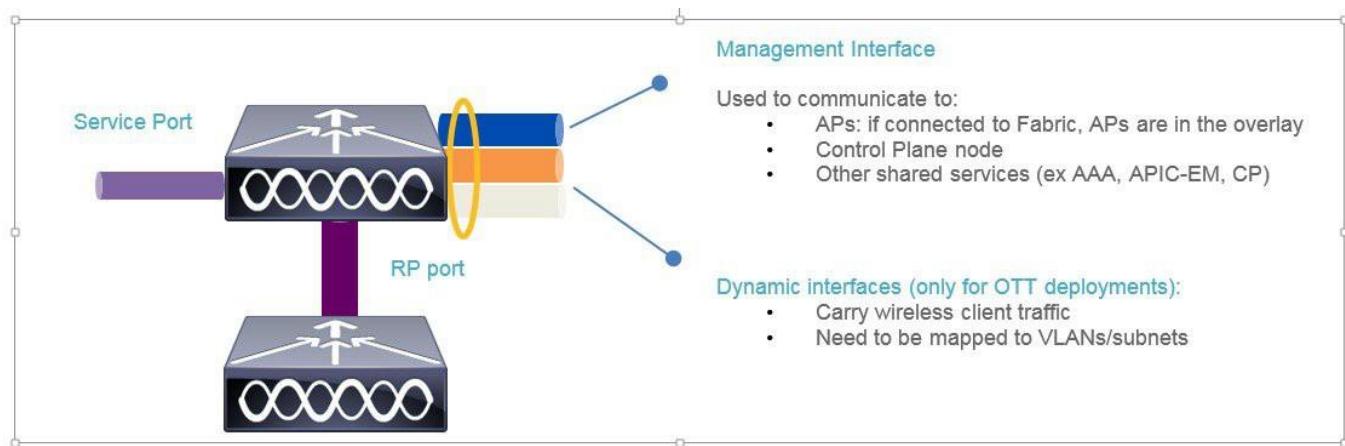
- A traditional Cisco Unified Wireless Network architecture with CAPWAP is used for the control plane and data plane, terminating at the WLC (for Centralized mode).
- The SD-Access fabric is just a transport in the wired infrastructure between the APs and the WLC.
- This is a possible migration step to full SD-Access adoption.

Before considering the different design considerations for the two deployment types, let's clarify what interfaces of the WLC are used and how they are used in the different deployments.

WLC interfaces

For both SD-Access integration modes, let's consider the WLC interfaces as they apply to SD-Access Wireless and OTT.

Figure 26. WLC interface



- WLC is connected in the underlay network (global routing table) outside the fabric network.

- The AP's, when connected to a fabric network, are assumed to be in the overlay. In other words, the ports of a fabric edge are all fabric enabled. It is not supported to have some ports connected in the overlay and other ports connected in the underlay.
- The management interface is used, as usual, for the WLC-to-APs CAPWAP control channel and to talk to shared services such as AAA, Cisco DNA Center, etc.
- When deployed using SD-Access Wireless, the management interface is also used to integrate with the control-plane node.
- The redundancy port (RP) is used for high availability (HA) communication between an active and standby HA pair to provide seamless and stateful switchover in the event of a box or network failure.
- The dynamic interfaces are used only if wireless is deployed over the top, meaning that the fabric infrastructure is just a transport for the CAPWAP control and data channels to be transported back to the WLC for centralized processing.
- The service port is used for out-of-band management, as usual.

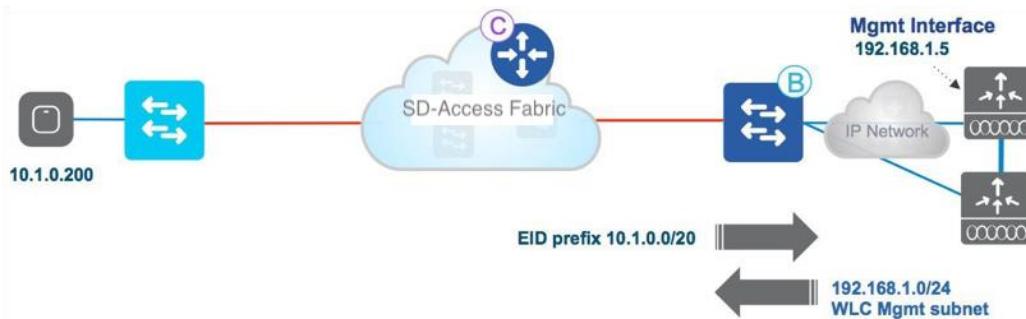
Cisco Unified Wireless Network wireless OTT network design

First of all, what is Cisco Unified Wireless Network wireless OTT? In this mode, traditional CAPWAP tunnels between the APs and WLC run as overlays to the fabric network. In other words, the fabric is a transport for CAPWAP. Why would you deploy Cisco Unified Wireless Network wireless OTT? There are two primary reasons:

1. The OTT solution can be a migration step: Customers want or need to first migrate the wired infrastructure to the SD-Access fabric and keep the wireless network “as is,” meaning not touching the way their wireless works today. This could be the result of different IT operations teams managing the wired and wireless infrastructure, a different buying cycle that determines an upgrade to the wired network first, or simply that the IT team wants to first get familiar with fabric on the wired side before they integrate the wireless part.
2. Another reason for deploying wireless OTT could be that customer doesn’t want or cannot migrate to fabric for wireless. This might be because they have a majority of older APs (802.11n or older) that are not supported with SD-Access, or the customer might require a certification of the new WLC software required to run SD-Access Wireless (8.5 and above), or the customer may simply want to leave the wireless “as is” and not touch it.

Let's consider some of the most important design considerations for each component.

Figure 27. WLC connection

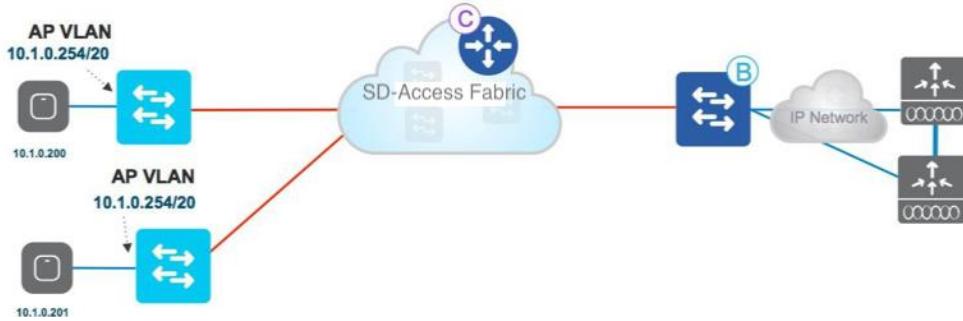


The recommendation is to connect the WLC (or WLCs for redundancy) outside the fabric, as shown in Figure 27. The WLC can also be connected to the border node of the Cisco SD-Access solution, the configuration for the same has to be done manually on the border node. Usually the WLC is connected in a centralized place in the network (data center or shared services), so, realistically, the WLC is not connected to a fabric edge node, which is usually an access switch.

Since the WLC sits outside the fabric, the border node is responsible for providing reachability between the management interface subnet (192.168.1.0/24 in this example) and the APs' IP pool (10.1.0.0/16 in this example), so that the CAPWAP tunnel can form and the AP can register to the WLC. In Cisco DNA Center 1.3, the APs reside in INFRA_VRF, which is mapped to the global routing table, so route leaking is not needed.

Access points

Figure 28. AP VLANs



Access points are simply wired hosts to the fabric infrastructure, and hence are connected to the overlay space on fabric edge switches and assigned a specific pool in the EID space. One of the advantages of fabric is that all the APs can be assigned to one big subnet that is the same across the campus, simplifying subnet design and hence the onboarding operations.

Since APs are like wired clients, they get registered in the fabric control plane node by the fabric edge switch they are connected to; hence their location will be made known in fabric and the APs will be reachable. At this point, the CAPWAP tunnel is formed from the AP to the WLC over the fabric, as shown in Figure 29.

Figure 29. CAPWAP tunnel from AP to WLC



Wireless LANs

Figure 30. Wireless LAN connections



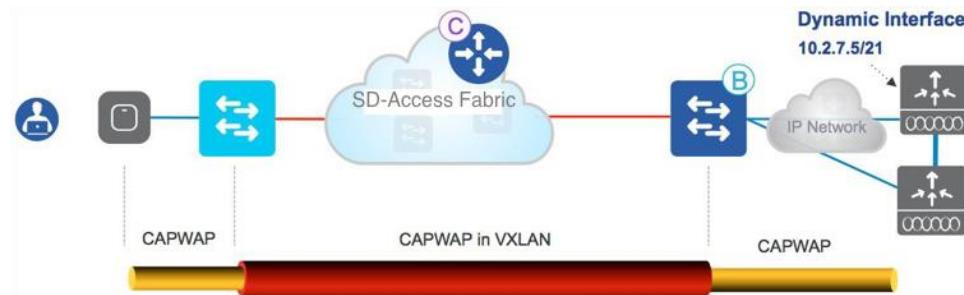
As mentioned, wireless works “as is,” meaning that wireless SSIDs on the WLC are mapped to a VLAN/subnet at the WLC in the form of dynamic interfaces, and wireless traffic enters the wired network at the WLC and is routed from there.

The border node advertises the wireless client subnets to the fabric so that connectivity can be established between a fabric host and a wireless client.

Client traffic flow

As a wireless client sends some traffic, the CAPWAP tunnel is built from the AP to the WLC. From the AP, the CAPWAP traffic hits the fabric edge switch, gets encapsulated in the VXLAN, and is forwarded to the border. The outer VXLAN header is removed and the underlying CAPWAP packet is forwarded to the WLC.

Figure 31. Client traffic flow via CAPWAP tunnel



As with the Cisco Unified Wireless Network, clients are authenticated and onboarded by the WLC, and the wireless client traffic is external to the fabric. Figure 32 shows the traffic flow for a communication between a wireless client and a local fabric wired host.

Figure 32. Traffic flow between a wireless client and a local fabric wired host



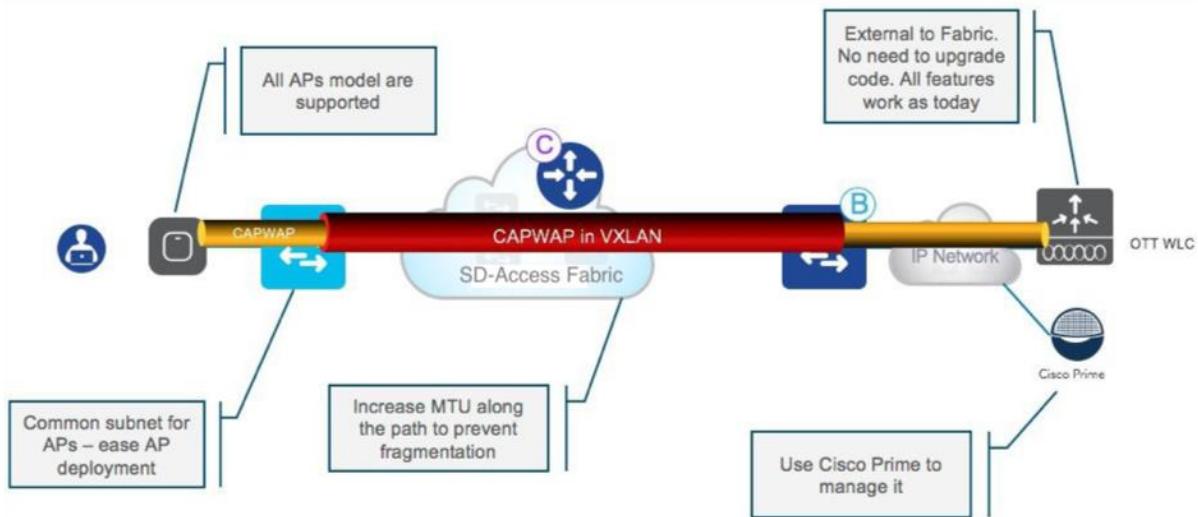
The wireless traffic will go all the way to the WLC, and will be bridged at the WLC dynamic interface VLAN and routed back to the fabric client through the border. For wireless, this is the same thing that happens today with a normal wired network; for the fabric, it is a fabric host communicating to a known destination external to the fabric.

Wireless as an overlay (OTT) – design considerations

Let's recap some of the important design considerations for OTT mode:

- All APs and WLC models are supported. Since wireless is not integrated into the fabric, there are no requirements regarding the hardware and software models.
- The WLC is connected external to the fabric and can be on any code version.
- We recommend increasing the maximum transmission unit (MTU) along the path to prevent fragmentation of packets due to double (CAPWAP in VXLAN) encapsulation. This is done automatically if all the switches in the path are Cisco and support jumbo frames.
- At FCS, the only mode supported as OTT is Centralized.
- At FCS, use Cisco Prime to manage OTT wireless networks.

Figure 33. Design considerations for OTT mode:



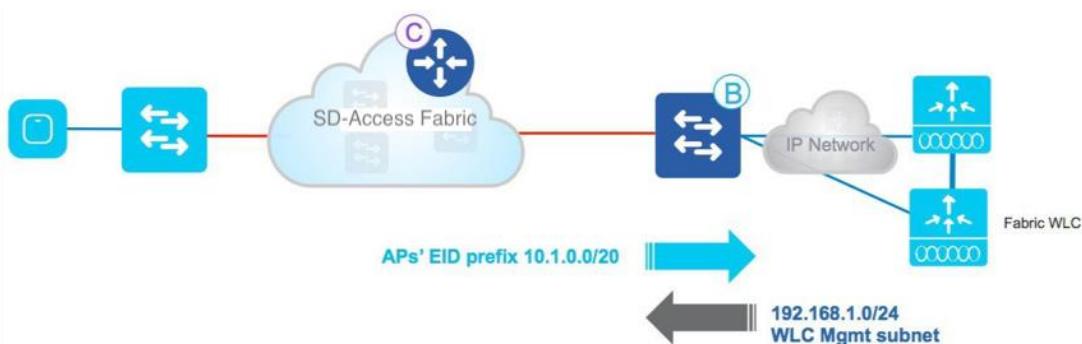
SD-Access Wireless network design

To gain all the advantages of SD-Access fabric, you should choose the integrated design and hence the SD-Access Wireless solution. From an architecture perspective, the integration brings three main advantages:

- Simplified management and control plane: Cisco DNA Center provides the necessary automation to bring up the fabric and configure the wireless integration in a few clicks. The centralized wireless control plane (based on CAPWAP) provides the same functionalities as today's Cisco Unified Wireless Network controller.
- Optimized data plane: The data plane is distributed without the usual caveats that this usually brings; thanks to the fabric, there is no VLAN spanning multiple access switches, and subnetting is simplified.
- Integrated policy and segmentation from end to end: Policy is not an afterthought; it is integrated from the ground up in the architecture. The VXLAN header carries both the VRF (VNID) and SGT information, providing end-to-end hierarchical segmentation.

Let's briefly analyze the design aspects of the wireless integrated solution.

Figure . WLC connecting externally to the fabric



The recommendation is to connect the WLC (or WLCs for redundancy) externally to the fabric, as shown in Figure 35.

Usually the WLC is connected in a centralized place in the network (data center or shared services), so it's realistic that the WLC is not connected to a fabric edge node, which is usually an access switch.

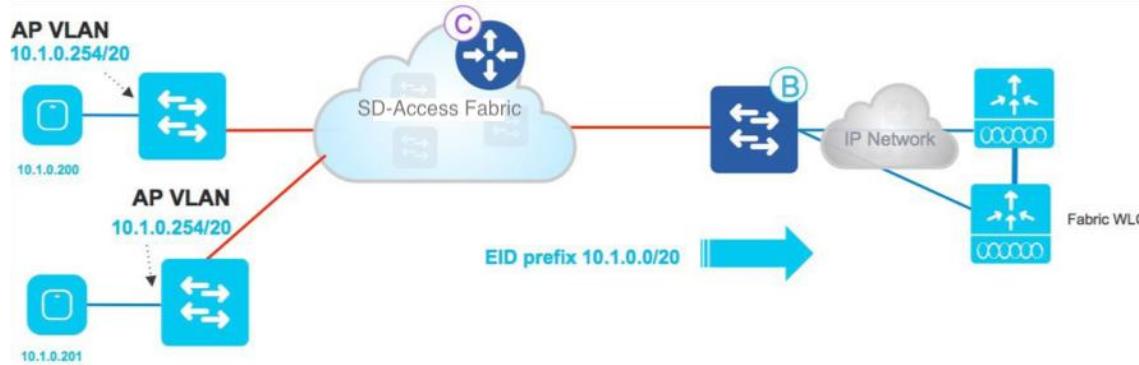
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Also, the WLC needs to be collocated with the access points. The requirement is the same as for Local mode APs in Cisco

Unified Wireless Network: The maximum latency between APs and WLC needs to be less than 20 ms, which usually means that the WLC cannot be sitting across a WAN from the APs.

Access points

Figure 36. Access points in SD-Access Wireless

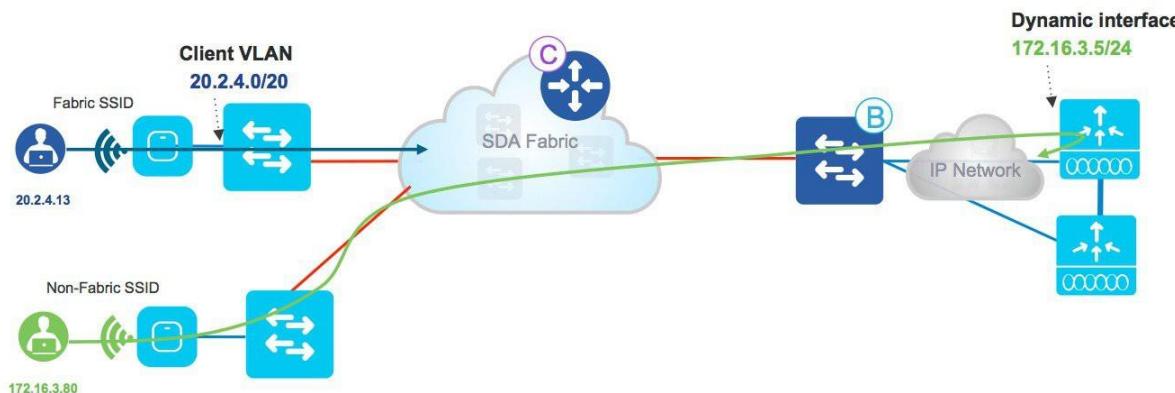


In SD-Access Wireless, APs need to be connected directly to the fabric edge nodes. Access points are “special” wired hosts to the fabric infrastructure and hence are connected to the overlay space on fabric edge switches and assigned a specific pool in the EID space. One of the advantages of fabric is that all the APs can be assigned to one big subnet that is the same across the campus, simplifying subnet design and hence the onboarding operations.

Since APs are like wired clients, they get registered in the fabric control plane node by the fabric edge switch they are connected to, and hence their location will be made known in the fabric and the APs will be reachable. The AP will form a CAPWAP tunnel to the WLC for control-plane functionalities in the same way that has been described for OTT design.

Wireless LANs

Figure 37. Wireless LAN in SD-Access Wireless



Fabric capability is enabled on a per-WLAN basis. For WLANs that are fabric enabled, the client traffic is distributed and will not go to the centralized controller but will be encapsulated in VXLAN at the AP and sent to the first-hop switch.

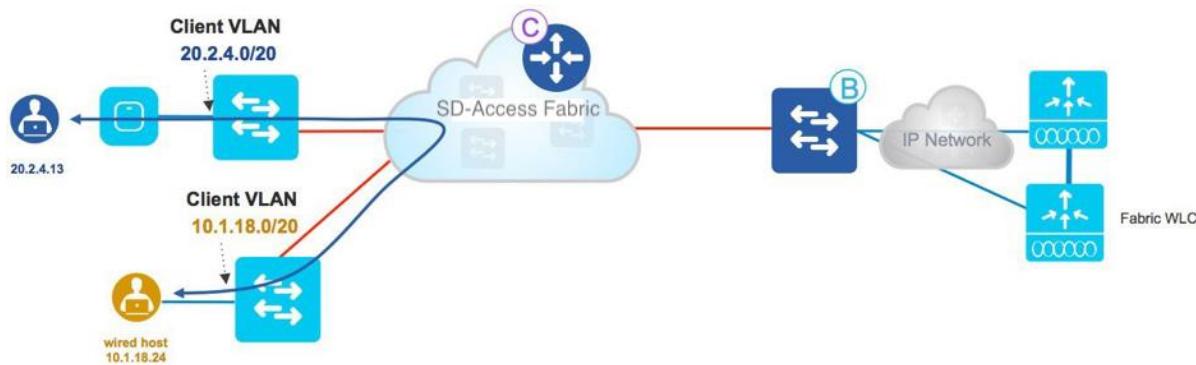
Centralized CAPWAP WLANs can coexist with fabric-enabled WLANs on the same or different APs using a common fabric-

enabled WLC. This is called “mixed mode,” and with Cisco DNA Center 1.1 it is supported for WLC deployments with no preexisting fabric or Cisco Unified Wireless Network wireless configuration, so it is for new deployments only.

Client flow

For fabric-enabled SSIDs, the wireless client traffic is distributed at the switch, so there is no hairpinning to the centralized controller. The communication to wired clients is directly through the fabric and hence is optimized.

Figure 38. Client flow in SD-Access Wireless



Client subnets are distributed at the fabric edge switches, and there is no need to define dynamic interfaces and client subnets at the WLC. Instead, client subnets are defined and mapped to the VLAN with an anycast gateway at all fabric edge switches. This means that no matter where the wireless client connects, it will be able to talk to the same gateway for its subnet, which means that the client will be able to retain its original IP address everywhere; in other words, all wireless roams in the fabric are Layer 2 roams.

Figure 39. Client subnets in SD-Access Wireless

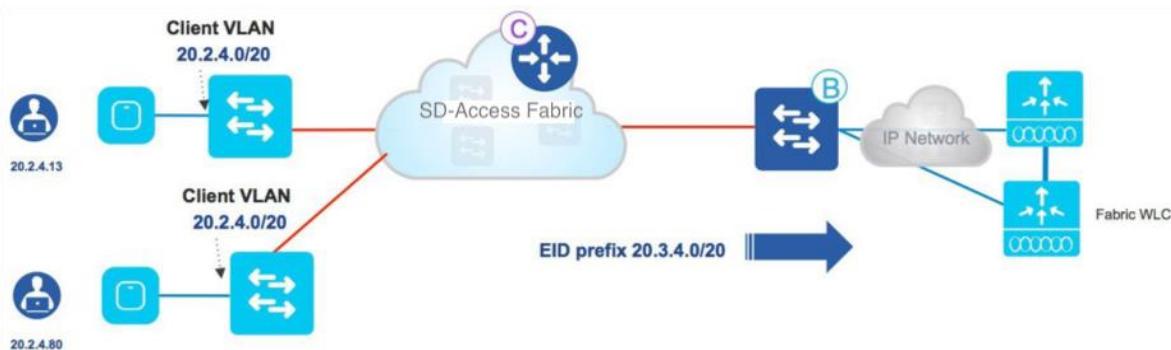
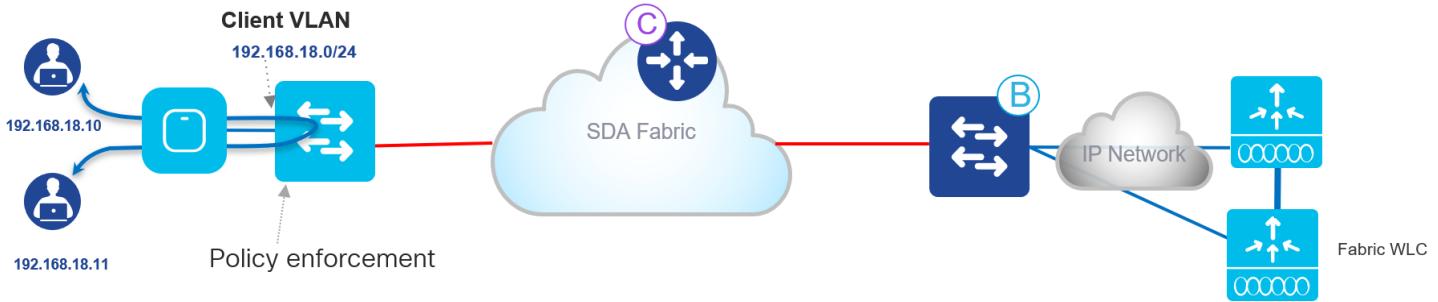


Figure 39. Client traffic flow in SD-Access Wireless on the same SSID/VLAN



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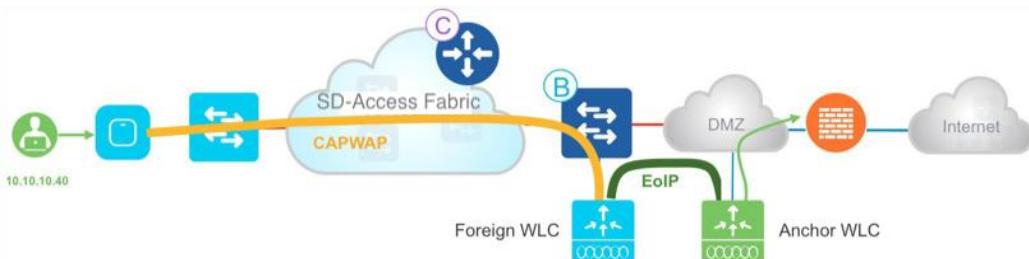
SD-Access Wireless guest access design

When considering guest design, the integration with fabric offers three different solutions:

- The OTT solution leveraging a guest anchor controller
- A dedicated guest virtual network
- A dedicated guest fabric domain

OTT solution leveraging Cisco Unified Wireless Network guest anchor

Figure 40. OTT solution using a guest anchor controller

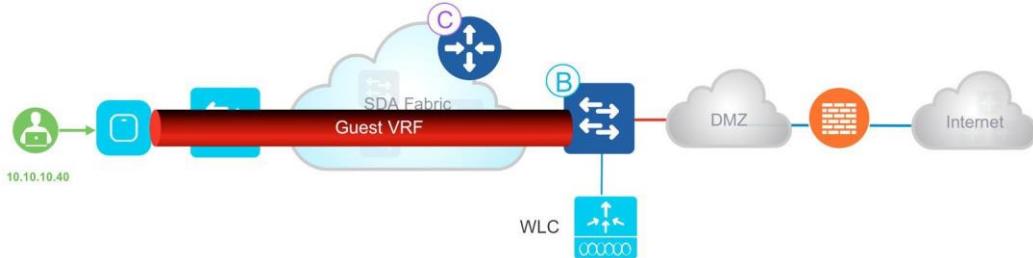


You can continue to leverage your investment in guest anchor controllers by deploying the guest wireless network as OTT. The WLAN for guests will be configured to be anchored at a guest anchor controller in the DMZ, and the traffic will be an overlay to the fabric. This well-proven Cisco Unified Wireless Network solution protects the customer investment and is particularly suited for brownfield deployments. Of course, this solution has the limitations partially inherited from the Cisco Unified Wireless Network solution:

- It is limited to 71 guest tunnels.
- There is a separate solution for wired guests, managed differently from the anchor WLC.

Dedicated VN for guest

Figure 41. Dedicated guest VN



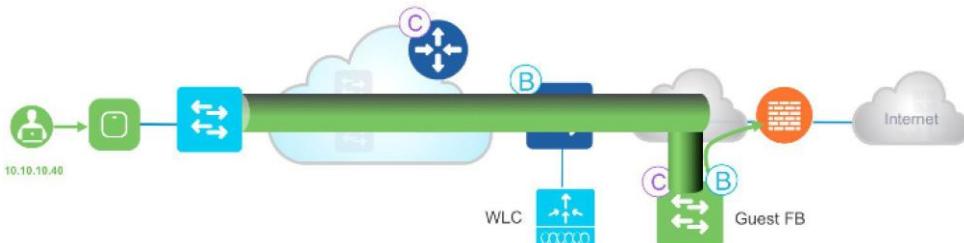
In this design, the guest network is just another VN in the SD-Access Fabric, so end-to-end fabric segmentation (using a VNI, and SGTs for different guest roles if needed) is used to separate the guest data plane from the other enterprise traffic. It's configured through Cisco DNA Center by creating a guest VN, defining the IP pools, and associating the SSID to one or more pools for guests. One of the main advantages of this approach over the previous solution is that it is a consistent solution and policy for wired and wireless guest users.

Guest as a separate fabric domain

If you require complete isolation for the guest network, not only for the data plane traffic but also in terms of the control plane, you can configure a dedicated guest control plane and border (so essentially a dedicated fabric domain) in Cisco DNA Center to manage guest users.

In this solution the traffic is still encapsulated at the AP in the VXLAN to the fabric edge switch, but then the FE is configured to use a different border node. This border node can reside in your DMZ, providing complete traffic isolation, similar to the guest anchor solution. The guest users will be registered in a dedicated CP (that may be colocated with the border or not), and the users will get an IP address in the DMZ.

Figure 42. Guest control plane and border



Similar to the previous VN solution, this design provides policy consistency for wired and wireless guests. The choice of a guest control plane and border will depend on the scalability of the solution.

The handoff from the guest border is a manual process, the administrator can choose the appropriate protocol including static routes to do the handover to the external node in the DMZ.

Multicast in SD-Access Wireless

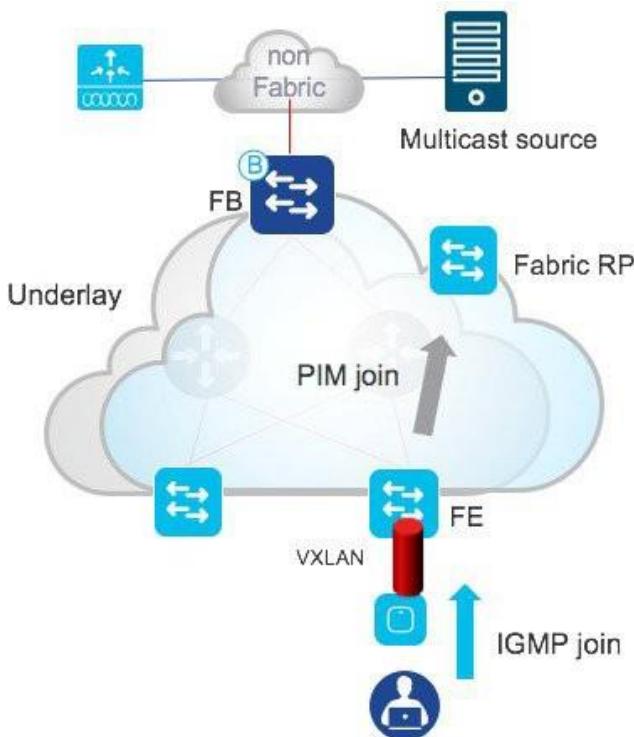
Here are some important things to know about multicast in SD-Access Wireless:

- Multicast traffic is transported in the overlay, in the EID space, for both wired and wireless clients.
- To enable multicast for wireless, Global Multicast mode and Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) snooping need to be enabled globally on the WLC.
- With Cisco DNA Center 1.3, multicast traffic forwarding in a fabric uses two methods: the head-end replication and native forwarding. These methods differ from each other on how the multicast traffic is forwarded in the underlay. For head-end replication the underlay network doesn't need to have multicast-enabled. This method is not optimal, as multicast traffic coming into the fabric is replicated in multiple unicast VXLAN tunnels, one for each fabric edge node that has some multicast receiver attached. In the case of native multicast the underlay needs to have multicast-enabled. This method is an efficient, as multicast traffic of the overlay is forwarded in an underlay multicast. The replication of packets is done by the network based on where the interested receivers are.

Let's now examine how multicast works:

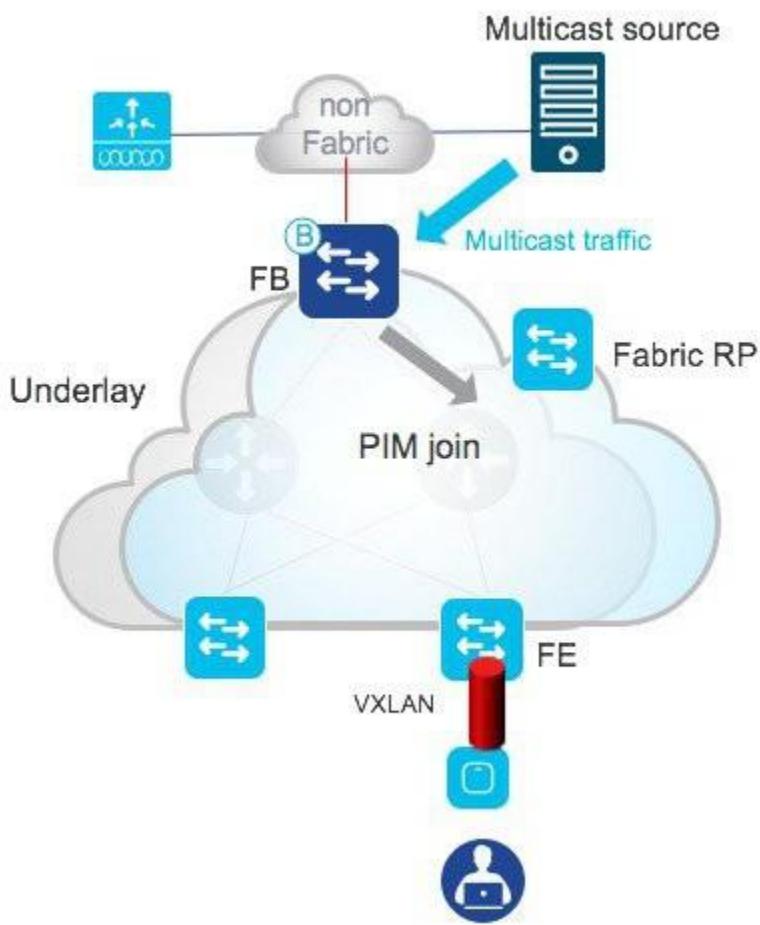
- The multicast client (receiver) is in the overlay. The multicast source can be outside the fabric or in the overlay as well (in Figure 43, the source is shown outside the fabric).
- PIM sparse mode (PIM-SM) or PIM source-specific multicast (PIM-SSM) needs to be running in the overlay (and so needs to be enabled per VRF).
- The client sends an IGMP join for a specific multicast group.
- The AP encapsulates it in the VXLAN and sends it to the upstream switch.
- The fabric edge node receives it and does a PIM join towards the fabric rendezvous point (RP) (assuming PIM-SM is used).
- The RP needs to be present in the overlay as part of the endpoint IP space.
- Figure 43 illustrates the above steps.

Figure 43. Multicast in SD-Access Wireless



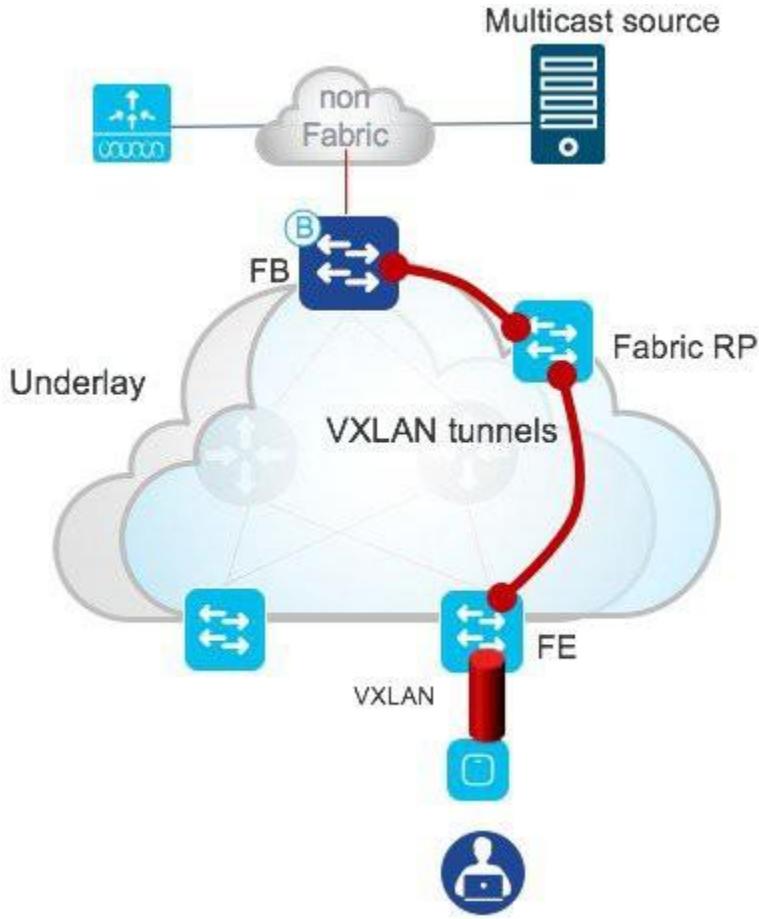
- Being outside of the fabric, in this example the multicast source will send the multicast traffic on the interfaces toward the fabric border which is the designated router for that segment.
- The FB receives the traffic and does a PIM join toward the RP (assuming PIM-SM is used).
- The RP now has the source and receiver information for that multicast group.

Figure 44. Multicast in SD-Access Wireless
(North to South)



- The RP now has the source and receiver information for a particular multicast group.
- The FB will send the multicast source traffic over a VXLAN tunnel to the RP, and the RP will forward that traffic to the FE over another VXLAN tunnel.
- The FE receives the VXLAN packets, decapsulates them, applies policy, and then forwards them again to the AP over a VXLAN tunnel.
- The AP removes the VXLAN header and sends the original IP multicast packet into the air.

Figure 45. Multicast in SD-Access Wireless



- Once the first multicast packet is delivered to the FE, the shortest path failover (SPT) happens and the traffic is forwarded between the FB and the FE directly.
- The FE knows that the FB owns the multicast source, based on the first multicast packet received, and sends a PIM join directly to the FB for that multicast group.
- FB now knows which FEs have clients that requested the specific multicast group.
- It performs headend replication or native multicast, and VXLAN encapsulates the multicast traffic and forwards it to the interested FEs.
- The multicast traffic is sent in the overlay.
- FE receives the VXLAN packets, decapsulates them, applies policy, and then forwards them again to the AP.
- The AP removes the VXLAN header and sends the original IP multicast packet into the air.

High availability in SD-Access Wireless

The most critical components of the SD-Access Wireless solution are the WLC and the control plane node. Compared to wired fabric clients, the control plane plays an even more important role for wireless, as it is critical in client roaming because it is responsible for keeping the updated client location information.

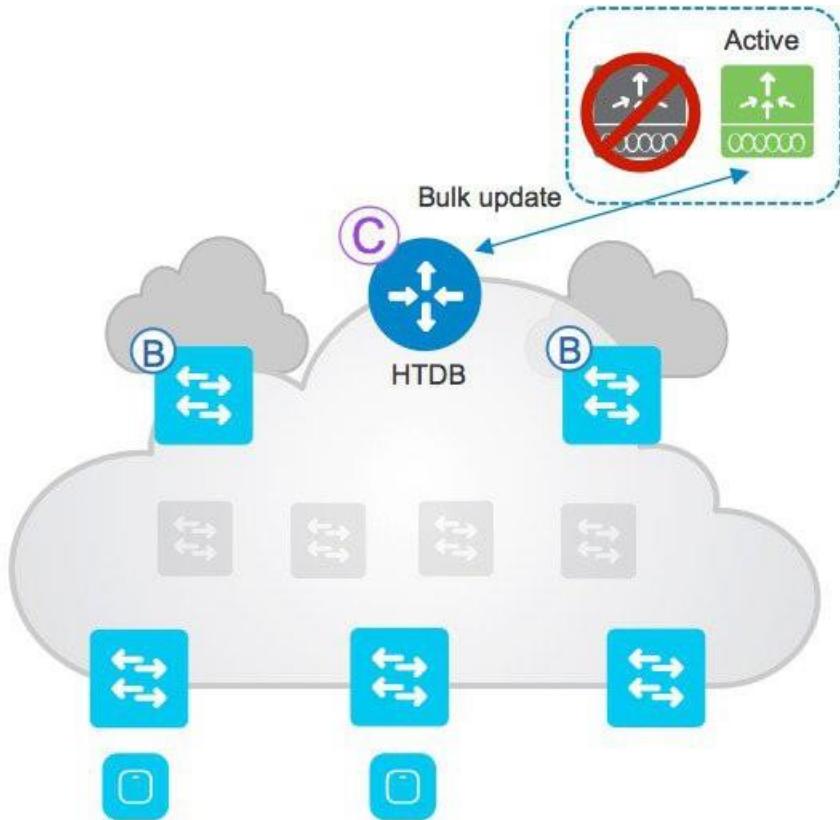
Both the WLC and the CP support high availability.

Controller redundancy

Controller high availability is supporting using both N+1 and SSO for the fabric-aware controller.

Stateful redundancy with SSO

Figure 46. Stateful switchover

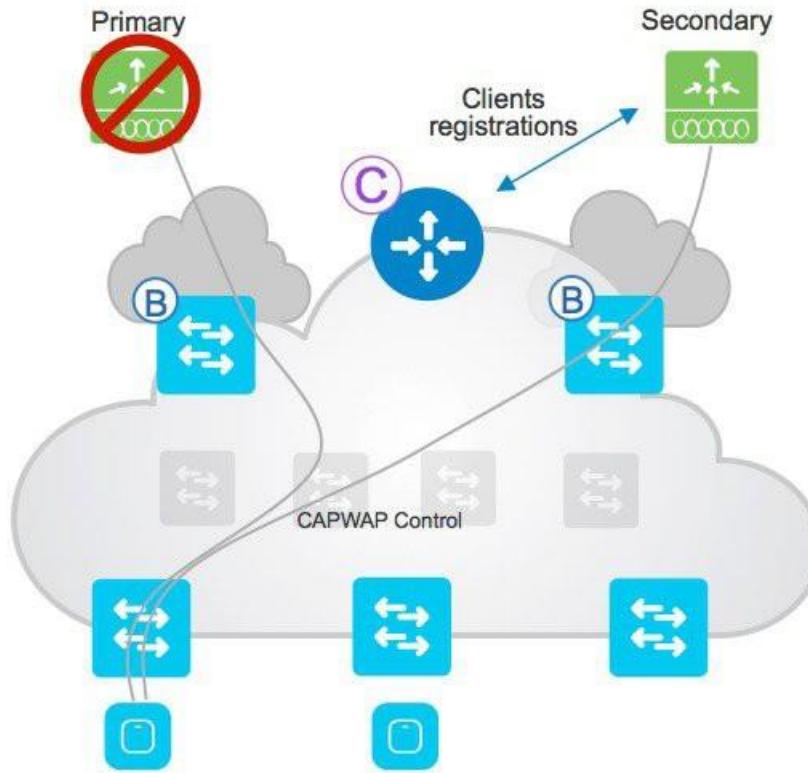


- The WLC SSO pair is seen as one node by the fabric.
- Only the active WLC interacts with the CP node.
- The fabric configuration and CP state are synced between the active and standby WLCs.
- Upon failure, a new active WLC will bulk update fabric clients to the Host Tracking database node (LISP refresh).
- APs and clients stay connected.

As discussed in the design section, at FCS the WLC is connected outside the fabric, so the usual consideration for connecting an SSO pair will apply: the bandwidth and latency requirements between the two controllers are the same as in the Cisco Unified Wireless Network architecture.

Stateless redundancy with N+1

Figure 47. N+1 redundancy



N+1 redundancy is supported if you don't need stateful HA. N+1 redundancy is not automated till Cisco DNA Center 1.3; support for this functionality is on the Cisco DNA Center roadmap. Here are the important considerations:

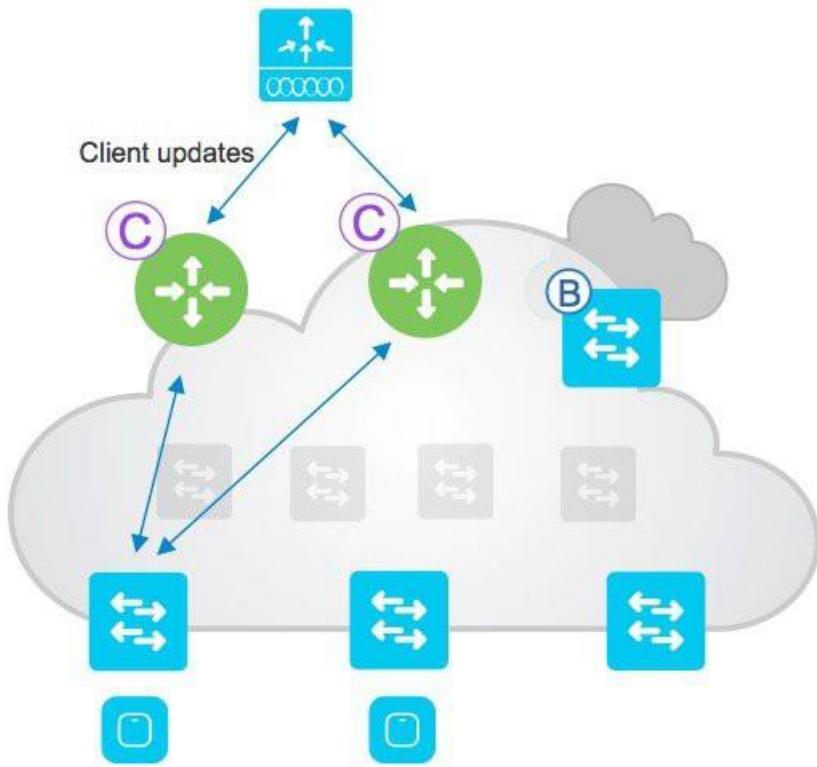
- The AP is configured with primary and secondary.
- The AP and associated clients register with the primary.
- Upon primary failure, the AP disconnects and joins the secondary.
- Clients are also disconnected and join the secondary.
- The secondary performs new client registration in the Host Tracking database.



Note N+1 redundancy is not automated till Cisco DNA Center 1.3. Support for this functionality is on the Cisco DNA Center roadmap.

Control plane redundancy

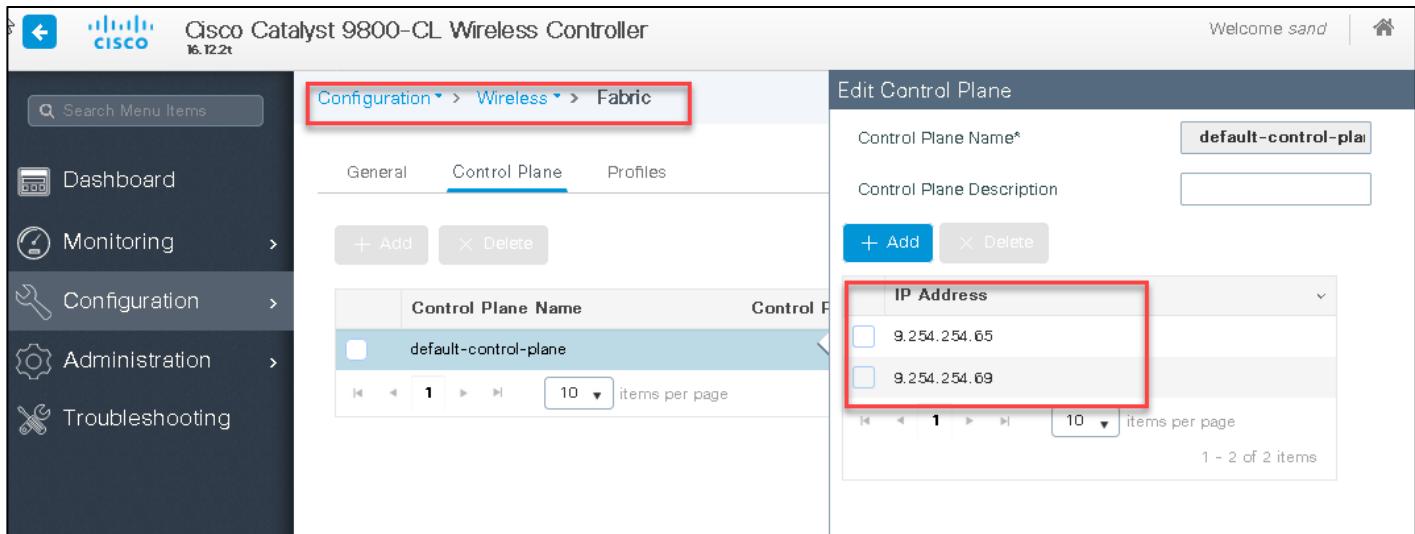
Figure 48. Control plane redundancy



- Redundancy for the control plane node is supported in an active/active configuration. The WLC (and the fabric edges) are configured with two CP nodes and sync information to both.
- If one CP node fails, all client information is available at the other CP node. Here is the configuration on the WLC for reference screenshot from Aire-OS:

| Enterprise | |
|--|-----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary IP Address | 10.2.158.16.252 |
| Pre Shared Key | ***** |
| Connection Status | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secondary IP Address | 10.2.158.10.252 |
| Pre Shared Key | ***** |
| Connection Status | |

reference screenshot from Catalyst 9800 WLC:



Appendix: SD-Access Wireless features deep dive

The following table captures some of the key features supported on the SD-Access Wireless architecture.

Table 1: Key features supported in the SD-Access Wireless architecture

| | |
|---|--|
| Open/static Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) | Supported |
| Wireless Protected Access with preshared keys (WPA-PSK) | Supported |
| 802.1X (WPA/WPA2) | Supported |
| MAC filtering | Supported |
| Local Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) | Supported |
| AAA override | Supported |
| Internal/external web authentication | Supported |
| Pre-authentication access control list (ACL) | Supported |
| IPv4 ACL for clients | Supported (SGTs are preferred and recommended) |
| Application Visibility and Control (AVC) | Supported* |
| Local profiling | Supported |
| RADIUS profiling | Supported |
| QoS profiles | Supported |
| Per-user bandwidth contracts | Supported |
| Wireless intrusion prevention system (wIPS) | Supported |
| Cisco Connected Mobile Experiences (CMX) integration | Supported |
| NetFlow export | Supported |
| HA SSO | Supported |

*Wave 2 APs only

Let's examine some of the features to understand how they work in a fabric network.

AAA override

ISE can override the parameters Fabric Interface Name, ACL, QoS, and SGT on an SD-Access Wireless SSID.

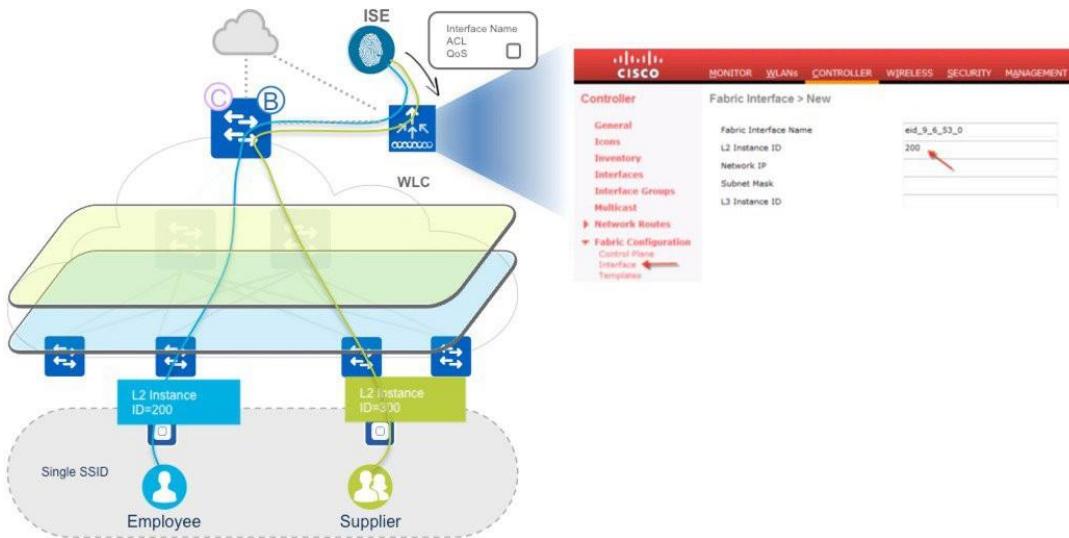
Fabric Interface Name override

What if you want to have the same SSID mapped to different pools/subnets based on client authentication and role? In Cisco Unified Wireless Network we use VLAN override for this, passing the VLAN ID (name or number) from the AAA server back to the WLC.

In fabric, the VLAN has only a local switch, and what the IP pool is mapped to is a Layer 2 VNID. This is the network identifier that is associated with a subnet/pool and, for wireless, with an SSID. The Layer 2 VNID is transported from the AP to the switch in the VXLAN header. The Layer 2 VNID is ultimately mapped to a VLAN locally at the fabric edge switch and to an SVI (anycast gateway) and hence to a Layer 3 VNID (VRF).

In SD-Access Wireless, we need to pass the Layer 2 VNID to differentiate different pools. Since ISE or other AAA doesn't use VNIDs directly, we use the Cisco Audio-Video Protocol (AVP) Aire-Interface-Name or Interface-Name to return a specific name at the time of client authentication. The client Layer 2 authentication always happens at the controller, so it's the WLC that talks to ISE, gets that interface name value, and maps it to a Layer 2 VNID.

Figure 49. AAA override



In ISE the user needs to configure the specific group authorization profile to return the specific interface name, as you can see in the screenshot below, so when the user authenticates, ISE will return the specific attribute in the RADIUS ACCEPT_ACCEPT message.

Advanced Attributes Settings



Attributes Details

Access Type = ACCESS_ACCEPT
Airespace-Interface-Name = eid_9_6_53_0

The fabric interface name is then mapped to the Layer 2 instance ID, using the mapping shown below. Important: All this mapping and configuration happens automatically when you configure Cisco DNA Center.

This screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface for creating a new fabric interface. The top navigation bar includes MONITOR, WLANS, CONTROLLER (highlighted in yellow), WIRELESS, SECURITY, and MANAGEMENT. The left sidebar under the Controller tab lists General, Icons, Inventory, Interfaces, Interface Groups, Multicast, Network Routes, and Fabric Configuration (with Control Plane, Interface, and Templates). The main panel title is "Fabric Interface > New". It has fields for Fabric Interface Name (eid_9_6_53_0), L2 Instance ID (200, highlighted with a red arrow), Network IP, Subnet Mask, and L3 Instance ID. A red arrow points from the sidebar's "Interface" link to the "Interface" link in the main panel's "Fabric Configuration" section.

The Layer 2 instance ID is sent to the AP to embed it into the VXLAN header.

ACL and QoS profile AAA override

The fabric ACL on the WLC will be applied on the AP. The main difference between the local WLC ACL and the fabric ACL lies in the fact that fabric ACLs do not have a direction associated with them. On the fabric SSID, a flex ACL will be configured on the SSID. The same ACL will be applied on both ingress and egress.

For AAA override of ACL:

- The override ACL name must be a fabric ACL (flex ACL) on the AP.

ACL templates can be used to push ACLs to APs

This screenshot shows the Cisco DNA Center interface for editing a fabric ACL template. The top navigation bar includes MONITOR, WLANS, CONTROLLER (highlighted in yellow), WIRELESS, SECURITY, and MANAGEMENT. The left sidebar under the Controller tab lists General, Icons, Inventory, Interfaces, Interface Groups, Multicast, Network Routes, and Fabric Configuration (with Control Plane, Interface, and Templates). The main panel title is "Fabric ACL Template > Edit". It shows a "Fabric ACL Template Name" field (empty) and an "ACL Template" field (empty). Below is a "Status" field set to "Modified". A dropdown menu labeled "ACL" with an "Add" button is present. The "Fabric ACL" list contains three entries: "ca-redirect-acl", "cwa-redirect-acl", and "test", each with a checked checkbox. A blue arrow points from the sidebar's "Templates" link to the "Templates" link in the main panel's "Fabric Configuration" section.

The screenshot shows the 'Ap Groups > Edit 'default-group'' configuration page. The left sidebar has 'WLANS' and 'Advanced' sections. The main area has tabs: General, WLANS (selected), APs, 802.11u, Location, and Ports/Module. Below the tabs are fields for AP Group Name (default-group), AP Group Description, NAS-ID (none), and checkboxes for Enable Client Traffic QinQ and Enable DHCPv4 QinQ. A dropdown for QinQ Service Vlan Id is set to 0. At the bottom is a 'Fabric Flex ACL' dropdown with an 'ACL Template' option, which is highlighted with a red dashed box.

Note Although IP ACLs are supported, the recommended way to apply a security policy in SD-Access is with SGTs

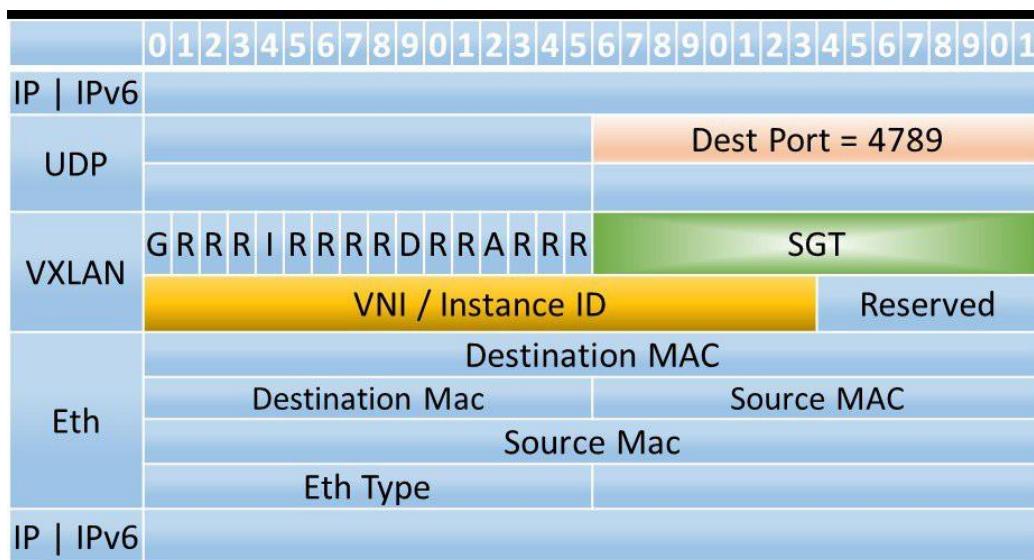
For QoS profile name override:

- The QoS profile name is pushed from ISE.
- Upstream and downstream QoS is applied at the AP.
- VXLAN tunnel QoS is picked from the inner header.

Group-based policies with SGTs

The WLC sends an SGT to the AP to use for the wireless client when the client joins. The AP puts this SGT in the VXLAN header when it forwards data packets from the wireless client to the access switch over the VXLAN tunnel. This SGT is carried from end to end through the fabric.

Figure 50. VXLAN header includes SGT and VNI



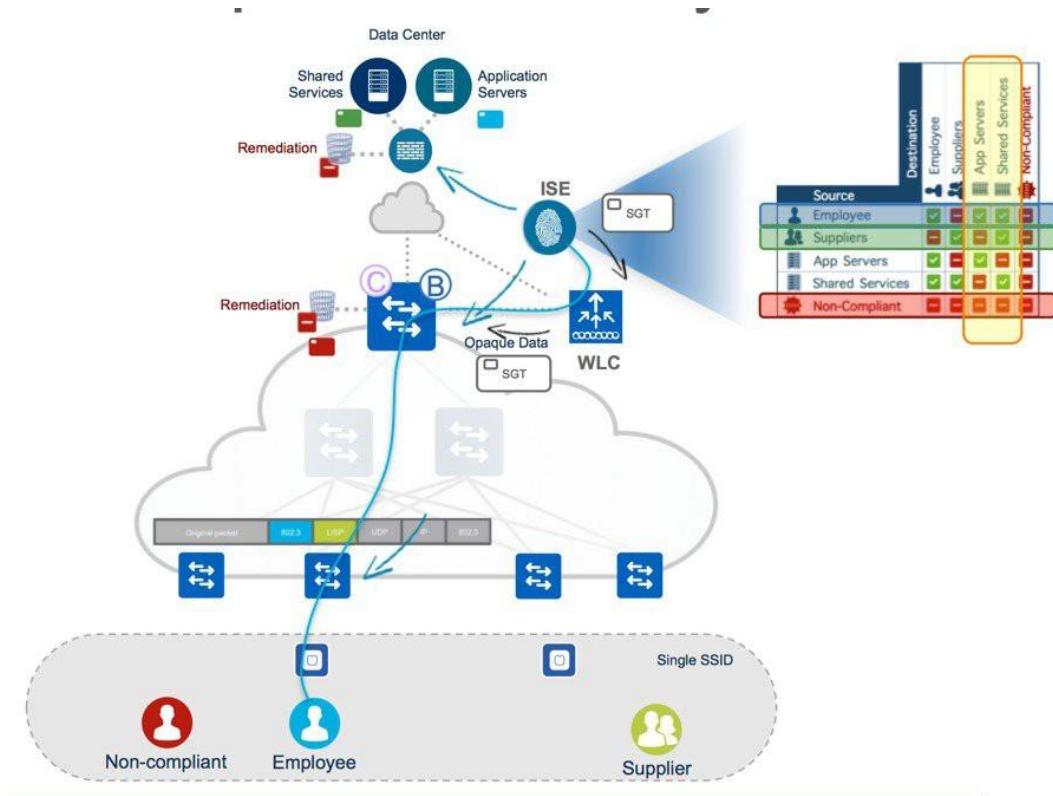
At the egress access switch, the SGT/DGT pair determines the SGACL to be applied. The SGT comes from the packet, and the DGT is derived based on the destination host IP binding.

For applying the SGACL on the access switch for wireless clients (enforcement for the traffic destined to a wireless client on the access switch, or the VXLAN tunnel source), the tag (SGT/DGT) need to be learned on the switch.

The following steps describe the flow for group-based policies:

- Client Layer 2 authentication happens at the WLC.
- The WLC sends an SGT to the AP at the client join.
- The WLC updates the CP with the SGT at client registration.
- The CP updates the FE with the SGT in opaque data. Based on the received SGT, the switch downloads the policy from ISE.
- The AP puts this SGT in the VXLAN header.
- The SGT is carried end to end through the fabric in the LISP header.
- At the egress switch, the SGT/DGT pair determines the SGACL based on the SGT in the packet header.

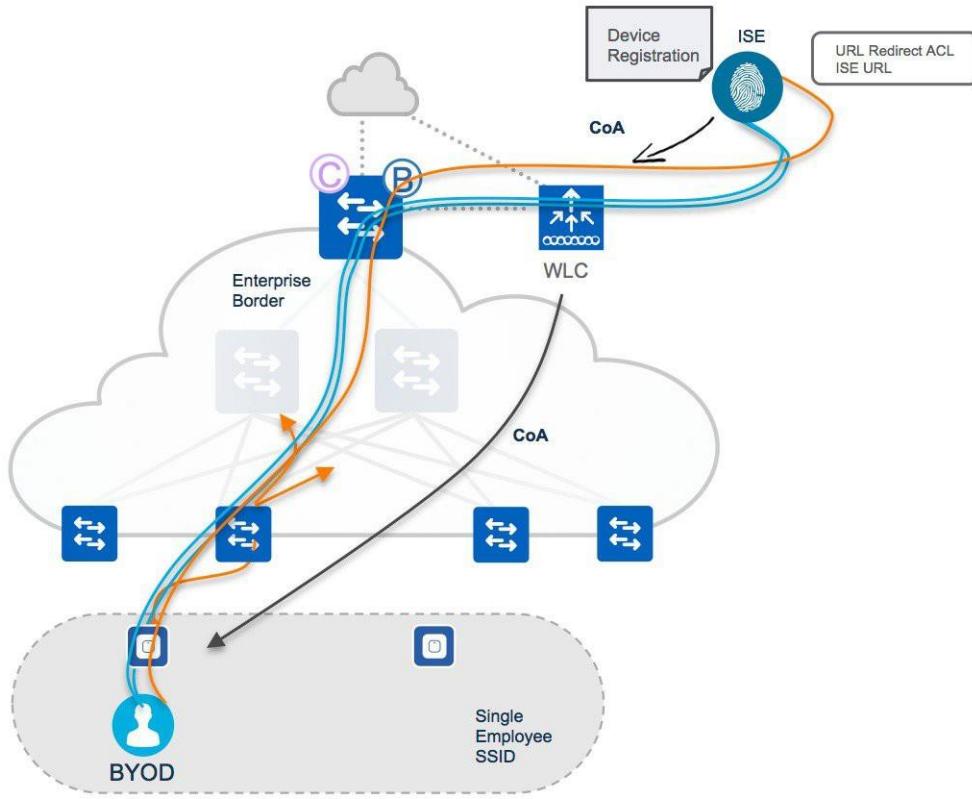
Figure 51. SGT for group-based policy



CWA and ISE for BYOD

This section describes the basic flow for central web authentication (CWA). This is the only type of web authentication supported through Cisco DNA Center automation.

Figure 52. CWA with ISE



1. Layer 2 authentication happens at the ISE server. MAC filtering needs to be configured on the WLC.
2. During the client authentication phase, a URL redirect ACL (flex ACL type) and a redirect URL are pushed to the AP.
3. Client traffic is redirected to the ISE portal for device registration and native supplicant provisioning on a VXLAN tunnel.
4. Once complete, ISE sends a change of authorization (CoA) to the WLC, and the WLC pushes the CoA to the AP.
5. The client then reauthenticates using EAP-TLS. Since the device is now known to the ISE server, the authentication goes through, and any further data traffic is switched from the AP to VXLAN onto the fabric edge.

The flow is as follows:

1. Layer 2 authentication happens at the WLC, and the client moves into the WEBAUTH_REQD state.
2. HTTP redirect happens at the WLC.
3. Web authentication can be internal (a webpage hosted on the WLC) or external (a webpage hosted on an external server).
4. Traffic matches the pre-authentication ACL for external local web authentication and is switched out on the VXLAN tunnel. If internal WebAuth, the traffic is sent to the WLC through CAPWAP.
5. Once Layer 3 authentication is complete, the client moves to the RUN state and the pre-authentication ACL is removed.
6. Guest data traffic is switched from the FE to the guest border node in the DMZ. If internal WebAuth, the traffic is sent to the WLC through CAPWAP.



Note All configurations need to be done directly on the WLC user interface.



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