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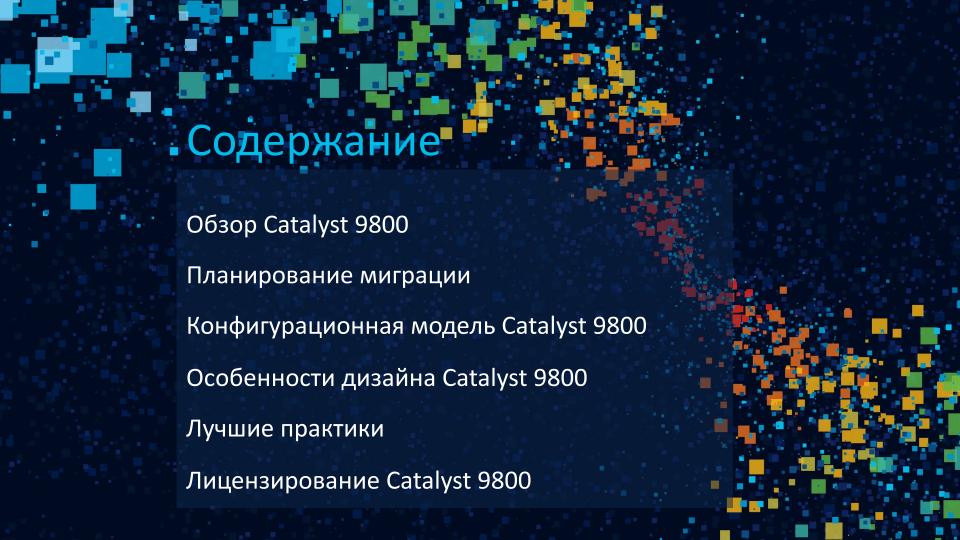
Сессия 1 — Обзор процесса миграции и лучших практик при переходе с контроллера AireOS на Catalyst 9800

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- 27 мая Миграция на беспроводной контроллер Catalyst 9800 с использованием Prime Infrastructure и DNA Center
- 28 мая Рекомендации по отладке и поиску неисправностей в сетях под управлением Catalyst 9800



Вопрос:

Какова текущая скорость внедрения C9800?

35%

48%

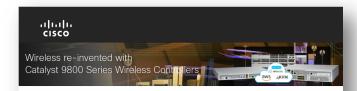
75%

5520, 8540, CTVM (Virtual WLC) — EoS анонс

- Only 3504 is End-of-Sale as of 11th January 2021
- Not EoS: Mobility Express

End of Life Milestone	Milestone Date			
End-of-Life Announcement Date	January 31, 2021			
End-of-Sale Date	January 31, 2022			
End of SW Maintenance Releases Date	January 31, 2023			
End of Vulnerability/Security Support:	January 31, 2025			
Last Date of Support	January 31, 2027			





End of Sale/ End of Life Announcement of AireOS based Cisco Wireless LAN Controllers

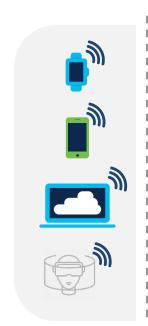
(AIR-CT-3504, AIR-CT-5520, AIR-CT8540, AIR-CTVM)

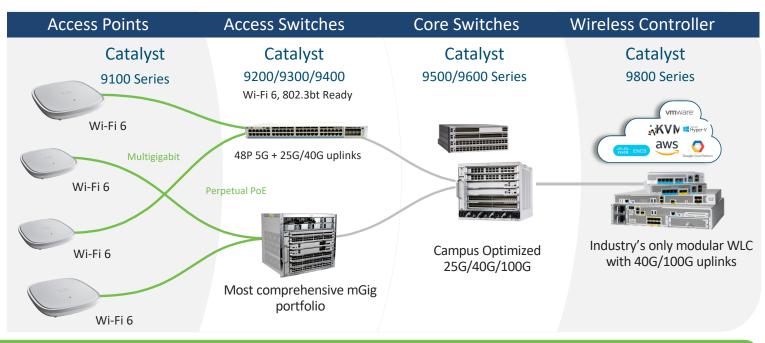
EN Sellers and Teams,

This is the announcement for End of Sale and End of Life dates for AireOS Cisco Wireless LAN Controllers - <u>AIR-CT-5520</u>, <u>AIR-CT8540</u>, <u>AIR-CTVM</u>.

In November 2018, we launched our Catalyst 9800 Series

Портфолио в корпоративном сегменте







Full Experience End to End



Built for Intent-based networking







Программное обеспечение Cisco Catalyst 9800

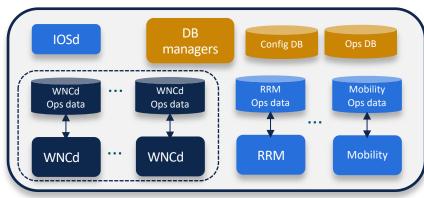
Архитектура AireOS

WCM WLAN AP Client High level view

Single process software architecture

- Wireless Controller Manager (WCM)
- 30+ threads
- Data contention cross threads
- Single memory space
- Single fault domain

vs. Catalyst Wireless Controller



High level view

Multi-process software architecture

- Processes are single threaded, non-blocking,
- New Wireless Network Controller process (WNCd).
- Multiple WNCd for horizontal scale
- No single fault domain (e.g. memory separation)
- Data model driven & data externalization
- Process patchability & restartability
- Independent boot*

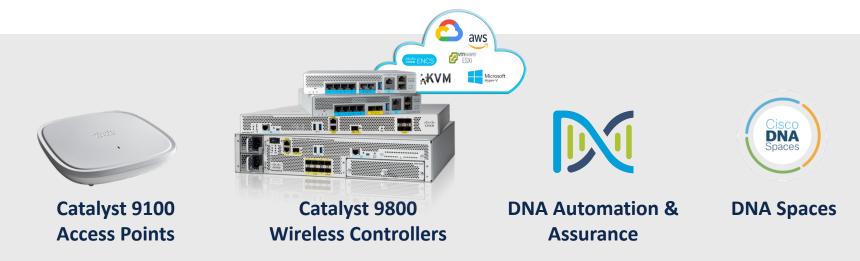
^{*} System capable, roadmap item

Почему Catalyst 9800?



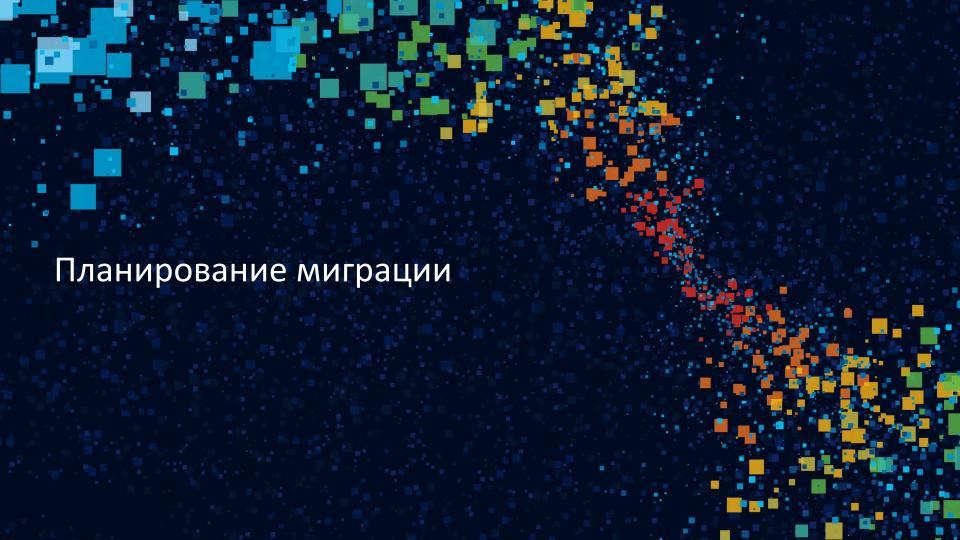
- Modular, highly available, scalable, multi-process operating system: IOS-XE
- Next Gen Resiliency: Stateful Switchover, In-Service Software Upgrades (ISSU), Rolling AP Upgrades, Patching
- Fully Programmable via CI/CD tools
- Deploy Anywhere with model, scale, and performance of your choice

Next-Generation Cisco Wireless Stack

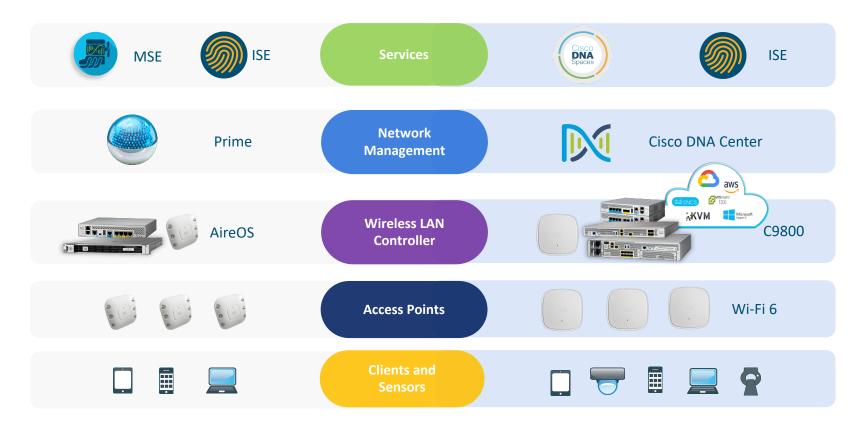


Resilient, Secure, Intelligent

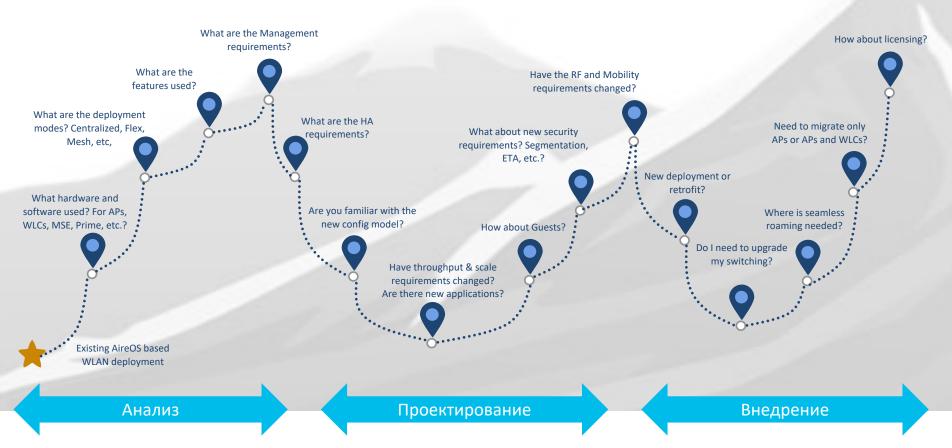
with Innovations in Performance, Security and Analytics



Больше, чем просто контроллер

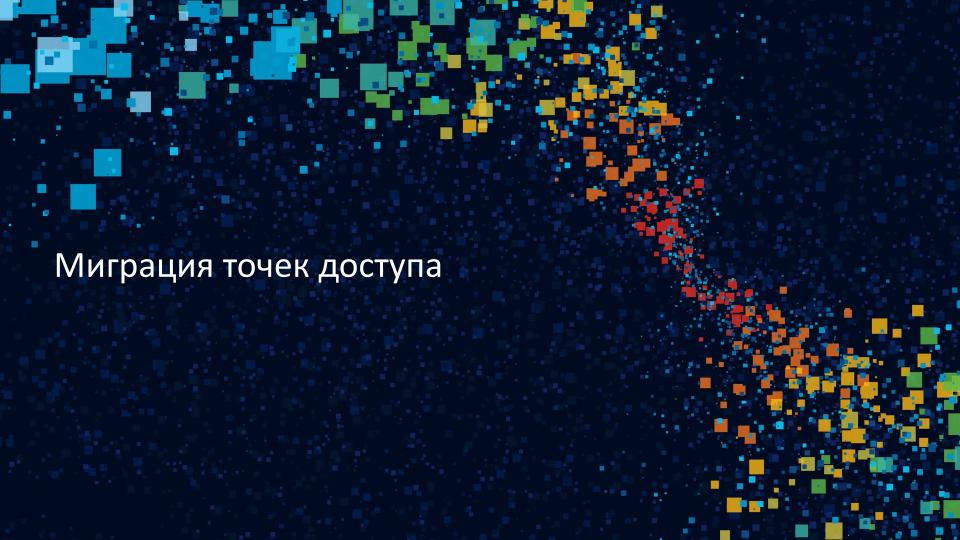


Ключевые вопросы миграции



Лучшие практики миграции

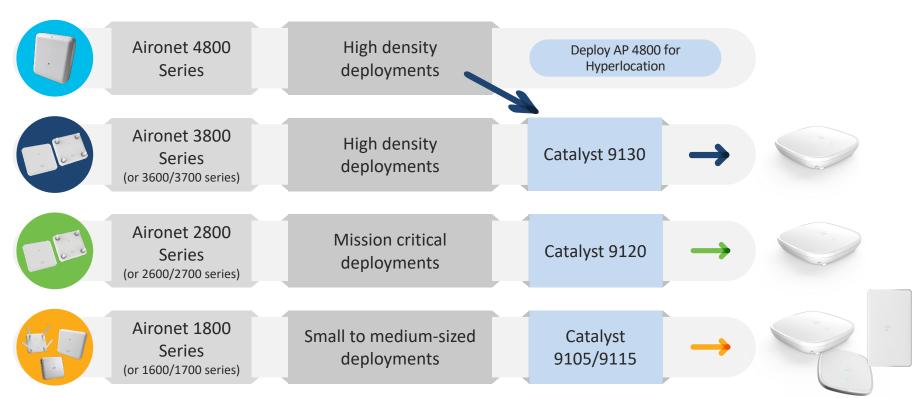
- Knowing C9800 configuration model (Profiles & Tags) is a prerequisite to Migration
- Build a PoC area with same characteristics of the production network
 - Same topology: Anchor Controller, HA config, Firewall and other network settings like AAA
 - Ideally test same client types but at least one Windows, one Android and one Apple client
 - Test the different authentication types with same version of production AAA and Portals
- Assess the client devices and evaluate if some changes need to be done in the RF default configuration (e.g. old devices might need lower data rates)
- Use the PoC to test the main features customer cares about
- Arrange remote access for Engineering to troubleshoot and verify problems reported during the migration



Переход на точки доступа 9100



Refresh legacy Aironet 1600/2600/3600 and 1700/2700/3700 to new Catalyst 9100AX



Важная информация – 802.11ac Indoor Wave 1 AP's

- Key Dates of the End of Sales (EoS) announcement of 802.11ac W1 APs:
 - April 30th, 2018 Cisco announced the End-of-Life of all the 802.11ac W1 APs
 - April 29th, 2020 The End of Software Maintenance (EoSM) releases date was
 - As per official policy, after this date Cisco will no longer develop, test, repair these Access Point software; in other words, no AP related bug fixes will be released after this date

AP1700

AP2700

AP3700

April 29th, 2022 - Any AP security vulnerability issues will be fixed until the End of Vulnerability/Security
 Support:

- Last Software AireOS 8.10.x / IOS-XE 17.3.x
 - Any issue related to the WLC software will be fixed until the EoSM date for the controller software
 - · Cisco Aironet 11ac W1 will not be able to join any wireless controller running subsequent later releases





- Key Dates of the <u>End of Sales (EoS) announcement</u> for the Cisco Aironet 1570 outdoor 802.11ac
 W1 AP:
 - May 15th, 2020 Cisco announced the End-of-Life of all the 802.11ac W1 APs
 - Nov 13th, 2021 The End of Software Maintenance (EoSM) releases date
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Important Note – IW3700 AP

Cisco Industrial Wireless 3700 Series Access Points: IW3700, is <u>not affected</u> by the End Of Sales announcement. For this AP model, customer will still receive software bug support and can still upgrade to later releases (for example to IOS-XE 17.4.1).

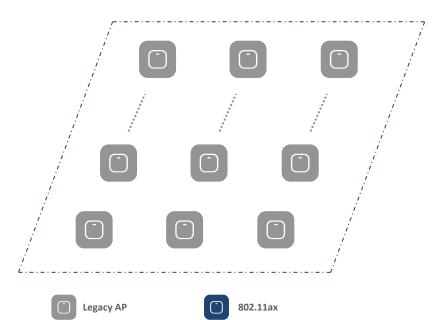
Типичные вопросы при миграции на Wi-Fi 6 точки

- Нужно ли делать новое радиообследовнаие?
- Можно ли заменить точки доступа один-в-один?
- Можно ли смешивать точки доступа Wi-Fi 6 и предыдущих поколений?
- Нужно ли мне менять коммутатор ЛВС под точки доступа Wi-Fi 6?
- А сколько у меня Wi-Fi 6 клиентов вообще?



Нужно ли делать новое радиообследование?

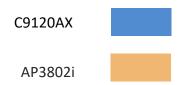
- New Site Survey is not mandatory (assuming current coverage meets requirements)
- 1:1 Replacement assumes the APs were originally installed in optimal place



Замена точек доступа 1:1 или еще одно обследование?

Access Points have been designed with 1 for 1 replacement in mind!

The design goal is to maintain a uniform coverage cell between matching generation of products but improve the connection experience (faster speeds, lower latency & less retries)

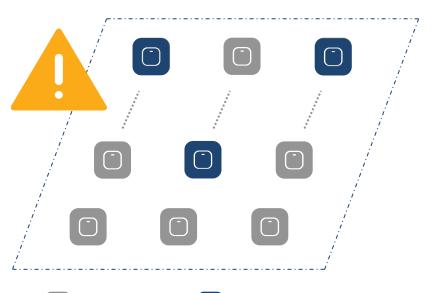




or its affiliates.

Можно ли смешивать точки доступа?

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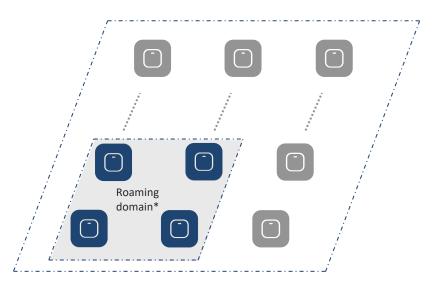


- New APs are designed to have close to the same coverage area as the previous gen product. Coverage will be similar but wireless capacity will increase
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Новое радиообследование?

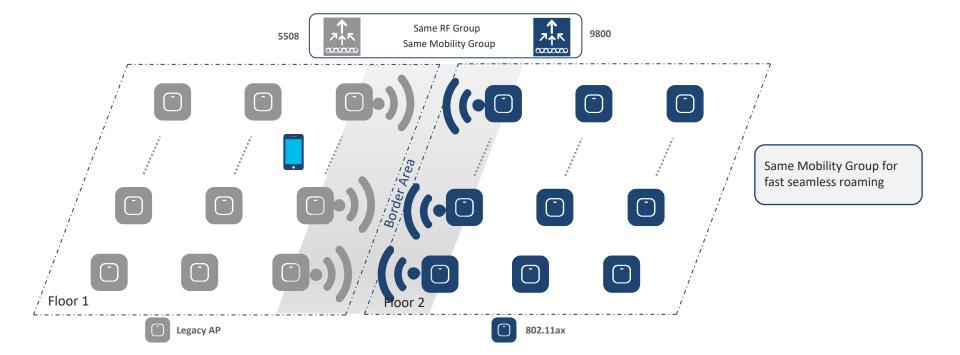
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- Mixing AP type will prevent customers from taking advantage of the new features being introduced in Catalyst APs (RF ASIC related and Wi-Fi 6 features)
- Recommendation: keep APs of the same type together, replace the APs in a roaming domain
- Roaming domain = e.g. floor/multiple floors/building or area where people tend to roam

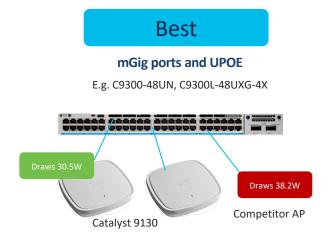
Что делать с пограничными зонами?

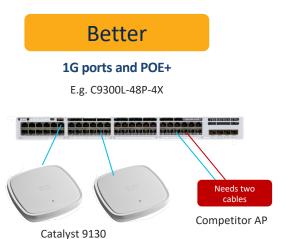
- As you replace APs per roaming domain, you will have "border areas" between two deployments
- If you have the same RF Group, Cisco RRM takes care of setting power and channel plan for the border areas.

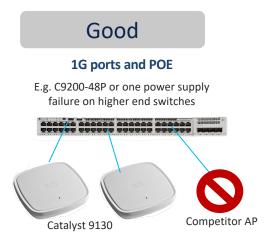


Нужно ли менять коммутаторы ЛВС?

Switching infrastructure







Full performance & features on all Catalyst APs

C9130: 8x8 support with just no USB Full performance & features on other APs

Reduced Performance (1x1 radio) but all SSIDs are up!

Гибкое энергопитание точек доступа 9100:



	AP Model	Power source	Power Type	2.4 GHz Radio	5 GHz Radio	Link Speed	USB	Power Draw
9120 9130	C9130AXI / C9130AXE	802.3at (PoE+)	PoE+	4x4	8x8	5G	OFF	25.5W
	C9130AXI	802.3at	PoE+	4x4	4x4	5G	ON	25.4W
	C9130AXI / C9130AXE	802.3bt (UPoE)	UPoE	4x4	8x8	5G	ON	30.5W
	C9130AXI / C9130AXE	802.3af	PoE	1x1	1x1	1G	OFF	13.4W
	C9120AXI	802.3at	PoE+	4x4	4x4	2.5G	ON	25.5W
	C9120AXE	802.3at	PoE+	4x4	4x4	2.5G	ON	25.5W
	C9120AXI / C9120AXE	802.3af	PoE	1x1	1x1	1G	OFF	13.4 W
	C9120AXI / C9120AXE	802.3af	PoE	2x2	N	1G	OFF	13.4 W
	C9120AXI / C9120AXE	802.3af	РоЕ	N	2x2	1G	OFF	13.4 W
15	C9115AXI / C9115AXE	802.3at	PoE+	4x4	4x4	2.5G	ON	20.4W
91	C9115AXI / C9115AXE	802.3af	PoE	2x2	2x2	1G	OFF	15.4W
9117	C9117AXI	802.3bt	UPoE	4x4	8x8	5G	ON	28.9W
	C9117AXI	802.3at	PoE+	4x4	8x8	5G	OFF*	25.4W
	C9117AXI	802.3af	РоЕ	2x2	2x2	2.5G	OFF	13.5W

Гибкое электропитание точек доступа 9100: 802.3af поддерживается для всех Wi-Fi 6 ТД



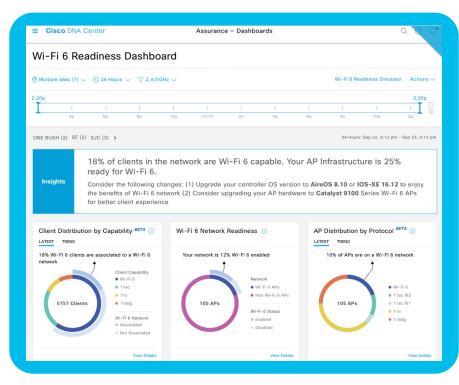
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0	C9120AXE	802.3at	PoE+	4x4	4x4	2.5G	ON	25.5W
9120	C9120AXI / C9120AXE	802.3af	PoE	1x1	1x1	1G	OFF	13.4 W
	C9120AXI / C9120AXE	802.3af	PoE	2x2	N	1G	OFF	13.4 W
	C9120AXI / C9120AXE	802.3af	PoE	N	2x2	1G	OFF	13.4 W
15	C9115AXI / C9115AXE	802.3at	PoE+	4x4	4x4	2.5G	ON	20.4W
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А сколько у меня Wi-Fi 6 клиентов вообще?



- Catalyst APs are fully backward compatible for legacy clients.
- All clients experience improvement because of:
 - RF ASIC on 9120 & 9130 will improve performance with off-channel RRM scanning feature
 - C9130 is a tri-radio AP allowing for dual 5
 GHz + 2.4 GHz
- Mixture of Wi-Fi 6 and legacy clients are fine – but significant improvements are realized when Wi-Fi 6 clients reach +30%

Wi-Fi 6 аналитика на Cisco DNA Center



Identify Wi-Fi 6 Readiness for Client and AP



Measure Wi-Fi 6 benefits: Latency, Air-time Efficiency and Traffic Distribution

Новый дизайн точек доступа

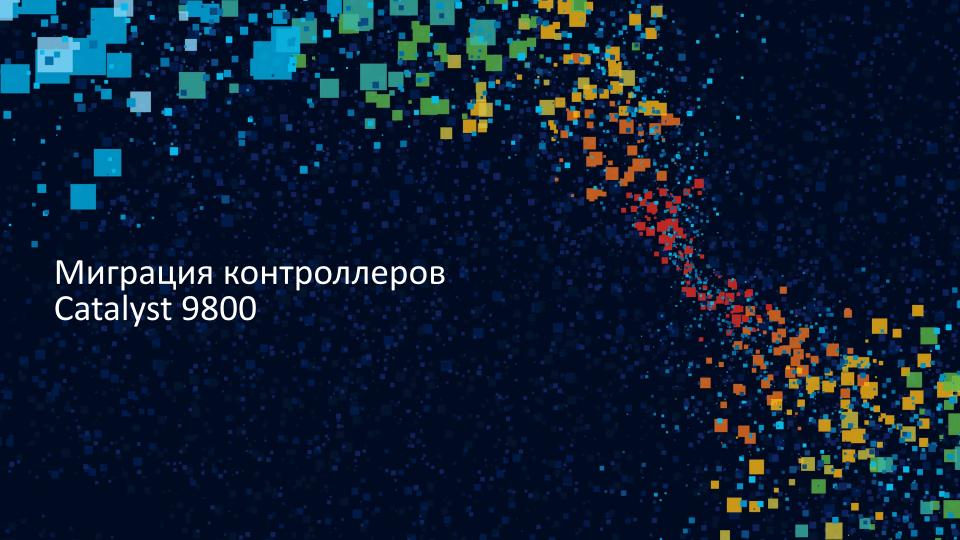




Easy to deploy with same Aironet series mounting brackets

Монтажный комплект Catalyst 9105





Спасибо тебе, AireOS



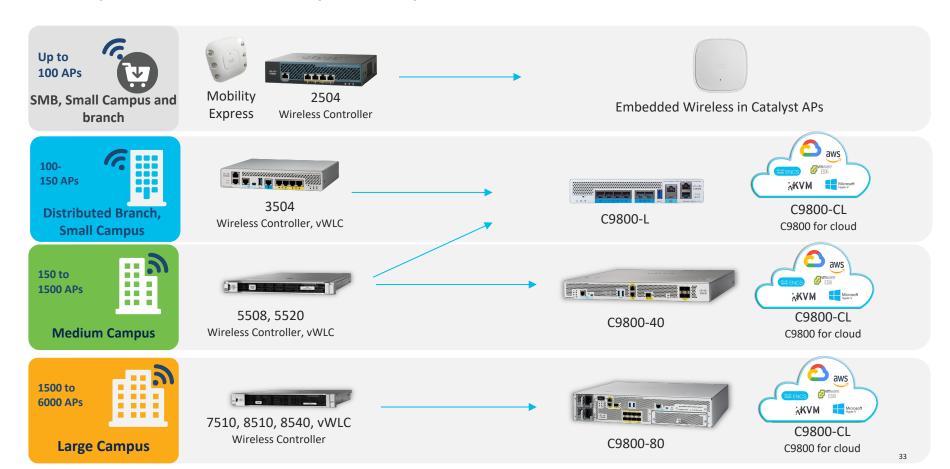








Переход на контроллеры 9800



Важные даты жизненного цикла AireOS

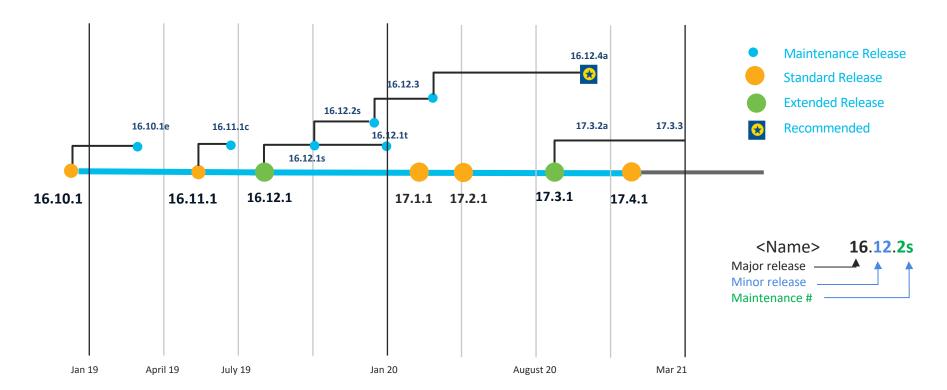
- 8.10 Active release
- 8.9 Deferred
- 8.8 End of Software Maintenance Nov 29 2020
- 8.7 End of Software Support Nov 15 2019
- 8.6 Deferred
- 8.5 Active, but End of Software Maintenance Dec 30 2021

See TAC recommend release: http://cs.co/recommendedaireos

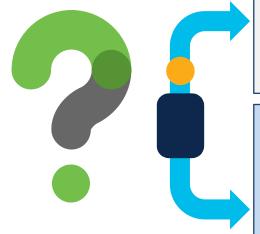
Паритет функций AireOS и IOS XE

- It is a journey, but we are nearly there
- Use the online Config Migration tool
- Check the parity list: <u>https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/technotes/8-</u> 8/AireOS Cat 9800 Feature Comparison Matrix.pdf
- Verify with your Cisco Partner, Systems Engineer or Technical Solutions Architect

Развитие ПО Cisco IOS-XE



Какая рекомендованная версия ПО IOS XE?



Choose 16.12.4a for:

- Most stable release
- Most deployed software in the field
- Hardened IRCM testing done with AireOS 8.5.164
- Less interested in the latest features
- Prime support up to 3.7.1

Choose 17.3.2a for:

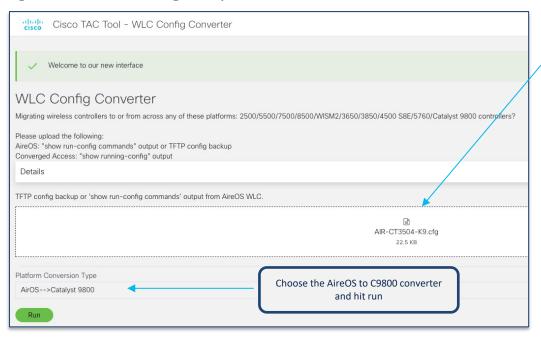
- AP hardware support for 9130E, 9105, IW3700, IW6300
- HyperV support for C9800-CL
- Latest features like: HA SSO parity, aWIPS, Wi-Fi6 features (BSS coloring, TWT), C9130 tri-radio support, etc.
- Deployment with Cisco DNA Center 2.1.2 and Prime 3.8.1
- Embedded 9800 in Catalyst switches (SDA)
- Go with 17.3.3 when available (Feb 2021)

Always check TAC Recommendations: http://cs.co/recommendediosxe



C9800 Configuration Migration Tool

- Import AireOS configuration to verify if there are any feature gap
- Migration tool managed by TAC: https://cway.cisco.com/wlc-config-converter/



Drop the AireOS config file:

Upload it from directly from GUI:

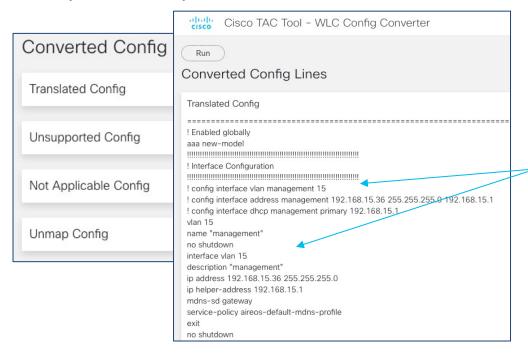


or

• use the "show run-config command" output and put it in a .txt file

C9800 Configuration Migration Tool

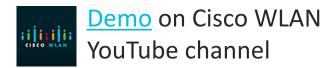
Analyze tool output



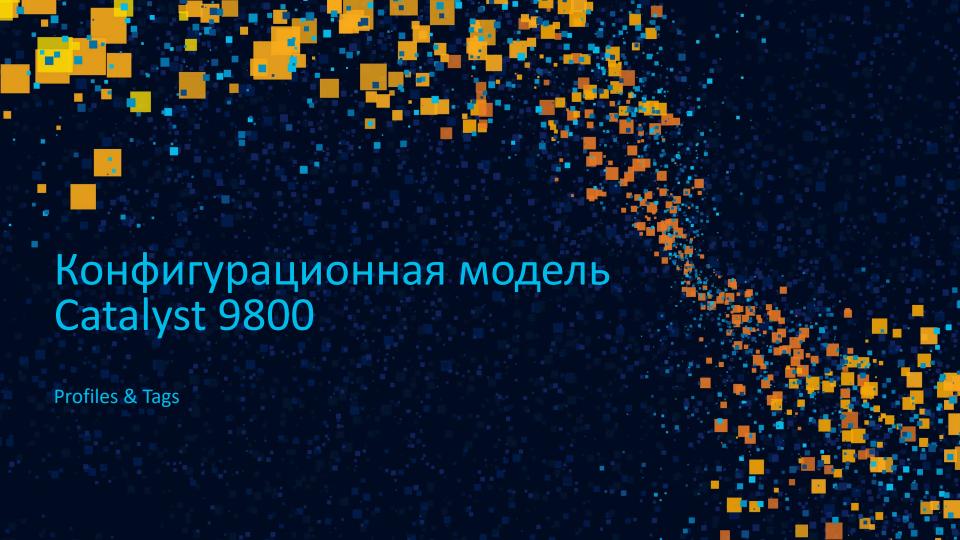
Tool provides following config:

- Translated (translated in IOS-XE)
- Unmapped (supported but not translated)
- Unsupported (not supported in C9800)
- Not Applicable (deprecated)
- AireOS CLIs and the correspondent translated IOS-XE commands
- Always recommended to analyze the translated config before paste it

Cisco DNA Center Controller Configuration Migration Tool

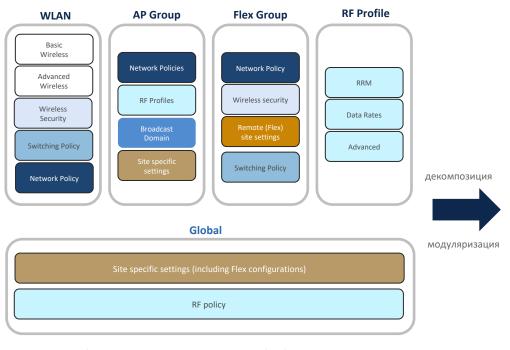




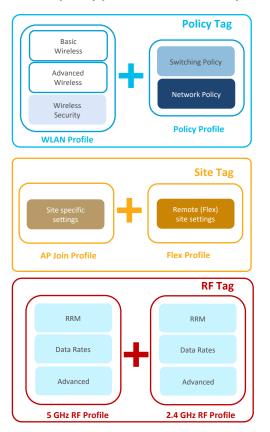


Конфигурационная модель AireOS vs. Catalyst 9800

Модульная модель с логическим разделением на конфигурационные сущности



AireOS configuration model: same type of information is **spread across multiple configuration constructs**





Конфигурационная модель Catalyst 9800 - Преимущества

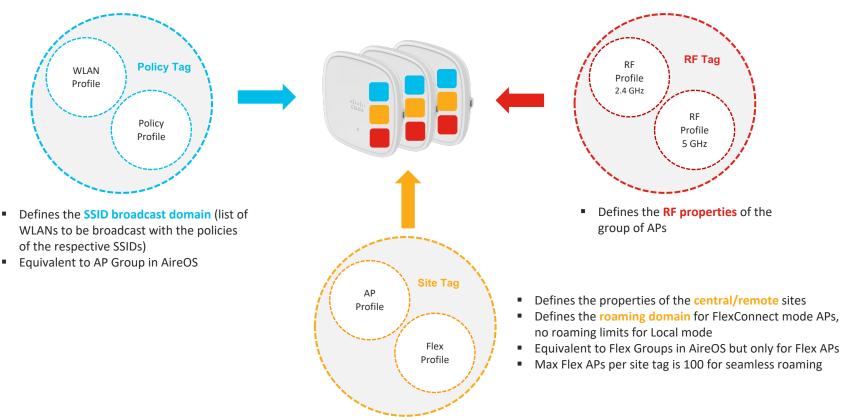


- Policy Tag
- Site Tag
- RF Tag

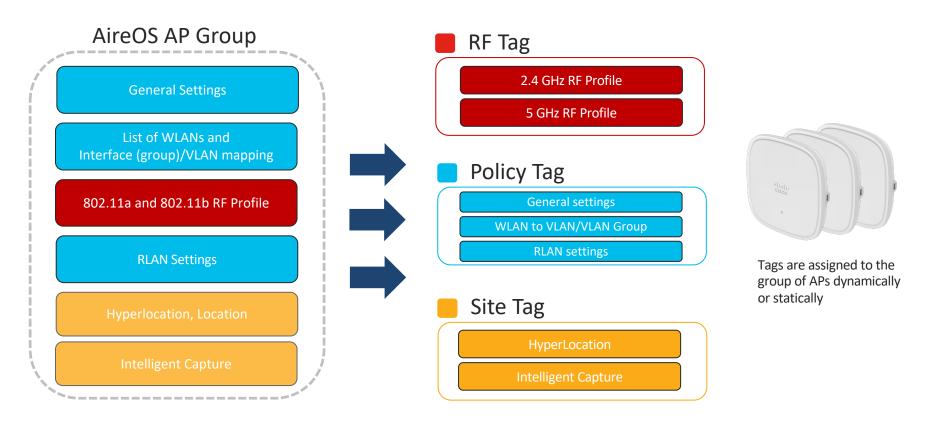
Преимущества Профилей (Profiles) и Меток (Tags):

- Modular and reusable configuration constructs
- Flexible in assigning configuration to a group of APs
- Easy to manage site specific configuration across geo-distributed locations
- No reboot needed when applying config changes via tags (remember AP groups?)

Новая конфигурационная модель Catalyst 9800 — Декомпозиция и модуляризация

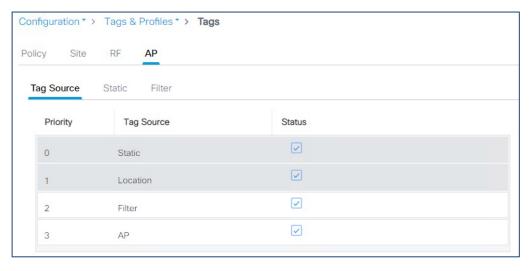


Преобразование AP Group в Policy, Site and RF Tags



Назначение метки точке доступа

- Without previous configuration, when the AP joins the C9800 it gets assigned the default tags: namely the **default-policy-tag**, **default-site-tag** and **default-rf-tag**
- The AP can have multiple tag sources:



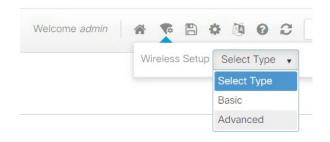
- Static: user configuration
- Location*: Basic Setup flow
- Filter: regular expression
- AP: the tag is saved on AP

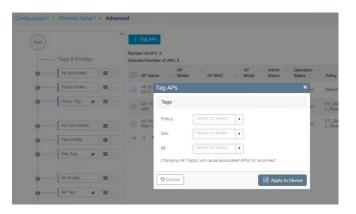
These are in order of priority

(*) Location here is not the AP Location but a config construct internal to C9800

Назначение метки точке доступа

- The static Tag <> AP binding is based on AP's MAC and it's a configuration on the Controller: upon joining the C9800, the configuration gets applied and AP gets assigned to the selected tags
 - Note: when the AP joins another controller that doesn't have the static mapping configured, it will get assigned to the default tags
- To statically assign Tags to multiple APs, you can use the Advanced Wireless Setup





Назначение метки точке доступа – GUI /CLI Проверка

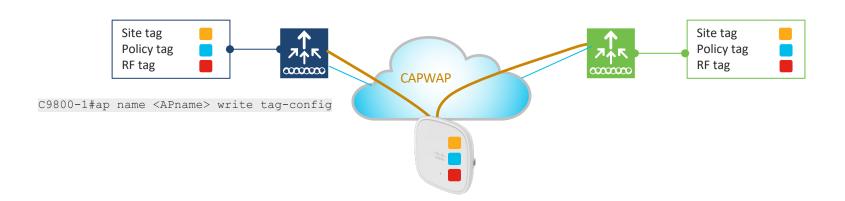
Available in 16.12.2s and later: Configuration > Wireless > Access Points



19800-US-WEST#sh ap tag summary Number of APs: 1						
AP Name	AP Mac	Site Tag Name	Policy Tag Name	RF Tag Name	Misconfigured	Tag Source
AP0081.C4F4.2972	0081.c4f4.2972	NH	NH Policy Tag	default-rf-tag	No	Static

Назначение метки точке доступа

- You have the option to save the tags directly to the AP
- The AP will retain its tags assignments when moved between two controllers if the tags are saved to the AP (with the write tag-config command) and the tags are defined on both controllers. If not defined, the AP is assigned default tags.



Inter-Release Controller Mobility (IRCM)

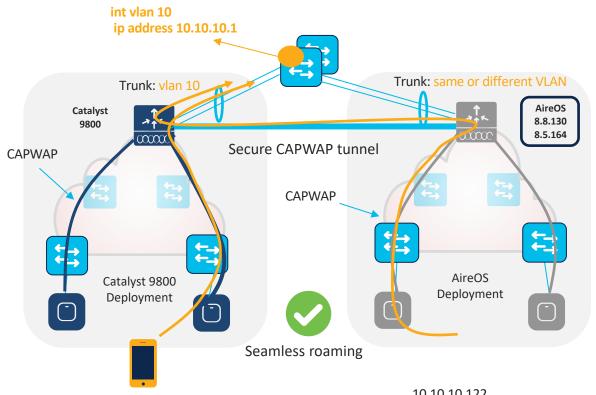
Typical use cases for IRCM:

- You cannot replace/move APs in one go; AireOS and Catalyst 9800 deployment will coexist and seamless roaming is needed
- You have an existing Anchor controller and want to continue to leverage the investment

How:

- Catalyst 9800 utilizes Secure Mobility (CAPWAP based) as the mobility protocol > supported only on 5508, 8510, 3504, 5520, 8540 AireOS controllers running 8.5 IRCM/8.8/8.10
- Roaming between AireOS and IOS-XE controllers is always a Layer 3 roam

AireOS / Catalyst 9800 IRCM - Роуминг



- All client roaming between AireOS and C9800 controllers are Layer 3 roaming
- The client session will be anchored to the first controller that the client has joined
- The point of attachment to the wired network doesn't change when roaming between C9800 and AireOS and vice versa
- This is independent of the VLAN mapped to the SSID on the wired side

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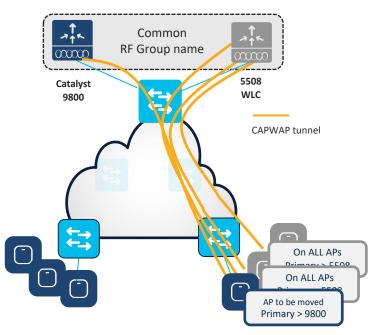
Рекомендованные релизы для IRCM

Catalyst 9800 IOS-XE	Access points	IRCM with Gen 1 AireOS 5508/8510	IRCM with Gen 2 AireOS 3504/5520/8540	
16.12.4a	802.11ax 802.11ac	8.5.164 (8.5.164.215 ESC for same VLAN deployment)	8.10.142	
17.3.2	802.11ax 802.11ac	8.5.164 (8.5.164.215 ESC for same VLAN deployment)	8.10.142	

Please check these links for the recommended releases by Cisco TAC

Catalyst 9800 controllers: http://cs.co/recommendediosxe AireOS controllers: http://cs.co/recommendedaireos

Миграция точек доступа с AireOS на Catalyst 9800



- Recommendation: set the primary WLC on all APs to existing WLC (in this customer case to 5508)
- Move APs setting Primary WLC to C9800

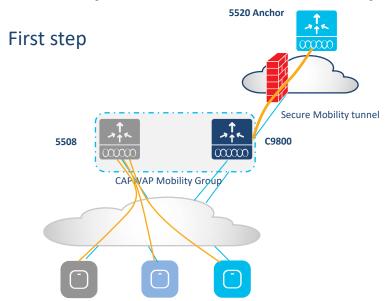
From GUI:



From AP CLI: capwap ap primary-base <name> <IPaddress> Using Prime AP Template to set the Primary WLC

- APs will download the new image and reboot
- For new APs to discover C9800:
 - If using a different subnet: just set the DHCP/DNS options to point to the new 9800
 - If using a common subnet, first make sure all legacy APs have primary WLC set to AireOS and then advertise new C9800 in DHCP/DNS

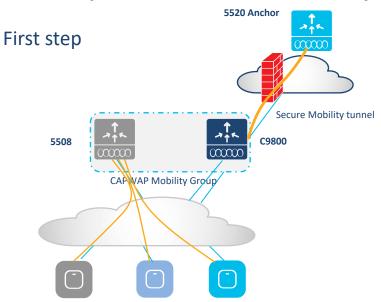
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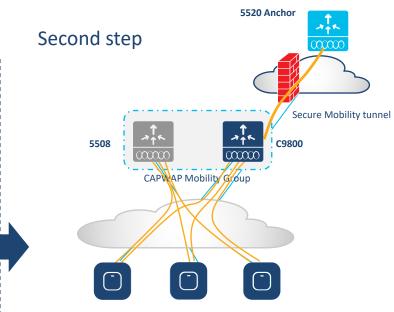
- Upgrade 5508 to 8.5.161 IRCM image
- Upgrade 5520 to 8.5.161 IRCM image
- Add C9800 to the network
- Create CAPWAP Mobility Group with 5508
- Configure Secure Mobility with 5520
- Migrate configuration to C9800

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- Replace 802.11n and W1 802.11ac APs with 11ax APs 1:1 AP replacement if coverage is correct Don't "Salt & Pepper" old with new AP model Connect new 802.11ax APs to 9800
- Move W2 11ac APs to 9800
- Replace or move APs per roaming domain area
- Decommission 5508
- Replace W2 11ac APs with new 11ax APs for full stack



Demo: Configuring Tags and Profiles

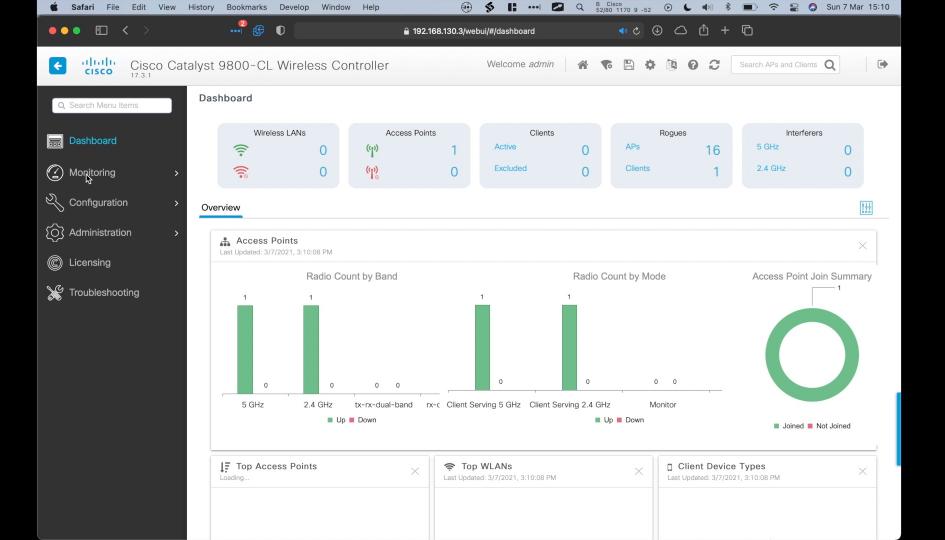


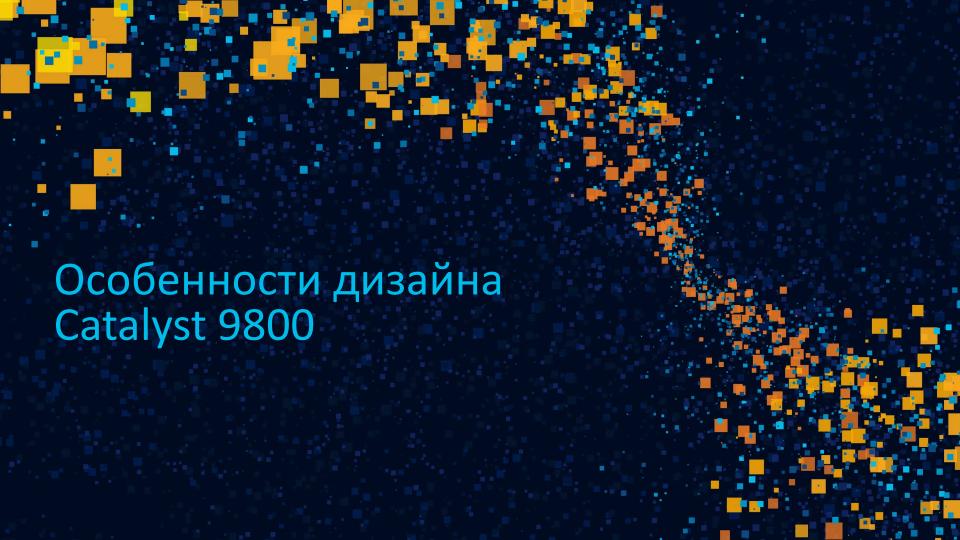
Corporate SSID

- Traffic: Centrally switched via CAPWAP
- Authentication: PSK
- **Encryption**: WPA2/WPA3 PSK
- Availability: Broadcast on all APs

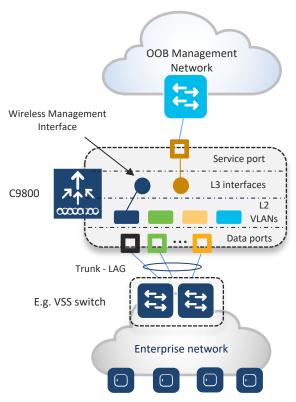
Guest SSID

- Traffic: Centrally switched via CAPWAP
- Authentication: Open
- Encryption: None
- Availability: Broadcast on all APs





Сетевая связность (SVIs, VLANs, etc)



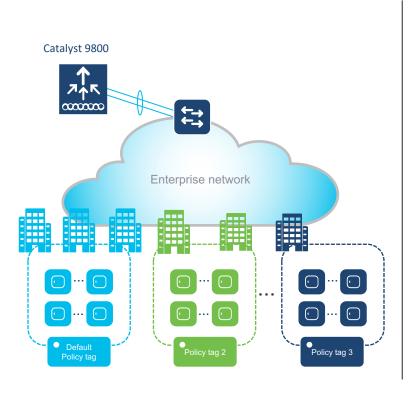
Facts:

- It's mandatory to have a L3 interface configured as Wireless Management Interface. AP CAPWAP traffic is terminated to the wireless management interface. There is only one Wireless Management Interface.
- For centrally switched traffic, is mandatory to configure a L2 VLAN mapped to the SSID; but
 the corresponding L3 interface (SVI) is optional, unless you need mDNS feature this is
 different from AireOS where Dynamic interface is required.
- Service Port on the appliance belongs to the Management VRF. On the C9800-CL this can be created as a L3 interface but no VRF supported

Design best practices:

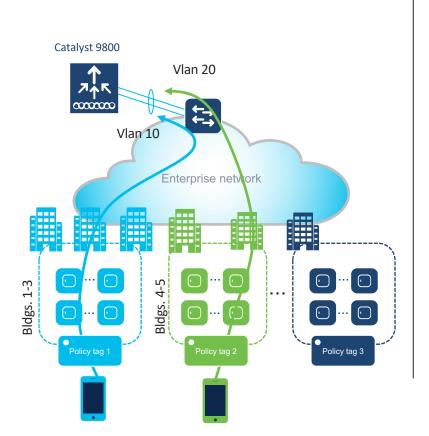
- Uplink ports follow AireOS best practices: port-channel configured as trunk to a pair of VSS/VSL pair of switches or to a multi-switch stack.
- C9800-CL in Public Cloud must use a L3 port. Sniffer Mode and Hyperlocation not supported.
- **C9800 Appliances and C9800-CL in Private Cloud** use an L3 SVI for Wireless Management Interface, otherwise above limits will apply.

Policy Tags – Default Policy Tag



- Policy Tag defines which SSID is broadcasted by the AP or group of APs and the associated policy (VLAN, QoS, AVC, etc). In this, it's equivalent to the AP Group in AireOS
- Like any other tags, policy tag has a default-policy-tag that gets assigned by default when the AP first join the Catalyst controller
- User must explicitly map any WLAN (no matter the WLAN ID) to the default-policy-profile via the default policy tag for the SSID to be broadcasted. In other words, no SSID will be broadcasted by default, which will save precious air time.

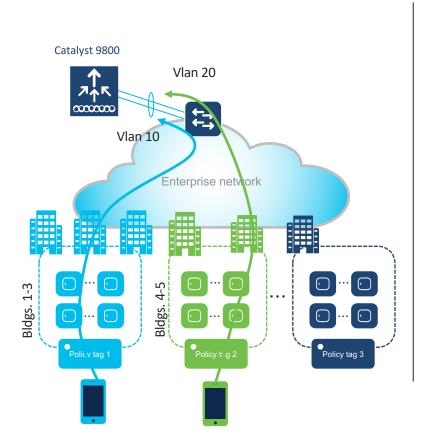
Policy Tags – Roaming across Policy Profiles



- Policy Tags can be used to assign different policies to the same SSID in different locations or group of APs.
- Use Case: IT wants to assign a different VLAN to the campus wide SSID according to client joining location. For example: if client joins from bldg. 1-3 assign it to VLAN 10, if it joins from bldg. 4-5, assign VLAN 20 and so on...
- This can be easily achieved by using a different policy tag per group of APs in those buildings and mapping the same SSID to a different policy profile (where the different VLAN is defined).
- Starting from 17.3, if the policy profiles differ only for certain parameters (VLAN and ACL being the most important), then seamless roaming is allowed across policy profiles (and related policy tags)
- To configure the feature, enter the following command in global configured:

c9800 (config) #wireless client vlan-persistant

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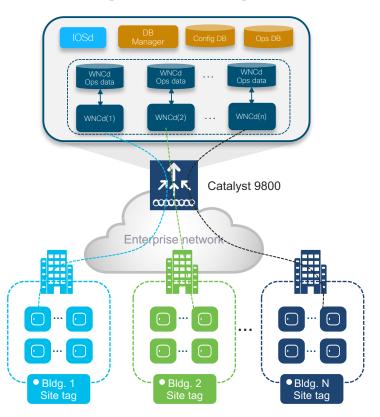
- Before 17.3, if two policy tags are created to associate a different policy profile to same SSID (e.g. different client VLAN), upon roaming, client will need to go through a reauth to re-evaluate the change in policy > client roaming is not seamless
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For a complete list of attributes please go to:

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/9800/17-3/configguide/b wl 17 3 cg/m client roaming policy profile.html

Site Tags – Design Considerations



Important facts:

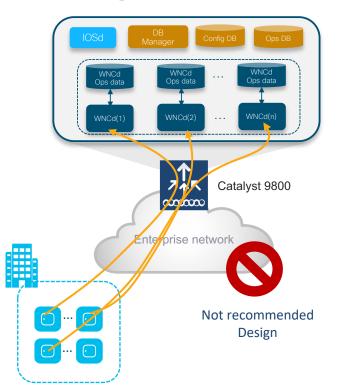
- C9800 has a multi-process software architecture
- APs are distributed across Wireless Network Controller processes (WNCd) within a C9800
- Load balancing of APs (and clients) across WNCd gives better scale and performance
- The number of WNCds varies:

Platform	# of WNCD instances
EWC (on AP or C9k switch)	1
C9800-L	1
C9800-CL (small)	1
C9800-CL (medium)	3
C9800-40	5
C9800-CL (large)	7
C9800-80	8

Following command shows the # of WNCDs processes:

9800#sh processes platform | inc wncd

Site Tags – AP to WNCd Distribution



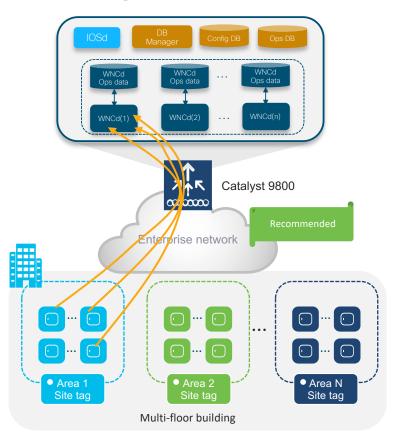
How AP distribution works:

- Load balancing applies to APs only (not directly to clients)
- Today AP distribution is based on Site Tag: APs with the same sitetag are managed by the same WNCd

Let's consider what happens if using the **default-site-tag**:

- As APs come online and register to the C9800, they are load balanced across WNCd instances in a round robin fashion
- Each neighbor AP will be assigned to a different WNCd > lot of interprocess roaming > not optimal design
- 11k/v and Coverage Hole detection (CHD) are managed within a WNCd process. These features may break if neighbor APs are on different WNCd
- Take Away: Full AP scale support and Fast Seamless Roaming (802.11r, CCKM, OKC) always works across site tags in Local mode (for FlexConnect is limited to one site tag)

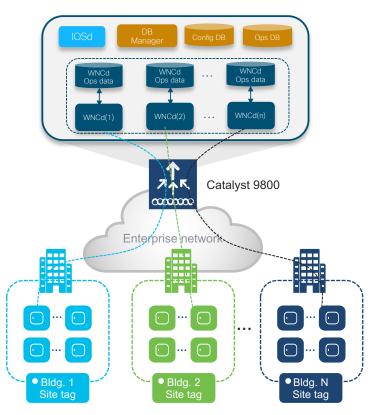
Site Tags – AP to WNCd Distribution



How AP distribution works:

- For best performance, use custom site tag and group APs at a roaming domain level > Site Tag = Roaming Domain
- In this case, neighbor APs will end up joining the same WNCd process and hence optimizing performances
- To show how APs are load-balanced across WNCds:
 c9800#sh wireless loadbalance ap affinity wncd
- Syslog which informs the user of a WNCD overload: "Process overload detected, handling %u Access Points. Ensure that the number of Access Points in a Site Tag is following recommendation.

Site Tags – Design for Campus (Local Mode)



Example of **Campus with multiple buildings:** if most of the roaming is within a building, a good design choice would be to choose **a site tag per building** (this is the DNA Center criteria)

Recommendations:

- You do not want to assign all the APs to the same site tag (WNCd) as this will not be very efficient
- For **Local mode** APs, the recommended number is 500 APs per Site Tag. But it should not exceed the following limit:

Platform	Max APs per site tag	
9800-80, 9800-CL (Medium and Large)	1600	
9800-40	800	
Any other 9800 form factor	Max AP supported	



Лучшие практики миграции

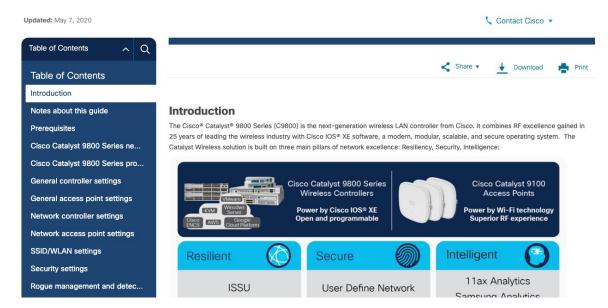
- Understand the IOS-XE Configuration Model (Profiles & Tags)
- Build a test area with same characteristics of the production network
 - Same topology: Anchor Controller, HA config, Firewall and other network settings like AAA
 - Ideally test same client types but at least one Windows, one Android and one Apple client
 - Test the different authentication types with same version of production AAA and Portals
 - Tip: No hardware? Download C9800-CL virtual machine from Cisco.com or use dCloud
- Assess the client devices and evaluate if some changes need to be done in the RF default configuration (e.g. old devices might need lower data rates)
 - Tip: Split corporate SSID in 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz and allow 5 GHz capable devices use 5 GHz

Руководство по лучшим практикам на Cisco.com

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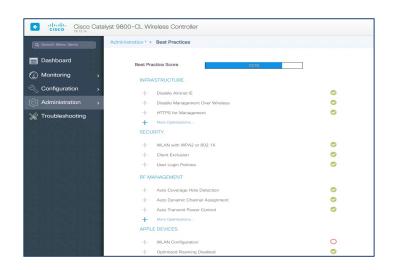
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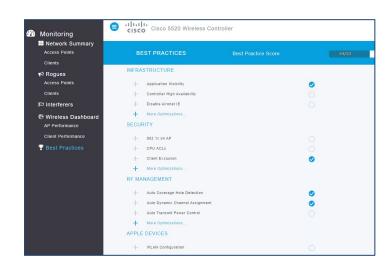
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Лучшие практики в Catalyst 9800

C9800 (in 16.12.1s and later) introduces the same Best Practice dashboard





There are some differences that you should be aware of...

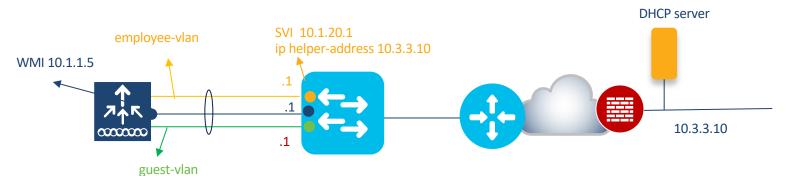
Лучшие практики – DHCP proxy/relay

DHCP Proxy mode:

- o In AireOS, enabling DHCP Proxy for wireless clients is a best practice
- In C9800 DHCP proxy is not needed as IOS-XE has embedded security features like DHCP snooping, ARP inspection, etc. that don't require a L3 interface

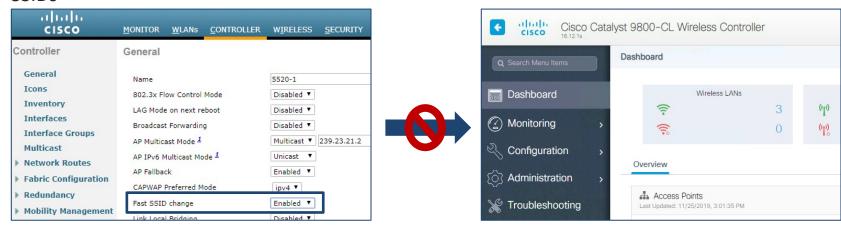
DHCP relay or bridging mode?

 DHCP bridging is the recommended mode and should be used if DHCP relay can be configured on the upstream switch or if the DHCP server is on the client VLAN



Лучшие практики – Fast SSID Change

• In AireOS, Fast SSID change is a best practice to allow clients to roam faster between different SSIDs



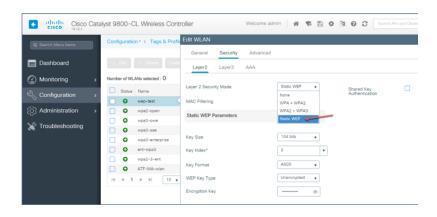
In C9800 there **no setting called Fast SSID** change and is not required as **C9800 allows this behavior by default**

Only if TKIP and WEP Support is Required

- TKIP and WEP are deprecated by WFA. However...
- TKIP configuration is available in CLI only (same as in AireOS) and supported on all APs

```
C9800-1(config)#wlan psk-psk 17 sj-psk
C9800-1(config-wlan)#security wpa wpa1 ciphers tkip
```

• WEP configuration is also available on C9800 and is supported with Wave-1 APs only (x700 series and 1570). Wave 2 APs or new Catalyst 9100 APs will not broadcast SSID configured with WEP.





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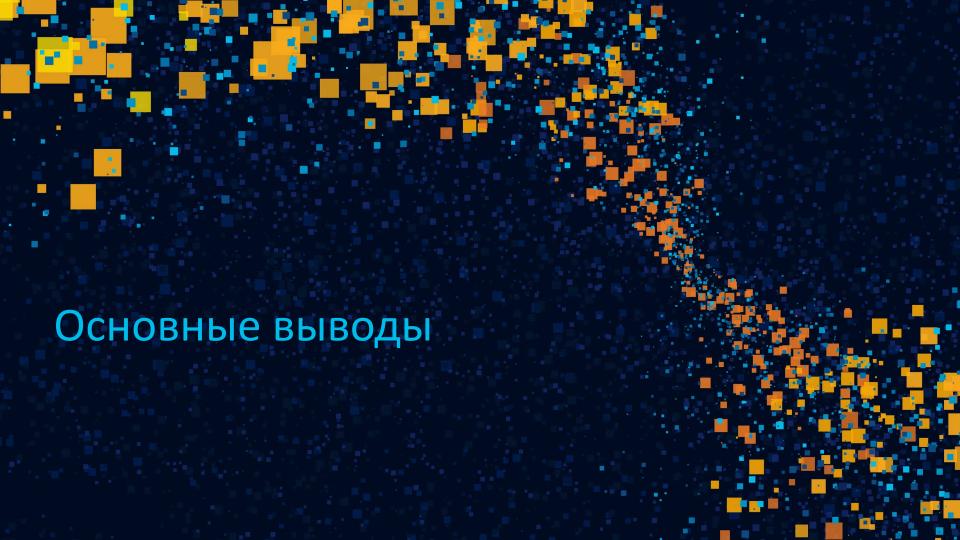




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- Use the Migration Tool and review the conversion output
- Understand the IOS-XE Configuration Model
- Review your requirements for AireOS and IOS-XE co-existence
- Utilize deployment Best Practices



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Migration to the New Catalyst Wireless Stack, a practical guide! - Recorded Cisco Live content is available free of charge to you



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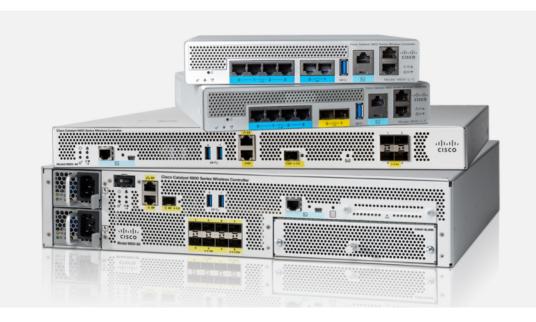
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