



The bridge to possible

# Becoming a Wi-Fi Guest Star

Better Practices for Guest Networks on Cisco Catalyst Wireless

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From rocking guest Wi-Fi...

...to guest Wi-Fi rock stars



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# For your reference



- There are slides in your PDF that will not be presented, or quickly presented
- They are valuable, but included only “For your reference”



# Cisco Webex App

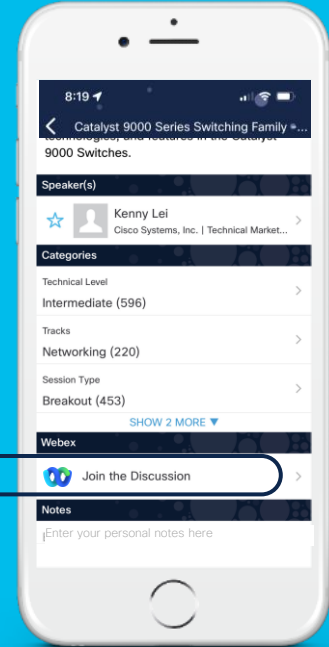
## Questions?

Use Cisco Webex App to chat with the speaker after the session

## How

- 1 Find this session in the Cisco Live Mobile App
- 2 Click “Join the Discussion”
- 3 Install the Webex App or go directly to the Webex space
- 4 Enter messages/questions in the Webex space

Webex spaces will be moderated until February 24, 2023.



# A new breakout on wireless guest...

- Learn from past feedbacks, usefulness and popularity of a feature, requests for more content, etc.
- Some new topics, more details and updates
- References  
(BRKEWN-2014)  
<https://www.ciscolive.com/on-demand/on-demand-library.html?#/session/16360600789430017umm>

\* Screenshots may refer to different IOS-XE versions, but the options stay very similar



# Agenda

- What are guest networks?
- Guest portals techniques and configuration
- Portal-less options (Passpoint and OpenRoaming)
- Advanced settings for better end user experience



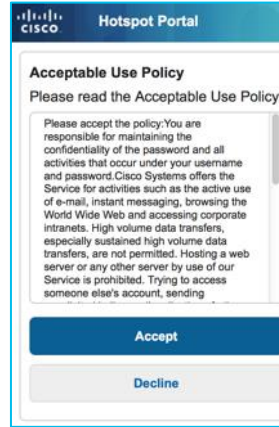
# Guest Wi-Fi Options

## “Open”



Wi-Fi  
password is  
123hackme

## Guest Portal



**Hotspot Portal**

**Acceptable Use Policy**  
Please read the Acceptable Use Policy.

Please accept the policy: You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of the password and all activities that occur under your username and password. Cisco Systems offers the Service for activities such as the active use of e-mail, instant messaging, browsing the World Wide Web and accessing corporate intranets. High volume data transfers, especially sustained high volume data transfers, are not permitted. Hosting a web server or any other server by use of our Service is prohibited. Trying to access someone else's account, sending

**Accept**

**Decline**

## OpenRoaming





# The “Open” option

- No security, no authentication
  - Or “light” security (publicly available passphrase)
  - Or OWE\*
- Easy to setup
- Useful for avoiding massive network resources usage (e.g., DHCP)
- Changing password may lead to poor user experience

\* Opportunistic Wireless Encryption.... assuming your clients are supporting it

## WLAN creation on C9800

The screenshot shows the 'Add WLAN' configuration window with the 'Security' tab selected. The 'Layer2' sub-tab is active. The 'Layer 2 Security Mode' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'WPA + WPA2' (selected), 'None', 'WPA + WPA2', 'WPA2 + WPA3', 'WPA3', 'Static WEP', and 'Disabled'. Other settings visible include 'MAC Filtering', 'Protected Management Frame', 'PMF', 'WPA Parameters', 'Lobby Admin Access', 'Fast Transition' (Adaptive Enabled), 'Over the DS', 'Reassociation Timeout' (20), 'MPSK Configuration', and 'MPSK'.

# For wireless, it's either secure or open

- Secure SSID



- Open SSID



- A secure SSID cannot fall back to open.
  - Example: guests not supporting 802.1X cannot fall back to web portal authentication on the same SSID as corporate users.
- Pre-shared keys (PSK) and keys derived from 802.1X are not supported on the same SSID.
- We can have a secure SSID (PSK or 802.1X) followed by web portal authentication. In such a scenario, PSK / 802.1X must succeed before the end user can be redirected to a web portal.

# Guest Portals



Customer  
satisfaction



Analytics / \$\$\$



Engagements

# What guest portals do?

- Validate who is connecting
  - From “everyone” to “by invitation only”
  - Useful for business operations, or regulatory mandates (MAC address and/or contactable identity collection)
- Disclaimers (local regulations or liability limitation).
  - In some regulatory domains, no disclaimers may mean top tier security (firewalls, intrusion detection, etc.)



# Guest portals techniques and configuration

# Rocking the 3 portal options (what guests see)

Cisco Spaces



WLC

**Login**

**Welcome to the Cisco Web-Authentication network**  
Cisco is pleased to provide web-authentication infrastructure for your network. Please login.

User Name

Password

Submit

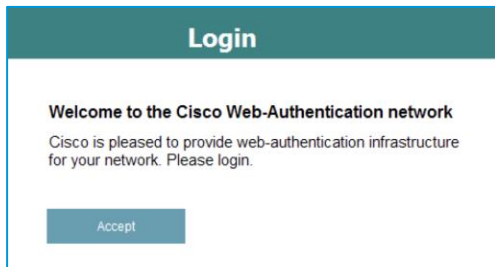


Sponsored Guest Portal

Identity Services Engine (ISE)

# In few words

## WLC



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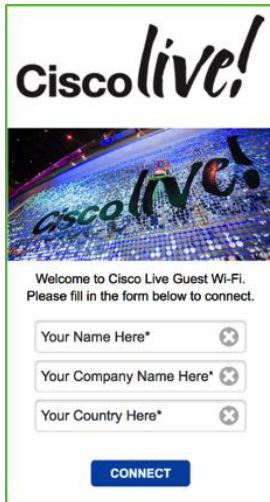
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- Native and easy to use.
- Ideal for passthrough with local hotspot portals.
- LWA with consent.

## Cisco Spaces



**CiscoLive!**

Welcome to Cisco Live Guest Wi-Fi.  
Please fill in the form below to connect.

Your Name Here\*

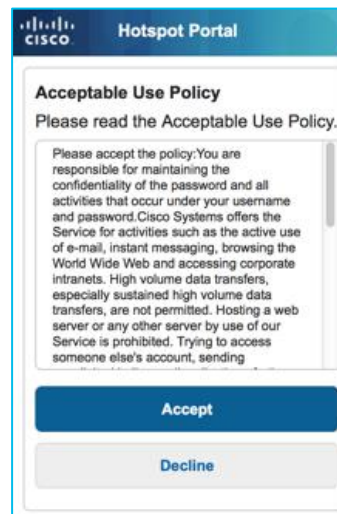
Your Company Name Here\*

Your Country Here\*

CONNECT

- Very easy/powerful to customize and assign hotspot portals based on sites.
- Ideal for passthrough with hotspot portals (or for one-time SMS/email codes).
- LWA with consent.

## ISE



**Hotspot Portal**

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Accept

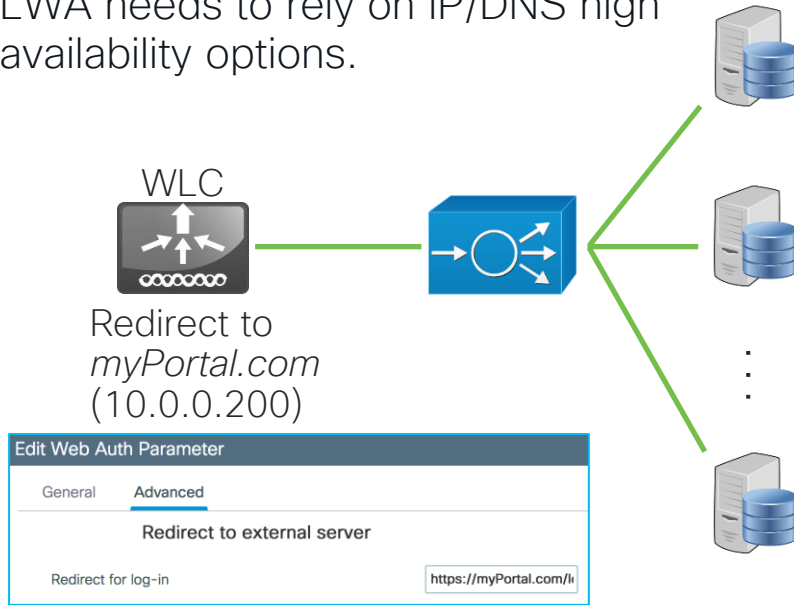
Decline

- Most versatile solution.
- Ideal for both hotspot and sponsored/self-reg portals.
- It requires an additional learning curve.
- LWA or CWA.

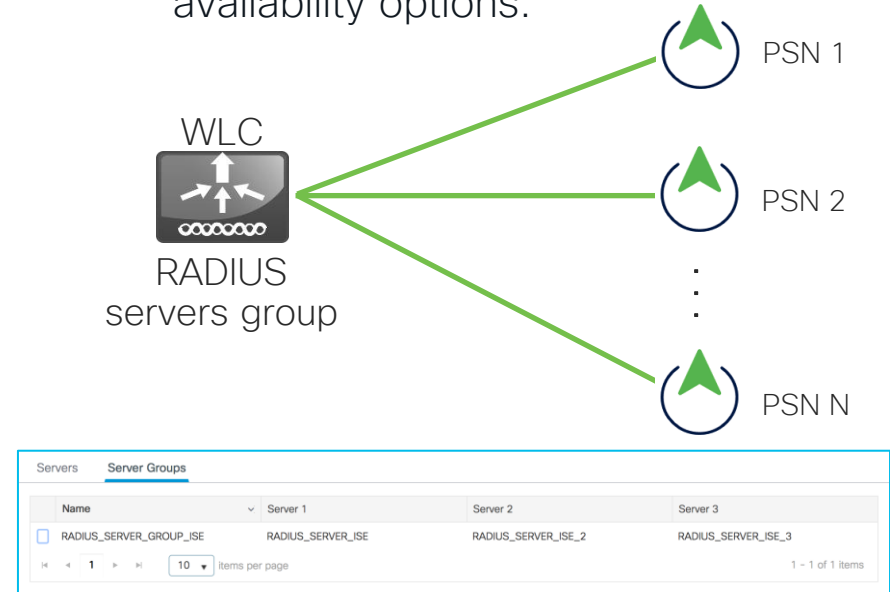


# Where “authentication” happens

- Local Web Authentication (LWA) happens at L3.
- LWA needs to rely on IP/DNS high availability options.

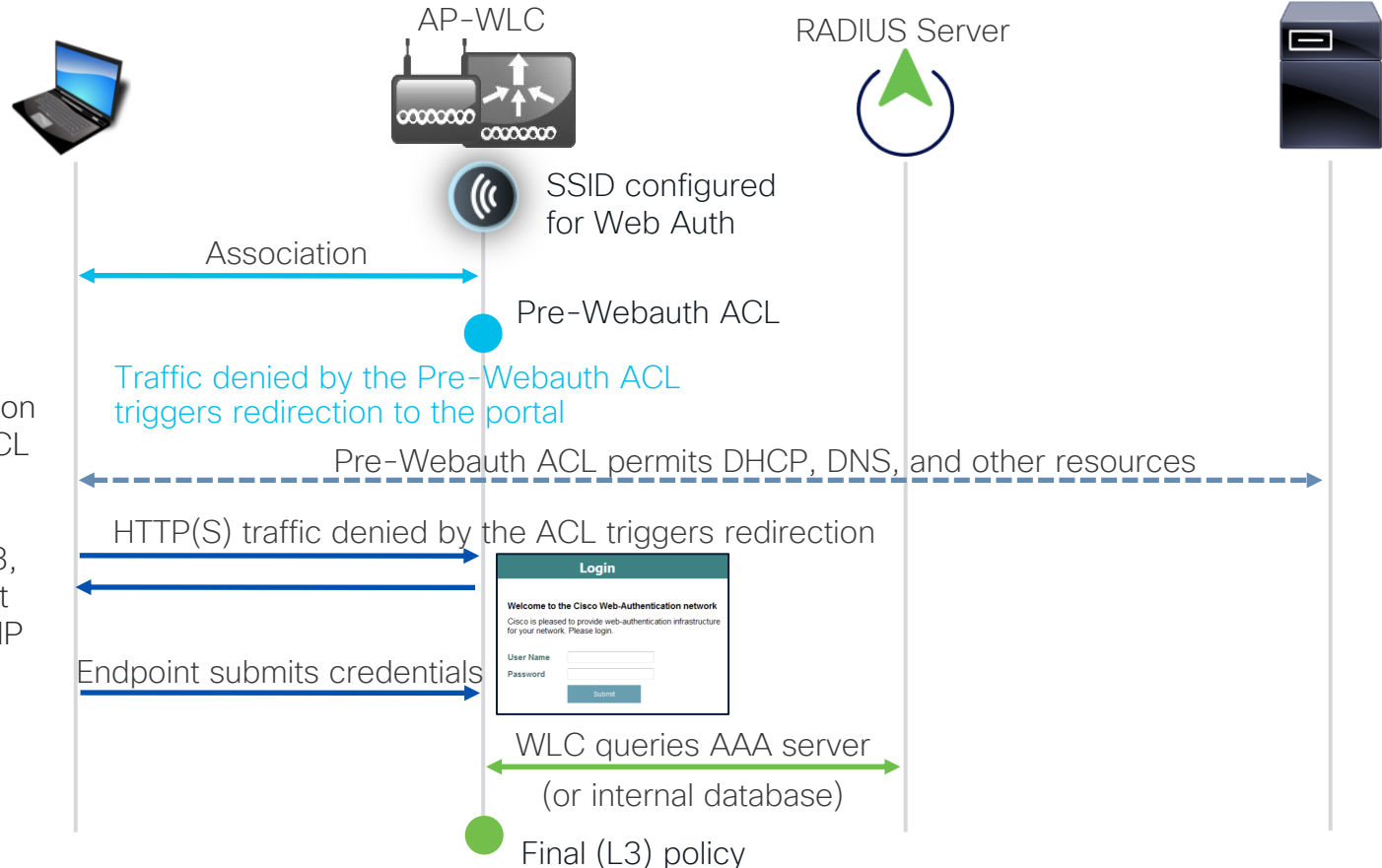


- Central Web Authentication (CWA) happens at L2 and L3.
- CWA can rely on RADIUS / ISE high availability options.



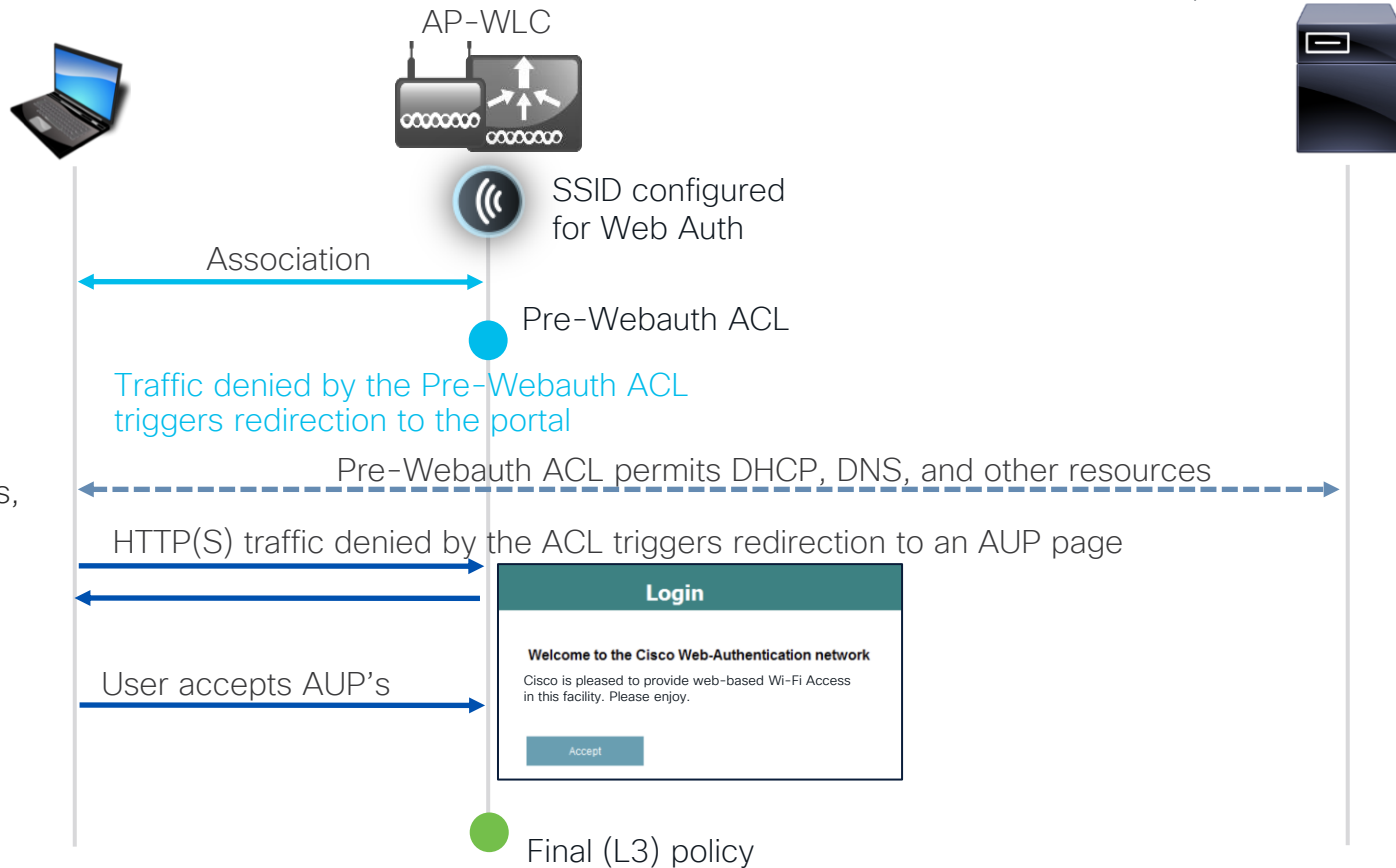
# Local Web Authentication (LWA)

External Resources  
(DHCP, DNS, etc.)



# LWA with passthrough

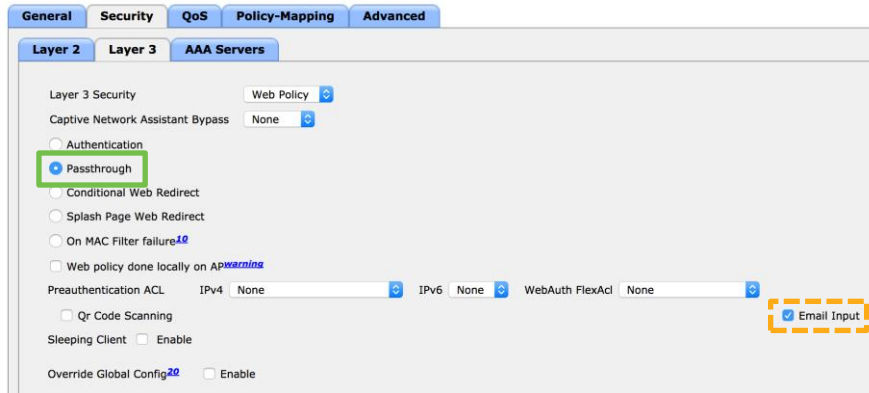
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When you do not need to authenticate individual users, but connect anyone who asks, possibly with an Acceptable User Policy (AUP) page

# Passthrough / Consent / Hotspot

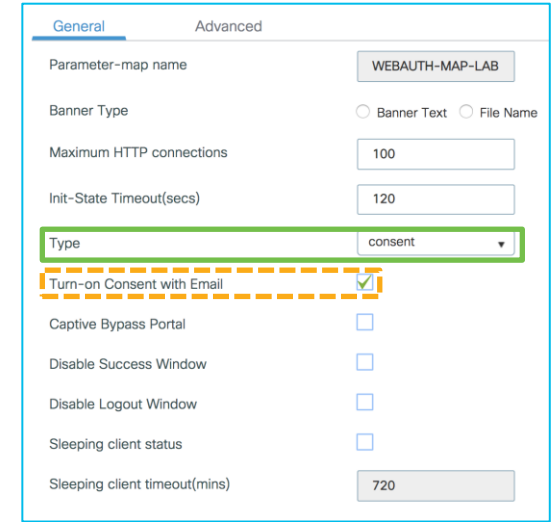
- “Passthrough” on AireOS
- “Consent” on IOS-XE
- “Hotspot” on ISE



AireOS

Configuration > Security > Web Auth > Webauth Parameter Map

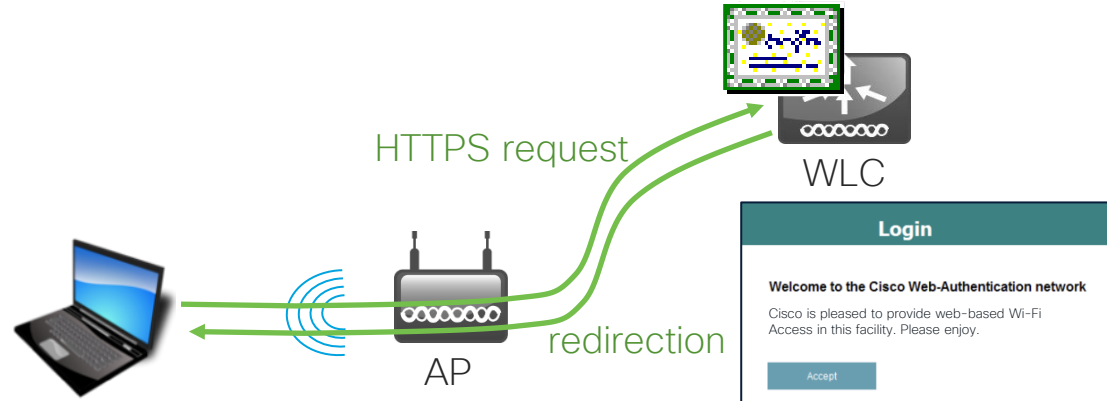
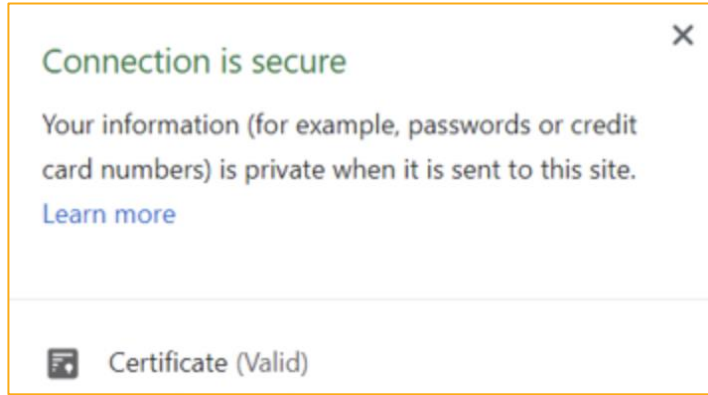
- The user may needs to complete some operation(s) on the web portal (e.g. click “accept”, enter an email address)
- There is no form of authentication performed by the WLC.



IOS-XE

# LWA and certificates

A certificate signed by a known root CA avoids scary messages



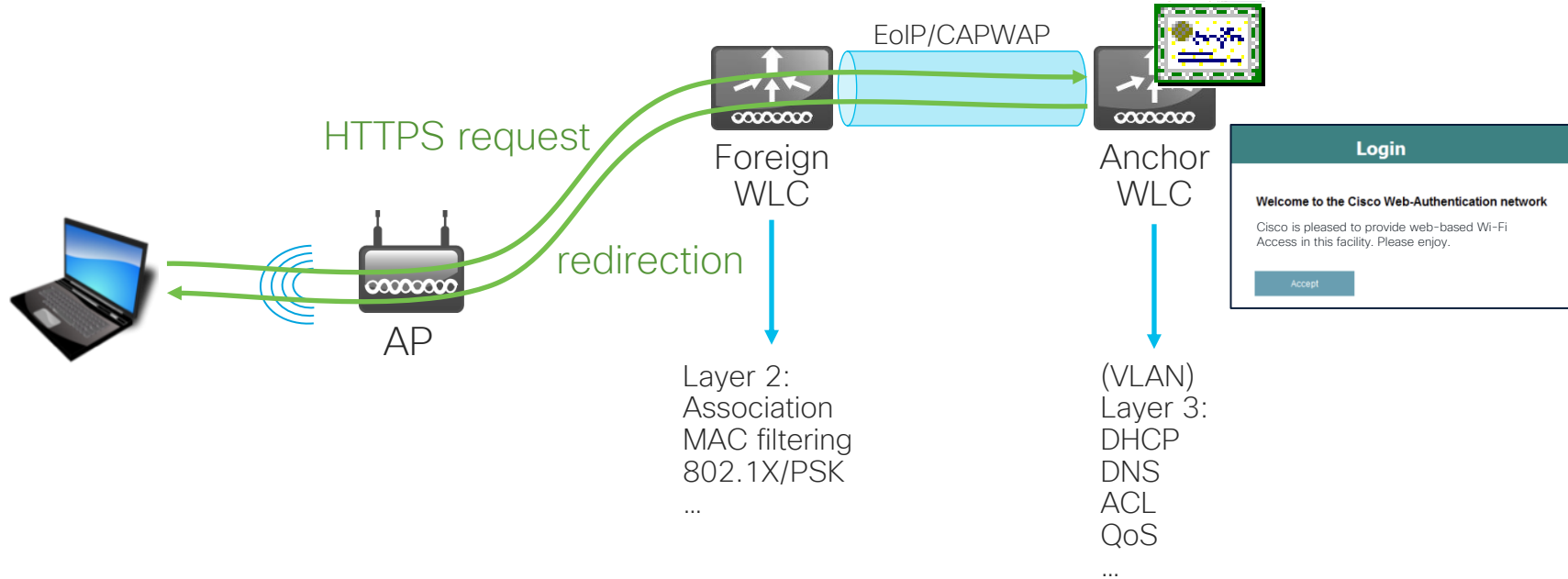
Certificates for the Controller Web Authentication:

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless/catalyst-9800-series-wireless-controllers/213917-generate-csr-for-third-party-certificate.html>

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless-mobility/wlan-security/115951-web-auth-wlc-guide-00.html#anc20>

# LWA with an anchor controller

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Enterprise Mobility 8.5 Design Guide – Cisco Unified Wireless Network Guest Access Services:

[https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/8-5/Enterprise-Mobility-8-5-Design-Guide/Enterprise\\_Mobility\\_8-5\\_Deployment\\_Guide/WirelessNetwork\\_GuestAccessService.html](https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/8-5/Enterprise-Mobility-8-5-Design-Guide/Enterprise_Mobility_8-5_Deployment_Guide/WirelessNetwork_GuestAccessService.html)

Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller – AireOS IRCM Deployment Guide:

[https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/technotes/8-8/b\\_c9800\\_wireless\\_controller-aires-ircm\\_dg.html](https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/technotes/8-8/b_c9800_wireless_controller-aires-ircm_dg.html)

# LWA configuration: 9800's internal portal

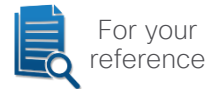


- AAA and method lists
- Pre-webauth ACL
- Web auth parameter map
- WLAN / Policy Profiles



# LWA configuration: 9800's internal portal

## AAA and method lists



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!
aaa authentication login MLIST_AUTHC_LOGIN_LOCAL local
!
aaa authorization network default local
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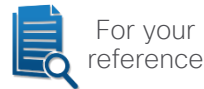
For local accounts

Alternatively, we could  
use an external RADIUS  
server too

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radius server RADIUS_SRVR_ISE
  address ipv4 <RADIUS_IP> auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
  key <SHARED_SECRET>
!
aaa group server radius RADIUS_SRVR_GRP_01
  server name RADIUS_SRVR_ISE
!
aaa authentication login MLIST_AUTHC_LOGIN_ISE group RADIUS_SRVR_GRP_01
aaa accounting identity MLIST_ACCT_ID_ISE start-stop group RADIUS_SRVR_GRP_01
```

# LWA configuration: 9800's internal portal

## Pre-webauth ACL



```
ip access-list extended ACL_LWA_REDIRECT
 permit udp any any eq bootps
 permit udp any eq bootps any
 permit udp any any eq domain
 permit udp any eq domain any
 permit tcp any host <SRVR_IP> eq 443
 permit tcp host <SRVR_IP> eq 443 any
 deny ip any any
```

Anything permitted is permitted.  
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<SRVR\_IP> in this example could be an internal HTTPS application we'd need to access even before authenticating to the guest portal. This could be readapted to other examples as needed.

# LWA configuration: 9800's internal portal

## Web auth parameter map



Configuration > Security > Web Auth

Parameter Map Name

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10 items per page

**Edit Web Auth Parameter**

General Advanced

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Banner Type: ☒ None ☐ Banner Text ☐ Banner Title ☐ File Name

Maximum HTTP connections: 100

Init-State Timeout(secs): 120

Type: consent

Turn-on Consent with Email: ☐

Captive Bypass Portal: ☐

Disable Success Window: ☐

Disable Logout Window: ☒

Disable Cisco Logo: ☐

Sleeping Client Status: ☐

Sleeping Client T...

webauth

authbypass

**consent**

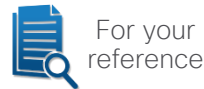
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“consent” for a hotspot/passthrough portal

Cancel Update & Apply

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## WLAN / Policy Profiles



For your  
reference

Edit WLAN

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General **Security** Advanced Add To Policy Tags

Layer2 Layer3 AAA

Layer 2 Security Mode: None

MAC Filtering: ☐

OWE Transition Mode: ☐

Lobby Admin Access: ☐

Fast Transition: Disabled

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No L2 security options (unless we'd like 802.1X/PSK/MAB on top of web auth)

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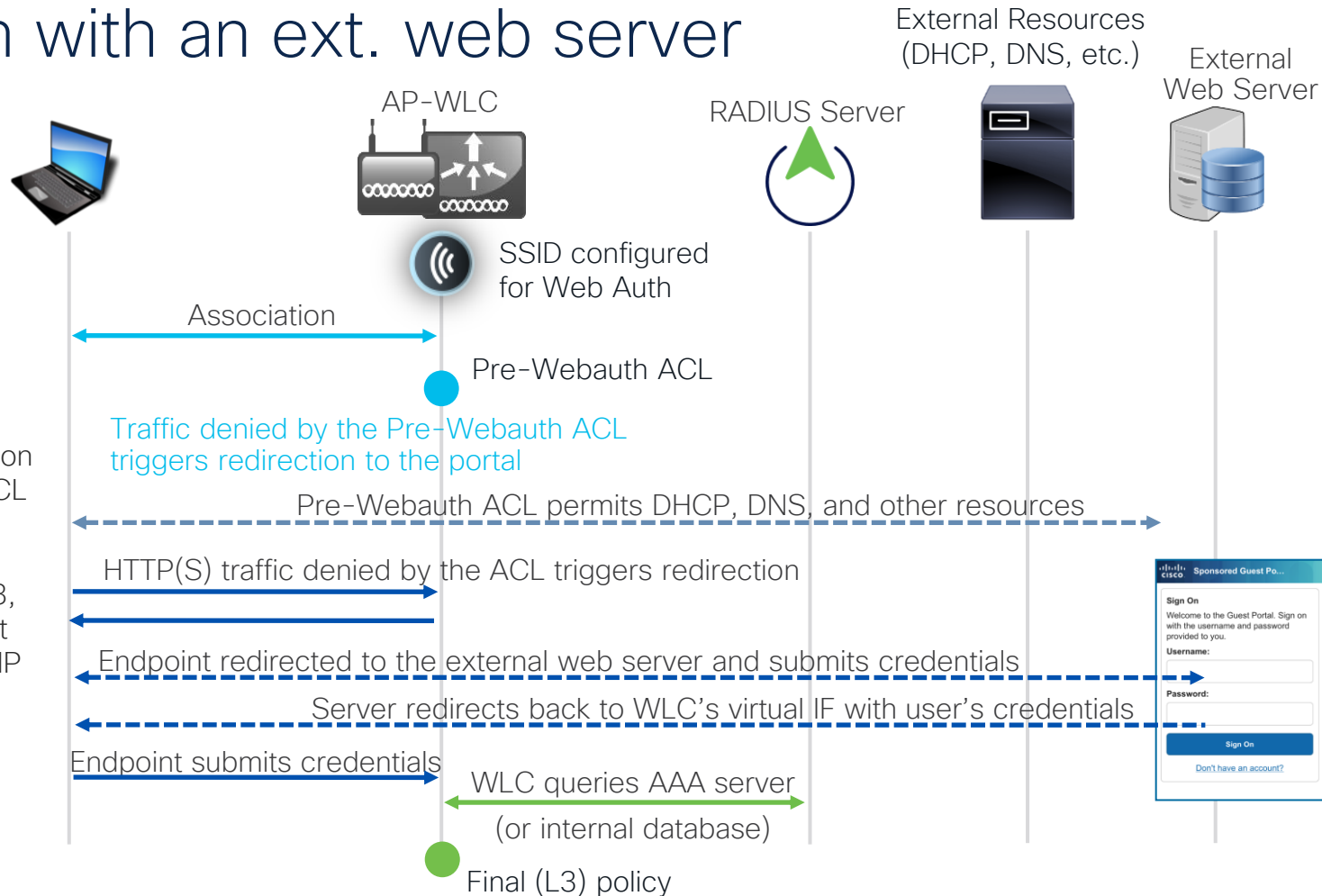
Preauthentication ACL:

IPv4: ACL\_LWA\_REDIRECT

IPv6: None

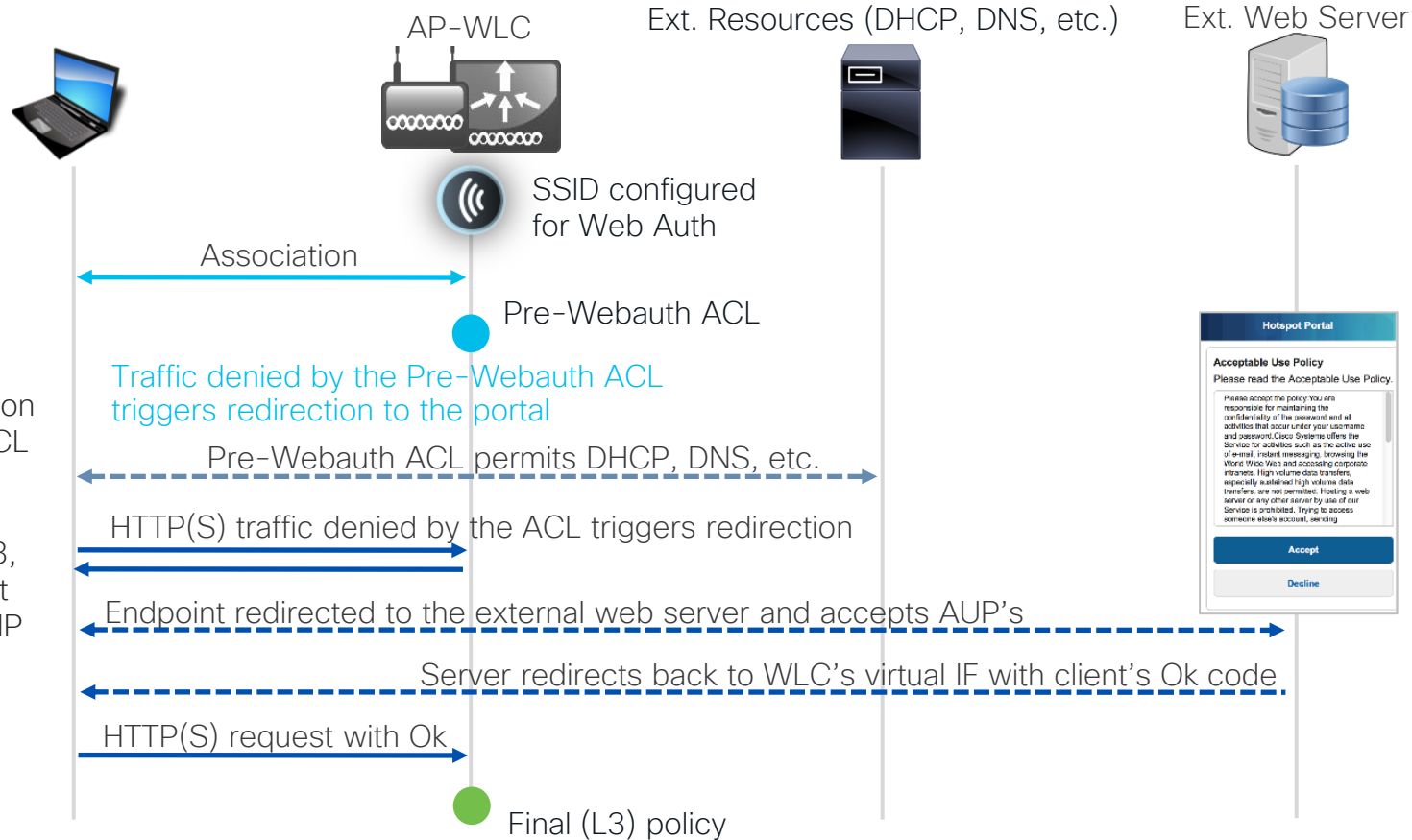
Pre-webauth ACL

# LWA login with an ext. web server



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# LWA passthrough with an ext. web server

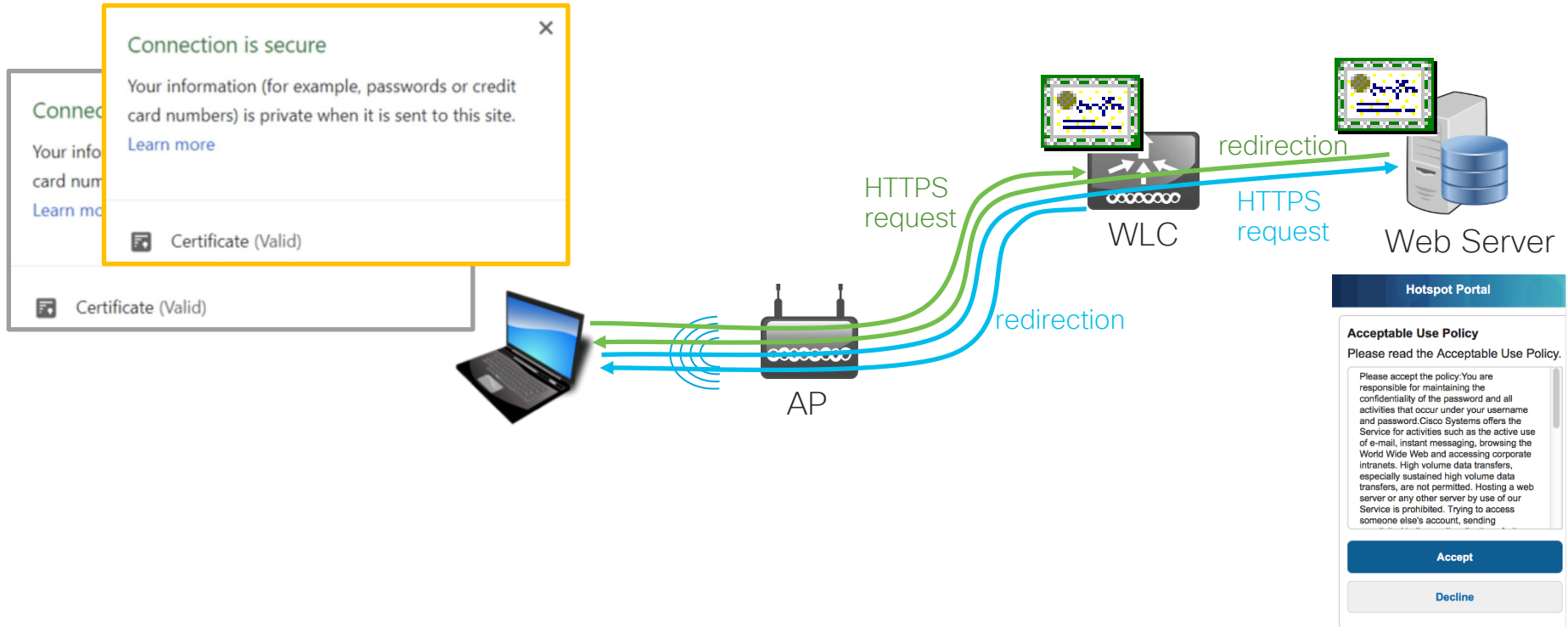


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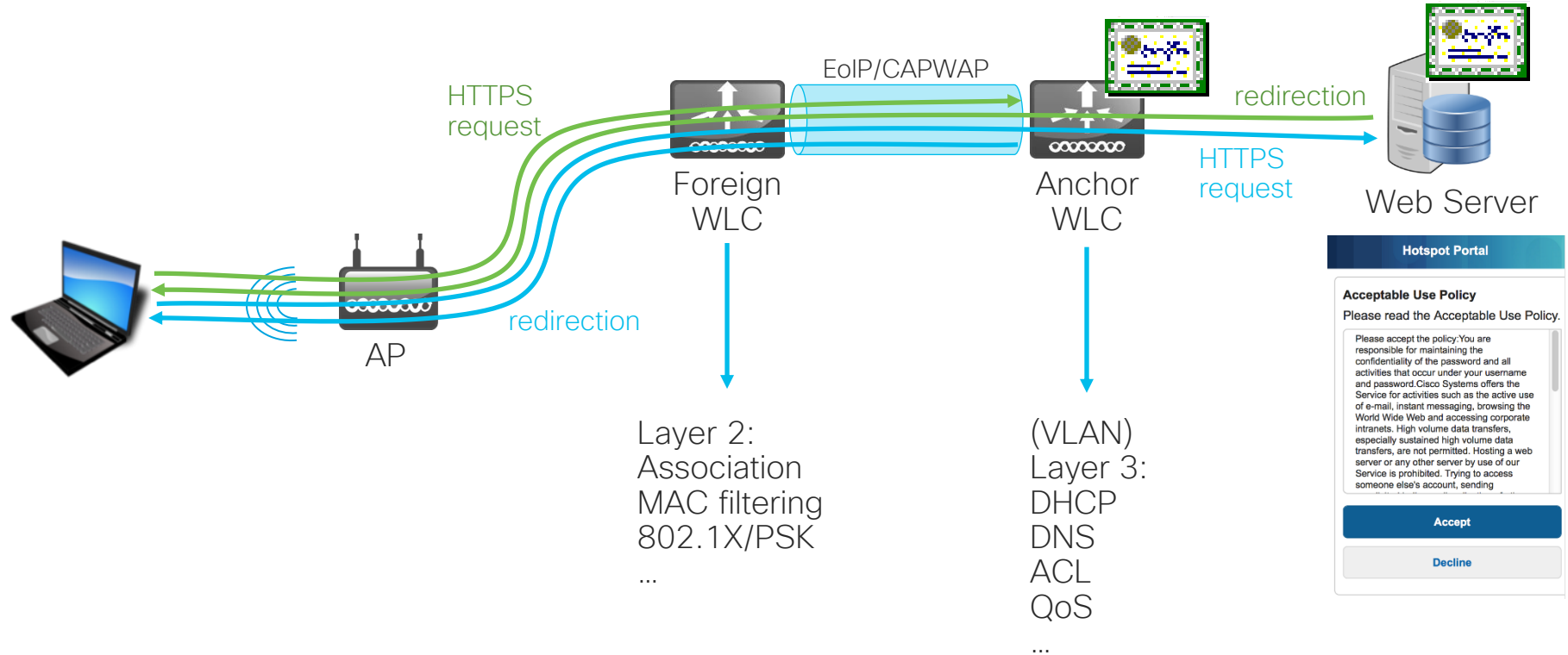
## External web server



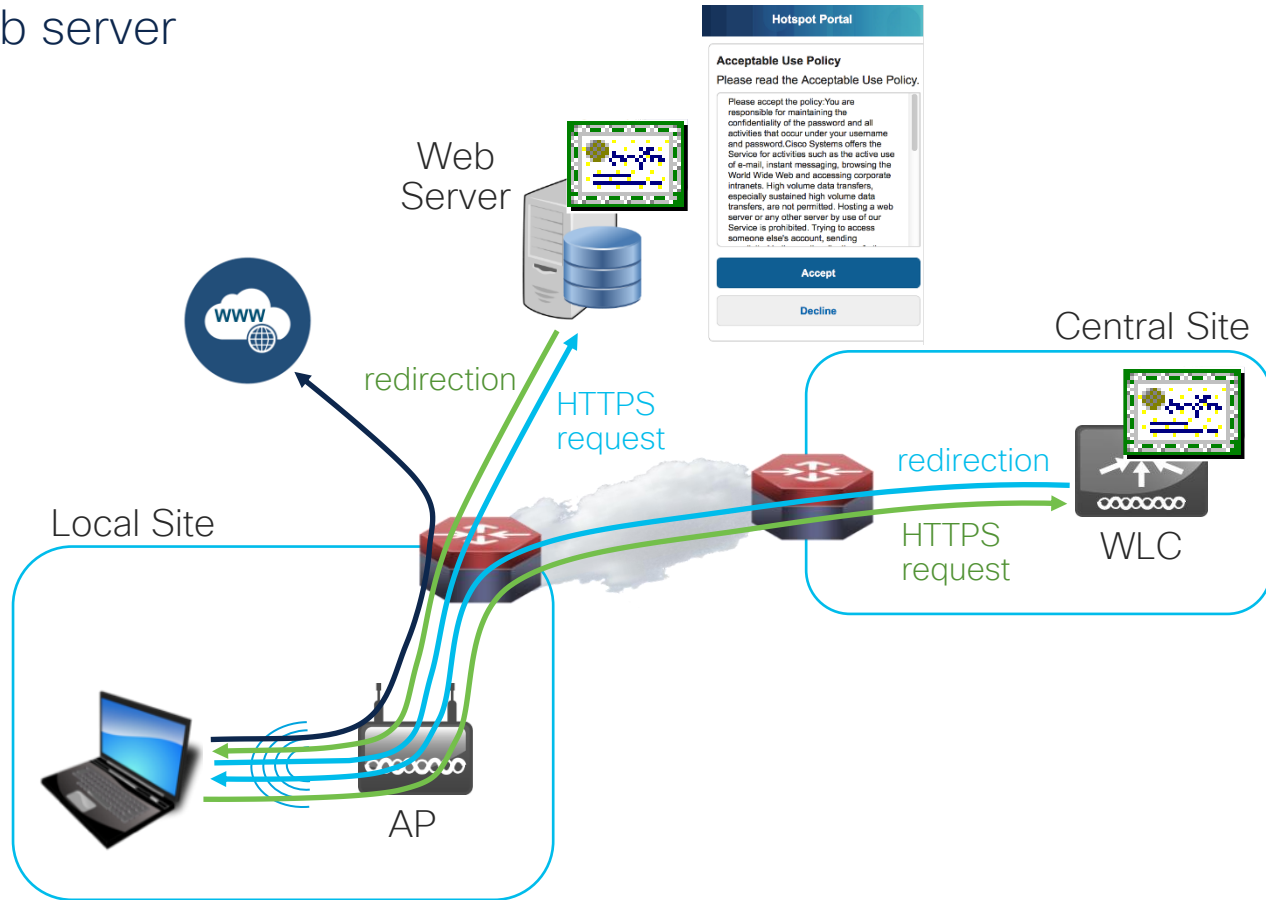


# LWA with an anchor controller

External web server



## External web server



# LWA configuration: ext. web server



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  server name RADIUS_SRVR_ISE  
!  
aaa authentication login MLIST_AUTHC_LOGIN_ISE group RADIUS_SRVR_GRP_01  
aaa accounting identity MLIST_ACCT_ID_ISE start-stop group RADIUS_SRVR_GRP_01
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# LWA configuration: ext. web server

## AAA and method lists



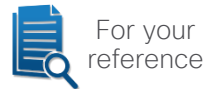
If our portal is a passthrough/consent/hotspot one, like with Cisco Spaces, we can just “relax”.

No local database or external RADIUS servers are needed, because there is no guest account to authenticate (authC/authZ method lists should still be configured).



# LWA configuration: ext. web server

## Pre-webauth ACL



```
ip access-list extended ACL_LWA_REDIRECT
 permit udp any any eq bootps
 permit udp any eq bootps any
 permit udp any any eq domain
 permit udp any eq domain any
 permit tcp any host <WEB_SRVR_IP> eq <WEB_SRVR_PORT>
 permit tcp host <WEB_SRVR_IP> eq <WEB_SRVR_PORT> any
 deny ip any any
```

Example with DNA Spaces public IPs (ymmv):

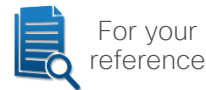
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ip access-list extended ACL_LWA_REDIRECT
 permit udp any any eq bootps
 permit udp any eq bootps any
 permit udp any any eq domain
 permit udp any eq domain any
 permit tcp any host 34.235.248.212 eq 443
 permit tcp host 34.235.248.212 eq 443 any
 permit tcp any host 52.55.235.39 eq 443
 permit tcp host 52.55.235.39 eq 443 any
 deny ip any any
```

Anything permitted is permitted.  
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<WEB\_SRVR\_IP> and <WEB\_SRVR\_PORT>  
are the IP/port of the external web server, to  
allow access to its guest portal even before  
web authentication.

# LWA configuration: ext. web server

## Web auth parameter map



Configuration > Security > Web Auth

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10 items per page

**Edit Web Auth Parameter**

General Advanced

Parameter-map name: global

Banner Type: ☒ None ☐ Banner Text ☐ Banner Title ☐ File Name

Maximum HTTP connections: 100

Init-State Timeout(secs): 120

Type: consent

Turn-on Consent with Email: ☐

Virtual IPv4 Address: 192.0.2.1

Trustpoint: ewic-default-tp

Virtual IPv4 Hostname:

Virtual IPv6 Address: XXXXXX

Web Auth intercept HTTPs: ☐

“global” Web Auth Parameter Map determines the Virtual IP and the trustpoint certificate used for LWA redirections. Other custom Web Auth Parameter Maps will inherit these settings.

Cancel Update & Apply



# LWA configuration: ext. web server

## Web auth parameter map



Search Menu Items

- Dashboard
- Monitoring
- Configuration
- Administration
- Licensing
- Troubleshooting

Configuration > Security > Web Auth

+ Add - Delete

Parameter Map Name
<input type="checkbox"/> global
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WEBAUTH_PMAP

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Note: with external portals we may want to disable the 9800's internal logout and success windows.

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Captive Bypass Portal: ☐

Disable Success Window: ☒

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Disable Cisco Logo: ☐

Sleeping Client Status: ☐

Sleeping Client Timeout (minutes): 720

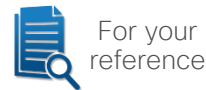
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webconsent

"webauth" for a login/pwd portal  
"consent" for a hotspot/passthrough portal

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# LWA configuration: ext. web server

## Web auth parameter map for DNA Spaces



The screenshot displays the Cisco DNA Spaces configuration interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with links to Dashboard, Monitoring, Configuration, Administration, Licensing, and Troubleshooting. The main content area is titled 'Configuration > Security > Web Auth'. It shows a 'Web Auth Parameter Map' table with two entries: 'global' and 'WEBAUTH\_PMAP'. The 'WEBAUTH\_PMAP' entry is selected. To the right, the 'Edit Web Auth Parameter' dialog is open, showing the 'General' tab. The 'Parameter-map name' is 'WEBAUTH\_PMAP', 'Banner Type' is 'None', 'Maximum HTTP connections' is '100', 'Init-State Timeout(secs)' is '120', and 'Type' is 'consent'. Below this, the 'Advanced' tab is shown, titled 'Redirect to external server'. It contains several fields: 'Redirect for log-in' (https://52.55.235.39), 'Redirect On-Success', 'Redirect On-Failure', 'Redirect Append for AP MAC Address' (ap\_mac), 'Redirect Append for Client MAC Address' (client\_mac), 'Redirect Append for WLAN SSID' (wlan), and 'Portal IPV4 Address' (52.55.235.39).

Change the Web Auth Parameter Map's "Type" to "consent"

Modify the Advanced parameters with:

- Redirect for log-in = https://<DNA\_SPACES\_IP>/<PATH>
- Redirect Append for AP MAC Address = ap\_mac
- Redirect Append for Client MAC Address = client\_mac
- Redirect Append for WLAN SSID = wlan
- Portal IPV4 Address = <DNA\_SPACES\_IP>

# LWA configuration: ext. web server

## WLAN / Policy Profiles



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Reassociation Time

No L2 security options (unless we'd like 802.1X/PSK/MAB on top of web auth)

- Web Policy enabled
- Web Auth Parameter Map and Authentication List from previous slides

Note: if the web auth parameter map is configured for "consent" (i.e. passthrough), the Authentication List is not needed.

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Layer2 Layer3 AAA

Web Policy: ☒

Web Auth Parameter Map: WEBAUTH\_PMAP

Authentication List: MLIST\_LOGIN

Preauthentication ACL: IPv4 ACL\_LWA\_REDIRECT

IPv6: None

On Mac Filter Failure: ☐

Splash Web Redirect: DISABLED

For Local Login Method List to work, please make sure the configuration 'aaa authorization network default local' exists on the device

Pre-webauth ACL

# LWA configuration: ext. web server

ISE as the RADIUS authentication server: Policy Set



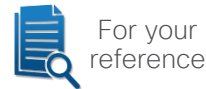
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✓		LWA Policy Set		<div><div>OR</div><div><div>Radius-Service-Type EQUALS Outbound</div><div>Radius-Service-Type EQUALS Login</div></div></div> <div>AND</div> <div><div>OR</div><div><div>Radius-NAS-Port-Type EQUALS Wireless - IEEE 802.11</div><div>Radius-NAS-Port-Type EQUALS Ethernet</div></div></div>	Default Network Access

Some NADs (e.g., C9k switches and controllers) use Outbound, some others (e.g., other Catalyst switches and AireOS WLCs) use Login

Wireless NADs use Wireless - IEEE 802.11, wired NADs use Ethernet

# LWA configuration: ext. web server

## ISE as the RADIUS authentication server: Policy Set (alternative)



Status	Policy Set Name	Description	Conditions	Allowed Protocols / Server Sequence
<input type="text" value="Search"/>				
✓	LWA Policy Set		<div><div>OR</div><div><div>Radius-Service-Type EQUALS Outbound</div><div>Radius-Service-Type EQUALS Login</div></div><div>AND</div><div><div>AND</div><div><div>Radius-NAS-Port-Type EQUALS Wireless - IEEE 802.11</div><div>Radius-NAS-Identifier CONTAINS WLAN_GUEST_LWA</div></div><div>Radius-NAS-Port-Type EQUALS Ethernet</div></div></div>	Default Network Access <input type="button" value="x"/> <input type="button" value="v"/> <input type="button" value="+"/>

On top of “NAS-Port-Type = Wireless – IEEE 802.11”, we could additionally filter for a specific SSID with the RADIUS attribute [32] NAS-Identifier (more on this in later slides)

# LWA configuration: ext. web server

## ISE as the RADIUS authentication server: authentication policies



Authentication Policy (1)

Status	Rule Name	Conditions	Use	Hits	Actions
✓	Default				

Search

Cisco ISE Administration - Identity Management

Identities Groups External Identity Sources **Identity Source Sequences** Settings

Identity Source Sequences List > Guest\_Portal\_Sequence

Identity Source Sequence

Identity Source Sequence

\* Name Guest\_Portal\_Sequence

Guest accounts created by Sponsors / Self-Registrations go in the "Guest Users" store, which is accessible only through a sponsor account/portal (not through the admin one)

Authentication Search List

A set of identity sources that will be accessed in sequence until first authentication succeeds

Available	Selected
Internal Endpoints	Internal Users
LDAP_WIN2012	Guest Users
AD-WIN2012	All_AD_Join_Points
Localhost_RADIUS_Token	

Guest\_Portal\_Sequence

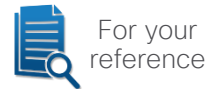
Options

Not much needed in the authC policies unless we'd like to do some extra filtering

The Guest\_Portal\_Sequence checks by default internal and external sources

# LWA configuration: ext. web server

ISE as the RADIUS authentication server: authorization policies



Authorization Policy (4)

				Results	
	Status	Rule Name	Conditions	Profiles	Security Groups
<div><div></div><div>Search</div></div>					

In the authZ policies we can configure pretty much whatever best suits the final needs (e.g., AD groups, guest groups, etc.)

# Cisco Spaces passthrough portal example

The screenshot displays the Cisco Spaces Portal Editor interface for 'Portal 01'. The top navigation bar includes a back arrow, 'Portal > Portal 01', and icons for a globe, a document, 'Stylesheet Editor', a notification bell with '0', and a 'Help' button. Below the navigation bar, there are four tabs: 'LOCATIONS' (All Locations), 'AUTH TYPE' (SMS with link verification), 'USER AGREEMENTS' (Enabled), and 'DATA CAPTURE' (Disabled). The 'AUTH TYPE' tab is highlighted with a green box, and a green arrow points from it to a text box.

The main area is titled 'PORTAL EDITOR - Select a section to configure. Drag the items to reorder modules.' It features a left sidebar with a list of modules: Brand Name, Welcome Message, Notice, SMS Authentication, Venue Map, Videos, Feedback, Help, Get Apps, Get Internet, and Promos & Offers. The 'Brand Name' module is selected, showing a toggle switch for 'BRAND NAME' and a text input field for 'Enter/upload any typographic or graphic mark that identifies your brand.' Below this is an 'IMAGE' section with a 'Cisco Live!' logo and an 'Upload' button.

A text box with a green border contains the following text: 'It's a consent / passthrough / hotspot workflow from the controller's perspective. We can still configure some end user verifications through Cisco Spaces directly.'

On the right, the 'PORTAL PREVIEW' section shows a 'Home Screen' with a 'SIGN-UP FOR WIFI' form. The form includes a 'Mobile Number' field with a country code dropdown (+1) and a text input (e.g., 201-555-0123), an 'Opt-in' checkbox, and a 'Connect' button. Below the form are icons for a document and a link.

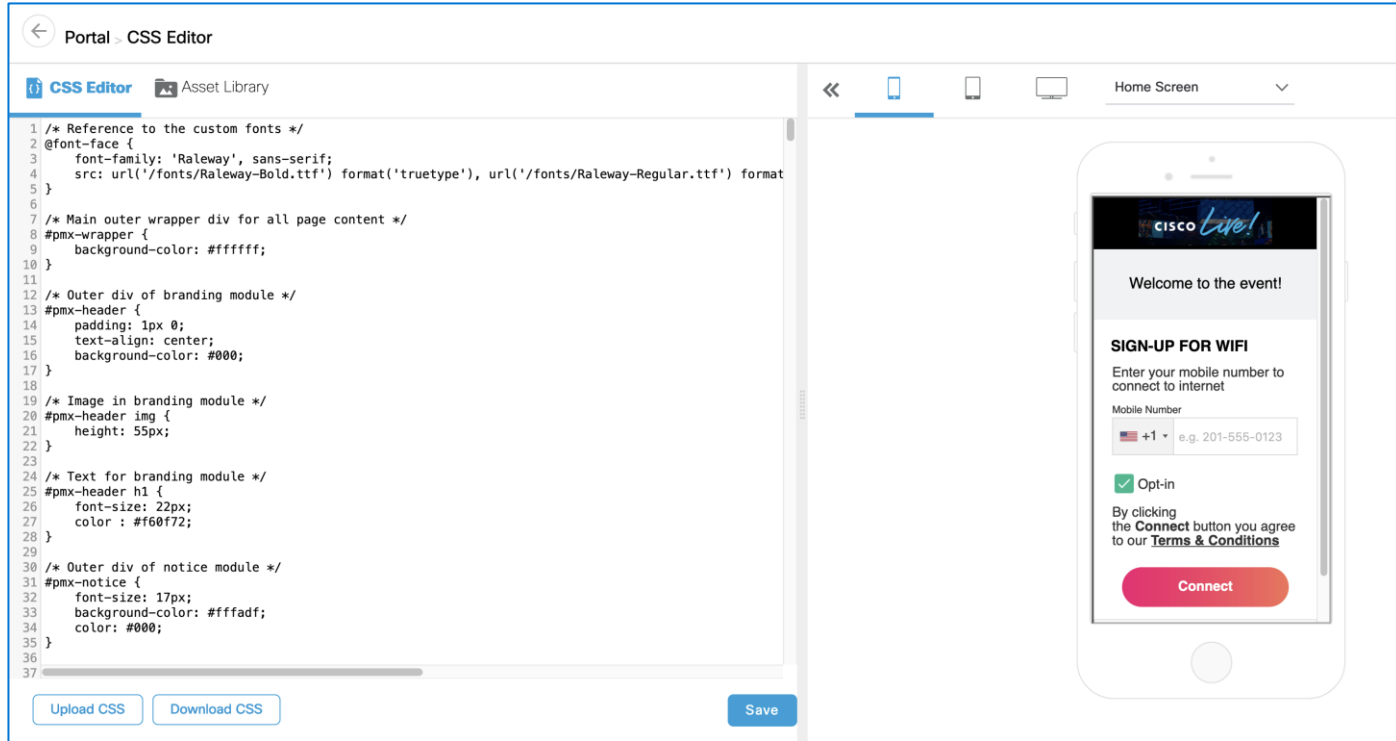


# Cisco Spaces passthrough portal example

The screenshot displays the Cisco Spaces portal configuration interface. At the top, a breadcrumb shows 'Portal > Portal 01'. The interface is divided into three main sections:

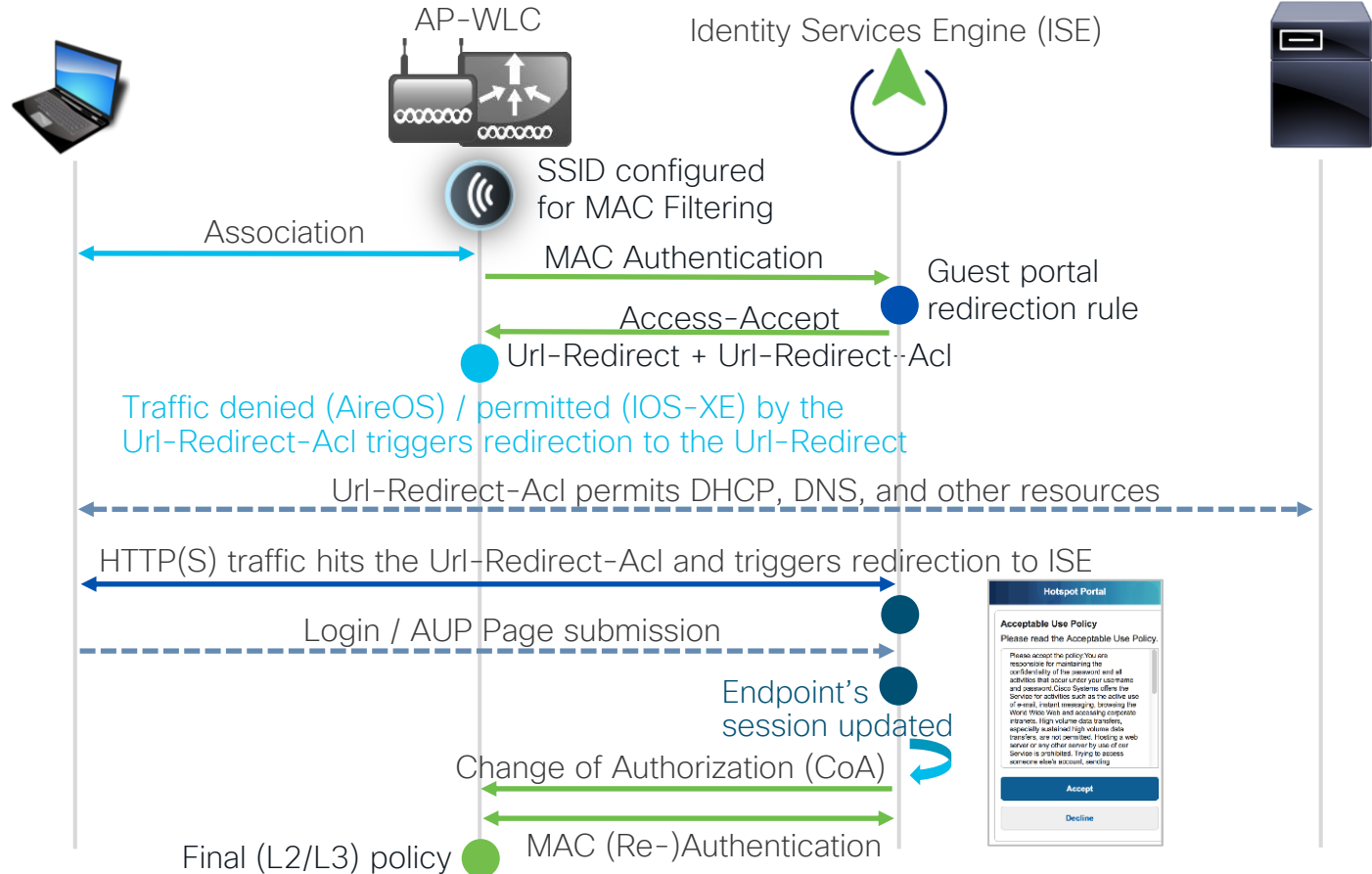
- Left Panel (Portal Editor):** Contains a 'LOCATIONS' dropdown set to 'All Locations' and an 'AUTH TYPE' dropdown set to 'SMS with link verification'. Below this is a list of modules to configure: Brand Name, Welcome Message, Notice, SMS Authentication, Venue Map, Videos, Feedback, Help, Get Apps, Get Internet, and Promos & Offers. A '+ Add Module' button is at the bottom.
- Center Panel (Authentication Type Selection):** Titled 'SELECT THE AUTHENTICATION TYPE', it lists several options: 'SMS with password verification', 'SMS with link verification' (which is selected and marked with a green checkmark), 'Email', 'Social Sign In', 'Access Code', and 'No Authentication'. Each option includes a brief description of the visitor's required action.
- Right Panel (Portal Preview):** Titled 'PORTAL PREVIEW', it shows a 'Home Screen' with a 'SIGN-UP FOR WIFI' section. This section prompts the user to 'Enter your mobile number to connect to internet', features a 'Mobile Number' input field with a country code dropdown (+1) and a placeholder 'e.g. 201-555-0123', an 'Opt-in' checkbox (checked), and a 'Connect' button. A 'Terms & Conditions' link is also present.

# Cisco Spaces passthrough portal example



# Central Web Authentication (CWA)

External Resources  
(DHCP, DNS, etc.)

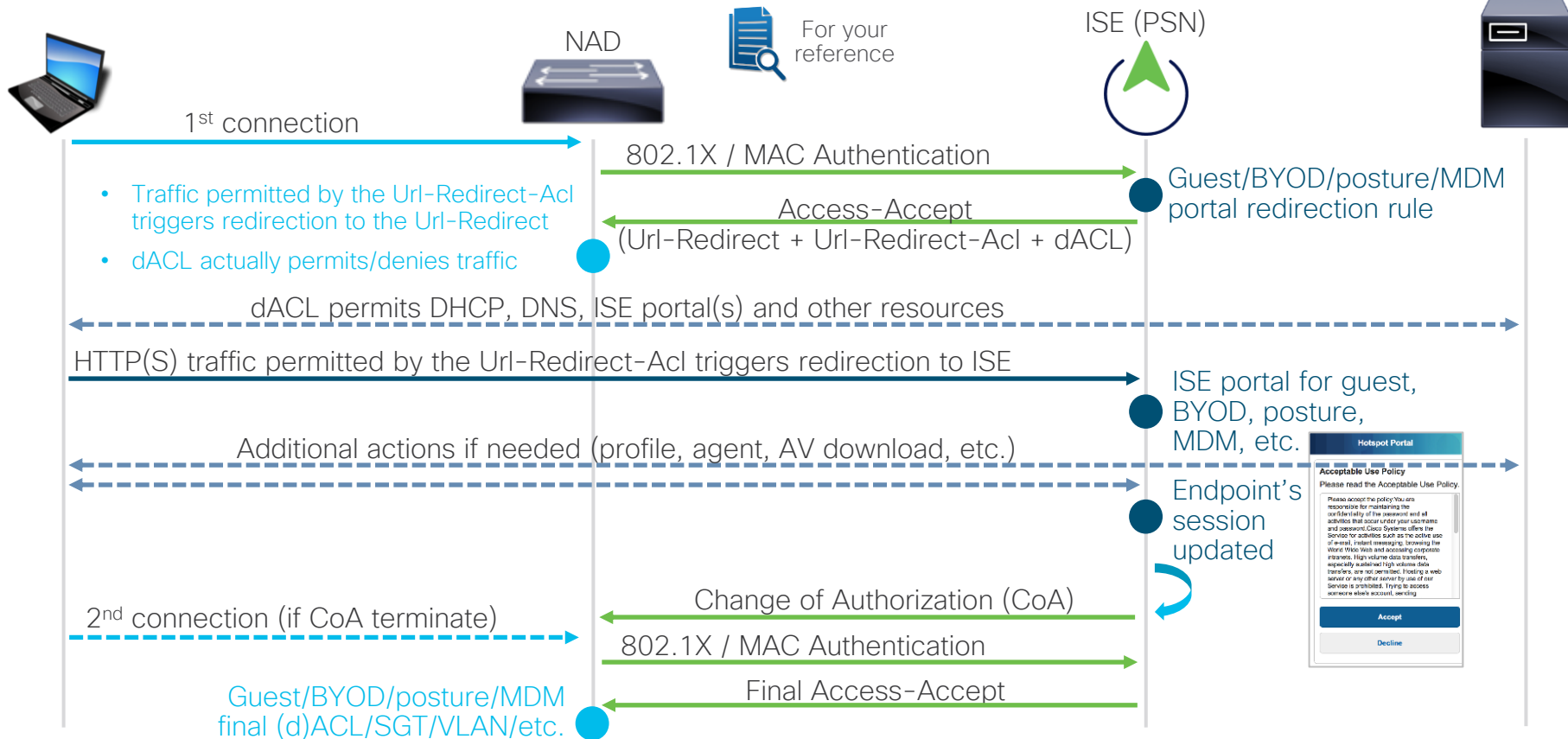


**CENTRAL** because the redirection URL, the pre-webauth ACL are centrally configured on ISE and dynamically communicated to the WLC (NAD\*) via RADIUS. CWA is partially L2 (MAC Authentication) and partially L3 (redirect on IP resolution).

\*Network Access Device

# CWA is a “URL-Redirect” scenario

External Resources  
(DHCP, DNS, AV, MDM, etc.)

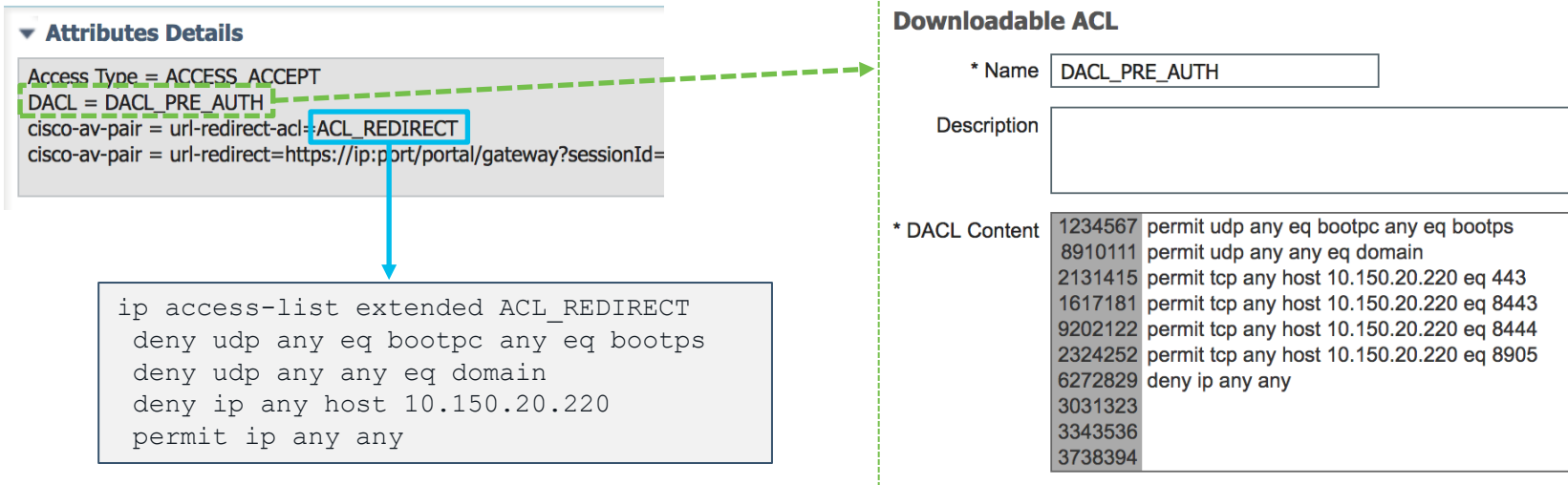


# URL-Redirect-Acl

For Cisco IOS(-XE) based WLCs/NADs (e.g., Catalyst switches and wireless controllers), traffic permitted by the Url-Redirect-Acl triggers redirection to the Url-Redirect and traffic denied by the Url-Redirect-Acl is just permitted (if not denied by other dACL/Filter-ID, if any).

An optional dACL/Filter-ID can control more granularly which traffic is permitted/denied.

Note: Catalyst 9800 supports dACL starting from IOS-XE 17.10.1 (otherwise it's ignored)



# URL-Redirect-Acl



For Cisco AireOS based NADs (e.g., 3504, 5520, 8540 WLCs), traffic denied by the Url-Redirect-Acl triggers redirection to the Url-Redirect.  
Other traffic permitted by the Url-Redirect-Acl is simply permitted.

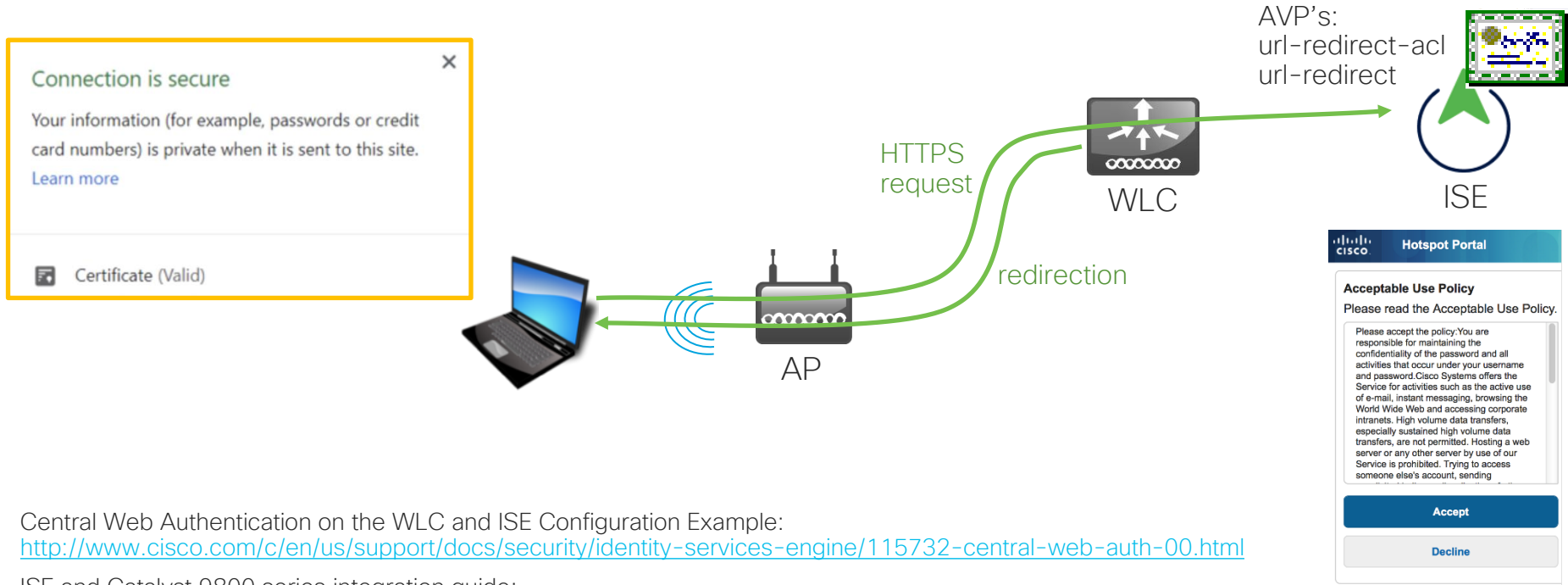
▼ **Attributes Details**

```
Access Type = ACCESS_ACCEPT
DACL = DAACL_PRE_AUTH
cisco-av-pair = url-redirect-acl=ACL_REDIRECT
cisco-av-pair = url-redirect=https://ip:port/portal/gateway?sessionId=
```

Ignored

Cisco										
MONITOR WLANs CONTROLLER WIRELESS SECURITY MANAGEMENT COMMANDS HELP FEEDBACK										
Security										
Access Control Lists > Edit										
General										
Access List Name		ACL_REDIRECT								
Deny Counters		0								
Seq	Action	Source IP/Mask	Destination IP/Mask	Protocol	Source Port	Dest Port	DSCP	Direction	Number of Hits	
1	Permit	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	UDP	DHCP Client	DHCP Server	Any	Any	0	▼
2	Permit	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	UDP	DHCP Server	DHCP Client	Any	Any	0	▼
3	Permit	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	UDP	Any	DNS	Any	Any	0	▼
4	Permit	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	UDP	DNS	Any	Any	Any	0	▼
5	Permit	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	10.150.20.220 / 255.255.255.255	TCP	Any	Any	Any	Any	0	▼
6	Permit	10.150.20.220 / 255.255.255.255	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	TCP	Any	Any	Any	Any	0	▼
7	Deny	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	0	▼

# CWA and certificates



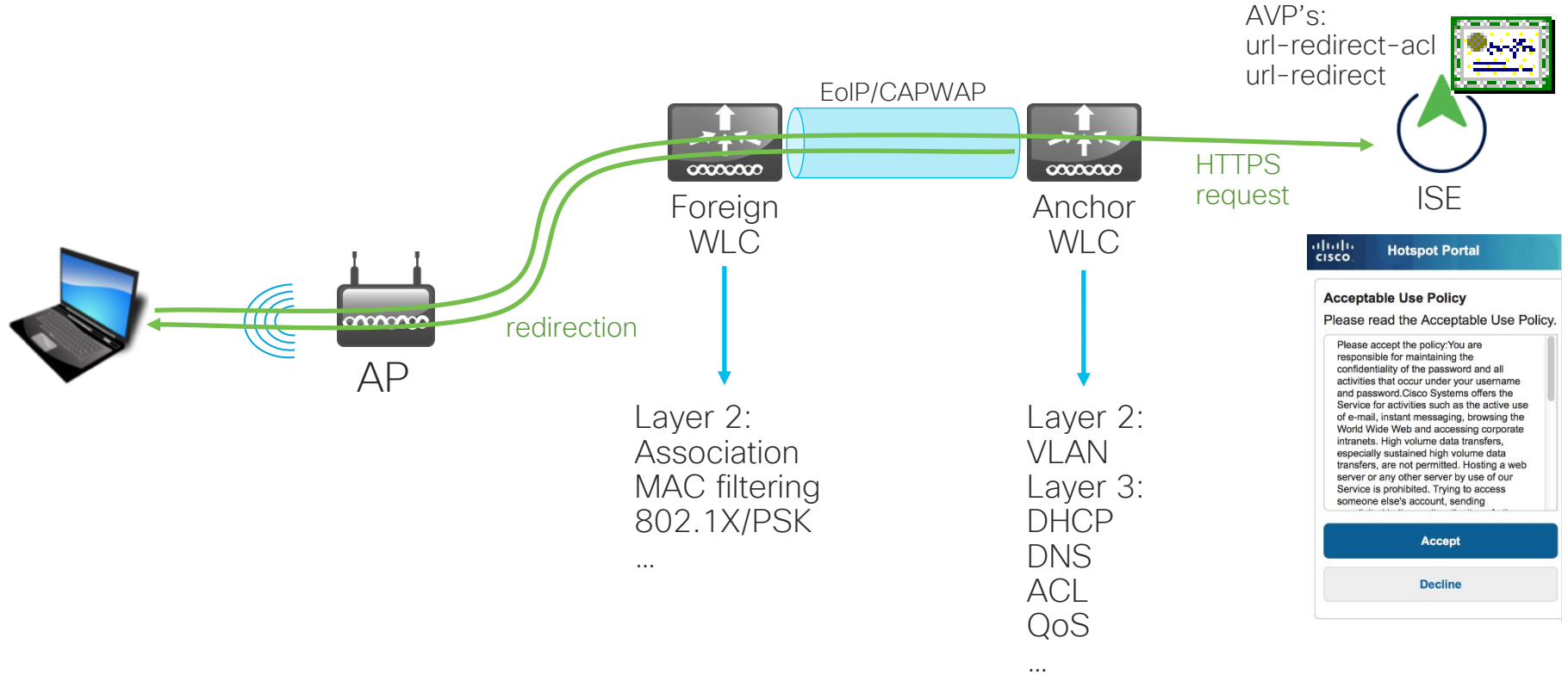
Central Web Authentication on the WLC and ISE Configuration Example:

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security/identity-services-engine/115732-central-web-auth-00.html>

ISE and Catalyst 9800 series integration guide:

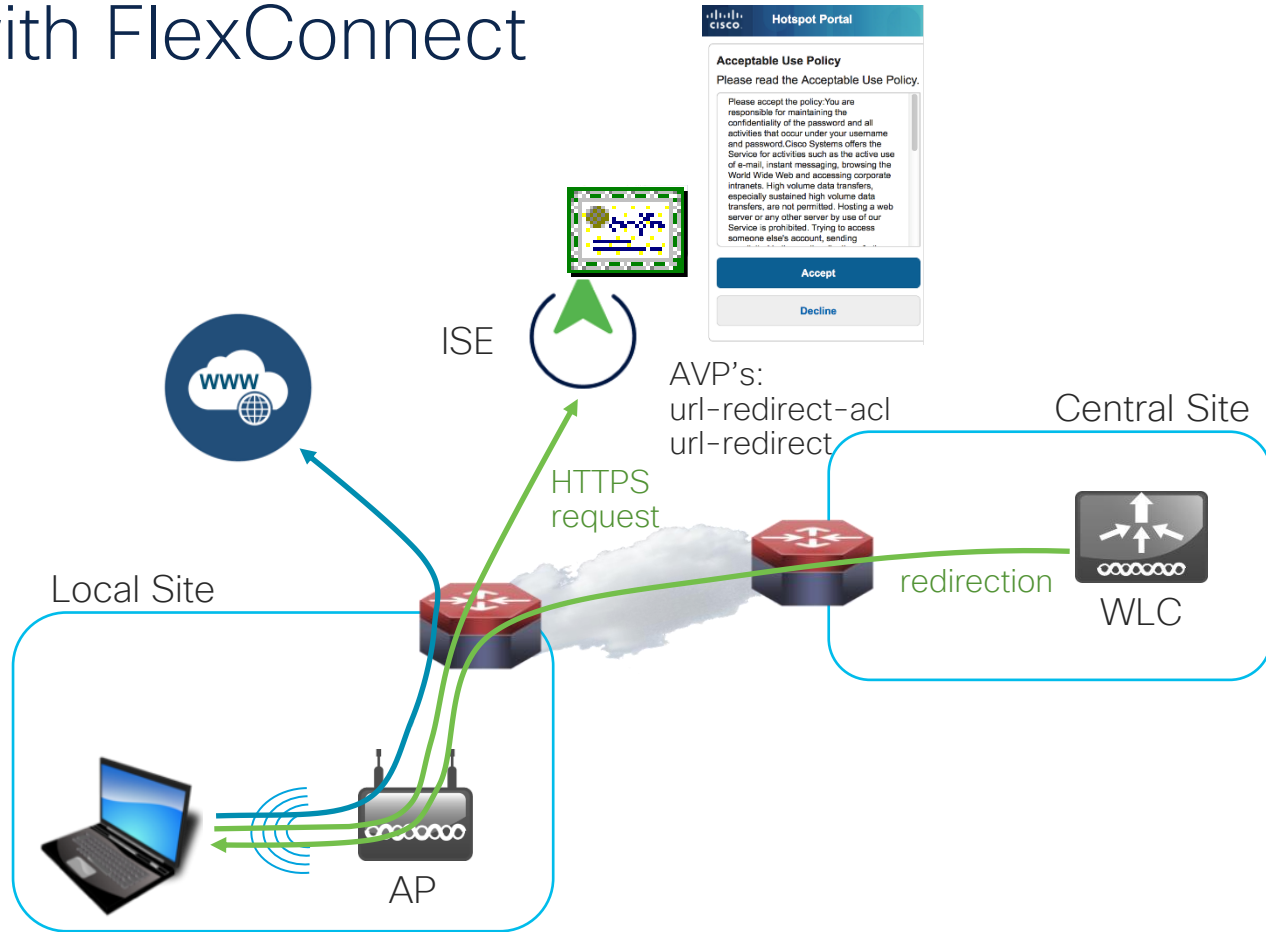
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# CWA with an anchor controller

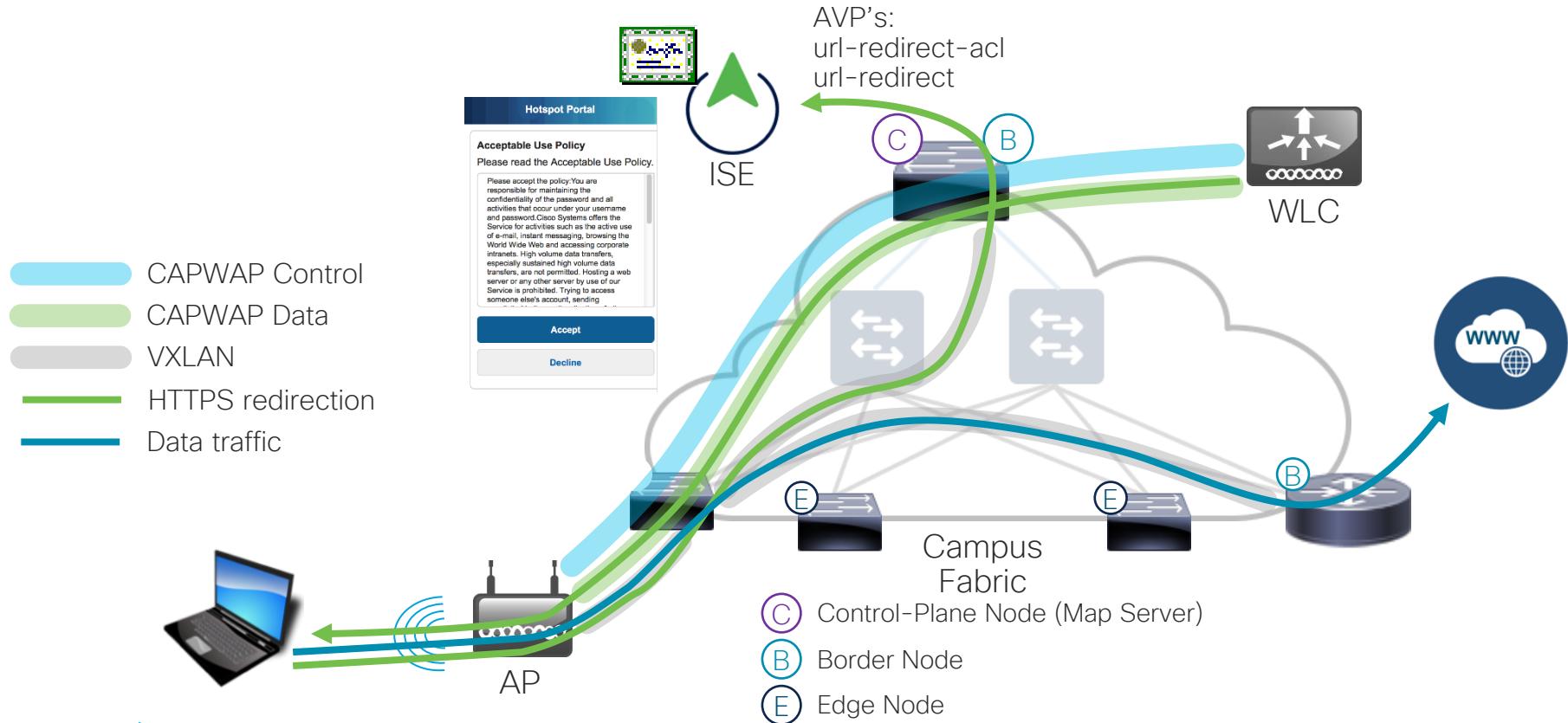
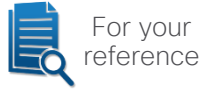




# CWA with FlexConnect



# CWA with Software-Defined Access (SDA)



# CWA configuration

- AAA and method lists
- Url-Redirect-Acl
- WLAN / Policy Profiles
- Policy set and authentication/authorization rules on ISE

# CWA configuration

## AAA and method lists

```
radius server RADIUS_SRVR_ISE
  address ipv4 <ISE_IP> auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
  key <SHARED_SECRET>
!
aaa new-model
!
aaa group server radius RADIUS_SRVR_GRP_01
  server name RADIUS_SRVR_ISE
!
aaa authorization network MLIST_AUTHZ_NTWRK_ISE group RADIUS_SRVR_GRP_01
aaa accounting identity MLIST_ACCT_ID_ISE start-stop group RADIUS_SRVR_GRP_01
!
aaa server radius dynamic-author
  client <ISE_IP> server-key <SHARED_SECRET>
```

Particularly  
needed for CoA  
support for CWA

# CWA configuration

## ISE configuration: network device entry for the wireless controller



For your  
reference

**Cisco ISE** Administration · Network Resources

**Network Devices** | Network Device Groups | Network Device Profiles | External RADIUS Servers | RADIUS Server Sequences

**Network Devices**

Default Device  
Device Security Settings

[Network Devices List](#) > C9800-CL-A

**Network Devices**

\* Name

Description

**IP Address**  /

\* Device Profile Cisco

Model Name

Software Version

\* Network Device Group

Location

IPSEC

Device Type

☒

**RADIUS UDP Settings**

# CWA configuration

## Url-Redirect-Acl

```
ip access-list extended ACL_CWA_REDIRECT
deny udp any any eq bootps
deny udp any eq bootps any
deny udp any any eq domain
deny udp any eq domain any
deny tcp any host <ISE_IP> eq 8443
deny tcp host <ISE_IP> eq 8443 any
permit ip any any
```

Anything denied is permitted.  
(for HTTP/S) Anything permitted is redirected.

<ISE\_IP> here is the IP on which ISE PSN serves the guest portal (by default on TCP:8443). If we're using multiple ports/interfaces on ISE, it may be different from ISE's admin IP or even from its IP used for RADIUS traffic, for example.

# CWA configuration – C9800

Optional: NAS-Identifier to redirect to different portals based on site tag, AP location, WLAN name, etc.

The screenshot shows the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller configuration interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Monitoring, Configuration, Administration, Licensing, and Troubleshooting. The main content area is titled "Wireless AAA Policy" and shows a table of policies. The table has columns for Policy Name, NAS-ID Option 1, and NAS-ID Option 2. The policy "AAA\_POLICY\_1" is selected, showing "SSID" for NAS-ID Option 1 and "AP Site Tag" for NAS-ID Option 2. A modal window titled "Edit Wireless AAA Policy" is open, showing the configuration for "AAA\_POLICY\_1". The modal has fields for Policy Name, NAS-ID Option 1 (SSID), NAS-ID Option 2 (AP Site Tag), and NAS-ID Option 3 (AP Location). A blue arrow points from the "Edit Wireless AAA Policy" modal to a text box below.

Configuration > Security > Wireless AAA Policy

Policy Name NAS-ID Option 1 NAS-ID Option 2

Policy Name	NAS-ID Option 1	NAS-ID Option 2
AAA_POLICY_1	SSID	AP Site Tag
default-aaa-policy	System Name	Not Configured

10 items per page

Edit Wireless AAA Policy

Policy Name\* AAA\_POLICY\_1

NAS-ID Option 1 SSID

NAS-ID Option 2 AP Site Tag

NAS-ID Option 3 AP Location

RADIUS [32] NAS-Identifier = Option1:Option2:Option3

# CWA configuration

Optional: Called-Station-Id to redirect to different portals based on AP location, AP name, etc.



The screenshot shows the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller configuration interface. The breadcrumb navigation is Configuration > Security > AAA. The left sidebar contains links for Dashboard, Monitoring, Configuration, Administration, and Troubleshooting. The main content area is titled 'AAA Advanced' and includes tabs for Servers / Groups, AAA Method List, and AAA Advanced. Under the AAA Advanced tab, there are sections for Global Config, RADIUS Fallback, Attribute List Name, Device Authentication, AP Policy, and Password Policy. The RADIUS Fallback section is expanded, showing Local Authentication and Local Authorization both set to 'None', and Radius Server Load Balance set to 'ENABLED'. Below this is the 'Radius Attributes' section, which is divided into 'Accounting' and 'Authentication' columns. In the 'Accounting' column, 'Call Station ID' is set to 'site-tag-name'. In the 'Authentication' column, 'site-tag-name' is also set to 'site-tag-name'. A blue box highlights the 'Call Station ID' field, and a blue arrow points from a text box to it. A green box highlights the dropdown menu for 'site-tag-name' in the 'Authentication' column, showing a list of attributes including 'ssid', 'ap-location', 'ap-macaddress', 'ap-macaddress-ssid', 'ap-name', 'ap-name-ssid', and 'ipaddress'.

Configuration > Security > AAA

+ AAA Wizard

Servers / Groups AAA Method List AAA Advanced

Global Config

RADIUS Fallback

Attribute List Name

Device Authentication

AP Policy

Password Policy

Local Authentication None

Local Authorization None

Radius Server Load Balance ENABLED

<< Hide

Radius Attributes

Accounting	Authentication
Call Station ID site-tag-name	site-tag-name
Call Station ID Case lower	ssid
MAC-Delimiter hyphen	ap-location
Username Case lower	ap-macaddress
Username Delimiter none	ap-macaddress-ssid
	ap-name
	ap-name-ssid
	ipaddress

RADIUS [30] Called-Station-Id



# CWA configuration – C9800

## WLAN / Policy Profiles

WLAN Profile

⚠ Changing WLAN parameters while it is enabled will result in loss of connectivity for clients connected to it.

General **Security** Advanced Add To Policy Tags

Layer2 Layer3 AAA

Layer 2 Security Mode None

MAC Filtering ☒

OWE Transition Mode ☐

Authorization List\* MLIST\_AUTHZ

Lobby Admin Access ☐

Fast Transition Disabled

Over the DS ☐

Reassociation Timeout 20

WLAN Profile

Policy Profile

Edit Policy Profile

Client Exclusion Timeout (sec) ☐ 60

Guest LAN Session Timeout ☐

**DHCP**

IPv4 DHCP Required ☒

DHCP Server IP Address

[Show more >>>](#)

**AAA Policy**

Allow AAA Override ☒

NAC State ☒

NAC Type RADIUS

Policy Name AAA\_POLICY\_1

Accounting List MLIST\_ACCT\_ID\_ISE

- Open SSID, unless we'd like to add 802.1X/PSK on top
- MAC Filtering with the "MLIST\_AUTHZ\_NTWRK\_ISE" authorization list

- "Allow AAA Override" for the 9800 to accept RADIUS attributes
- "NAC State" enabled and "RADIUS" NAC Type for CoA support from ISE
- (optional) "AAA\_POLICY\_1" for a custom NAS-Identifier
- "MLIST\_ACCT\_ID\_ISE" accounting list for CoA and accounting with ISE

# CWA configuration - ISE

## ISE configuration: Policy Set

Status	Policy Set Name	Description	Conditions	Allowed Protocols / Server Sequence
Search				
✓	CWA Policy Set		<div>AND</div> <div><div>Radius-Service-Type EQUALS Call Check</div><div>OR<div>Radius-NAS-Port-Type EQUALS Wireless - IEEE 802.11</div><div>Radius-NAS-Port-Type EQUALS Ethernet</div></div></div>	Default Network Access

Cisco NADs use "Call Check", for other 3rd party NADs we'd need to check what other values are used

Wireless NADs use "Wireless - IEEE 802.11", wired NADs use "Ethernet"

OR	Wireless_MAB
	Wired_MAB

Usually we could just rely on the pre-defined smart conditions, which automatically adapt according to the NAD Profile

# CWA configuration - ISE

## ISE configuration: authentication policies

The screenshot shows the ISE configuration interface for an Authentication Policy. The table lists the 'Default' policy with a green status icon. A text box explains the 'CONTINUE' action for 'If User not found'. A detailed view of the 'Internal Endpoints' policy shows the 'Options' section with 'If User not found' set to 'CONTINUE' and 'If Process fail' set to 'DROP'. Arrows link the text box to the 'CONTINUE' option and the 'Internal Endpoints' header to the bottom text box.

Authentication Policy (1)

Status	Rule Name	Conditions	Use	Hits	Actions
✓	Default			0	

Search

+

“If User not Found → CONTINUE” is fundamental for CWA to work. Although CWA is based on MAC Filtering / MAB, when a guest connects for the very first time ISE is not supposed to know its MAC yet. This option allows to anyway continue to the authZ policies (for the portal redirection).

Internal Endpoints

Options

- If Auth fail: REJECT
- If User not found: CONTINUE
- If Process fail: DROP

Not much needed in the authC policies unless we'd like to do some extra filtering

CWA is based on MAC Filtering on the NAD, so the authC policy should point to the MACs database in ISE

# CWA configuration - ISE

## ISE configuration: authorization policies

Authorization Policy (5)

Status	Rule Name	Conditions	Profiles	Security Groups	Hits	Actions
✓	Valid Guest	OR IdentityGroup-Name EQUALS Endpoint Identity Groups:GuestEndpoints Network Access-UseCase EQUALS Guest Flow	PermitAccess x	Guests	0	⚙️
✓	Hotspot Portal 3	Radius-NAS-Identifier CONTAINS WLAN_GUEST_CWA:SITE_TAG_3	Redirect_Portal_3 x	Guests	0	⚙️
✓	Hotspot Portal 2	Radius-NAS-Identifier CONTAINS WLAN_GUEST_CWA:SITE_TAG_2	Redirect_Portal_2 x	Guests	0	⚙️
✓	Hotspot Portal 1	Radius-NAS-Identifier CONTAINS WLAN_GUEST_CWA:SITE_TAG_1	Redirect_Portal_1 x	Guests	0	⚙️
✓	Default		DenyAccess x	Select from list	0	⚙️

By default, the session of an endpoint that successfully went through a portal's workflow is marked with the attribute "Use Case = Guest Flow" in the ISE's internal database.

Alternatively, guest portal's options allow to register the MAC of an endpoint that successfully went through the portal's workflow into a specific Identity Group.

# CWA configuration - ISE

## ISE configuration: authorization policies

Authorization Policy (5)

				Results			
Status	Rule Name	Conditions		Profiles	Security Groups	Hits	Actions
+	Search						
✓	Valid Guest	OR IdentityGroup-Name EQUALS Endpoint Identity Groups:GuestEndpoints Network Access-UseCase EQUALS Guest Flow		PermitAccess x	Guests	0	
✓	Hotspot Portal 3	Radius-NAS-Identifier CONTAINS WLAN_GUEST_CWA:SITE_TAG_3		Redirect_Portal_3 x	Guests	0	
✓	Hotspot Portal 2	Radius-NAS-Identifier CONTAINS WLAN_GUEST_CWA:SITE_TAG_2		Redirect_Portal_2 x	Guests	0	
✓	Hotspot Portal 1	Radius-NAS-Identifier CONTAINS WLAN_GUEST_CWA:SITE_TAG_1		Redirect_Portal_1 x	Guests	0	
✓	Default			DenyAccess x	Select from list	0	

By optionally customizing the RADIUS attribute [32] NAS-Identifier on the 9800, we can reuse this attribute in the authZ policies to redirect to different portals based on the Site Tag / Location / etc. of the AP, where the endpoint is connecting from.

# CWA configuration - ISE

## ISE configuration: authorization profile

Policy · Policy Elements

License Warning

Dictionary Conditions Results

Authentication >

Authorization >

Authorization Profiles

Downloadable ACLs

Profiling >

Posture >

Client Provisioning >

Authorization Profiles > Redirect\_Portal\_1

Authorization Profile

\* Name Redirect\_Portal\_1

Description

\* Access Type ACCESS\_ACCEPT

Network Device Profile Cisco

Service Template

Track Movement

Agentless Posture

Common Tasks

☒ Web Redirection (CWA, MDM, NSP, CPP)

Hot Spot

Static IP/Host name/FQDN

Suppress Profiler CoA for en

ACL ACL\_CWA\_REDIRECT

Value Hotspot Guest Portal (default)

Url-Redirect-Acl

“Hot Spot” for a hotspot/passthrough portal  
“Centralized Web Auth” for sponsored or self-registered portals

Name of the Url-Redirect portal for our use case,  
created under Work Centers > Guest Access >  
Portals & Components > Guest Portals

The Url-Redirect dynamically uses the PSN's FQDN, but we can override it

# CWA configuration - ISE

## ISE configuration: hotspot portal settings

The screenshot shows the Cisco ISE configuration interface for the 'Hotspot Guest Portal (default)'. The left sidebar lists 'Guest Portals' with sub-items: 'Guest Types', 'Sponsor Groups', and 'Sponsor Portals'. The main content area is titled 'Portals Settings and Customization' and includes a 'Save' button. The 'Portal Behavior and Flow Settings' tab is active, showing 'Portal & Page Settings' and 'Portal Page Customization'. The 'Portal & Page Settings' section includes a 'Portal Settings' link, which is highlighted with a blue box and an arrow pointing to the 'Endpoint identity group' dropdown menu. The 'Endpoint identity group' dropdown is set to 'GuestEndpoints' and is highlighted with a green box. A text box above it states: 'Identity Group used in the authZ policy to let guests go through the portal just once every X days', with 'X days' highlighted in an orange box. Below the dropdown, the 'Configure endpoint identity groups at:' section shows a link to 'Work Centers > Guest Access > Identity Groups'. The 'The endpoints in this group will be purged according to the policies defined in:' section shows a link to 'Administration > Identity Management > Settings > Endpoint purge', which is highlighted with an orange box. A text box below it states: '...according to the purge rules configured here'. The 'Portal test URL' field is empty. The 'Portal Name' field is 'Hotspot Guest Portal (default)' and the 'Description' field is 'Guests do not require username and password'.

Identity Group used in the authZ policy to let guests go through the portal just once every X days

Endpoint identity group: \* GuestEndpoints

Configure endpoint identity groups at:  
[Work Centers > Guest Access > Identity Groups](#)

The endpoints in this group will be purged according to the policies defined in:  
[Administration > Identity Management > Settings > Endpoint purge](#)

...according to the purge rules configured here

# CWA configuration

## ISE configuration: sponsored portal settings



**Work Centers · Guest Access**

Endpoint identity group for guest device registration: **GuestEndpoints**

Configure endpoint identity groups at:  
[Work Centers > Guest Access > Identity Groups](#)

The endpoints in this group will be purged according to the policies defined in:  
[Administration > Identity Management > Settings > Endpoint purge](#)

**Guest Portals**

- Guest Types**
- Sponsor Groups
- Sponsor Portals

Portal Name: \* **Sponsored Guest Portal (default)**

Language File

Portal test URL

**Portal Behavior and Flow Settings**

Portal Page Customization

Portal & Page Settings

Guest Flow (Based on settings)

> Portal Settings

> Login Page Settings

This is used for guest logins with accounts not created by a sponsor (e.g., internal store, AD, LDAP, etc. )  
For accounts created by a sponsor, the sponsor decides the Guest Type.

> Guest Change Password Settings

> Guest Device Registration Settings

☒ Automatically register guest devices

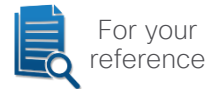
**Daily (default)**

In this example, under Guest Types > Daily



# CWA configuration

## ISE configuration: self-registered portal settings



Work Centers • Guest Access

Endpoint identity group for guest device registration: **GuestEndpoints**

Configure endpoint identity groups at:

[Work Centers > Guest Access > Identity Groups](#)

The endpoints in this group will be purged according to the policies defined in:

[Administration > Identity Management > Settings > Endpoint purge](#)

In this example, under Guest Types > Daily

Assign to guest type **Daily (default)**

Configure guest types at:

[Work Centers > Guest Access > Configure > Guest Types](#)

Note: not the same as for employees under “Portal Settings”

☒ Automatically register guest devices

# ISE portal customization options

## Granular options to customize guest and sponsor portals

**Portals Settings and Customization**

**Portal Name:** \* Hotspot Guest Portal (default) **Description:** Guests do not require username and password credentials to access the net [Portal test URL](#)



**Portal Behavior and Flow Settings**  
Use these settings to specify the guest experience for this portal.



**Portal Page Customization**  
Customize portal pages by applying a theme and specifying field names and messages displayed to users.



Portal Theme: Default Blue theme | Tweaks... | Advanced Customization... | View in: English - English

**Global Page Customizations**

**Images**

Logo (Mobile) ...  

Logo (Desktop) ...  

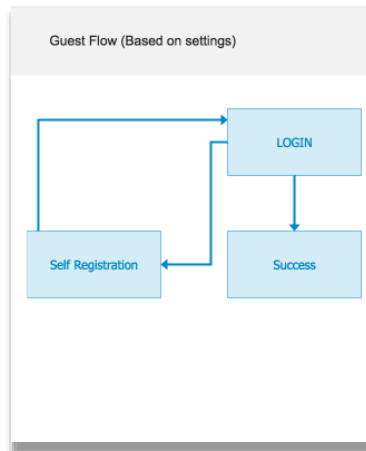
Banner Image ...  

**Text Elements**

Banner title: Hotspot Portal

Contact: Contact Support (Link)

## Visualize as you configure



## Consistent branding across device-types

**Hotspot Portal**


**Acceptable Use Policy**  
Please read the Acceptable Use Policy.

Please accept the policy: You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of the password and all activities that occur under your username and password. Cisco Systems offers the Service for activities such as the active use of e-mail, instant messaging, browsing the World Wide Web and accessing corporate intranets. High volume data transfers, especially sustained high volume data transfers, are not permitted. Hosting a web server or any other server by use of our Service is prohibited. Trying to access someone else's account, sending unsolicited bulk e-mail, collection of other people's personal data without their knowledge and

**Accept**

**Decline**

Refresh Preview

[Desktop Preview](#)   
(In a new browser window)

Test portal URL then and there

## Portals Settings and Customization

**Portal Name:** \* DefaultGuestPortal **Description:** default portal [Portal test URL](#)

# ISE guest portals: some other facts

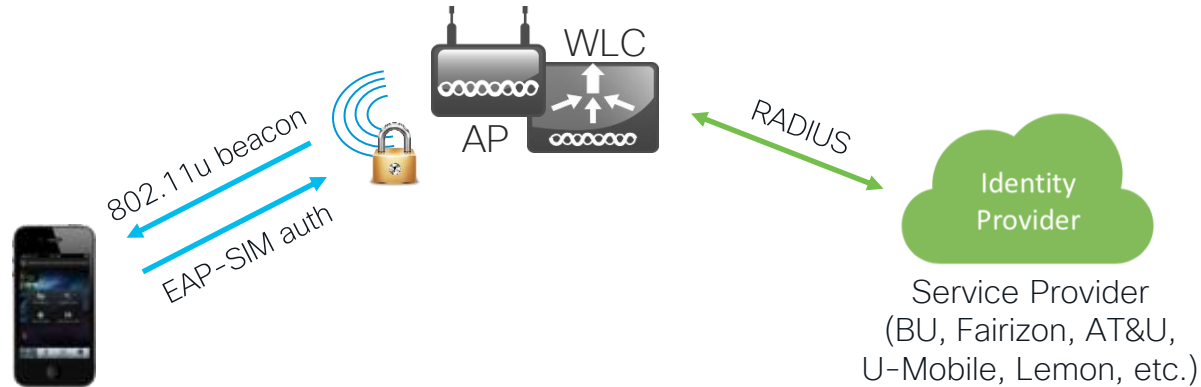


- Up to max ~150 concurrent logins/web page requests per second per PSN (Policy Services Node):  
[https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/ise/performance\\_and\\_scalability/b\\_ise\\_perf\\_and\\_scale.html#Cisco\\_Reference.dita\\_59adea36-0b36-4981-91e3-2ff0478d6ff4](https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/ise/performance_and_scalability/b_ise_perf_and_scale.html#Cisco_Reference.dita_59adea36-0b36-4981-91e3-2ff0478d6ff4)
- Up to 1M guest accounts with the internal database.
- Support for Facebook Wi-Fi as of ISE 2.3.
- More customization options available with the dedicated portal builder:  
<https://isepb.cisco.com>
- It supports APIs for guest accounts creation and additional integration with external tools.

# OpenRoaming

# Passpoint

- The need: seamless and secure end user's connectivity to Wi-Fi
- The former answer: 802.11u / Hotspot 2.0 / Passpoint

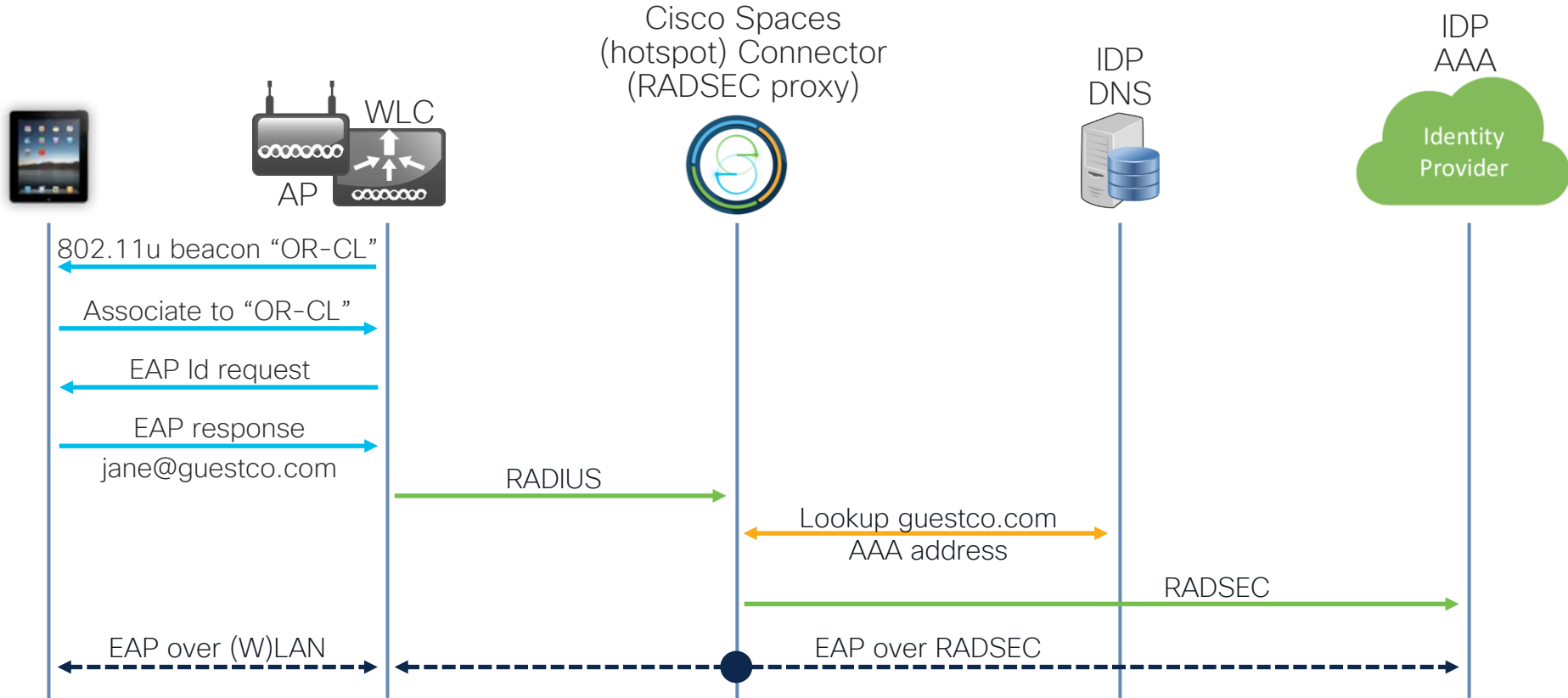


BUT... it required routing/VPN for secure RADIUS messages, a “clearinghouse” and a AAA proxy for multiple identity providers, it mainly worked with very few service providers, etc.

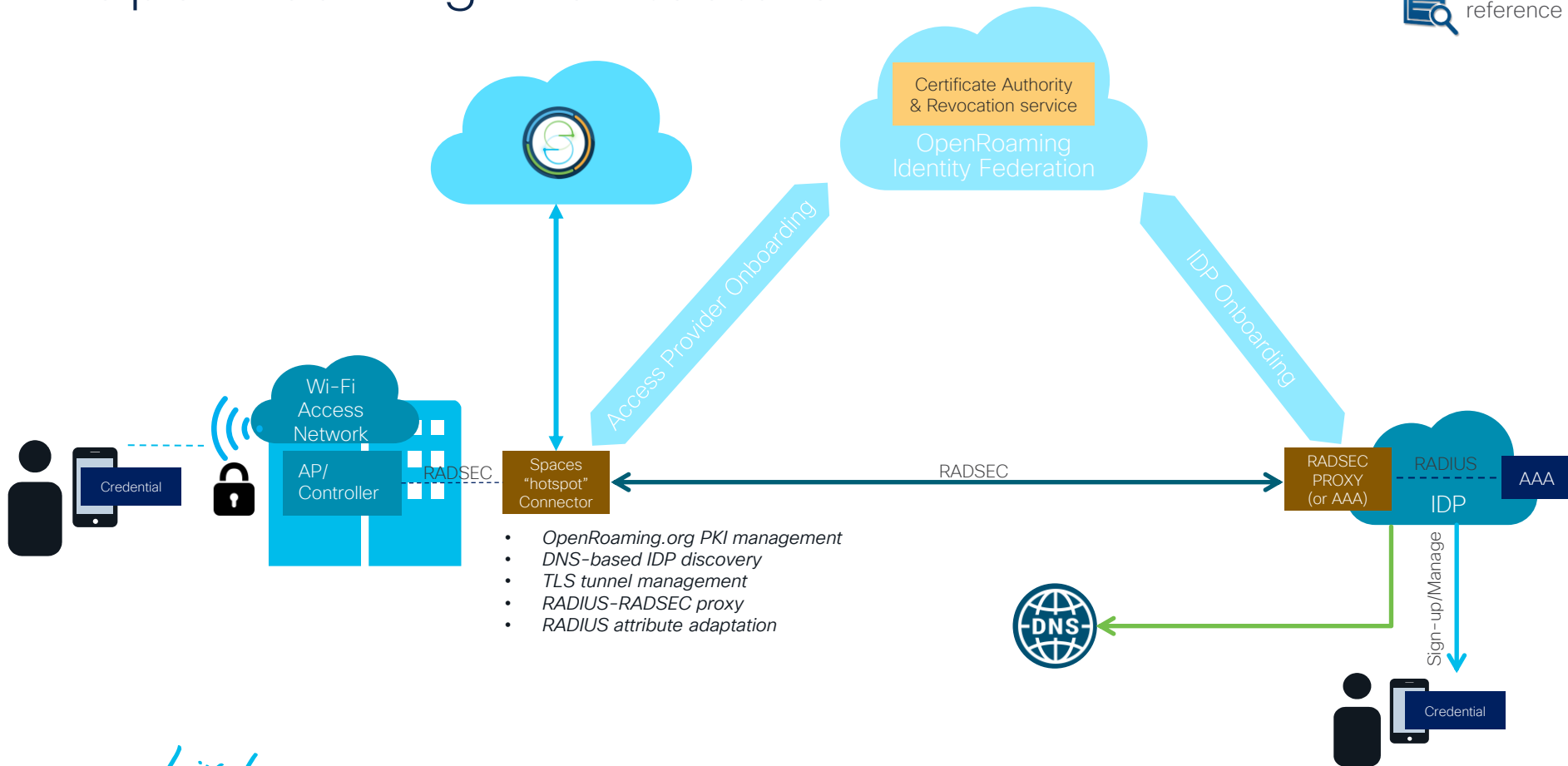
# OpenRoaming



# OpenRoaming



# OpenRoaming Architecture





# Prospected OpenRoaming user experience

1

User walks into a Starbucks, which is supported by OpenRoaming w/ Google as IDP.



2

Device Identifies SSID



3

Zero-Touch by User



Authenticated through



# Prospected OpenRoaming user experience

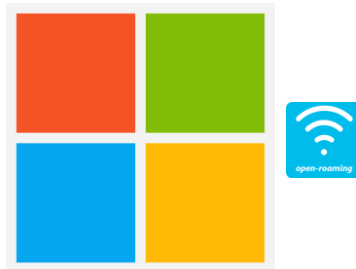


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User walks onto the Microsoft campus, which only will authenticate using LinkedIn in OpenRoaming.



Zero-Touch by User

Authenticated through

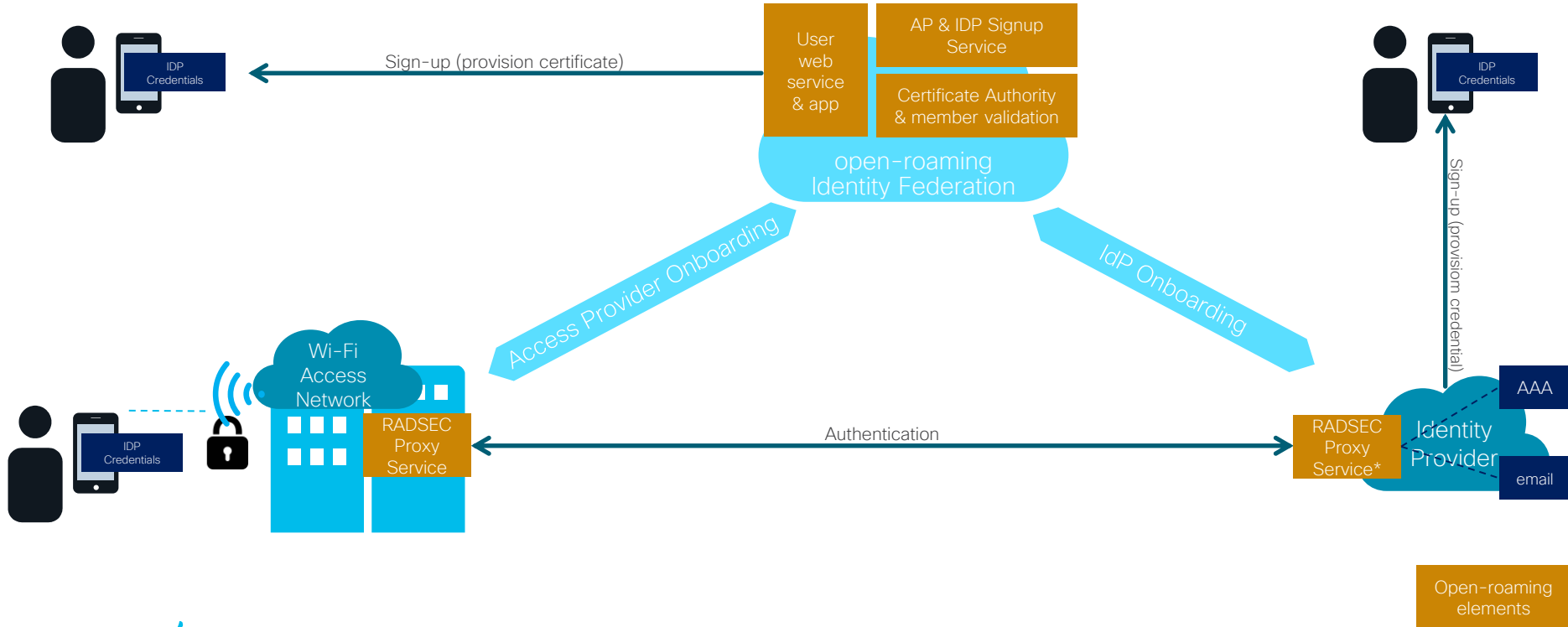


since LinkedIn was added previously to their profile

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# Device Provisioning

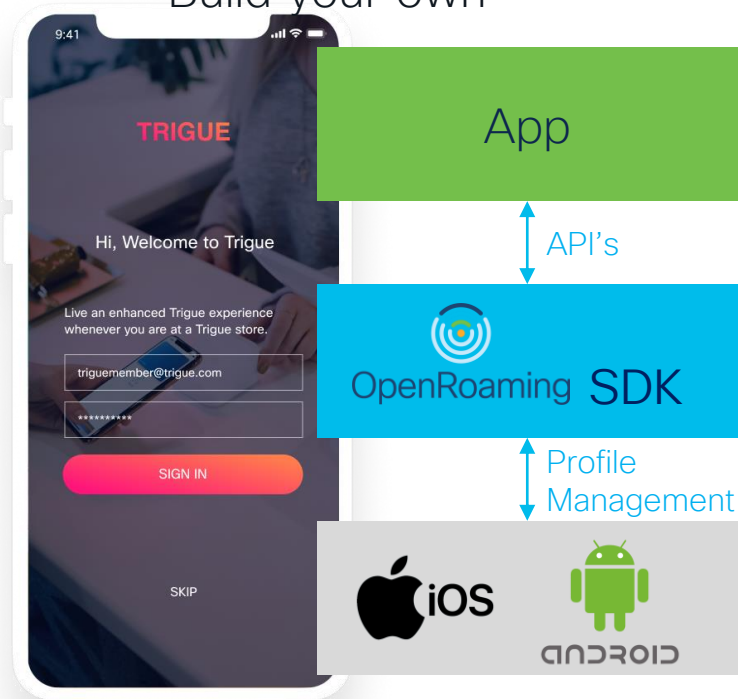


# OpenRoaming Mobile App, or Your Own

- OpenRoaming app: iOS and Android
- Sign in through the available cloud IDPs: Apple ID and Google Account



Build your own



<https://developer.cisco.com/dna-spaces-sdk/>

# Advanced settings for better end user experience

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# Wi-Fi Certified Enhanced Open

The next generation of hotspot security

- Another WFA certification (not part of WPA3), mostly for hotspots.
- Based on Opportunistic Wireless Encryption (OWE): APs and clients automatically negotiate encryption.
- It prevents passive attacks (i.e., traffic visibility).

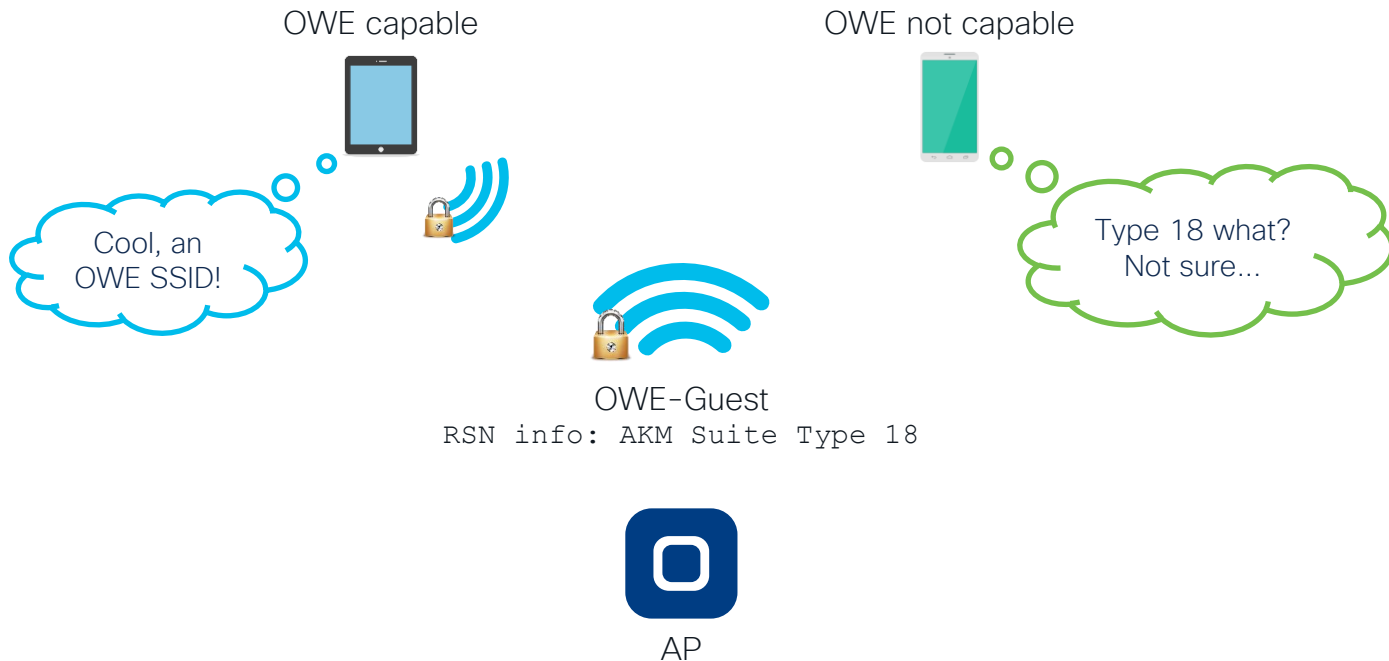


Endpoints not supporting Enhanced Open might not correctly see/connect to an SSID with Enhanced Open configured.  
But...



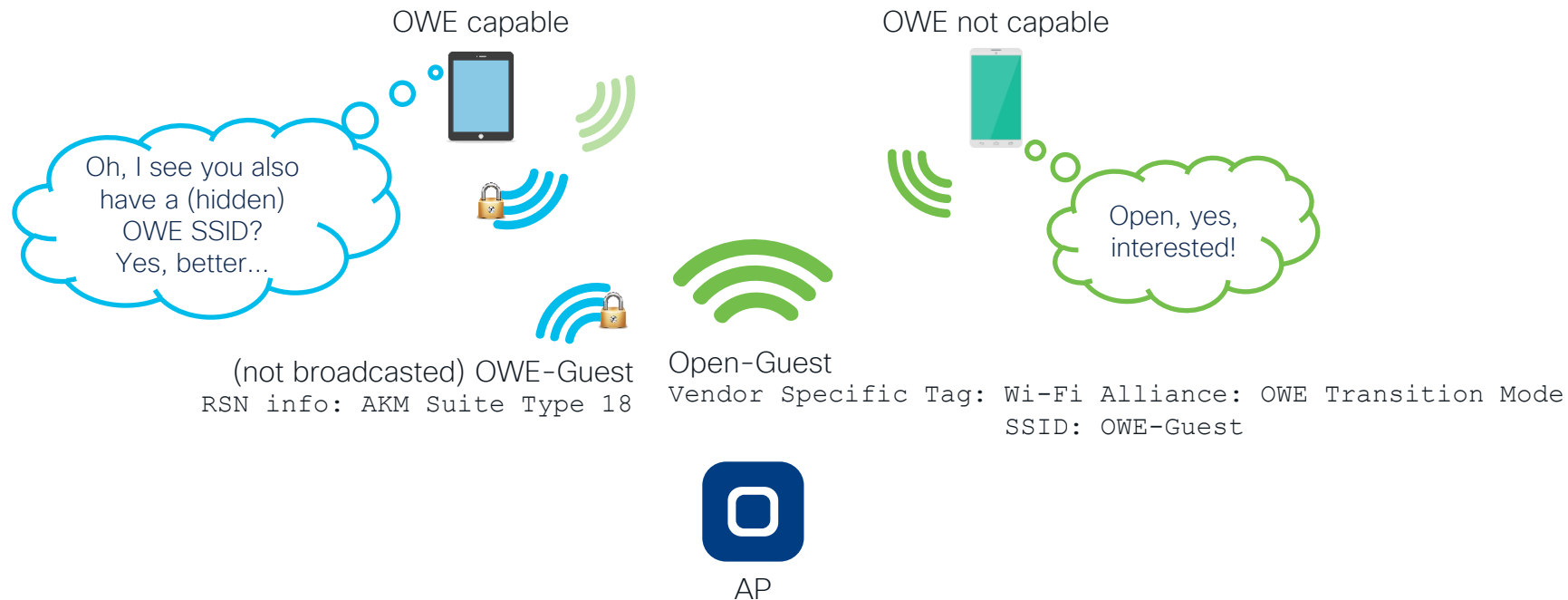
# Wi-Fi Certified Enhanced Open

OWE Transition Mode to the “rescue”



# Wi-Fi Certified Enhanced Open

## OWE Transition Mode to the “rescue”





# Wi-Fi Certified Enhanced Open

## OWE Transition Mode to the “rescue”

**General** Security Advanced

Profile Name\* WLAN\_PRFL\_OPEN

SSID\* Open-Guest

WLAN ID\* 3

Status ENABLED

**General** Security Advanced Add To Policy Tags

Layer2 Layer3 AAA

Layer 2 Security Mode None

MAC Filtering

OWE Transition Mode

Transition Mode WLAN ID\* 4

**General** Security Advanced

Profile Name\* WLAN\_PRFL\_OWE

SSID\* OWE-Guest

WLAN ID\* 4

Status ENABLED

Radio Policy 802.11a only

Broadcast SSID DISABLED

**General** Security Advanced Add To Policy Tags

Layer2 Layer3 AAA

Layer 2 Security Mode WPA2 + WPA3

MAC Filtering

Protected Management Frame

PMF Required

Association Comeback Timer\* 1

SA Query Time\* 200

WPA Parameters

WPA Policy

WPA2 Policy

GTK Randomize

WPA3 Policy

WPA2/WPA3 Encryption AES(CCMP128)

CCMP256

GCMP128

GCMP256

Auto Key Mgmt

802.1x

CKKM

SAE

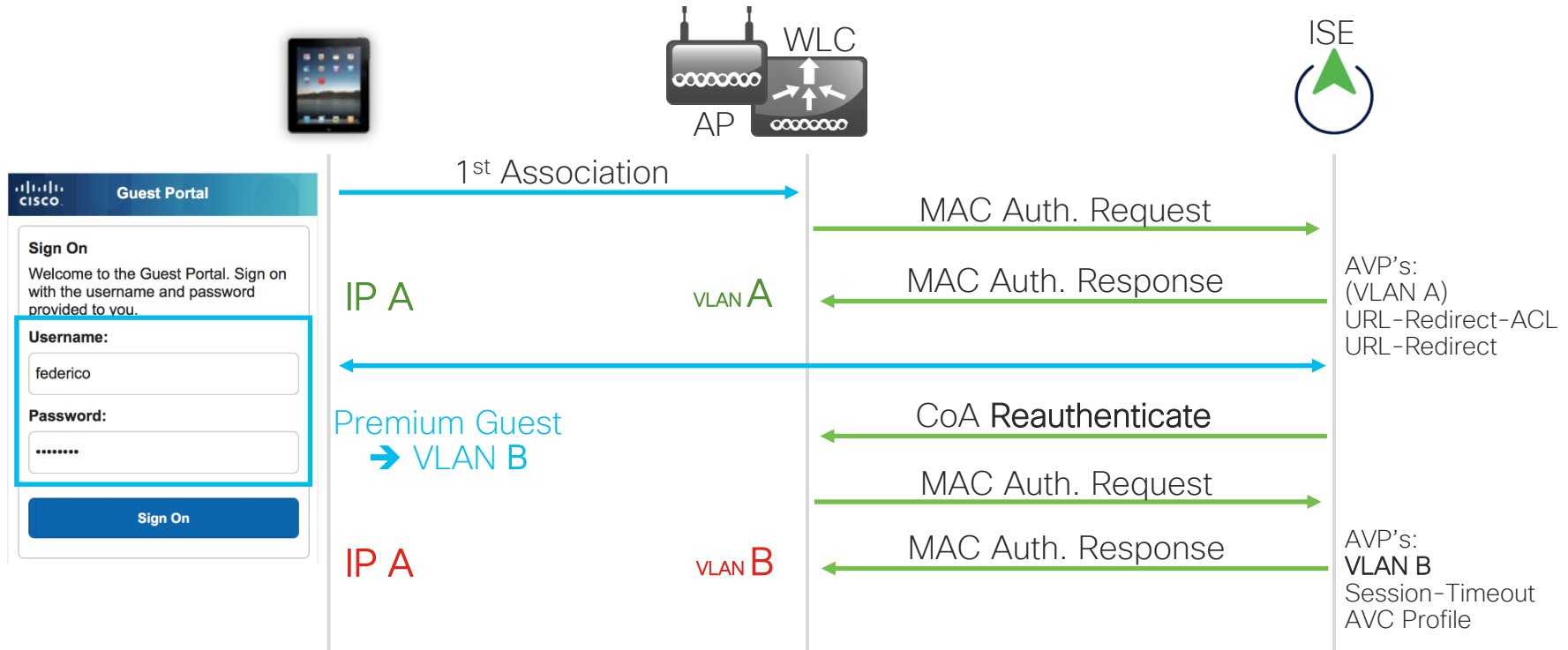
OWE

FT + 802.1x

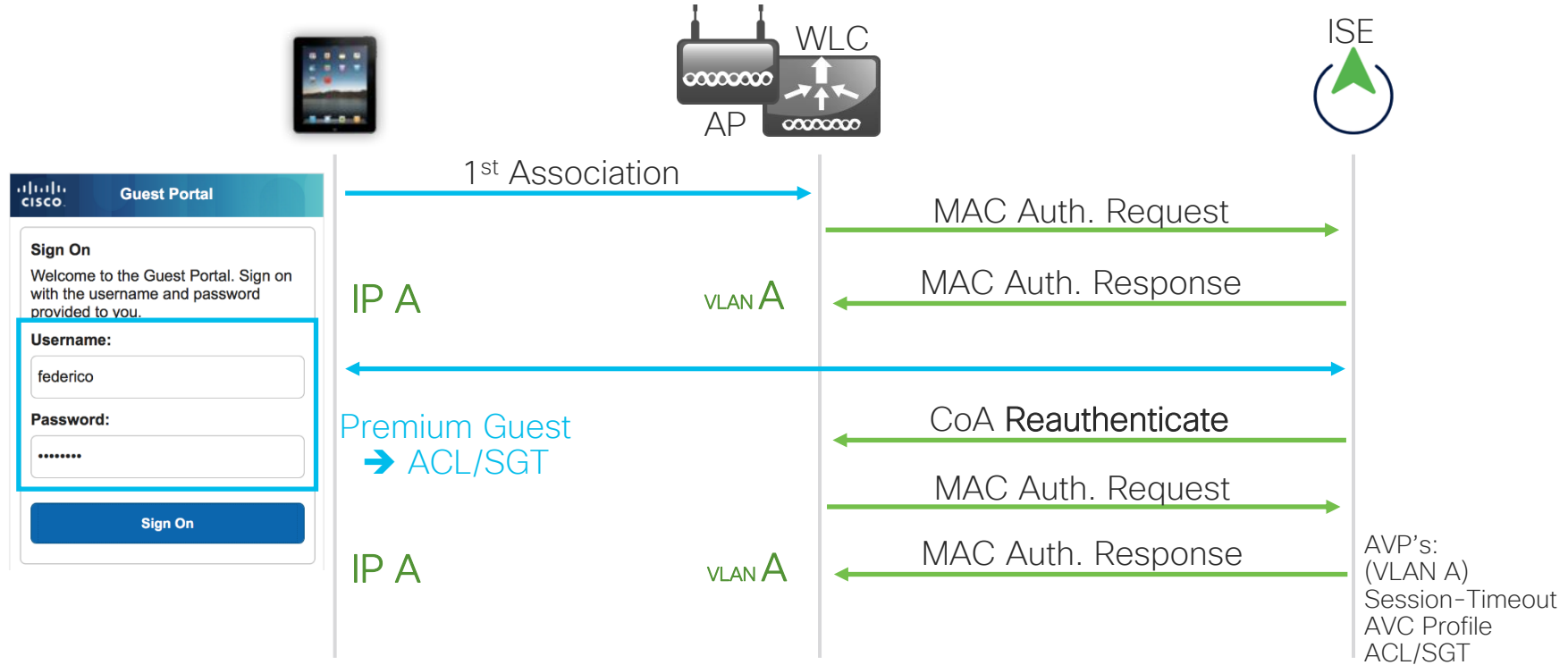
802.1x-SHA256

Transition Mode WLAN ID 3

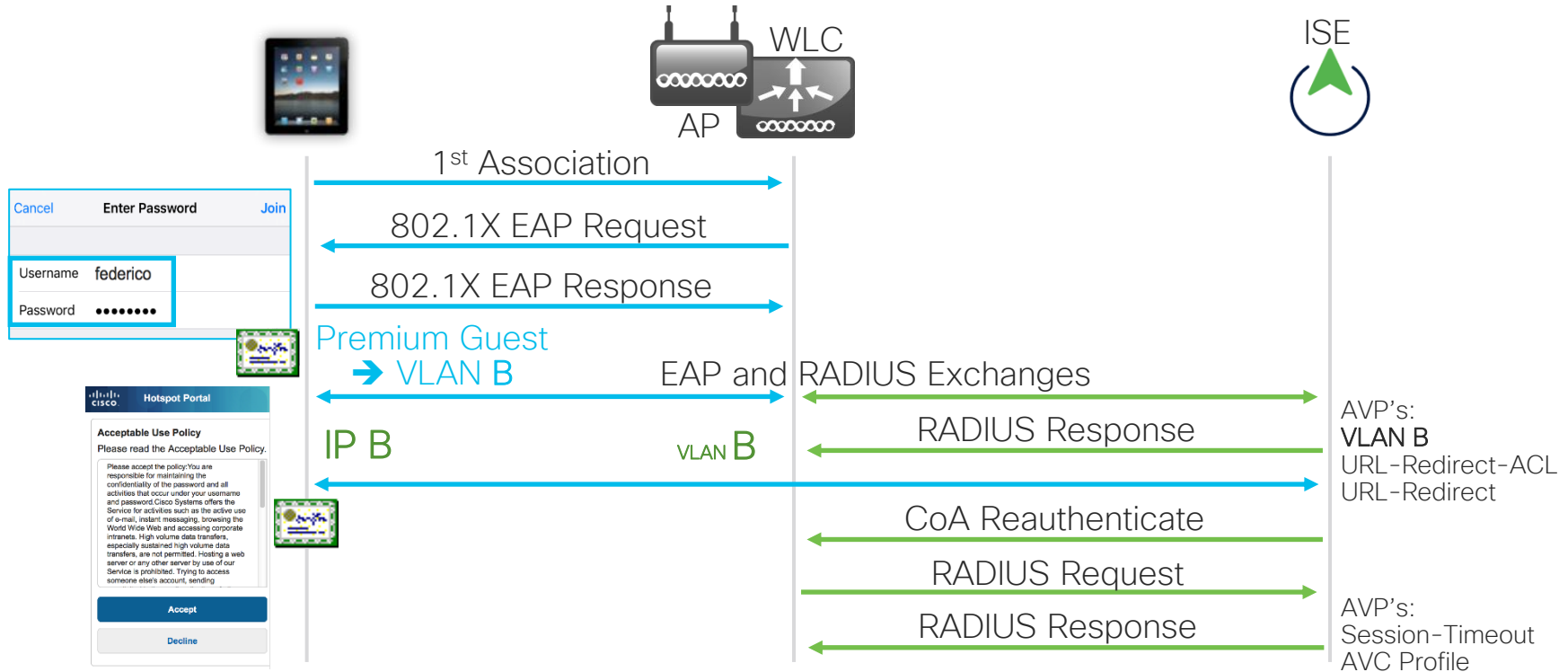
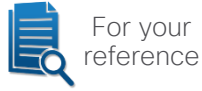
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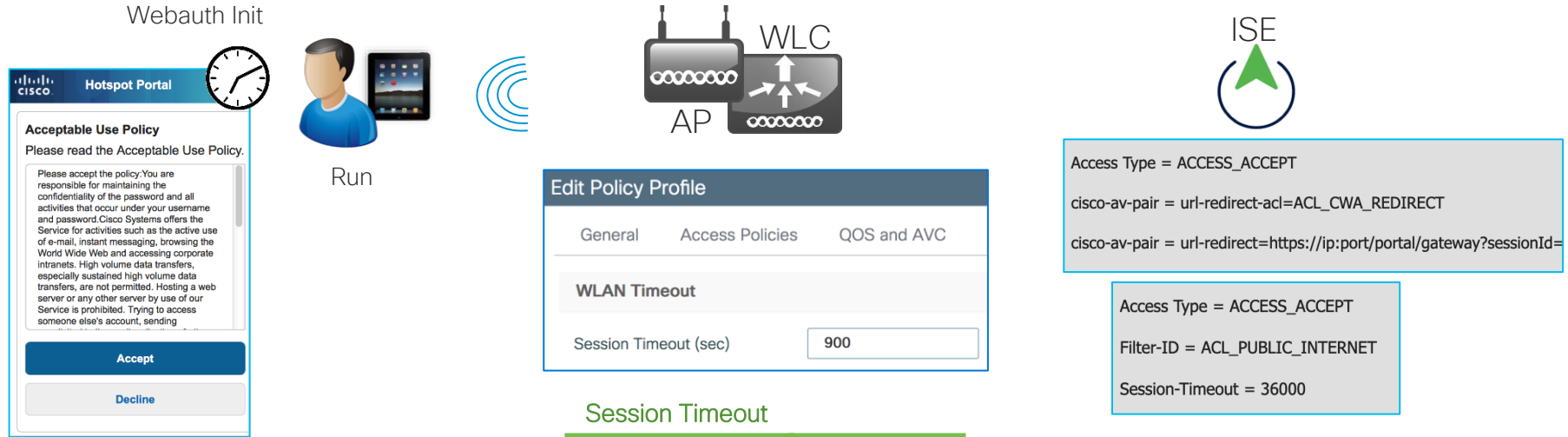
# Guest Experts sometime change VLAN (CWA)



# Timeouts and caching the endpoint's session

## CWA example

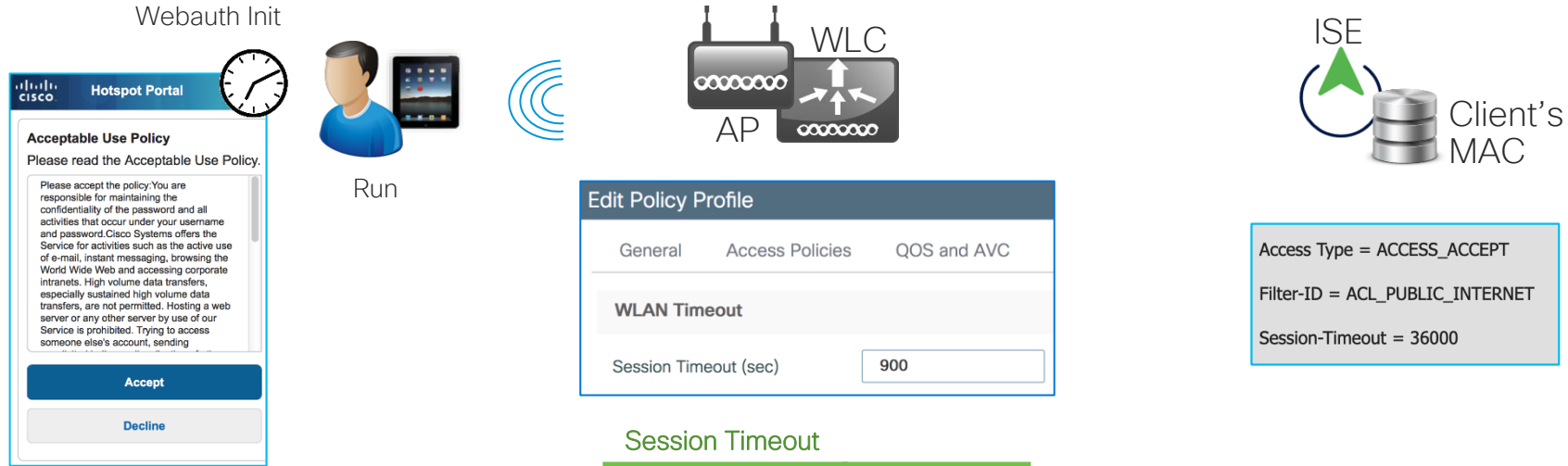
As an option, we could dynamically assign the Session Timeout through the RADIUS attribute [27] Session-Timeout.



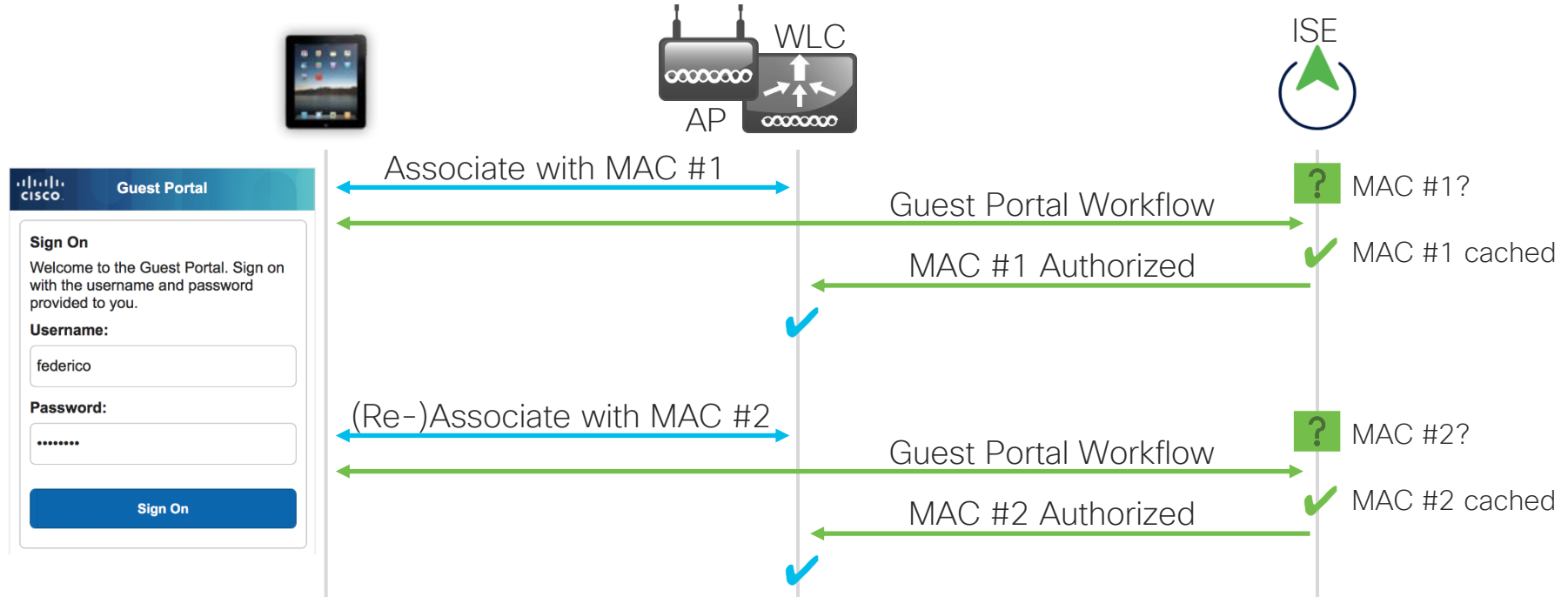
# Timeouts and caching the endpoint's session

## CWA example

Endpoints that went through a portal can be “cached” in ISE by registering their MACs in an Identity Group to be used in the authZ policy, so to go through the portal just once every X days/weeks/months.

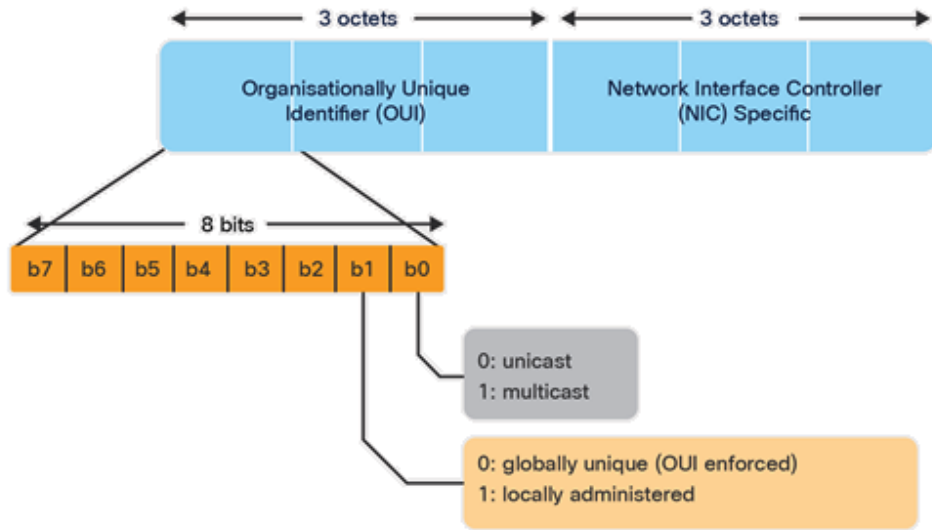


# What if the MAC address keeps changing?



No matter the web auth technique (LWA or CWA) or the guest portal solution that we choose (WLC's internal portal, Cisco Spaces, ISE, 3rd party non-Cisco solution, etc.)

# Locally administered (a.k.a., randomized) MAC



- 3**2**-28-6D-51-13-AF
- 5**6**-EF-68-F6-0D-30
- 0**A**-13-A8-8E-B5-EF
- **A****E**-83-37-55-A7-22

So far...

- Windows
  - Randomization disabled by default
  - Once a random MAC is generated for an SSID, the endpoint keeps using it until deletion of the SSID
  - Can be configured to use a different randomized MAC every day
- Android
  - Randomization enabled by default
  - Android 10 and 11, the same randomized MAC is used for the same SSID, even if deleted/re-added
  - Android 12, under some frequent [conditions](#) a new randomized MAC is generated for every new association
- Apple
  - Randomization enabled by default
  - Once a random MAC is generated for an SSID, the endpoint keeps using it until deletion of the SSID



# What options do we have?

## 1. Let it be and monitor



On the 9800, starting from IOS-XE 17.5.1, under the endpoint's details

Client	
360 View	<b>General</b> QOS Statistics ATF Statistics Mobility History Call Statistics
<b>Client Properties</b>	AP Properties Security Information Client Statistics QOS Properties EoGRE
MAC Address	52fa.4593.5def
Client MAC Type	Locally Administered Address
IPv4 Address	192.168.0.27
IPv6 Address	fe80::1871:270c:4826:b625 2601:644:8c80:73b0:8ca0:4b77:6a0:dd86
User Name	N/A
Policy Profile	AA-Corp

On DNAC, starting from 2.2.3, in the clients list  and AI Endpoint Analytics too

Client Devices (3)

LATESTTREND

TYPE

WirelessWired

OVERALL HEALTH

AllPoorFairGoodInactiveNo Data

DATA

Onboarding Time >= 10s

Association >= 5s

DHCP >= 5s

Authentication >= 5s

RSSI <= -72 dBm

SNR <= 9 dB

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Search Table

Identifier	MAC Address	IPv4 Address	Device Type	Health	Usage	AP Name	Band	RSSI	Location
sara	BA:F1:24:D1:01:58	10.10.10.117	Apple-iPhone	10	412 B	AP687D-B41C-1DE8	2.4 GHz	-58 dBm	San Jose/SJC14/TME-Lab
joe	B8:90:47:8C:BE:CE	10.10.10.118	iPhone 11	10	6.98 MB	AP687D-B41C-1DE8	2.4 GHz	-56 dBm	San Jose/SJC14/TME-Lab

# What options do we have?

WLAN Profile > Advanced > Deny LAA (RCM) clients

1. Let it be and monitor
2. Block randomized MACs
  - On the 9800, starting from IOS-XE 17.5.1 (the randomized MAC cannot even associate)
  - On ISE, with an authC/authZ condition (the randomized MAC gets past association)  
Calling-Station-ID MATCHES ^.[26AEae].\*

The screenshot shows the 'Edit WLAN' configuration page with the 'Advanced' tab selected. The 'Deny LAA (RCM) clients' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. Other options include Coverage Hole Detection (checked), Aironet IE (unchecked), Advertise AP Name (unchecked), P2P Blocking Action (Disabled), Multicast Buffer (DISABLED), Media Stream Multicast-direct (unchecked), 11ac MU-MIMO (checked), WiFi to Cellular Steering (unchecked), Fastlane+ (ASR) (checked), and 6 GHz Client Steering (unchecked).

Status	Rule Name	Conditions	Profiles	Security Groups
✓	Random MAC	Radius-Calling-Station-ID MATCHES ^.[26AEae].*	Select from list +	Select from list +

# What options do we have?

1. Let it be and monitor
2. Block randomized MACs
3. Force disabling randomized MACs through an MDM solution  
(more adapted to enterprise/BYOD use cases)

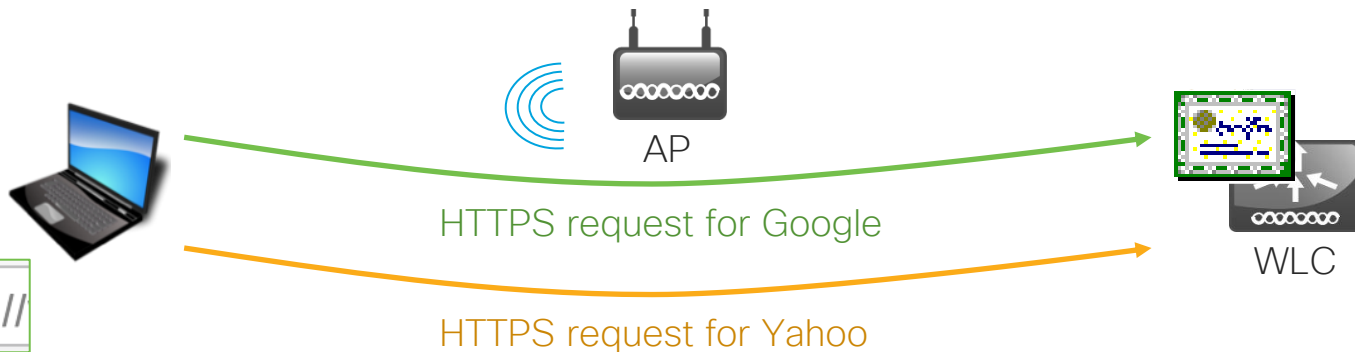
More details:

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/wireless/randomized-changing-mac-dg.html>

and

<https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-knowledge-base/random-mac-address-how-to-deal-with-it-using-ise/ta-p/4049321>

# Guest portal redirection with HTTPS pages



## This Connection is Untrusted

You have asked Firefox to connect securely to  but we can't confirm that your connection is secure.

Normally, when you try to connect securely, sites will present trusted identification to prove that you are going to the right place. However, this site's identity can't be verified.

### What Should I Do?

If you usually connect to this site without problems, this error could mean that someone is trying to impersonate the site, and you shouldn't continue.

[Get me out of here!](#)

#### Technical Details

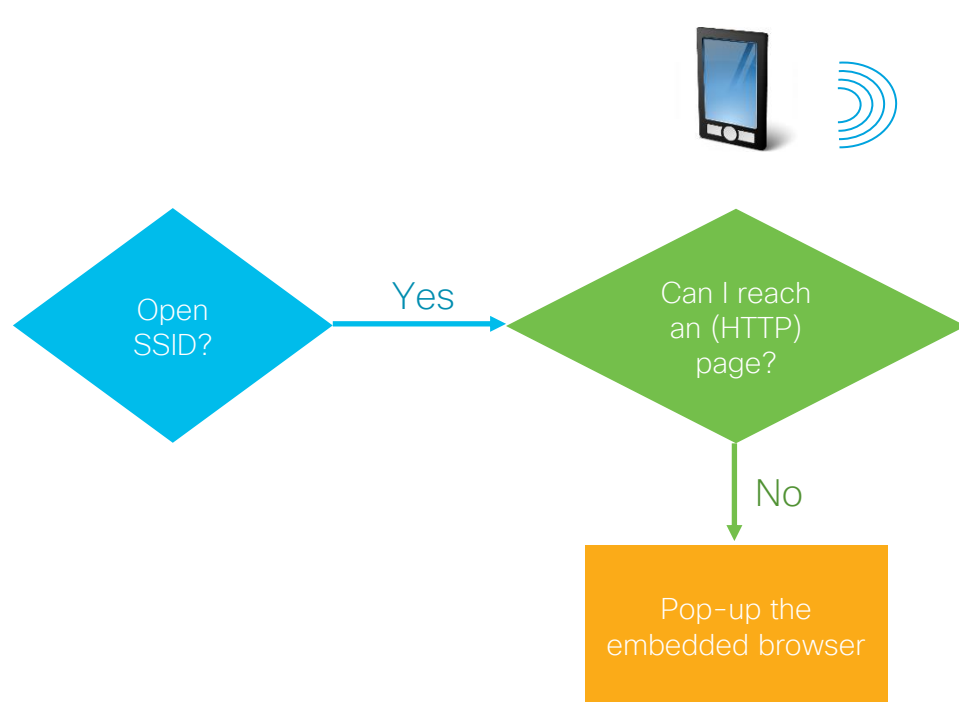
#### I Understand the Risks

## Current Certificate

Name:	bsnSslWebauthCert
Type:	Locally Generated
Serial Number:	6118AC5D
Valid:	From Jul 13 00:00:01 2016 GMT Until Jul 13 00:00:01 2026 GMT
Subject Name:	C=US, O=Cisco Systems Inc., OU=DeviceSSL (WebAuth) CN=google.com
Issuer Name:	C=US, O=Cisco Systems Inc., OU=DeviceSSL (WebAuth), CN=trusted.authority
SHA256 Fingerprint:	72:0c:ce:e8:bb:e6:35:53:81:97:8c:31:cc:8e:83:96:36:cf:d7:85:6
SHA1 Fingerprint:	a6:51:7a:79:4f:85:21:a7:be:c8:e4:0a:40:46:8b:18:56:ba:6f:32

# Guest portal redirection with HTTPS pages

Let's delegate the portal detection through HTTP to the OS/browser



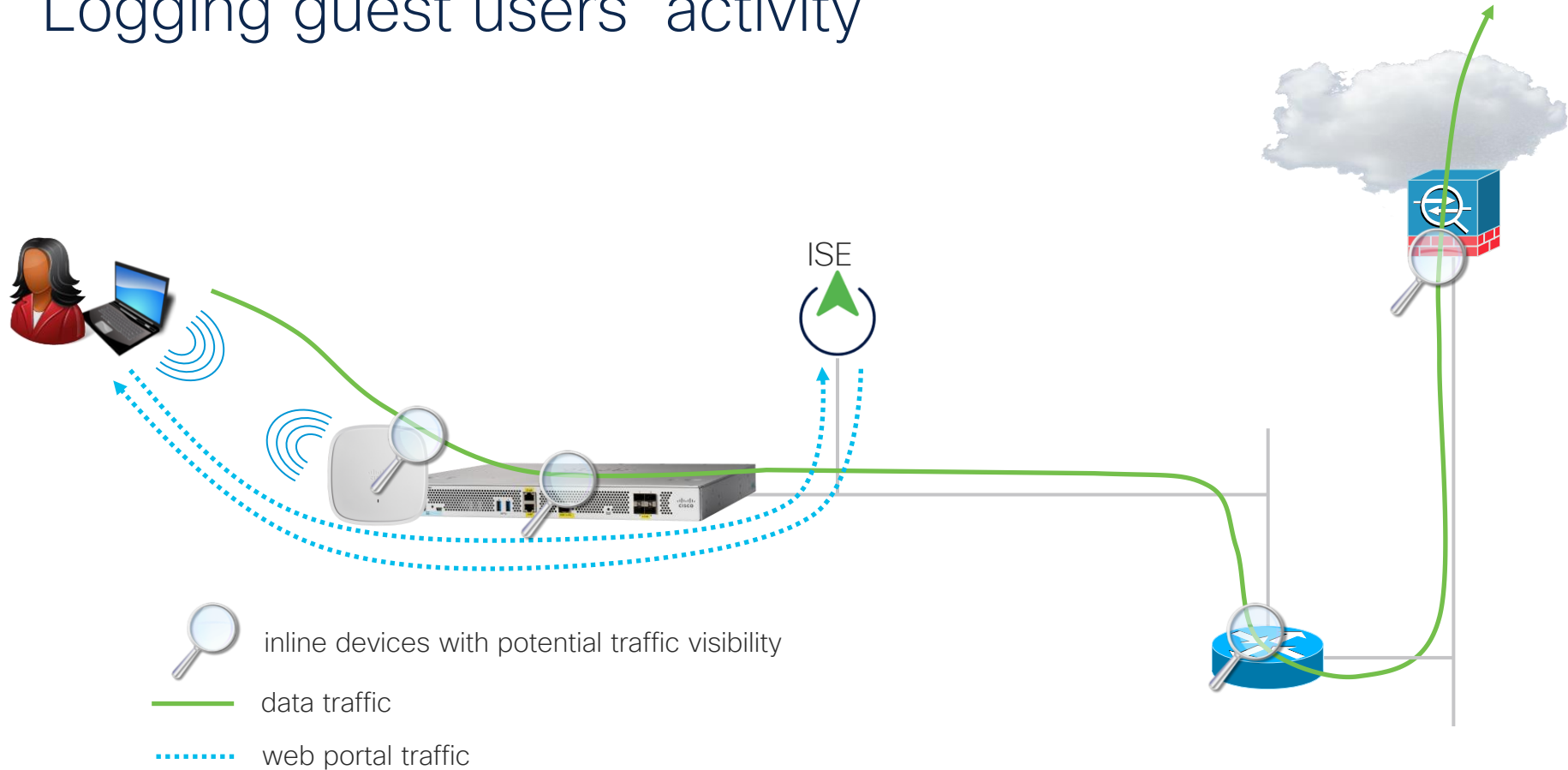
<http://www.apple.com/library/test/success.html>

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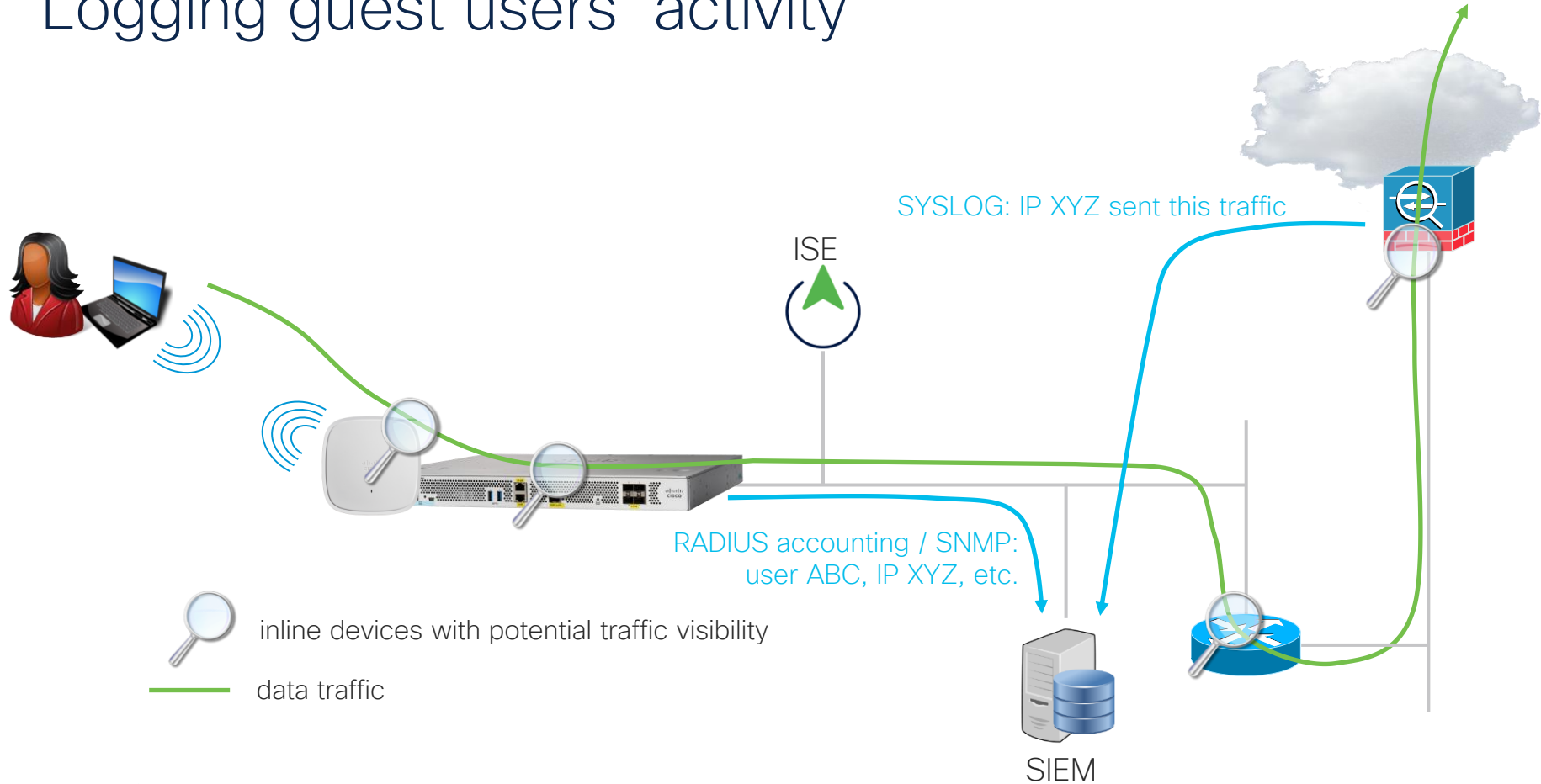
<http://detectportal.firefox.com>

etc.

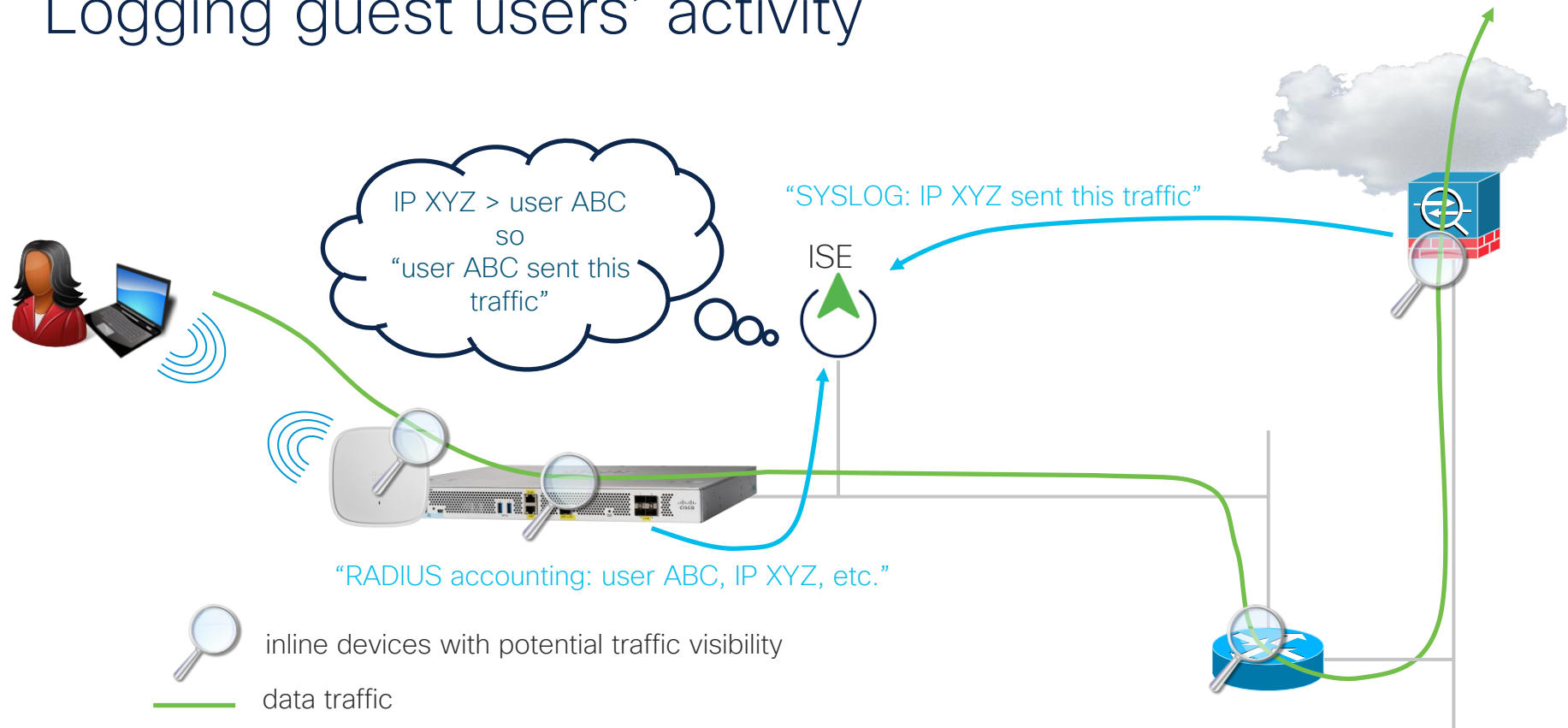
# Logging guest users' activity



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Configuring Integrated URL Logging and Reporting of Guest Traffic in a Cisco Network:

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security/nac-appliance-clean-access/110304-integrated-url-log.html>



# It's never too late to read the guide



For your  
reference



LTRWEN-2724 Be My Guest: Designing and Troubleshooting Wireless Guest Networks with Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller  
<https://www.ciscolive.com/emea/learn/sessions/session-catalog.html?search=LTREWN-2724#/>

Understand Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controllers Configuration Model  
<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless/catalyst-9800-series-wireless-controllers/213911-understand-catalyst-9800-wireless-contro.html>

Configure a Web Authentication SSID on Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controllers  
<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless/catalyst-9800-series-wireless-controllers/213923-configure-a-web-authentication-ssid-on-c.html>

Generate CSR for Third-Party Certificates and Download Chained Certificates to Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controllers  
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Configure Mobility Anchor on Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controllers  
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C9800 Configuration Examples and Tech Notes  
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# The path of a guest (rock)star

Understanding the environment/use case



Mastering tools and options



Caring for end users/visitors



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