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# A song of ISE and Posture:

Advanced deployment and troubleshooting

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#### Abstract

Endpoint Security is nowadays a pillar of all organizations, and increasing their compliance checks before connecting to the organization networks is a trend. Your endpoint security is your armor. This armor is not a single piece of steel but instead, it's a set of security components, where a single weakness in one of them may destroy the efficiency of the entire system. ISE posture services help, to ensure that your endpoints armor is always in good shape. During the session, attendees will have the opportunity to explore advanced posture scenarios and settings, such as load balancing, posture session management, MFA and bidirectional-posture. A demo will provide in-depth information on these topics. Furthermore, after the session, attendees will possess the knowledge and skills to troubleshoot any posture-related issues using log references, to solve the problem of now from where I start if something is not working.



#### About me



- AAA TAC Engineer
- Security Consulting Engineer





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Waring - Extra attention during the configuration



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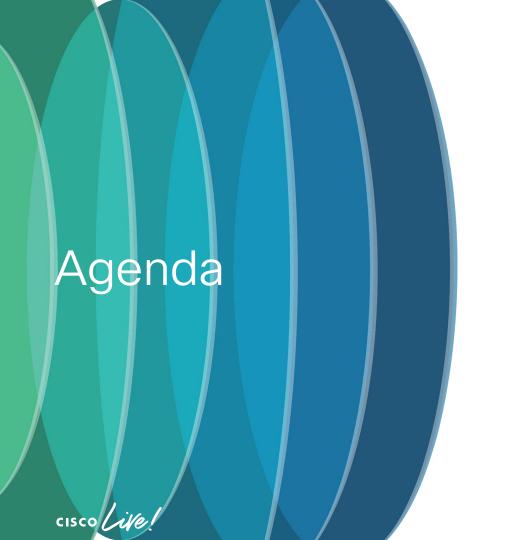
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- Basic Posture
  - ISE Posture Journey
- Advanced Posture Processes

 Advanced Scenarios bootcamp

 Learn by Example – Posture Troubleshooting

## Agenda





**Compliant State** 

Learn on Example

## Session Objectives

Session will cover:

Session will not cover:

- Theory of Posture
- Posture deployment scenarios
- Troubleshoot methodology

Marketing

- Roadmaps
- All possible ISE posture features

# Posture 101



#### ISE Posture from 10000 feet





















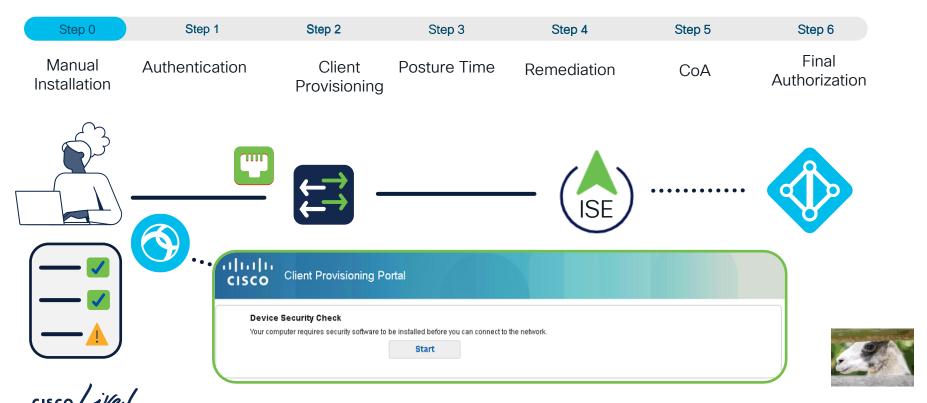


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Posture Updates

## Posture Lifecycle



## ISE Posture Flow types

Redirect based



Non-redirect based







## ISE Posture Flow types - comparison

Redirect

Non-Redirect

Initial Authentication or Authorization

Redirect ACL and URL

ACL/VLAN

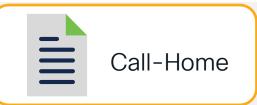
Client Provisioning **Portal** 





**PSN Discovery** 





Supported **Network Access** Devices





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## Posture Style comparison

Components	Redirect	Non-redirect			
Initial Authentication/Authoriz access	ration Redirect ACL and URL	ACL/VLAN			
Client provisioning portal (C	PP) Displayed after browsing to any site	Displayed after browsing to the CPP FQDN			
PSN discovery	Using HTTP probes to redirect to ISE and list of previously connected PSNs as falback	Using the "Call Home" List			
Use with	Cisco Switches, WLCs and ASAs	Any Cisco or non-Cisco NAD			
Configuration file	Endpoints do not need ISEPostureCFG.xml predeployed	Endpoints need ISEPostureCFG.xml predeployed			



## Redirect best practices Wired

When client initiate http session NAD is intercepting and returning urlredirect as new page location

- http server enabled, default port 80 should be used except situation when proxy is involved
- IPDT enabled, IP device tracking is critical component for applying ACLs. (required for multi-domain and maulti-auth)
- SVI in client subnet otherwise traffic flow between client and switch need to be planned very carefully
- DACL and redirect ACL tricky question, will be covered on next slide separately

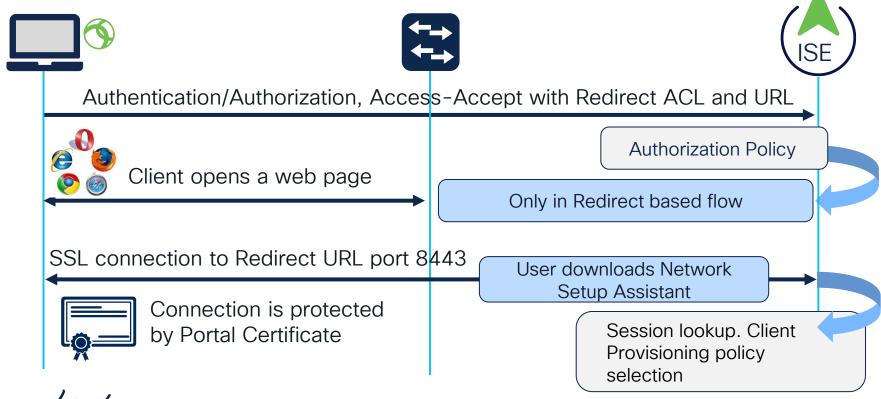


## Redirect best practices Wireless

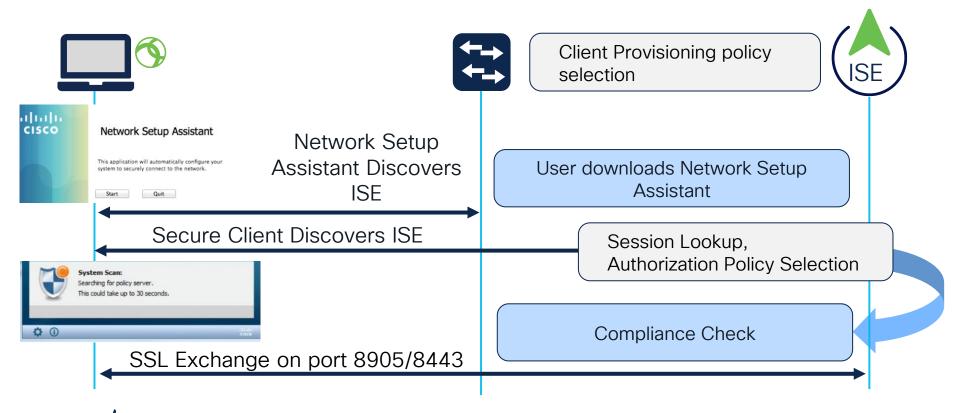
- AAA override enabled this will allow WLC to apply Redirect ACL and Redirect URL to client
- NAC=Radius NAC/ISE without this option COA won't be supported for WLAN, and this will prevent applying of redirect attributes
- **Redirect ACL/Airspace ACL** the same recommendation as for switches. Protection provided by redirect ACL is enough



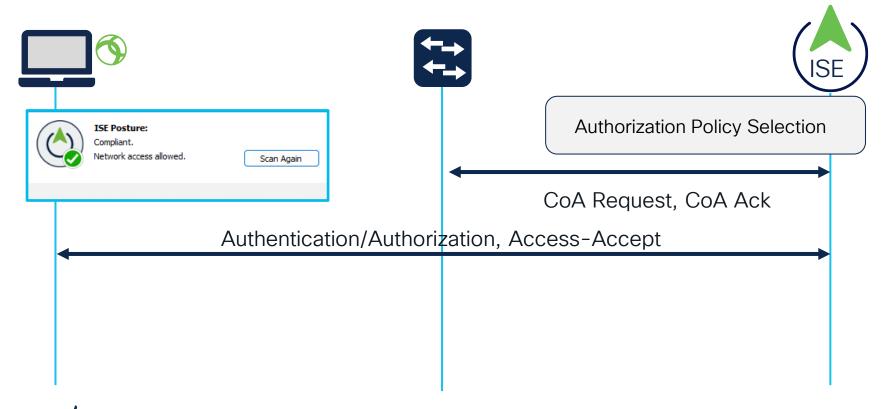
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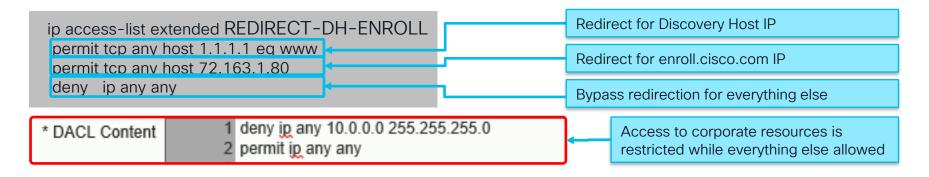
## Posture process deep dive - before we begin

counterargument

ISE posture module is pre-installed in our environment. Redirection and captive portal detection pop-ups are confusing for end-users.

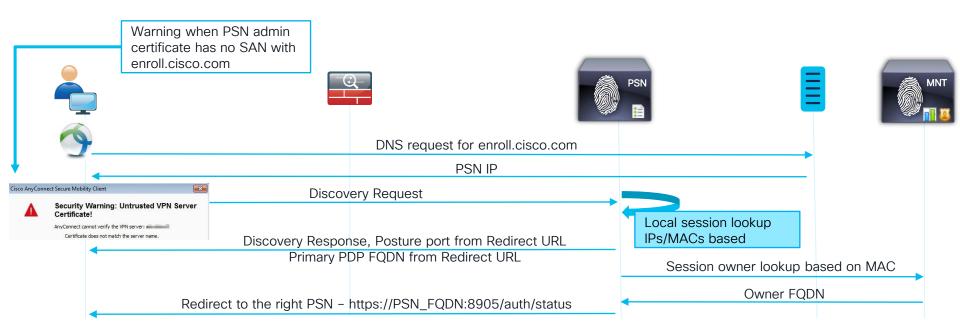
argument

Redirection can be configured in the way when only certain probes are redirected



#### Posture non-redirect - Let's visualize

#### Pre-installed agent without profile





#### Posture non-redirect - Let's visualize

Call home addresses in PSN can be IPs/FQDNs of PSNs or IP/FQDN of LB VIP

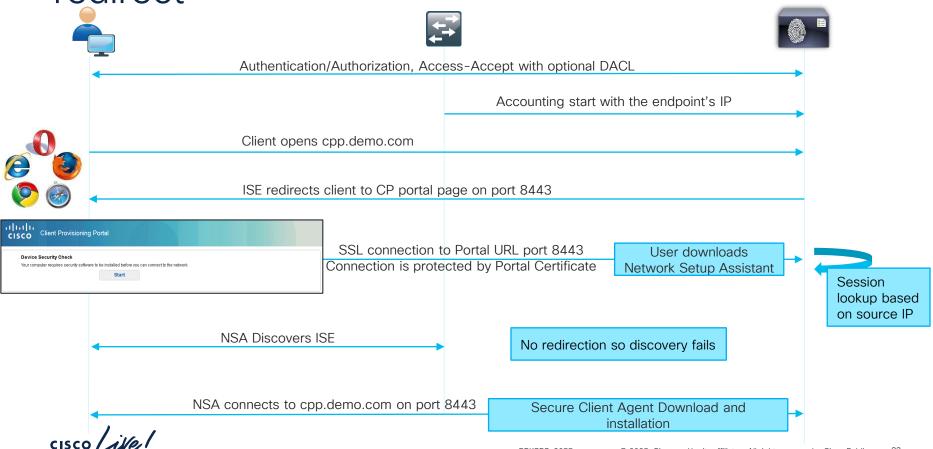


When port is not defined agent uses 8905





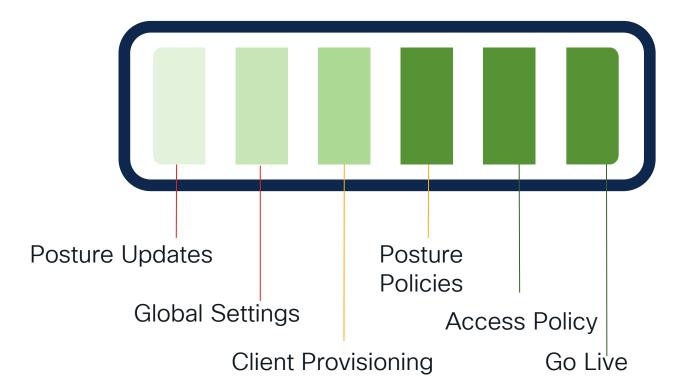
### Posture flow with agent installation from CPP, no redirect



# ISE Posture Journey



## ISE Posture Journey



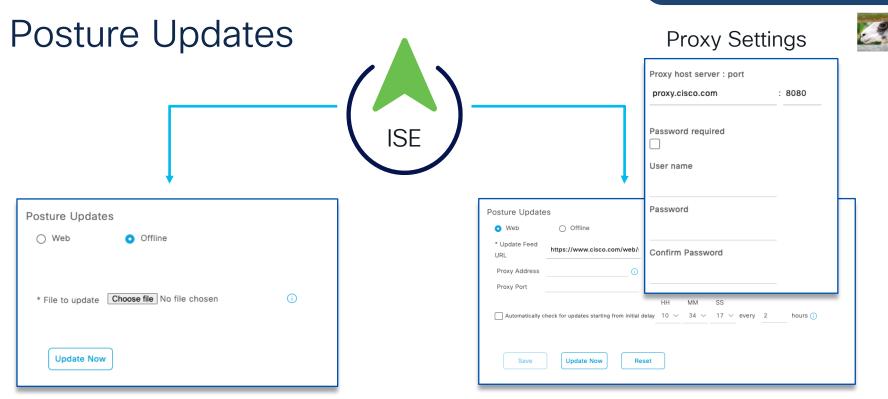


## ISE Posture Journey: Posture Updates





#### Posture Updates





Deleted default posture elements are not created again during next updates



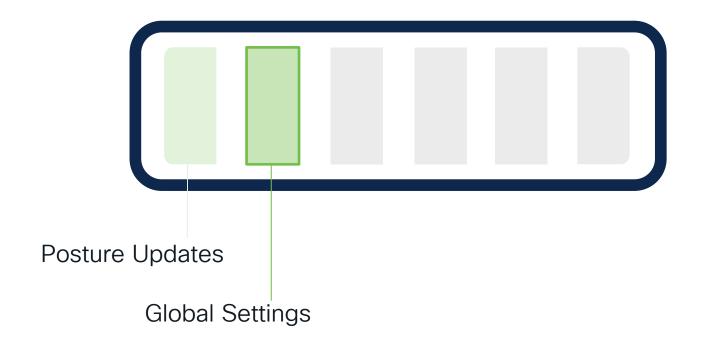
## Posture Updates

Online Updates: Posture updates include a set of predefined checks, rules, and support charts for antivirus and antispyware for both Windows and Macintosh operating systems, and operating systems information that are supported by Cisco.

Offline Updates: You can also update Cisco ISE offline from a file on your local system, which contains the latest archives of updates.

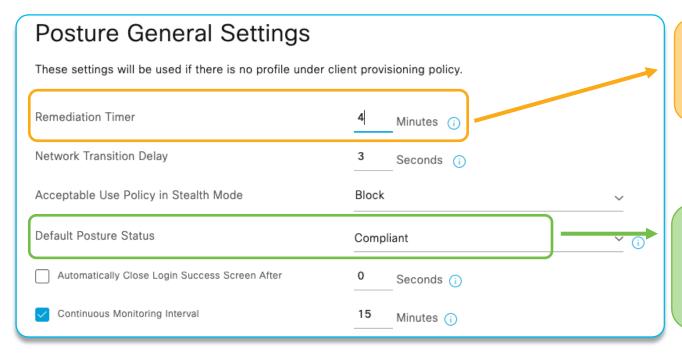


## ISE Posture Journey: Global Settings





## Global Settings



Time for the user to remediate



What if client does not support posture?

#### Global Settings

## Global Settings



# Posture Lease Perform posture assessment every time a user connects to the network Perform posture assessment every Days Cache Last Known Posture Compliant Status Last Known Posture Compliant State Brable Port 8905 on non-Policy Service nodes for Posture services.

#### Posture Lease

Cisco ISE will use the last known posture state and will not reach out to the endpoint to check for compliance.

Agentless Plugin







## Endpoint Posture Attributes - Posture Lease

Posture lease is a feature which allows ISE to store endpoint posture status (Compliant) for up to 365 day

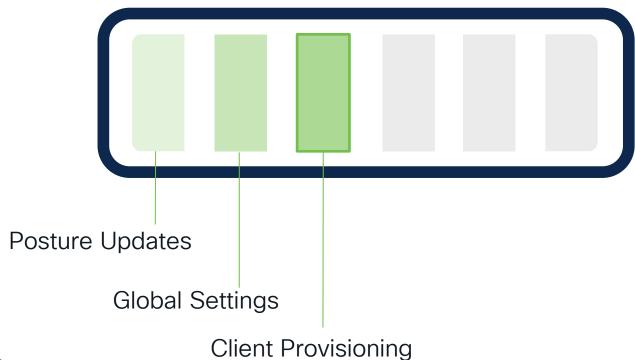


When endpoint is in Posture lease ISE assigns authorization policy with 'Compliant' status right-away

Secure Client is NOT aware about the lease. To display proper posture status PSN discovery is performed. This discovery is example of valid cases when redirection does no happen in Redirect-Based environment.

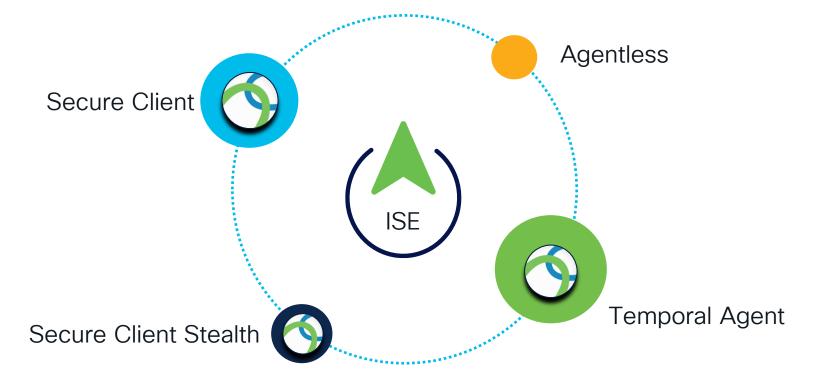


## ISE Posture Journey: Client Provisioning



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## ISE Posture: Agent types





# Supported Limitations Not Supported

#### Client Provisioning

## Posture Deployment Options

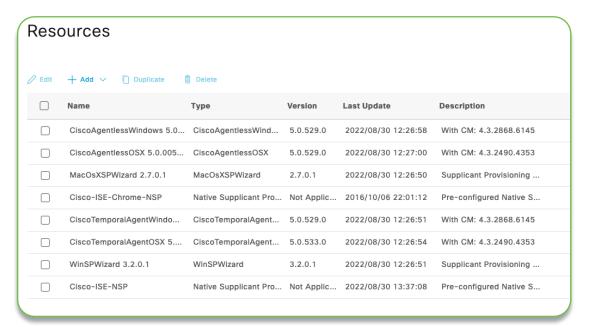
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## Client Provisioning

Resources

Secure Client Profile———

Client Provisioning Policy



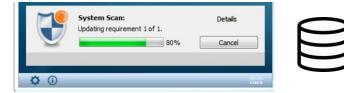
Some agents must be downloaded from Cisco Software Center and uploaded manually



## Client Provisioning: What is compliance module

Compliance Module - Offers the ability to assess an endpoint's

compliance.



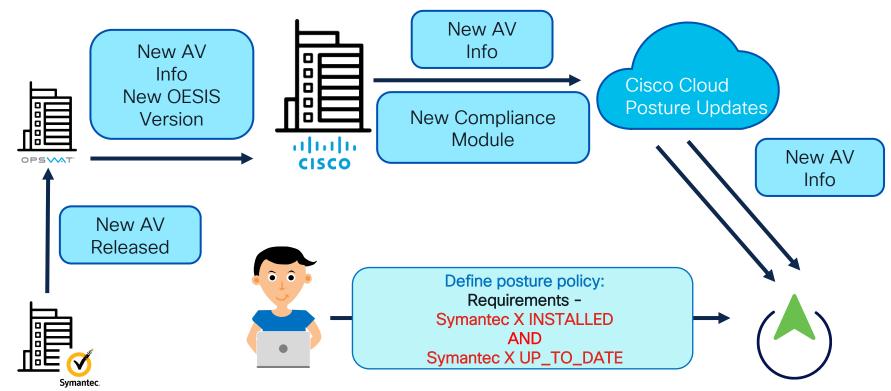
**OPSWAT** - Cisco Compliance module is using OESIS framework from OPSWAT for detection and remediation

https://www.slideshare.net/OPSWAT/introduction-to-oesis-framework



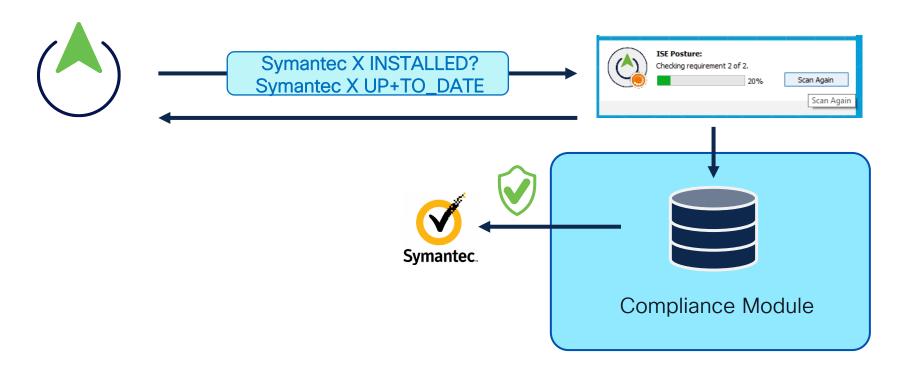
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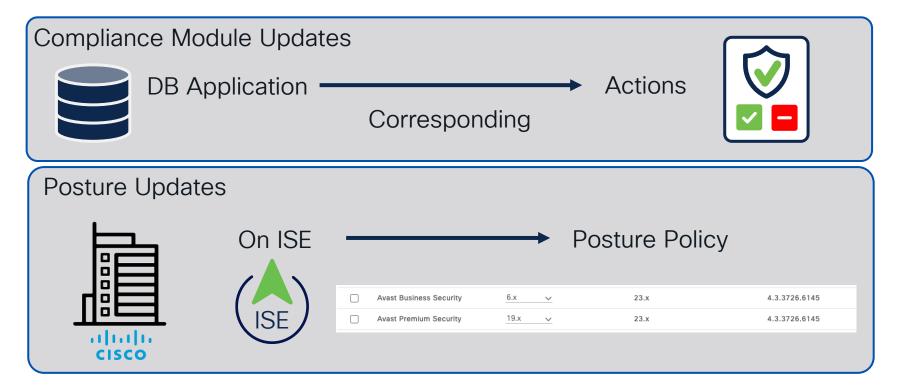




#### Let's visualize



## Compliance Module Updates vs Posture updates



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AnyConnectDesktopWindows 4.5.5030. >

Agent Configuration

AnyConnectComplianceModuleWindows >

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Client Provisioning Policy

\* Select Agent Package:

\* Configuration Name:

\* Compliance Module

Network Access Manager Web Security

Umbrella Roaming Security

Description Value Notes

AnyConnect Module Selection

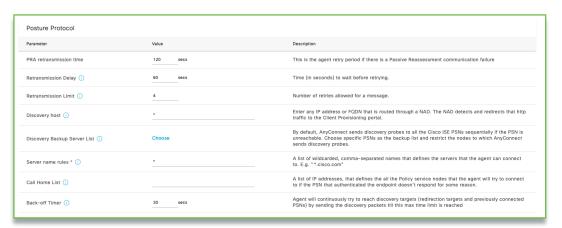
Description:

ISE Posture

AMP Enabler ASA Posture

Network Visibility

Start Before Logon
Diagnostic and Reporting Tool

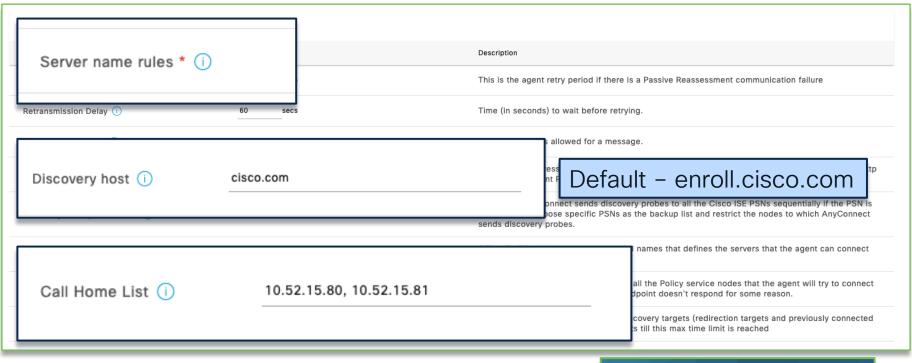




Agent Profile

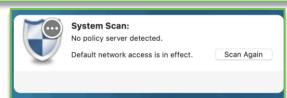
Posture Profile





Enable Rescan Button Disabled >





## ISE Configuration Details - Redirection

Discovery Host

Any IP/FQDN routed trough the NAD

Discovery host (i)

Enter any IP address or FQDN that is routed through a NAD. The NAD detects and redirects that http traffic to the Client Provisioning portal.



<DiscoveryHost>internal.link.com

ISEPostureCFG.xml



## ISE Configuration Details - Redirection

Server Name Rules

Wildcard of allowed Servers

Server name rules \* (i)

\*.lab.com

A list of wildcarded, comma-separated names that defines the servers that the agent can connect to, E.g. " \*.cisco.com"



<ServerNameRules>\*.lab.com/ServerNameRules>

ISFPostureCFG.xml



## ISE Configuration Details

Call Home List

PSN IP Address List to try to contact

Call Home List (i)

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A list of IP addresses, that defines the all the Policy service nodes that the agent will try to connect to if the PSN that authenticated the endpoint doesn't respond for some reason.



<CallHomeList>10.52.X.X, 10.52.X.X</CallHomeList>

ISEPostureCFG.xml



#### Posture files - ISEPostureCFG







#### ISEPostureCFG.xml HASH=321



ISEPostureCFG.xml HASH=123

Overwrite



ISEPostureCFG.xml HASH=321



Posture Protocol 120 PRA retransmission time This is the agent retry period if there is a Passive Reassessment communication failure Retransmission Delay () Time (in seconds) to wait before retrying Retransmission Limit (1) Number of retries allowed for a message Enter any IP address or FQDN that is routed through a NAD. The NAD detects and redirects that http Discovery host (1) traffic to the Client Provisioning portal. By default, AnyConnect sends discovery probes to all the Cisco ISE PSNs sequentially if the PSN is Discovery Backup Server List (1) unreachable. Choose specific PSNs as the backup list and restrict the nodes to which AnyConnect sends discovery probes. A list of wildcarded, comma-separated names that defines the servers that the agent can connect Server name rules \* (1) A list of IP addresses, that defines the all the Policy service nodes that the agent will try to connect Call Home List (1) to if the PSN that authenticated the endpoint doesn't respond for some reason. Agent will continuously try to reach discovery targets (redirection targets and previously connected Back-off Timer (1) PSNs) by sending the discovery packets till this max time limit is reached

Secure Client Profile

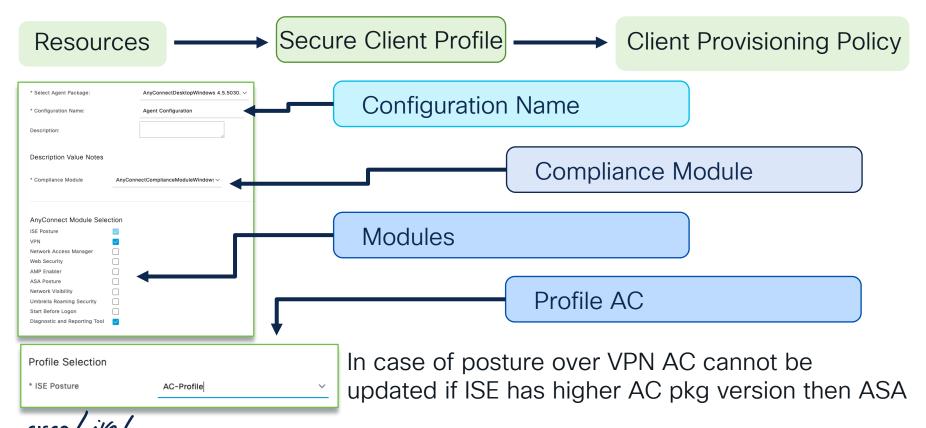
#### Client Provisioning Policy



Profile Selection \* ISE Posture AC-Profile

Resources

## Client Provisioning



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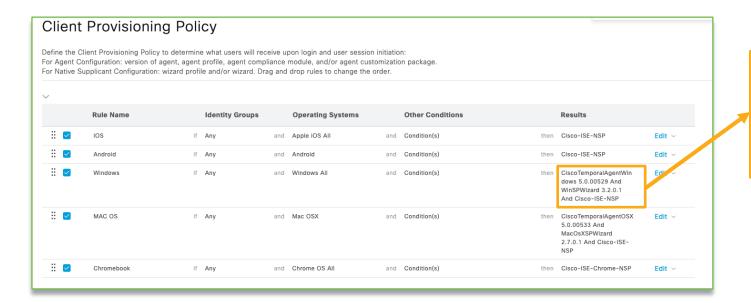


Resources -

→ Secure Client Profile

 $\longrightarrow$ 

Client Provisioning Policy



Specify the Secure Client Agent Configuration

## Portal settings adjustment

Guest Portal – posture can be executed as part of the Guest-Flow. This can be done on 'Self-Registered' and 'Sponsored' guest portals.
 Hot-Spot' portal is not supported for posture.

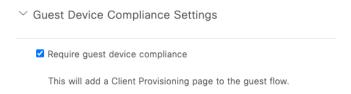
#### Posture inside of the Guest-Flow facts:

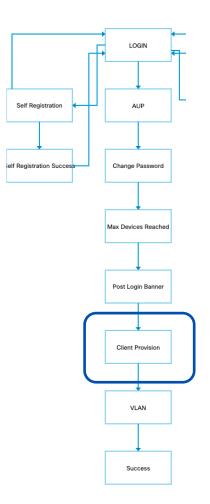
- Only one check box needs to be enabled in portal settings,
- Only Temporary Agent is supported in client provisioning
- Do not use VLAN change in the authorization profiles for Guests (like authorization profile with redirect has VLAN 10, and compliant authorization profile has VLAN 20) since when MAB is used endpoint cannot detect VLAN change,

#### **Enable posture on the guest portal**

#### Navigate to Work Centers > Guest Access > Portal & Components > Guest Portals

Open portal on which you would like to enable posture and navigate to section 'Guest Device Compliance Settings'. After posture is enabled two additional components are added to the portal 'block diagram' on the right





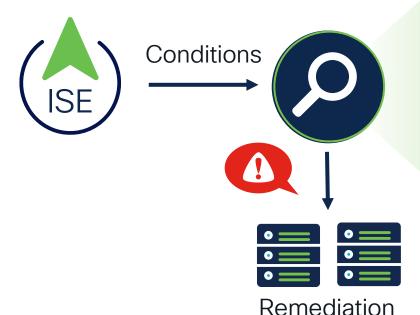


## ISE Posture Journey: Configuration



### **ISE Posture Checks**

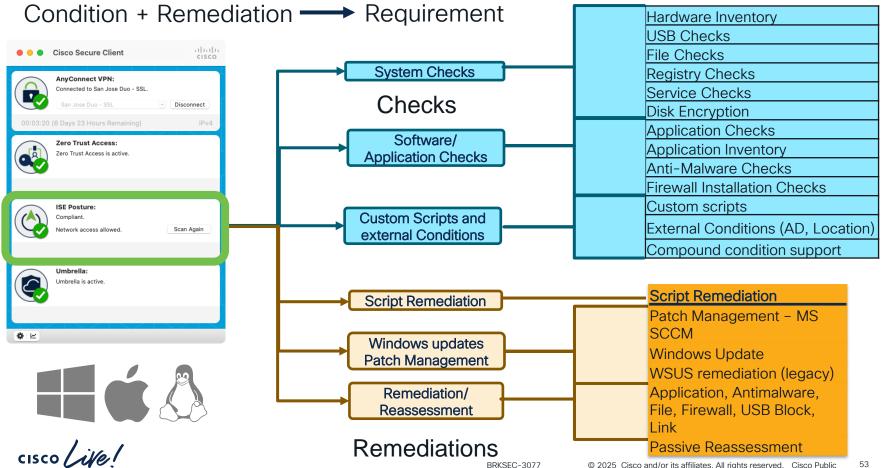
Condition + Remediation → Requirement



Anti-Malware Anti-Spyware Anti-Virus Application Compound **Dictionary Compound** Dictionary Simple Disk Encryption External DataSource File Firewall Hardware Attributes Patch Management Registry Script Service **USB** 



### ISE Posture with Cisco Secure Client



## ISE Posture Policy

#### **Policy Elements**

#### Policy Sets





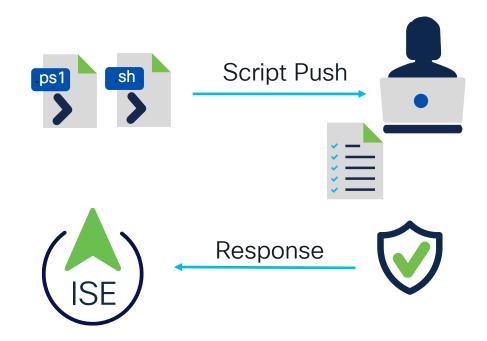
## Posture Script Condition or Remediation

#### Dynamic requirements

Are all corporate CA certs and no rogue CA certs installed?



Has the user over-written network configuration to use specific DNS?



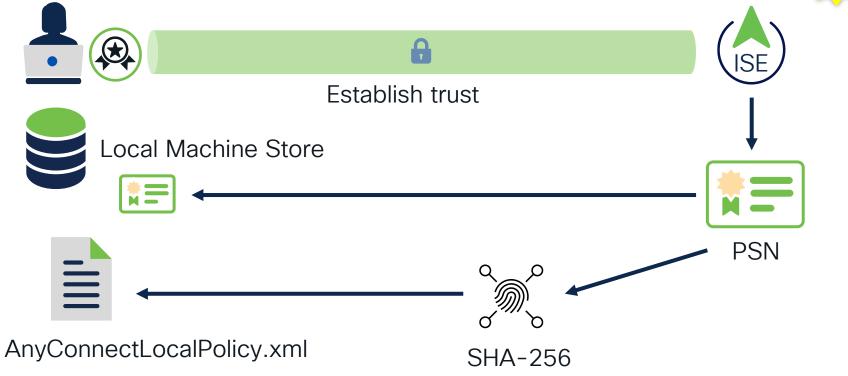


## Posture Script Condition

- Prerequisites







# Posture Script Condition – Prerequisites





openssl x509 -in 535-pos.crt -fingerprint -noout - sha256 SHA256



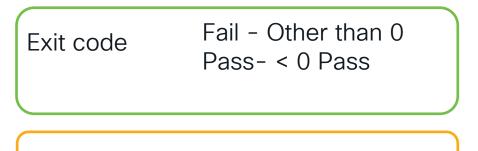
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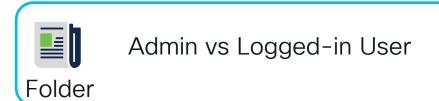
None

Posture Script Condition - Configuration





AllSigned



Bypass

# Posture script condition - Script Dowload











%LOCALAPPDATA%\Cisco\Cisco Secure Client \scripts



~/.cisco/iseposture/scripts







%ALLUSERPROFILE%\Cisco\Cisco Secure Client \ISE Posture\scripts

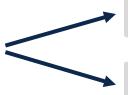


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/opt/cisco/Secure Client/iseposture/scripts

Filename match

Script file hash match



Download the script

Reuse the existing script

## Posture script condition – Exit Code





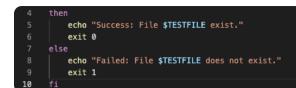


Exit code











#### Other failure possibilities:



<0 : pre-defined exit code

>0 : user-defined exit code

Script exit code must be between 0 and 255



### Posture Script Exit Codes

Exit Code	Reason
0	Script execution was successful and exited with success
>0	Script execution was successful however, exit code returned the failure code
-1	Script execution check wasn't attempted
-2	Data integrity failed
-3	Error in Script download
-4	Script has verification failed
-5	Script executed, however, Script execution didn't complete within specified timeout
-6	Generic failure (not covered as part any failures)
-7	Script type is not supported
-8	Script failed to launch
-9	ISE certificate is not trusted

Remember: in case script exit code is out of bound then it is set to 255



### Endpoint Posture Attributes - Grace Period



Grace period feature allows endpoint to get a 'Compliant' network access when it become Non-Compliant after being compliant in the past

Functionality is based on two attributes:

PostureLastCompliantExpiry - attribute has a Unix Epoch format. Grace period starts if posture status got changed to non-compliant within Last Known Posture Compliant State

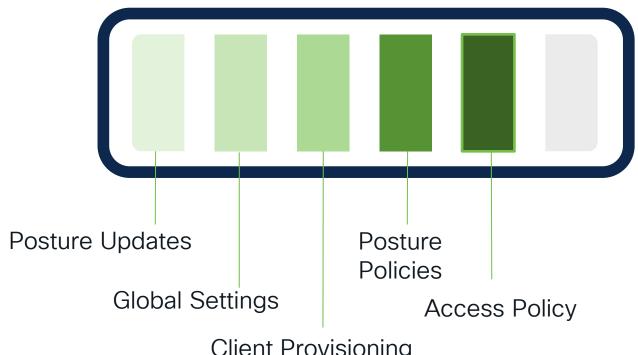


Remaining Grace Period \* - stored in oracle config DB table in special table. ISE starts populating LAST GRACE EXPIRY after endpoint has been marked as non-compliant while being within Last Known Posture Compliant State

\* - While Grace Period feature itself has been added in 2.4 we started to store Remaining Grace Period in Oracle DB starting from 2.6. In 2.4 Remaining Grace Period stored in special In-Memory cache.



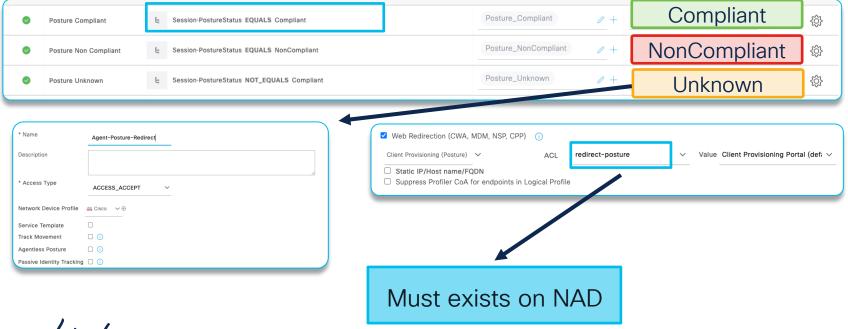
## ISE Posture Journey: Access Policy



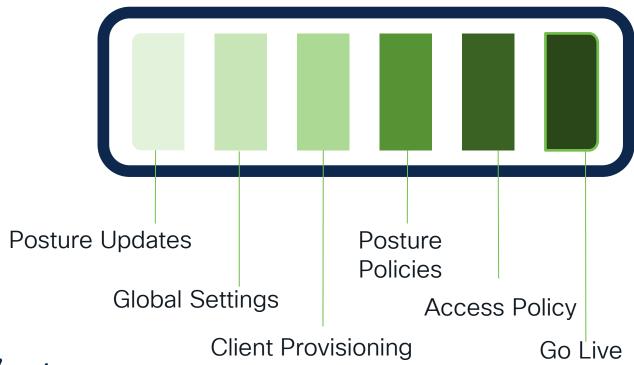
Client Provisioning

## Access Policies - Redirect Chaining

We need to redirect our clients to the Client Provisioning Portal, provide access or deny it.



## ISE Posture Journey: Time to Go Live



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Advanced Posture Processes



Misconception 2: Discovery Process



## Posture Discovery and Authentication

"Every time when dot1x authentication happens, Discovery process is restarted by the ISE posture module"





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Every time when dot1x authentication happens, Discovery process is restarted by the ISE posture module

(i) Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.

# Demo – Identification

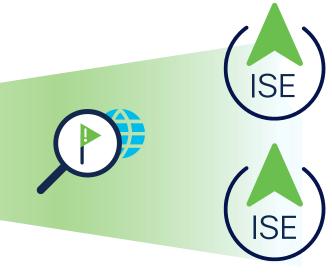


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## Discovery

















Power Events

User Login

Initial AC Installation

Return sleep

Default GW change

Interface Up



#### Posture files - Connection Data

- ConnectionData.xml file created on the first posture attempt
- For every primary record you have a <time> tag
- Every next server is added as a separate Primary record

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<records>
    <record>
        primary>ise-p.lab.com</primary>
        <port>8443</port>
        <status path>/auth/status</status path>
        <ng-discovery>/auth/ng-discovery</ng-discovery>
        <time>1702031250</time>
        <backups>
            <backup>ise-s.lab.com</backup>
        </backups>
    </record>
    <record>
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        <port>8443</port>
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#### What does 'Discovery' mean and how to start it?

Discovery\* is a process executed by AC ISE posture module to locate PSN where user/device has been authenticated. After correct PSN is located agent will check for client provisioning policy on PSN (to see if any updates are needed) and will request posture requirements which needs to be validated.

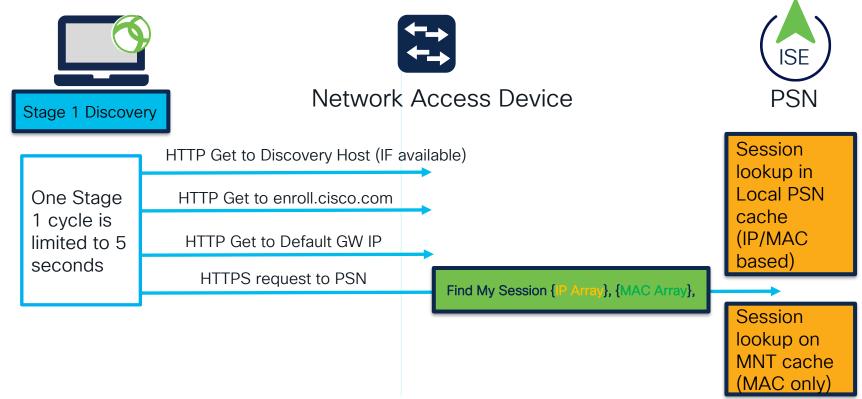
#### Discovery starts on:

- Initial AC posture module installation
- User login,
- Power events,
- Interface is going up,
- Return device from sleep,
- Default Gateway change

Note: Dot1x authentication and PC lock/unlock are not triggering Discovery process.



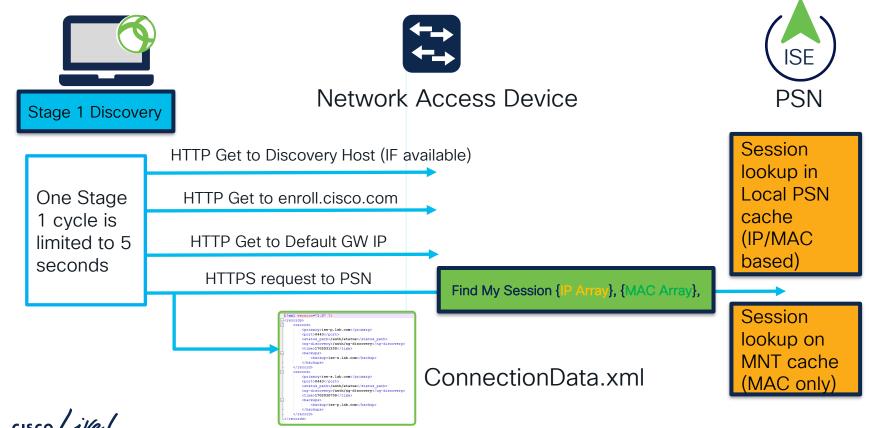
#### PSN discovery Redirect probes



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#### ISE Configuration Details - Redirection

**Discovery Host** 

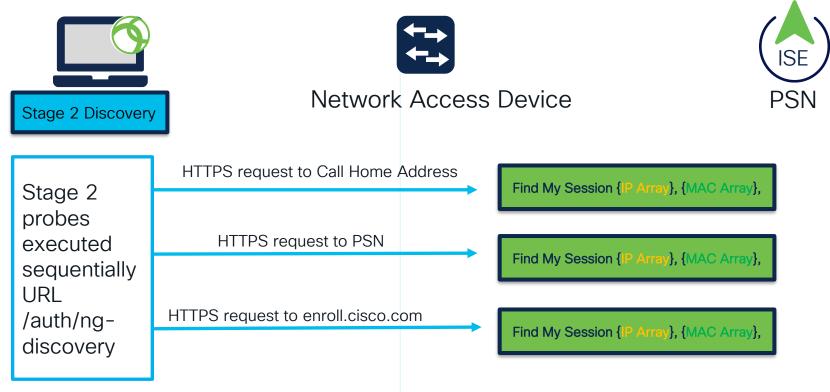
Any IP/FQDN routed trough the NAD

Server Name Rules

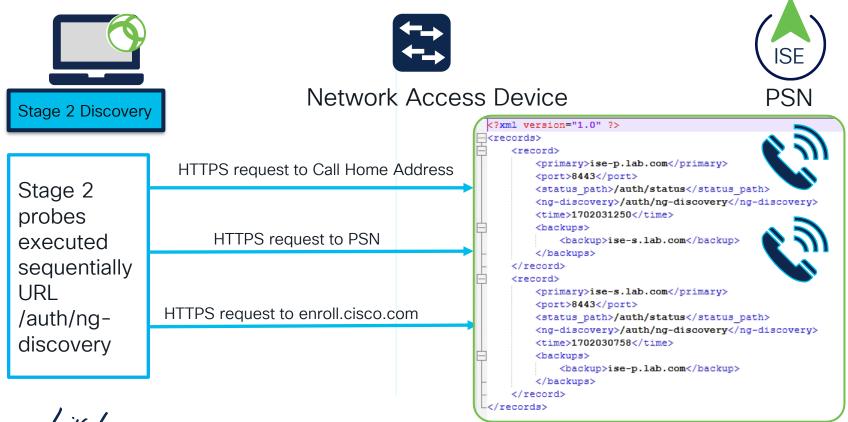
Wildcard of allowed Servers

In case of Split Tunnel - Redirection has to go trough the tunnel

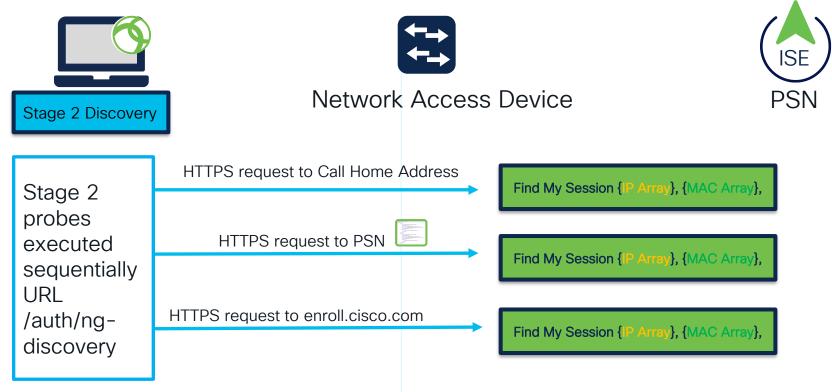
#### PSN discovery Non-Redirect based probes



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#### PSN discovery Non-Redirect based probes



#### ISE Configuration Details - Redirectionless

Discovery Host Any IP/FODN routed trough the NAD

Server Name Rules Wildcard of allowed Servers

Call Home List IP Address List to have contact with

In case of Split Tunnel - Probes have to go trough the tunnel



#### ISE Configuration Details - Non-Redirect

First deployment - No ConnectionData



ConnectionData.xml



<ServerNameRules>\*.lab.com
NameRules>

<discoveryPsnList>ise-

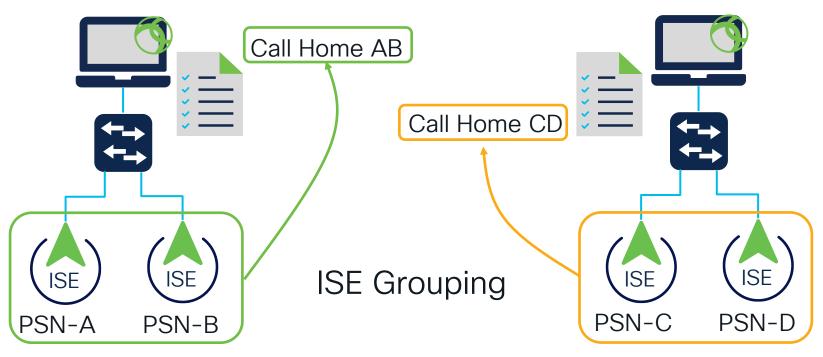
s.lab.com, ise-

p.lab.com</discoveryPsnList>

<CallHomeList>10.52.X.X, 10.52.X.X
/CallHomeList>

#### ISE Configuration Details - Non-Redirect

Design for Big Deployment





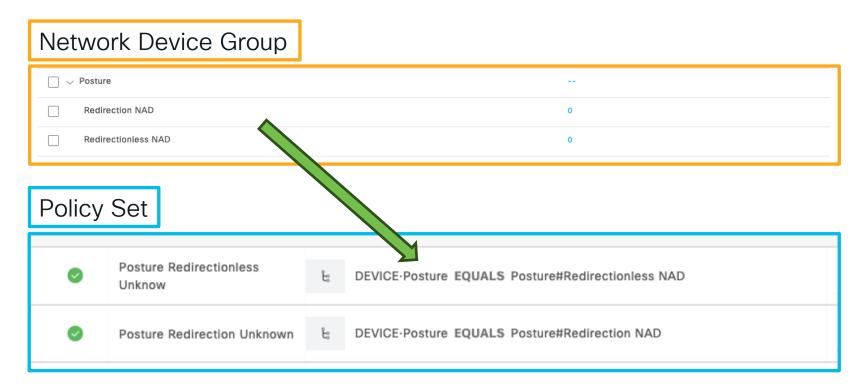
#### ISE Configuration Details - Redirectionless

#### Multiple Profiles creation



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#### ISE Configuration Details - Redirectionless





Common misconception #1: Session Sharing



#### Session Sharing

"Session context is shared within ISE deployment so PSN can run posture even when authentication hit another node"





Node Group



**Light Session Directory** 

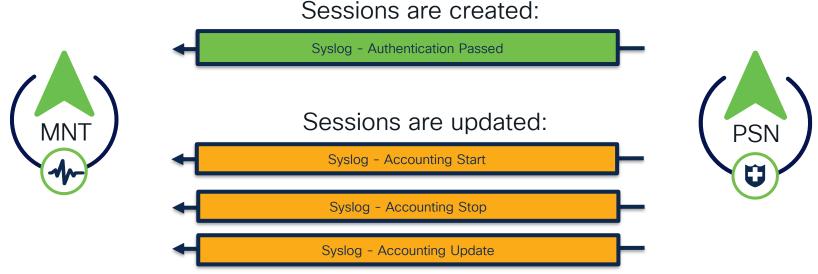
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# Is session context shared within ISE deployment?

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Who is responsible for session management in ISE deployment?







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#### Session removal:

- a. Sessions after 15 without accounting start (Authenticated) removed after 60 minutes,
- b. Sessions with accounting stop (Terminated) removed minutes
- c. Sessions in 'Started' state (MNT got accounting start) removed after 120 hours without Interim update.



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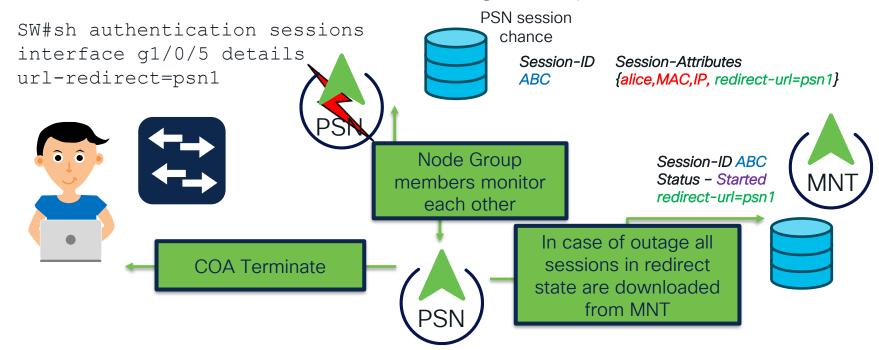


Rules for sessions removal

- a. Sessions are removed upon processing Accounting stop
- b. Least recently used sessions are removed after reaching platform limit
- c. Session cache is cleared upon PSN reload or Application Server restart

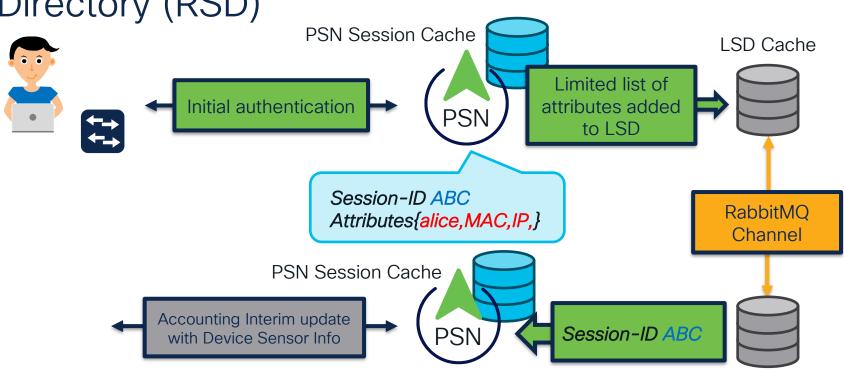
#### Node Group

Main idea behind is to minimize amount of global replication events





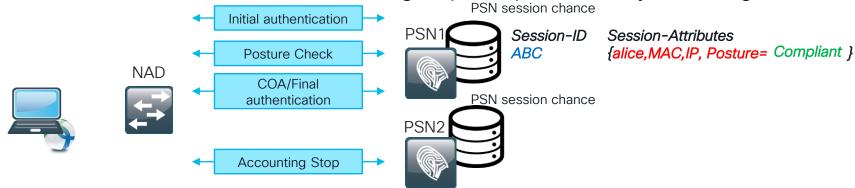
Light Data Distribution (LDD) Radius Session Directory (RSD)



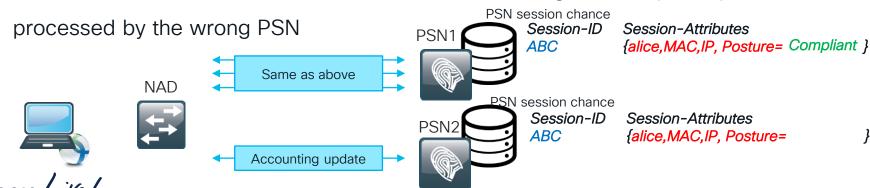


#### Session management - What it brings

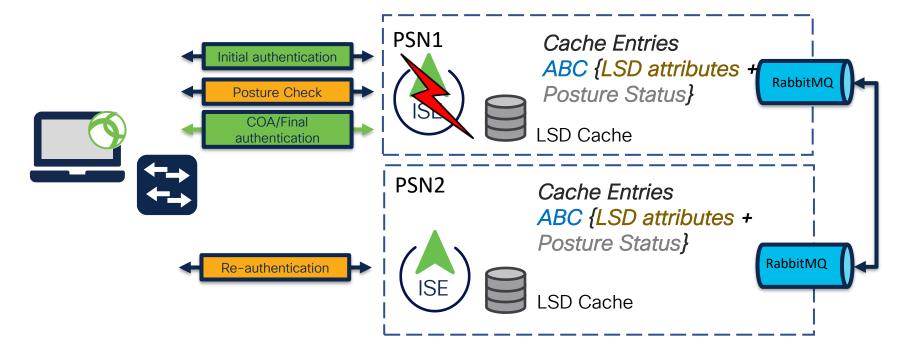
Stale session - a scenario when accounting stop was processed by the wrong PSN



Phantom session - scenario when one of the accounting interim update packets was



# How Light Data Distribution (LDD) solve posture problems - #1



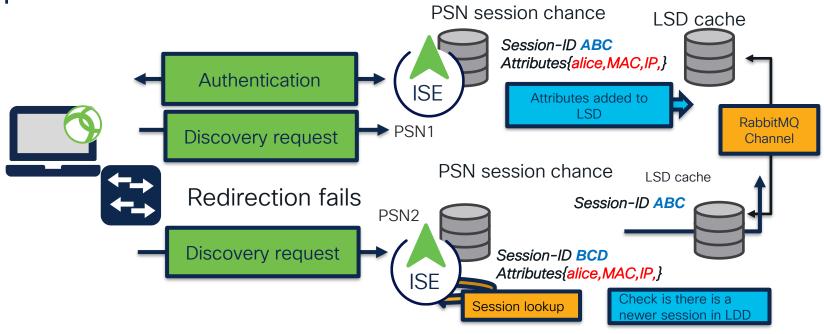
#### Reauthentication to different PSN

- Endpoint authenticates to PSN1, posture is performed and user gets compliant access
- 2. Posture lease is not configured
- 3. PSN1 becomes unavailable
- Reauthentication is triggered from NAD
- As discovery is not triggered on the endpoint, status on AC remains compliant
- Access request is sent to PSN2 and the endpoint gets posture unknown access
- PSN2 doesn't receive a posture report and the session remains at posture pending status on ISE

- Endpoint authenticates to PSN1, posture is performed and user gets compliant access
- Posture lease is not configured
- 3. Posture status is shared through RSD
- PSN1 becomes unavailable
- Reauthentication is triggered from NAD
- As discovery is not triggered on the endpoint, status on AC remains compliant
- Access request is sent to PSN2 and PSN2 identifies the endpoint posture status is compliant by looking into RSD
- 8. The endpoint gets compliant access



How Light Data Distribution (LDD) solve posture problems - #2





#### Stale/Phantom Session

- 1. Redirection fails
- Connectiondata probes reach two or more PSNs
- PSN with stale/phantom session responds before real session owner
- Posture scan is initiated on AC and returns compliant
- As the report is not sent to the authenticating PSN, CoA is never triggered and the session remains at posture pending status on ISE

- 0. and PSN where authentication happened are shared through RSD
- 1. Redirection fails
- Connectiondata probes reach two or more PSNs
- PSN with stale/phantom entifies the latest session for the endpoint in RSD and doesn't respond
- The PSN that authenticated the endpoint responds to discovery probe
- Posture scan is initiated, report is sent to authenticating PSN, CoA is triggered and user gets compliant access



#### How Light Data Distribution (LDD) solve posture problems

In case when stale/phantom session is detected you can see following messages in the guest.log

2020-04-08 13:30:48,217 DEBUG [https-jsse-nio-192.168.43.226-8443-exec-4][] cisco.cpm.client.posture.Util -::-Local session 0A3E946C0000007D5B679296 is stale. Newer session for 00-50-56-B6-0B-C6 is 0A3E946C000000805B7C43A3. Owned by skuchere-ise26-1.example.com

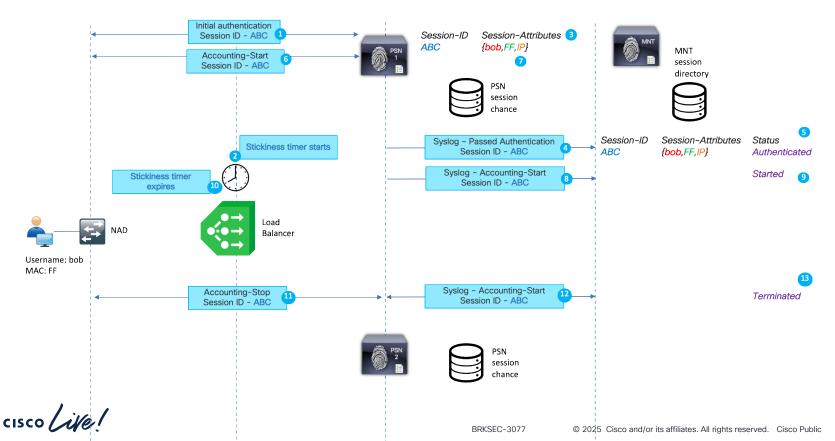
Keep in mind that LDD posture enchantments does not solve:

- Failover between different ISE deployments
- Any scenario when L2 changes happens (re-auth due to any reason with the same PSN but with new session ID)

Those two scenarios are goanna to be addressed in the future from both Agent and ISE sides

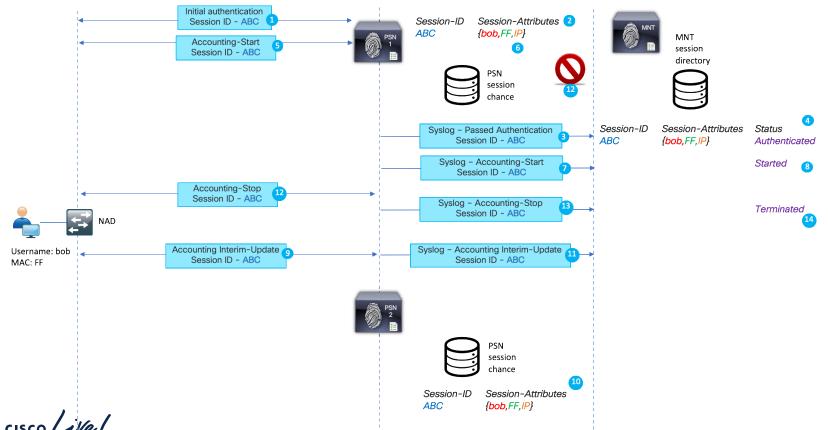


#### Stale session detailed flow



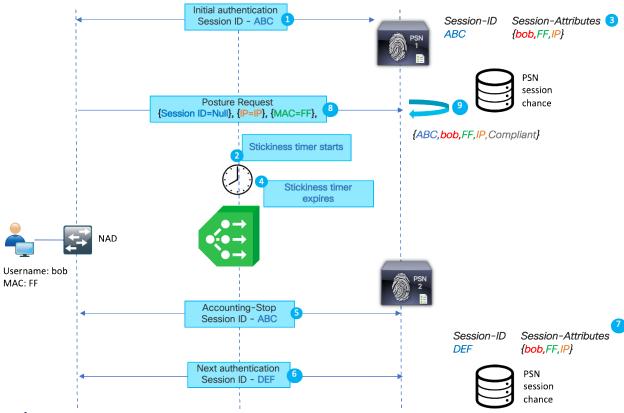


#### Phantom session detailed flow





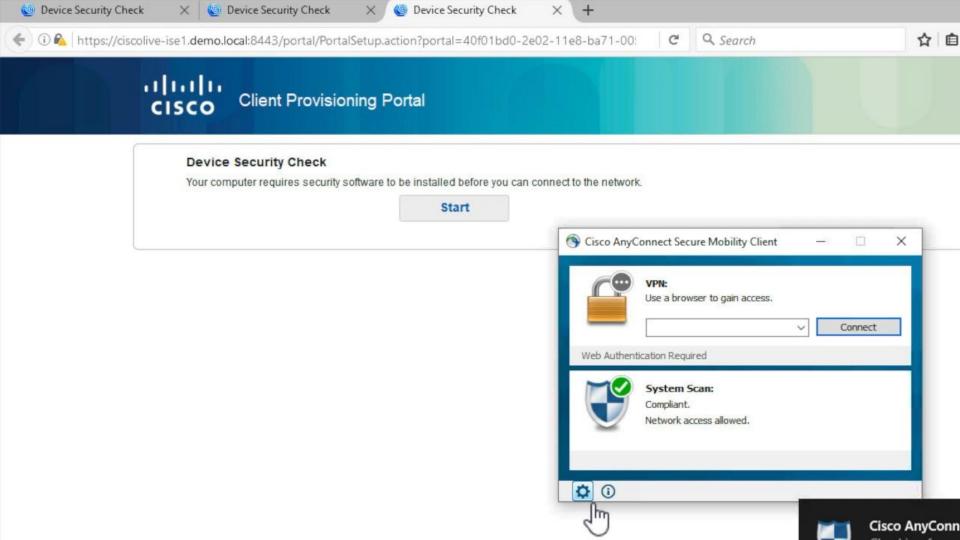
#### How problem appears - Detailed flow



## Demo - Node Group



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#### How to avoid issues without LSD

- USE REDIRECTION when it's supported by NAD
- Enabled stickiness on LB for authentication and accounting with Calling-Station-ID as a stickiness key. More details

Use stickiness timer a bit higher than average working day (e.g. 10 hours).

- Set reauthentication timer from ISE with value a bit lower than stickiness timer (e.g. 8) hours).
- On VPN set higher accounting interim-update interval than 'vpn-session-timeout', To avoid accounting flapping between PSNs on a long living sessions





# Misconception 1 – How to avoid? (continue) Often in configuration examples for posture over VPN it's recommended to setup

aaa-server ISE protocol radius interim-accounting-update periodic 1

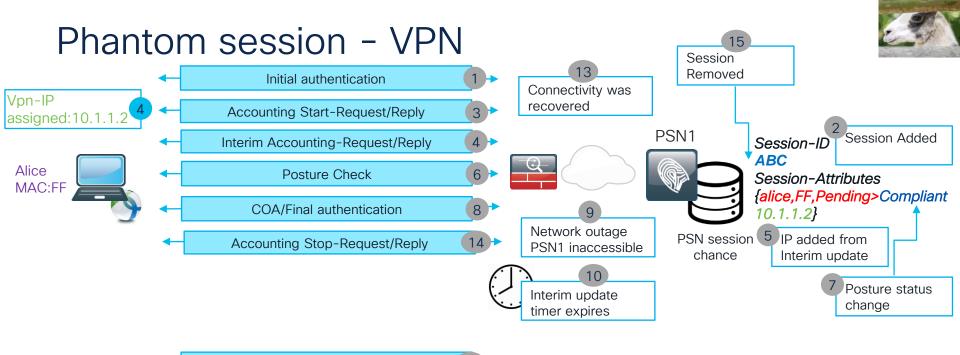
At the same time VPN configuration examples commonly propose to configure vpn-sessiontimeout and vpn-idle-timeout with quite high number of hours. This allows users to resume VPN sessions without re-entering credentials.

```
group-policy SSL-VPN attributes
vpn-idle-timeout 1200 (20 hours)
vpn-session-timeout 1200 (20 hours)
```

At the same time long-living VPN sessions with interim accounting interval of 1 hour bring risk of phantom sessions being created on ISE PSNs.

See next slides for more details ...





After step 14 session is no longer exist on PSN1 but phantom session got stuck on PSN2. At time of next connection attempt it may happen that posture will be performed with PSN2 while actual authentication still goes to PSN1.

Interim Accounting-Request/Reply

When "interim-accounting-update periodic" extended beyond vpn session-timeout issue described here cannot happen as ASA will send only initial Interim-update.

PSN2

Session Added

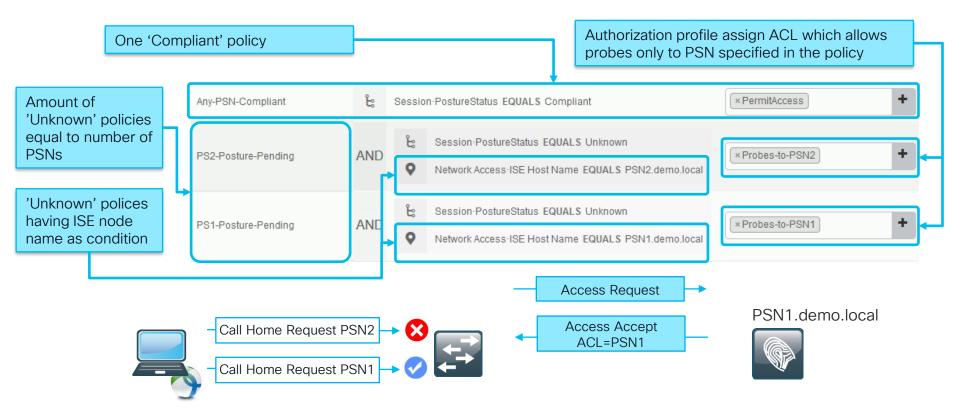
Session-ID

ABC

Session-Attributes
{alice,FF, 10.1.1.2}

PSN session chance

#### How to avoid? But without redirect



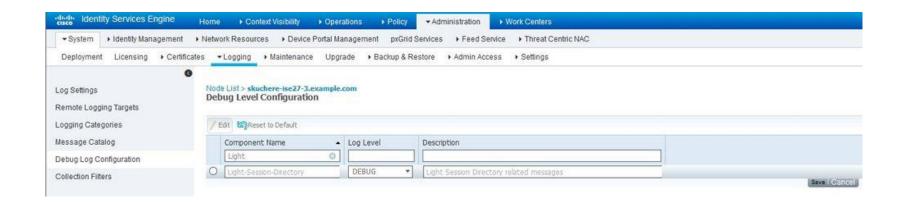
## Radius Session Directory (RSD) Architecture

- Session ID.
- Endpoint MAC.
- CallingStationID.
- Endpoint IP.
- PSN IP PSN where authentication happened.
- PSN FQDN same as above.
- NAS-IP-Address.
- NAS-IPv6-Address.
- State Authenticated, Started, Stopped.



## Troubleshooting LSD

To troubleshoot communication over LDD on the ISE you can enable **Light Session Director** component into DEBUG:





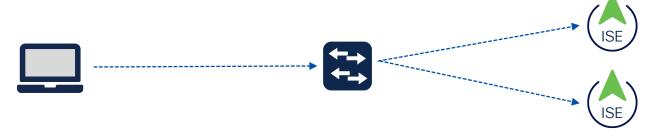
#### Troubleshooting LSD

```
[pool-45-thread-6][] cisco.cpm.lsd.service.LSDRedisClient -:::-
Mapping Session ID 0a3e9498000008e05e071990 to session
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9", "timeStamp": 1577523495, "status": "Started", "id": "614f6c44-6c78-4289-b9fd-
b352ff012ca4"}
DEBUG
      [PrRTEvents-Executor-2][]
cisco.cpm.lsd.service.LSDNetAccessEventListener -:::- Publishing session
update for session 0a3e9498000008e05e071990
       [PrRTEvents-Executor-2][] cisco.cpm.lsd.service.SessionPublisher -
DEBUG
:::- Forwarding session 07a26b4b-ea13-438b-99b5-0bbadc9d8bac to batch
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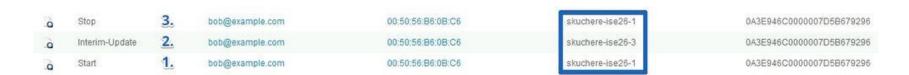
manager

## Posture Status Sharing over RSD

Stale/Phantom Sessions



- 1. Accounting-Start messages processed by PSN-1.
- 2. Interim Accounting-Update for the same session processed by PSN-2.
- 3. The session finishes later on PSN-1.





## Posture Status Sharing over RSD - PSN Failover



- 1. Authentication happens on PSN-1, authorization profile with redirection is assigned.
- 2. COA after successful posture assessment.
- 3. Next authentication when authorization profile for the compliant state is assigned.
- 4. Authentication hits different PSN but it still gets authorization profile for the compliant state.

## Demo RSD



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#### Posture Status Sharing over RSD

#### **PSN** Failover

```
2020-04-09 11:06:42,176 DEBUG [Thread-7979][] cpm.nsf.session.impl.SessionCache -::::- Looking up session 0A3E946C000000896011D045 for attribute
Session Session.PostureStatus
2020-04-09 11:06:42,176 DEBUG [Thread-7979][] cpm.nsf.session.api.ExecutionContext -:::- Execution context has session id
0A3E946C000000896011D045
2020-04-09 11:06:42,176 DEBUG [Thread-7979][] cpm.nsf.session.impl.PIPManager -:::: Returning a PIP com.cisco.cpm.nsf.session.impl.SessionPIP for
type SESSION and flow null
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2020-04-09 11:06:42.176 DEBUG [SessionLifecycleNotifier][] cpm.nsf.session.internal.LRUAgingAlogrithm -:::- Accessed session
0A3E946C000000896011D045
2020-04-09 11:06:42,176 DEBUG [Thread-7979][] cpm.nsf.session.impl.SessionCache -::::- Returning for session 0A3E946C000000896011D045 data Attrs:
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IndexValues: {}
2020-04-09 11:06:42,177 DEBUG [Thread-7979][] cisco.cpm.posture.pip.PostureStatusPIP -:::- set postureStatus based on posture LSD dictionary:
Compliant
2020-04-09 11:06:42,177 DEBUG [Thread-7979][] cisco.cpm.posture.pip.PostureStatusPIP -::::- PostureStatusPIP for mac 00-50-56-B6-0B-C6 - Attribute
Session.PostureStatus value is Compliant
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Misconception n. 3: Compliant State ISE vs Secure Client



## Secure Client Compliant State

"Secure Client is aware of its Compliant State on ISE"





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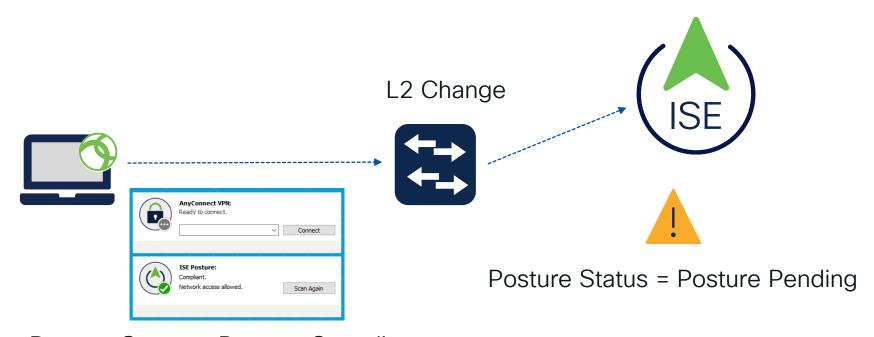


# Secure Client is aware of its Compliant State on ISE

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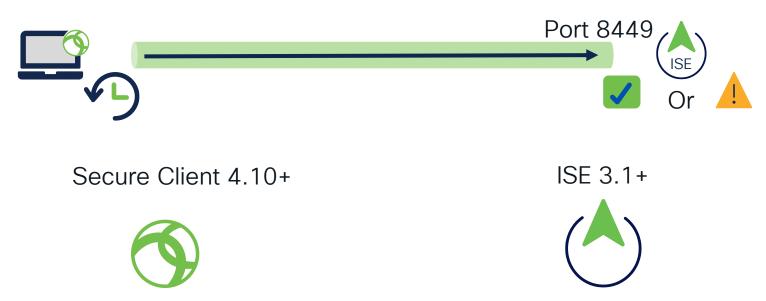
## The problematic scenario



Posture Status = Posture Compliant

#### **Bidirectional Posture**

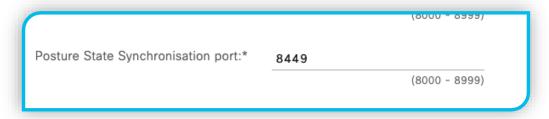
Secure Client will probe ISE if in Compliant state





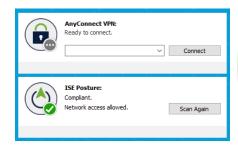
#### Bidirectional Posture - facts

Probed port: 8449 => Configurable in CPP Portal



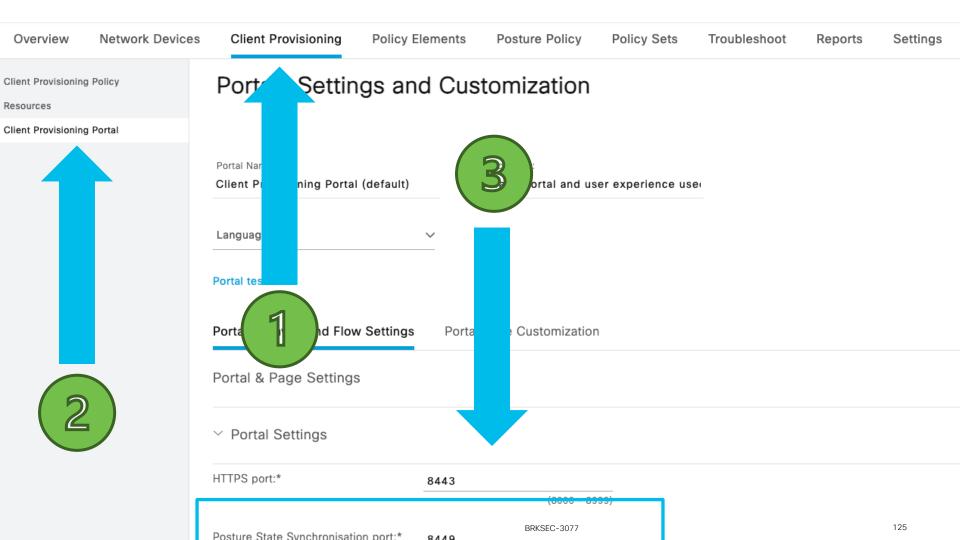
Probes will only fire off if the posture module is compliant









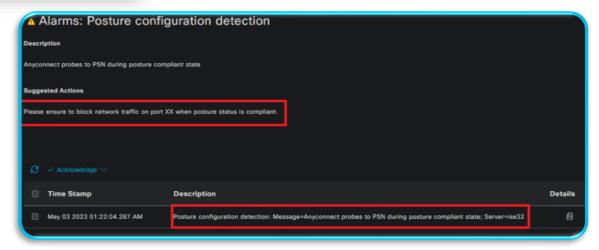


## Bidirectional Posture - Configuration

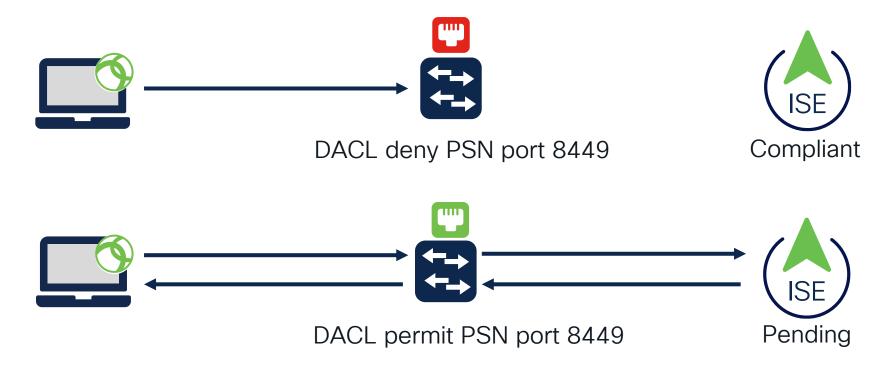
#### Enable Posture State Synchronization:



#### The issue appearing:



## Bidirectional Posture - Correct Implementation





#### Bidirectional Posture - Troubleshooting

#### Logs to be enabled:

- Guest
- Client Provisioning
- Posture

#### Sample Log:

2021-04-29 05:59:23,352 DEBUG [https-jsse-nio-10.0.10.130-8443-exec-1][] cisco.cpm.posture.runtime.PostureHandlerImpl -:autouserwin7:::-DM\_PKG report non-AUP: html = <!--X-Perfigo-DM-Error=0--><!--X-Perfigo-DmLogoff-Exit=0--><!--X-Perfigo-Gp-Update=0--><!--X-Perfigo-Auto-Close-Login-Scr=0--><!--X-Perfigo-OrigRole=--><!--X-Perfigo-OrigRole=--><!--X-Perfigo-OrigRole=--><!--X-Perfigo-Session=--><!--X-Perfigo-Soo-Done=1--><!--X-Perfigo-Soo-Done=1--><!--X-Perfigo-Provider=Device Filter--><!--X-Perfigo-UserName=autouserwin7--><!--X-Perfigo-VLAN-Change-Delay=3--><!--X-Perfigo-Monitoring-Interval=5--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Url=auth/StateSynch--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=8449--><!--X-Perfigo-StateSynch-Port=

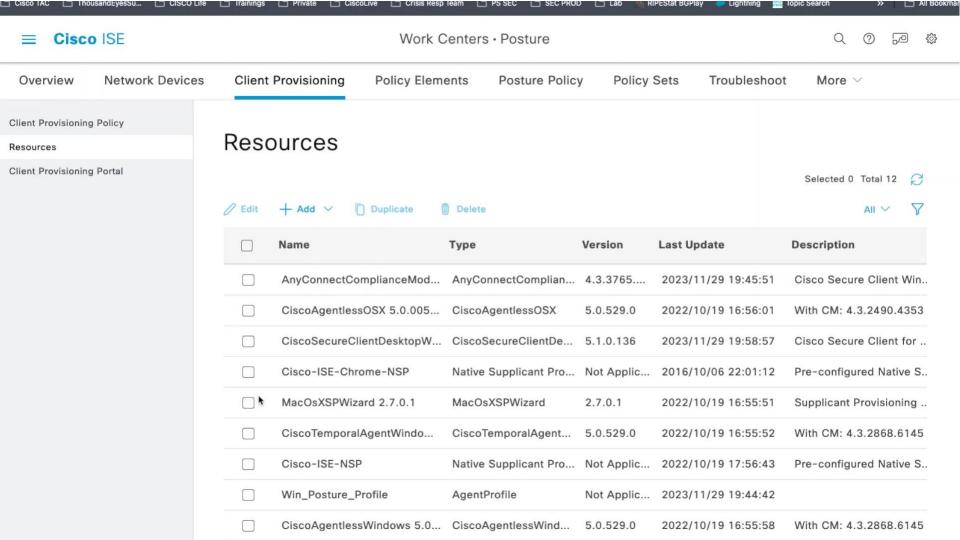
Logs to check: ise-psc.log and guest.log



Demo-Bidirectional Posture Configuration



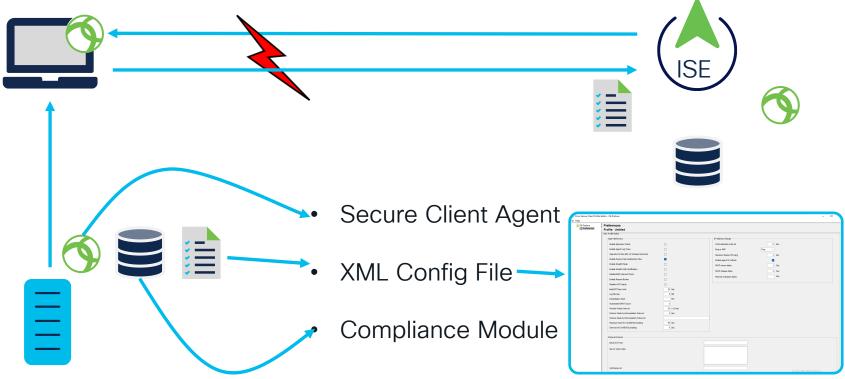
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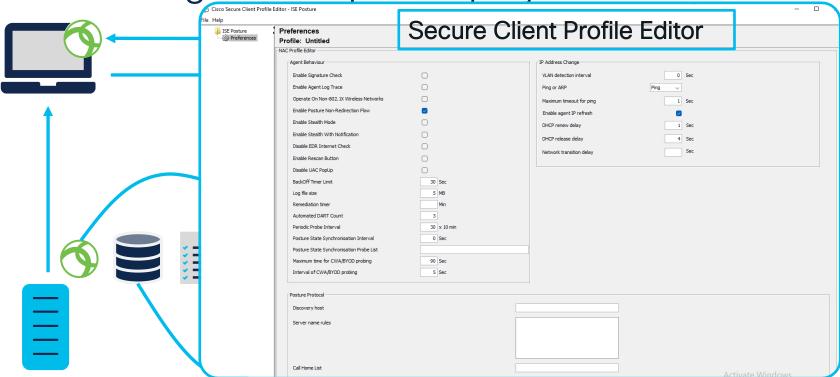
Advanced ISE Posture Deployments – Use Cases



Posture large-scale pre-deployment



Posture large-scale pre-deployment





#### Posture large-scale pre-deployment



Cisco Secure Client Pre-Deployment Package (Windows) - includes individual MSI files cisco-secure-client-win-5.1.6.103-predeploy-k9.zip



ISE Posture Compliance Library - Windows / Standalone installer (MSI). This image can be used with AnyConnect version 4.3 and later along with ISE 2.1 and later. Cisco Secure Client 5.x along with ISE 2.7 and later.

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ISEPostureCFG.xml

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#### File location - MacOS



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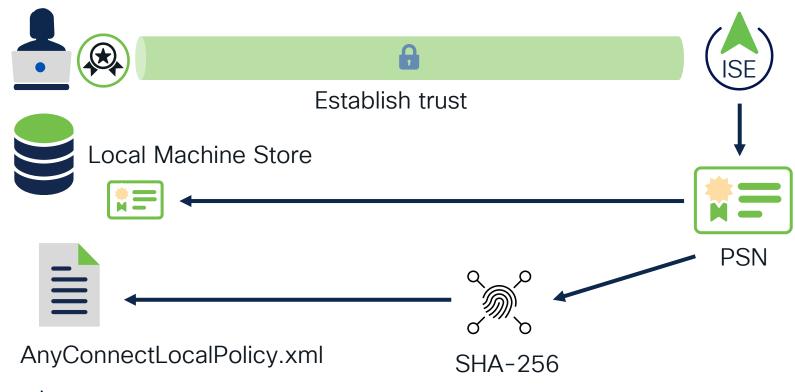
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# Posture Script Condition



## Posture Script Condition - Prerequisites



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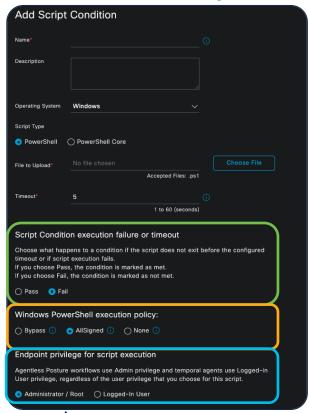
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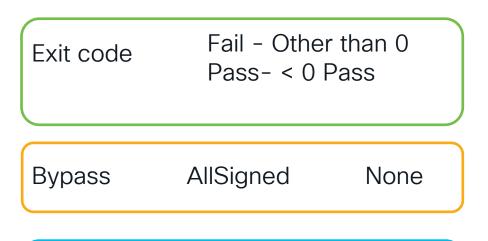


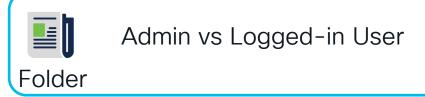
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## Posture Script Condition - Configuration







#### Posture Script

#### Posture script condition - Script Dowload











%LOCALAPPDATA%\Cisco\Cisco Secure Client \scripts



~/.cisco/iseposture/scripts

#### Elevated privileges 🛕





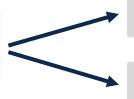
%ALLUSERPROFILE%\Cisco\Cisco Secure Client \ISE Posture\scripts



/opt/cisco/Secure Client/iseposture/scripts

Filename match

Script file hash match



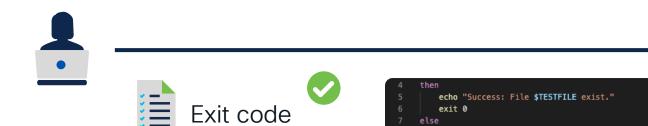
Download the script

Reuse the existing script



## Posture script condition - Exit Code







Other failure possibilities:



<0 : pre-defined exit code

>0 : user-defined exit code

Script exit code must be between 0 and 255



echo "Failed: File \$TESTFILE does not exist."

exit 1

#### Posture Script Exit Codes

Exit Code	Reason
0	Script execution was successful and exited with success
>0	Script execution was successful however, exit code returned the failure code
-1	Script execution check wasn't attempted
-2	Data integrity failed
-3	Error in Script download
-4	Script has verification failed
-5	Script executed, however, Script execution didn't complete within specified timeout
-6	Generic failure (not covered as part any failures)
-7	Script type is not supported
-8	Script failed to launch
-9	ISE certificate is not trusted

Remember: in case script exit code is out of bound then it is set to 255



## Demo Posture Script

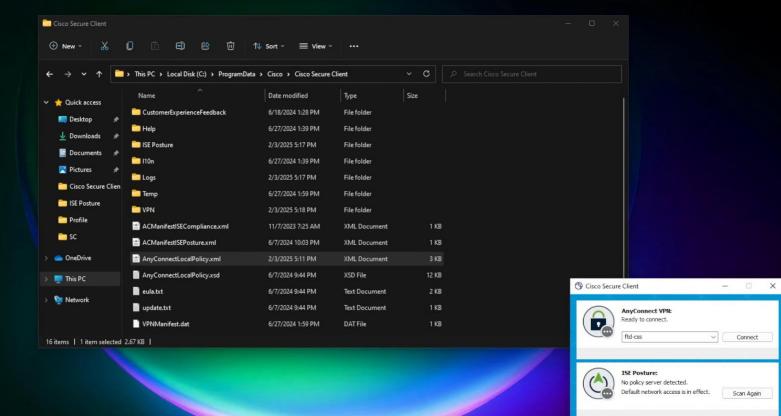


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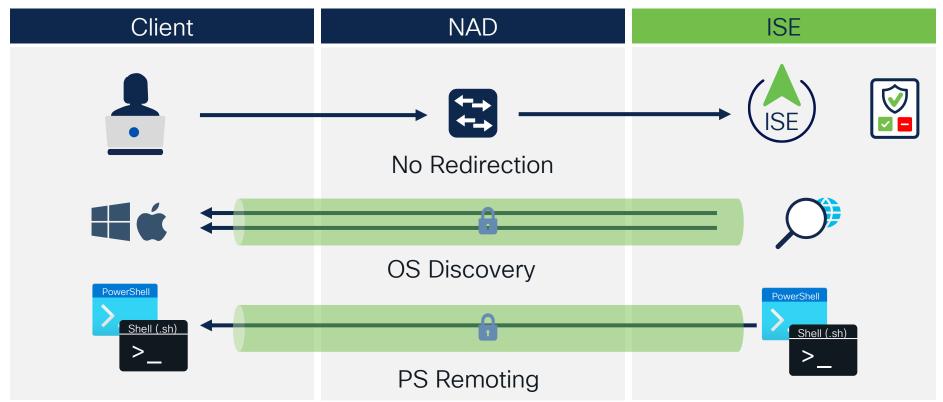
Agentless Posture



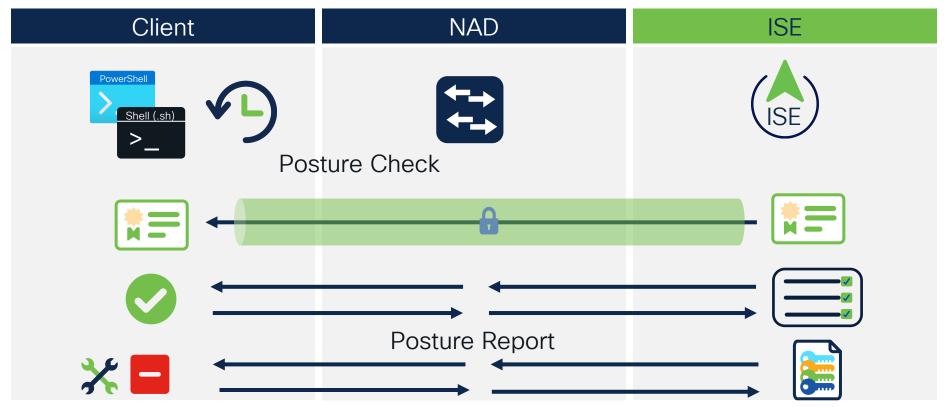
### Posture Agentless - Requirements



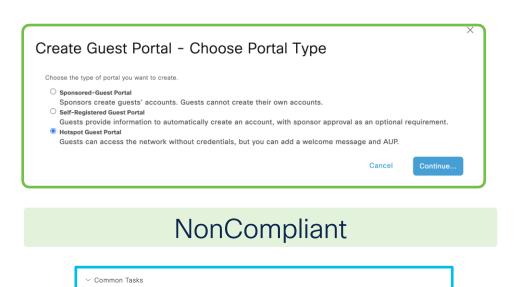
# Posture Agentless



# Posture Agentless



# Agentless: Failure Flow



∨ Value Self-Registered Guest Port... ∨

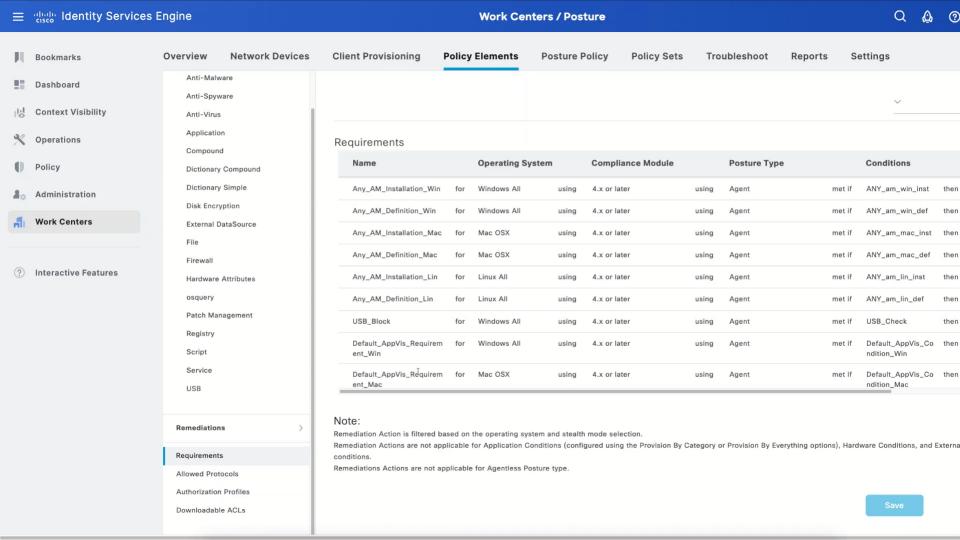




□ VLAN

☐ Voice Domain Permission

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

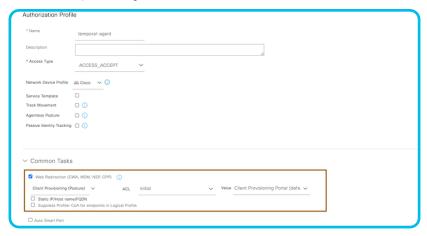


# Agentless: Failure - Temporal Agent Fallback

#### Client Provisioning for the failure flow



#### Access policy to redirect user to CPP



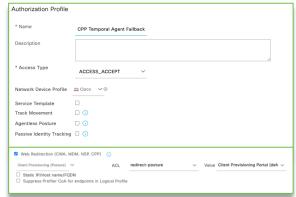




# Agentless Posture: Policy



Authorization Profile	
* Name	CPP Agentless Posture
Description	
* Access Type	ACCESS_ACCEPT V
Network Device Profile	à Cisco ∨⊕
Service Template	
Track Movement	□ ①
Agentless Posture	
Passive Identity Tracking	





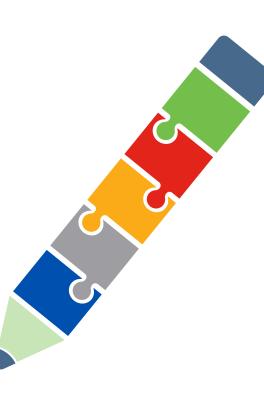
#### Advanced Use Cases

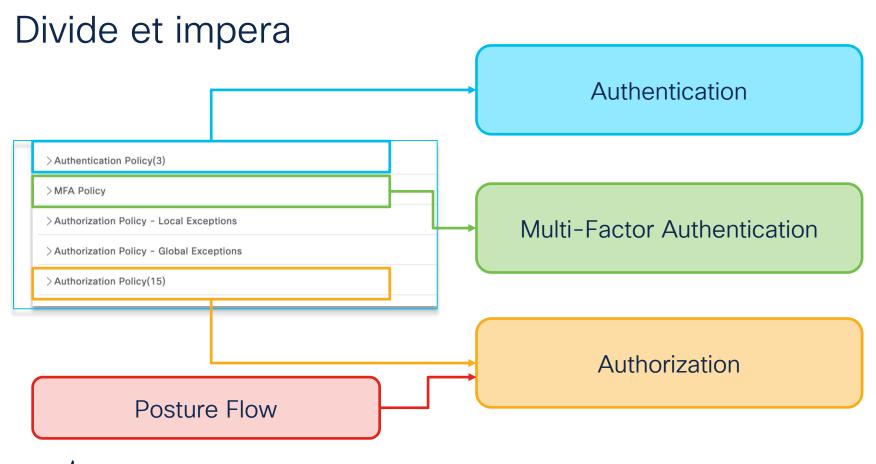
ASA/FTD VPN + Posture

Posture and MFA with Duo and VPN Access

ASA SAML with SSO and ISE Posture

Posture is the last piece of the Puzzle, it's easy to be included

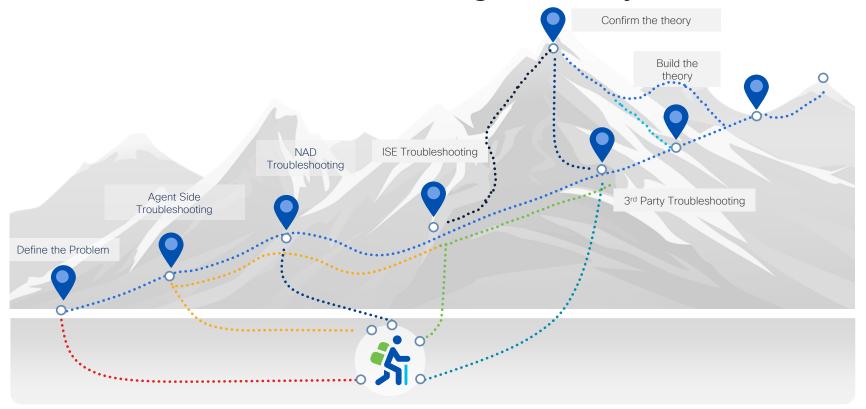




ISE Posture troubleshoot deep dive



# ISE Posture Troubleshooting Journey



# Troubleshooting methodology

Define the problem

Understand how it should work

Decide what to collect and collect the data

Confirm the theory

Analyze the data to build the theory



Troubleshooting methodology

Define the problem Understand how it should work Decide what to collect and collect the data Analyze the data to build the theory Confirm the theory

Formulate in as much details as possible what do you know about the issue? What are the symptoms? When did the issue start? Is it reproducible? What has been changed? Describe the environment.

Research how the affected functionality should work to define a baseline of normal behavior.

What additional information you need to form a theory? Configuration? Debugs? Packet capture? Knowledge of working baseline and comparing it with Problem Definition should help you with this.

Compare working baseline with the collected data to understand the possible area of the issue. Define what needs to be done to proof the theory.

Confirm your theory. In case if issue is still presented you may need to do more research on how feature should work and collect more data.

# Posture troubleshooting, what to collect

Most commonly needed







**Exact Timestamp** 

Status of the authentication session at time of the issue

Live Logs/Detailed authentication reports for affected endpoint

Screenshots/Recording of user experience

Device configuration

Radius Authentication/Accounting reports for the affected endpoint

System Scan Details from Secure Client

Debugs for Authentication/Accounting and Redirect activities

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Client Provisioning Report filtered by endpoint MAC

Posture Report filtered by endpoint MAC

Packet capture collected when issue manifested

Screenshots of related ISF configuration

DART bundle collected after the problem

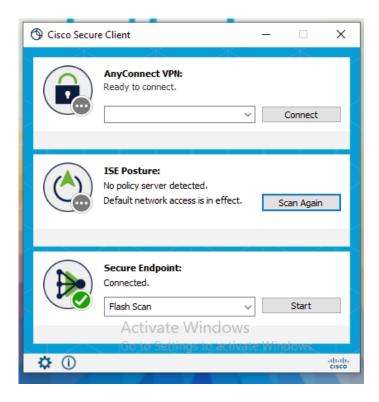
Packet capture collected when issue manifested

Less commonly needed

Support bundle with posture related components in 'DEBUG'



# Learn on Example

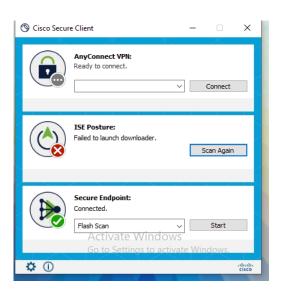


No Policy Server Detected



### Learn on Example - Failed to launch Downloader











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Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Wind

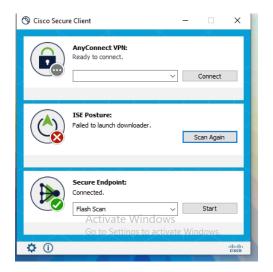
#### Define the Problem

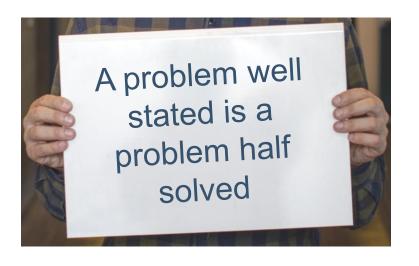
ISE Posture Agent is now failing with Failed to Launch Downloader



#### Define the Problem

ISE Posture Agent is now failing with Failed to Launch Downloader





Which is the problematic pillar?





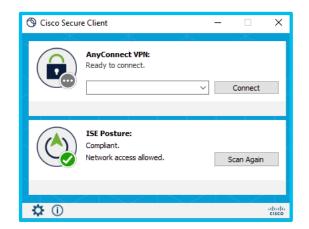


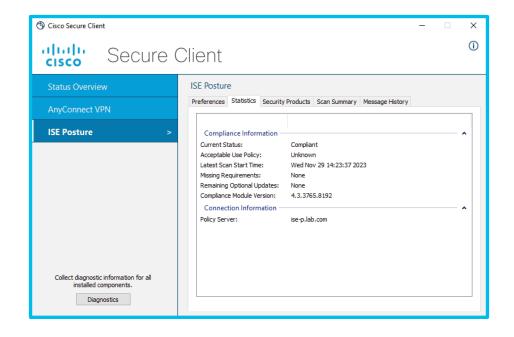






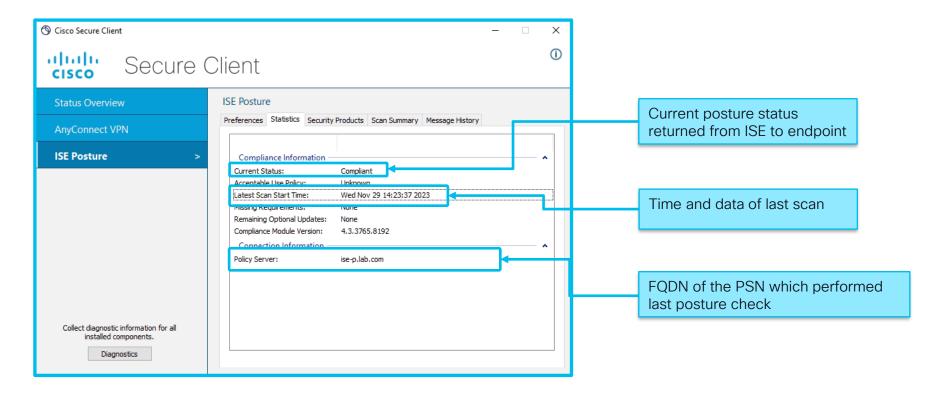
# System Scan Details





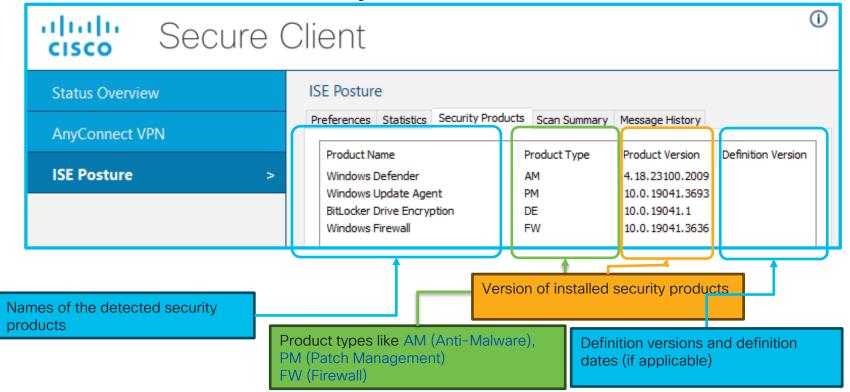


#### **ISE Posture - Details**



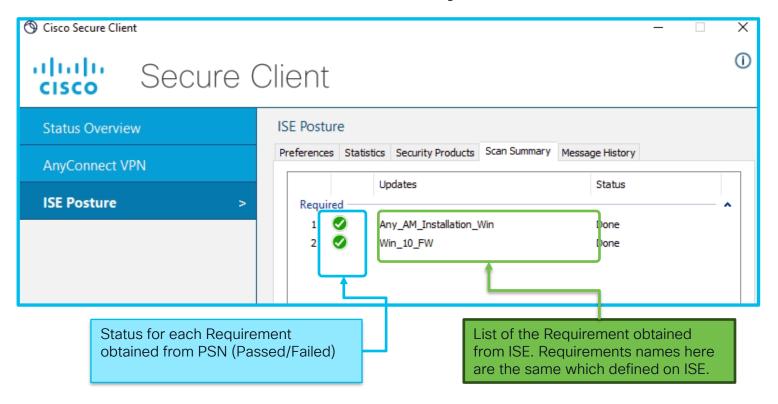


### ISE Posture - Security Products



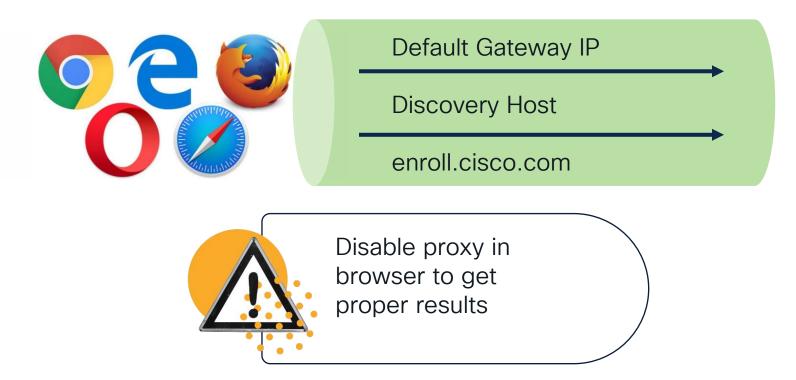


# ISE Posture - Scan Summary

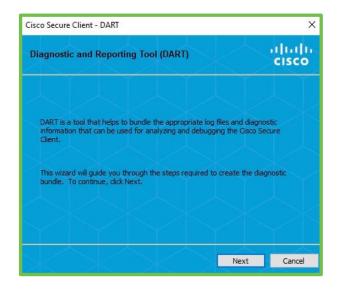


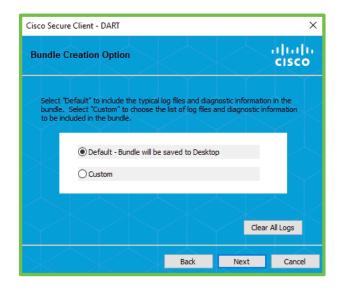


#### Browser



# Clearing Logs







### Packet Capture







#### http

For general redirect troubleshooting tcp.port==80 is more effective

#### DNS

In case if we know which FQDN we are looking for: dns.qry.name == "posture.demo.local"

#### IP address of PSNs

In unknown environment better to use CP portal port as a filet: tcp.port==8443





Packet Capture

**HTTP Discovery Host** 

HTTP Default GW

Enroll.cisco.com

Nslookup psn-1.cisco.com

http

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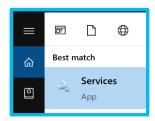


# How to get the right data

1. Start Wireshark



2. Manually restart ISE Posture service to trigger discovery host





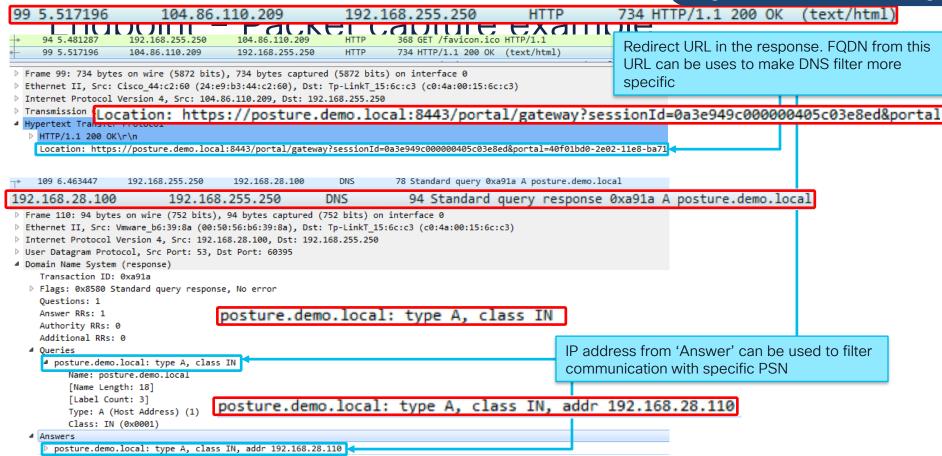
3. Make it easy and enable rescan button











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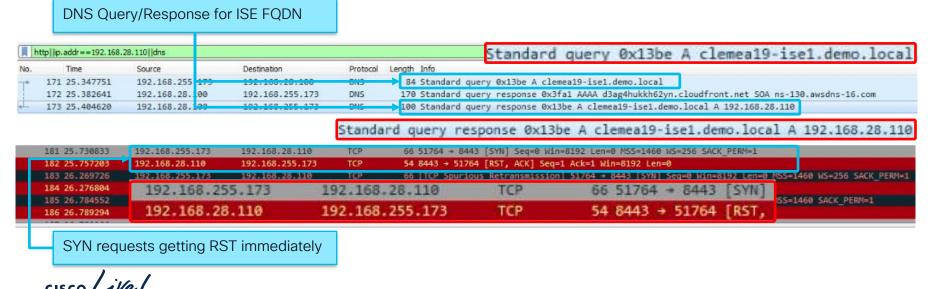
# Endpoint - Packet Capture

#### Agent Troubleshooting

By looking on URL in the browser we can confirm that redirection works in general

During investigation of packet capture we need to focus on:

- DNS requests for ISE FQDN Are we getting response or not?
- Connection attempts to the ISE IP over Client Provisioning Portal port



# Agent side troubleshooting – DART analysis

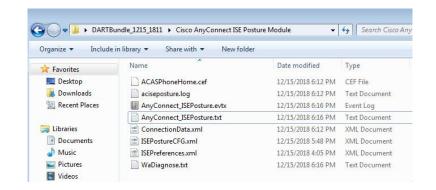
Main file to start - Secure Client\_ISEPosture.txt.

This file is located in Cisco Secure Client ISE Posture Module folder

This file contain all information related to discovery process.

#### Agent Troubleshooting







# Agent side troubleshootingDART analysis (continue)

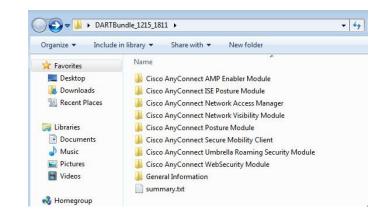
General Secure Client log file - Secure Client.txt

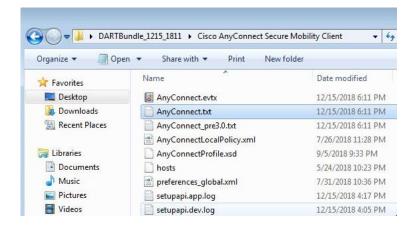
File is located in Cisco Secure Client Secure Mobility Client folder

Is extremely useful for troubleshooting:

- Any certificate related Error/Warnings seen during posture process,
- Any issues related to upgrade of Secure Client components,
- In Posture-over-VPN use case can be used as additional source of data – like when session has been initiated by the user, when banner has been accepted and so one,

#### Agent Troubleshooting





# Agent side troubleshootingDART analysis (continue)

Log location for MAC OS is not obvious

- before 4.6 DART > /DARTBundle\_0824\_1451/General Information/system.log
- 4.6, 4.7(?), 4.9(?) DART > /DARTBundle\_0824\_1451/General Information/log\_result.txt
- 4.9 again system.log
- files are quite huge and contain a lot of unneeded information



# Agent side troubleshooting - DART analysis

 Find Discovery Restart event closest to the issue timestamp (keywords 'Restarting Discovery', 'HTTP Discovery'),

Restart Discovery

```
Line 3575: 2018/12/15 17:48:08
                                         1251 Level: info Restarting Discovery.
Line 3840: 2018/12/15 17:48:59
                                         1251 Level: info Restarting Discovery.
Line 3991: 2018/12/15 17:50:24
                                         1251 Level: info Restarting Discovery.
                                <output
Line 4214: 2018/12/15 18:00:54
                                         1251 Level: info Restarting Discovery.
Line 4308: 2018/12/15 18:01:14
                               omitted>
                                         1251 Level: info
                                                           Restarting Discovery.
Line 4530: 2018/12/15 18:11:45
                                          1251 Level: info Restarting Discovery.
Line 4642: 2018/12/15 18:12:01
                                          1251 Level: info
                                                           Restarting Discovery
```

2. Highlight every stage 1 probe target (Keyword 'Probing no MNT stage targets'),

2024/01/16 02:05:15 [Information] csc\_iseagent Function: SwiftHttpRunner::collectNoMntTargets Thread Id: 0x1070 File: SwiftHttpRunner.cpp Line: 1400 Level: debug

Probing no MNT stage targets (#5): Redirection target 10.52.14.254, Redirection target fe80::5:73ff:fea0:e, Redirection target enroll.cisco.com,

Auth-Status target ise-p.lab.com with path /auth/status, Auth-Status target ise-s.lab.com with path /auth/status, .

3. Follow the logs to see result for each probe

2024/01/16 02:05:17 [Information] csc\_iseagent Function: Target::Probe Thread Id: 0x1140 File: Target.cpp

Line: 212 Level: debug Status of Redirection target 10.52.14.254 is 6 < Not Reachable. >.



## Agent side troubleshooting – DART analysis

Secure Client ISE posture module uses the following codes to display operation results:

- 0 UNKNOWN,
- 1 FOUND\_SERVER,
- 2 FOUND\_SERVER\_INVALID\_CERT,
- 3 UNAUTHORIZED\_HEADEND,
- 4 LEGACY\_HEADEND,
- 5 INVALID\_SERVER,
- 6 NOT\_REACHABLE,
- 7 GENERAL\_ERROR

In all modern Secure Client versions after every code description is printed as well in <>

## DART analysis

4. Find which PSN in the deployment replied to the agent

```
Target::fetchPostureStatus Thread Id: 0xBF0 File:
C:\temp\build\thehoff\Logan_MR30.436724056525\Logan_MR3\posture\ise\libnaccommon
\Target.cpp Line: 401 Level: debug POST request to URL (
https://ciscolive-ise2.demo.ldcal:8443/auth/ng-discovery), returned status 0
<Operation Success.>.
```

5. Make a note of the session ID from reply

```
SwiftHttpRunner::invokePosture Thread Id: 0x1340 File:
C:\temp\build\thehoff\Logan_MR30.436724056525\Logan_MR3\posture\ise\libswift\SwiftHttpRunner.cpp Line: 1407 Level: debug MSG NS SWISS NEW SESSION,
{{ise_fqdn="ciscolive-ise2.demo.local"}, {posture_port="8443"},
{posture_path="/auth/perfigo_validate.jsp"},
{posture_domain="posture_domain"}, {posture_status="Compliant"},
{session_id="0a3e949c000002585cf00588"},
```

## DART analysis

Table below contain list of important keywords which can be used during DART analysis

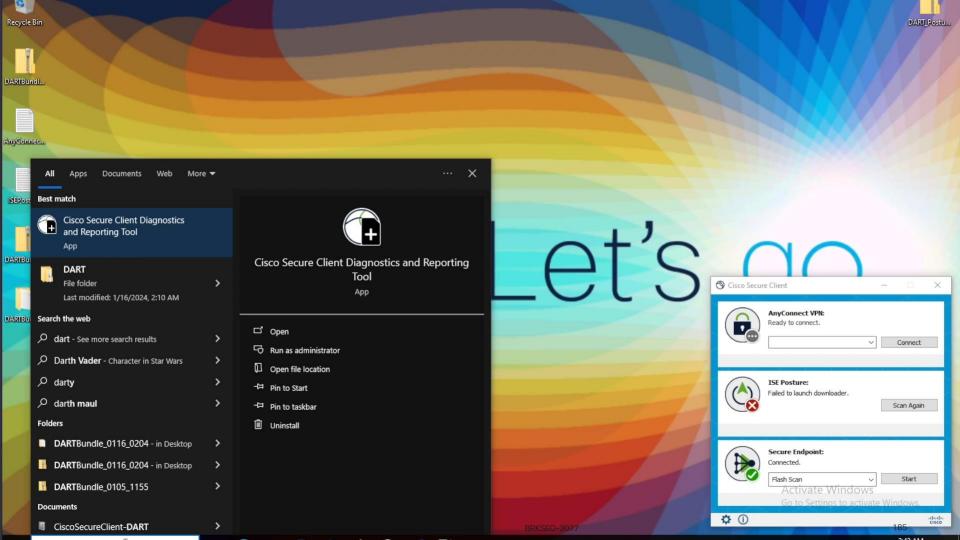
Keyword	Meaning						
Probing no MNT stage targets	Lists the stage 1 discovery targets						
MSG_NS_SWISS_NEW_SESSION	Indicates that PSN is found. This message has the FQDN, session id and the URL information						
MSG_SU_AVASLIST	Lists the softwares installed in the endpoint						
MAC List	Helps find the list of Mac						
IP List	Helps find the list of IP						
Perfigo-DM-Error=1010	Indicates posture status is pending						
Perfigo-DM-Error=0	Indicates posture status is Compliant						
Perfigo-DM-Error=5008	Indicates posture status is Non-Compliant						
Perfigo-DM-Error=5009	Indicates network is blocked						
Perfigo-DHCP-Release-Delay	DHCP release delay sent by PSN						
Perfigo-DHCP-Renew-Delay	DHCP renew delay sent by PSN						
Bypass posture	This message is seen when lease is enabled. This message can also be erroneously seen when stale session exist in PSN						



Demo - Learn on the example



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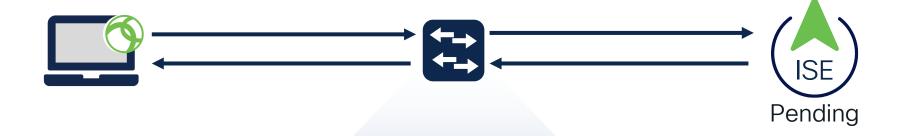
C:\Users\pc-1\Desktop\DARTBundle 0116 0204\Cisco Secure Client\ISE Posture\Logs\ISEPosture.txt - Notepad++ o × File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ? + ▼ × ConnectionData.xml 🗵 🔚 ISEPosture.txt 🗵 🗎 new 1 🗵 igData.cpp Line: 43 Level: info ISEPostureCFG.xml present. Using it for config. wiftHttpRunner.cpp Line: 895 Level: warn Discarding Ng-Discovery target ise-s.lab.com with path /auth/ng-discovery as it is already present. 163 wiftHttpRunner.cpp Line: 895 Level: warn Discarding Ng-Discovery target ise-p.lab.com with path /auth/ng-discovery as it is already present. 164 165 le: SwiftHttpRunner.cpp Line: 1483 Level: debug Probing MNT stage targets (#4): Ng-Discovery target ise-p.lab.com with path /auth/ng-discovery, Ng-I ile: SwiftHttpRunner.cpp Line: 1757 Level: debug Probing Mnt stage Ng-Discovery target ise-p.lab.com with path /auth/ng-discovery. 166 167 Connection.cpp Line: 330 Level: debug Url=https://ise-p.lab.com:8443/auth/ng-discovery. : 0x1070 File: DefaultGatewayRecordManager.cpp Line: 91 Level: info PSN found previously for gateway 10.52.14.254, so it won't take much time in dis 168 169 Connection.cpp Line: 332 Level: debug Encoded Url=https://ise-p.lab.com:8443/auth/ng-discovery. 070 File: SwiftHttpRunner.cpp Line: 580 Level: info Enabling next round timer. 171 Line: 552 Level: debug initialization done. nsport winhttp.c Line: 5987 Level: debug Connection to the server failed. 172 t.cpp Line: 472 Level: debug POST request to URL (https://ise-p.lab.com:8443/auth/ng-discovery), returned status -1 <Operation Failed.>, stage 2. 173 12 Level: debug Status of Ng-Discovery target ise-p.lab.com with path /auth/ng-discovery is 6 <Not Reachable.>. 174 ile: SwiftHttpRunner.cpp Line: 1757 Level: debug Probing Mnt stage Ng-Discovery target ise-s.lab.com with path /auth/ng-discovery. 175 176 Connection.cpp Line: 330 Level: debug Url=https://ise-s.lab.com:8443/auth/ng-discovery. Connection.cpp Line: 332 Level: debug Encoded Url=https://ise-s.lab.com:8443/auth/ng-discovery. 178 Line: 552 Level: debug initialization done. 179 nsport winhttp.c Line: 5987 Level: debug Connection to the server failed. t.cpp Line: 472 Level: debug POST request to URL (https://ise-s.lab.com:8443/auth/ng-discovery), returned status -1 <Operation Failed.>, stage 2. 12 Level: debug Status of Ng-Discovery target ise-s.lab.com with path /auth/ng-discovery is 6 <Not Reachable.>. 181 182 ile: SwiftHttpRunner.cpp Line: 1757 Level: debug Probing Mnt stage Ng-Discovery target ise-p.lab.com with path /auth/ng-discovery. 183 pConnection.cpp Line: 330 Level: debug Url=https://ise-p.lab.com:8905/auth/ng-discovery. 184 pConnection.cpp Line: 332 Level: debug Encoded Url=https://ise-p.lab.com:8905/auth/ng-discovery. c Line: 552 Level: debug initialization done. 186 .c Line: 430 Level: debug --- Http Response Headers ---. .c Line: 437 Level: debug HTTP-Version: 1.1. 188 .c Line: 437 Level: debug Status-Code: 200. 189 .c Line: 437 Level: debug Connection: keep-alive. 190 .c Line: 437 Level: debug Date: Tue, 16 Jan 2024 10:04:17 GMT. .c Line: 437 Level: debug Keep-Alive: timeout=20. 191 192 .c Line: 437 Level: debug Content-Length: 23. 193 .c Line: 437 Level: debug Server: server. .c Line: 437 Level: debug X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN. 194 195 .c Line: 437 Level: debug Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains. 196 .c Line: 437 Level: debug X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff. 197 .c Line: 437 Level: debug Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self'; script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' 'unsafe-eval'; style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inl .c Line: 437 Level: debug X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block. 198 199 .c Line: 437 Level: debug Accept-CH: Sec-CH-UA-Arch, Sec-CH-UA-Full-Version, Sec-CH-UA-Mobile, Sec-CH-UA-Model, Sec-CH-UA-Platform-Version, Sec-CH-UA-Full-Version, Sec-CH-UA-Mobile, Sec-CH-UA-Model, Sec-CH-UA-Full-Version, Sec-CH-UA-Full-Version, Sec-CH-UA-Mobile, Sec-CH-UA-Model, Sec-CH-UA-Full-Version, Sec-CH-UA-Fu <

Network Device Troubleshooting



#### NAD Troubleshooting

#### Cisco Switch



- Show access-session
- IP Device Tracking DB
- Redirect ACL



#### NAD Troubleshooting

#### Cisco Switch



```
KSEC-3850-1#sh authentication sessions interface g1/0/5 details
           Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/5
              IIF-ID: 0x184B6C6C
         MAC Address: 0050.56b6.0bc6
        IPv6 Address: fe80::6c97:5272:c80c:5ef7
                       2001:10::107
        IPv4 Address: Unknown
           User-Name: EXAMPLE\bob
              Status: Authorized
              Domain: DATA
       Oper host mode: multi-auth
     Oper control dir: both
      Session timeout: N/A
    Common Session ID: 0A3E946C000015073D01055F
      Acct Session ID: 0x000000b2
              Handle: 0xc10000a9
      Current Policy: POLICY_Gi1/0/5
Local Policies:
       Service Template: DEFAULT_LINKSEC_POLICY_SHOULD_SECURE (priority 150)
     Security Policy: Should Secure
Server Policies:
             ACS ACL: xACSACLx-IP-CPP-DACL-5f8592bd
     URL Redirect ACL: skuchere_redirect
        URL Redirect: https://skuchere-ise30-1.example.com:8443/portal/gateway?sessionId=0A3E946C000015073D01055F
```



### Cisco Switch - Access Session Details



```
DOT1X-SW-1#show access-session int
Nov 30 14:20:55.126: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/2, changed state to upgi0
Nov 30 14:20:56.126: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface GigabitEthernet0/2, changed state to up/2 det
            Interface: GigabitEthernet0/2
         MAC Address: d4c9.3c52.6f46
         IPv6 Address: Unknown
         IPv4 Address: 10.52.14.186
           User-Name: alice@lab.com
              Status: Authorized
              Domain: DATA
      Oper host mode: multi-auth
    Oper control dir: both
     Session timeout: N/A
      Restart timeout: N/A
Periodic Acct timeout: 172800s (local), Remaining: 172797s
    Common Session ID: 0A340E670000001405DDD4EF
      Acct Session ID: 0x0000000A
              Handle: 0x57000006
       Current Policy: DOT1X
Local Policies:
       Service Template: DEFAULT_LINKSEC_POLICY_SHOULD_SECURE (priority 150)
      Security Policy: Should Secure
      Security Status: Link Unsecure
Server Policies:
         URL Redirect: https://ise-p.lab.com:8443/portal/gateway?sessionId=0A340E670000001405DDD4EF&portal=d9276eb2-c440-42d6-8055-3d72ed4769ab&acti
da20d8ff2dcc0ad28
    URL Redirect ACL: POSTURE-REDIRECT
Method status list:
       Method
                       State
       dot1x
                       Authc Success
```



## Cisco Switch - Device Tracking



DOT1X-SW-1#show ip device tracking all Global IP Device Tracking for clients = Enabled Global IP Device Tracking Probe Count = 3 Global IP Device Tracking Probe Interval = 30 Global IP Device Tracking Probe Delay Interval = 0			
IP Address MAC Address Vlan Interface	Probe-Timeout	State	Source
10.52.14.186 d4c9.3c52.6f46 14 GigabitEthernet0/2 Total number interfaces enabled: 1 Enabled interfaces: Gi0/2	30	ACTIVE	ARP



#### Redirection - HTTP Server

Http server on the switch disabled by default and need to be enabled by typing:

(config)#ip http server

Often customers are against enabling http server since it may make switch vulnerable.

To keep only web redirect functionality and disable everything else we use:

(config)#ip http active-session-modules none



#### NAD Troubleshooting

## Cisco Switch (Proxy)



(config)#ip http port 8080 (config)#ip port-map http 8080







## NADs - Cisco switch (Troubleshooting)

 Status of session and ACLs assigned to interface

 Debugs for Radius, Dot1x, authentication, redirection

Check configuration

```
# show authentication [access] sessions interface <interface_ID> [details] # show ip access-list interface <interface_ID>
```

```
# debug radius
# debug dot1x all
# debug authentication all
# debug epm plugin redirect all
```

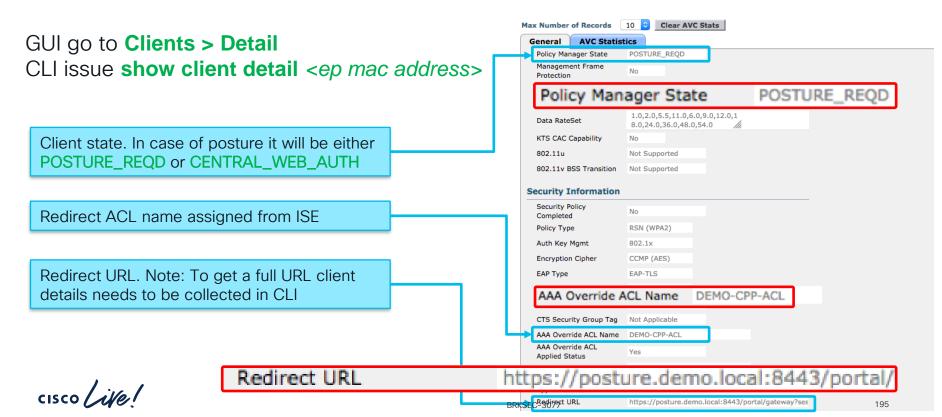
```
# show run | s aaa
# show run | s radius
# show run | s access-list
```

## NADs - Cisco WLC (intro)

#### NAD Troubleshooting

Since we don't support WLC from AAA side normally we should not be going deep into platform problems.

To review status of authentication session we need -



## NADs - Cisco WLC (continue)

#### NAD Troubleshooting

AAA Servers investigation -

GUI go to WLANs > <Choose your WLAN> > Security > AAA Servers
CLI issue show wlan <WLAN ID>, scroll to "Radius Servers" section

Investigate Order of Radius servers on WLAN. Ask yourself if those IPs are real IPs assigned to server or those are IPs of LB VIP

 Authentication Servers
 Accounting Servers

 ✓ Enabled
 ✓ Enabled

 IP:192.168.28.110, Port:1812
 ♀ IP:192.168.28.110, Port:1813

 IP:192.168.28.111, Port:1812
 ♀ IP:192.168.28.111, Port:1813

**Note:** There is no possibility to check from GUI which server is currently in use for authentication/accounting

```
      (Cisco Controller) >show wlan 3

      <output omitted>

      Radius Servers

      Authentication
      192.168.28.110 1812

      Authentication
      192.168.28.111 1812 *

      Accounting
      192.168.28.110 1813

      Accounting
      192.168.28.111 1813 *
```



## NADs - Cisco WLC (continue)

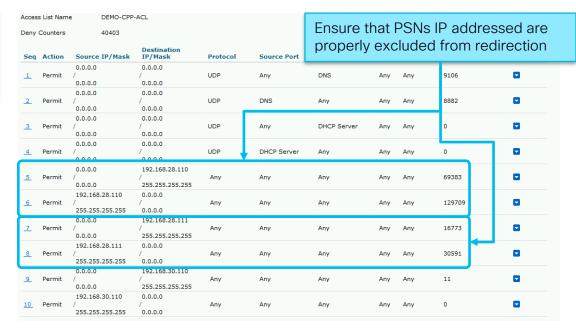
#### NAD Troubleshooting

Redirect ACL name can be taken from Client Details, as well make a note of ISE server IP addresses configured under WLAN

#### GUI go to SECURITY > Access Control Lists > Access Control Lists



		0.0.0.0	192.168.28.110
5	Permit	/	/
		0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255
		192.168.28.110	0.0.0.0
6	Permit	/	/
		255.255.255.255	0.0.0.0
		0.0.0.0	192.168.28.111
_7_	Permit	0.0.0.0 /	192.168.28.111 /
<u>7</u>	Permit	0.0.0.0 / 0.0.0.0	192.168.28.111 / 255.255.255.255
<u>7</u>	Permit	/	/
<u>7</u> —	Permit Permit	0.0.0.0	/ 255.255.255.255



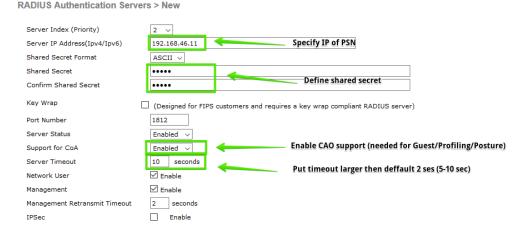


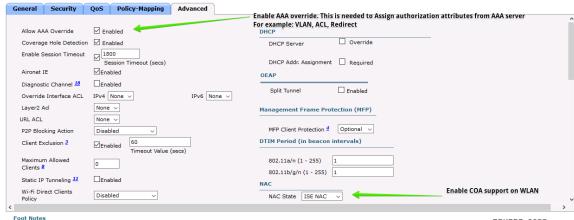
### NADs - Cisco WLC (continue)



#### NAD Troubleshooting

#### Basic config validation





## ASA/FTD

#### What is different





- 1. Not all traffic may go into tunnel (tunnel-all VS split-tunneling)
- 2. MAC OS has no default GW on VPN adapters (utunX)
- 3. ASA can push Secure Client posture resources to client (ISE posture module, ISE posture profile but not a compliance module)

### Cisco ASA/FTD - Resources

Ideally same AC version should be installed on both ASA/FTD and ISE





If ISE > ASA

It's possible to enable 'defer update' settings in ISE AC config but if user will press update accidently this will result in error







## NADs - Cisco ASA/FTD troubleshooting

Status of VPN client,

Debugs for Radius, COA and Redirection

- VPN related configuration
- 9. . . .

ASP drop capture/Capture on the interface where ISE is connected

```
# show vpn-sessiondb detail
Secure Client filter name
<username>
```

```
# debug radius all
# debug aaa url-redirect
```

```
# show run webvpn
# show run access-list
# show run tunnel-group
# show run aaa-server
# show run group-policy
```

```
# capture <NAME> type asp-drop
# capture <NAME> interface <int> <filter>
```



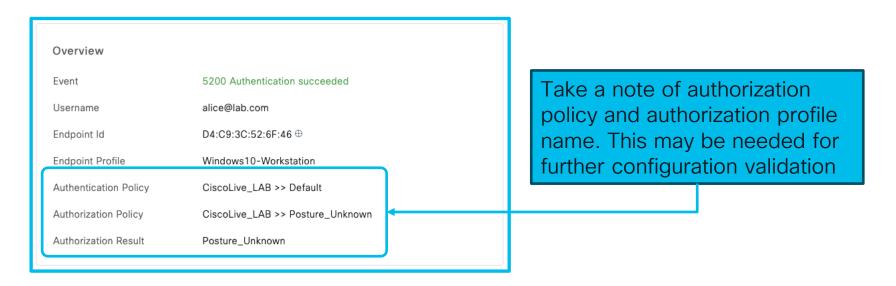
Detailed Authentication report is always a good starting point

#### Live Logs

Status	Details Repea Ide		Identity	Endpoint ID Endpoint Prof		Authentication Policy	Authorization Policy	Authorization Profiles	
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V	0		#ACSACL#-IP						
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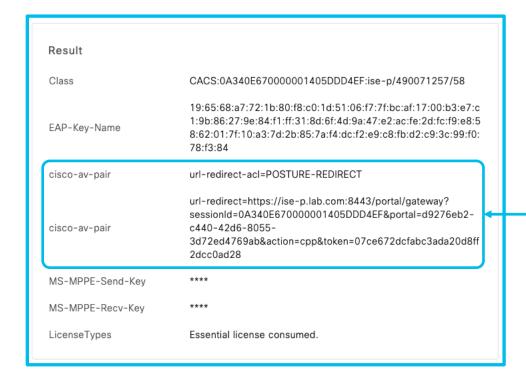


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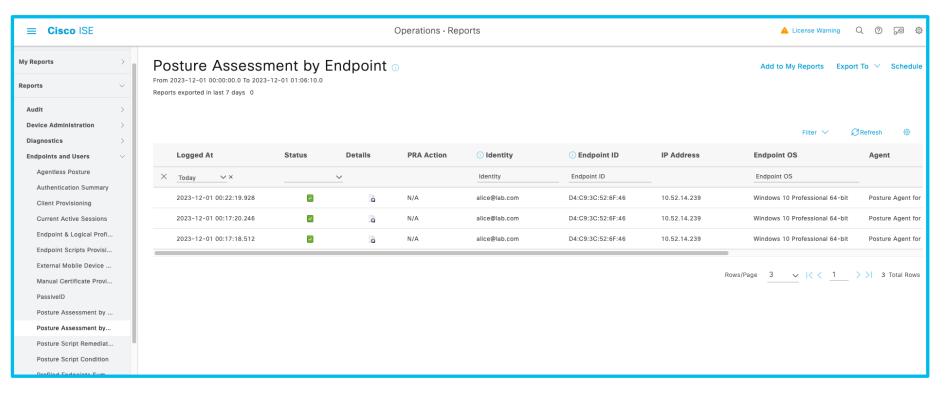


Redirect attributes returned to NAD



#### ISE Troubleshooting

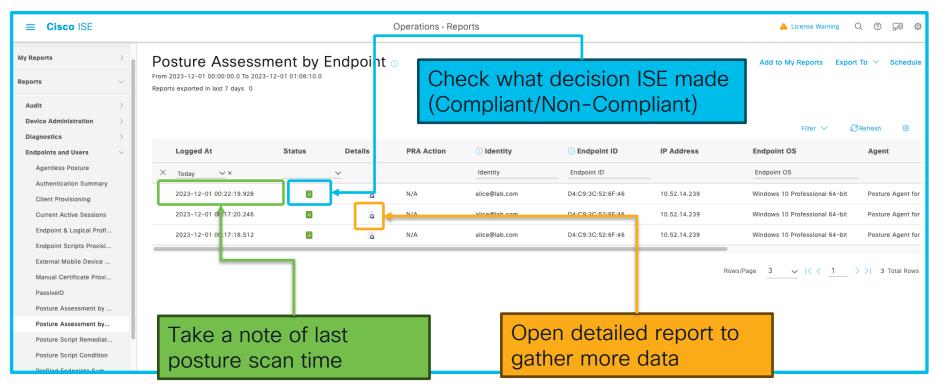
## Posture Assessment Report





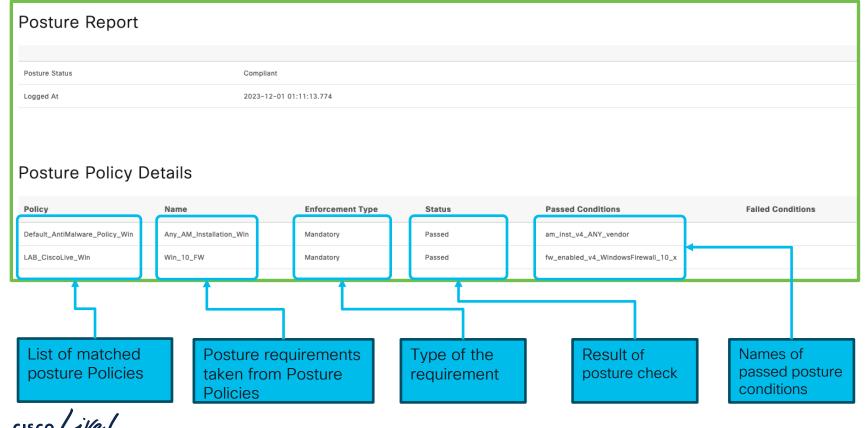
#### ISE Troubleshooting

## Posture Assessment Report





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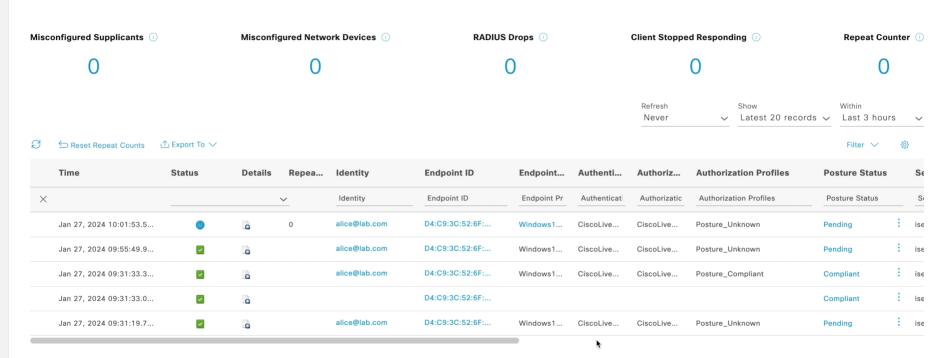
# Learn on Example





Live Logs

Live Sessions



Last Updated: Sat Jan 27 2024 14:04:27 GMT+0100 (Central European Standard Time)

Records Shown: 5

#### Learn on Example

#### Where we are

- Captures shows no communication over port 8443
- Packets are not crossing the switch
- Pending state on ISE, no posture Reports received





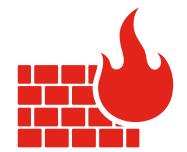
## Third party Firewall

Local team added on Secure Endpoint more restrictive rules due to a missing fix on a specifiv CVE.

This was breaking the communications over port 8443 to ISE



TCP.PORT 8443







# Learn on Example #2



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## Agentless: Common issues #1



2022-10-01 06:56:47,609 INFO [pool-233-thread-7][] cisco.cpm.posture.events.PostureMessagesConsumer -:::- Received on queue=SCRIPT-UPLOAD-FAILED, sessionId=25276A0A0000105BE2F00935, endpointIP=10.106.39.38, mac=B4-96-91-22-A9-48, os=WINDOWS, failureReason=null



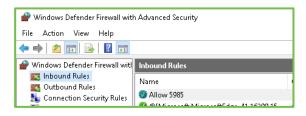
## Agentless: Common issues #1



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2360	2828-18-85 12:33:45.829465	10.127.197.83	10.106.39.38	TCP	74			59027	59027 → 5985	[SYN]	Seq=0 V
2454	2809-18-81 12-33-96-8313W	10.127.197.83	10.106.39.38	TCP	74			59039	59039 → 5985	[SYN]	Seq=0 V
2477	STREET, STREET, SQUARE, SQUARE,	10.127.197.83	10.106.39.38	TCP	74			59039	[TCP Retransm:	issior	59039
2534	2626-18-61 12-31-47-832189	10.127.197.83	10.106.39.38	TCP	74			59041	59041 → 5985	[SYN]	Seq=0 V
2684	2629-18-45 12-23-58-823958	10.127.197.83	10.106.39.38	TCP	74			59059	59059 → 5985	[SYN]	Seq=0 V
2684	2626-26-40 32-33-36-633938	10.127.197.83	10.106.39.38	TCP	74			59059	59059 → 5985	[SYN	1









## Agentless: common issues #2



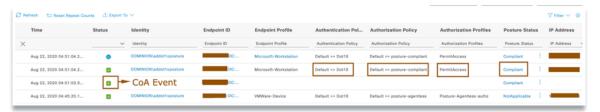




### Agentless: Common issues #2

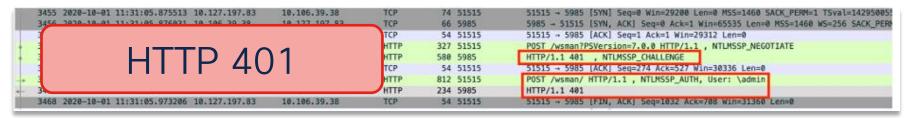
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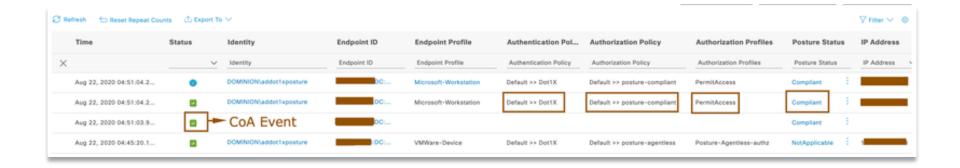






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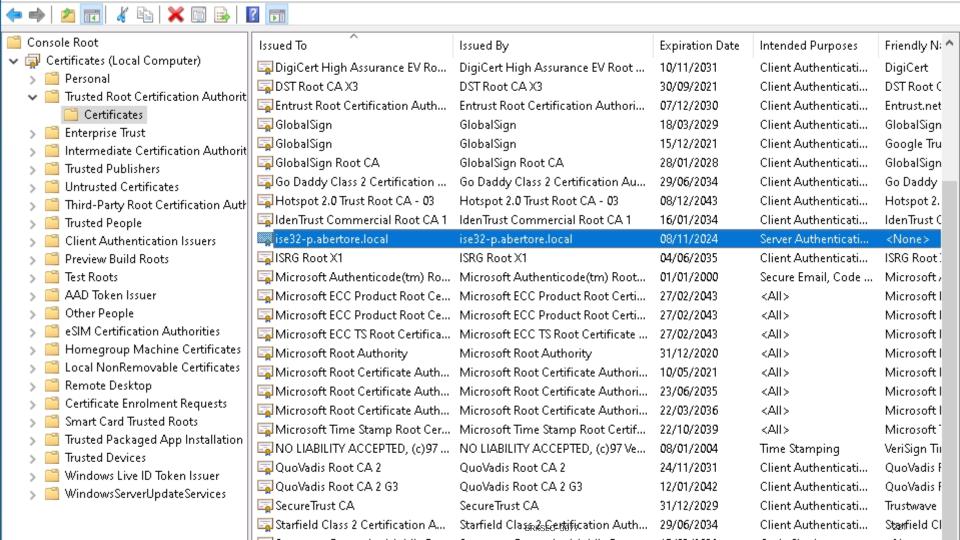




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```
<AnyConnectLocalPolicy xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/encoding/" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-</pre>
     <BypassDownloader>false
     <TrustedISECertFingerprints>
     <fingerprint>
     <algorithm>SHA-256</algorithm>
     <hash>CD:25:B2:84:F6:CD:B3:59:3A:F6:B0:B3:1F:CD:70:05:C5:C5:63:93:5A:27:1C:38:C4:44:78:CF:A8:58:92:F70
     </fingerprint>
     </TrustedISECertFingerprints>
     <EnableCRLCheck>false
10
11
     <ExcludeFirefoxNSSCertStore>false</ExcludeFirefoxNSSCertStore>
12
     <ExcludeMacNativeCertStore>false</ExcludeMacNativeCertStore>
13
     <ExcludePemFileCertStore>false/ExcludePemFileCertStore>
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     <ExcludeWinNativeCertStore>false</ExcludeWinNativeCertStore>
15
     <FipsMode>false</FipsMode>
     <RestrictHelpWebDeploy>false</RestrictHelpWebDeploy>
16
     <RestrictLocalizationWebDeploy>false</RestrictLocalizationWebDeploy>
17
     <RestrictPreferenceCaching>false</RestrictPreferenceCaching>
19
     <RestrictResourceWebDeploy>false</RestrictResourceWebDeploy>
20
     <RestrictScriptWebDeploy>false</RestrictScriptWebDeploy>
21
     <RestrictServerCertStore>false</RestrictServerCertStore>
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22
23
     <RestrictWebLaunch>false</RestrictWebLaunch>
     <StrictCertificateTrust>false</StrictCertificateTrust>
24
     <UpdatePolicy>
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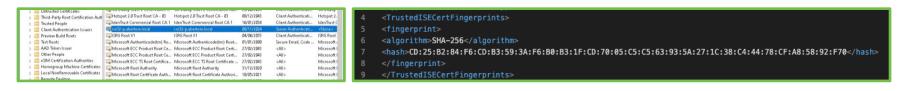
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

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#### 2. Check script failure report



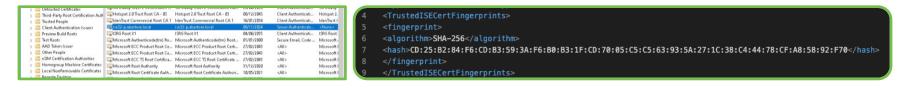


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Condition Script was executed, and the script exited with failure code 1



#### 1. Prerequisites check



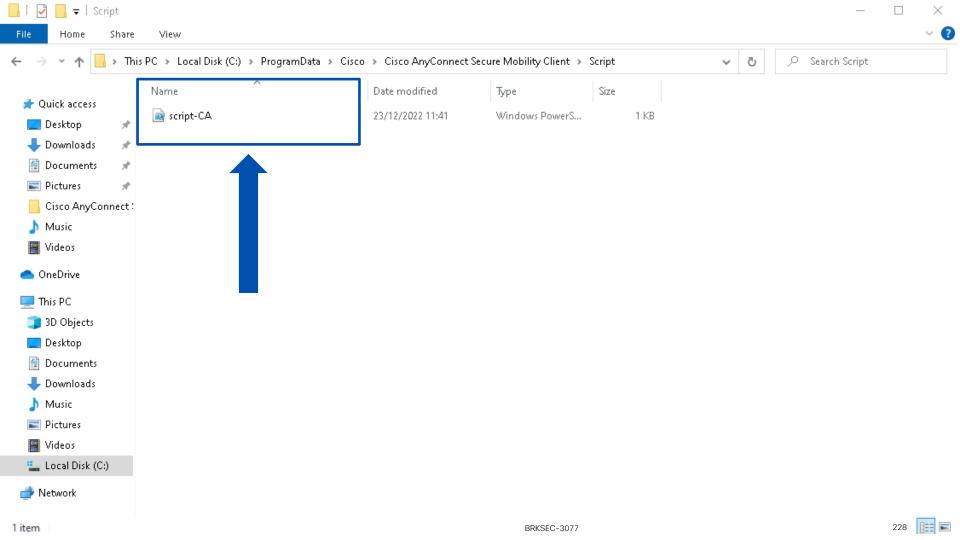
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#### 3. Check if the script is downloaded correctly







#### 1. Prerequisites check



#### 2. Check script failure report



#### 3. Check if the script is downloaded correctly





4. Manually run the script on the endpoint

```
PS C:\Users\bob\Desktop> powershell .\script.ps1
.\script.ps1 : File C:\Users\bob\Desktop\script.ps1 cannot be loaded because running scripts is disabled on this system. For more LinkID=135170.
At line:1 char:1 + .\script.ps1 + CategoryInf + CategoryInf + FullyQualifiedErrorId : UnauthorizedAccess
```



Running script is disabled on this system

Windows PowerShell execution policy:

O Bypass (i) AllSigned (i) None (i)

```
PS C:\Users\bob\Desktop> powershell -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -File .\script.ps1
Check passed: File existPS C:\Users\bob\Desktop> powershell -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -File .\script.ps1
Check passed: File exist
```

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4. Manually run the script on the endpoint



- 5. Make sure exit code is correct
- 6. Results





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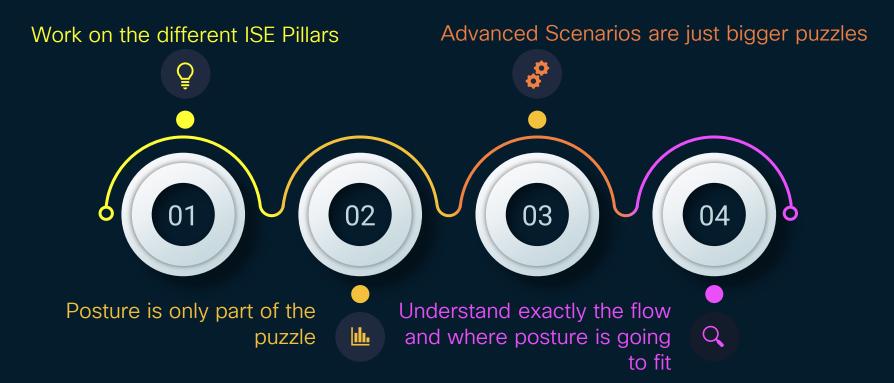


Wrap up time





## Key Takeaways Posture Deployment





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