Investment Protection with Catalyst 9000 Series Switches and Wireless

A Competitive Edge

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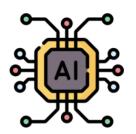
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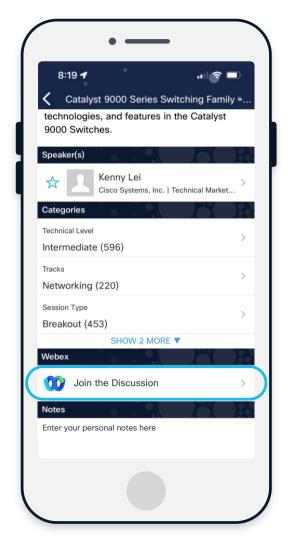
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- 02 Longer Product Lifecyle
- 03 Resilient Campus
- 04 End-to-End Security
- 05 Energy Efficiency
- 06 Operational Simplicity



Introductory

Not a technical deep-dive

Accessible to all levels

Typical Campus Architecture

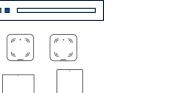


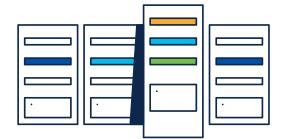




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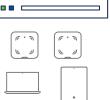


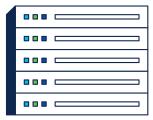






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Wired and Wireless Endpoints







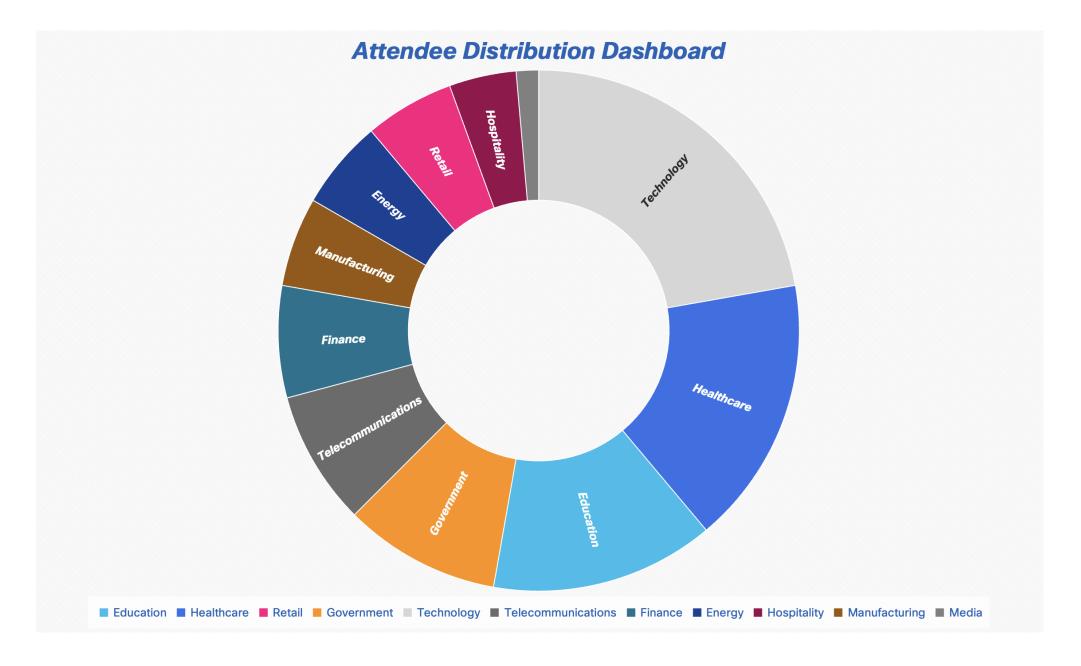








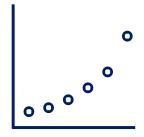






"I want to modernize the infrastructure while maintaining my investment"

Investment Protection Pillars



Longer Lifecycle



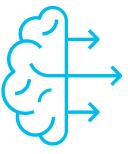
Resilient Campus



Secure



Energy Efficient



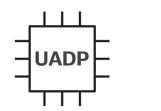
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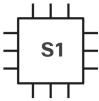
Longer Product Lifecycle

The crucial role of ASIC

Custom Silicon







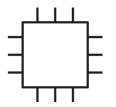
Cisco Unified Access Data Plane (UADP)

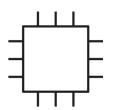
- Cisco's home grown UADP ASIC
- Fundamental in driving multiple Enterprise switching products and been industry proven with success of Catalyst 9000 Series platforms

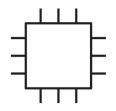
Cisco Silicon One (S1)

- First network silicon to break the 10-Tbps barrier
- Comprehensive routing, with switching efficiency
- Flexible P4 NPL programmable packet processing

Merchant Silicon







Merchant Silicon:

- Competitors rely on merchant silicon with disparate operational models, CLI and troubleshooting
- Campus switches with common family of merchant silicon across competitors – No additional differentiation

How silicon ties in with investment protection?

Investment Protection: No rip-and-replace required with Catalyst switches (>14 Years Lifecycle) 11 111 11 Catalyst 3850 started supporting Cisco launches 3850 Catalyst 3850 MACSec functionality with just a **End of Support** Series switches software upgrade Oct 2025 Jun 2017 Jan 2013 Jun 2019 Dec 2021 Competitior-X launched New switch hardware Competitor-X introduced with minimal updates Less than 3 years difference for refresh to add MACsec functionality!

Longer Product Lifecycle with fixed platforms

Investment Protection: No rip-and-replace required with Catalyst switches Power >30 Wi-Fi 7 APs or IoT with 90W PoE] .1 1.1 1. **Procured C9300X for** CISCO Customer decides to campus access deployment upgrade architecture to high density Wi-Fi 7 (Optional) [Powering 48 x 60W Upgrade PS if needed deployment moving 2025 Wi-Fi APs] 2022 June 2025 [Can only power 36 x [Power >30 Wi-Fi 7 APs or 60W Wi-Fi APs 1 IoT with 90W PoE Procure new Competitor-Y SKUs with only **Procured Competitor-Y for** difference of higher watt power supplies (no other campus access deployment difference in terms of speeds, feeds, features, etc.) Rip-and-replace infrastructure in 3 years!!!

Longer Product Lifecycle with fixed platforms

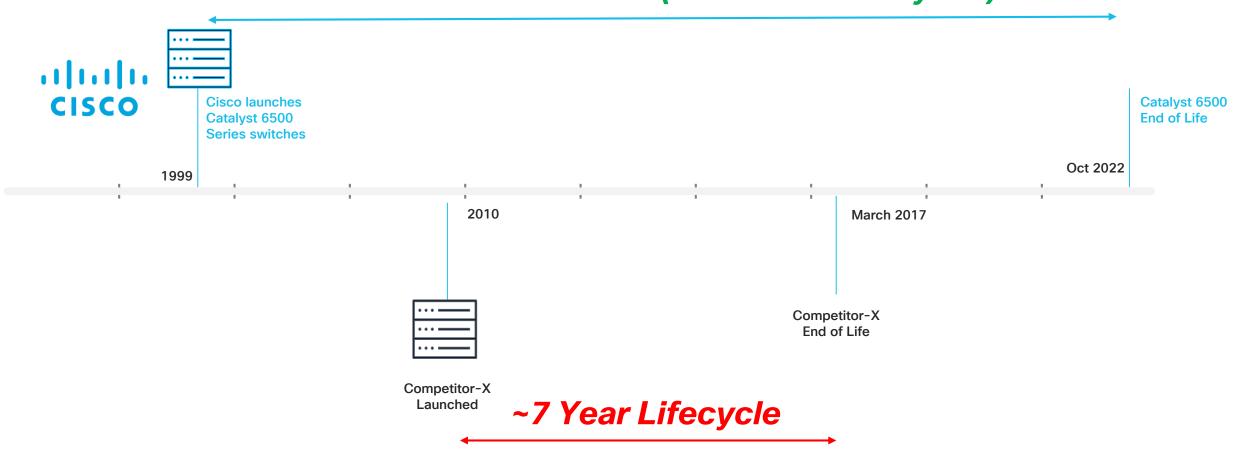
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Investment Protection with architectures

Investment Protection: No rip-and-replace required with Catalyst switches for architecture upgrades Catalyst 9300 supports EVPN VXLAN or LISP VXLAN including Scalable Group Tag (SGT) with software 11 111 11 upgrade **Procured** Catalyst 9300 Customer decides to upgrade architecture from Traditional 3tier to a fabric solution 2017 2017 2025 Procure new Competitor-Y product **Procured** switches to support EVPN VXLAN and Group-Based Policy (GBP) capabilities Competitor-Y product Rip-and-replace Competitor-Y platforms

Longer Product Lifecycle with modular platforms





Architectural Flexibility with Cisco 9000 Series

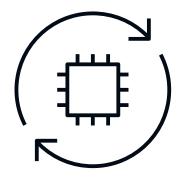


Architecture	Why?	
Collapsed Core (STP/MLAG/SVL)	To support traditional architecture	
Layer 3 Core	To support high port density, BW	
Layer 3 Core + Edge	To support edge services, complex HQoS, OGACL,VPN, etc.	
LISP/VXLAN	To support campus optimized fabric for mobility and unified wired/wireless segmentation	
Fabric-in-a-box	To support mini sites with unified fabric and wireless functionalities	
Native TrustSec	To support microsegmentation without implementing fabric deployment	
EVPN VXLAN	To support common fabric from DC to campus	
MPLS	MPLS To support MPLS based deployments	
Customizable ACL Templates	To carve TCAM resources as per customer requirements	

Catalyst 9000 Switches supports most flexible architectures in the industry

Key Cisco Advantages:

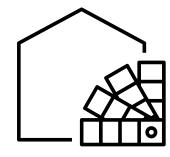
Investment Protection



Power of custom ASICs for best in-class hardware



Investment protection with industry-leading longer lifecycle



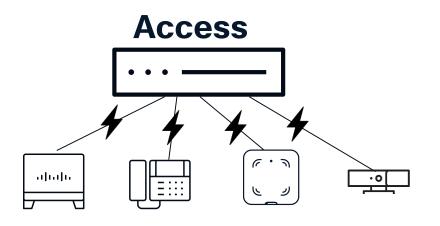
Only vendor to provide architectural flexibility catering all types of deployments

High Availability

Cisco 2-event classification vs. Competition

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- No need to wait for any CDP/LLDP packet exchange
- Physical layer negotiation (< 1 second)



PoE Endpoints

Competition

- Wait for any CDP/LLDP packet exchange
- 5-8 seconds based on protocol



Cisco 5-8X faster in negotiating power with PoE endpoints

2-event classification Configuration

This example shows how you can configure **2-event classification**:

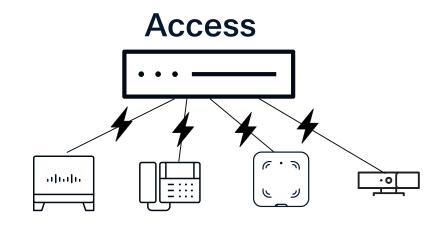
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet2/0/1
Device(config-if)# power inline port 2-event
Device(config-if)# end

Introduced: Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.5.1a

Cisco Fast PoE vs. Competition

cisco

- Bypasses Cisco IOS® control plane boot
- Restores power to Powered Device (PD) within 15-20 seconds of power resumption



PoE Endpoints

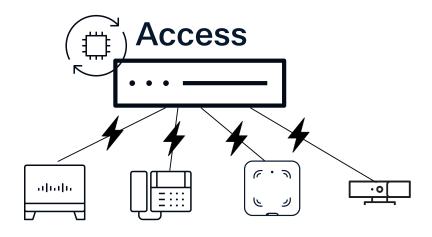
Competition

 Competitors followed Cisco capability and support it in the latest models of switches

Cisco Perpetual PoE vs. Competition



- Uninterrupted PoE power during control plane reboot
- Zero downtime*



PoE Endpoints

Competition

- Competition does not support Continuous PoE during Stateful Switch over (SSO)
- Minutes of downtime in such scenarios



Cisco provides uninterrupted PoE (zero downtime) during control plane reboot

Fast & Perpetual PoE Configuration

This example shows how you can configure **perpetual PoE** on the switch.

Device# configure terminal

Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet2/0/1

Device(config-if)# power inline port perpetual-poe-ha

This example shows how you can configure **fast PoE** on the switch.

Device# configure terminal

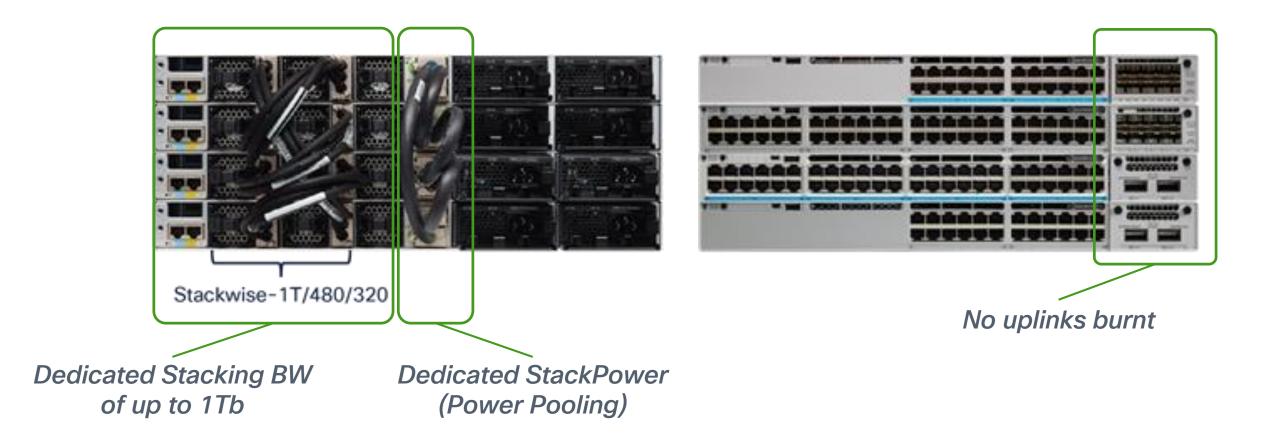
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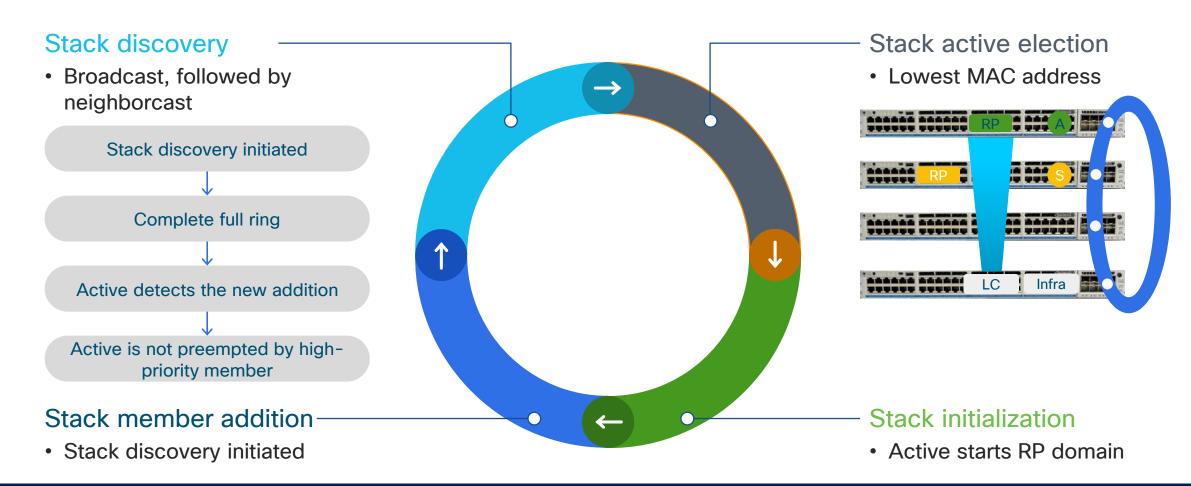
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Cisco StackWise for campus access switching



Cisco provides 100% uplink, 100% PoE availability and dedicated stack bandwidth for efficiency

Cisco StackWise: Automated Stack deployment



Cisco provides automated stack deployment that reduces OpEx significantly

High Availability at Access: Why is it important?

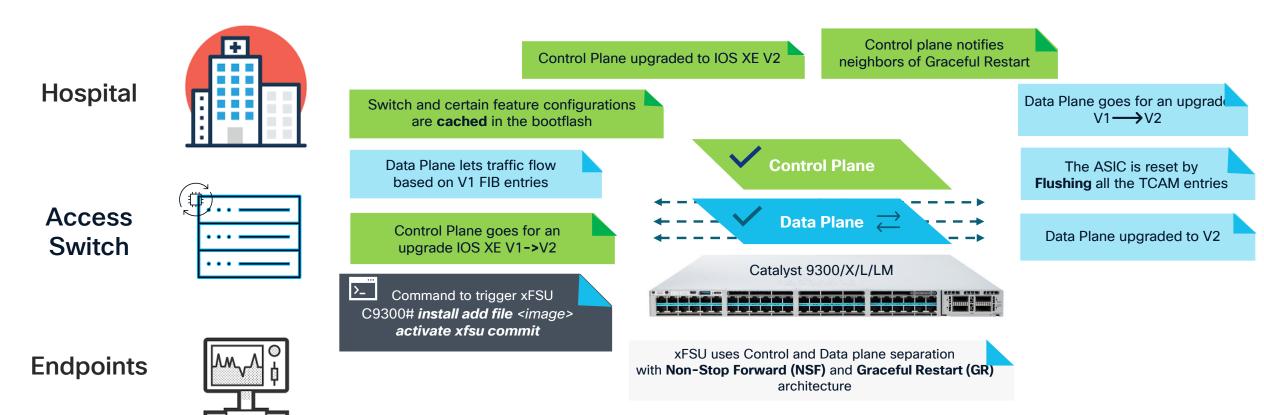
Hospital Access **Switch Endpoints**

Continuously sending traffic to central monitoring station

- Minimal traffic disruption expected while upgrading

Extended Fast Software Upgrade (xFSU)

For Catalyst 9300 Series Switches in both standalone and stack



Extended Fast Software (xFSU) on C9300

~5 sec traffic downtime - Standalone or Stack upgrade

xFSU Configuration on Catalyst 9300

Upgrading Switch with Software Upgrade

Device# install add file flash:cat9k_iosxe.V178_1A_FC2_2.SSA.bin activate xfsu commit

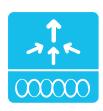
Reloading Software on a Switch

Device# reload fast

Introduced: IOS-XE 17.3.2 (~30 sec) | 17.5.2 (~5 sec)

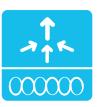
Wireless Controller High Availability during unplanned event

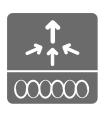
Standalone



Depending on the failure 10s of minutes for clients and APs

N+1

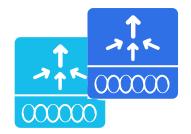




Noticeable outage for AP and client. Typically, ~60 sec

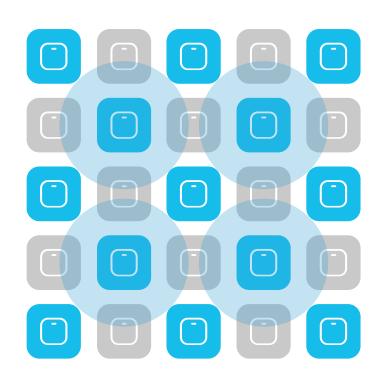






Sub-seconds downtime

High Availability during software upgrade: Rolling AP Upgrade



How does it work?

- Group APs into multiple groups and upgrade one group at a time.
- Grouping is done based on RF neighbors
- Admin user can control the impact and determines the number of iterations taken and the Rolling Upgrade time
- Candidate AP selection
 - With N = 4: If the AP in blue is selected and 4 of its best neighbours marked unavailable for selection. The resultant selection will be about P = 50% of APs
 - For P = 25%, N = 6, expected iterations all ap upgrade ~ 5 > ~1h
 - For P = 15%, N = 12, expected iterations all ap upgrade ~ 12 > ~2h
 - For P = 5%, N= 24, expected iterations all ap upgrade ~ 22 > ~4h
 - APs reload and re-join (AP image pre-download is used) determines the Rolling AP Upgrade time

High Availability Reducing downtime for Upgrades and Unplanned Events

Unplanned Events
Device and network interruptions

SSO Stateful Switchover

N+1 High Availability LACP/PAGP w/ SSO

Multichassis LAG AP Link Redundancy w/ C9136

Controller Software Update
Software Maintenance updates (SMU)

Hot Patch (No Wireless Controller reboot) Auto Install on Standby Cold Patch HA install on SSO Pair

Access Point Updates
AP Updates and new AP models

Rolling AP Update (No Wireless Controller Reboot)

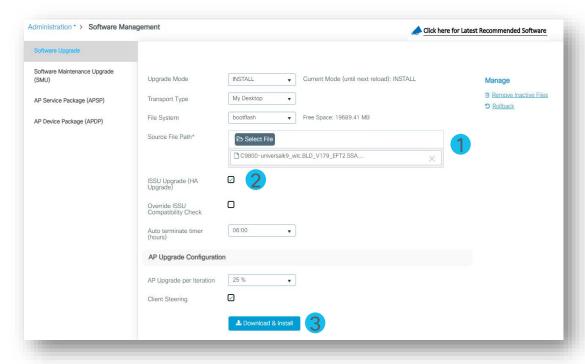
AP Device Pack New AP Model Flexible Per-Site, Per-Model Updates

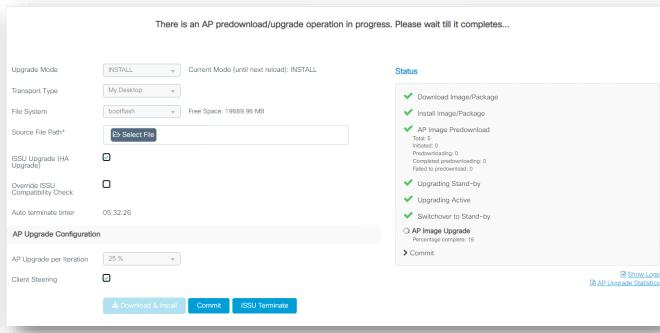
Software Image Upgrades
Wireless controller image upgrades

N+1 Hitless Rolling AP Upgrade (All Sites or Site Based)

In Service Software Upgrade (ISSU)

Easy ISSU upgrade with Wireless Controller WebUl





- 1. Select the image you want to upgrade to
- Enable ISSU and select % for Rolling AP upgrade
- Click Download and Install

Any time you can click on the Show Logs to see what's going on...

Key Cisco Advantages:

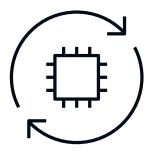
Resilient Campus Technologies



Cisco is 5-8x faster in negotiating power



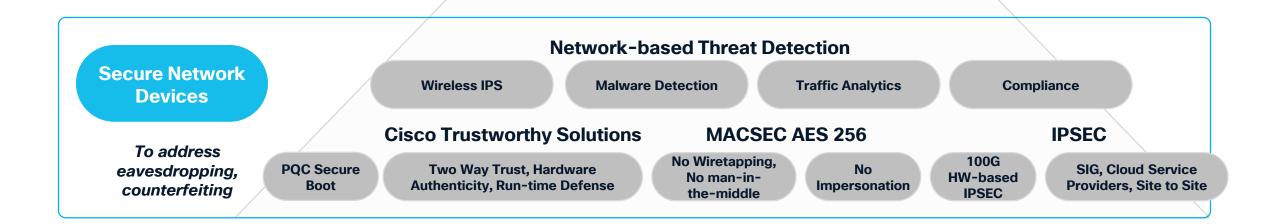
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for efficiency



Cisco xFSU and hitless AP upgrades provide very minimal downtime

End-to-End Security CISCO Live

End-to-end security with Catalyst 9000



Trustworthy Technologies for Enterprise Networking



Post Quantum Compliant (PQC) Secure Boot

Helps verify that code is authentic and unmodified. Anchors the microloader in immutable hardware, establishing a root of trust and preventing Cisco devices from executing tainted software.

Trust Anchor Module (TAm)

A Tamper-resistant chip featuring nonvolatile secure storage, SUDI, and crypto services including RNG, key store, and crypto engine.

Hardware Authenticity Check

Uses a X.509 SUDI certificate to verify hardware authenticity. Runs only after the secure boot process has completed and software has been verified to be trusted.

SUDI for Cisco Plug & Play

The Secure Unique Identifier (SUDI) is an X.509 certificate that provides factory-installed device identity. Prevents spoofing and MITM attacks. Enables remote on-boarding of devices.

Image Signing

Creates a unique digital signature for a block of code. Signed images may be checked at runtime to verify that software has not been modified.

Boot Integrity Visibility

Allows platform identity and software integrity information to be visible and actionable. Admins can verify whether the platform has booted with trusted code.

Runtime Defenses

Built-in operating system features that protect against malware being injected into running code.

Modern

Cryptography

Provides secure, up-to-date

remains confidential.

encryption so that encrypted data

communications in-transit and at-rest

A repeatable, measurable process designed to reduce vulnerabilities and enhance the security and resilience of Cisco solutions.

Secure Development Lifecycle (SDL)

Simplified Factory

Reset One command to reset the device to

factory-original settings to protect

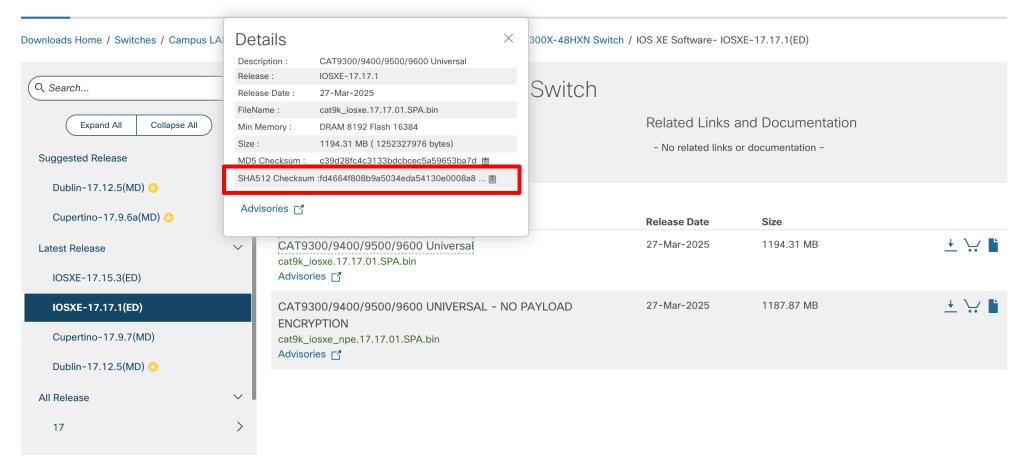
is out of direct control.

sensitive corporate data when device

Supported across ALL the Catalyst 9000 series switches

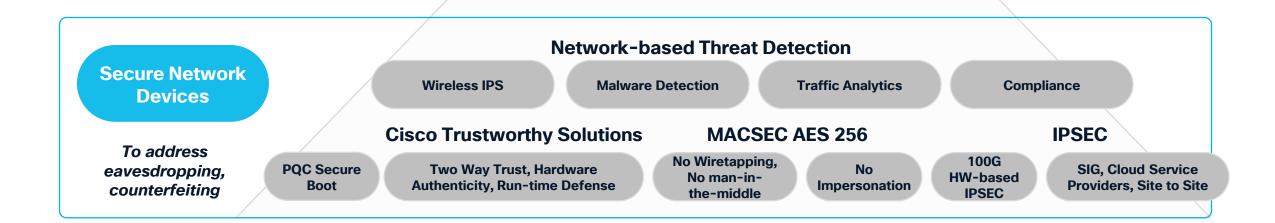
Post Quantum (PQ) Secure Hashes

Software Download



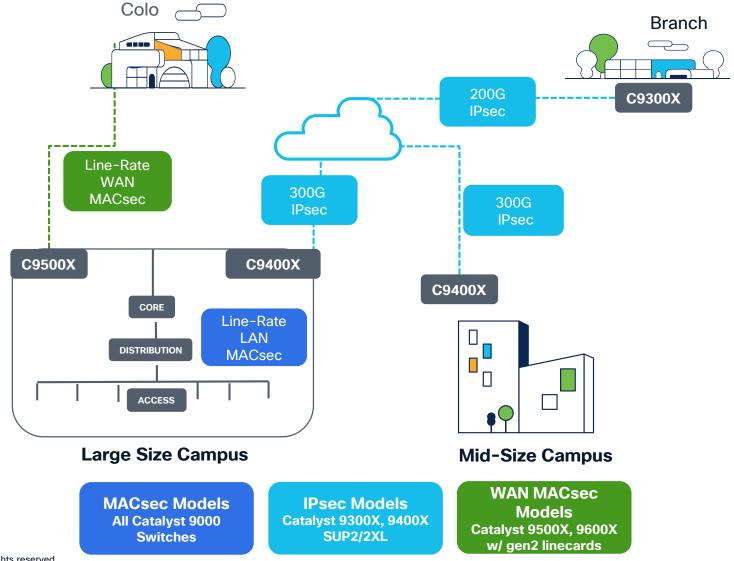
For more details on PQ Trust Anchor, read the whitepaper: https://www.cisco.com/c/dam/en_us/about/doing_business/trust-center/docs/post-quantum-trust-anchors-wp.pdf

End-to-end security with Catalyst 9000

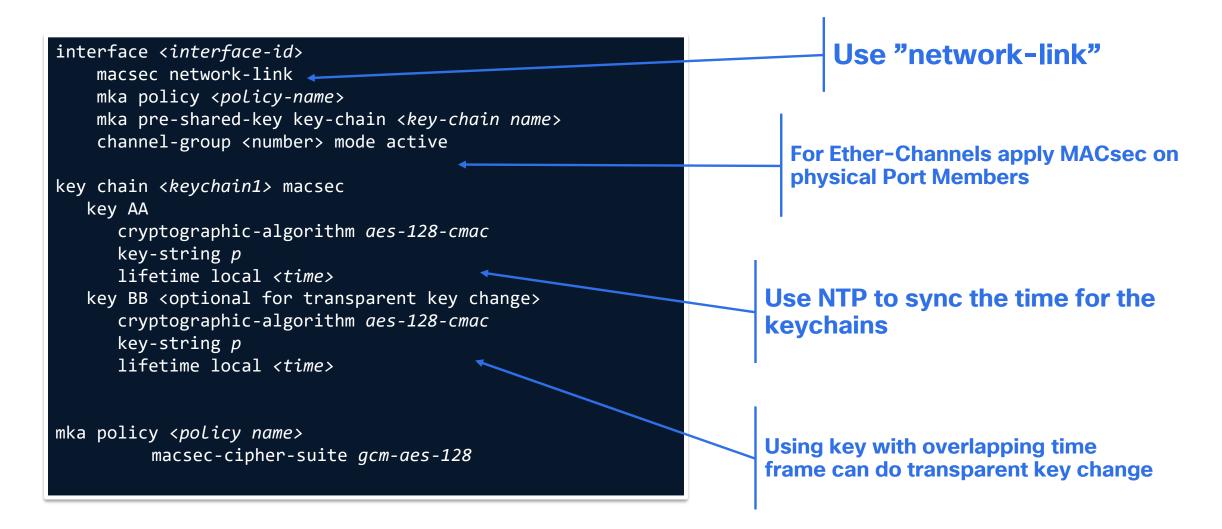


Catalyst 9000 Secure Hybrid Connectivity

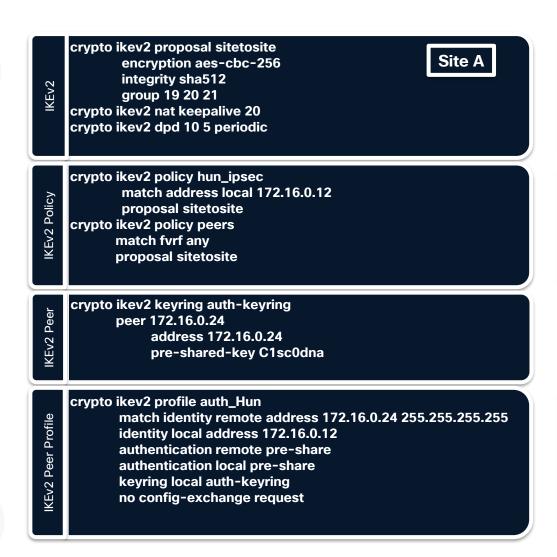
MACsec, WAN-MACsec and IPsec Encryption



Example Config: Switch to Switch Pre-Shared Key MKA



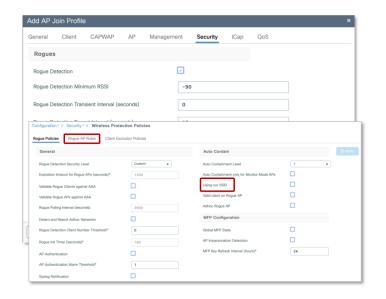
Example Config: IPSec Site to Site / Point to Point with PSK

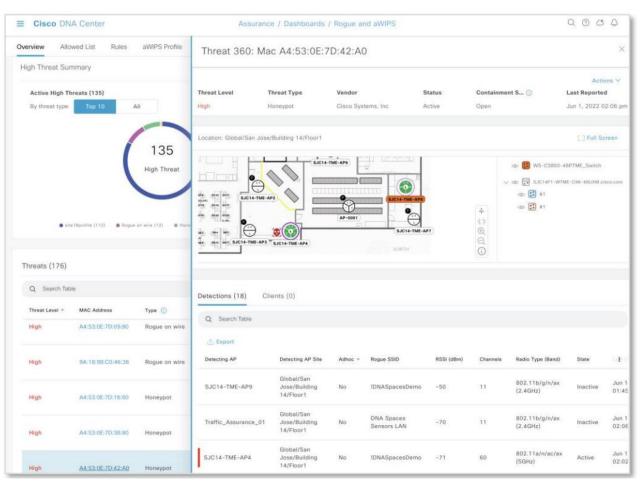




Robust Wireless Security

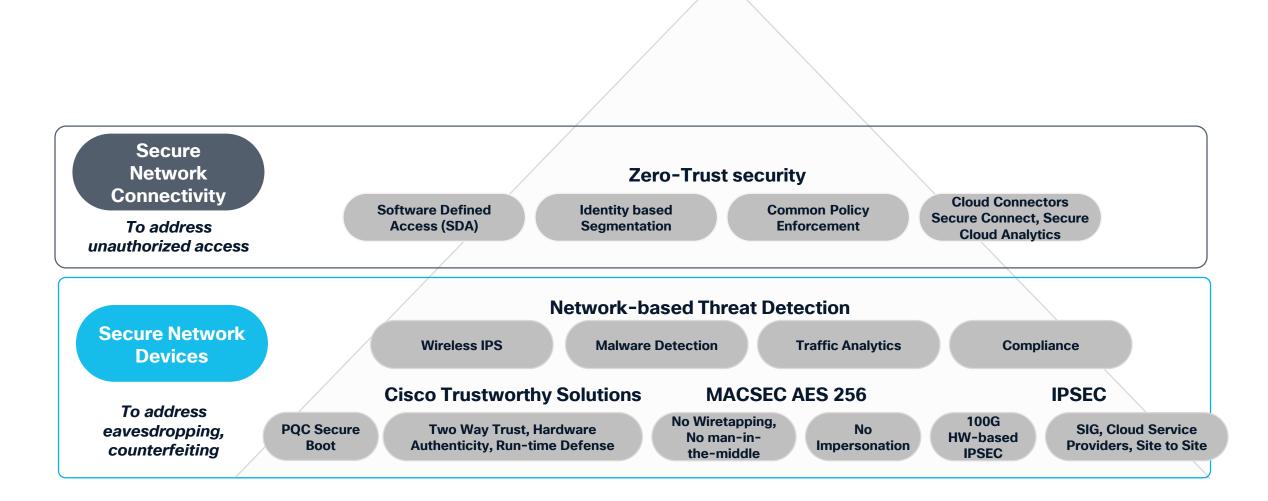
- Dedicated auxiliary radio CleanAir Pro
- Rogue detection and classification
- Rogue location and mitigation
- Event correlation
- Security compliance reporting
- Wireless threat detection
- Forensic capture







End-to-end security with Catalyst 9000



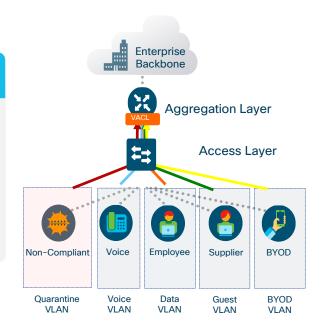
Enforce Trust-Based Access

Group-Based Policy logically segments the network

Traditional Segmentation

Traditional Policy

- VLAN and IP address-based
- Create IP-based ACLs for access policy
- Deal with policy violations and errors manually

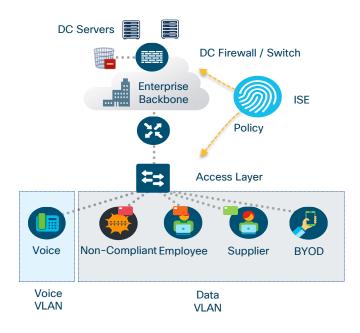


Security policy based on topology = High cost & complex maintenance

TrustSec/Scalable Group Tag (SGT)

SGT Policy

- No VLAN or subnet dependency for segmentation and access control
- Define one consistent policy
- · Policy follows identity
- Employee Tag
- Supplier Tag
- Non-Compliant Tag



Use existing topology & automate security policy to reduce OpEx

Implementing the foundation of Zero Trust simplified with Cisco

End-to-end security with Catalyst 9000

Secure
Users, Clients,
Applications
To address
malicious actors

Security Analytics and XDR

Zero-Trust security

Network-based Threat Detection

Al Endpoint and Trust Analytics

Threat Response

Secure Network Connectivity

To address unauthorized access

Software Defined Access (SDA)

Identity based Segmentation

Common Policy Enforcement Cloud Connectors
Secure Connect, Secure
Cloud Analytics

Secure Network
Devices

To address eavesdropping, counterfeiting

POC Secure

Boot

Wireless IPS

Malware Detection

Traffic Analytics

Compliance

IPSEC

Cisco Trustworthy Solutions

Two Way Trust, Hardware Authenticity, Run-time Defense

MACSEC AES 256

No Wiretapping,
No man-inthe-middle

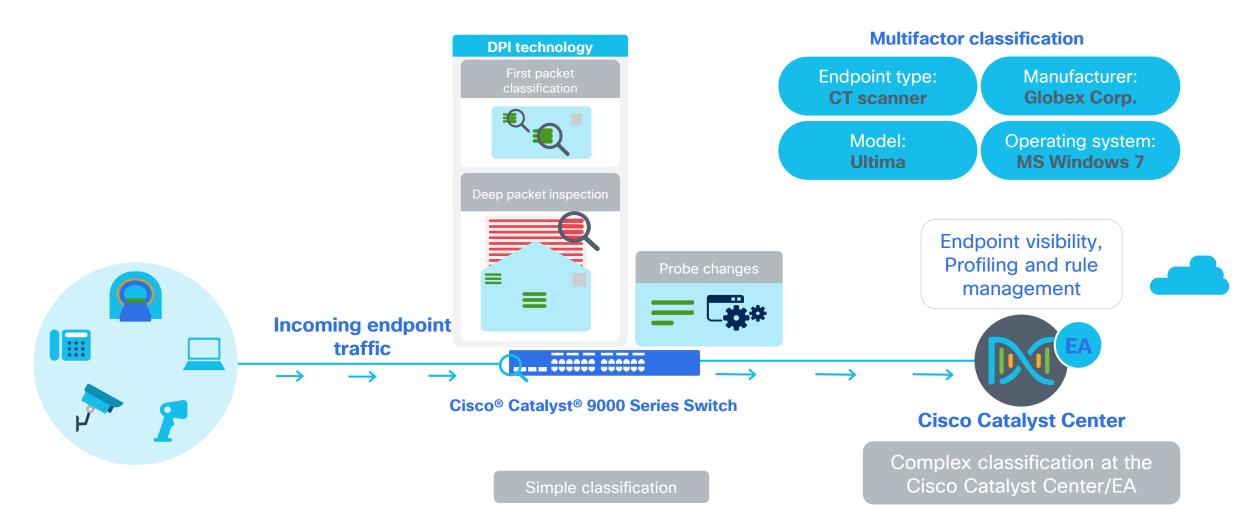
No Impersonation

100G HW-based IPSEC

SIG, Cloud Service Providers, Site to Site

Al Endpoint Analytics

Identify Endpoints, Enforce Policies, and Stop Threats



Traffic Telemetry Protocols

Support for 1400+ application protocols Protocol library gets updated via Cisco Catalyst Center

Cisco® Catalyst ®

9000 Series Switch (Traffic Telemetry-

Embedded)

Data plane protocols:

Infrastructure: DNS

Healthcare: DICOM, HL7

Web/IOT: HTTP, SSL, MQTT, COAP...

Building automation: BACNET **Multicast**: mDNS...

Media and

communication: RTSP, RTCP, SIP Others: CIFS, MS-SQL,

NetBIOS

Traffic Telemetry conduit

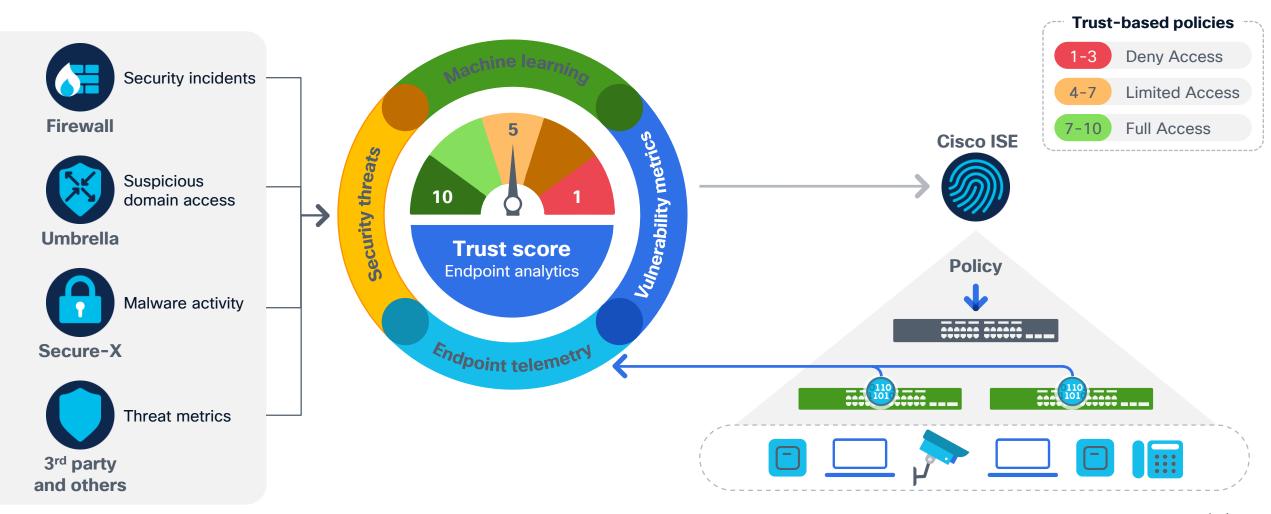
- Conduit for classification and protocol library update from Cisco Catalyst Center
- Gleans endpoint discovery information from switches

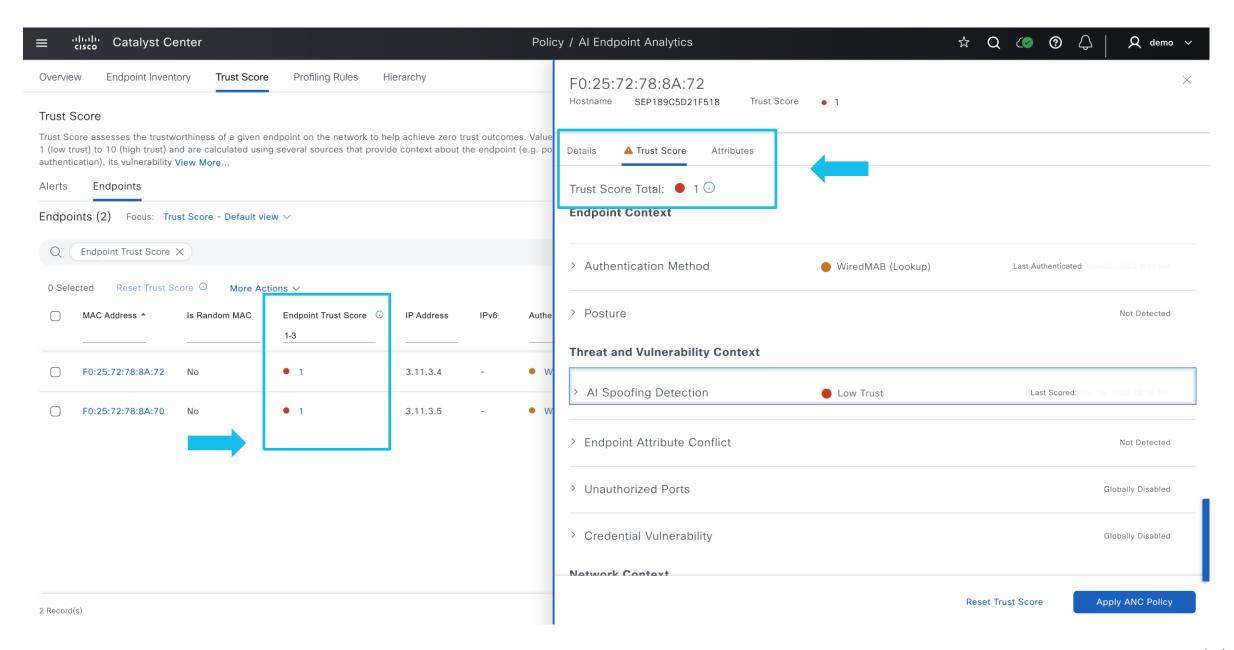
Discovery protocols:

CDP, LLDP, SNMP, DHCP, ...

Protocol Library: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/ios-xml/ios/gos_nbar/prot_lib/config_library/nbar-prot-pack-library.html

Trust Analytics for Continued Trust Verification





Threat and Vulnerability Context



Low Trust

Last Scored:

Al Spoofing Detection detects endpoints being spoofed by comparing endpoint behavior with Al based behavioral models. This detection runs in the cloud using trained models, considering the endpoint classifications and the flow information for supported endpoint types.

Severity

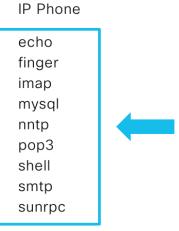
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Confidence

100

Expected Endpoint Type

Active Applications





Enabled

Reset

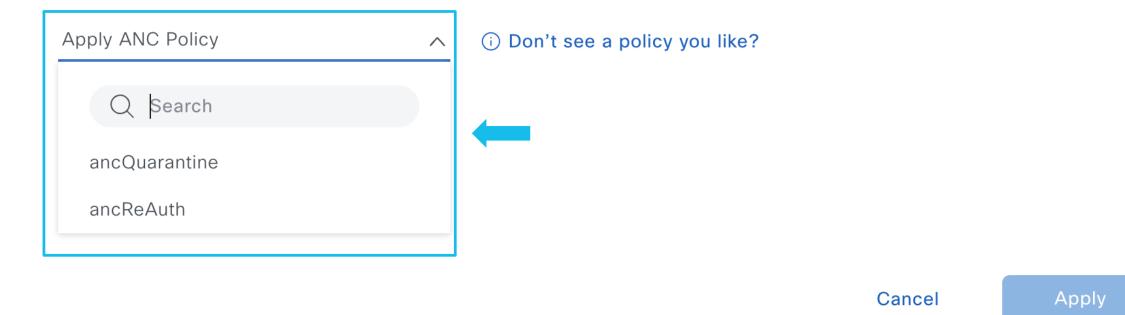
Was this accurate? 🖒 🔽





Apply ANC Policy

Choose an ANC Policy to apply to **F0:25:72:78:8A:72**. Doing so will affect the endpoints accessibility to your network based on the ANC Policy applied.



X

Key Cisco Advantages:

End-to-End Security



Cisco only vendor to provide pervasive security from ASIC to Cloud



Cisco is the pioneer in providing identity-based segmentation



Cisco provides a common policy across the multiple domains in networking infrastructure

Sustainability & Energy **Efficiency** CISCO Live

Sustainability Pillars of Catalyst 9000 series

Accelerating customer's sustainability journey through its lifecycle

Manufacturing

Simplified architecture

Parts designed to serve multiple functions Global SKU AP for any region for any deployment

Reduced plastic usage

Removed cosmetic plastic bezel, significantly reducing the plastic used in the product.

No wet paint

Eliminated use of oil-based wet paint, reducing environmental impact of manufacturing process.

Transport

Sustainable packaging

Redesigned packaging to remove all foam, replacing it with a **recyclable fiber-based solution**. Reduced weight for transportation

No paper manuals

Leverage postcard size **pointer card** to connect user to digital documentation.

Accessory opt in

Customers can **opt-in** to receive only the product accessories they need.

Wireless APs use same mounting bracket from 15 years

Use

Increased Performance per Watt

ASIC and HW innovations enable higher bandwidth at less than proportionate increase in power

Platinum or Titanium PSU*

Energy Management and Automation

Energy reporting for all devices in one view reporting energy usage, mix, cost and CO2e allowing you to make smart energy choices (C9200, C9300, C9400)

Auto-offline hardware* (LED, SFP, PSU)

AP Calendar Profiles/ Port scheduling



End of Use

Take-back Program

Cisco picks up the product when done and recycles it, ensuring that your end-of-life emissions are minimal.

Cisco refresh

Nearly 100% of products returned to us are reused or recycled

Sustainability Built into Cisco Product Design

Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series Switches

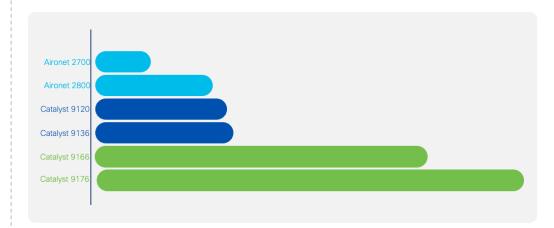


Catalyst 9000 Fixed Access Efficiency



Catalyst 9000 Modular Access Efficiency

Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series Access Points



Higher Throughput per Watt with newer generation of Catalyst 9000 series

<u>Access Points</u>



Explore

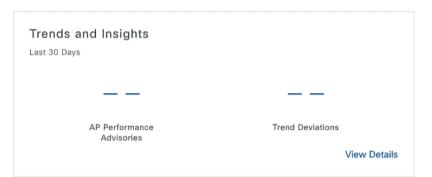


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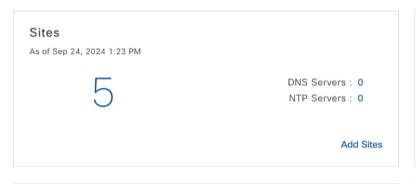
Assurance Summary

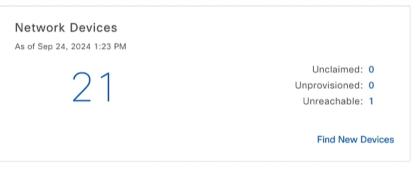


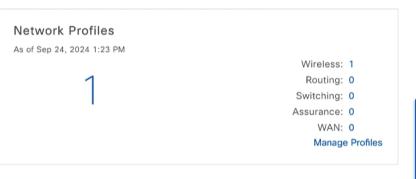




Network Snapshot













Key Cisco Advantages:

More energy efficient Infrastructure



Highest density of Multigigabit & 90W PoE



Among the first to achieve Energy Star certification in the Large Network
Equipment category



First in campus to provide comprehensive energy management visibility and analytics



>20% energy cost reduction with Cisco Smart Spaces



Key Cisco Advantages:

Operational Simplicity

Flexible deployment options with on-prem or cloud









Secure app hosting container for observability, security, Al apps natively

Simplifies lifecycle
management from
understanding
configuration drifts to
Software Image
Management (SWIM) to
Compliance

Al-Powered Operational
Experience offering Alpowered Radio Resource
Management (Al-RRM),
Machine Reasoning Engine
(MRE) workflow, Al Analytics,
etc.

End-to-end Observability with actionable insights into owned and unowned networks, powered by ThousandEyes

"lill" Meraki

Demo Admin ~

Demo Networks

Q Search Dashboard



View old version





Secure Connect

Network-wide

Assurance New

Security & SD-WAN

Switching

Wireless

Systems Manager

Cameras

Sensors

Insight

Organization

Find in Menu

← Clients

Miles-laptop Online Wireless

Currently connected since May 29 Status

18:34

Meraki-Corp SSID

SF012-5-AP14 Access point

Topology

jonas.diaz (802.1X login) User

Device type,

os

Apple 🏳

Capable Wi-

802.11ax - 2.4 and 5 GHz, 802.11r, Fastlane capable

standards **Details**

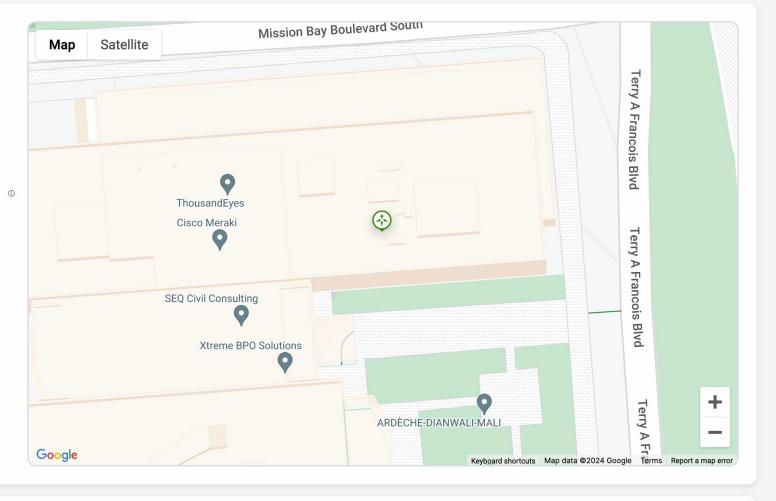
Disconnect client

History

Packet capture

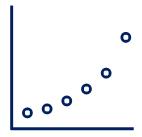
Notes

Tools





Investment Protection







No frequent ripand-replace



Resilient Campus



Business continuity with minimum downtime



Secure



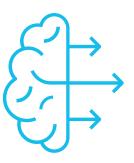
Robust Zero Trust Network



Energy Efficient



Save Power, Save Money, Save the environment



Operational Simplicity



Reduced operational expenses



"I HAVE modernized the infrastructure while maintaining my investment with Cisco"



Introductory

Not a technical deep-dive

Accessible to all levels





Key Takeaway:

Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series Switches and Wireless are built with investment protection in mind

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