



Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless on Catalyst 9k switch for SD-Access

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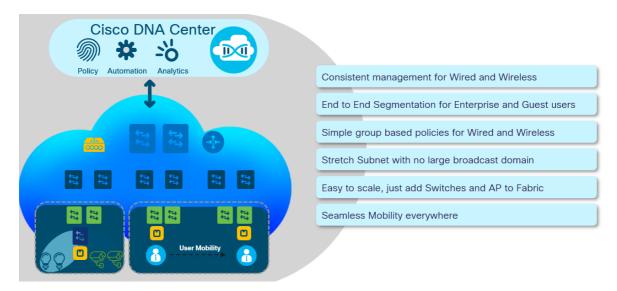
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## **Cisco SD Access**

Cisco Software Defined Access (SD-Access) is the next generation Enterprise Networking access solution, designed to offer integrated security, segmentation, and elastic service roll-outs via a Fabric based infrastructure and an outstanding GUI experience for automated network provisioning via the new DNA Center application. By automating day-to-day tasks such as configuration, provisioning and troubleshooting, SD-Access reduces the time it takes to adapt the network, improves issue resolutions and reduces security breach impacts. This results in a significant CapEx and OpEx savings for the business. The benefits of SDA are summarized in the picture below:



Note: In this document the focus is on the wireless integration in SD-Access; it is assumed that the reader is familiar with the concept of SD-Access Fabric and the main components of this network architecture; for additional information on SD-Access capabilities please refer to the SD-Access site <a href="https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/enterprise-networks/software-defined-access/index.html">https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/enterprise-networks/software-defined-access/index.html</a> and SD-Access Design Guide (CVD)
<a href="https://www.cisco.com/c/dam/en/us/td/docs/solutions/CVD/Campus/CVD-Software-Defined-Access-Design-Sol1dot2-2018DEC.pdf">https://www.cisco.com/c/dam/en/us/td/docs/solutions/CVD/Campus/CVD-Software-Defined-Access-Design-Sol1dot2-2018DEC.pdf</a>.

#### **Cisco SD-Access Wireless**

Cisco SD-Access Wireless is defined as the integration of wireless access in the SD-Access fabric in order to gain all the advantages of Fabric and Cisco DNA-Center automation.

Note: For detailed information on available wireless integration with SD-Access, please refer SD-Access Design and Deployment Guide:

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/technotes/8-5/b\_SD\_Access\_Wireless\_Deployment\_Guide.html#concept\_7677C58D9651467BA3A12 C5CF3E03CCB



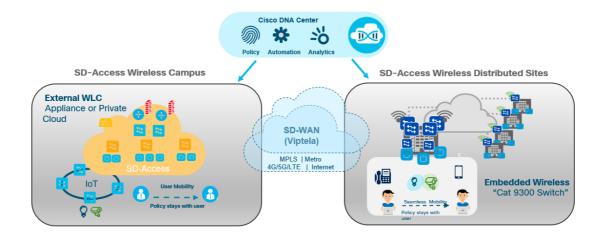
# **Introducing Cisco SD-Access on Cisco Catalyst** 9800

Built from the ground-up for the Intent-based networking and Cisco DNA, Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers bring together the magic of Cisco IOS XE and Cisco RF excellence, to create the best-in-class wireless experience for your evolving and growing organization. The Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers are built on an open programmable architecture with built-in security, streaming telemetry and rich analytics.

# **SD-Access Multi-Site Wireless Solution with Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers**

Catalyst 9800 for SD-Access is supported with existing 802.11ac wave 1 APs (1700,2700,3700), 802.11ac wave 2 APs (1800,2800,3800,4800) along with outdoor wave 2 APs (1540,1560). The controller is available in multiple form factors suited for diverse network needs.

- Cisco Catalyst 9800-80 is our leading modular wireless controller, which supports up to 6000 access points and 64,000 clients.
- Cisco Catalyst 9800-40 is ideal for mid-sized organizations and campus deployments as it supports up to 2000 access points and 32,000 clients.
- Cisco® Catalyst® 9800-CL is the next generation of enterprise class virtual wireless controller built for high availability and security. It comes with multiple scale options to meet the needs of branch and campus network deployments.
- Cisco Catalyst 9800 embedded wireless is a software package that enables wireless on the Catalyst 9000 switching platforms. Supported on Catalyst 9300 switches (in Cisco DNA-Center 1.2.10) offers support of up to 200 Access Points and 4000 wireless clients.

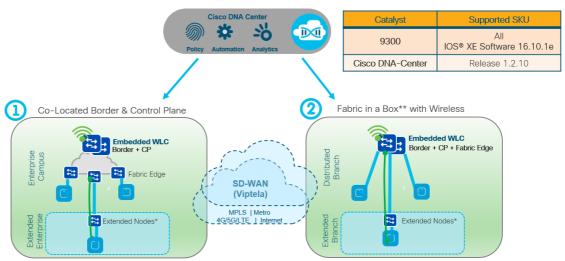




# Embedded Wireless (Catalyst 9800) on Catalyst 9k Platform

The Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller Software package can be installed on Cisco Catalyst 9300 series switches to enable wireless controller functionality for distributed branches and small campuses. C9800 Wireless Controller Software Package will enable Wireless Functionality only for SD-Access deployments with two supported topologies:

- C9800 Wireless Software Package can be enabled on C9300 series switches functioning as Co-Located Border and Control Plane. Once installed Wireless Controller running on Catalyst 9300 can support up-to 200 APs and 4000 Clients.
- C9800 Wireless Software Package can be enabled on C9300 series switches functioning as Fabric in a Box (Control Plane, Border and Fabric Edge on a single node). This model offers support for 100 APs with 2000 clients.



#### \* When Extended Node achieves General Availability

\*\* Using IP-Transit Type only

#### Key items to consider:

- Embedded 9800 runs only over a SD-Access infrastructure
- Orchestration of Embedded Wireless Controller functionality is supported only via Cisco DNA Center
- Guest Access is only supported via
  - a. Separate Guest Border/CP
  - b. Guest as a VRF on Enterprise Border/CP
- Check the latest Cisco SD-Access compatibility matrix for various solution components <a href="https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/enterprise-networks/software-defined-access/compatibility-matrix.html">https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/enterprise-networks/software-defined-access/compatibility-matrix.html</a>

# Workflows for Embedded Cisco Catalyst 9800 on Cisco Catalyst 9300 Switches



## <u>It is assumed that SD-Access wired infrastructure is configured and operational at this point.</u>

The following section will walk you through introducing and integrating embedded wireless functionality on a Catalyst 9300 switch in fabric.



## **Prerequisites**

Make sure that you meet these requirements before you attempt this configuration:

- Cisco Catalyst 9300 boots in "INSTALL" mode by default, from factory. The bootup mode on the Cisco Catalyst 9300 switch should be "INSTALL" mode, and not BUNDLE mode.
- SSH should be enabled on the Catalyst 9300 switch.
- NETCONF should be enabled in the discovery via Cisco DNA Center.
- NETCONF is used to deploy the Wireless configurations.

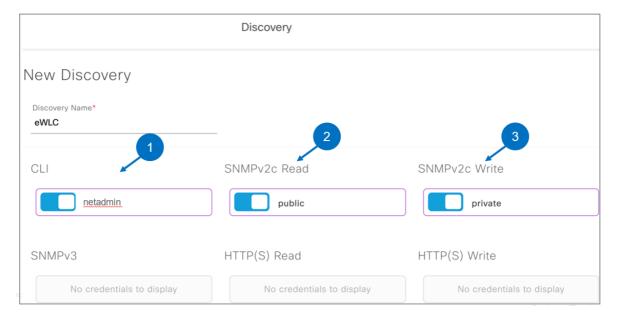
## **Cisco DNA Center Discovery Settings**

1. Discover Cat9300 switch:





2. Configure device credentials:



**3.** Enable NETCONF and SSH for the device discovery: You do not need to enable NETCONF on the target switches to be discovered, Cisco DNA Center will automatically



#### enable that during discovery.

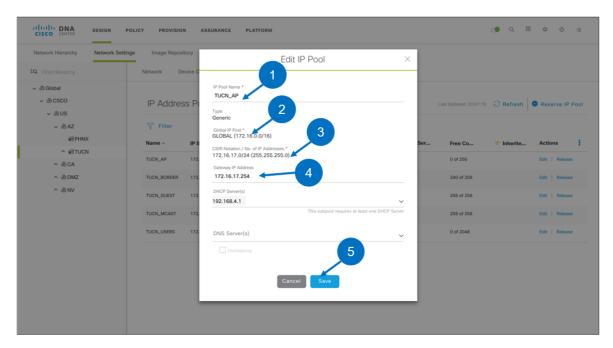


4. Check Cisco DNA Center discovery result to see Cat9300 discovered: The "NETCONF" discovery is essential to be successful for enabling embedded 9800 on the Catalyst 9300 switch.



#### Cisco DNA-Center Design

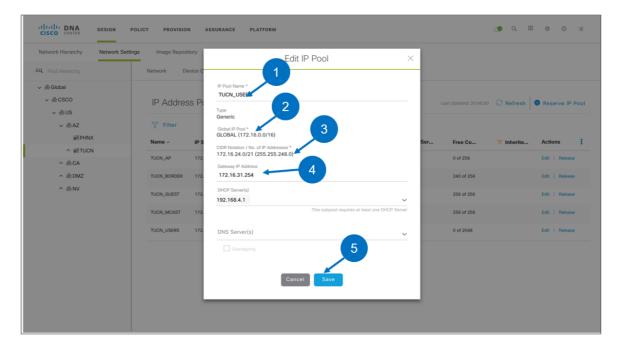
 Click on Design tab. Go to Network Settings and click on IP Address Pools. Create an IP Pool for access points in the network as shown below.



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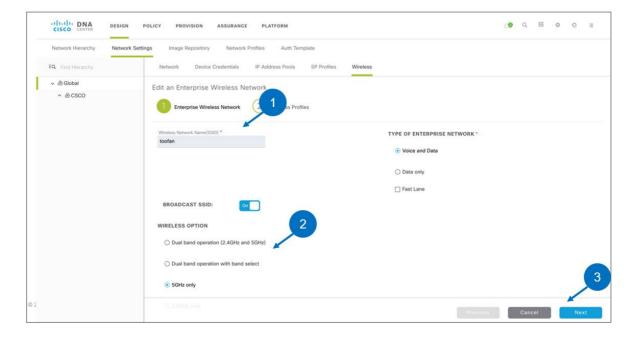




2. Click on Wireless tab to create a Wireless Guest SSID.

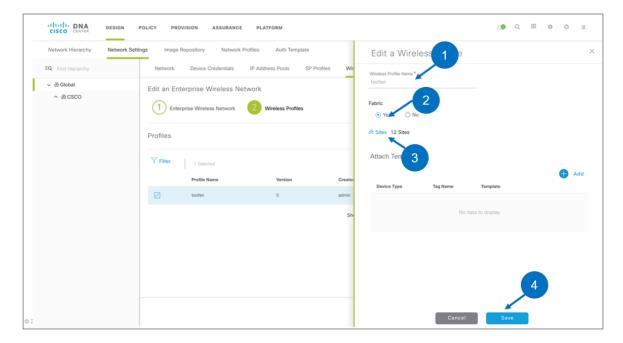
Under Enterprise Wireless click on the ADD icon. Creation of a SSID is a two-step process. Under Wireless click on the ADD icon.

Create a SSID, configure it for a security and select an authentication server as shown below.

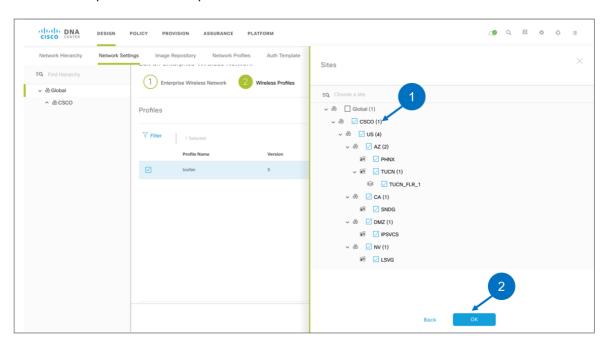


c. Click on Next and associate the SSID to a site/sites where it is to available.





We have the option to add multiple sites here.



## **Cisco DNA-Center POLICY**

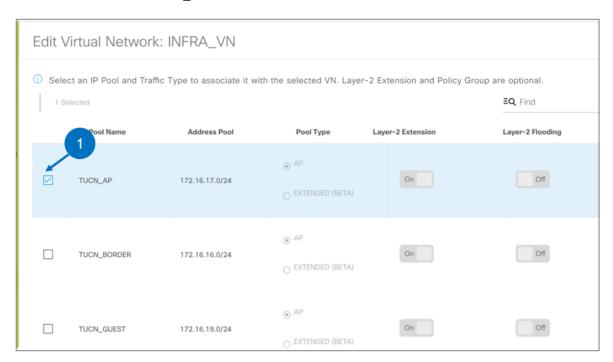
Policy constructs should already been defined as part of creating a wired fabric infrastructure.



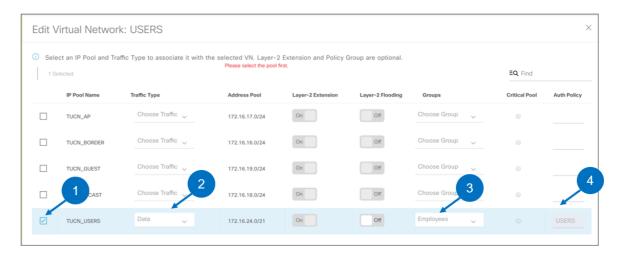
#### **Cisco DNA-Center PROVISION**

Under Provision, click on *Fabric*. Select your Fabric Domain. Click on the Fabric Domain and go to your Fabric Enabled Site. Click on the tab Host *Onboarding*.

1. Associate AP Pool to INFRA\_VN

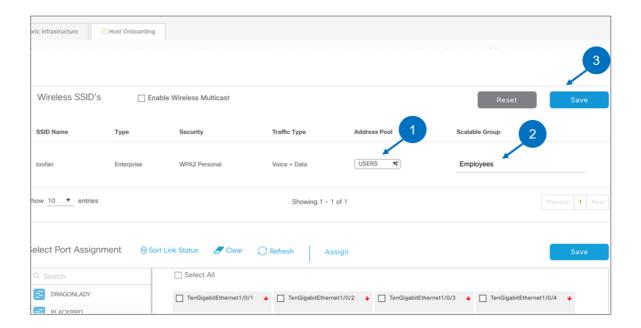


2. Associate USER Pool to USERS\_VN



3. Associate IP Pool/SGT to Wireless SSID

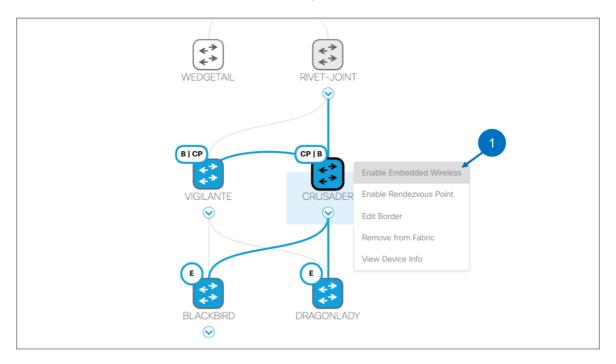




### Provisioning Catalyst 9800 embedded Wireless LAN Controller

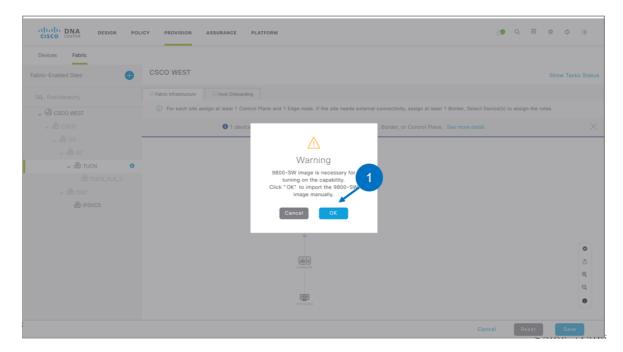
- 4. Still under the fabric site click on Fabric Infrastructure.
- a. Click on the Catalyst 9k switch and select Enable Embedded Wireless

**Note**: At this point Fabric is configured across the network devices at a site. Wireless Lan Controller is added to Fabric and the icon shows up in blue as shown below.

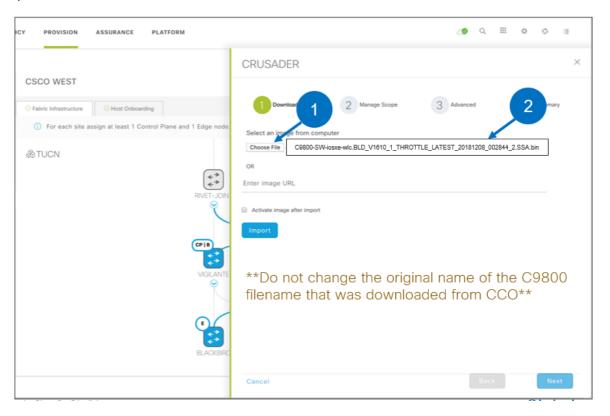


b. The user will automatically be prompted to load a wireless bundle on the Catalyst 9k switch.



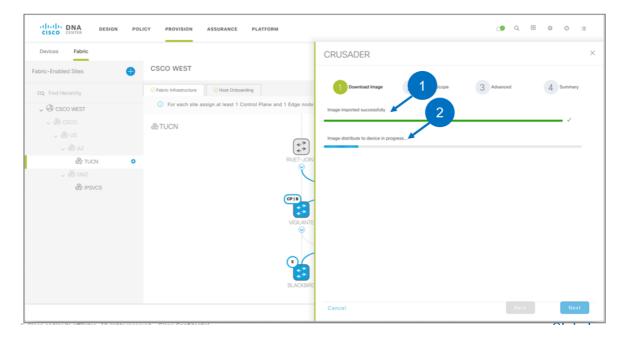


c. Download the Catalyst 9800 wireless image for Catalyst 9k switch from cisco.com and upload it as shown below.

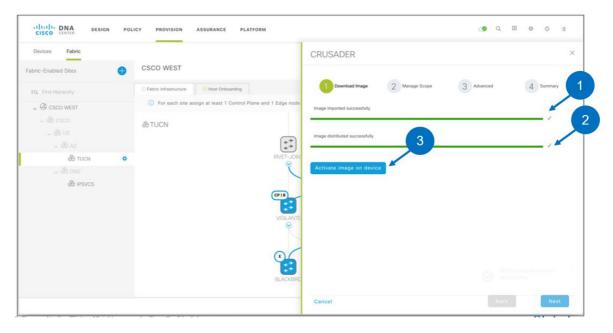


d. Import Cisco Catalyst 9800 software



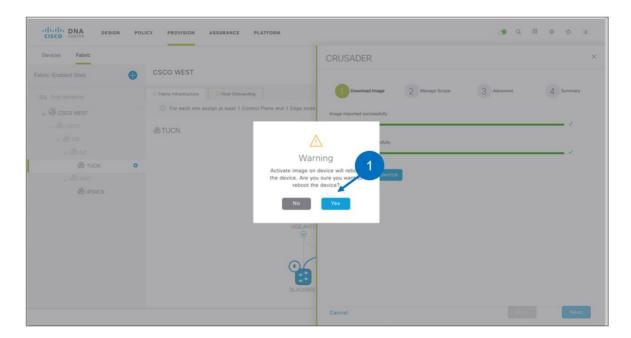


e. At this point image is copied to Fabric Border/Control Plane node. Click on *Activate Image* on device



f. The user will be prompted to activate the image which will cause the device to reload





At this point the switch will reboot.

```
.Dec 13 15:04:02.575: %INSTALL-5-INSTALL START_INFO: Switch 1 R0/0: install_engine: Started install add flash:C9800-SW-iosxe-wlc.BLD_V1610_1_THROTTLE_LATEST_20181208_002844_2.SSA.bin

.Dec 13 15:04:54.311: %INSTALL-5-INSTALL_AUTO_ABORT_TIMER_PROGRESS: Switch 1 R0/0: rollback_timer: Install auto abort timer will expire in 7200 seconds CRUSADER#

Chassis 1 reloading, reason - Reload command
```

The user will see the following wireless configuration on the Catalyst 9k (Border/Control Plane):

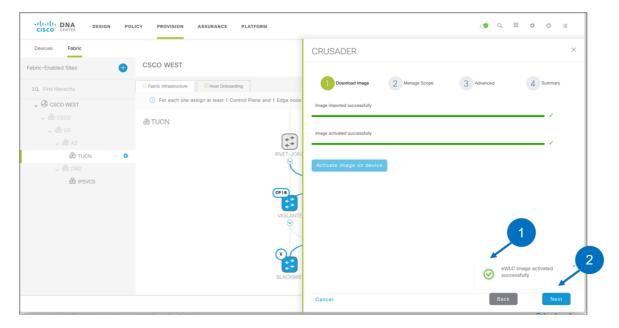


```
CRUSADER#sh run | b ^wireless
wireless aaa policy default-aaa-policy
wireless cts-sxp profile default-sxp-profile
wireless profile airtime-fairness default-atf-policy 0
wireless profile flex default-flex-profile
description "default flex profile'
wireless profile mesh default-mesh-profile
description "default mesh profile"
wireless profile policy default-policy-profile
description "default policy profile"
wireless tag site default-site-tag
description "default site tag"
wireless tag policy default-policy-tag description "default policy-tag"
wireless tag rf default-rf-tag
description "default RF tag"
wireless fabric control-plane default-control-plane
ap_dot11 24ghz rf-profile Low_Client_Density_rf_24gh
coverage data rssi threshold -90
coverage level 2
 coverage voice rssi threshold -90
description "pre configured Low Client Density rfprofile
for 2.4gh radio"
high-density rx-sop threshold low
tx-power v1 threshold -65
no shutdown
```

```
ap_dot11 24ghz rf-profile High_Client_Density_rf_24gh
  <snip....snip>
 tx-power min
no shutdown
ap dot11 24ghz rf-profile Typical_Client_Density rf 24gh
description "pre configured Typical Client Density rfprofile for 2.4gh radio"
 <snip....snip>
 no shutdown
ap_dot11 5ghz rf-profile Low_Client_Density_rf_5gh
 coverage data rssi threshold -90
 coverage level 2
 coverage voice <u>rssi</u> threshold -90
 description "pre configured Low Client Density rfprofile for 5gh radio"
 high-density \underline{r}\underline{x}-sop threshold low
 tx-power v1 threshold -60
no shutdown
ap_dot11 5ghz rf-profile High_Client_Density_rf_5gh
 <snip....snip>
ap_dot11 5ghz rf-profile Typical_Client_Density_rf_5gh
 description "pre configured Typical Density rfprofile for 5gh radio"
no shutdown
ap tag-source-priority 2 source filter
ap tag-source-priority 3 source ap
ap profile default-ap-profile
 description "default ap profile"
 hyperlocation ble-beacon 0
 hyperlocation ble-beacon 1
 hyperlocation ble-beacon 2
 hyperlocation ble-beacon 3
 hyperlocation ble-beacon 4
end
```

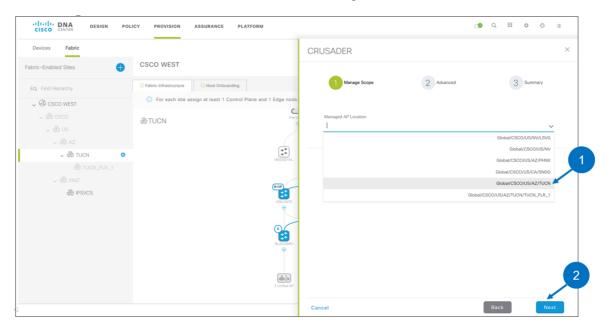
g. Embedded wireless should be successfully activated at this time





Click Next.

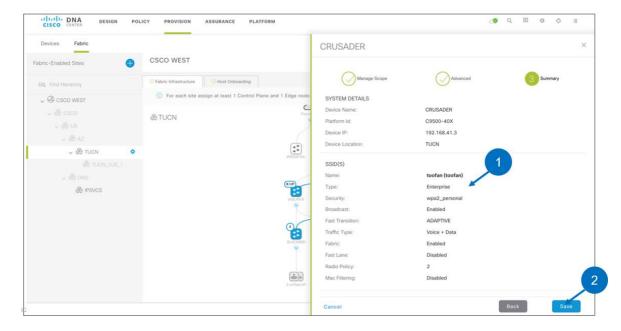
h. Next, select all the sites which will have Access Points registered to this wireless controller.

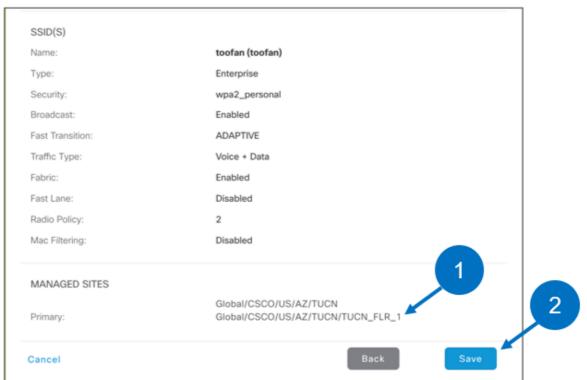


Click Next

i. Provision the embedded wireless controller with SSIDs and site configuration



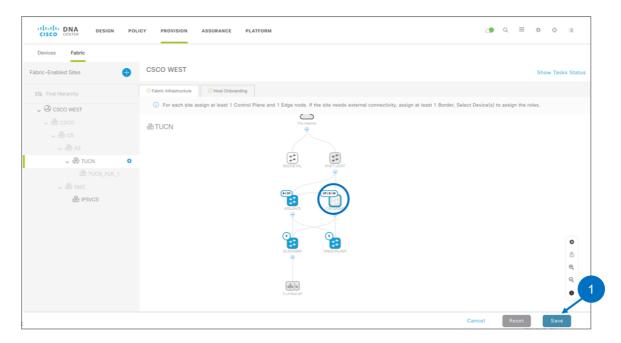




#### Click Save

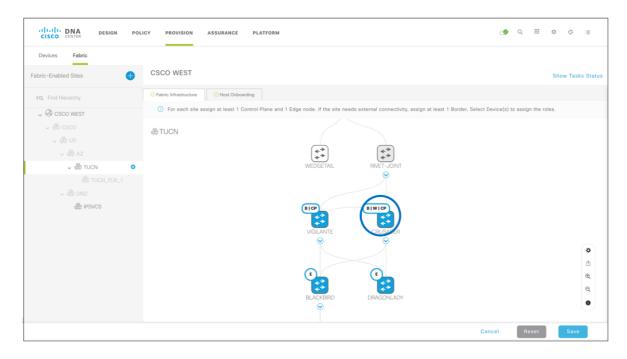
j. At this point, the user will be prompted to the main fabric site page.





#### Click Save

k. This completes provisioning of embedded (Catalyst 9800) wireless controller on Catalyst 9300 to fabric





Wireless CLI configurations (pushed on the device):

 On enabling embedded wireless controller on the Catalyst 9k, the user will see the following syslogs on console on the switch

```
*Dec 13 15:17:39.920: %IOSXE_RP_EWLC_NOT-2-EWLC_STARTUP: Starting EWLC process -9223277258135255914

CRUSADER#

*Dec 13 15:17:54.904: %LISP_AGENT_ERROR_MESSAGE-6-LISP_AGENT_TRANSPORT_MS_CONNECTION: Switch 1 R0/0: wncd: Connection UP with Map server IP 192.168.41.2

CRUSADER#

*Dec 13 15:18:06.525: IOSd Copy: File transfer from http://192.168.4.52//ca/pem to flash:NACert.pem Status: success CRUSADER#

*Dec 13 15:18:09.315: IOSd Copy: File transfer from http://192.168.4.52//ca/pem to flash:NACert.pem Status: success CRUSADER##

*Dec 13 15:18:09.315: IOSd Copy: File transfer from http://192.168.4.52//ca/pem to flash:NACert.pem Status: success CRUSADER## | i wireless-controller

CRUSADER# | i wireless controller

CRUSADER# | i wireless management wireless management wireless management interface LoopbackO
```

Below is the wireless fabric configuration that gets applied on the Catalyst 9k switch:

```
wireless and policy default-and-policy
wireless cts-sxp profile default-sxp-profile
wireless management interface Loopback0
!
wireless fabric
wireless fabric name 172_16_17_0-INFRA_VN 12-vnid 8188 13-vnid 4097 ip 172.16.17.0 255.255.255.0
wireless fabric control-plane default-control-plane
ip address 192.168.41.2 key 0 uci
ip address 192.168.41.3 key 0 uci
!
```

 Access Points will register to the wireless controller via one of the usual means (option 43, DNS or IP helper-address):

```
ip dhcp excluded-address 172.16.17.200 172.16.17.254
!
ip dhcp pool c9800-ap
network 172.16.17.0 255.255.255.0
default-router 172.16.17.254
option 43 hex f104.c0a8.2903
```

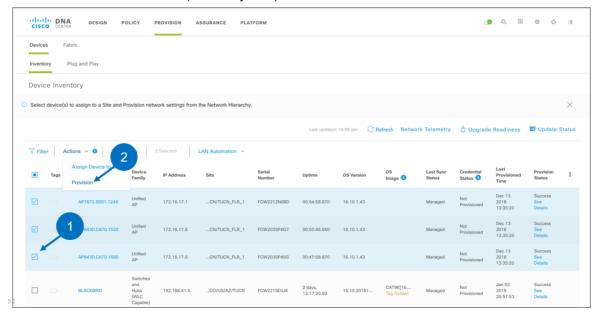
```
CRUSADER#sh ap summary
Number of APs: 3
                   Slots AP Model Ethernet MAC
                                                                                              IP Address
                                                  Radio MAC
                                                                Location
                                                                                    Country
AP843D.C670.1520
                           3802I
                                    843d.c670.1520 00d7.8f52.76e0 default location
                                                                                              172.16.17.8
                                                                                                           Registered
                                                  00d7.8f52.90e0 default location
                                                                                                           Registered
AP7872.5D01.1246
                           3802I
                                    US
                                                                                              172.16.17.1
                                                                                                           Registered
```

#### **Provisioning Access Points**

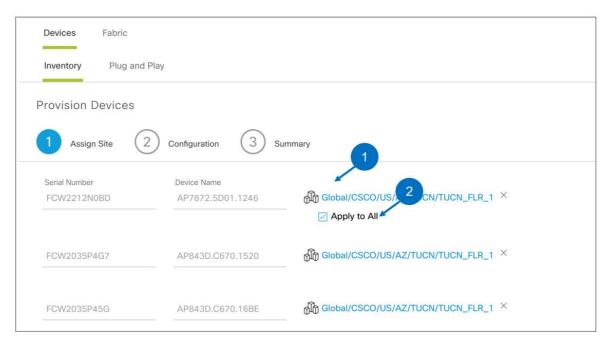
Now that the AP obtained an IP address and learnt the WLC's Management IP, the AP will join the WLC. This is under the assumption that there is IP connectivity between AP and WLC (this is outside the scope of this document and really depends on where the WLC is connected, usually outside of Fabric). Once the APs are registered to WLC, they will appear in the Inventory page on Cisco DNA-Center.



5. Go to *PROVISION>Devices > Inventory* to see the APs joining the fabric enabled embedded wireless controller (on Catalyst 9k).

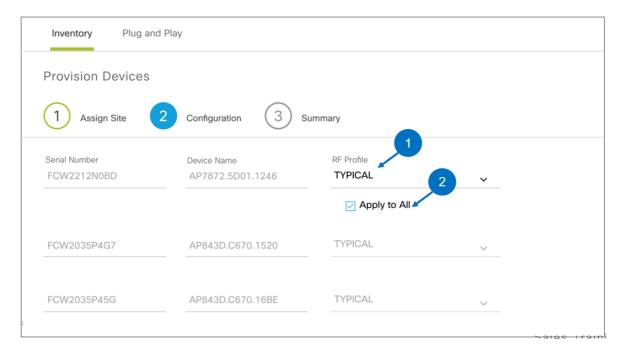


6. Begin by assigning the Access Points to the site where they are installed

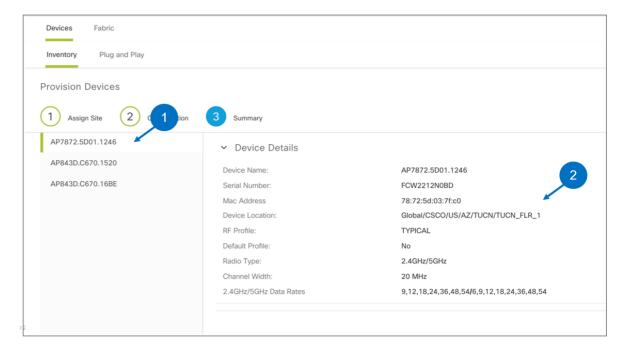


Choose a RF profile for the AP from High, Typical and Low or a customized one (if previously defined).

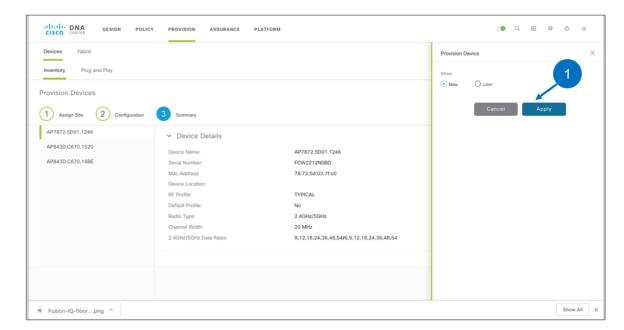




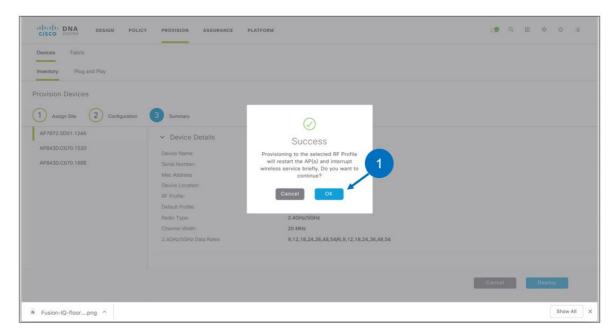
8. Click *Deploy* and as a part of AP provisioning, configuration will be pushed to AP as shown below.





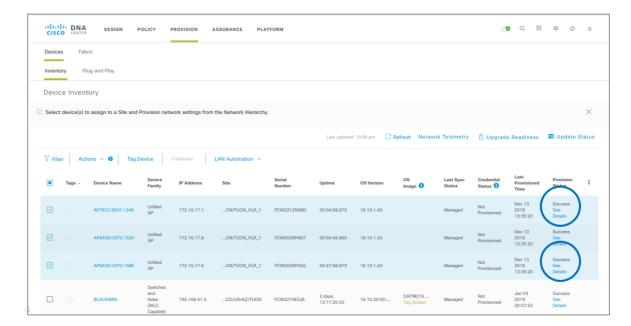


9. AP will reboot and rejoin the wireless controller.



10. The user will now see APs provision as success.

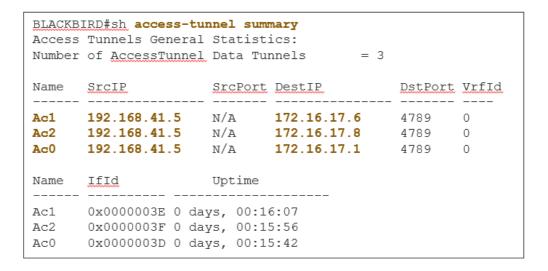




Registered APs are SD-Access fabric enabled. Catalyst 9k switch will show the following configuration:

```
ap country US
ap tag-source-priority 2 source filter
ap tag-source-priority 3 source ap
 policy-tag PT_AZ_TUCN_TUCN__7c723
rf-tag TYPICAL
 site-tag default-site-tag-fabric
ap 843D.C670.1520
policy-tag PT_AZ_TUCN_TUCN__7c723
rf-tag TYPICAL
site-tag default-site-tag-fabric
ap 843D.C670.16BE
 policy-tag PT_AZ_TUCN_TUCN__7c723
CRUSADER#sh fabric ap summary
Number of Fabric AP: 3
AP Name
                       Slots AP Model Ethernet MAC
                                                                Radio MAC
                                                                                    Location
                                                                                                       Country
                                                                                                                    IP Address
                                                                                                                                        State
                                  3802I
                                              843d.c670.1520 00d7.8f52.76e0 default location US
                                                                                                                   172.16.17.8
AP843D.C670.1520
                                                                                                                                       Registered
AP843D.C670.16BE
                                   3802T
                                              843d.c670.16be 00d7.8f52.90e0 default location 7872.5d01.1246 7872.5d03.7fc0 default location
                                                                                                                   172.16.17.6
AP7872.5D01.1246
                                  3802I
                                                                                                                   172.16.17.1
                                                                                                            US
                                                                                                                                       Registered
```

Confirm VXLAN tunnel between the APs and the connected fabric edge:





#### **Placing APs on Map**

11. Next, you can place APs on floor maps and get coverage heatmap visualization. Go back to *DESIGN* and select the floor under *Network Hierarchy*.

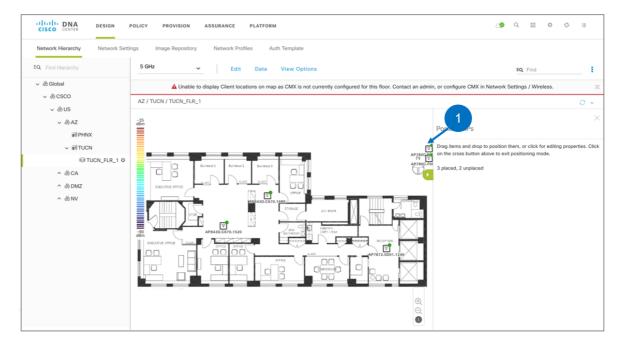


12. Click on Edit and the click on Position. Example shown below.

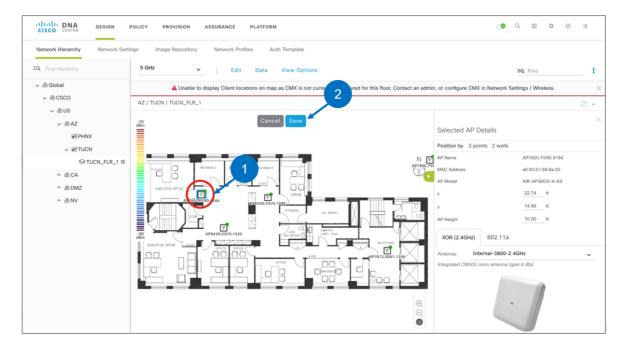


13. The APs will appear in the corner and you can drag and drop them where they are located.





14. Next click Save.



15. Heap maps will be calculated and result displayed as below:





## Verifying Wireless Fabric configuration (CLI) on Catalyst 9k switch

1. Below is a sample of enterprise WLAN fabric wireless configuration

```
wireless profile fabric toofan_Global_F_b123c71a
 client-12-vnid 8189
 description toofan Global F b123c71a
sgt-tag 4
wireless profile policy toofan Global F b123c71a
aaa-override
 no central dhcp
 no central switching
 description toofan_Global_F_b123c71a
 dhcp-tlv-caching
 fabric toofan Global F b123c71a
 http-tlv-caching
 service-policy input platinum-up
 service-policy output platinum
no shutdown
wireless tag policy PT_AZ_TUCN_TUCN__7c723
description "FolicyTagName PT_AZ_TUCN_TUCN_ 7c723" wlan toofan_Global_F_b123c71a policy toofan_Global_F_b123c71a
wireless fabric name USERS 12-vnid 8189
wireless fabric control-plane default-control-plane
 ip address 192.168.41.2 key 0 uci
 ip address 192.168.41.3 key 0 uci
wlan toofan Global F b123c71a 17 toofan
no ccx aironet-iesupport
 radio dot11a
 security dot1x authentication-list dnac-cts-list
no shutdown
```

2. Client join details can be monitored from the switch



```
CRUSADER$
*Jan 4 09:43:23.283: %CLIENT_ORCH_LOG-6-CLIENT_ADDED_TO_RUN_STATE: Switch 1 R0/0: wncd: Username entry (tintin) joined with ssid (toofan) for device with MAC: 6c19.c07c.7722
CRUSADER$
CRUSADER$
CRUSADER$
CRUSADER$
CRUSADER$
MAC Address AF Name WLAN State Frotocol Method Role
6c19.c07c.7722 AP843D.C670.16BE 17 Run 11ac Dot1x Local
Number of Excluded Clients: 0
```

```
CRUSADER#sh wireless client mac-address 6c19.c07c.7722 det
Client MAC Address: 6c19.c07c.7722
Client IPv4 Address: 172.16.24.1
Client IPv6 Addresses : fe80::1415:7df6:76f6:a2eb
Client Username : tintin
AP MAC Address : 00d7.8f52.90e0
AP Name: AP843D.C670.16BE
AP slot : 1
Client State : Associated
Policy Profile : toofan Global F b123c71a
Flex Profile : default-flex-profile
Wireless LAN Id : 17
Wireless LAN Name: toofan_Global_F_b123c71a
BSSID : 00d7.8f52.90ef
Connected For: 192 seconds
Protocol: 802.11ac
Channel: 64
Fastlane Support : Enabled
Mobility:
 Move Count
                              : 0
 Mobility Role : Local
Mobility Roam Type : None
 Mobility Role
 Mobility Complete Timestamp : 01/04/2019 02:43:13 PDT
Policy Manager State: Run
Policy Type : WPA2
Encryption Cipher : CCMP (AES)
Authentication Key Management : FT-802.1x
EAP Type : PEAP
VLAN : default
Access VLAN : 1022
Anchor VLAN: 0
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Session Manager:
 Interface : capwap_90000008
IIF ID : 0x90000008
Authorized : TRUE
 Session timeout : 1800
 Common Session ID: 011010AC000000D183EC539
 Acct Session ID : 0x00000000
 Aaa Server Details:
 Server IP : 172.26.199.29
 Auth Method Status List
 SM Bend State : IDLE
Local Policies:
Service
 Service Template : wlan_svc_toofan_Global_F b123c71a (priority 254)
 Absolute-Timer : 1800
 Server Policies:
 Output SGT : 0004-0
 Resultant Policies:
 Output SGT : 0004-0
                   : 1022
 VLAN
 Absolute-Timer : 1800
Client Statistics:
 Number of Bytes Received: 46299
 Number of Bytes Sent : 63480
 Number of Packets Received: 672
 Number of Packets Sent: 121
 Number of Policy Errors : 0
 Radio Signal Strength Indicator: -62 dBm
 Signal to Noise Ratio: 28 dB
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Fabric status : Enabled
 RLOC : 192.168.41.5
 VNID
         : 8189
         : 4
 Control plane name : default-control-plane
Client Scan Reports
Assisted Roaming Neighbor List
Nearby AP Statistics:
Device Type : Apple-iPad
Protocol Map : 0x000009 (OUI, DHCP)
Protocol : DHCP
Protocol : Dnc : 12
Type
Data
                : 0f
00000000 00 0c 00 0b 4b 65 64 61 72 73 2d 69 50 61 64
                                                           |....XYZ-iPad |
                : 55
Type
Data
                 : 0b
00000000 00 37 00 07 01 79 03 06 0f 77 fc
                                                             |.7...y...w. |
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3. Monitoring client IP/MAC registration in Control Plane node

