

Configure Workgroup Bridge (WGB) Wired Clients with NAT

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Introduction

This document describes the configuration of wired clients behind Network Access Translation to access the network via Workgroup Bridge.

Prerequisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends you have knowledge of these topics:

- 9800 Wireless Lan Controller (WLC) concepts and configuration
- Workgroup Bridge (WGB) concepts and configuration
- Network Access Control (NAT) concepts and configuration
- Switching concepts and configuration

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- 9800-CL WLC Cisco IOS® XE 26.1.1
- WGB WP-WIFI6-B integrated in 1821 router version 26.1.1
- Catalyst IR1821 Rugged Router, Cisco IOS 17.15.4
- 9300 Switch, Cisco IOS 17.15.4

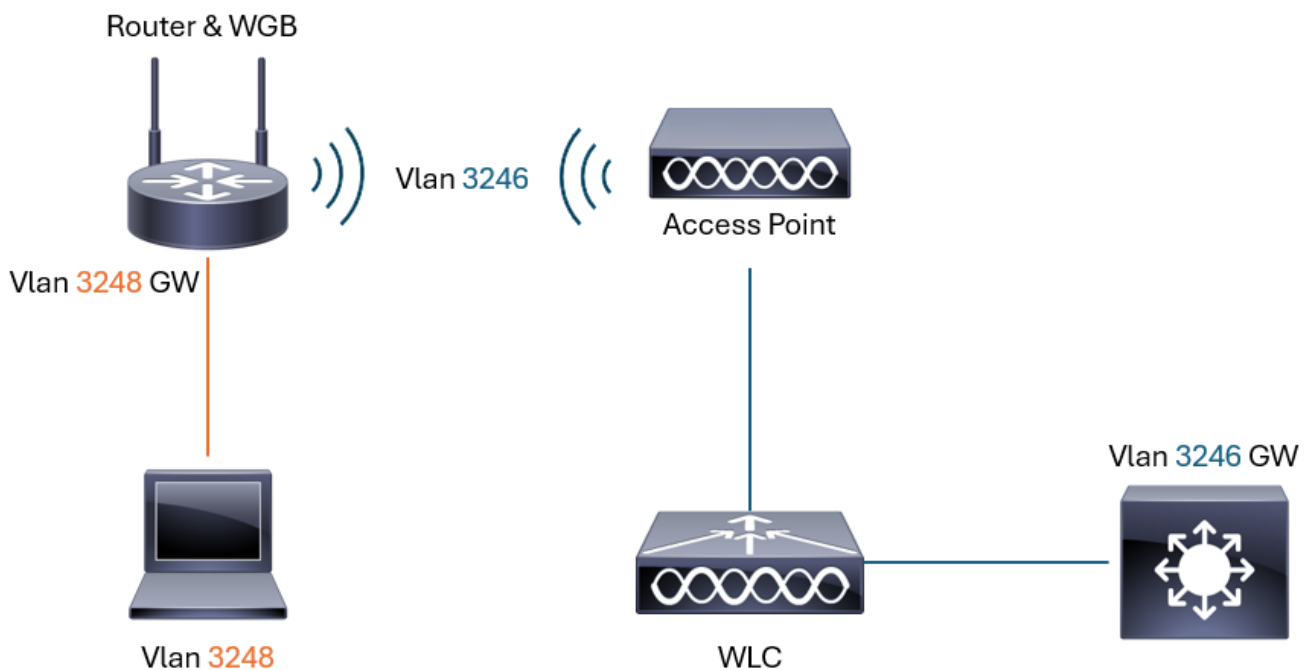
The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Background Information

There are WGB implementations that require the wired clients behind the WGB to be in a different vLAN than the WGB and at the same time that vLAN does not exist in the WGB, WLC or in the network devices behind the WLC.

In this scenario, using NAT provides the configuration and flexibility needed to make the wired clients communicate with the network (applications, internet, servers, and so on) behind the WLC.

Network Diagram



Topology

Configure

Wireless LAN Controller

This section explains the basic configuration of the WLAN, WLAN-Policy Profile and Policy Tag in order to broadcast the Service Set Identifier (SSID) the WGB connects to.



Caution: Any configuration change on these parameters in production can cause a wireless client disconnection.

Step 1. Configure the SSID.

Step 1.1. Navigate to **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs**. Click **Add**. Enter the **Profile** and **SSID** name. Click **Apply**.

GUI:

The screenshot displays the 'Add WLAN' configuration window in the Wireless LAN Controller GUI. The breadcrumb navigation at the top shows 'Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs'. The window has three tabs: 'General' (selected), 'Security', and 'Advanced'. In the 'General' tab, the 'Profile Name*' and 'SSID*' fields are both set to 'WGB' and are highlighted with a green border. The 'WLAN ID*' is set to '6'. The 'Status' and 'Broadcast SSID' are both set to 'ENABLED' with green toggle switches. Below these are two expandable sections for 'Wi-Fi 6E Compatibility' (1/2 requirements met) and 'Wi-Fi 7 Compatibility' (0/3 requirements met, 0/3 bands enabled). On the right, the 'Radio Policy' section shows settings for 6 GHz (DISABLED), 5 GHz (ENABLED), and 2.4 GHz (DISABLED). The 802.11b/g Policy is set to '802.11b/g'. At the bottom, there is a 'Cancel' button and an 'Apply to Device' button, which is highlighted with a green border.

CLI:

```
config t
wlan WGB 6 WGB
radio policy dot11 5ghz
no shutdown
```

Step 1.2. Configure the SSID security parameters. Choose **PSK**, enter the **PSK password**, and click **Apply**.

GUI:

Edit WLAN

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

General

Security

Advanced

Add To Policy Tags

Layer2

Layer3

AAA

☒ WPA + WPA2

☐ WPA2 + WPA3

☐ WPA3

☐ Static WEP

☐ None

MAC Filtering

☐

Lobby Admin Access

☐

WPA Parameters

WPA Policy☐

WPA2 Policy☒

GTK Randomize☐

OSEN Policy☐

WPA2 Encryption

AES(CCMP128)☒

CCMP256☐

GCMP128☐

GCMP256☐

Protected Management Frame

PMF

Disabled

Fast Transition

Status

Disabled

Over the DS

☐

Reassociation Timeout *

20

Auth Key Mgmt (AKM)

802.1X☐

802.1X-SHA256☐

PSK☒

PSK-SHA256☐

FT + 802.1X☐

CCKM☐

FT + PSK☐

Easy-PSK☐

PSK Format

ASCII

PSK Type

Unencrypted

Pre-Shared Key*

Cancel

Update & Apply to Device

CLI:

```
config t
wlan WGB 6 WGB
shutdown
no security ft adaptive
security wpa psk set-key ascii 0 12345678
no security wpa akm dot1x
security wpa akm psk
no shutdown
```

Step 1.3. Configure AironetIE in the SSID. Navigate to the **Advanced** tab, enable **CCX Aironet IE**, and click **Apply**.

GUI:

Edit WLAN

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

GeneralSecurityAdvancedAdd To Policy Tags

Coverage Hole Detection☒

CCX Aironet IE☒

Advertise AP Name☐

P2P Blocking Action

Disabled

Multicast Buffer

☒ DISABLED

Media Stream Multicast-direct☐

11ac MU-MIMO☒

Wi-Fi to Cellular Steering☐

Wi-Fi Alliance Agile Multiband

☒ DISABLED

Fastlane+ (ASR) ☒

Deny LAA (RCM) clients☐

6 GHz Client Steering☐

Latency Measurements Announcements☐

Universal Admin☐

OKC☒

Load Balance☐

Band Select☐

IP Source Guard☐

WMM Policy

Allowed

mDNS Mode

Bridging

Off Channel Scanning Defer

Defer Priority

☐ 0☐ 1☐ 2

☐ 3☐ 4☒ 5

☒ 6☐ 7

Scan Defer Time

100

Assisted Roaming (11k)

Prediction Optimization☐

Max Client Connections

Per WLAN

0

Cancel

Update & Apply to Device

Step 2.1. Navigate to **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs**. Click **Add**. Enter a **Name**. Configure as **Enable the Status** and **Passive Client**. Then click **Apply**.

GUI:

Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Policy

+ Add

× Delete

📄 Clone

Add Policy Profile

⚠ Disabling a Policy or configuring it in 'Enabled' state, will result in loss of connectivity for clients associated with this Policy profile.

General

Access Policies

QOS and AVC

Mobility

Advanced

Name*

PolicyWGB

Description

Enter Description

Status

ENABLED

Passive Client

ENABLED

IP MAC Binding

ENABLED

Encrypted Traffic Analytics

DISABLED

WLAN Switching Policy

Central Switching

ENABLED

Central Authentication

ENABLED

Central DHCP

ENABLED

Flex NAT/PAT

DISABLED

CTS Policy

Inline Tagging

SGACL Enforcement

Default SGT

2-65519

↺ Cancel

📄 Apply to Device

WLAN Policy

CLI:

```
<#root>

config t
wireless profile policy PolicyWGB
passive-client
no shutdown
```

Step 2.2. Navigate to **Access Policies**. Click **VLAN/VLAN Group** and choose the WGB vLAN.

GUI:

Edit Policy Profile

⚠ Disabling a Policy or configuring it in 'Enabled' state, will result in loss of connectivity for clients associated with this Policy profile.

General

Access Policies

QOS and AVC

Mobility

Advanced

RADIUS Profiling☐

HTTP TLV Caching☐

DHCP TLV Caching☐

WLAN Local Profiling

Global State of Device ClassificationDisabled ⓘ

Local Subscriber Policy NameSearch or Select ▼ ⓘ

VLAN

VLAN/VLAN GroupVLAN3246 × ▼ ⓘ

Multicast VLANEnter Multicast VLAN

Note : Selecting a VLAN Group is a valid config only for Central Switching SSIDs. Do not use with SSIDs enabled for Flex Local Switching

WLAN ACL

IPv4 ACLSearch or Select ▼ ⓘ

IPv6 ACLSearch or Select ▼ ⓘ

URL Filters ⓘ

Pre AuthSearch or Select ▼ ⓘ

Post AuthSearch or Select ▼ ⓘ

↶ Cancel

📁 Update & Apply to Device

Vlan Config

CLI:

```
conf t
wireless profile policy PolicyWGB
shutdown
vlan VLAN3246
no shutdown
```

Step 3. Configure the **Policy Tag** and apply it to the Access Points (AP) the WGB connects to.

Step 3.1. Navigate to **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Tags**. Click **Policy**, and then on **Add**. Enter a **Name** and then click **Add**. Choose the **SSID** and the **Policy Profile**. Click **Apply**.

GUI:

Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Tags

Policy

Site

RF

AP

+ Add

× Delete

📄 Clone

Add Policy Tag

×

Name*

WGBTag

Description

Enter Description

▼

WLAN-POLICY Maps : 1

+ Add

× Delete

☐	WLAN Profile	▼	Policy Profile	▼
☐	WGB		PolicyWGB	▲▼

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50 ▼ items per page

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Map WLAN and Policy

↺ Cancel

📄 Apply to Device

Tag

CLI:

<#root>

```
config t
wireless tag policy WGBTag
wlan WGB policy PolicyWGB
```



Note: Remember to apply to Policy Tag to all the Access Points that broadcast the SSID.

Workgroup Bridge

This section explains the configuration on the WGB. The configuration allows the WGB to connect to the network and gain connectivity through vLAN3246.

CLI:

```
configure ap hostname WGB1
configure ap address ipv4 static 10.10.246.4 255.255.255.0 10.10.246.1
configure ap management add username admin password P0ssw0rd123! secret P0ssw0rd123!
configure ssid-profile WGB ssid WGB authentication psk 12345678 key-management wpa2
configure dot11Radio 1 mode wgb ssid-profile WGB
configure dot11Radio 1 enable
```

Router

This section explains how to configure NAT in order to allow connectivity between the wired clients in vLAN3248 to the vLAN3246.

vLAN3248 resides only in the router and has no connectivity at all to the side of the network that is behind the WLC.

The router does NAT to transport the traffic of the wired clients in vLAN3248 to the side of the network behind the WLC in vLAN3246 through the WGB.



Note: For the wired clients connected to the router behind the WGB, in order to have connectivity out of their vLAN the only supported configuration is NAT. Inter-vLAN routing is not supported.

Step 1. Configure the vLAN 3246 and vLAN 3248 at a layer two level.

```
conf t
vlan 3246
exit
vlan 3248
end
```

Step 2. Configure the port of the WGB from the router.

```
conf t
interface Wlan-GigabitEthernet 0/1/4
switchport trunk native vlan 3246
switchport trunk allowed vlan 3246
switchport mode trunk
```

Step 3. Configure the Switched Virtual Interface (SVI) of the WGB vLAN and the wired client vLAN.

Step 3.1. WGB SVI configuration. The IP address 10.10.246.1 is the gateway for vLAN 3246 configured in the Layer 3 switch behind the WLC. This SVI in the router is using the next usable IP address.

```
config t
interface Vlan3246
ip address 10.10.246.2 255.255.255.0
```

Step 3.2. Wired clients interface vLAN configuration. Wired clients in the router use vLAN 3248. This SVI is the gateway of the wired clients since these clients exist only in this router. Configure a unique MAC address for this SVI.

```
config t
interface Vlan3248
mac-address 6c13.d53f.aabb
ip address 10.10.248.1 255.255.255.0
```



Caution: Configure a unique MAC address per SVI. The router uses the same MAC address for all the SVIs by default and this can create conflict in this implementation.

Step 4. Configure an Access List (ACL) and permit the network of the wired clients.

```
config t
ip access-list extended NATACL
10 permit ip 10.10.248.0 0.0.0.255 any
```

Step 5. Configure a route-map that matches the ACL and the WGB interface.

```
conf t
route-map WGBACL permit 10
```

```
match ip address NATACL
match interface Vlan3246
```

Step 6. Configure NAT.

Step 6.1. Configure NAT in the SVIs. The SVI 3248 is the NAT inside and 3246 the NAT outside.

```
config t
interface Vlan3248
ip nat inside
exit
interface Vlan3246
ip nat outside
```

Step 6.2. Configure NAT in the router. Use the route-map as source. This configuration permits the wired clients on vLAN3248 to have connectivity with the network in vLAN3246 behind the WLC.

```
config t
ip nat inside source route-map WGBACL interface Vlan3246 overload
```

Step 6.3 This step is optional, if there is a need to access the devices behind the WGB in vLAN3248 from devices behind the WLC in vLAN3246 it can be configured via NAT.

As an example, the configuration shown demonstrates how to configure access for a device behind the router and WGB with IP address 10.10.248.10 via Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) from devices behind the WLC in vLAN3246.

Any port can be used which depends on what needs to be accessed (SSH, Telenet, RDP, HTTP, and so on) in the device behind the router in vLAN 3248.

In order to access the 10.10.248.10 device via RDP from a device in vLAN3246, the RDP connection is made to the SVI of the 3246 vLAN in the router (10.10.246.2), check the [Verify](#) section of this document.

```
config t
ip nat inside source static tcp 10.10.248.10 3389 interface Vlan3246 3389
```

Step 7. Configure the wired client port in vLAN 3248 on the router.

```
config t
interface GigabitEthernet0/1/0
```

```
switchport mode access
switchport access vlan 3248
```



Note: This configuration use wired clients in vLAN 3248 with static IP addresses. If DHCP is needed, it can be configured in the router.

Verify

Verify the connection of the WGB and the SVI of the vLAN 3246 listed as a wired client. Also, confirm connectivity of the wired clients on vLAN 3248 to the network, send a ping to the gateway of vLAN 3246 that exist behind the WLC.

Wireless LAN Controller

Check from the WLC the WGB and the SVI of the vLAN 3246 configured in the router are shown in the wireless client list.

GUI:

Monitoring > Wireless > Clients

Clients Sleeping Clients Excluded Clients

Delete Refresh

Selected 0 out of 2 Clients

	Client MAC Address	IPv4 Address	IPv6 Address	AP Name	Slot ID	SSID	WLAN ID	Client Type	State
☐	6c13.d53f.f8f4	10.10.246.2	N/A	C9124AXI-B	1	WGB	6	WLAN (WGB Wired)	Run
☐	e462.c49f.790f	10.10.246.4	fe80::af5a:a617:9ed7:edbe	C9124AXI-B	1	WGB	6	WLAN (WGB)	Run

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WGB and WGB Client

CLI:

<#root>

9800L#

show wireless client summary

```
Number of Clients: 2
MAC Address      AP Name      Type ID  State Protocol Method Role
```

6c13.d53f.f8f4	C9124AXI-B	WLAN	6	Run	11ac	None	Local
e462.c49f.790f	C9124AXI-B	WLAN	6	Run	11ac	None	Local

9800L#

show wireless client summary detail

Number of Clients: 2

MAC Address	SSID	AP Name	State	IP Address	VLAN	BSSID	Auth Method	Protocol	Channel
6c13.d53f.f8f4	WGB	C9124AXI-B	Run	10.10.246.2	3246	5c64.f171.6eae	[PSK]	11ac	36
e462.c49f.790f	WGB	C9124AXI-B	Run	10.10.246.4	3246	5c64.f171.6eae	[PSK]	11ac	36

9800L#

show wireless wgb summary

Number of WGBs: 1

MAC Address	AP Name	WLAN	State	Clients
e462.c49f.790f	C9124AXI-B	6	Run	1

Workgroup Bridge

Confirm the WGB shows as connected to the SSID.

<#root>

WGB#

show wgb dot11 associations

```

Uplink Radio ID : 1
Uplink Radio MAC : E4:62:C4:9F:79:0F
SSID Name : WGB
Connected Duration : 0 hours, 7 minutes, 9 seconds
Parent AP Name : C9124AXI-B
Parent AP MAC : 5C:64:F1:71:6E:AE
Uplink State : CONNECTED
Auth Type : PSK
Key management Type : WPA2
Dot11 type : 11ac
Channel : 36
Bandwidth : 20 MHz
Current Datarate : 104 Mbps
Max Datarate : 286 Mbps
RSSI : 41
IP : 10.10.246.4/24
Default Gateway : 10.10.246.1
IPV6 : ::/128

```

```
Assoc timeout : 5000 Msec
Auth timeout : 5000 Msec
Dhcp timeout : 60 Sec
Country-code : US
```

Confirm the SVI of the vLAN 3246 shows in the WGB bridge table.

<#root>

WGB#

show wgb bridge

```
***Client ip table entries***
mac vap port vlan_id seen_ip confirm_ago fast_brg
6C:13:D5:3F:F8:F4 0 wired0 0 10.10.246.2 28.112000 true
5C:64:F1:71:6E:AF 0 wbridge1 0 0.0.0.0 1064.320000 true
```

Router

From the router confirm it is reachable from vLAN3248 to the network behind the WLC in vLAN3246 and it is successful.

<#root>

Router#

ping 10.10.246.1 source vlan 3248

```
Type escape sequence to abort.
Sending 5, 100-byte ICMP Echos to 10.10.246.1, timeout is 2 seconds:
Packet sent with a source address of 10.10.248.1
!!!!
Success rate is 100 percent (5/5), round-trip min/avg/max = 4/7/8 ms
```

Confirm NAT translations are shown properly.

<#root>

Router#

show ip nat translations

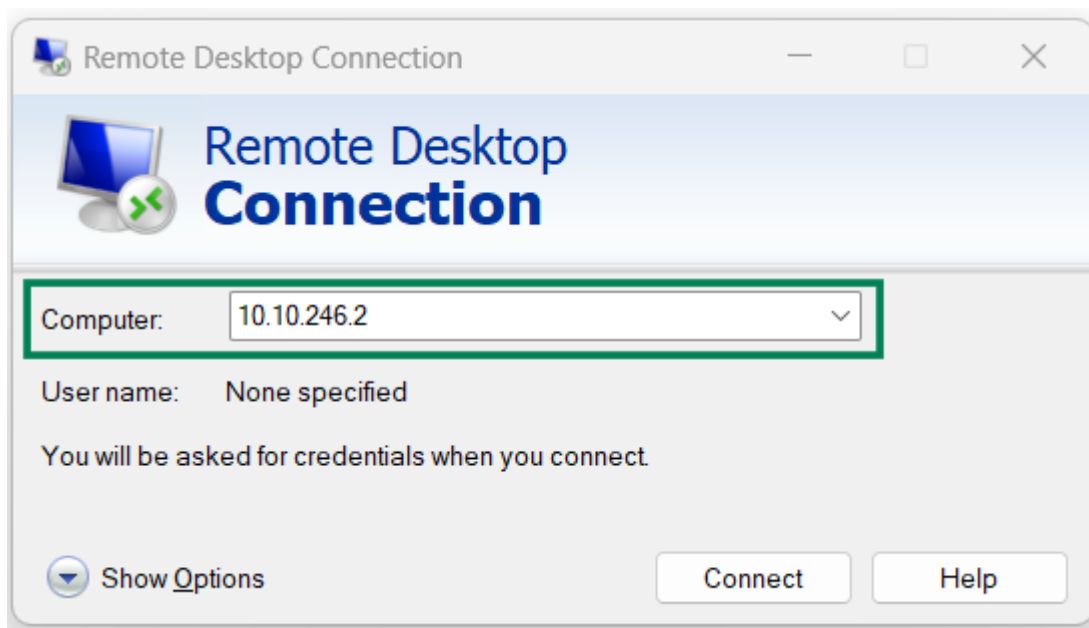
```
Pro Inside global Inside local Outside local Outside global
icmp 10.10.246.2:12 10.10.248.1:12 10.10.246.1:12 10.10.246.1:12
```

Total number of translations: 1

If the optional configuration step of NAT is used, then confirm RDP connectivity from vLAN3246 to a device in vLAN3248 is successful.

RDP is used in the example of this document, however, any other protocol can be used.

Use the SVI of the vLAN3246 configured in the router which is 10.10.246.2 to RDP the device 10.10.248.10 behind the router in vLAN3248.



RDP Remote Device