# Configure Posture on Catalyst 9800 WLC and ISE

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## Introduction

This document describes how to configure a posture WLAN on a Catalyst 9800 WLC and ISE through the Graphic User Interface (GUI).

## **Prerequisites**

#### Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- 9800 WLC general configuration
- ISE policies and profiles configuration

#### **Components Used**

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

• 9800 WLC Cisco IOS® XE Cupertino v17.9.5

- Identity Service Engine (ISE) v3.2
- Laptop Windows 10 Enterprise

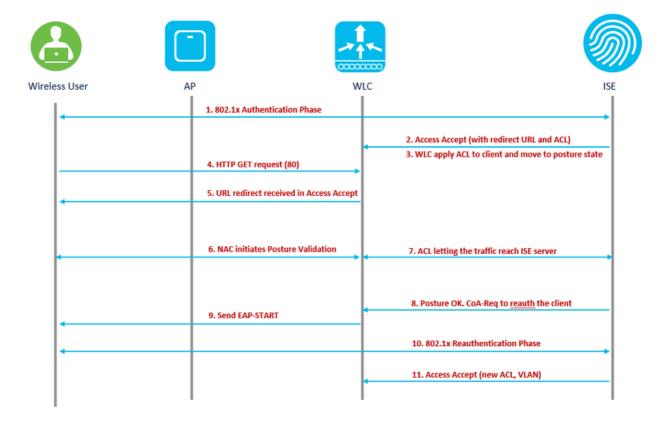
The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

## **Background Information**

Wireless LAN Controller RADIUS NAC and CoA Feature Flow

- 1. Client authenticates using dot1x authentication.
- 2. RADIUS Access Accept carries redirected URL for port 80 and pre-auth ACLs that includes allowing IP addresses and ports, or quarantine VLAN.
- 3. Client is re-directed to the URL provided in access accept, and put into a new state until posture validation is done. The client in this state talks to the ISE server and validate itself against the policies configured on the ISE NAC server.
- 4. NAC agent on client initiates posture validation (traffic to port 80): Agent sends HTTP discovery request to port 80 which controller redirects to URL provided in access accept. The ISE knows that client trying to reach and responds directly to client. This way the client learns about the ISE server IP and from now on, the client talks directly with the ISE server.
- 5. WLC allows this traffic because the ACL is configured to allow this traffic. In case of VLAN override, the traffic is bridged so that it reaches the ISE server.
- 6. Once ISE-client completes assessment, a RADIUS CoA-Req with reauth service is sent to the WLC. This initiates re-authentication of the client (by sending EAP-START). Once re-authentication succeeds, the ISE sends access accept with a new ACL (if any) and no URL redirect, or access VLAN.
- 7. WLC has support for CoA-Req and Disconnect-Req as per RFC 3576. The WLC needs to support CoA-Req for re-auth service, as per RFC 5176.
- 8. Instead of downloadable ACLs, pre-configured ACLs are used on the WLC. The ISE server just sends the ACL name, which is already configured in controller.
- 9. This design works for both VLAN and ACL cases. In case of VLAN override, we just redirect the port 80 is redirected and allows (bridge) rest of the traffic on the quarantine VLAN. For the ACL, the pre-auth ACL received in access accept is applied.

This figure provides a visual representation of this feature flow:



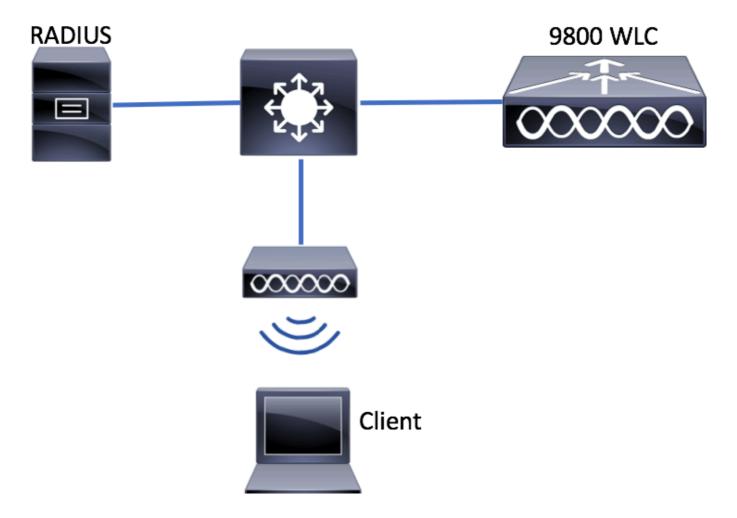
feature workflow

For this use case, an SSID which is only used for corporate users are enabled for posture. No other use cases, such as BYOD, Guest, or any others exist on this SSID.

When a wireless client connects to the Posture SSID for the first time, it must download and install the Posture Module on the redirected portal of the ISE, and finally applied with relevant ACLs based on the posture check result (Compliant/Non-Compliant).

# **Configure**

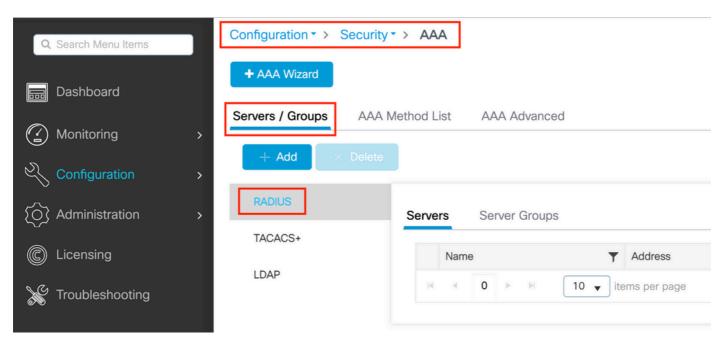
**Network Diagram** 



Network Diagram

## **AAA Configuration on 9800 WLC**

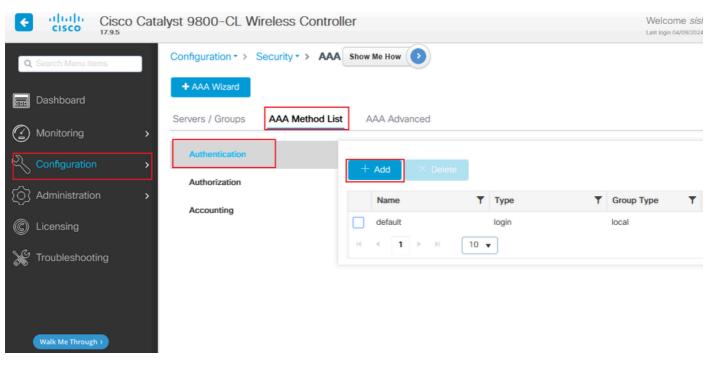
Step 1. Add the ISE server to the 9800 WLC configuration. Navigate to **Configuration > Security > AAA** > **Servers/Groups > RADIUS > Servers > + Add** and enter the RADIUS server information as shown in the images. Ensure Support for CoA is enabled for posture NAC.



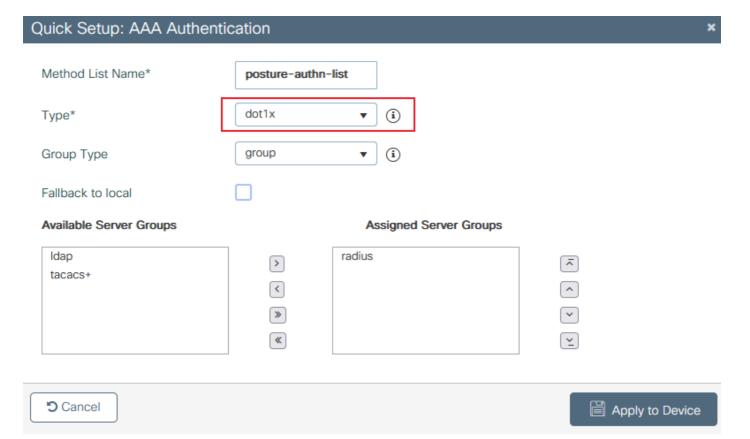
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Auth Port	1812					
Acct Port	1813					
Server Timeout (seconds)	1-1000					
Retry Count	0-100					
<b>5</b> Cancel						Apply to Device

9800 create radius details

Step 2. Create an authentication method list. Navigate to **Configuration > Security > AAA > AAA Method List > Authentication > + Add** as shown in the image:

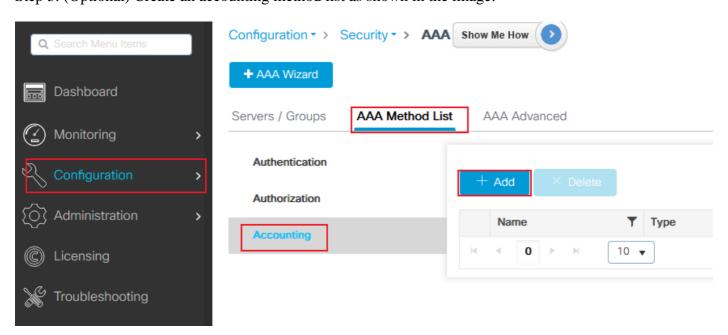


9800 add auth list

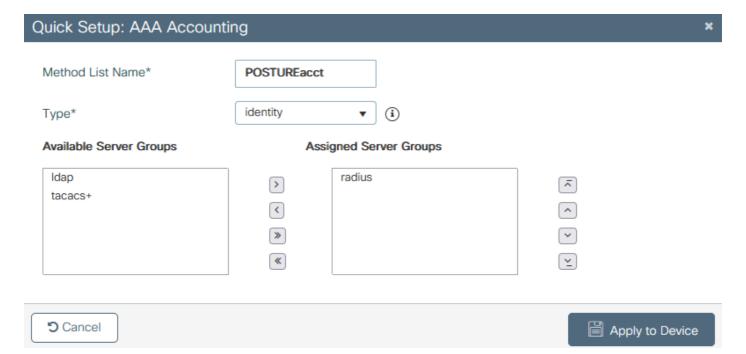


9800 create auth list details

Step 3. (Optional) Create an accounting method list as shown in the image:



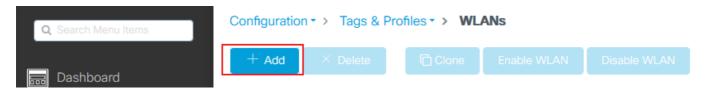
9800 add account list



9800 create acct list details

### **WLAN Configuration**

Step 1. Create the WLAN. Navigate to Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs > + Add and configure the network as needed:



9800 WLAN add

Step 2. Enter the WLAN general information.

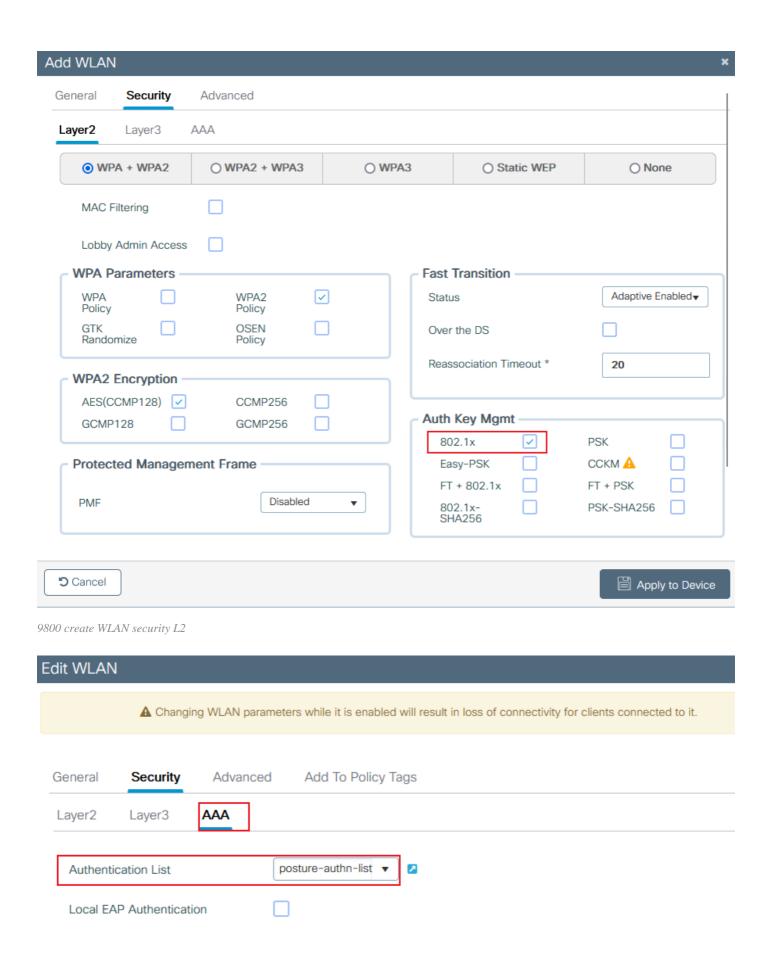


9800 create WLAN general

Cancel

Step 3. Navigate to the **Security** tab and choose the needed security method. In this case, choose '802.1x' and the AAA authentication list (that you created in Step 2. in the **AAA Configuration** section) are needed:

Apply to Device

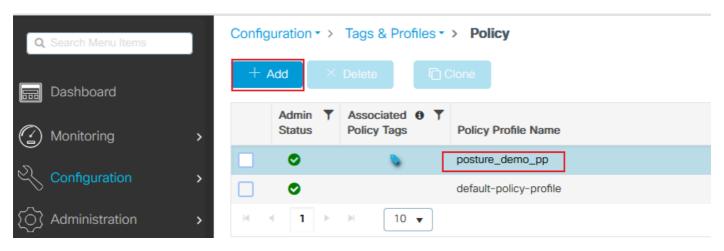


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## **Policy Profile Configuration**

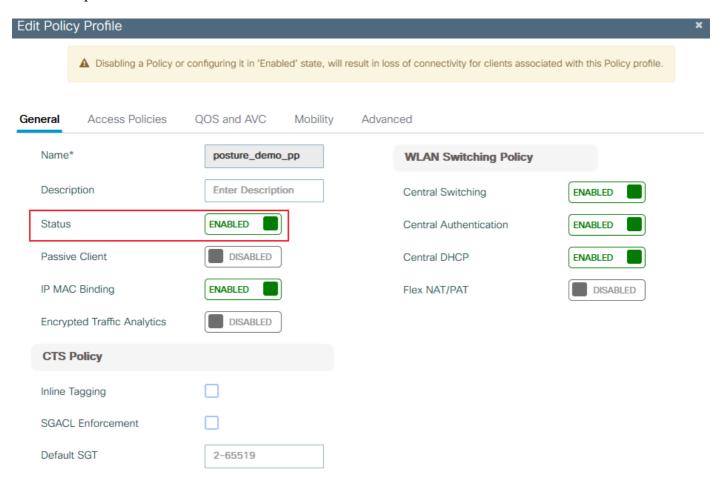
Inside a Policy Profile, you can decide to assign the clients to which VLAN, among other settings (like Access Controls List (ACLs), Quality of Service (QoS), Mobility Anchor, Timers, and so on). You can either use your default policy profile or you can create a new one.

Step 1. Create a new **Policy Profile**. Navigate to **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Policy** and create a new one:



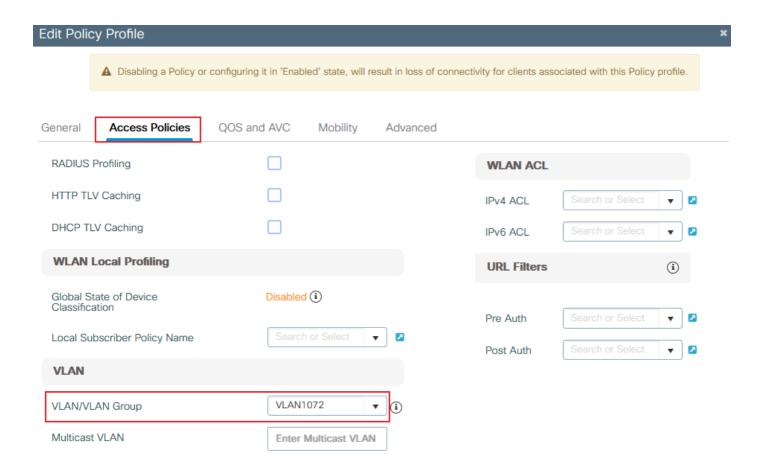
9800 add policy profile

Ensure the profile is enabled.



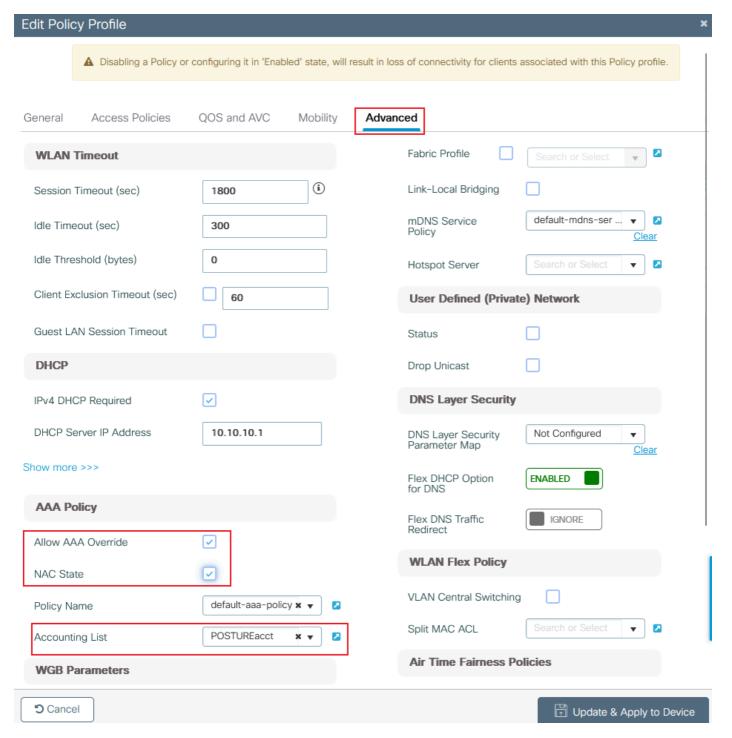
9800 create policy profile general

Step 2. Choose the VLAN. Navigate to the **Access Policies** tab and choose the VLAN name from the drop-down or manually type the VLAN-ID. Do not configure an ACL in the policy profile:



9800 create policy profile VLAN

Step 3. Configure the policy profile to accept ISE overrides (allow AAA override) and Change of Authorization (CoA) (NAC State). You can optionally specify an accounting method too:

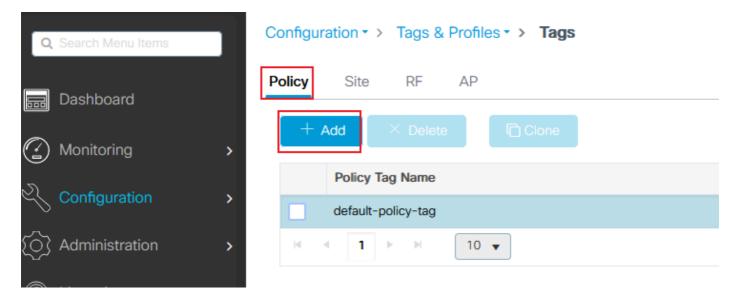


9800 create policy profile Advance

## **Policy Tag Configuration**

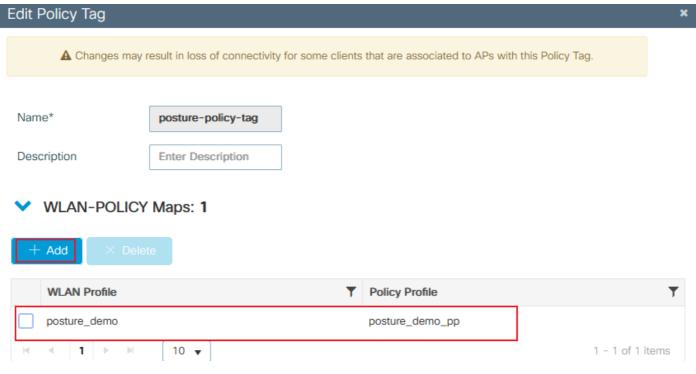
Inside the Policy Tag is where you link your SSID with your Policy Profile. You can either create a new Policy Tag or use the default-policy tag.

Navigate to **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Tags > Policy** and add a new one if needed as shown in the image:



9800 policy tag add

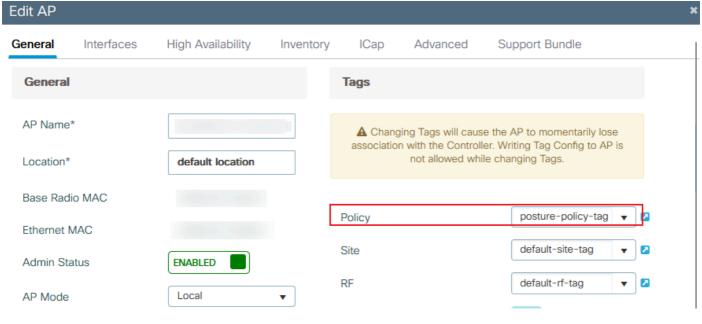
Link your WLAN Profile to the desired Policy Profile:



9800 policy tag details

#### **Policy Tag Assignment**

Assign the Policy Tag to the needed APs. Navigate to **Configuration > Wireless > Access Points > AP Name > General** Tags , make the needed assignment, and then click **Update & Apply** to Device .



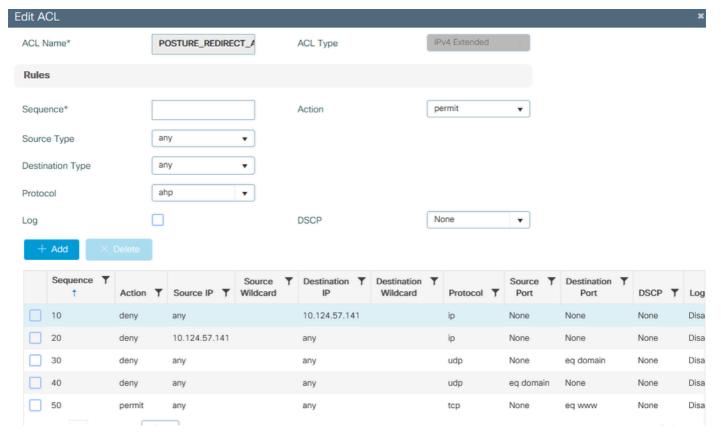
9800 policy tag assignment

#### **Redirect ACL Configuration**

Navigate to **Configuration > Security > ACL > + Add** in order to create a new ACL.

The ACL used for Posture Portal Redirect has the same requirements as the CWA (Central Web Authentication).

You need to deny traffic to your ISE PSNs nodes as well as deny DNS and permit all the rest. This redirect ACL is not a security ACL but a punt ACL that defines what traffic goes to the CPU (on permits) for further treatment (like redirection) and what traffic stays on the data plane (on deny) and avoids redirection. The ACL must look like this (replace 10.124.57.141 with your ISE IP address in this example):



9800 redirect ACL details

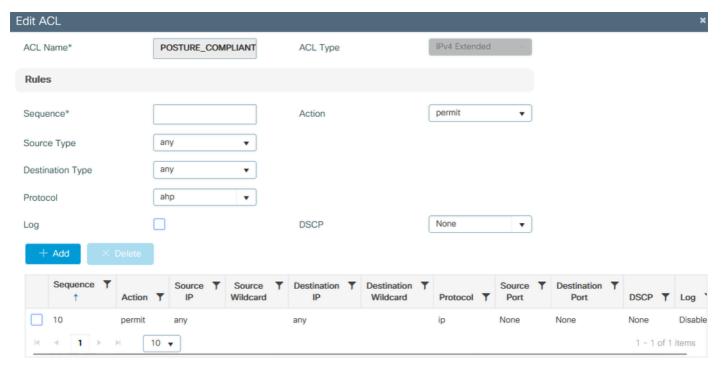
#### **Policy ACL Configuration**

In this case, you need to define separate ACLs on 9800 WLC for ISE to authorize the Compliant and Non-Compliant scenarios based on poture check result.



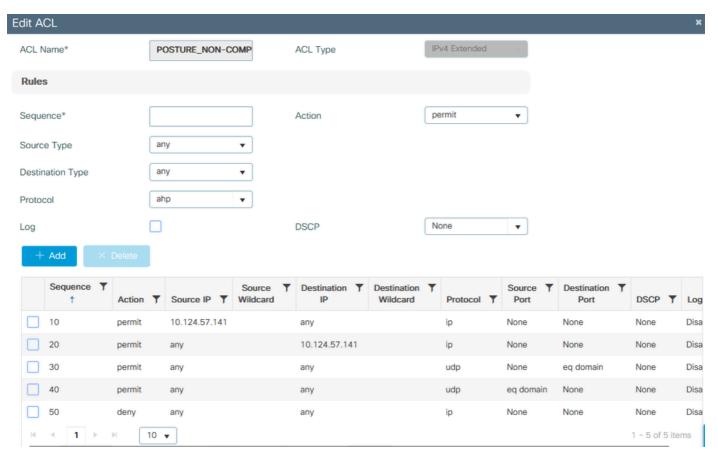
9800 ACL general

For Compliant scenario, simply use **permit all** in this case. As another common configuration, you can also have ISE not to authorize any ACL in the compliant result, which is equivalent to **permit all** on the 9800 side:



9800 ACL - Compliant

For Non-compliant scenario, the client only allows access to certain networks, usually the remediation server (ISE itself in this case):



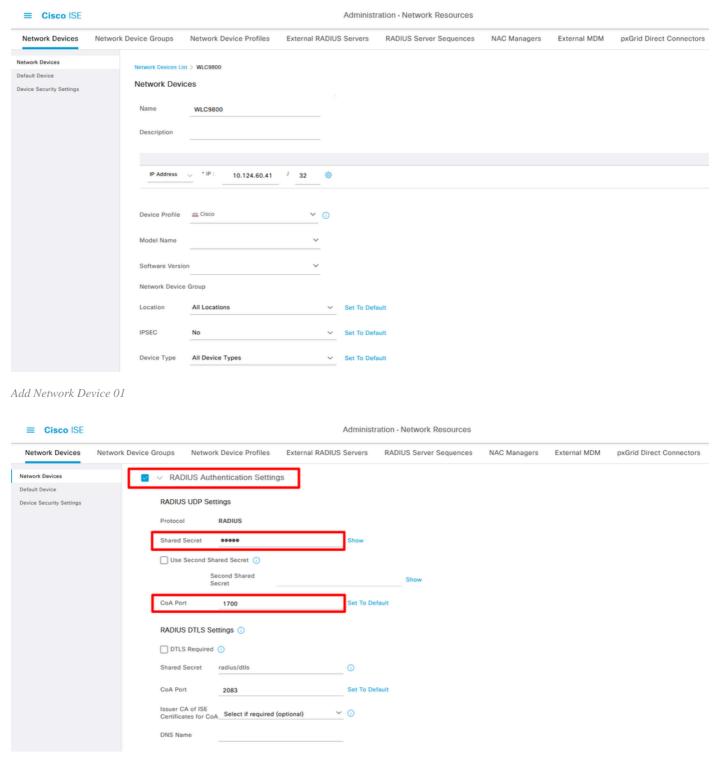
9800 ACL - Non-Compliant

## **AAA Configuration and Posture Setting on ISE**

Posture Requirement: In this example, the requirement to determine compliance is to detect whether a

specific test file exists on the desktop used to test Windows PC.

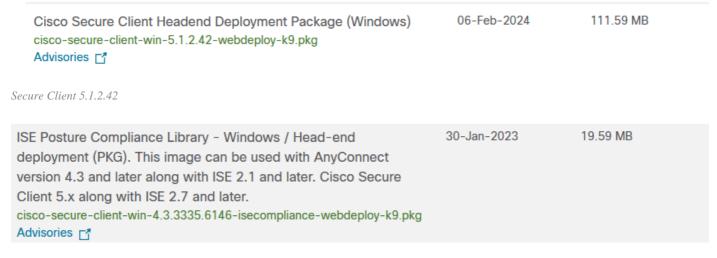
Step 1. Add WLC 9800 as NAD on the ISE. Navigate to **Administration> Network Resources> Network Devices> Add**:



Add Network Device 02

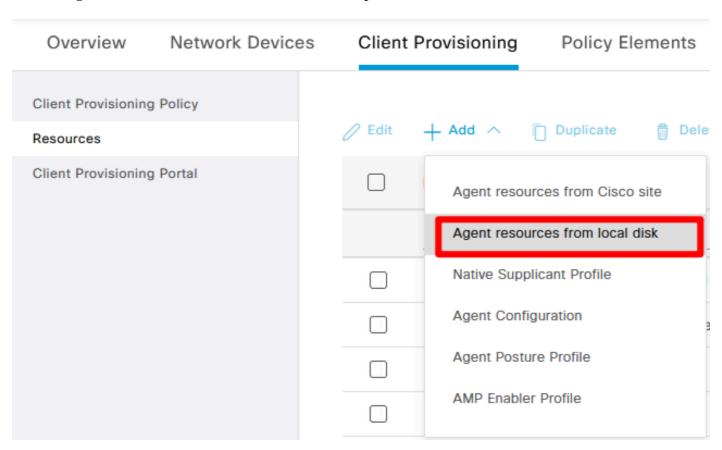
Step 2. Download Cisco Secure Client Headend Deployment Package and Compliance module on Cisco Software CCO website.

Access and search Cisco Secure Client:

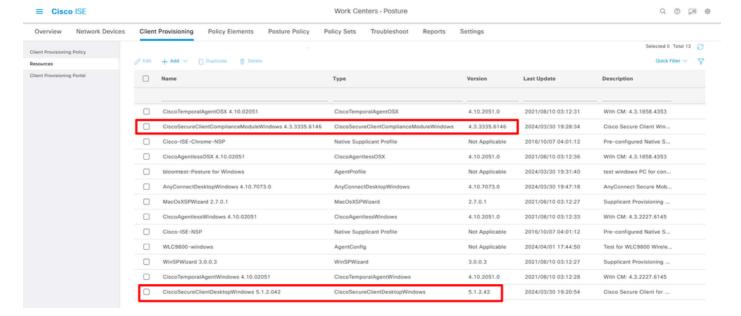


ISE Compliance module 4.3

Step 3. Upload Cisco Secure Client Headend Deployment Package and Compliance module package to ISE Client Provisioning. Navigate to **Work Centers> Posture> Client Provisioning> Resources**. Click **Add**, Choose **Agent resources from local disk** from the drop-down box:

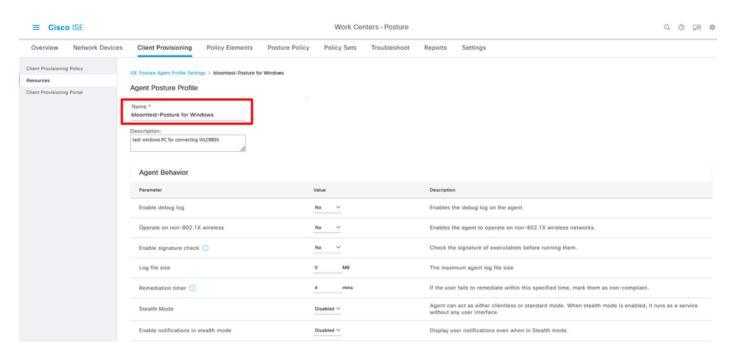


Upload Secure Client



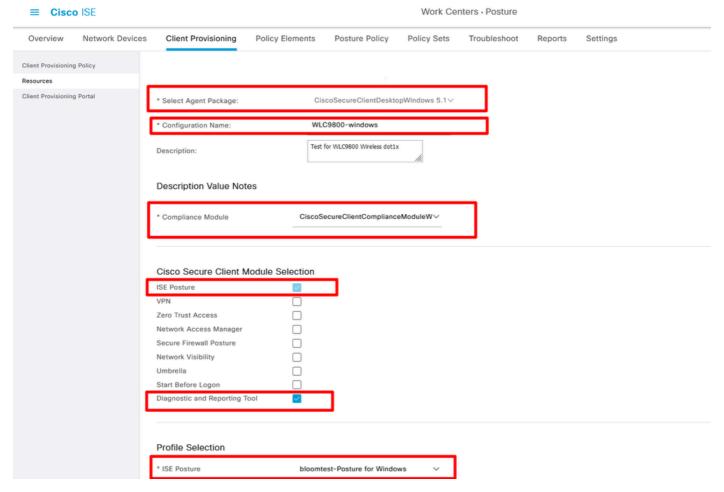
Upload Secure Client and Compliance Module successfully

# Step 4. Create Agent Posture Profile Navigate to **Work Centers> Posture> Client Provisioning> Resources> Add> Agent Posture Profile**:



Agent Posture Profile

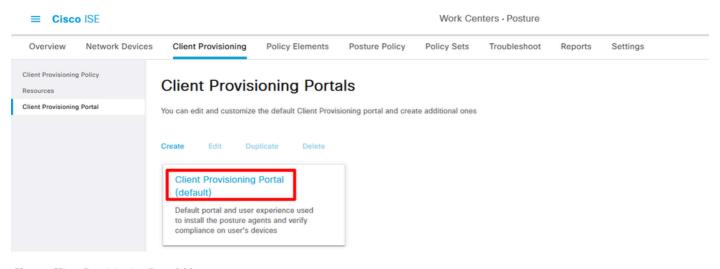
Step 5. Create Agent Configuration Navigate to **Work Centers> Posture> Client Provisioning> Resources> Add> Agent Configuration**:



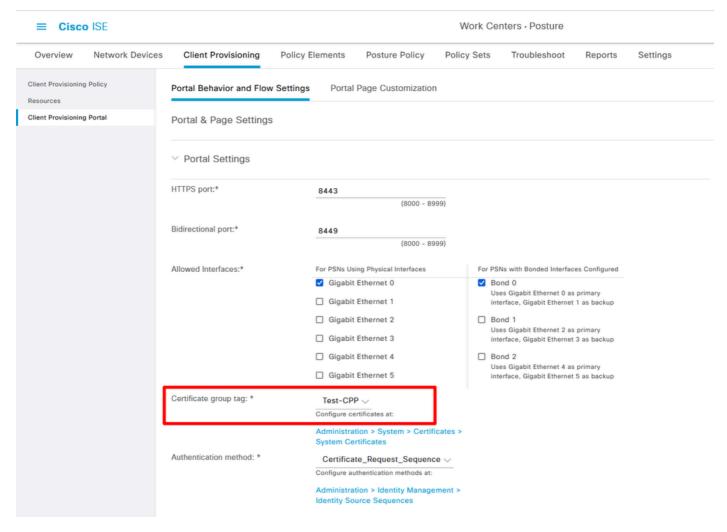
Add Agent Configuration

Step 6. Confirm the Client Provisioning portal, use default protal for testing is OK. (Please generate CSR and Apply for an SSL certificate from the CA server, and replace Certificate Group tag on this protal Settings, Otherwise, a certificate untrusted warning occurs during the test process.)

#### Navigate to Work Centers> Posture> Client Provisioning> Client Provisioning Portals:

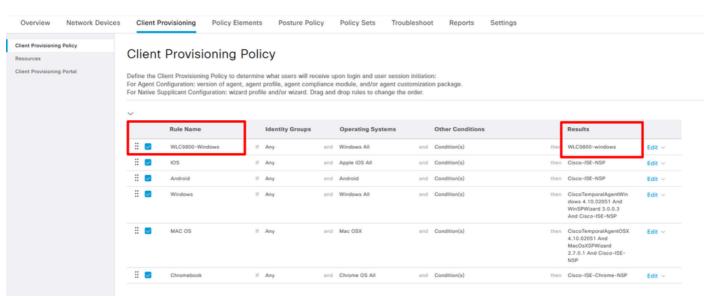


Choose Client Provisioning Portal 01



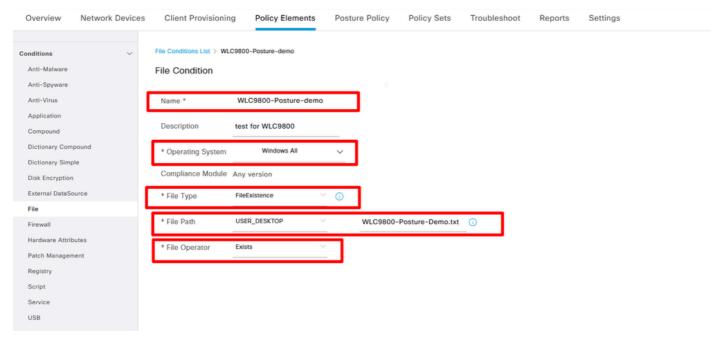
Choose Client Provisioning Portal 02

Step 7. Create Client Provisioning Policy. Navigate to **Work Centers> Posture> Client Provisioning> Client Provisioning Policy > Edit> insert new policy above**.



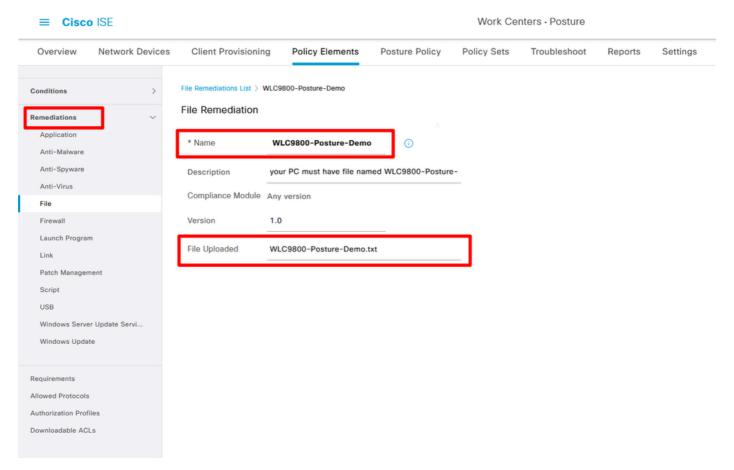
Create Client Provisioning Policy

Step 8. Create File Conditions. Navigate to **Work Centers> Posture> Policy Elements> Conditions> File> File Conditions> Add**:



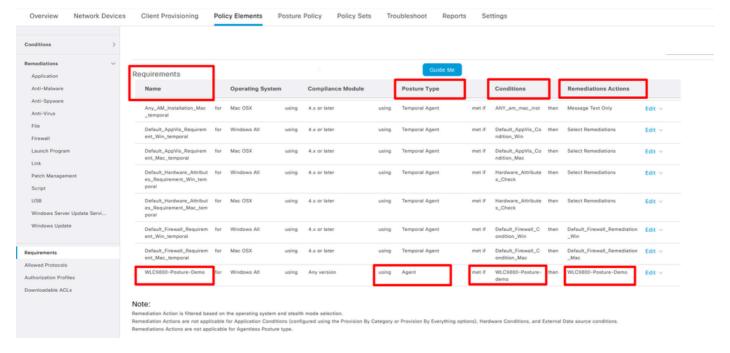
Create File Condition

Step 9. Create Remediations Navigate to **Work Centers> Posture> Policy Elements> Remediations > File> Add**:



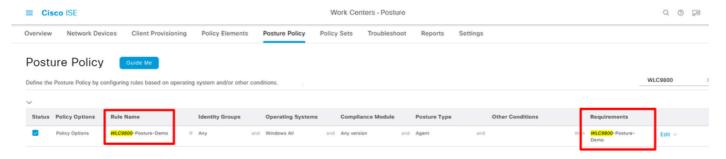
Create File Remediation

Step 10. Create Requirement. Navigate to **Work Centers> Posture> Policy Elements> Requirements> Insert new Requirement**:



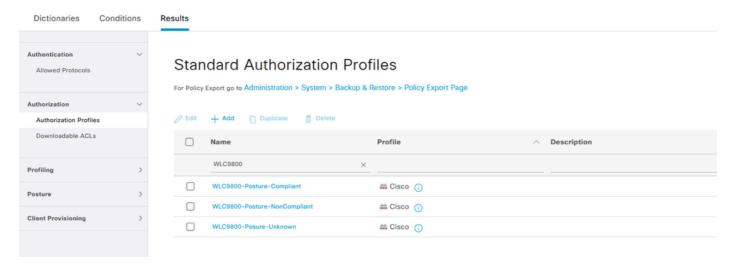
Create Posture Requirement

Step 11. Create Posture Policy. Navigate to Work Centers> Posture> Insert new policy:

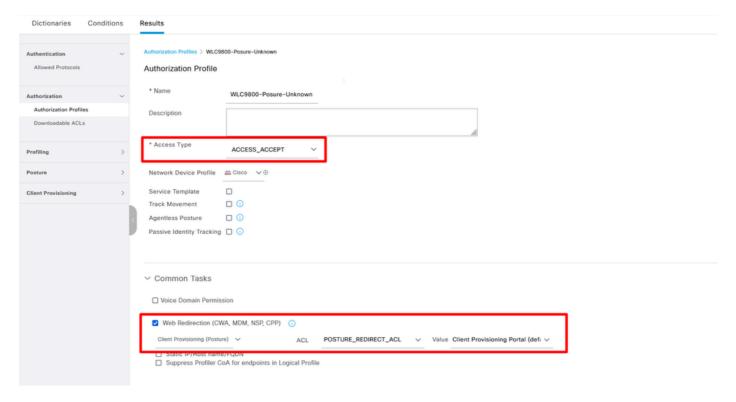


Create Posture Policy

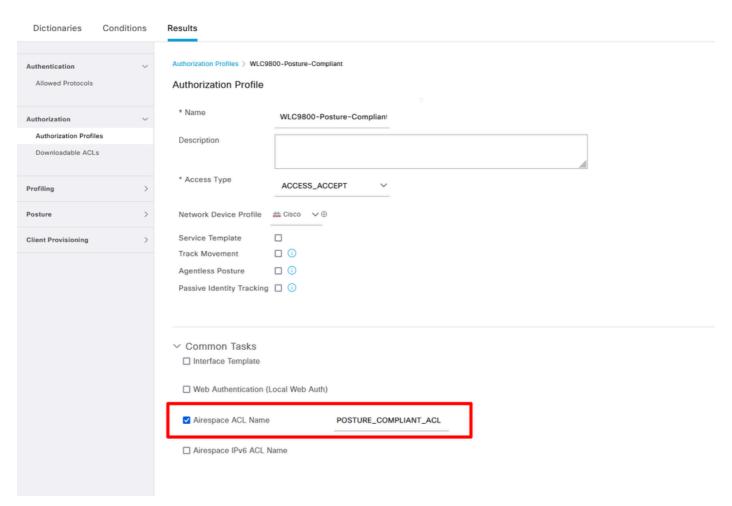
Step 12. Create three Authorization Profiles: Posture status is Unknown; Posture status is Non-Compliant; Posture Status is Compliant. Navigate to **Policy> Policy Elements> Results> Authorization> Authorization Profiles> Add**:



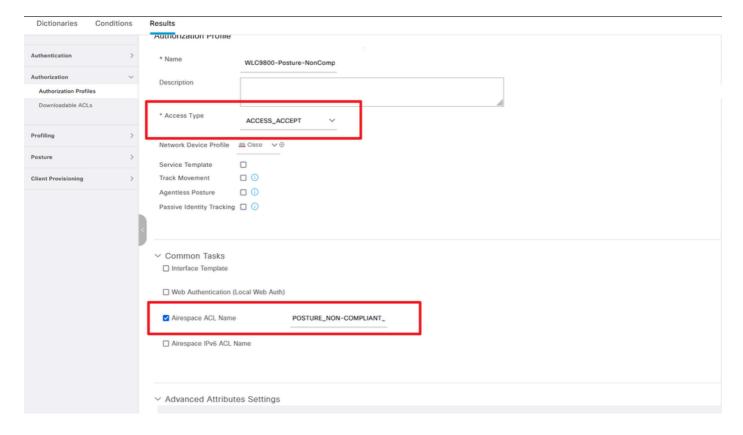
Create Authorization Profiles 01



#### Create Authorization Profiles 02



Create Authorization Profiles 03



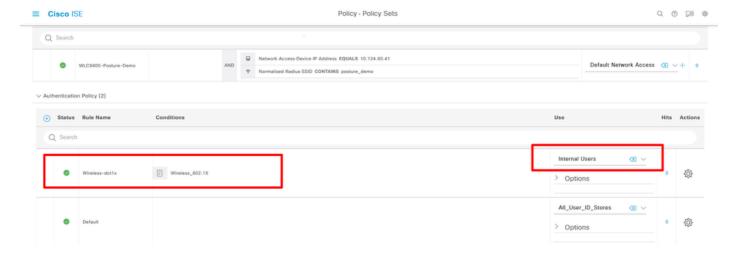
Step 13. Create Policy Sets. Navigate to Policy Policy



Create Policy Sets

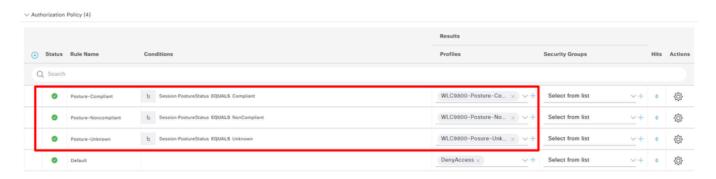
#### **Sets> Add Icon:**

Step 14. Create Authentication Policy Navigate to Policy Policy Sets> Expand "WLC9800-Posture-Demo"> Authentication Policy> Add:



Create Authentication Policy

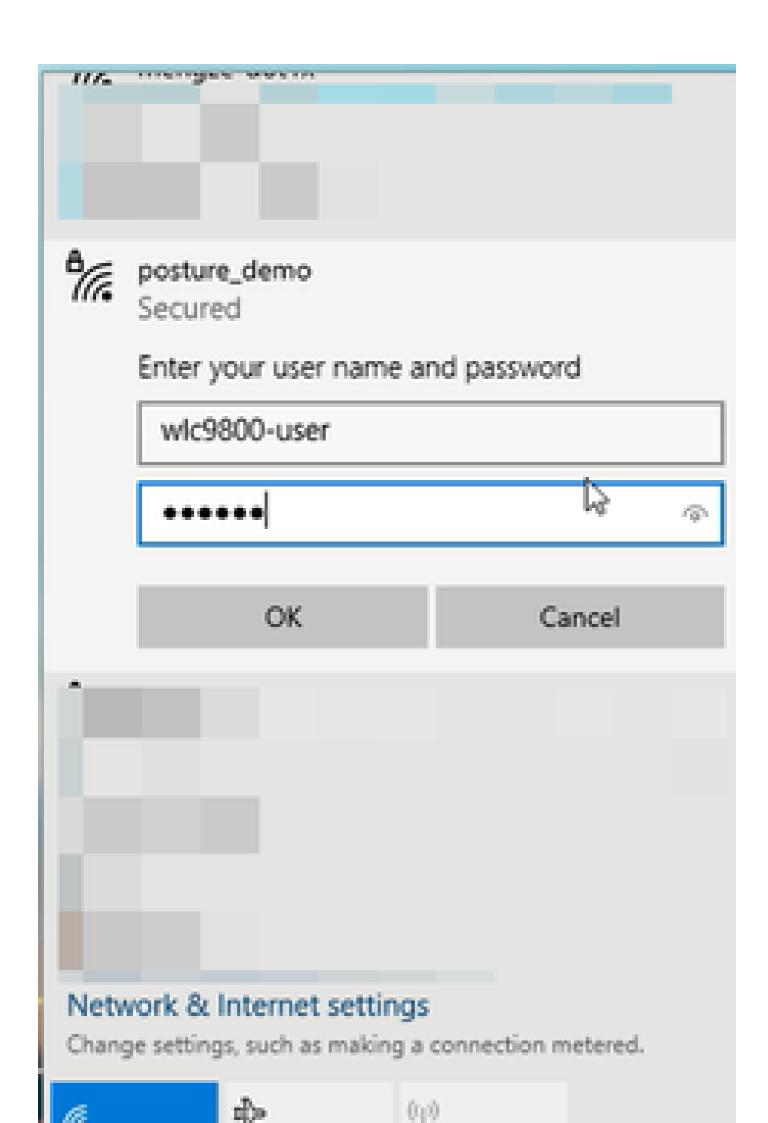
Step 15. Create Authorization Policy Navigate to Policy> Policy Sets> Expand "WLC9800-Posture-Demo"> Authorization Policy> Add:



Create Authorization Policy

# **Examples**

1. Connected test SSID **posture\_demo** with correct 802.1X credentials.



• If the broswer has been redirected to the ISE portal URL but the page cannot be loaded, check whether the ISE domain name is not added to the DNS server, hence the client cannot resolve the portal URL. To quickly resolve the this problem, check the **Static IP/Host name/FQDN** under the Authorization Profile to provide the IP address in redirect URL. However, this can be a security concern because it exposes the IP address of the ISE.



# **Collect Debugs**

Enable Debugs on C9800

**Enable Debugs on ISE** 

## References

- Configure CWA on Catalyst 9800 WLC and ISE Cisco
- Wireless BYOD with Identity Services Engine
- Deploy ISE Posture
- Troubleshoot ISE Session Management and Posture
- Compare ISE Posture Redirection Flow to ISE Posture Redirectionless Flow