



## aWIPS Profiles

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## About aWIPS Profiles

The aWIPS profile configuration allows you to select required signatures, configure threshold values used in detection of a WIPS denial of service (DoS) attacks, and enable forensic capture at signature level. Threshold configuration helps to adjust the number of alarms which are generated for a specific duration for each aWIPS signature.

The aWIPS profile configuration support is available for the following devices with software version 17.4 and later:

- Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller
- Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Cloud Wireless Controller
- Cisco Embedded Wireless Controller on Catalyst Access Points
- Cisco Catalyst 9800 Embedded Wireless Controller for Catalyst 9300 Series Switches
- Cisco Catalyst 9400 Series Switches
- Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches



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**Note** Only for SD-Access use cases, you must enable the wireless module on Cisco Catalyst 9300 Series Switches, Cisco Catalyst 9400 Series Switches, and Cisco Catalyst 9500 Series Switches for aWIPS profiles to work.

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## Prerequisites

- Verify the network connectivity between the Cisco Wireless Controller and Cisco DNA Center.
- Make sure that the network device is reachable from Cisco DNA Center and has downloaded the aWIPS profile configuration from Cisco DNA Center.
- For forensic capture, make sure that there is network connectivity between APs and Cisco DNA Center.
- For forensic capture, make sure that the Google Protocol RPC (gRPC) tunnel interface has been established between APs and Cisco DNA Center. Use the **show ap icap connection** command to make sure that the status is READY.
- For forensic capture, the required ports must be opened between Cisco DNA Center and network device links.
- For forensic capture, there should not be a time lag between Cisco DNA Center and access points.
- If you have upgraded Cisco DNA Center from an earlier release, you must disable and enable **aWIPS** from the **Rogue and aWIPS** dashboard to subscribe an additional subscription. For more information, see [Monitor the Rogue Management and aWIPS Dashboard](#).




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## Create an aWIPS Profile Configuration Workflow

This section provides information about how to create an aWIPS profile.

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- Step 1** Click the menu icon (☰) and choose **Workflows > Create an aWIPS Profile**.  
You can also create an aWIPS profile by navigating to **Assurance > Rogue and aWIPS > aWIPS Profile > Add Profile**.  
The **Create an aWIPS Profile** window appears.
- Step 2** Click **Let's Do it**.  
The **aWIPS Profile Creation** window appears.
- Step 3** In the **Profile Name** field, enter a name for the aWIPS profile.
- Step 4** The **Signatures** table lists the following aWIPS profile parameters:
- **Signature**: Shows the standard aWIPS signatures that detect the various denial of service (DoS) attacks.
  - **Default Threshold**: Shows the predefined threshold value for the respective aWIPS signature.
  - **Configure Threshold**: Shows the manually configured threshold value for the respective aWIPS signature.
  - **Time Interval (In Seconds)**: Shows the time interval of packets.

- **Forensic Capture:** Captures the aWIPS DoS attack packets in real time for the given signature.

- Step 5** In the **Signature** column, check the check box next to the aWIPS signature that you want to select or deselect for an aWIPS profile.
- If an aWIPS signature is not selected for an aWIPS profile, Cisco DNA Center does not detect the DoS attack for that particular aWIPS signature.
- Step 6** In the **Configure Threshold** column, for the chosen aWIPS signature, enter the threshold value within the specified range that is displayed on top of the respective **Configure Threshold** field.
- For some signatures, the configuration threshold is not applicable. The threshold configuration value for those signatures is displayed as NA on top of the respective **Configure Threshold** field.
- The **Configure Threshold** value cannot contain alphanumeric characters.
- Step 7** In the **Forensic Capture** column, click the toggle button to enable or disable the forensic capture for a particular aWIPS signature.
- Note**
- Cisco DNA Center does not allow you to edit the **Default Threshold** value and **Time Interval (In Seconds)** value for the aWIPS profile.
  - If you enable forensic capture for an aWIPS signature, Cisco DNA Center allows you to download packets from the **Threat 360** window.
  - If you disable forensic capture for an aWIPS signature, Cisco DNA Center does not capture the aWIPS DoS attack for the given signature.
  - Enabling **Forensic Capture** for RTS Flood and CTS Flood signatures might impact the performance of Cisco DNA Center.
- Step 8** (Optional) Click **Reset to Default** to get the default aWIPS profile configuration.
- Step 9** Click **Next**.
- Note** In the **Configure Threshold** column, for the chosen aWIPS signature, if you enter the threshold value out of the specified range, an error message appears on top of the **Create an aWIPS Profile** window to enter the correct value within the specified range.
- Step 10** In the **Profile Summary** window, the **Profile Summary** table displays the summary of the profile that was configured in the previous window.
- Step 11** Click **Next**.
- Step 12** In the **Profile Creation Done** page, click **Assign Profile to Device(s)** to assign this aWIPS profile to a device.
- The **Assign aWIPS Profile** window appears.
- You can also assign an aWIPS profile to a device on the **Assurance > Rogue and aWIPS > aWIPS Profile** page by checking the check box next to the aWIPS profile name and choosing **More Actions > Assign**.
- Note** You cannot assign more than one aWIPS profile to the device at a time.
- Step 13** In the **Assigned WLCs** column, click the number link to view the number of wireless controllers assigned to an aWIPS profile.
- The **Profile Assigned to WLC** window shows the following attributes of the network device:
- **Device Name:** Shows the name of the network device.

- **IP Address:** Shows the IP address of the network device.
- **Profile Config URL Push Status:** Shows the status of profile configuration URL push to the network device. The possible values are **Success**, **Failure**, and **In Progress**.

In case of **Failure** status, hover your mouse over the **i** icon next to the **Failure** to see the failure reason.

- **Profile Config Download Status (On Device):** Shows the profile configuration download status on the device. The possible values are **Success**, **Failure**, and **In Progress**.

In case of **Failure** status, hover your mouse over the **i** icon next to the **Failure** to see the failure reason.

- Note**
- If the aWIPS subscription is disabled on Cisco DNA Center, an error message appears on the top of the **aWIPS Profile** dashboard. You must have an aWIPS subscription to see the value of **Profile Config Download Status (On Device)**. To subscribe the aWIPS data collection, enable **aWIPS** from the **Rogue and aWIPS** overview dashboard. See [Monitor the Rogue Management and aWIPS Dashboard](#).
  - The HTTP protocol reachability must be present between the device and Cisco DNA Center for the device to download the profile configuration from the profile config URL.

- **Forensic capture config Status:** Shows the forensic capture config status on the **default-ap-profile** AP Join Profile on the device. The possible values are **Success**, **Failure**, and **In Progress**.

In case of **Failure** status, hover your mouse over the **i** icon next to the **Failure** to see the failure reason.

- **Forensic Capture:** Shows whether the forensic capture is enabled/disabled on the **default-ap-join** AP Join Profile on the device. Forensic capture on custom AP join profile is not supported.

Hover your mouse over the **i** icon next to the Forensic capture. A tooltip saying **Shows the current Forensic Capture status on default-ap-profile AP Join Profile on the device** appears.

- Note** In the **Profile Assigned to WLC** window, you cannot enable or disable the **Forensic Capture**.

- **Assigned On:** Shows the date and time the aWIPS profile is assigned to the wireless controller.

**Step 14** Click Next.

The **Profile Creation Done** window appears.

## View aWIPS Profiles

Click the menu icon () and choose **Assurance > Rogue and aWIPS > aWIPS Profile**.

The **aWIPS Profile(s)** dashboard appears.

- Note** When you navigate to the **aWIPS Profile** tab for the first time, an error message appears on top of the **aWIPS Profile** dashboard to subscribe the upgraded subscription even if **aWIPS** is enabled in Cisco DNA Center. To subscribe the upgraded subscription, you must disable and enable **aWIPS** from the **Rogue and aWIPS** overview dashboard. See [Monitor the Rogue Management and aWIPS Dashboard](#).

The aWIPS Profile dashboard displays the following information:

- **Profile Name:** Shows the list of aWIPS profiles names.
- **Assigned WLCs:** Shows the number of assigned wireless controllers to an aWIPS profile.
- **Last Changed:** Shows the last created or updated date and time of an aWIPS profile.

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## Assign an aWIPS Profile to the Network Device

### Before you begin

If you upgrade Cisco DNA Center from an earlier release, you must disable and enable **aWIPS** from the **Rogue and aWIPS** overview dashboard to subscribe the additional subscription. See [Monitor the Rogue Management and aWIPS Dashboard](#).



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**Step 1** Click the menu icon (☰) and choose **Workflows > Assign an aWIPS Profile**.

The **Assign an aWIPS Profile** window appears.

To skip this screen in the future, check the **Don't show this to me again** check box.

**Step 2** Click **Let's Do it**.

The **Assign aWIPS Profile** window appears.

**Step 3** From the **Profile Name** drop-down list, choose the aWIPS profile name that you want to assign to a device.

**Step 4** In the left pane, you can either search for a site by entering its name in the **Find Hierarchy** field, or expand **Global** to choose the sites.

You can also search for a network device by entering its name in the **Search Table** field.

The **Network Devices** table shows the **Device Name**, **IP Address**, **Software Version**, **Reachability**, and **Forensic Capture** of the device and lists the network devices in the following sections:

- **Reachable & Supported:** Shows the list of reachable and supported network devices with software version 17.4, and reachability status with a green check mark.
- **Not Reachable/Not Supported:** Shows the list of unreachable or unsupported network devices with software version 17.4. You cannot assign an aWIPS profile to unreachable or unsupported network devices.

**Step 5** In the **Reachable & Supported** tab, check the check box next to the device that you want to assign to the selected aWIPS profile. You can either select all devices or an individual device.

You can assign an aWIPS profile to a maximum of 100 devices at a time.

- Step 6** Click **Next**.
- Step 7** In the **Profile and devices Mapped Summary** window, expand **aWIPS Profile Details** to view the configuration summary of the selected aWIPS profile, and **Device Map** to view the configuration summary of assigned devices.
- Step 8** Click **Next**.  
The **Profile Assignment to Devices initiated successfully** window appears.
- Note** The profile assignment to the devices takes some time to complete. You must wait before retrying the assignment process.
- Step 9** To view the status of the assigned aWIPS profile to the device, click the **Go to Rogue and aWIPS Home Page** link. For more information, see [View aWIPS Profiles](#).
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## Edit an aWIPS Profile

This procedure describes how to edit an aWIPS profile.

### Before you begin

To subscribe the additional subscription, you must disable and enable **aWIPS** from the **Rogue and aWIPS** overview dashboard. See [Monitor the Rogue Management and aWIPS Dashboard](#).

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- Step 1** Click the menu icon (☰) and choose **Assurance > Rogue and aWIPS > aWIPS Profile**.
- Step 2** In the **aWIPS Profile(s)** table, click the profile name that you want to edit.
- Step 3** In the **Edit aWIPS Profile** window that appears, make the necessary changes and click **Save**.  
You cannot edit the default aWIPS profile.  
The profile is saved and pushed to all the devices that are assigned to the given aWIPS profile.
- Note** In the **Configure Threshold** column, for the chosen aWIPS signature, if you enter a threshold value that is out of the specified range, an error message appears on the top of the **Edit aWIPS Profile** window to enter the correct value within the specified range.
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## Delete an aWIPS Profile

This procedure describes how to delete an aWIPS profile from Cisco DNA Center.

### Before you begin

To subscribe the additional subscription, you must disable and enable **aWIPS** from the **Rogue and aWIPS** overview dashboard. See [Monitor the Rogue Management and aWIPS Dashboard](#).

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- Step 1** Click the menu icon (☰) and choose **Assurance > Rogue and aWIPS > aWIPS Profile**.

The **aWIPS Profile** dashboard appears.

**Step 2** In the **aWIPS Profile(s)** table, check the check box next to the aWIPS profile name that you want to delete.

- Note**
- You cannot delete a default aWIPS profile.
  - You cannot delete an aWIPS profile that is assigned to the network device. Instead, you must reassign the device to the default aWIPS profile and then delete it.

**Step 3** From the **More Actions** drop-down list, choose **Delete**.

**Step 4** In the warning window, click **Delete**.

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## Enable or Disable aWIPS or aWIPS Forensic Capture

Cisco DNA Center allows you to enable or disable aWIPS or aWIPS forensic capture at a site level. You can enable or disable aWIPS for all Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controllers in a network.

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**Step 1** Click the menu icon (☰) and choose **Design > Network Settings**.

**Step 2** Click the **Wireless** tab.

**Step 3** In the left pane, ensure that **Global** is selected.

- Note** The sites, buildings, and floors inherit settings from the global level. The settings saved at the site, building, or floor level override the global network settings.

**Step 4** Scroll down to the **aWIPS and Forensic Capture Enablement** area.

**Step 5** To enable aWIPS, check the **Enable aWIPS** check box.

By default, **aWIPS** is enabled at the global level.

**Step 6** To disable aWIPS, uncheck the **Enable aWIPS** check box.

**Step 7** To enable forensic capture, check the **Enable Forensic Capture** check box.

- Note** To enable forensic capture, aWIPS must be enabled. If you disable aWIPS when forensic capture is enabled, forensic capture will also be disabled.

**Step 8** Click **Save**.

- Note** After you configure aWIPS or aWIPS Forensic Capture settings, provision or reprovision a device to push the changes to the device.

**Step 9** To reset the **aWIPS and Forensic Capture Enablement** settings, click **Reset**.

**Note** If you are migrating from an earlier release to the current Cisco DNA Center release, configure the network settings with aWIPS or aWIPS Forensic Capture settings so that the configurations are updated in wireless controllers.

The aWIPS or aWIPS Forensic Capture settings belong to AP Join Profiles on the devices. When a Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller device is provisioned, all the AP Join Profiles associated with the device are fetched and the following actions are taken:

- The default AP Join Profile inherits the aWIPS or aWIPS Forensic Capture settings from the site to which the device is assigned.
  - The custom profiles created via Cisco DNA Center, as part of Row AP Provisioning, inherit the aWIPS or aWIPS Forensic settings from the Country site level to which the Row AP Profile is created.
  - The custom profiles created via Cisco DNA Center, as part of Mesh AP Provisioning, inherit settings from the Floor site level to which the Mesh AP Profile is created.
  - The custom AP Join Profiles created outside Cisco DNA Center do not inherit the settings.
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