



Initial Setup

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Cisco WLAN Express Setup

Cisco WLAN Express Setup is a simplified, out-of-the-box installation and configuration interface for Cisco Wireless Controllers. This section provides instructions to set up a controller to operate in a small, medium, or large network wireless environment, where access points can join and together as a simple solution provide various services such as corporate employee or guest wireless access on the network.

There are two methods:

- Wired method
- Wireless method

With this, there are three ways to set up a controller:

- Cisco WLAN Express Setup
- Traditional command line interface (CLI) through serial console
- Updated method using network connection directly to the controller GUI setup wizard



Note Cisco WLAN Express Setup can be used only for the first time in out-of-the-box installations or when controller configuration is reset to factory defaults.

Feature History

- Release 7.6.120.0: This feature was introduced and supported only on Cisco 2500 Series Wireless Controller. It includes an easy-to-use GUI Configuration Wizard, an intuitive monitoring dashboard and several Cisco Wireless LAN best practices enabled by default.
- Release 8.0.110.0: The following enhancements were made:

- Connect to any port: You can connect a client device to any port on the Cisco 2500 Series Wireless Controller and access the GUI configuration wizard to run Cisco WLAN Express. Previously, you were required to connect the client device to only port 2.
- Wireless Support to run Cisco WLAN Express: You can connect an AP to any of the ports on the Cisco 2500 Series Wireless Controller, associate a client device with the AP, and run Cisco WLAN Express. When the AP is associated with the Cisco 2500 Series Wireless Controller, only 802.11b and 802.11g radios are enabled; the 802.11a radio is disabled. The AP broadcasts an SSID named *CiscoAirProvision*, which is of WPA2-PSK type with the key being *password*. After a client device associates with this SSID, the client device automatically gets an IP address in the 192.168.x.x range. On the web browser of the client device, go to <http://192.168.1.1> to open the GUI configuration wizard.



Note This feature is not supported on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablet computers.

- Release 8.1: The following enhancements are made:
 - Added support for the Cisco WLAN Express using the wired method to Cisco 5500, Flex 7500, 8500 Series Wireless Controllers and Cisco Virtual Wireless Controller.
 - Introduced the Main Dashboard view and compliance assessment and best practices. For more details, see the controller Online Help.

Configuration Checklist

The following checklist is for your reference to make the installation process easy. Ensure that you have these requirements ready before you proceed:

1. Network switch requirements:
 - a. Controller switch port number assigned
 - b. Controller assigned switch port
 - c. Is the switch port configured as trunk or access?
 - d. Is there a management VLAN? If yes, Management VLAN ID
 - e. Is there a guest VLAN? If yes, Guest VLAN ID
2. Controller Settings:
 - a. New admin account name
 - b. Admin account password
 - c. System name for the controller
 - d. Current time zone
 - e. Is there an NTP server available? If yes, NTP server IP address



Note We recommend using a reachable NTP server IP address. APs do not support FQDN in a day0 scenario.

- f. Controller Management Interface:
 1. IP address
 2. Subnet Mask
 3. Default gateway
- g. Management VLAN ID
3. Corporate wireless network
4. Corporate wireless name or SSID
5. Is a RADIUS server required?
6. Security authentication option to select:
 - a. WPA/WPA2 Personal
 - b. Corporate passphrase (PSK)
 - c. WPA/WPA2 (Enterprise)
 - d. RADIUS server IP address and shared secret
7. Is a DHCP server known? If yes, DHCP server IP address
8. Guest Wireless Network (optional)
 - a. Guest wireless name/SSID
 - b. Is a password required for guest?
 - c. Guest passphrase (PSK)
 - d. Guest VLAN ID
 - e. Guest networking
 1. IP address
 2. Subnet Mask
 3. Default gateway
9. Advanced option: Configure RF Parameters for Client Density as Low, Medium, or High.

Preparing for Setup Using Cisco WLAN Express

- Do not auto-configure the controller or use the wizard for configuration.
- Do not use console interface; the only connection to the controller should be client connected to service port.

- Configure DHCP or assign static IP 192.168.1.X to laptop interface connected to service port.

For more information about Cisco WLAN Express, see [WLAN Express Setup and Best Practices Deployment Guide](#).

This section contains the following subsections:

Setting up Cisco Wireless Controller using Cisco WLAN Express (Wired Method)

Procedure

Step 1 Connect a laptop's wired Ethernet port directly to the Service port of the controller. The port LEDs blink to indicate that both the machines are properly connected.

Note

It may take several minutes for the controller to fully power on to make the GUI available to the PC. Do not auto-configure the controller.

The LEDs on the front panel provide the system status:

- If the LED is off, it means that the controller is not ready.
- If the LED is solid green, it means that the controller is ready.

Step 2 Configure DHCP option on the laptop that you have connected to the Service port. This assigns an IP address to the laptop from the controller Service port 192.168.1.X, or you can assign a static IP address 192.168.1.X to the laptop to access the controller GUI; both options are supported.

Step 3 Open any one of the following supported web browsers and type `http://192.168.1.1` in the address bar.

- Mozilla Firefox version 32 or later (Windows, Mac)
- Microsoft Internet Explorer version 10 or later (Windows)
- Apple Safari version 7 or later (Mac)

Note

This feature is not supported on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablet computers.

Step 4 Create an administrator account by providing the name and password. Click **Start** to continue.

Step 5 In the **Set Up Your Controller** box, enter the following details:

- a. System Name for the controller
- b. Current time zone
- c. NTP Server (optional)

Note

We recommend using a reachable NTP server IP address. APs do not support FQDN in a day0 scenario.

- d. Management IP Address
- e. Subnet Mask

- f. Default Gateway
- g. Management VLAN ID—If left unchanged or set to 0, the network switch port must be configured with a native VLAN 'X0'

Note

The setup attempts to import the clock information (date and time) from the computer via JavaScript. We recommend that you confirm this before continuing. Access points rely on correct clock settings to be able to join the controller.

Step 6

In the **Create Your Wireless Networks** box, in the **Employee Network** area, use the checklist to enter the following data:

- a) Network name/SSID
- b) Security
- c) Pass Phrase, if Security is set to WPA/WPA2 Personal
- d) DHCP Server IP Address: If left empty, the DHCP processing is bridged to the management interface
- e) (Optional) Enable **Apply Cisco ISE default settings** to automatically set the following parameters:
 - CoA is enabled by default
 - The same Authentication server details (IP and shared-secret) are applied to the Accounting server
 - When you add the Authentication server for a WLAN, the Authentication server details are also applied to the Accounting server for the WLAN
 - AAA override is enabled by default
 - Set the NAC State to ISE NAC by default
 - RADIUS client profiling: DHCP profiling and HTTP profiling are enabled by default
 - Captive bypass mode is enabled by default
 - The Layer 2 security of the WLAN is set to WPA+WPA2
 - 802.1X is the default AKM.
 - MAC filtering is enabled if the Layer 2 security is set to None.

The Layer 2 security is either WPA+WPA2 with 802.1X or None with MAC filtering. You can change these default settings if required.

Step 7

(Optional) In the **Create Your Wireless Networks** box, in the **Guest Network** area, use the checklist to enter the following data:

- a) Network name/SSID
- b) Security
- c) VLAN IP Address, VLAN Subnet Mask, VLAN Default Gateway, VLAN ID
- d) DHCP Server IP Address: If left empty, the DHCP processing is bridged to the management interface

Step 8

In the **Advanced Setting** box, in the **RF Parameter Optimization** area, do the following:

- a) Select the client density as Low, Typical, or High.
- b) Configure the RF parameters for RF Traffic Type, such as Data and Voice.
- c) Change the Service port IP address and subnet mask, if necessary.

Step 9

Click **Next**.

Step 10 Review your settings and then click **Apply** to confirm.

The controller reboots automatically. You will be prompted that the controller is fully configured and will be restarted. Sometimes, you might not be prompted with this message. In this scenario, do the following:

- a) Disconnect the laptop from the controller service port and connect it to the Switch port.
- b) Connect the controller port 1 to the switch configured trunk port.
- c) Connect access points to the switch if not already connected.
- d) Wait until the access points join the controller.

RF Profile Configurations

Procedure

Step 1 After a successful login as an administrator, choose **Wireless > RF Profiles** to verify whether the Cisco WLAN Express features are enabled by checking that the predefined RF profiles are created on this page.

You can define AP Groups and apply appropriate profile to a set of APs.

Step 2 Choose **Wireless > Advanced > Network Profile**, verify the client density and traffic type details.

Note

We recommend that you use **RF and Network profiles** configuration even if Cisco WLAN Express was not used initially or if the controller was upgraded from a release that is earlier than Release 8.1.

Default Configurations

When you configure your Cisco Wireless Controller, the following parameters are enabled or disabled. These settings are different from the default settings obtained when you configure the controller using the CLI wizard.

Parameters in New Interface	Default Setting
Aironet IE	Disabled
DHCP Address Assignment (Guest SSID)	Enabled
Client Band Select	Enabled
Local HTTP and DHCP Profiling	Enabled
Guest ACL	Applied. Note Guest ACL denies traffic to the management subnet.
CleanAir	Enabled
EDRRM	Enabled

Parameters in New Interface	Default Setting
EDRRM Sensitivity Threshold	• Low sensitivity for 2.4 GHz. • Medium sensitivity for 5 GHz.
Channel Bonding (5 GHz)	Enabled
DCA Channel Width	40 MHz
mDNS Global Snooping	Enabled
Default mDNS profile	Two new services added: • Better printer support • HTTP
AVC (only AV)	Enabled only with following prerequisites: • Bootloader version—1.0.18 Or • Field Upgradable Software version—1.8.0.0 and above
Management	• Via Wireless Clients—Enabled • HTTP/HTTPS Access—Enabled • WebAuth Secure Web—Enabled
Virtual IP Address	192.0.2.1
Multicast Address	Not configured
Mobility Domain Name	Name of employee SSID
RF Group Name	Default

Configuring the Controller Using the Configuration Wizard

The configuration wizard enables you to configure basic settings on the controller. You can run the wizard after you receive the controller from the factory or after the controller has been reset to factory defaults. The configuration wizard is available in both GUI and CLI formats.

Configuring the Controller (GUI)

Procedure

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- Step 1** Connect your PC to the service port and configure it to use the same subnet as the controller.

Step 2 Browse to <http://192.168.1.1>. The configuration wizard is displayed.

Note

You can use both HTTP and HTTPS when using the service port interface. HTTPS is enabled by default and HTTP can also be enabled.

Note

For the initial GUI Configuration Wizard, you cannot access the controller using IPv6 address.

Figure 1: Configuration Wizard — System Information Page

Step 3 In the **System Name** field, enter the name that you want to assign to this controller. You can enter up to 31 ASCII characters.

Step 4 In the **User Name** field, enter the administrative username to be assigned to this controller. You can enter up to 24 ASCII characters. The default username is *admin*.

Step 5 In the **Password** and **Confirm Password** boxes, enter the administrative password to be assigned to this controller. You can enter up to 24 ASCII characters. The default password is *admin*.

- The password must contain characters from at least three of the following classes:
 - Lowercase letters
 - Uppercase letters
 - Digits
 - Special characters
- No character in the password must be repeated more than three times consecutively.
- The new password must not be the same as the associated username and not be the username reversed.
- The password must not be cisco, ocsic, or any variant obtained by changing the capitalization of letters of the word Cisco. In addition, you cannot substitute 1, I, or ! for i, 0 for o, or \$ for s.

Step 6 Click **Next**. The **SNMP Summary** page is displayed.

Figure 2: Configuration Wizard—SNMP Summary Page

The screenshot displays the 'SNMP Summary' page within the Cisco Configuration Wizard. The page has a blue header with the Cisco logo and a 'Logout' link. Below the header, there's a 'Configuration Wizard' sidebar and a main content area. The main area contains three rows, each with a label and a dropdown menu: 'SNMP v1 Mode' with a 'Disable' dropdown, 'SNMP v2c Mode' with an 'Enable' dropdown, and 'SNMP v3 Mode' with an 'Enable' dropdown. At the top right of the main area are '< Back' and 'Next' buttons. A vertical ID '252064' is visible on the right edge of the page.

- Step 7** If you want to enable Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) v1 mode for this controller, choose **Enable** from the **SNMP v1 Mode** drop-down list. Otherwise, leave this parameter set to **Disable**.

Note

SNMP manages nodes (servers, workstations, routers, switches, and so on) on an IP network. Currently, there are three versions of SNMP: SNMPv1, SNMPv2c, and SNMPv3.

- Step 8** If you want to enable SNMPv2c mode for this controller, leave this parameter set to **Enable**. Otherwise, choose **Disable** from the **SNMP v2c Mode** drop-down list.

- Step 9** If you want to enable SNMPv3 mode for this controller, leave this parameter set to **Enable**. Otherwise, choose **Disable** from the **SNMP v3 Mode** drop-down list.

- Step 10** Click **Next**.

- Step 11** When the following message is displayed, click **OK**:

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Default values are present for v1/v2c community strings.
Please make sure to create new v1/v2c community strings
once the system comes up.
Please make sure to create new v3 users once the system comes up.
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The **Service Interface Configuration** page is displayed.

Figure 3: Configuration Wizard-Service Interface Configuration Page

The screenshot displays the 'Service Interface Configuration' page within the Cisco Configuration Wizard. The page is divided into three main sections: General Information, Interface Address, and IPv6. In the General Information section, the 'Interface Name' is set to 'service-port' and the 'MAC Address' is 'e0:5f:b9:46:a0:81'. The Interface Address section shows the 'DHCP Protocol' checkbox checked and labeled 'Enabled', with the 'IP Address' set to '192.168.1.1' and the 'Netmask' set to '255.255.255.0'. The IPv6 section shows the 'SLAAC' checkbox checked and labeled 'Enable', with the 'Primary Address' set to '::' and the 'Prefix Length' set to '128'. Navigation buttons for '< Back' and 'Next' are located at the top right of the configuration area. The Cisco logo and 'Logout' link are in the top header bar.

- Step 12** If you want the controller's service-port interface to obtain an IP address from a DHCP server, check the **DHCP Protocol Enabled** check box. If you do not want to use the service port or if you want to assign a static IP address to the service port, leave the check box unchecked.

Note

The service-port interface controls communications through the service port. Its IP address must be on a different subnet from the management interface. This configuration enables you to manage the controller directly or through a dedicated management network to ensure service access during network downtime.

- Step 13** Perform one of the following:
- If you enabled DHCP, clear out any entries in the IP Address and Netmask text boxes, leaving them blank.
 - If you disabled DHCP, enter the static IP address and netmask for the service port in the IP Address and Netmask text boxes.

- Step 14** Click **Next**.
The **LAG Configuration** page is displayed.

Figure 4: Configuration Wizard—LAG Configuration Page

Configuration Wizard LAG Configuration

Link Aggregation (LAG) Mode: Disabled

< Back Next Logout

Step 15 To enable link aggregation (LAG), choose **Enabled** from the Link Aggregation (LAG) Mode drop-down list. To disable LAG, leave this field set to **Disabled**.

Step 16 Click **Next**.

The **Management Interface Configuration** page is displayed.

Configuration Wizard Management Interface Configuration

General Information

Interface Name: management

MAC Address: e0:5f:b9:46:a0:80

Interface Address

VLAN Identifier: 0

IP Address: 169.254.1.1

Netmask: 255.255.255.0

Gateway: 169.254.1.1

Primary IPv6 Address: ::

Prefix Length: 128

Primary IPv6 Gateway: ::

Physical Information

Port Number: 1

Backup Port: 0

Active Port: 1

DHCP Information: Ipv4

Primary DHCP Server: 1.1.1.1

Secondary DHCP Server: 0.0.0.0

< Back Next Logout

Note

The management interface is the default interface for in-band management of the controller and connectivity to enterprise services such as AAA servers.

- Step 17** In the **VLAN Identifier** field, enter the VLAN identifier of the management interface (either a valid VLAN identifier or **0** for an untagged VLAN). The VLAN identifier should be set to match the switch interface configuration.
- Step 18** In the **IP Address** field, enter the IP address of the management interface.
- Step 19** In the **Netmask** field, enter the IP address of the management interface netmask.
- Step 20** In the **Gateway** field, enter the IP address of the default gateway.
- Step 21** In the **Port Number** field, enter the number of the port assigned to the management interface. Each interface is mapped to at least one primary port.
- Step 22** In the **Backup Port** field, enter the number of the backup port assigned to the management interface. If the primary port for the management interface fails, the interface automatically moves to the backup port.
- Step 23** In the **Primary DHCP Server** field, enter the IP address of the default DHCP server that will supply IP addresses to clients, the controller's management interface, and optionally, the service port interface.
- Step 24** In the **Secondary DHCP Server** field, enter the IP address of an optional secondary DHCP server that will supply IP addresses to clients, the controller's management interface, and optionally, the service port interface.
- Step 25** Click **Next**. The **AP-Manager Interface Configuration** page is displayed.
- Step 26** In the **IP Address** field, enter the IP address of the AP-manager interface.
- Step 27** Click **Next**. The **Miscellaneous Configuration** page is displayed.

Figure 5: Configuration Wizard—Miscellaneous Configuration Page

Configuration Wizard Miscellaneous Configuration

RF Mobility Domain Name: default

Configured Country Code(s): US

Regulatory Domain: 802.11a: -A, 802.11bg: -A

Select	Country Code	Name
☐	AE	United Arab Emirates
☐	AR	Argentina
☐	AT	Austria
☐	AU	Australia
☐	BH	Bahrain
☐	BR	Brazil
☐	BE	Belgium
☐	BG	Bulgaria
☐	CA	Canada
☐	CA2	Canada (DCA excludes UNII-2)
☐	CH	Switzerland
☐	CL	Chile
☐	CN	China
☐	CO	Colombia
☐	CR	Costa Rica
☐	CY	Cyprus
☐	CZ	Czech Republic

- Step 28** In the **RF Mobility Domain Name** field, enter the name of the mobility group/RF group to which you want the controller to belong.

Note

Although the name that you enter here is assigned to both the mobility group and the RF group, these groups are not identical. Both groups define clusters of controllers, but they have different purposes. All of the controllers in an RF group are usually also in the same mobility group and vice versa. However, a mobility group facilitates scalable, system-wide mobility and controller redundancy while an RF group facilitates scalable, system-wide dynamic RF management.

- Step 29** The **Configured Country Code(s)** field shows the code for the country in which the controller will be used. If you want to change the country of operation, check the check box for the desired country.

Note

You can choose more than one country code if you want to manage access points in multiple countries from a single controller. After the configuration wizard runs, you must assign each access point joined to the controller to a specific country.

- Step 30** Click **Next**.

- Step 31** When the following message is displayed, click **OK**:

Warning! To maintain regulatory compliance functionality, the country code setting may only be modified by a network administrator or qualified IT professional.
Ensure that proper country codes are selected before proceeding.?

The **Virtual Interface Configuration** page is displayed.

Figure 6: Configuration Wizard — Virtual Interface Configuration Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco Configuration Wizard interface for the 'Virtual Interface Configuration' step. The top bar includes the Cisco logo and a 'Logout' link. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'General Information' and 'Interface Address'. Under 'General Information', the 'Interface Name' field is set to 'virtual'. Under 'Interface Address', the 'IP Address' field is set to '209.165.200.225' and the 'DNS Host Name' field is empty. Navigation buttons '< Back' and 'Next >' are located at the top right of the configuration area. A vertical text '252069' is visible on the right edge of the screenshot.

- Step 32** In the **IP Address** field, enter the IP address of the controller's virtual interface. You should enter a fictitious, unassigned IP address.

Note

The virtual interface is used to support mobility management, DHCP relay, and embedded Layer 3 security such as guest web authentication and VPN termination. All controllers within a mobility group must be configured with the same virtual interface IP address.

- Step 33** In the **DNS Host Name** field, enter the name of the Domain Name System (DNS) gateway used to verify the source of certificates when Layer 3 web authorization is enabled.

Note

To ensure connectivity and web authentication, the DNS server should always point to the virtual interface. If a DNS hostname is configured for the virtual interface, then the same DNS hostname must be configured on the DNS servers used by the client.

Step 34 Click **Next**. The **WLAN Configuration** page is displayed.

Figure 7: Configuration Wizard — WLAN Configuration Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco Configuration Wizard interface for WLAN Configuration. The top header includes the Cisco logo and a 'Logout' link. The main content area is titled 'WLAN Configuration' and contains three input fields: 'WLAN ID' with the value '1', 'Profile Name', and 'WLAN SSID'. Navigation buttons '< Back' and 'Next' are located in the top right corner. A vertical sidebar on the left contains the text 'Configuration Wizard'. A small number '252070' is visible in the bottom right corner of the interface.

Step 35 In the **Profile Name** field, enter up to 32 alphanumeric characters for the profile name to be assigned to this WLAN.

Step 36 In the **WLAN SSID** field, enter up to 32 alphanumeric characters for the network name, or service set identifier (SSID). The SSID enables basic functionality of the controller and allows access points that have joined the controller to enable their radios.

Step 37 Click **Next**.

Step 38 When the following message is displayed, click **OK**:

Default Security applied to WLAN is: [WPA2(AES)][Auth(802.1x)]. You can change this after the wizard is complete and the system is rebooted.?

The **RADIUS Server Configuration** page is displayed.

Figure 8: Configuration Wizard-RADIUS Server Configuration Page

The screenshot shows the 'RADIUS Server Configuration' page within the 'Configuration Wizard'. The page has a blue header with the Cisco logo and a 'Logout' link. Below the header, there are navigation buttons: '< Back', 'Apply', and 'Skip'. The main content area is divided into two sections for IPv4 and IPv6 configuration. Each section includes fields for 'Server IP Address', 'Shared Secret Format' (a dropdown menu currently set to 'ASCII'), 'Shared Secret', 'Confirm Shared Secret', 'Port Number' (set to '1812'), and 'Server Status' (a dropdown menu currently set to 'Disabled').

Step 39 In the **Server IP Address** field, enter the IP address of the RADIUS server.

Step 40 From the **Shared Secret Format** drop-down list, choose **ASCII** or **Hex** to specify the format of the shared secret.

Note

Due to security reasons, the RADIUS shared secret key reverts to ASCII mode even if you have selected HEX as the shared secret format from the Shared Secret Format drop-down list.

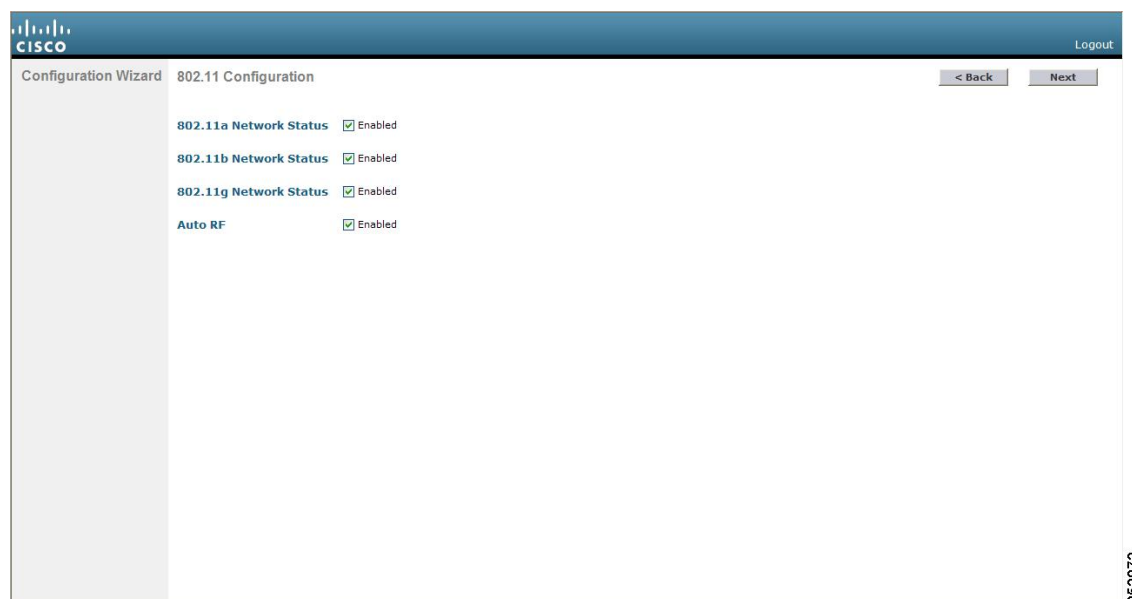
Step 41 In the **Shared Secret** and **Confirm Shared Secret** boxes, enter the secret key used by the RADIUS server.

Step 42 In the **Port Number** field, enter the communication port of the RADIUS server. The default value is 1812.

Step 43 To enable the RADIUS server, choose **Enabled** from the **Server Status** drop-down list. To disable the RADIUS server, leave this field set to **Disabled**.

Step 44 Click **Apply**. The **802.11 Configuration** page is displayed.

Figure 9: Configuration Wizard—802.11 Configuration Page



Step 45 To enable the 802.11a, 802.11b, and 802.11g lightweight access point networks, leave the **802.11a Network Status**, **802.11b Network Status**, and **802.11g Network Status** check boxes checked. To disable support for any of these networks, uncheck the check boxes.

Step 46 To enable the controller's radio resource management (RRM) auto-RF feature, leave the **Auto RF** check box selected. To disable support for the auto-RF feature, uncheck this check box.

Note

The auto-RF feature enables the controller to automatically form an RF group with other controllers. The group dynamically elects a leader to optimize RRM parameter settings, such as channel and transmit power assignment, for the group.

Step 47 Click **Next**. The **Set Time** page is displayed.

Figure 10: Configuration Wizard — Set Time Screen

Configuration Wizard Set Time

Current Time Sun May 17 23:37:33 2009

Date

Month May
Day 17
Year 2009

Time

Hour 23
Minutes 37
Seconds 33

Timezone

Delta hours 0 mins 0

< Back Next Logout

Step 48 To manually configure the system time on your controller, enter the current date in Month/DD/YYYY format and the current time in HH:MM:SS format.

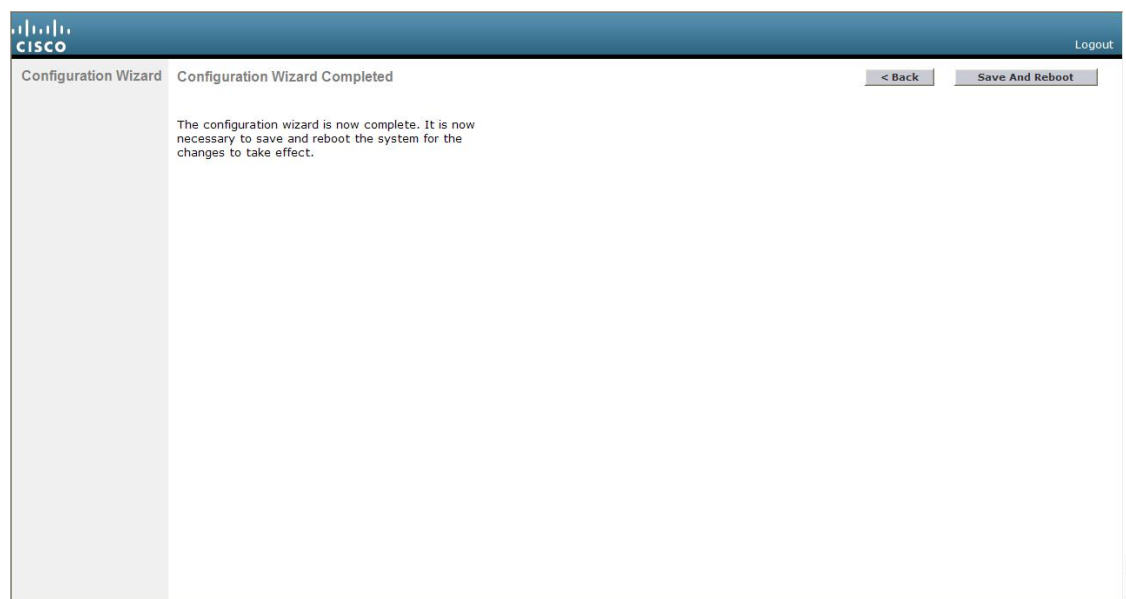
Step 49 To manually set the time zone so that Daylight Saving Time (DST) is not set automatically, enter the local hour difference from Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in the **Delta Hours** field and the local minute difference from GMT in the **Delta Mins** field.

Note

When manually setting the time zone, enter the time difference of the local current time zone with respect to GMT (+/-). For example, Pacific time in the United States is 8 hours behind GMT. Therefore, it is entered as -8.

Step 50 Click **Next**. The **Configuration Wizard Completed** page is displayed.

Figure 11: Configuration Wizard—Configuration Wizard Completed Page



Step 51 Click **Save and Reboot** to save your configuration and reboot the controller.

Step 52 When the following message is displayed, click **OK**:

Configuration will be saved and the controller will be rebooted. Click ok to confirm.?

The controller saves your configuration, reboots, and prompts you to log on.

Configuring the Controller—Using the CLI Configuration Wizard

Before you begin

- The available options are displayed in brackets after each configuration parameter. The default value is displayed in all uppercase letters.
- If you enter an incorrect response, an appropriate error message is displayed, such as *Invalid Response*, and returns you to the wizard prompt.
- Press the **hyphen** key if you ever need to return to the previous command line.

Procedure

Step 1 When prompted to terminate the AutoInstall process, enter **yes**. If you do not enter **yes**, the AutoInstall process begins after 30 seconds.

Note

The AutoInstall feature downloads a configuration file from a TFTP server and then loads the configuration onto the controller automatically.

- Step 2** Enter the system name, which is the name that you want to assign to the controller. You can enter up to 31 ASCII characters.
- Step 3** Enter the administrative username and password to be assigned to this controller. You can enter up to 24 ASCII characters for each.
- The password must contain characters from at least three of the following classes:
 - Lowercase letters
 - Uppercase letters
 - Digits
 - Special characters
 - No character in the password must be repeated more than three times consecutively.
 - The new password must not be the same as the associated username and not be the username reversed.
 - The password must not be cisco, ocsic, or any variant obtained by changing the capitalization of letters of the word Cisco. In addition, you cannot substitute l, I, or ! for i, 0 for o, or \$ for s.
- Step 4** If you want the controller's service-port interface to obtain an IP address from a DHCP server, enter **DHCP**. If you do not want to use the service port or if you want to assign a static IP address to the service port, enter none.
- Note**
The service-port interface controls communications through the service port. Its IP address must be on a different subnet from the management interface. This configuration enables you to manage the controller directly or through a dedicated management network to ensure service access during network downtime.
- Step 5** If you entered none in *Step 4*, enter the IP address and netmask for the service-port interface on the next two lines.
- Step 6** Enable or disable link aggregation (LAG) by choosing yes or NO.
- Step 7** Enter the IP address of the management interface.
- Note**
The management interface is the default interface for in-band management of the controller and connectivity to enterprise services such as AAA servers.
- Step 8** Enter the IP address of the management interface netmask.
- Step 9** Enter the IP address of the default router.
- Step 10** Enter the VLAN identifier of the management interface (either a valid VLAN identifier or 0 for an untagged VLAN). The VLAN identifier should be set to match the switch interface configuration.
- Step 11** Enter the IP address of the default DHCP server that will supply IP addresses to clients, the management interface of the controller, and optionally, the service port interface. Enter the IP address of the AP-manager interface.
- Step 12** Enter the IP address of the controller's virtual interface. You should enter a fictitious unassigned IP address.

Note

The virtual interface is used to support mobility management, DHCP relay, and embedded Layer 3 security such as guest web authentication and VPN termination. All controllers within a mobility group must be configured with the same virtual interface IP address.

Step 13 If desired, enter the name of the mobility group/RF group to which you want the controller to belong.

Note

Although the name that you enter here is assigned to both the mobility group and the RF group, these groups are not identical. Both groups define clusters of controllers, but they have different purposes. All of the controllers in an RF group are usually also in the same mobility group and vice versa. However, a mobility group facilitates scalable, system-wide mobility and controller redundancy while an RF group facilitates scalable, system-wide dynamic RF management.

Step 14 Enter the network name or service set identifier (SSID). The SSID enables basic functionality of the controller and allows access points that have joined the controller to enable their radios.

Step 15 Enter YES to allow clients to assign their own IP address or no to require clients to request an IP address from a DHCP server.

Step 16 To configure a RADIUS server now, enter YES and then enter the IP address, communication port, and secret key of the RADIUS server. Otherwise, enter no. If you enter no, the following message is displayed: Warning! The default WLAN security policy requires a RADIUS server. Please see the documentation for more details.

Step 17 Enter the code for the country in which the controller will be used.

Note

Enter help to view the list of available country codes.

Note

You can enter more than one country code if you want to manage access points in multiple countries from a single controller. To do so, separate the country codes with a comma (for example, US,CA,MX). After the configuration wizard runs, you need to assign each access point joined to the controller to a specific country.

Step 18 Enable or disable the 802.11b, 802.11a, and 802.11g lightweight access point networks by entering **YES** or **no**.

Step 19 Enable or disable the controller's radio resource management (RRM) auto-RF feature by entering **YES** or **no**.

Note

The auto-RF feature enables the controller to automatically form an RF group with other controllers. The group dynamically elects a leader to optimize RRM parameter settings, such as channel and transmit power assignment, for the group.

Step 20 If you want the controller to receive its time setting from an external Network Time Protocol (NTP) server when it powers up, enter **YES** to configure an NTP server. Otherwise, enter **no**.

Note

The controller network module installed in a Cisco Integrated Services Router does not have a battery and cannot save a time setting. Therefore, it must receive a time setting from an external NTP server when it powers up.

Step 21 If you entered **no** in *Step 20* and want to manually configure the system time on your controller now, enter **YES**. If you do not want to configure the system time now, enter **no**.

Step 22 If you entered **YES** in *Step 21*, enter the current date in the MM/DD/YY format and the current time in the HH:MM:SS format.

After you have completed *step 22*, the wizard prompts you to configure IPv6 parameters. Enter **YES** to proceed.

- Step 23** Enter the service port interface IPv6 address configuration. You can enter either **static** or **SLAAC**.
- If you entered, **SLAAC**, then IPv6 address is autoconfigured.
 - If you entered, **static**, you must enter the IPv6 address and its prefix length of the service interface.
- Step 24** Enter the IPv6 address of the management interface.
- Step 25** Enter the IPv6 address prefix length of the management interface.
- Step 26** Enter the gateway IPv6 address of the management interface .
- After the management interface configuration is complete, the wizard prompts to configure IPv6 parameters for RADIUS server. Enter **yes**.
- Step 27** Enter the IPv6 address of the RADIUS server.
- Step 28** Enter the communication port number of the RADIUS server. The default value is 1812.
- Step 29** Enter the secret key for IPv6 address of the RADIUS server.
- Once the RADIUS server configuration is complete, the wizard prompts to configure IPv6 NTP server. Enter **yes**.
- Step 30** Enter the IPv6 address of the NTP server.
- Step 31** When prompted to verify that the configuration is correct, enter **yes** or **NO**.
- The controller saves your configuration when you enter **yes**, reboots, and prompts you to log on.
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Using the AutoInstall Feature for Controllers Without a Configuration

When you boot up a controller that does not have a configuration, the AutoInstall feature can download a configuration file from a TFTP server and then load the configuration onto the controller automatically.

If you create a configuration file on a controller that is already on the network (or through a Prime Infrastructure filter), place that configuration file on a TFTP server, and configure a DHCP server so that a new controller can get an IP address and TFTP server information, the AutoInstall feature can obtain the configuration file for the new controller automatically.

When the controller boots, the AutoInstall process starts. The controller does not take any action until AutoInstall is notified that the configuration wizard has started. If the wizard has not started, the controller has a valid configuration.

If AutoInstall is notified that the configuration wizard has started (which means that the controller does not have a configuration), AutoInstall waits for an additional 30 seconds. This time period gives you an opportunity to respond to the first prompt from the configuration wizard:

```
Would you like to terminate autoinstall? [yes]:
```

When the 30-second terminate timeout expires, AutoInstall starts the DHCP client. You can terminate the AutoInstall task even after this 30-second timeout if you enter **Yes** at the prompt. However, AutoInstall cannot be terminated if the TFTP task has locked the flash and is in the process of downloading and installing a valid configuration file.



Note The AutoInstall process and manual configuration using both the GUI and CLI of controller can occur in parallel. As part of the AutoInstall cleanup process, the service port IP address is set to 192.168.1.1 and the service port protocol configuration is modified. Because the AutoInstall process takes precedence over the manual configuration, whatever manual configuration is performed is overwritten by the AutoInstall process.

Managing the Controller System Date and Time

You can configure the controller system date and time at the time of configuring the controller using the configuration wizard. If you did not configure the system date and time through the configuration wizard or if you want to change your configuration, you can follow the instructions in this section to configure the controller to obtain the date and time from a Network Time Protocol (NTP) server or to configure the date and time manually. Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) is used as the standard for setting the time zone on the controller.

You can also configure an authentication mechanism between various NTP servers.

Restrictions on Configuring the Controller Date and Time

- If you are configuring wIPS, you must set the controller time zone to UTC.
- Cisco Aironet lightweight access points might not connect to the controller if the date and time are not set properly. Set the current date and time on the controller before allowing the access points to connect to it.
- You can configure an authentication channel between the controller and the NTP server.
- Notifications for certificates expiring after the year 2049 are not triggered. This is due to the change in the date format to Generalized time format from the year 2050. Currently UTC time format is used to validate the certificate.

For more information, see section 4.1.2.5 of the RFC 5280 document at <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5280>.

Configuring the Date and Time (GUI)

Procedure

- Step 1** Choose **Commands > Set Time** to open the **Set Time** page.

Figure 12: Set Time Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco Set Time page. The top navigation bar includes links for Save Configuration, Ping, Logout, and Refresh. The main menu includes MONITOR, WLANs, CONTROLLER, WIRELESS, SECURITY, MANAGEMENT, COMMANDS (selected), and HELP. The left sidebar contains a list of commands: Download File, Upload File, Reboot, Reset to Factory Default, and Set Time (selected). The main content area is titled 'Set Time' and includes two buttons: 'Set Date and Time' and 'Set Timezone'. The 'Current Time' is displayed as 'Mon Nov 26 09:25:08 2007'. The 'Date' section has dropdowns for Month (November), Day (26), and Year (2007). The 'Time' section has dropdowns for Hour (9), Minutes (25), and Seconds (8). The 'Timezone' section has a Delta field (hours 0, mins 0) and a Location dropdown menu showing '(GMT -5:00) Eastern Time (US and Canada)'.

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The current date and time appear at the top of the page.

Step 2 In the **Timezone** area, choose your local time zone from the **Location** drop-down list.

Note

When you choose a time zone that uses Daylight Saving Time (DST), the controller automatically sets its system clock to reflect the time change when DST occurs. In the United States, DST starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

Note

You cannot set the time zone delta on the controller GUI. However, if you do so on the controller CLI, the change is reflected in the **Delta Hours** and **Mins** boxes on the controller GUI.

Step 3 Click **Set Timezone** to apply your changes.

Step 4 In the **Date** area, choose the current local month and day from the **Month** and **Day** drop-down lists, and enter the year in the **Year** box.

Step 5 In the **Time** area, choose the current local hour from the **Hour** drop-down list, and enter the minutes and seconds in the **Minutes** and **Seconds** boxes.

Note

If you change the time zone location after setting the date and time, the values in the Time area are updated to reflect the time in the new time zone location. For example, if the controller is currently configured for noon Eastern time and you change the time zone to Pacific time, the time automatically changes to 9:00 a.m.

Step 6 Click **Set Date and Time** to apply your changes.

Step 7 Click **Save Configuration**.

Configuring the Date and Time (CLI)

Procedure

Step 1 Configure the current local date and time in GMT on the controller by entering this command:

config time manual *mm/dd/yy hh:mm:ss*

Note

When setting the time, the current local time is entered in terms of GMT and as a value between 00:00 and 24:00. For example, if it is 8:00 a.m. Pacific time in the United States, you would enter 16:00 because the Pacific time zone is 8 hours behind GMT.

Step 2 Perform one of the following to set the time zone for the controller:

- Set the time zone location in order to have Daylight Saving Time (DST) set automatically when it occurs by entering this command:

config time timezone location *location_index*

where *location_index* is a number representing one of the following time zone locations:

- (GMT-12:00) International Date Line West
- (GMT-11:00) Samoa
- (GMT-10:00) Hawaii
- (GMT-9:00) Alaska
- (GMT-8:00) Pacific Time (US and Canada)
- (GMT-7:00) Mountain Time (US and Canada)
- (GMT-6:00) Central Time (US and Canada)
- (GMT-5:00) Eastern Time (US and Canada)
- (GMT-4:00) Atlantic Time (Canada)
- (GMT-3:00) Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- (GMT-2:00) Mid-Atlantic
- (GMT-1:00) Azores
- (GMT) London, Lisbon, Dublin, Edinburgh (default value)
- (GMT +1:00) Amsterdam, Berlin, Rome, Vienna
- (GMT +2:00) Jerusalem
- (GMT +3:00) Baghdad
- (GMT +4:00) Muscat, Abu Dhabi
- (GMT +4:30) Kabul
- (GMT +5:00) Karachi, Islamabad, Tashkent

- t. (GMT +5:30) Colombo, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi
- u. (GMT +5:45) Katmandu
- v. (GMT +6:00) Almaty, Novosibirsk
- w. (GMT +6:30) Rangoon
- x. (GMT +7:00) Saigon, Hanoi, Bangkok, Jakarta
- y. (GMT +8:00) Hong Kong, Beijing, Chongqing
- z. (GMT +9:00) Tokyo, Osaka, Sapporo
- aa. (GMT +9:30) Darwin
- ab. (GMT+10:00) Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra
- ac. (GMT+11:00) Magadan, Solomon Is., New Caledonia
- ad. (GMT+12:00) Kamchatka, Marshall Is., Fiji
- ae. (GMT+12:00) Auckland (New Zealand)

Note

If you enter this command, the controller automatically sets its system clock to reflect DST when it occurs. In the United States, DST starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

- Manually set the time zone so that DST is not set automatically by entering this command:

config time timezone *delta_hours delta_mins*

where *delta_hours* is the local hour difference from GMT, and *delta_mins* is the local minute difference from GMT.

When manually setting the time zone, enter the time difference of the local current time zone with respect to GMT (+/-). For example, Pacific time in the United States is 8 hours behind GMT. Therefore, it is entered as -8.

Note

You can manually set the time zone and prevent DST from being set only on the controller CLI.

Step 3 Save your changes by entering this command:

save config

Step 4 Verify that the controller shows the current local time with respect to the local time zone by entering this command:

show time

Information similar to the following is displayed:

```
Time..... Thu Apr 7 13:56:37 2011
Timezone delt..... 0:0
Timezone location..... (GMT +5:30) Colombo, New Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata

NTP Servers
NTP Polling Interval.....3600
```

Index	NTP Key Index	NTP Server	NTP Msg Auth Status
1	1	209.165.200.225	AUTH SUCCESS

Note

If you configured the time zone location, the Timezone Delta value is set to “0:0.” If you manually configured the time zone using the time zone delta, the Timezone Location is blank.
