

Locally Significant Certificates

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Information About Locally Significant Certificates

This module explains how to configure the Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller and Lightweight Access Points (LAPs) to use the Locally Significant Certificate (LSC). If you choose the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) with LSC, you can generate the LSC on the APs and controllers. You can then use the certificates to mutually authenticate the controllers and the APs.

In Cisco controllers, you can configure the controller to use an LSC. Use an LSC if you want your own PKI to provide better security, have control of your Certificate Authority (CA), and define policies, restrictions, and usages on the generated certificates.

You need to provision the new LSC certificate on the controller and then the Lightweight Access Point (LAP) from the CA Server.

The LAP communicates with the controller using the CAPWAP protocol. Any request to sign the certificate and issue the CA certificates for LAP and controller itself must be initiated from the controller. The LAP does not communicate directly with the CA server. The CA server details must be configured on the controller and must be accessible.

The controller makes use of the Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP) to forward certReqs generated on the devices to the CA and makes use of SCEP again to get the signed certificates from the CA.

The SCEP is a certificate management protocol that the PKI clients and CA servers use to support certificate enrollment and revocation. It is widely used in Cisco and supported by many CA servers. In SCEP, HTTP is used as the transport protocol for the PKI messages. The primary goal of SCEP is the secure issuance of certificates to network devices. SCEP is capable of many operations, but for our release, SCEP is utilized for the following operations:

- CA and Router Advertisement (RA) Public Key Distribution
- Certificate Enrollment

Certificate Provisioning in Controllers

The new LSC certificates, both CA and device certificates, must be installed on the controller.

With the help of SCEP, CA certificates are received from the CA server. During this point, there are no certificates in the controller. After the **get** operation of obtaining the CA certificates, are installed on the controller. The same CA certificates are also pushed to the APs when the APs are provisioned with LSCs.



Note

We recommend that you use a new RSA keypair name for the newly configured PKI certificate. If you want to reuse an existing RSA keypair name (that is associated with an old certificate) for a new PKI certificate, do either of the following:

- Do not regenerate a new RSA keypair with an existing RSA keypair name, reuse the existing RSA keypair name. Regenerating a new RSA keypair with an existing RSA keypair name will make all the certificates associated with the existing RSA keypair invalid.
- Manually remove the old PKI certificate configurations first, before reusing the existing RSA keypair name for the new PKI certificate.

Device Certificate Enrollment Operation

For both the LAP and the controller that request a CA-signed certificate, the certRequest is sent as a PKCS#10 message. The certRequest contains the Subject Name, Public Key, and other attributes to be included in the X.509 certificate, and must be digitally signed by the Private Key of the requester. These are then sent to the CA, which transforms the certRequest into an X.509 certificate.

The CA that receives a PKCS#10 certRequest requires additional information to authenticate the requester's identity and verify if the request is unaltered. (Sometimes, PKCS#10 is combined with other approaches, such as PKCS#7 to send and receive the certificate request or response.)

The PKCS#10 is wrapped in a PKCS#7 Signed Data message type. This is supported as part of the SCEP client functionality, while the PKCSReq message is sent to the controller. Upon successful enrollment operation, both the CA and device certificates are available on the controller.

Certificate Provisioning on Lightweight Access Point

In order to provision a new certificate on LAP, while in CAPWAP mode, the LAP must be able to get the new signed X.509 certificate. In order to do this, it sends a certRequest to the controller, which acts as a CA proxy and helps obtain the certRequest signed by the CA for the LAP.

The certReq and the certResponses are sent to the LAP with the LWAPP payloads.

Both the LSC CA and the LAP device certificates are installed in the LAP, and the system reboots automatically. The next time when the system comes up, because it is configured to use LSCs, the AP sends the LSC device certificate to the controller as part of the JOIN Request. As part of the JOIN Response, the controller sends the new device certificate and also validates the inbound LAP certificate with the new CA root certificate.

What to Do Next

To configure, authorize, and manage certificate enrollment with the existing PKI infrastructure for controller and AP, you need to use the LSC provisioning functionality.

Restrictions for Locally Significant Certificates

- LSC workflow is different in FIPS+WLANCC mode. CA server must support Enrollment over Secure Transport (EST) protocol and should be capable of issuing EC certificates in FIPS+WLANCC mode.
- Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) cipher works only if both AP and controller are having EC certificates, provisioned with LSC.
- EC certificates (LSC-EC) can be provisioned only if CA server supports EST (and not SCEP).
- FIPS + CC security modes is required to be configured in order to provision EC certificate.
- All AP misconfigurations should be corrected before enabling LSC. The count for misconfigured APs can be observed in the output of the following **show** command:

```
Device# show wireless summary
Priming controller : DISABLED
Max APs supported
                     : 3000
Max clients supported : 32000
Access Point Summary
                 Total Up
                              Down
802.11 2.4GHz
802.11 5GHz
802.11 dual-band
                    1 1
                                 0
                     2 0
                                 2
                        0
802.11 dual-band(5/6GHz) 0
802.11 rx-dual-band
                     0
Client Serving (2.4GHz) 3
                         1
Client Serving (5GHz) 4 1
Client Serving (6GHz)
Monitor (Dual band)
                    1
                         1
                     0
                          0
Monitor(2.4GHz)
                         1
                    1
Monitor(5GHz)
Monitor(6GHz)
Sniffer(Dual band)
                   0 0
                                0
                    0
                        0
Sniffer(2.4GHz)
                                 0
                    0
Sniffer(5GHz)
                        0
                                 0
Sniffer(6GHz)
                     0
                                 0
                    1 (For more info use 'show ap tag summary')
Misconfigured APs
Client Summary
 Total Clients: 0
 Excluded : 0
 Disabled
 Foreign
Anchor
             : 0
             : 0
 Local
```

For more information about misconfigured APs, run the **wireless config validate** command. To view reported errors, run the **show wireless config validation status** command.

Provisioning Locally Significant Certificates

Configuring RSA Key for PKI Trustpoint

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example: Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	crypto key generate rsa [exportable] general-keys modulus key_size label RSA_key Example: Device(config) # crypto key generate rsa exportable general-keys modulus 2048 label lsc-tp	or may not want to configure an exportable-key.
Step 3	<pre>end Example: Device(config)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring PKI Trustpoint Parameters

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2 crypto pki trustpoint trustpoint_name Crea	Creates a new trustpoint for an external CA	
	Example:	server. Here, <i>trustpoint_name</i> refers to the trustpoint name.
	Device(config)# crypto pki trustpoint microsoft-ca	
Step 3	enrollment url HTTP_URL	Specifies the URL of the CA on which your
	Example:	router should send certificate requests.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment url http://CA_server/certsrv/mscep/mscep.dll	url url: URL of the file system where your router should send certificate requests. An IPv6 address can be added in the URL enclosed in brackets. For example: http:// [2001:DB8:1:1::1]:80. For more enrollment method options, see the enrollment url (ca-trustpoint) command page.
Step 4	<pre>subject-name subject_name Example: Device(ca-trustpoint)# subject-name C=IN, ST=KA, L=Bengaluru, O=Cisco, CN=eagle-eye/emailAddress=support@abc.com</pre>	
Step 5	<pre>rsakeypair RSA_key key_size Example: Device(ca-trustpoint) # rsakeypair ewlc-tp1</pre>	Maps RSA key with that of the trustpoint. • RSA_key: RSA key pair label. • key_size: Signature key length. Range is from 360 to 4096.
Step 6	<pre>revocation {crl none ocsp} Example: Device(ca-trustpoint)# revocation none</pre>	Checks revocation.
Step 7	<pre>end Example: Device(ca-trustpoint)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Authenticating and Enrolling a PKI Trustpoint (GUI)

- Step 1 Choose Configuration > Security > PKI Management.
- Step 2 In the PKI Management window, click the Trustpoints tab.
- **Step 3** In the **Add Trustpoint** dialog box, provide the following information:
 - a) In the **Label** field, enter the RSA key label.
 - b) In the **Enrollment URL** field, enter the enrollment URL.
 - c) Check the **Authenticate** check box to authenticate the Public Certificate from the enrollment URL.
 - d) In the Subject Name section, enter the Country Code, State, Location, Organization, Domain Name, and Email Address.
 - e) Check the **Key Generated** check box to view the available RSA keypairs. Choose an option from the **Available RSA Keypairs** drop-down list.
 - f) Check the Enroll Trustpoint check box.

- g) In the **Password** field, enter the password.
- h) In the **Re-Enter Password** field, confirm the password.
- i) Click Apply to Device.

The new trustpoint is added to the trustpoint name list.

Authenticating and Enrolling the PKI Trustpoint with CA Server (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	crypto pki authenticate trustpoint_name	Fetches the CA certificate.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# crypto pki authenticate microsoft-ca	
Step 3	yes	
	Example:	
	Device(config)# % Do you accept this certificate? [yes/no]: yes Trustpoint CA certificate accepted.	
Step 4	crypto pki enroll trustpoint_name	Enrolls the client certificate.
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(config) # crypto pki enroll microsoft-ca % % Start certificate enrollment</pre>	
	% Create a challenge password. You will need to verbally provide this password to the CA Administrator in order to revoke your certificate. For security	
	reasons your password will not be saved in the configuration. Please make a note of it.	
Step 5	password	Enters a challenge password to the CA server.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# abcd123	
Step 6	password	Re-enters a challenge password to the CA
	Example:	server.
	Device(config)# abcd123	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	yes	
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(config)# % Include the router serial number in the subject name? [yes/no]: yes</pre>	
Step 8	no	
	Example:	
	Device(config)# % Include an IP address	
	in the subject name? [no]: no	
Step 9	yes	
	Example:	
	Device(config)# Request certificate from CA? [yes/no]: yes % Certificate request sent to Certificate Authority % The 'show crypto pki certificate verbose client' command will show the fingerprint.	
Step 10	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	

Configuring AP Join Attempts with LSC Certificate (GUI)

Step 1	Choose Configuration > Wireless > Access Points.	
Step 2	In the All Access Points window, click the LSC Provision name.	
Step 3	From the Status drop-down list, choose a status to enable LSC.	
Step 4	From the Trustpoint Name drop-down list, choose the trustpoint.	
Step 5	In the Number of Join Attempts field, enter the number of retry attempts that will be permitted.	
Step 6	Click Apply.	
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Configuring AP Join Attempts with LSC Certificate (CLI)

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example: Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	<pre>ap lsc-provision join-attempt number_of_attempts Example: Device(config) # ap lsc-provision join-attempt 10</pre>	Specifies the maximum number of AP join failure attempts with the newly provisioned LSC certificate. When the number of AP joins exceed the specified limit, AP joins back with the Manufacturer Installed Certificate (MIC).
Step 3	<pre>end Example: Device(config)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode. Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit global configuration mode.

Configuring Subject-Name Parameters in LSC Certificate

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	ap lsc-provision subject-name-parameter country country-str state state-str city city-str domain domain-str org org-str email-address email-addr-str	Specifies the attributes to be included in the subject-name parameter of the certificate request generated by an AP.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ap lsc-provision subject-name-parameter country India state Karnataka city Bangalore domain domain1 org Right email-address adc@gfe.com	
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	

Configuring Key Size for LSC Certificate

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2 ap lsc-provision key-size { 2048 3072 4096}} Specifies t	Specifies the size of keys to be generated for	
	Example:	the LSC on AP.
	Device(config)# ap lsc-provision key-size 2048	
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit
	Device(config)# end	global configuration mode.

Configuring Trustpoint for LSC Provisioning on an Access Point

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2 ap lsc-provision trustpoin	ap lsc-provision trustpoint tp-name	Specifies the trustpoint with which the LCS is
	Example:	provisioned to an AP.
	<pre>Device(config)# ap lsc-provision trustpoint microsoft-ca</pre>	<i>tp-name</i> : The trustpoint name.
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	

Configuring an AP LSC Provision List (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1 Choose Configuration > Wireless > Access Points.

- **Step 2** In the **All Access Points** window, click the corresponding LSC Provision name.
- **Step 3** From the **Status** drop-down list, choose a status to enable LSC.
- **Step 4** From the **Trustpoint Name** drop-down list, choose a trustpoint.
- **Step 5** In the **Number of Join Attempts** field, enter the number of retry attempts that are allowed.
- **Step 6** From the **Key Size** drop-down list, choose a key.
- Step 7 In the Edit AP Join Profile window, click the CAPWAP tab.
- Step 8 In the Add APs to LSC Provision List section, click Select File to upload the CSV file that contains AP details.
- Step 9 Click Upload File.
- Step 10 In the AP MAC Address field, enter the AP MAC address. and add them. (The APs added to the provision list are displayed in the APs in provision List.)
- **Step 11** In the **Subject Name Parameters** section, enter the following details:
 - Country
 - State
 - City
 - Organization
 - Department
 - Email Address

Step 12 Click Apply.

Configuring an AP LSC Provision List (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example: Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	ap lsc-provision mac-address mac-addr	Adds the AP to the LSC provision list.
	Example: Device(config)# ap lsc-provision mac-address 001b.3400.02f0	Note You can provision a list of APs using the ap lsc-provision provision-list command.
		(Or)
		You can provision all the APs using the ap lsc-provision command.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	

Configuring LSC Provisioning for all the APs (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1	Choose Configuration	> Wireless	> Access Points.
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- Step 2 In the Access Points window, expand the LSC Provision section.
- Step 3 Set Status to Enabled state.

Note If you set **Status** to **Provision List**, LSC provisioning will be configured only for APs that are a part of the provision list.

- **Step 4** From the **Trustpoint Name** drop-down list, choose the appropriate trustpoint for all APs.
- Step 5 In the Number of Join Attempts field, enter the number of retry attempts that the APs can make to join the controller.
- **Step 6** From the **Key Size** drop-down list, choose the appropriate key size of the certificate:
 - · 2048
 - 3072
 - 4096
- Step 7 In the Add APs to LSC Provision List section, click Select File to upload the CSV file that contains the AP details.
- Step 8 Click Upload File.
- Step 9 In the AP MAC Address field, enter the AP MAC address. (The APs that are added to the provision list are displayed in the APs in Provision List section.)
- **Step 10** In the **Subject Name Parameters** section, enter the following details:
 - a. Country
 - b. State
 - c. City
 - d. Organization
 - e. Department
 - f. Email Address
- Step 11 Click Apply.

Configuring LSC Provisioning for All APs (CLI)

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	ap lsc-provision	Enables LSC provisioning for all APs.
	Example:	By default, LSC provisioning is disabled for all
	Device(config)# ap lsc-provision	APs.
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	

Configuring LSC Provisioning for the APs in the Provision List

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device# configure terminal		
Step 2	ap lsc-provision provision-list	Enables LSC provisioning for a set of APs	
	Example:	configured in the provision list.	
	<pre>Device(config)# ap lsc-provision provision-list</pre>		
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:	Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit global configuration mode.	
	Device(config)# end	giovai configuration mode.	

Importing a CA Certificate to the Trustpool (GUI)

PKI Trustpool Management is used to store a list of trusted certificates (either downloaded or built in) used by the different services on the controller. This is also used to authenticate a multilevel CA certificate. The built in CA certificate bundle in the PKI trustpool receives automatic updates from Cisco if they are not current, are corrupt, or if certain certificates need to be updated.

Perform this task to manually update the CA certificates in the PKI trustpool.



Note

If your LSC has been issued by an intermediate CA, you must import the complete chain of CA certificates into the trustpool. Otherwise, you will not be able to provision the APs without the complete chain being present on the controller. The import step is not required if the certificate has been issued by a root CA.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Choose Configuration > Security > PKI Management.
- **Step 2** In the **PKI Management** window, click the **Trustpool** tab.
- Step 3 Click Import.
- Step 4 In the CA Certificate field, copy and paste the CA certificate. Link together the multiple CA certificates in .pem format.
- Step 5 Click Apply to Device.

Importing a CA Certificate to the Trustpool (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	crypto pki trust pool import terminal	Imports the root certificate. For this, you need
	Example:	to paste the CA certificate from the digicert.com.
	Device(config)# crypto pki trust pool import terminal % Enter PEM-formatted CA certificate. % End with a blank line or "quit" on a line by itselfBEGIN CERTIFICATEEND CERTIFICATEEND CERTIFICATEEND CERTIFICATEEND CERTIFICATE Aug 23 02:47:33.450: %PKI-6-TRUSTPOOL_DOWNLOAD_SUCCESS: Trustpool Download is successful	
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	

Cleaning the CA Certificates Imported in Trustpool (GUI)

Procedure

- **Step 1** Choose Configuration > Security > PKI Management.
- Step 2 In the PKI Management window, click the Trustpool tab.
- Step 3 Click Clean.

Note This erases the downloaded CA certificate bundles. However, it does not erase the built-in CA

certificate bundles.

Step 4 Click Yes.

Cleaning CA Certificates Imported in Trustpool (CLI)

You cannot delete a specific CA certificate from the trustpool. However, you can clear all the CA certificates that are imported to the Trustpool.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	crypto pki trustpool clean	Erases the downloaded CA certificate bundles.
	Example:	However, it does not erase the built-in CA certificate bundles
	Device(config)# crypto pki trustpool clean	certificate buildies.
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit
	Device(config)# end	global configuration mode.

Creating a New Trustpoint Dedicated to a Single CA Certificate

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	crypto pki trustpoint tp-name	Creates a trustpoint.
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(config) # crypto pki trustpoint tp_name</pre>	
Step 3	enrollment terminal	Creates an enrollment terminal for the
	Example:	trustpoint.
	<pre>Device(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment terminal</pre>	
Step 4	exit	Exits from the truspoint configuration.
	Example:	
	Device(ca-trustpoint)# exit	
Step 5	crypto pki authenticate tp-name	Authenticates the trustpoint.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# crypto pki authenticate	
	<pre>tp_name <<< PASTE CA-CERT in PEM format followed by quit >>></pre>	

Verifying LSC Configuration

To view the details of the wireless management trustpoint, use the following command:

Device# show wireless management trustpoint

```
Trustpoint Name : microsoft-ca
Certificate Info : Available
Certificate Type : LSC
Certificate Hash : 9e5623adba5307facf778e6ea2f5082877ea4beb
Private key Info : Available
```

To view the LSC provision-related configuration details for an AP, use the following command:

Device# show ap lsc-provision summary

```
AP LSC-provisioning: Disabled
Trustpoint used for LSC-provisioning: lsc-root-tp
Certificate chain status: Available
Number of certs on chain: 2
Certificate hash: 7f9d05183deecac4e5a79db65d538245685e8e30
LSC Revert Count in AP reboots: 1

AP LSC Parameters:
Country: IN
State: KA
City: BLR
Orgn: ABC
Dept: ABC
Email: support@abc.com
Key Size: 2048
EC Key Size: 384 bit
```

```
AP LSC-provision List:

Total number of APs in provision list: 2

Mac Addresses:
-----
1880.90f5.1540
2c5a.0f70.84dc
```

Configuring Management Trustpoint to LSC (GUI)

Procedure

- **Step 1** Choose **Administration** > **Management** > **HTTP/HTTPS**.
- Step 2 In the HTTP Trust Point Configuration section, set Enable Trust Point to the Enabled state.
- **Step 3** From the **Trust Points** drop-down list, choose the appropriate trustpoint.
- **Step 4** Save the configuration.

Configuring Management Trustpoint to LSC (CLI)

After LSC provisioning, the APs will automatically reboot and join at the LSC mode after bootup. Similarly, if you remove the AP LSC provisioning, the APs reboot and join at non-LSC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	wireless management trustpoint trustpoint_name	Configures the management trustpoint to LSC.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# wireless management trustpoint microsoft-ca	
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit
	Device(config)# end	global configuration mode.

Information About MIC and LSC Access Points Joining the Controller

Overview of Support for MIC and LSC Access Points Joining the Controller

In Cisco IOS XE Bengaluru 17.4.1 and earlier releases, APs with a default certificate (Manufacturing Installed Certificates [MIC]) or Secure Unique Device Identifier [SUDI]) fail to join a Locally Significant Certificate-deployed (LSC-deployed) controller, where the management certificate of the controller is an LSC. To resolve this issue, you must provision LSC on these APs using the provisioning controller before moving them to the LSC-deployed controller.

From Cisco IOS XE Bengaluru 17.5.1 onwards, the new authorization policy configuration allows MIC APs to join the LSC-deployed controller, so that the LSC and MIC APs can coexist in the controller at the same time.

Recommendations and Limitations

- When the CA server is configured with manual enrollment (manual intervention) to accept Certificate Signing Request (CSR), the controller waits for the CA server to send the pending response. If there is no response from the CA server for 10 minutes, the fallback mode comes into effect.
 - Cisco Wave 2 APs regenerate CSR, and a fresh CSR is sent to the CA server.
 - Cisco IOS APs restart, and then Cisco IOS APs send a fresh CSR, which is in turn sent to the CA server.
- Locally significant certificate (LSC) on the controller does not work on the password challenge. Therefore, for LSC to work, you must disable password challenge on the CA server.
- If you are using Microsoft CA, we recommend that you use Windows Server 2012 or later as the CA server.

Configuration Workflow

- **1.** #unique 1723
- **2.** #unique_1724
- **3.** #unique 1725
- **4.** #unique 1726

Configuring LSC on the Controller (CLI)

The server certificate used by the controller for CAPWAP-DTLS is based on the following configuration.

Before you begin

• Ensure that you enable LSC by setting the appropriate trustpoints for the following wireless management services:

• AP join process: CAPWAP DTLS server certificate

• Mobility connections: Mobility DTLS certificate

• NMSP and CMX connections: NMSP TLS certificate

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	[no] wireless management trustpoint trustpoint-name	Configures the LSC trustpoint in the LSC-deployed controller.
	Example:	
	Device(config) # wireless management trustpoint trustpoint-name	

Enabling the AP Certificate Policy on the APs (CLI)

- If the management trustpoint is an LSC, by default, MIC APs fail to join the controller. This configuration acts as an enable or disable configuration knob that allows MIC APs to join the controller.
- This configuration is a controller authorization to allow APs to join MIC at the time of DTLS handshake.

To prevent manufacturing installed certificate (MIC) expiry failures, ensure that you configure a policy, as shown here:

• Create a certificate map and add the rules:

```
configure terminal
crypto pki certificate map map1 1
issuer-name co Cisco Manufacturing CA
```



Note

You can add multiple rules and filters under the same map. The rule mentioned in the example above specifies that any certificate whose issuer-name contains *Cisco Manufacturing CA* (case insensitive) is selected under this map.

• Use the certificate map under the trustpool policy:

```
configure terminal
crypto pki trustpool policy
match certificate map1 allow expired-certificate
```

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	ap auth-list ap-cert-policy allow-mic-ap trustpoint trustpoint-name	Configures the trustpoint name for the controller certificate chain.
	<pre>Example: Device(config)# ap auth-list ap-cert-policy allow-mic-ap trustpoint trustpoint-name</pre>	Note The allow-mic-ap trustpoint command is required only for the virtual controller (Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller for Cloud). In all the other appliance controller platforms, the default certificate is selected. This default certificate is manufacturer-installed SUDI.
Step 3	ap auth-list ap-cert-policy allow-mic-ap Example: Device(config)# ap auth-list ap-cert-policy allow-mic-ap	Enables the AP certificate policy during CAPWAP-DTLS handshake.
Step 4	ap auth-list ap-cert-policy {mac-address H.H.H serial-number serial-number-ap} policy-type mic	Enables the AP certificate policy as MIC.
	<pre>Example: Device(config) # ap auth-list ap-cert-policy mac-address 1111.1111.1111 policy-type mic</pre>	

Configuring the AP Policy Certificate (GUI)

- **Step 1** Choose Configuration > Wireless > Access Points
- Step 2 In the All Access Points window, click AP Certificate Policy.
- **Step 3** In the **AP Policy Certificate** window, complete the following actions:
 - a) Click the **Authorize APs joining with MIC** toggle button to enable AP authorization.
 - b) From the **Trustpoint Name** drop-down list, choose the required trustpoint.
 - c) Click **Add MAC or Serial Number** to add a MAC address or a serial number manually or through a .csv file.
 - The Add MAC or Serial Number window is displayed.

d) Click the **AP Authlist Type** and enter the MAC address or the serial number. Upload the .csv file or enter the MAC address in the list box.

The newly added MAC address and serial numbers are displayed under **List of MAC Address and Serial Numbers**.

e) Click Apply.

The AP certificate policy is added to the **AP Inventory** window.

Note

To add a new AP with MIC, perform Step 1 to Step 3 described in Configuring the AP Policy Certificate (GUI) section. To add a new AP with LSC, perform the procedure described in the Configuring AP LSC Provision List (GUI) and Step 1 to Step 3 in the Configuring the AP Policy Certificate (GUI) section.

Configuring the Allowed List of APs to Join the Controller (CLI)

The allowed list of APs can either be populated based on the Ethernet MAC address or based on the serial number of the APs.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	ap auth-list ap-cert-policy {mac-address AP-Ethernet-MAC-address serial-number AP-serial-number} policy-type mic	Configures the AP certificate policy based on the Ethernet MAC address or based on the assembly serial number of the AP.
	Example:	
	Device# ap auth-list ap-cert-policy mac-address 00b0.e192.0d98 policy-type mic	

Verifying the Configuration Status

To verify if the APs have been authorized by the AP certificate policy, use the following command:

To verify the AP certificate policy on the MAC address and the serial number of the AP, use the following commands:



Note

If you set an invalid trustpoint (not SSC), the **allow-mic-ap policy** is not enabled. If you set an invalid trustpoint, the following error is displayed on the console:

Device(config)# ap auth-list ap-cert-policy allow-mic-ap trustpoint lsc-root-tp Dec 18 07:38:29.944: %CERT_MGR_ERRMSG-3-CERT_MGR_GENERAL_ERR: Chassis 1 R0/0: wncd: General error: MIC AP Policy trustpoint: 'lsc-root-tp' cert-chain type is LSC, It must be either MIC or vWLC-SSC

LSC Fallback Access Points

Information About LSC Fallback APs

When an AP is configured with LSC for CAPWAP but fails to establish DTLS connection, the AP reboots and retries for certain number of times. For information on how an AP configures with LSC, see Configuring AP Join Attempts with LSC Certificate (CLI), on page 8.

The AP falls back to its default certificate (MIC) for CAPWAP after maximum number of failures. This state is referred to as the LSC fallback.



Note

MIC is also known as SUDI certificate.

Troubleshooting LSC Fallback State

When an AP in **LSC fallback** state joins the controller, the following syslog is generated:

Jun 15 23:24:14.836: %APMGR_TRACE_MESSAGE-3-WLC_GEN_ERR: Chassis 1 R0/0: wncd: Error in AP: 'AP2c5a.0f70.84dc' with address 70db.9888.cc20 is joined with MIC, while configuration

requires LSC. No WLANs will be pushed.

The controller allows such an AP to be joined with MIC (when AP certificate policy allows it) and AP is held in misconfigured state.



Note

The AP does not broadcast WLAN or SSID configurations in such state. This permits the admin to examine the reason for previous failures and recover APs.

You can identify the LSC fallback APs using show wireless summary as follows:

```
Device# show wireless summary
...
Access Point Summary
...
DTLS LSC fallback APs 20 (No WLANs will be pushed to these APs)
...
For more information on DTLS LSC fallback APs,
    execute 'wireless config validate' and look for reported errors in
    'show wireless config validation status' CLI output.

Use 'show ap config general | inc AP Name | LSC fallback' to list DTLS LSC fallback APs.
Examine LSC fallback reasons / DTLS handshake failures with LSC then
    issue 'ap lsc dtls-fallback clear-certificate / clear-flag' to recover APs
```

Recovery Steps

• Use the ap lsc dtls-fallback clear-flag to clear the LSC fallback flag on AP and instruct AP to reload.



Note

The AP reuses the LSC for CAPWAP DTLS connection post the reload.

• Use the **ap lsc dtls-fallback clear-certificate** to clear LSC and instruct AP to reload.



Note

The AP uses MIC for CAPWAP-DTLS post the reload. If LSC is used for Dot1x port authentication then further recovery is needed on switch port for AP authentication.



Note

- The ap lsc dtls-fallback clear-flag command is sufficient to retain LSC on AP. Both ap lsc dtls-fallback clear-flag and ap lsc dtls-fallback clear-certificate commands are not required at the same time.
- APs must be in connected state when issuing the recovery command. You will need to reissue the command, if any **LSC fallback** AP joins afterwards.

Configuring Controller Self-Signed Certificate for Wireless AP Join

Use Cases

Use Case-1

Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL platform does not contain manufacturer installed SUDI certificates. You will need to configure Self-Signed Certificates on your controller.

Use Case-2

APs running on earlier versions and having Manufacturer Installed Certificate (MIC) issued by a SHA1 Cisco Trusted CA cannot join the controller with SHA2 SUDI certificate. During CAPWAP join process, the AP displays a bad certificate error and tears down the DTLS handshake.

Workaround: To upgrade APs, configure controller Self-Signed certificates. Once done, you can delete the Self-Signed certificates and revert back to the SUDI certificate.



Note

This workaround does not apply to the Embedded Wireless Controller running Catalyst 9k switches. But applies to other hardware appliance controllers, such as Cisco Catalyst 9800-40, Cisco Catalyst 9800-80, and Cisco Catalyst 9800-L.



Note

Certificate used in DTLS connections (AP and mobility) must use RSA key of size equal or more than 2048 bits. Otherwise, the APs and mobility connections will fail after reload. Run the **show crypto pki certificate verbose _tp-name_** command to display the key size of the device certificate.

Prerequisites

- Ensure that the VLAN interface is up and it's IP is reachable.
- Ensure that the **ip http server** is enabled. For more information, see Enabling HTTP Server.
- Set the clock calendar-valid command appropriately. For more information, see #unique_1741.
- Check if the PKI CA server is already configured or not. If configured, you will need to delete the existing CA server configuration.



Note

The show crypto pki server command output should not display anything.

Configuring Clock Calendar (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	clock calendar-valid	Enables clock calendar.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# clock calendar-valid	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	exit	Exits configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# exit	

Enabling HTTP Server (CLI)

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example: Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	<pre>ip http server Example: Device(config) # ip http server</pre>	Enables the HTTP server on your IP or IPv6 system, including a Cisco web browser user interface. By default, the HTTP server uses the standard port 80.
Step 3	<pre>ip http secure-server Example: Device(config) # ip http secure-server</pre>	Enables the HTTP server on your IP or IPv6 system, including a Cisco web browser user interface. By default, the HTTP server uses the standard port 80.
Step 4	<pre>exit Example: Device(config) # exit</pre>	Exits configuration mode.

Configuring CA Server (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	crypto key generate rsa general-keys modulus size_of_key_module label keypair_name Example: Device(config)# crypto key generate rsa general-keys modulus 2048 label WLC_CA	

	Command or Action P		Purpose	
		Note	The recommended key-pair name is <i>WLC_CA</i> and key modulus is 2048 bits.	
Step 3	crypto pki server certificate_server_name	Enables IOS certificate server.		
	Example: Device(config) # crypto pki server WLC_CA	Note	The <i>certificate_server_name</i> must be the same name as the <i>keypair_name</i> .	
Step 4	issuer-name Example:	Configures X.509 distinguished name for the issuer CA certificate.		
	Device(config) # issuer-name O=Cisco Virtual Wireless LAN Controller, CN=CA-vWLC	Note	You need to configure the same issuer-name as suggested for AP join.	
Step 5	<pre>grant auto Example: Device(config) # grant auto</pre>	Grants certificate requests automatically.		
Step 6	hash sha256 Example: Device(config) # hash sha256	(Optional) Specifies the hash function for the signature used in the granted certificates.		
Step 7	<pre>lifetime ca-certificate time-interval Example: Device(config) # lifetime ca-certificate 3650</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the lifetime in days of a CA certificate.		
Step 8	<pre>lifetime certificate time-interval Example: Device(config) # lifetime certificate 3650</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the lifetime in days of a granted certificate.		
Step 9	database archive pkcs12 password password Example: Device(config) # database archive pkcs12 password 0 cisco123	format and password to encrypt the file.		
Step 10	no shutdown	Enables t	he certificate server.	
	<pre>Example: Device(config) # no shutdown</pre>	Note	Issue this command only after you have completely configured your certificate server.	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit global configuration mode.
	Device(config)# end	8

Configuring Trustpoint (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	crypto key generate rsa exportable general-keys modulus size-of-the-key-modulus label label Example: Device (config) # crypto key generate rsa exportable general-keys modulus 2048 label ewlc-tp1	When you generate RSA keys, you are prompted to enter a modulus length. A longer modulus length might be more secure, but it takes longer to generate and to use.
Step 3	<pre>crypto pki trustpoint trustpoint_name Example: Device(config)# crypto pki trustpoint ewlc-tp1</pre>	Creates a new trust point for an external CA server. Here, trustpoint_name refers to the trustpoint name. Note Ensure that same names are used for key-pair (label) and trustpoint_name.
Step 4	<pre>rsakeypair RSA_key key_size Example: Device(ca-trustpoint)# rsakeypair ewlc-tp1</pre>	Maps RSA key with that of the trustpoint. • RSA_key—Refers to the RSA key pair label. • key_size—Refers to the signature key length. The value ranges from 360 to 4096.
Step 5	<pre>subject-name subject_name Example: Device(ca-trustpoint)# subject-name O=Cisco Virtual Wireless LAN Controller, CN=DEVICE-vWLC</pre>	Creates subject name parameters for the trustpoint.
Step 6	revocation-check none Example:	Checks revocation.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(ca-trustpoint)# revocation-check none	
Step 7	hash sha256	Specifies the hash algorithm.
	Example:	
	Device(ca-trustpoint)# hash sha256	
Step 8	serial-number	Specifies the serial number.
	Example:	
	Device(ca-trustpoint)# serial-number	
Step 9	eku request server-auth client-auth	(Optional) Sets certificate key-usage purpose.
	Example:	
	Device(ca-trustpoint)# eku request server-auth client-auth	
Step 10	password password	Enables password.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# password 0 cisco123	
Step 11	enrollment url url	Enrolls the URL.
	Example:	Note Replace the dummy IP with
	<pre>Device(config) # enrollment url http://<management-ipv4>:80</management-ipv4></pre>	management VLAN interface IP of the controller where CA server is configured.
Step 12	exit	Exits the configuration.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# exit	

Authenticating and Enrolling the PKI TrustPoint with CA Server (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	crypto pki authenticate trustpoint_name	Fetches the CA certificate.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# crypto pki authenticate ewlc-tp1 Certificate has the following attributes	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Fingerprint MD5: 64C5FC9A C581D827 C25FC3CF 1A7F42AC Fingerprint SHA1: 6FAFF812 7C552783 6A8FB566 52D95849 CC2FC050 % Do you accept this certificate? [yes/no]: yes Trustpoint CA certificate accepted.	
Step 3	crypto pki enroll trustpoint_name	Enrolls for client certificate.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# crypto pki enroll ewlc-tp1 Enter following answers for UI interaction: % Include an IP address in the subject name? [no]: no Request certificate from CA? [yes/no]: yes	
Step 4	end Example:	Returns to privileged EXEC mode. Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit global configuration mode.
	Device(config)# end	

Tagging Wireless Management TrustPoint Name (CLI)

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	wireless management trustpoint trustpoint_name	Tags the wireless management trustpoint name.
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(config)# wireless management trustpoint ewlc-tp1</pre>	
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit
	Device(config)# end	global configuration mode.

Verifying Controller Certificates for Wireless AP Join

To view the CA server details, use the following command:

```
Device# show crypto pki server
Certificate Server WLC_CA:
Status: enabled
State: enabled
Server's configuration is locked (enter "shut" to unlock it)
Issuer name: O=Cisco Virtual Wireless LAN Controller, CN=CA-vWLC
CA cert fingerprint: 79A3DBD5 59A7E384 73ABD152 C133F4E2
Granting mode is: auto
Last certificate issued serial number (hex): 1
CA certificate expiration timer: 12:04:00 UTC Mar 8 2029
CRL NextUpdate timer: 18:04:00 UTC Mar 11 2019
Current primary storage dir: nvram:
Database Level: Minimum - no cert data written to storage
```

To view the trustpoint details, use the following command:

To view the wireless management trustpoint details, use the following command:

```
Device# do show wireless management trustpoint
Trustpoint Name : ewlc-tp1
Certificate Info : Available
Certificate Type : SSC
Certificate Hash : 4a5d777c5b2071c17faef376febc08398702184e
Private key Info : Available
FIPS suitability : Not Applicable
```

To view the HTTP server status, use the following command:

```
Device# show ip http server status | include server status
HTTP server status: Enabled
HTTP secure server status: Enabled
```

Verifying Controller Certificates for Wireless AP Join