

Converting Autonomous Access Points to Lightweight Mode

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Guidelines for Converting Autonomous Access Points to Lightweight Mode

- Access points that are converted to lightweight mode do not support Wireless Domain Services (WDS). Converted access points communicate only with Cisco wireless LAN devices and cannot communicate with WDS devices. However, the device provides functionality that is equivalent to WDS when an access point is associated to it.
- All Cisco lightweight access points support 16 Basic Service Set Identifiers (BSSIDs) per radio and a total of 16 wireless LANs per access point. When a converted access point is associated to a device, only wireless LANs with IDs 1 through 16 are pushed to the access point, unless the access point is a member of an access point group.
- Access points that are converted to lightweight mode must get an IP address and discover the device using DHCP, DNS, or IP subnet broadcast.

Information About Autonomous Access Points Converted to Lightweight Mode

You can convert autonomous Cisco Aironet access points to lightweight mode. When you upgrade the access points to lightweight mode, the access point communicates with the device and receives a configuration and software image from the device.



Note Autonomous mode is supported only on the following APs:

- Cisco Aironet 1700 Series Access Points
- Cisco Aironet 2700 Series Access Points
- Cisco Aironet 3700 Series Access Points

Reverting from Lightweight Mode to Autonomous Mode

After you convert an autonomous access point to lightweight mode, you can convert the access point from a lightweight unit back to an autonomous unit by loading a Cisco IOS release that supports autonomous mode (Cisco IOS Release 12.3(7)JA or earlier releases). If the access point is associated with a device, you can use the device to load the Cisco IOS release. If the access point is not associated to a device, you can load the Cisco IOS release using TFTP. In either method, the access point must be able to access a TFTP server that contains the Cisco IOS release to be loaded.

Using DHCP Option 43 and DHCP Option 60

Cisco Aironet Access Points use the type-length-value (TLV) format for DHCP option 43. You must program the DHCP servers to return the option based on the access point's DHCP Vendor Class Identifier (VCI) string (DHCP option 60).

See the product documentation for your DHCP server for instructions on configuring DHCP option 43. The Converting Autonomous Access Points to Lightweight Mode document contains example steps for configuring option 43 on a DHCP server.

If the access point is ordered with the Service Provider Option - AIR-OPT60-DHCP selected, the VCI string for that access point will be different than those strings listed in the previous table. The VCI string has the following suffix: ServiceProvider, for example, a 1260 with this option returns the VCI string Cisco AP c1260-ServiceProvider.



Note Ensure that the device IP address that you obtain from the DHCP server is a unicast IP address. Do not configure the device IP address as a multicast address when configuring DHCP option 43.

Restrictions for DHCP Option 60

Cisco Wave2 APs support strings with length up to 256 characters only.



When the string length exceeds the limit, the default value is sent during the DHCP discover process.

DHCP Client Option12

The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) Client Option12 feature specifies the hostname of the client. While acquiring an IP address for an interface from the DHCP server, if the AP receives the DHCP hostname option inside the response, the AP configures itself with that hostname.

Afterwards, the AP propagates the hostname to the controller during the CAPWAP join process. The controller can use hostname-based configuration policies to provision the AP.

Restrictions for DHCP Option 12

This feature is only applicable when the AP is in Day 0 mode. Specifically, this feature is active only when APs have their default hostname, that is, AP(mac_address).

How Converted Access Points Send Crash Information to the Device

When a converted access point unexpectedly reboots, the access point stores a crash file on its local flash memory at the time of the crash. After the unit reboots, it sends the reason for the reboot to the device. If the unit rebooted because of a crash, the device pulls up the crash file using existing CAPWAP messages and stores it in the device flash memory. The crash information copy is removed from the access point flash memory when the device pulls it from the access point.

Uploading Memory Core Dumps from Converted Access Points

By default, access points converted to lightweight mode do not send memory core dumps to the device. This section provides instructions to upload access point core dumps using the device GUI or CLI.

Displaying MAC Addresses for Converted Access Points

There are some differences in the way that controllers show the MAC addresses of APs on information pages in the controller GUI:

- On the AP Summary window, the controller lists the Ethernet MAC addresses of the APs.
- On the AP Detail window, the controller lists the BSS MAC addresses and Ethernet MAC addresses of the APs.
- On the Radio Summary page, the device lists converted access points by the radio MAC address.

Configuring a Static IP Address for a Lightweight Access Point

If you want to specify an IP address for an access point rather than having one assigned automatically by a DHCP server, you can use the controller GUI or CLI to configure a static IP address for the access point. Static IP addresses are generally used only for deployments with a limited number of APs.

An access point cannot discover the device using domain name system (DNS) resolution if a static IP address is configured for the access point, unless you specify a DNS server and the domain to which the access point belongs. You can configure these parameters using either the device CLI or the GUI.



If you configure an access point to use a static IP address that is not on the same subnet on which the access point's previous DHCP address was, the access point falls back to a DHCP address after the access point reboots. If the access point falls back to a DHCP address, enter the **show ap config general** *Cisco_AP* CLI command to show that the access point is using a fallback IP address. However, the GUI shows both the static IP address and the DHCP address, but it does not identify the DHCP address as a fallback address.



When you change the default gateway IP address of the AP by running the **capwap ap ip** *static-ip netmask gateway* command on the AP, updates to the gateway IP address may not take place immediately. It can take up to 60 seconds for the changes to take effect.

How to Convert a Lightweight Access Point Back to an Autonomous Access Point

Converting a Lightweight Access Point Back to an Autonomous Access Point (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enters privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device# enable	
Step 2	ap name Cisco_AP tftp-downgrade tftp_server_ip_address tftp_server_image_filename	Converts the lightweight access point back to autonomous mode. Note After entering this command, you
	Example: Device# ap name AP02 tftp-downgrade 10.0.0.1 tsrvname	must wait until the access point reboots and then reconfigure the access point using the CLI or GUI.

Converting a Lightweight Access Point Back to an Autonomous Access Point (Using the Mode Button and a TFTP Server)

Procedure

Step 1	Configu to 10.0.	are the PC on which your TFTP server software runs with a static IP address in the range of 10.0.0.2 0.30.
Step 2		ure that the PC contains the access point image file (such as <i>c1140-k9w7-tar.123-7.JA.tar</i> for a 1140 ccess point) in the TFTP server folder and that the TFTP server is activated.
Step 3	Rename access j	e the access point image file in the TFTP server folder to c1140-k9w7-tar.default for a 1140 series point.
Step 4	Connec	t the PC to the access point using a Category 5 (CAT5) Ethernet cable.
Step 5	Discon	nect power from the access point.
Step 6	Press an	nd hold the MODE button while you reconnect power to the access point.
	Note	The MODE button on the access point must be enabled.
Step 7	Hold th MODE	e MODE button until the status LED turns red (approximately 20 to 30 seconds), and release the button.
Step 8	Wait un blinking	til the access point reboots as indicated by all the LEDs turning green followed by the Status LED g green.
Step 9	After th	e access point reboots, reconfigure the access point using the GUI or the CLI.

Authorizing Access Points

The following sections describe the various ways in which access points can be authorized:

Authorizing Access Points Using Local Database (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enters privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device# enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	<pre>ap auth-list ap-policy authorize-ap Example: Device(config)# ap auth-list ap-policy authorize-ap</pre>	Configures an access point authorization policy.
Step 4	username user_name mac [aaa attribute list list_name]	(Optional) Configures the MAC address of an access point locally.
	Example: Device(config)# username abcdabcdabcd mac aaa attribute list attrlist	Note Configure the MAC address for local authentication and AP local authorization using the following command:
		username abcdabcdabcd mac
Step 5	aaa new-model Example: Device(config)# aaa new-model	Enables new access control commands and functions.
Step 6	aaa authorization credential-download {auth_list default} local	Downloads EAP credentials from the local server.
	Example: Device(config)# aaa authorization credential-download auth_download local	
Step 7	aaa attribute list list Example: Device(config)# aaa attribute list alist	(Optional) Configures AAA attribute list definitions.
Step 8	aaa session-id common Example: Device(config)# aaa session-id common	Configures the AAA common session ID.
Step 9	aaa local authentication default authorization default	(Optional) Configures the local authentication method list.
	Example: Device(config)# aaa local authentication default authorization default	
Step 10	end	Saves the configuration and exits the configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 11	show ap name Cisco_AP config general Example: Device# show ap name AP01 config general	corresponds to a specific access point.

Authorizing Access Points Using RADIUS Server (CLI)

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enters privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device# enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	radius server server-name	Enters the RADIUS server configuration mode
	Example:	
	Device(config) # radius server ise	
Step 4	address {ipv4 ipv6}	Configures the RADIUS server along with
	<i>radius-server-ipv4-address-or-name</i> auth-port <i>udp-port-auth-server</i> acct-port	other server parameters.
	udp-port-acct-server	
	Example:	
	Device(config-radius-server)# address	
	ipv4 224.0.0.1 auth-port 1645 acct-port 1646	
Step 5	key 0 cisco	Sets a clear text encryption key for the
	Example:	RADIUS authentication server.
	<pre>Device(config-radius-server)# key 0 cisco</pre>	
Step 6	exit	Reverts to the Privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(config-radius-server)# exit</pre>	
Step 7	aaa group server radius server-group	Configures RADIUS server group definition.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# aaa group server radius ise-group	
Step 8	server name ise	Configures the RADIUS server name.
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(config-sg-radius)# server name ise</pre>	
Step 9	ip radius source-interface vlan	(Optional) Configures interface for source
	Example:	address in RADIUS packets.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<pre>Device(config-sg-radius)# ip radius source-interface vlan</pre>	
Step 10	exit	Reverts to the Privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>Device(cconfig-sg-radius)# exit</pre>	
Step 11	aaa authorization network default group default-server-group local	Sets the authorization method to local.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# aaa authorization network default group ise-group local	
Step 12	aaa authorization credential-download default group default-server-group local	Configures local database to download EAF credentials from local, RADIUS, or LDAP
	Example:	server.
	Device(config)# aaa authorization credential-download default group ise-group local	

Authorizing Access Points Using Serial Numbers

Information About Authorizing Access Points Using Serial Numbers

This topic describes the authorization of access points (APs) using serial numbers. In the Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.3.1 Release and earlier releases, serial number was applicable only to the APs using Locally Significant Certificates (LSC) and when the controller is in Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) + wireless lan controller common criteria (WLANCC) mode. From Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.3.2 Release onwards, the serial number authorization is used to authorize all APs joining the controller.

When serial-number authorization is enabled, the controller uses the top-assembly serial number for the authorization of the AP.

Authorizing Access Points Using Serial Numbers (GUI)

Step 1 Ch	oose Configuration > Security > AAA .
Step 2 Cli	ck the AAA Advanced tab.
Step 3 In t	the Device Authentication section, click the Serial Number tab.
Step 4 Cli	ck Add or click Select File to upload the .csv file.
Step 5 In t	the Quick Setup: Serial Number window, enter the serial number and choose the attribute list name.

Step 6 Click Apply to Device.

Authorizing Access Points Using Serial Numbers (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable	Enters privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:		
	Device# enable		
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device# configure terminal		
Step 3	ap auth-list authorize-serialNum	Configures the AP authorization policy wi	
	Example:	serial number.	
	Device(config)# ap auth-list authorize-serialNum		
Step 4	ap auth-list method-list methodlist-name	Configures the AP authorization method list.	
	Example:	Note If serial number and MAC	
	<pre>Device(config)# ap auth-list method-list methodlist-name</pre>	authorization are configured, both will use the same configured method-list.	
Step 5	username username serial-number	Establishes username authentication for serial	
	Example:	numbers.	
	Device(config)# username <i>username</i> serial-number		

Procedure

Viewing Serial Number Authorization

To view serial number authorization, run the following command.

Device# show ap auth-list Authorize APs against MAC	:	Enabled
Authorize APs against Serial Num	:	Enabled
Authorize APs using Calling ID	:	Disabled
Authorization Method List	:	default

To verify the status of the AP, run the following command.

Device# show wireless stats ap join summary Number of APs: 1

Base MAC Failure Phase	Ethernet MAC AP Name Last Disconnect Reason	IP Address	Status	Last
00be.XXXX.XXXX	4c77.XXXX.XXXX Cisco-2802 AP Auth Failure	9.1.4.200	Not Joined	Join

Disabling the Reset Button on Converted Access Points (CLI)

You can enable or disable the **Reset** button on access points that are converted to lightweight mode. The **Reset** button is labeled **MODE** on the outside of the access point.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enters privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device# enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	no ap reset-button	Disables the Reset buttons on all converted
	Example:	access points that are associated to the device.
	Device(config)# no ap reset-button	Note To enable the Reset buttons on all the converted access points that are associated to the device, enter the ap reset-button command.
Step 4	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
-	Example:	Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit
	Device(config)# end	global configuration mode.
Step 5	ap name cisco_ap reset-button	Enables the Reset button on the converted
	Example:	access point that you specify.
	Device# ap name AP02 reset-button	

Monitoring the AP Crash Log Information

Note The procedure to perform this task using the device GUI is not currently available.

Command or Action	Purpose
enable	Enters privileged EXEC mode.
Example:	
Device# enable	
show ap crash-file	Verifies whether the crash file is downloaded
Example:	to the device.
Device# show ap crash-file	
	enable Example: Device# enable show ap crash-file Example:

How to Configure a Static IP Address on an Access Point

Configuring a Static IP Address on an Access Point (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enters privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device# enable	
Step 2	ap name Cisco_AP static-ip ip-address static_ap_address netmask static_ip_netmask gateway static_ip_gateway	Configures a static IP address on the access point. This command contains the following keywords and arguments:
	Example:	• ip-address— Specifies the Cisco access
	Device# ap name AP03 static-ip ip-address	point static IP address.
	9.9.9.16 netmask 255.255.0.0 gateway 9.9.9.2	• <i>ip-address</i> — Cisco access point static IP address.
		• netmask —Specifies the Cisco access point static IP netmask.
		 netmask— Cisco access point static IP netmask.
		• gateway—Specifies the Cisco access point gateway.
		• <i>gateway</i> — IP address of the Cisco access point gateway.
		The access point reboots and rejoins the device, and the static IP address that you specify is pushed to the access point. After the static IP address has been sent to the access point, you

	Command or Action	Purpose
		can configure the DNS server IP address and domain name. You must perform Steps 3 and Step 4 after the access points reboot.
Step 3	enable	Enters privileged EXEC mode.
	Example: Device# enable	
Step 4	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 5	<pre>ap static-ip name-server nameserver_ip_address Example: Device(config)# ap static-ip name-server 10.10.10.205</pre>	Configures a DNS server so that a specific access point or all access points can discover the device using DNS resolution. Note To undo the DNS server configuration, enter the no ap static-ip name-server nameserver_ip_address command.
Step 6	<pre>ap static-ip domain static_ip_domain Example: Device(config)# ap static-ip domain domain1</pre>	Configures the domain to which a specific access point or all access points belong. Note To undo the domain name configuration, enter the no ap static-ip domain <i>static_ip_domain</i> command.
Step 7	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode. Alternatively, you can also press Ctrl-Z to exit global configuration mode.
Step 8	<pre>show ap name Cisco_AP config general Example: Device# show ap name AP03 config general</pre>	Displays the IP address configuration for the access point.

Configuring a Static IP Address on an Access Point (GUI)

Step 1	Choose Configuration > Wireless > Access Points.	
Step 2	On the All Access Points section, click on an AP Name.	
Step 3	In the Edit AP window that is displayed, go to the IP Config section.	

- **Step 4** Select the **Static IP (IPv4/IPv6)** check box. This activates the static IP details pane.
- Step 5 Enter the Static IP, Netmask, Gateway, and DNS IP Address.
- Step 6 Click Update & Apply to Device.

Recovering the Access Point Using the TFTP Recovery Procedure

Procedure

Step 1	Download the required recovery image from Cisco.com and install it in the root directory of your TFTP server.
Step 2	Connect the TFTP server to the same subnet as the target access point and power-cycle the access point. The access point boots from the TFTP image and then joins the device to download the oversized access point image and complete the upgrade procedure.
Step 3	After the access point has been recovered, you can remove the TFTP server.

Configuration Examples for Converting Autonomous Access Points to Lightweight Mode

Example: Displaying the IP Address Configuration for Access Points

This example shows how to display the IP address configuration for an access point:

Device# show ap name AP03 dot11 24ghz conf:	ig general
Cisco AP Identifier 4	
Cisco AP Name	AP6
IP Address Configuration	Static IP assigned
IP Address	10.10.10.118
IP NetMask	255.255.255.0
Gateway IP Addr	10.10.10.1
Domain	Domain1
Name Server	10.10.10.205

Example: Displaying Access Point Crash File Information

This example shows how to display access point crash file information. Using this command, you can verify whether the file is downloaded to the device.

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Device# show ap crash-file
Local Core Files:
lrad AP1130.rdump0 (156)
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The number in parentheses indicates the size of the file. The size should be greater than zero if a core dump file is available.

AP MAC Authorization

The AP Authentication Policy feature ensures that only authorized APs can associate with a controller. To authorize an AP, the Ethernet MAC address of the AP must be registered. This can be done locally on the controller or on an external RADIUS server.

Configuring AP MAC Authorization (CLI)

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	[no] ap auth-list ap-policy authorize-ap profile-name	Configures AP authorization policy.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ap auth-list ap-policy authorize-ap	
Step 3	end	Exits the configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	
Step 4	show ap auth-list value-in-dBm	Shows the status of AP MAC authorization.
	Example:	
	Device# show ap auth-list	

Example

1. Local database configuration:

Device(config) # aaa authorization network default local

Device(config) # aaa authorization credential-download default local

2. Username configuration:

Device(config) # username abcdabcdabcd mac

Username is the Ethernet MAC address of the AP, which is to be authorized before the AP associates with the controller. The Ethernet MAC address of the AP must be in the following format:

username <abcdabcdabcd> mac

Use the show ap summary command to get the Ethernet MAC address of the AP.

Ethernet VLAN Tagging on Access Points

Information About Ethernet VLAN Tagging on Access Points

You can configure VLAN tagging on the Ethernet interface either directly on the AP console or through the controller. The configuration is saved in the flash memory and all CAPWAP frames use the VLAN tag as configured, along with all the locally switched traffic, which is not mapped to a VLAN.

Configuring Ethernet VLAN Tagging on Access Points (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1	Choose Configuration > Wireless > Access Points and expand the All Access Points section.	
Step 2	To enable VLAN tagging for all access points associated with the controller, select Set VLAN Tag from the Select an Action drop-down list.	
Step 3	In the Configure VLAN Tag window enter the VLAN Tag ID to enable VLAN tagging of both CAPWAP control and data packets on the Access Point and click Apply to Device for the configuration to take effect. If you do not want all devices to be tagged, select the Remove Current VLAN Tag and click Apply to Device .	
Step 4	Alternatively, if you want to configure VLAN tagging on individual Access Points, click the name of the AP go to Edit > Advanced and select the VLAN Tag to enable the VLAN tagging on the AP.	
Step 5	Click Update & Apply to Device.	

Configuring Ethernet VLAN Tagging on Access Points (CLI)

Follow the procedure given below to configure Ethernet VLAN tagging on APs.

Before you begin

- VLAN tagging is not supported on MAPs that are in bridge mode. The feature is automatically disabled when the APs are set to bridge mode.
- If VLAN tagging is enabled, flex native VLAN ID cannot be configured for an AP.
- APs in flexconnect standalone mode (with VLAN tag enabled) may reload at every 10 minutes, if the APs fail to discover the wireless controller during failover.

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	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	ap name ap-name vlan-tag vlan-id	Configures VLAN tagging for a non-bridge AP.
	Example:	Use the no form of this command to disable the configuration.
	Device# ap name AP1 vlan-tag 12	
	Device# ap name AP1 no vlan-tag	
	Configure VLAN tagging for all nonbridge APs.	
	Example:	Use the no form of this command to disable the configuration.
	Device# ap vlan-tag 1000	
	Device# ap no vlan-tag	
Step 3	show ap config general	(Optional) Shows the common information of
	Example:	all the APs.
	Device# show ap config general	