



# Multicast Domain Name System

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## Introduction to mDNS Gateway

Multicast Domain Name System (mDNS) is an Apple service discovery protocol which locates devices and services on a local network with the use of mDNS service records.

The Bonjour protocol operates on service announcements and queries. Each query or advertisement is sent to the Bonjour multicast address ipv4 224.0.0.251 (ipv6 FF02::FB). This protocol uses mDNS on UDP port 5353.

The address used by the Bonjour protocol is link-local multicast address and therefore is only forwarded to the local L2 network. As, multicast DNS is limited to an L2 domain for a client to discover a service it has to be part of the same L2 domain, This is not always possible in any large scale deployment or enterprise.

In order to address this issue, the Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller acts as a Bonjour Gateway. The controller then listens for Bonjour services, caches these Bonjour advertisements (AirPlay, AirPrint, and so on) from the source or host. For example, Apple TV responds back to Bonjour clients when asked or requested for a service. This way you can have sources and clients in different subnets.

By default, the mDNS gateway is disabled on the controller. To enable mDNS gateway functionality, you must explicitly configure mDNS gateway using CLI or Web UI.

### Prerequisite

Since the Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller will respond and advertise for services cached when acting as a Bonjour Gateway, it must have an SVI interface with a valid IP address on every VLAN where mDNS is allowed or used. This will be the source IP address of those mDNS packets that are coming out from the controller acting as mDNS Gateway.

## Enabling mDNS Gateway (GUI)

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Configuration > Services > mDNS**.
- Step 2** In the **Global** section, toggle the slider to enable or disable the **mDNS Gateway**.
- Step 3** From the **Transport** drop-down list, choose one of the following types:
- **ipv4**
  - **ipv6**
  - **both**
- Step 4** Enter an appropriate timer value in **Active-Query Timer**. The valid range is between 15 to 120 minutes. The default is 30 minutes.
- Step 5** From the **mDNS-AP Service Policy** drop-down list, choose an mDNS service policy.
- Note** Service policy is optional only if mDNS-AP is configured. If mDNS-AP is not configured, the system uses default-service-policy.
- Step 6** Click **Apply**.
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## Enabling or Disabling mDNS Gateway (CLI)



- Note**
- mDNS gateway is disabled by default globally on the controller.
  - You need both global and WLAN configurations to enable mDNS gateway.
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## Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable  | Enables privileged EXEC mode.<br>Enter your password, if prompted.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>mdns-sd gateway</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd gateway  | Enables mDNS gateway.   |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>transport {ipv4   ipv6   both}</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-sd)# transport ipv4                            | Processes mDNS message on a specific transport.<br>Here,<br><b>ipv4</b> signifies that the IPv4 mDNS message processing is enabled. This is the default value.<br><b>ipv6</b> signifies that the IPv6 mDNS message processing is enabled.<br><b>both</b> signifies that the IPv4 and IPv6 mDNS message is enabled for each network.             |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>active-query timer <i>active-query-periodicity</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-sd)# active-query timer 15 | Changes the periodicity of mDNS multicast active query.<br><b>Note</b> An active query is a periodic mDNS query to refresh dynamic cache.<br>Here,<br><i>active-query-periodicity</i> refers to the active query periodicity in Minutes. The valid range is from 15 to 120 minutes. Active query runs with a default periodicity of 30 minutes. |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-sd)# exit  | Returns to global configuration mode.   |

## Creating Custom Service Definition (GUI)

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Configuration > Services > mDNS**.
  - Step 2** In the **Service Definition** section, click **Add**.
  - Step 3** In the **Quick Setup: Service Definition** page that is displayed, enter a name and description for the service definition.
  - Step 4** Enter a service type and click + to add the service type.
  - Step 5** Click **Apply to Device**.
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## Creating Custom Service Definition

Service definition is a construct that provides an admin friendly name to one or more mDNS service types or A pointer (PTR) Resource Record Name.

By default, few built-in service definitions are already predefined and available for admin to use.

In addition to built-in service definitions, admin can also define custom service definitions.

You can execute the following command to view the list of all the service definitions (built-in and custom):

```
Device# show mdns-sd master-service-list
```

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable  | Enables privileged <b>EXEC</b> mode.<br>Enter your password, if prompted.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>mdns-sd service-definition</b><br><i>service-definition-name</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd<br>service-definition CUSTOM1 | Configures mDNS service definition.<br><b>Note</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the created custom service definitions are added to the primary service list.</li> <li>• Primary service list comprises of a list of custom and built-in service definitions.</li> </ul> |

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose                               |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>service-type</b> <i>string</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-ser-def)# service-type<br>_custom1._tcp.local | Configures mDNS service type.         |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-ser-def)# exit  | Returns to global configuration mode. |

## Creating Service List (GUI)

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Configuration > Services > mDNS**.
- Step 2** In the **Service List** section, click **Add**.
- Step 3** In the **Quick Setup: Service List** page that is displayed, enter a name for the service list.
- Step 4** From the **Direction** drop-down list, choose **IN** for inbound filtering or **OUT** for outbound filtering.
- Step 5** From the **Available Services** drop-down list, choose a service type to match the service list.
- Note** To allow all services, choose the **all** option.
- Step 6** Click **Add Services**.
- Step 7** From the **Message Type** drop-down list, choose the message type to match from the following options:
- **any**—To allow all messages.
  - **announcement**—To allow only service advertisements or announcements for the device.
  - **query**—To allow only a query from the client for a service in the network.
- Step 8** Click **Save** to add services.
- Step 9** Click **Apply to Device**.
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## Creating Service List

mDNS service list is a collection of service definitions.

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action | Purpose                              |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b>     | Enables privileged <b>EXEC</b> mode. |

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
|               | <b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable   | Enter your password, if prompted.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>mdns-sd service-list service-list-name {IN   OUT}</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd service-list Basic-In IN<br><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd service-list Basic-Out OUT | Configures mDNS service list. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IN:</b> Provides inbound filtering.</li> <li>• <b>Out:</b> Provides outbound filtering.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>match service-definition-name message-type {announcement   any   query}</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-sl-in)# match CUSTOM1 message-type query                          | Matches the service to the message type.<br><br>Here, <i>service-definition-name</i> refers to the names of services, such as, airplay, airserver, airtunes, and so on.<br><br><b>Note</b> To add a service, the service name must be part of the primary service list.<br><br>If the mDNS service list is set to IN, you get to view the following command: <b>match service-definition-name message-type {announcement   any   query}</b> .<br><br>If the mDNS service list is set to Out, you get to view the following command: <b>match service-definition-name</b> . |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>show mdns-sd service-list {direction   name }</b>  | Displays inbound or outbound direction list of the configured service-list to classify matching service-types for service-policy. The list can be filtered by name or specific direction.  |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>exit</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-sl-in)# exit   | Returns to global configuration mode.  |

## Creating Service Policy (GUI)

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Configuration > Services > mDNS**.
  - Step 2** In the **Service Policy** section, click **Add**.
  - Step 3** In the **Quick Setup: Service Policy** page that is displayed, enter a name for the service policy.
  - Step 4** From the **Service List Input** drop-down list, choose one of the types.
  - Step 5** From the **Service List Output** drop-down list, choose one of the types.
  - Step 6** From the **Location** drop-down list, choose the location you want to associate with the service list.
  - Step 7** Click **Apply to Device**.
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## Creating Service Policy

mDNS service policy is used for service filtering while learning services or responding to queries.

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>enable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device> enable  | Enables privileged <b>EXEC</b> mode.<br>Enter your password, if prompted. |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>mdns-sd service-policy</b> <i>service-policy-name</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd service-policy<br>mdns-policy1 | Enables mDNS service policy.  |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>location</b> {lss   site-tag}<br><b>Example:</b>   | Filters mDNS service types based on LSS or site-tag.                      |

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose  |
|---------------|--|--|
|               | <pre>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# location lss</pre>   | <p><b>Note</b></p> <p>In Location Specific Services (LSS) based filtering, the mDNS gateway responds with the service instances learnt from the neighboring APs of the querying client AP. Other service instances for the rest of APs are filtered.</p> <p>In Site tag based filtering, the mDNS gateway responds with the service instances that belong to the same site-tag as that of querying client.</p> <p>The mDNS gateway responds back with wired services even if the location based filtering is configured.</p> |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <p><b>service-list</b> <i>service-list-name</i> {<b>IN</b>   <b>OUT</b>}</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# service-list VLAN100-list IN</pre> | <p>Configures various service-list names for IN and OUT directions.</p> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p>If an administrator decides to create or use a custom service policy, then the custom service policy must be configured with service-lists for both directions (IN and OUT); otherwise, the mDNS Gateway will not work (will not learn services if there is no IN service-list, or will not reply or announce services learned if there is no OUT service-list).</p>   |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <p><b>exit</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# exit</pre>   | <p>Returns to global configuration mode.</p>   |

## Configuring a Local or Native Profile for an mDNS Policy

When an administrator configures local authentication and authorization and does not expect to get any mDNS policy from the AAA server, the administrator can configure a local or native profile to select a mDNS policy based on user, role, or device type. When this local or native profile is mapped to the wireless profile policy, mDNS service policy is applied on the mDNS packets that are processed on that WLAN.



**Procedure**

|               | <b>Command or Action</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>                                      |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.                   |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>service-template <i>template-name</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# service-template mdns                                | Configures the service-template or identity policy. |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>mdns-service-policy <i>mdns-policy-name</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-service-template)#<br>mdns-service-policy mdnsTV | Configures the mDNS policy.                         |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-service-template)# exit   | Returns to global configuration mode.               |

## Configuring an mDNS Flex Profile (GUI)

**Procedure**

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- Step 1** Choose **Configuration > Services > mDNS**.
  - Step 2** In the **mDNS Flex Profile** section, click **Add**.  
The **Add mDNS Flex Profile** window is displayed.
  - Step 3** In the **Profile Name** field, enter the flex mDNS profile name.
  - Step 4** In the **Service Cache Update Timer** field, specify the service cache update time. The default value is 1 minute. The valid range is from 1 to 100 minutes.
  - Step 5** In the **Statistics Update Timer** field, specify the statistics update timer. The default value is 1 minute. The valid range is from 1 to 100 minutes.
  - Step 6** In the **VLANs** field, specify the VLAN ID. You can enter multiple VLAN IDs separated by commas, or enter a range of VLAN IDs. Maximum number of VLANs allowed is 16.
  - Step 7** Click **Apply to Device**.
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## Configuring an mDNS Flex Profile (CLI)

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.   |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>mdns-sd flex-profile <i>mdns-flex-profile-name</i></b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd flex-profile<br><i>mdns-flex-profile-name</i>                     | Enters the mDNS Flex Profile mode.  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>update-timer service-cache <i>service-cache timer-value &lt;1-100&gt;</i></b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-flex-profile)#<br>update-timer service-cache 60 | Configures the mDNS update service cache timer for the flex profile.<br><br>The default value is 1 minute. Value range is between 1 minute and 100 minutes. |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>update-timer statistics <i>statistics timer-value &lt;1-100&gt;</i></b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-flex-profile)#<br>update-timer statistics 65          | Configures the mDNS update statistics timer for the flex profile.<br><br>The default value is 1 minute. The valid range is from 1 to 100 minutes.           |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>wired-vlan-range <i>wired-vlan-range value</i></b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-flex-profile)#<br>wired-vlan-range 10 - 20                                 | Configures the mDNS wired VLAN range for the flex profile.<br><br>The default value is 1 minute. The valid range is from 1 minute to 100 minutes.           |

## Applying an mDNS Flex Profile to a Wireless Flex Connect Profile (GUI)

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Flex**.
- Step 2** Click **Add**.  
The **Add Flex Profile** window is displayed.
- Step 3** Under the **General** tab, from the **mDNS Flex Profile** drop-down list, choose a flex profile name from the list.

**Step 4** Click **Apply to Device**.

## Applying an mDNS Flex Profile to a Wireless Flex Connect Profile (CLI)

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.                        |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>wireless profile flex</b> <i>wireless-flex-profile-name</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# wireless profile flex<br><i>wireless-flex-profile-name</i> | Enters wireless flex profile configuration mode.         |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>mdns-sd</b> <i>mdns-flex-profile</i><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-wireless-flex-profile)#<br>mdns-sd <i>mdns-flex-profile-name</i>            | Enables the mDNS features for all the APs in the profile |

## Location-Based Service Filtering

### Prerequisite for Location-Based Service Filtering

You need to create the Service Definition and Service Policy. For more information, see [Creating Custom Service Definition](#) section and [Creating Service Policy](#) section.

### Configuring mDNS Location-Based Filtering Using SSID

When a service policy is configured with the SSID as the location name, the response to the query will be the services that were learnt on that SSID.

#### Procedure

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose                           |
|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal | Enters global configuration mode. |

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>mdns-sd service-policy</b> <i>service-policy-name</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd service-policy<br>mdns-policy1 | Configures the service policy.   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>location ssid</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# location<br>ssid  | Configures location-based filtering using SSID.  |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# end   | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.<br>Alternatively, you can also press <b>Ctrl-Z</b> to exit global configuration mode. |

## Configuring mDNS Location-Based Filtering Using AP Name

When a service policy is configured with the AP name as the location, the response to the query will be the services that were learnt on that AP.

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>mdns-sd service-policy</b> <i>service-policy-name</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd service-policy<br>mdns-policy1 | Configures the service policy.   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>location ap-name</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# location<br>ap-name  | Configures location-based filtering using an AP name.  |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# end   | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.<br>Alternatively, you can also press <b>Ctrl-Z</b> to exit global configuration mode. |

## Configuring mDNS Location-Based Filtering Using AP Location

When a service policy is configured with location as the AP-location, the response to the query will be the services that were learnt on all the APs using the same AP "location" name (not to be confused with "site-tag").

**Procedure**

|               | <b>Command or Action</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>   |
|---------------|--|--|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal   | Enters global configuration mode.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>mdns-sd service-policy</b> <i>service-policy-name</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd service-policy mdns-policy1 | Configures the service policy.   |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>location ap-location</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# location ap-location                                | Configures location-based filtering using the AP location.   |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# end  | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.<br><br>Alternatively, you can also press <b>Ctrl-Z</b> to exit global configuration mode. |

## Configuring mDNS Location-Based Filtering Using Regular Expression

- When a service policy is configured with the location as a regular expression that matches the corresponding AP name, the response to the query will be the services that were learnt on a group of APs based on the AP name.
- When a service policy is configured with the location as a regular expression that matches the corresponding AP location, the response to the query will be the services that were learnt on a group of APs based on the AP location.

**Procedure**

|               | <b>Command or Action</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>  |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal  | Enters global configuration mode.                             |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>mdns-sd service-policy</b> <i>service-policy-name</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# mdns-sd service-policy mdns-policy1      | Configures the service policy.                                |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>location regex</b> { <b>ap-location</b> <i>regular-expression</i><br>  <b>ap-name</b> <i>regular-expression</i> }<br><b>Example:</b> | Configures location-based filtering using regular expression. |

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
|               | <pre>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# location regex ap-location dns_location  Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# location regex ap-name dns_name</pre>   |   |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <p><b>end</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-mdns-ser-pol)# end</pre> <p><b>Note</b> To filter the services for which AP names have the specific keyword such as <i>AP-2FLR-SJC-123</i>, you can use the regex AP name as <i>AP-2FLR-</i> to match the services that are learnt from the set of access points.</p> | <p>Returns to privileged EXEC mode.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can also press <b>Ctrl-Z</b> to exit global configuration mode.</p> |

## Configuring mDNS AP

In most of the deployments, the services may be available in VLANs that the APs can hear in the wired side (allowed in the switchport where the AP is directly connected: its own VLAN, or even more VLANs if switchport is a trunk).

The following procedure shows how to configure mDNS AP:

### Procedure

|               | Command or Action  | Purpose   |
|---------------|--|---|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <p><b>configure terminal</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>  | Enters global configuration mode.                                 |
| <b>Step 2</b> | <p><b>mdns-sd gateway</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config)# mdns-sd gateway</pre>  | Configures the mDNS gateway.                                      |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <p><b>ap name <i>ap-name</i> mdns-ap enable vlan <i>vlan-id</i></b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device# ap name ap1 mdns-ap enable vlan 22</pre> | Enables mDNS on the AP, and configures a VLAN for the mDNS AP.    |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <p><b>ap name <i>ap-name</i> mdns-ap vlan add <i>vlan-id</i></b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device# ap name ap1 mdns-ap vlan add 200</pre>      | Adds a VLAN to the mDNS AP. <i>vlan-id</i> ranges from 1 to 4096. |

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>ap name</b> <i>ap-name</i> <b>mdns-ap vlan del</b> <i>vlan-id</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# ap name ap1 mdns-ap vlan del 2 | Deletes a VLAN from the mDNS AP.  |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>ap name</b> <i>ap-name</i> <b>mdns-ap disable</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# ap name ap1 mdns-ap disable                    | (Optional) Disables the mDNS AP.  |
| <b>Step 7</b> | <b>end</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# end  | Returns to privileged EXEC mode.<br><br>Alternatively, you can also press <b>Ctrl-Z</b> to exit global configuration mode.<br><br><b>Note</b> You can configure a maximum of 10 VLANs per AP. |

## Associating mDNS Service Policy with Wireless Profile Policy (GUI)

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Policy**.
  - Step 2** Click the **policy profile** name.
  - Step 3** In the **Advanced** tab, choose the mDNS service policy from the **mDNS Service Policy** drop-down list.
  - Step 4** Click **Update & Apply to Device**.
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## Associating mDNS Service Policy with Wireless Profile Policy




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**Note** You must globally configure the mDNS service policy before associating it with the wireless profile policy.

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A default mDNS service policy is already attached once the wireless profile policy is created. You can use the following commands to override the default mDNS service policy with any of your service policy:

## Procedure

|                   | Command or Action  | Purpose   |              |                   |                   |                      |              |                   |                   |                      |
|-------------------|--|---|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b>     | <b>configure terminal</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# configure terminal   | Enters global configuration mode.   |              |                   |                   |                      |              |                   |                   |                      |
| <b>Step 2</b>     | <b>wireless profile policy <i>profile-policy</i></b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# wireless profile policy<br>default-policy-profile                                     | Configures wireless profile policy.<br><br>Here, <i>profile-policy</i> refers to the name of the WLAN policy profile.   |              |                   |                   |                      |              |                   |                   |                      |
| <b>Step 3</b>     | <b>mdns-sd service-policy</b><br><i>custom-mdns-service-policy</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-wireless-policy)# mdns-sd<br>service-policy<br>custom-mdns-service-policy | Associates an mDNS service policy with the wireless profile policy.<br><br>The default mDNS service policy name is <b>default-mdns-service-policy</b> .<br><br><b>Note</b> The <b>default-mdns-profile-policy</b> uses <b>default-mdns-service-list</b> configuration for filtering mDNS service announcement and queries.<br><br>In wireless network, the mDNS packets are consumed by the mDNS gateway and clients or device is deprived of learning this service. To share the service with the device and provide ease of configuration to the administrator, a list of few standard service types are shared by default on the wireless network. The list of such standard service types is termed as default service policy that comprises a set of service types.<br><br>The table covers a sample service list in the default service policy.<br><br><b>Table 1: Default Name and mDNS Service Type</b> <table border="1" data-bbox="1117 1570 1481 1860"> <thead> <tr> <th>Default Name</th> <th>mDNS Service Type</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Apple HomeSharing</td> <td>_homeshaing_tcplocal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Printer-IPPS</td> <td>_ippes._tcp.local</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Google-chromecast</td> <td>_googlecast_tcplocal</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Default Name | mDNS Service Type | Apple HomeSharing | _homeshaing_tcplocal | Printer-IPPS | _ippes._tcp.local | Google-chromecast | _googlecast_tcplocal |
| Default Name      | mDNS Service Type  |   |              |                   |                   |                      |              |                   |                   |                      |
| Apple HomeSharing | _homeshaing_tcplocal   |   |              |                   |                   |                      |              |                   |                   |                      |
| Printer-IPPS      | _ippes._tcp.local  |   |              |                   |                   |                      |              |                   |                   |                      |
| Google-chromecast | _googlecast_tcplocal   |   |              |                   |                   |                      |              |                   |                   |                      |



|               | Command or Action   | Purpose  |
|---------------|---|--|
|               |   | <p><b>Note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location would be disabled on mDNS default service policy.</li> <li>• You cannot change the contents of the mDNS default service policy. However, you can create separate mDNS service policies and associate them under the wireless policy profile.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <p><b>exit</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device(config-wireless-policy)# exit</pre> | Returns to global configuration mode.  |

## Enabling or Disabling mDNS Gateway for WLAN (GUI)

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs**.
- Step 2** Click on the WLAN.
- Step 3** In the **Advanced** tab, choose the mode in **mDNS Mode** drop-down list.
- Step 4** Click **Update & Apply to Device**.
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## Enabling or Disabling mDNS Gateway for WLAN




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**Note** Bridging is the default behaviour. This means that the mDNS packets are always bridged.

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### Procedure

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose                           |
|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | <p><b>configure terminal</b></p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre> | Enters global configuration mode. |

|               | Command or Action   | Purpose   |
|---------------|---|---|
| <b>Step 2</b> | <b>wlan</b> <i>profile-name</i> <i>wlan-id</i> <i>ssid-name</i><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config)# wlan test 24 ssid1                                  | Specifies the WLAN name and ID. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>profile-name</i> is the WLAN name which can contain 32 alphanumeric characters</li> <li>• <i>wlan-id</i> is the wireless LAN identifier. The valid range is from 1 to 512.</li> <li>• <i>ssid-name</i> is the SSID which can contain 32 alphanumeric characters.</li> </ul> <b>Note</b> Global configuration must be in place for mDNS gateway to work. |
| <b>Step 3</b> | <b>mdns-sd-interface</b> { <b>gateway</b>   <b>drop</b> }<br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-wlan)# mdns-sd gateway<br>Device(config-wlan)# mdns-sd drop | Enables or disables mDNS gateway and bridge functions on WLAN.  |
| <b>Step 4</b> | <b>exit</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device(config-wlan)# exit   | Returns to global configuration mode.   |
| <b>Step 5</b> | <b>show wlan name</b> <i>wlan-name</i>   <b>show wlan all</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# show wlan name test   show wlan all                           | Verifies the status of mDNS on WLAN.  |
| <b>Step 6</b> | <b>show wireless profile policy</b><br><b>Example:</b><br>Device# show wireless profile policy  | Verifies the service policy configured in WLAN.   |

## Verifying mDNS Gateway Configurations

To verify the mDNS summary, use the following command:

```
Device# show mdns-sd summary
mDNS Gateway: Enabled
Active Query: Enabled
  Periodicity (in minutes): 30
Transport Type: IPv4
```

To verify the mDNS cache, use the following command:

```
Device# show mdns-sd cache
----- PTR Records
-----
RECORD-NAME                               TTL      WLAN    CLIENT-MAC    RR-RECORD-DATA
```

```
-----
_airplay._tcp.local          4500    30    07c5.a4f2.dc01  CUST1._airplay._tcp.local
_ipp._tcp.local             4500    30    04c5.a4f2.dc01  CUST3._ipp._tcp.local2
_ipp._tcp.local             4500    15    04c5.a4f2.dc01  CUST3._ipp._tcp.local4
_ipp._tcp.local             4500    10    04c5.a4f2.dc01  CUST3._ipp._tcp.local6
_veer_custom._tcp.local     4500    10    05c5.a4f2.dc01
CUST2._veer_custom._tcp.local8
```

To verify the mDNS cache from wired service provider, use the following command:

Device# **show mdns-sd cache wired**

```
----- PTR Records
-----
RECORD-NAME                TTL      VLAN      CLIENT-MAC      RR-RECORD-DATA
-----
_airplay._tcp.local        4500     16        0866.98ec.97af
wiredapple._airplay._tcp.local
_raop._tcp.local          4500     16        0866.98ec.97af
086698EC97AF@wiredapple._raop._tcp.local

----- SRV Records
-----
RECORD-NAME                TTL      VLAN      CLIENT-MAC      RR-RECORD-DATA
-----
wiredapple._airplay._tcp.local  4500     16        0866.98ec.97af  0 0 7000
wiredapple.local
086698EC97AF@wiredapple._raop._tcp.local  4500     16        0866.98ec.97af  0 0 7000
wiredapple.local

----- A/AAAA Records
-----
RECORD-NAME                TTL      VLAN      CLIENT-MAC      RR-RECORD-DATA
-----
wiredapple.local          4500     16        0866.98ec.97af
2001:8:16:16:e5:c446:3218:7437

----- TXT Records
-----
RECORD-NAME                TTL      VLAN      CLIENT-MAC      RR-RECORD-DATA
-----
wiredapple._airplay._tcp.local  4500     16        0866.98ec.97af
[343]'acl=0'deviceid=08:66:98:EC:97:AF'features=
086698EC97AF@wiredapple._raop._tcp.local  4500     16        0866.98ec.97af
[193]'cn=0,1,2,3'da=true'et=0,3,5'ft=0x5A7FFF7
```

To verify the mdns-sd type PTR, use the following command:

Device# **show mdns-sd cache type {PTR | SRV | A-AAA | TXT}**

```
RECORD-NAME                TTL      WLAN      CLIENT-MAC
RR-Record-Data
-----
_custom1._tcp.local        4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6
service_t1._custom1._tcp.local
_custom1._tcp.local        4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6
vk11._custom1._tcp.local
_ipp._tcp.local            4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6
service-4._ipp._tcp.local
```

To verify the mdns-sd cache for a client MAC, use the following command:

```
Device# show mdns-sd cache {ap-mac <ap-mac> | client-mac <client-mac> | wlan-id <wlan-id>
| wired}
RECORD-NAME                               TTL      WLAN      CLIENT-MAC
RR-Record-Data
-----
_custom1._tcp.local                       4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6
service_t1._custom1._tcp.local
_custom1._tcp.local                       4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6
vk11._custom1._tcp.local
_ipp._tcp.local                           4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6
service-4._ipp._tcp.local

----- SRV Records -----
RECORD-NAME                               TTL      WLAN      CLIENT-MAC
RR-Record-Data
-----
service-4._ipp._tcp.local                 4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6   0 0 1212
mDNS-Client1s-275.local
vk11._custom1._tcp.local                 4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6   0 0 987
mDNS-Client1s-275.local
service_t1._custom1._tcp.local           4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6   0 0 197
mDNS-Client1s-275.local

----- A/AAAA Records -----
RECORD-NAME                               TTL      WLAN      CLIENT-MAC
RR-Record-Data
-----
mDNS-Client1s-275.local                 4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6   120.1.1.33

----- TXT Records -----
RECORD-NAME                               TTL      WLAN      CLIENT-MAC
RR-Record-Data
-----
service-4._ipp._tcp.local                 4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6   'Client1'

vk11._custom1._tcp.local                 4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6
'txtvers=11'
service_t1._custom1._tcp.local           4500     2         c869.cda8.77d6
'txtvers=12'
```

To verify the mdns-sd cache in detail, use the following command:

```
Device# show mdns-sd cache detail

Name: _custom1._tcp.local
Type: PTR
TTL: 4500
WLAN: 2
WLAN Name: mdns120
VLAN: 120
Client MAC: c869.cda8.77d6
AP Ethernet MAC: 7069.5ab8.33d0
Expiry-Time: 09/09/18 21:50:47
Site-Tag: default-site-tag
Rdata: service_t1._custom1._tcp.local
```

To verify the mdns-sd statistics, use the following command:

```
Device# show mdns-sd statistics

-----
Consolidated mDNS Packet Statistics
-----
mDNS stats last reset time: 03/11/19 04:17:35
mDNS packets sent: 61045
  IPv4 sent: 30790
    IPv4 advertisements sent: 234
    IPv4 queries sent: 30556
  IPv6 sent: 30255
    IPv6 advertisements sent: 17
    IPv6 queries sent: 30238
  Multicast sent: 57558
    IPv4 sent: 28938
    IPv6 sent: 28620
mDNS packets received: 72796
  advertisements received: 13604
  queries received: 59192
  IPv4 received: 40600
    IPv4 advertisements received: 6542
    IPv4 queries received: 34058
  IPv6 received: 32196
    IPv6 advertisements received: 7062
    IPv6 queries received: 25134
mDNS packets dropped: 87
```

```
-----
Wired mDNS Packet Statistics
-----
mDNS stats last reset time: 03/11/19 04:17:35
mDNS packets sent: 61033
  IPv4 sent: 30778
    IPv4 advertisements sent: 222
    IPv4 queries sent: 30556
  IPv6 sent: 30255
    IPv6 advertisements sent: 17
    IPv6 queries sent: 30238
  Multicast sent: 57558
    IPv4 sent: 28938
    IPv6 sent: 28620
mDNS packets received: 52623
  advertisements received: 1247
  queries received: 51376
  IPv4 received: 32276
    IPv4 advertisements received: 727
    IPv4 queries received: 31549
  IPv6 received: 20347
    IPv6 advertisements received: 520
    IPv6 queries received: 19827
mDNS packets dropped: 63
```

```
-----
mDNS Packet Statistics, for WLAN: 2
-----
mDNS stats last reset time: 03/11/19 04:17:35
mDNS packets sent: 12
  IPv4 sent: 12
    IPv4 advertisements sent: 12
    IPv4 queries sent: 0
  IPv6 sent: 0
    IPv6 advertisements sent: 0
    IPv6 queries sent: 0
  Multicast sent: 0
```

```

    IPv4 sent: 0
    IPv6 sent: 0
mDNS packets received: 20173
  advertisements received: 12357
  queries received: 7816
  IPv4 received: 8324
    IPv4 advertisements received: 5815
    IPv4 queries received: 2509
  IPv6 received: 11849
    IPv6 advertisements received: 6542
    IPv6 queries received: 5307
mDNS packets dropped: 24

```

To verify the default service list details, use the following command:

```
Device# show mdns-sd default-service-list
```

```

-----
                mDNS Default Service List
-----

Service Definition: airplay
Service Names:  _airplay._tcp.local

Service Definition: airtunes
Service Names:  _raop._tcp.local

Service Definition: homesharing
Service Names:  _home-sharing._tcp.local

Service Definition: printer-ipp
Service Names:  _ipp._tcp.local

Service Definition: printer-lpd
Service Names:  _printer._tcp.local

Service Definition: printer-ipps
Service Names:  _ipps._tcp.local

Service Definition: printer-socket
Service Names:  _pdl-datastream._tcp.local

Service Definition: google-chromecast
Service Names:  _googlecast._tcp.local

Service Definition: itune-wireless-devicesharing2
Service Names:  _apple-mobdev2._tcp.local

```

To verify the primary service list details, use the following command:

```
Device# show mdns-sd master-service-list
```

```

-----
                mDNS Master Service List
-----

Service Definition: fax
Service Names:  _fax-ipp._tcp.local

Service Definition: roku
Service Names:  _rsp._tcp.local

Service Definition: airplay
Service Names:  _airplay._tcp.local

```

```

Service Definition: scanner
Service Names: _scanner._tcp.local

Service Definition: spotify
Service Names: _spotify-connect._tcp.local

Service Definition: airtunes
Service Names: _raop._tcp.local

Service Definition: airserver
Service Names: _airplay._tcp.local
               _airserver._tcp.local

```

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```

```

Service Definition: itune-wireless-devicesharing2
Service Names: _apple-mobdev2._tcp.local

```

To verify the mDNS-AP configured on the controller and VLAN(s) associated with it, use the following command:

```
Device# show mdns-sd ap
```

```
Number of mDNS APs..... 1
```

| AP Name  | Ethernet MAC   | Number of Vlans | Vlanidentifiers |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| AP3600-1 | 7069.5ab8.33d0 | 1               | 300             |

### Further Debug

To debug mDNS further, use the following procedure:

1. Run this command at the controller:

```
set platform software trace wncd <0-7> chassis active R0 mdns debug
```

2. Reproduce the issue.

3. Run this command to gather the traces enabled:

```
show wireless loadbalance ap affinity wncd 0
```

| AP MAC         | Discovery Timestamp | Join Timestamp    | Tag              | Vlanidentifiers |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 0cd0.f894.0600 | 06/30/21 12:39:48   | 06/30/21 12:40:02 | default-site-tag | 300             |

