

User Defined Network Plus

Deployment Guide

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About this guide

This guide is intended to provide technical guidance to design, deploy, and operate the Cisco® User Defined Network Plus solution leveraging Cisco technology partner Splash Access. It focuses on the steps to enable device-level segmentation for end user devices such as smartphones, tablets, and media streaming devices by first restricting mDNS discovery to a user's personal network or "room" and then optionally restricting unicast traffic between other personal networks or user defined networks (UDNs).

The User Defined Network Plus solution

Streaming content using technologies such as Google Chromecast or Apple AirPlay is easy for users on a home network. In a shared network environment, such as in higher education dormitories, it can be much harder for a user to find their TV among all the other residents' devices. This can cause confusion and annoyance, as students can accidentally stream to a device owned by a different student. This problem is not limited to just streaming to a TV but can affect any device using Link Local Multicast protocols.

Cisco's User Defined Network Plus solution solves this problem by providing each user with their own personal, homelike network on the building's shared network resources. Users can register and manage their own private network, where only their registered devices can communicate with each other, just as if they were on a home network.

For wireless networks managed by Cisco Meraki™, a solution similar to User Defined Network Plus is known as Wi-Fi Personal Network (WPN), and it works in conjunction with Identity Pre-Shared Key (iPSK). For large-scale deployments, user onboarding is typically done using a self-service portal from [Splash Access](#) that allows users to authenticate and create unique PSKs that are pushed to the Meraki dashboard via APIs.

Note: WPN is not part of this document. If you would like to explore the WPN functionality for Meraki-managed wireless networks, check out the following link:

[https://documentation.meraki.com/MR/Encryption_and_Authentication/Wi-Fi_Personal_Network_\(WPN\)](https://documentation.meraki.com/MR/Encryption_and_Authentication/Wi-Fi_Personal_Network_(WPN)).

Splash Access is a Cisco Meraki technology partner and has been integrated with Cisco Meraki for the past seven years. Splash Access provides a secure onboarding system and management portal for end users connecting to a WPN-based SSID.

Previously, to deploy the User Defined Network solution it was necessary to have Cisco Catalyst Center, UDN cloud, and the UDN app in addition to the Cisco Catalyst™ 9800 Series Wireless Controller, Cisco access points (Wave 2 or Catalyst 9100), and Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE).

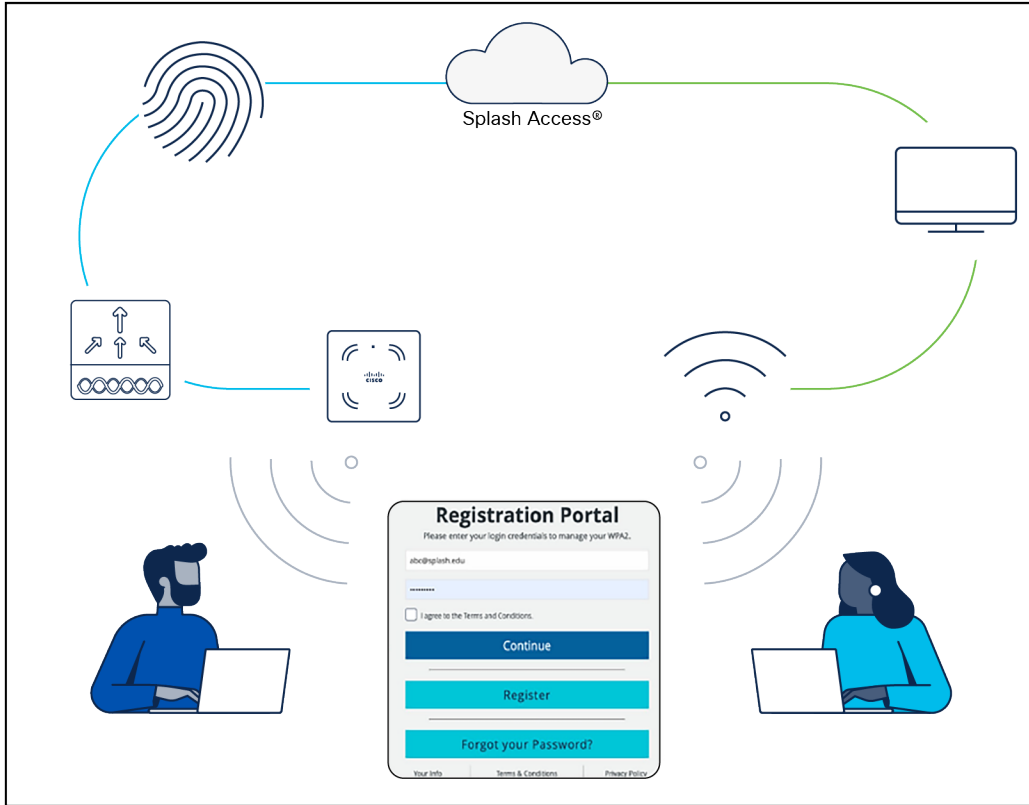


Figure 1.
Splash Access unified user experience

With the Cisco User Defined Network Plus solution, Cisco is simplifying and optimizing the user experience for both Meraki and Catalyst wireless-based deployments. User Defined Network Plus still requires the Catalyst 9800 Series controller, Cisco access points (Wave 2 or Catalyst 9100), and ISE, but the only other requirement is Splash Access. Splash Access integrates with Cisco ISE via APIs.

Tech tip

When deploying Cisco User Defined Network Plus, discovery and streaming are limited to registered devices within the user's defined network for wireless devices such as MacBooks, iPhones, and iPads. For Apple TV, if the AirPlay settings are in their default state, devices with Bluetooth enabled and within approximately 30 feet of the Apple TV – or within the signal distance for Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) – will still be able to discover and stream to an Apple TV registered within a user defined network. Please refer to [Appendix C](#) for the procedure to disable AirPlay over Bluetooth if you would like to change this behavior.

Components

Splash Access

Splash Access communicates with Cisco ISE and is used to create the UDNs. It also registers mobile and other wireless devices as part of the user's private network.

Identity provider

The identity provider (IdP) is your organization's single sign-on (SSO) service, which is used for authentication. Microsoft Azure AD and SAML are the supported IdPs for the User Defined Network Plus solution. SAML is compatible with Shibboleth or Microsoft Active Directory Federated Services (ADFS). When a user authenticates using Splash Access and their credentials, the SSO service is queried and results returned. Upon successful authentication, the user can create their UDN "room" and add their devices.

Cisco Identity Service Engine (ISE)

Cisco ISE, a critical component of the User Defined Network Plus solution, allows you to provide highly secure network access to users and devices. It helps you gain visibility into what is happening in your network, such as who is connected, which applications are installed and running, and much more. It also shares vital contextual data, such as user and device identities, threats, and vulnerabilities with integrated solutions from Cisco technology partners, so you can identify, contain, and remediate threats faster.

In addition to serving as an organization's RADIUS server for authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA), Cisco ISE inspects authentication attributes from the wireless controller to determine if the authenticating device is attempting to join a UDN-enabled SSID. Once confirmed, ISE communicates the information required for UDN segmentation back to the wireless controller.

Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller

Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers are based on Cisco IOS® XE and integrate the RF excellence of Cisco Aironet® access points, creating a best-in-class wireless experience. The 9800 Series is built on an open and programmable architecture with built-in security, streaming telemetry, and rich analytics.

Tech tip

The Cisco User Defined Network Plus solution supports the Catalyst 9800 Series only when it is running in Local mode. Cisco Software-Defined Access (SD-Access) is not supported if fabric-enabled wireless has been deployed. Cisco User Defined Network Plus is supported if the wireless in an SD-Access fabric has been deployed as over the top using Local mode, with both control and data plane encapsulated in a Control and Provisioning of Wireless Access Points (CAPWAP) tunnel between the access point and Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller.

Cisco access points

The Cisco User Defined Network Plus solution supports all Cisco Wave 2 access points, most notably the Cisco Aironet 1800, 2800, 3800, and 4800 Series, as well as Cisco Catalyst 9100 Wi-Fi 6/6E access points.

Solution overview

The Cisco User Defined Network Plus solution incorporates the Catalyst 9800 Series controllers, Splash Access, and ISE components to provide segmented, personal networks in which users' mobile devices and streaming entertainment devices are isolated from one another by limiting multicast advertisement of services and optionally providing unicast blocking of communications between those segmented, personal networks (referred to as UDNs). Splash Access is used for device registration and de-registration. The Cisco User Defined Network Plus solution's on-premises components include Catalyst 9800 Series controllers, Wave 2 or Catalyst 9100 access points, and Cisco ISE for network access control through RADIUS AAA.

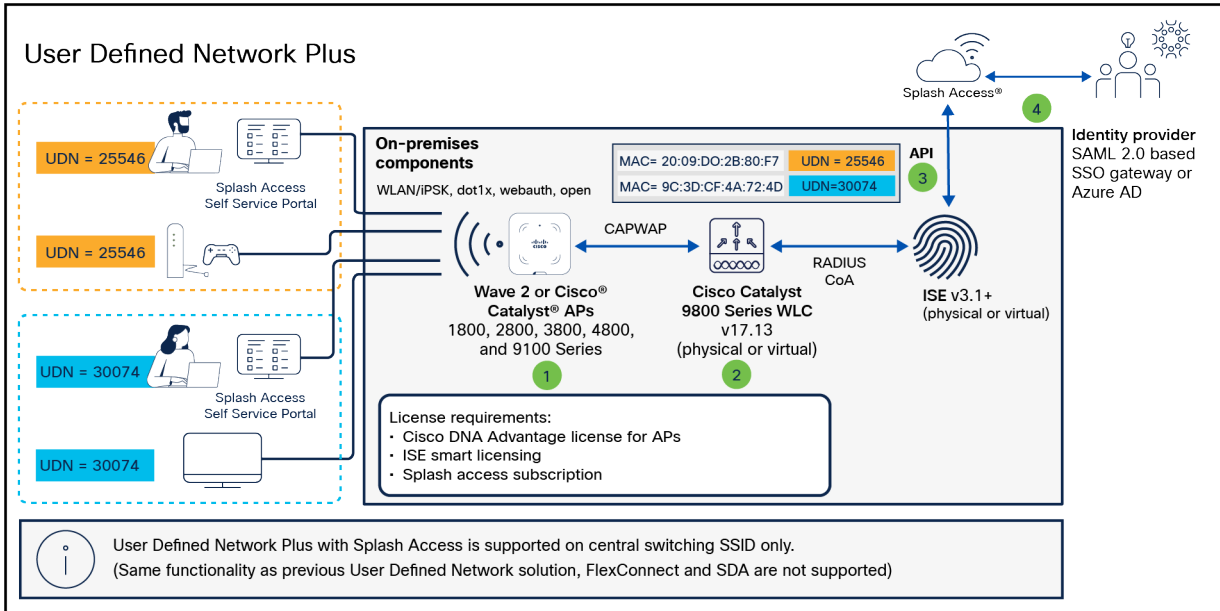


Figure 2. Device registration and onboarding in the User Defined Network Plus solution

Cisco Identity Services Engine

In addition to providing RADIUS AAA services for user/device authentication, Cisco ISE is responsible for three other functions in the User Defined Network Plus solution:

1. ISE processes device registration and room assignment/change requests from information forwarded from Splash Access across all ISE policy service nodes in the deployment.
2. ISE interacts with the Catalyst 9800 Series controller in RADIUS authentication requests by retrieving UDN assignments for onboarding end user devices from its local database.
3. Upon successful authentication, ISE sends a RADIUS response to the wireless controller containing three UDN vendor-specific attributes (VSAs) used for UDN segmentation at the wireless controller and access point.
 - cisco-av-pair = UDN:Private-group-id (UDN ID used to separate multicast/broadcast domains)
 - cisco-av-pair = UDN:Private-group-name (The UDN “name” of the room created by a user)
 - cisco-av-pair = UDN:Private-group-owner (Identifies if the device is the owner of the UDN)

There are some manual, UDN-specific configurations required for ISE and Splash Access. All User Defined Network Plus and device registration configuration is performed via the Splash Access service. A new User Defined Network Plus pxGrid service is added that allows both ISE and Splash Access to communicate with ISE via REST APIs. ISE makes use of a new pxGrid “status” topic whenever User Defined Network Plus assignments are created, updated, or deleted.

Upon Splash Access integration with ISE, two new database tables are created. The first is for Device-UDN assignment records based on MAC addresses; this is used for device authentication. The second table is for UDN properties for which UDN is enabled and, if so, the wireless controller and SSIDs it is enabled on; this is used to check whether the authentication request received has originated from a UDN-enabled WLC or SSID requiring the extra UDN device lookup. Both database tables are replicated across a distributed ISE deployment.

Catalyst 9800 Series wireless controller

The Cisco User Defined Network Plus solution requires Cisco IOS XE-based Catalyst 9800 Series wireless controllers, either physical or virtual; AireOS-based controllers and Catalyst 9800 embedded (switch or access point) controllers are not supported. With the introduction of User Defined Network Plus, SSIDs can be defined and dedicated to UDNs in addition to those SSIDs dedicated to normal enterprise and guest wireless access. The UDN SSIDs can be configured for 802.1X, MAC Authentication Bypass (MAB), or PSK or iPSK. Prior to UDN+, only a single Catalyst 9800 Series controller or High Availability (HA) pair was supported. As a result, all devices and their UDNs are local to the WLC and the specific SSIDs associated with the UDNs, so roaming between controllers is not supported.

The mDNS Gateway functionality of the Catalyst 9800 Series WLC is completely interoperable with the User Defined Network Plus functionality. The gateway functionality must be configured separately. The mDNS Gateway functionality is required for advertisement of Bonjour services across Layer 3 networks. If your UDN+ deployment is deployed across multiple VLANs, mDNS Gateway will be required if devices in a UDN will need to discover devices in another VLAN.

Tech tip

For more information regarding mDNS, please refer to the [mDNS Deployment Guide for Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series WLCs](#).

If a user registered their device offsite using the Splash Access portal, that device can access the User Defined Network Plus SSID upon connecting to the wireless network. If, however, due to MAC randomization they were unable to pre-register their device, the user can connect their device to any SSID providing internet access and register the device once attached to the wireless network. The SSID joined for registration while onsite could be the UDN SSID or any other, as long as the user has the credentials necessary to access the organization's wireless network based on the security implemented.

Once a device successfully registers and connects to the UDN SSID, the wireless controller sends a RADIUS authentication request to Cisco ISE. In addition to the authentication method (802.1X, MAB, or PSK) based on the wireless security configured for the UDN SSID, ISE performs a lookup for that device's MAC address and returns the authentication results as well as the RADIUS UDN-ID to the wireless controller if the MAC address is found in the ISE database. Splash Access populates the MAC addresses in the ISE identity database at the time of device registration. If no UDN information is associated with a device from Splash Access, ISE will not relay any specific UDN information back to the wireless controller and the device will be granted access upon successful authentication.

When joining the UDN SSID, if authentication is successful but the device is not registered to a user's network, the device will still gain access to the network and will be assigned a UDN-ID of zero. With a UDN-ID of zero, the device will be able to communicate in north/south fashion to the internet and wired enterprise resources. It will not be able to communicate with any other wireless devices within that UDN SSID.

When devices associated with a specific UDN attach to the UDN SSID, the controller will segment the various discovery protocol traffic, such as mDNS, to only that UDN. This will work across all Wave 2 and Catalyst 9100 access points. As a result, only those devices within a specific UDN will see the services broadcasted by any device within that UDN. Segmentation of multicast and broadcast advertisements is performed directly on the Cisco access points. Unicast controls are implemented at the wireless controller.

By default, unicast traffic is permitted between UDNs, while multicast traffic, such as mDNS, is always contained within the UDN. This default behavior of allowing unicast communications between UDNs can be changed during configuration of the UDN at the WLAN policy profile in the wireless security policy associated with the UDN WLAN. With unicast blocking enabled, mobile devices can communicate only with other devices in the same UDN or anything northbound, external to the wireless network.

Device registration and onboarding

This section provides an overview of the communications during device registration and subsequent attachment to the wireless network.

Device registration flow

1. Using the Splash Access device registration portal, the device registers with Splash Access.
2. Splash Access authenticates the user either against Azure AD or an IDP via SAML 2.0.
3. The user's network is created, and all devices' MAC address information for that UDN are collected. This can be performed offsite, before any device attaches to that user's network, if MAC randomization is disabled on the device, or onsite where MAC randomization can be enabled.
4. Upon device registration, Splash Access communicates with Cisco ISE, which in turn relays registration information for the device, including the UDN-ID, UDN name, and MAC addresses entered or if iPSK is used.
5. Registration information is then passed to Cisco ISE and stored in a database for later use when devices join the SSID and gain access to the wireless network.

Device network access

1. When the device is onsite, the UDN SSID will be selected at the device. The SSID can be configured with either a PSK, 802.1X, or MAB flow to authenticate the device.
2. A RADIUS authentication request is sent from the wireless controller to ISE.
3. ISE checks its database to perform a lookup of the MAC address in its endpoint database.
4. Upon a successful lookup, ISE passes the RADIUS response back to the wireless controller along with vendor-specific attributes identifying the
 - private-group-id: Used by the wireless controller to identify the user's network and isolate multicast and broadcast traffic between UDNs
 - private-group-name: Name of the "room" or UDN
 - private-group-owner: If the UDN is owned by that device
5. The wireless controller programs the access point with the appropriate UDN information to block multicast and broadcast traffic between UDNs.

Product requirements

The following table provides the software versions validated within this deployment guide.

Table 1. Supported software versions

Device or component	Version
Cisco Catalyst Center	2.3.5.5 or later
ISE	3.1 Patch 4 or later
Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller	Cisco IOS XE 17.13.X or later with Cisco DNA Advantage licenses for access points
Cisco wireless access point	Cisco IOS XE 17.12.3 or later
Splash Access subscription	Cloud-based
Identity provider	Azure AD or SAML 2.0-enabled service

Scale

The following table provides scale numbers for the solution.

Table 2. Scale capability per device

Device	Scale
Cisco Catalyst 9800-80	Up to 64,000 unique UDNs per controller
Cisco Catalyst 9800-40	Up to 32,000 unique UDNs per controller
Cisco Catalyst 9800-L	Up to 5,000 unique UDNs per controller
Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL (private cloud)	10,000, 32,000, or 64,000 unique UDNs per controller
Cisco ISE	Up to 2 million endpoints
Splash Access	Subscription per access point

Process: Prerequisites

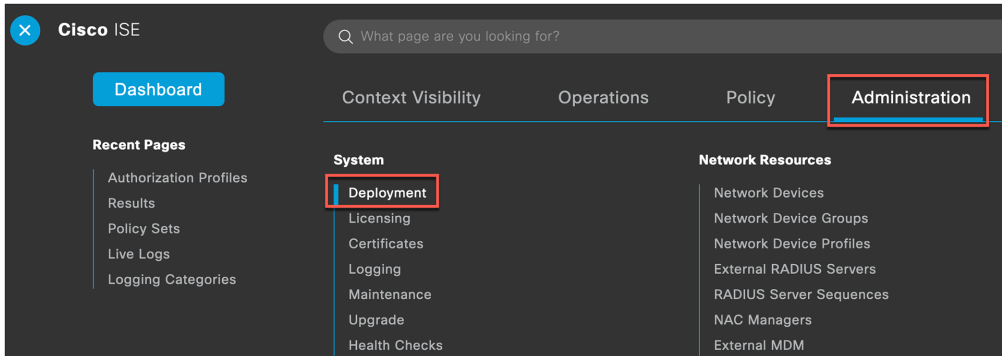
This process details the necessary steps to set up network components for the User Defined Network Plus solution. These include configuring the Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller and ISE and creating a Splash Access administrator account.

- Customers need to request a Splash Access administrator account from Splash Access:
<https://www.splashaccess.com/request-demo/>
- The Catalyst 9800 Series controller should be added to ISE and vice versa.
<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless/catalyst-9800-series-wireless-controllers/214490-configure-radius-and-tacacs-for-gui-and.html>
- ISE requires a **public IP address** to communicate with Splash Access, and the firewall should allow Splash Access source IP address 209.94.60.109. This Splash Access IP address can be different for different customer tenants. Also, the following ISE ports should be opened or accessible:

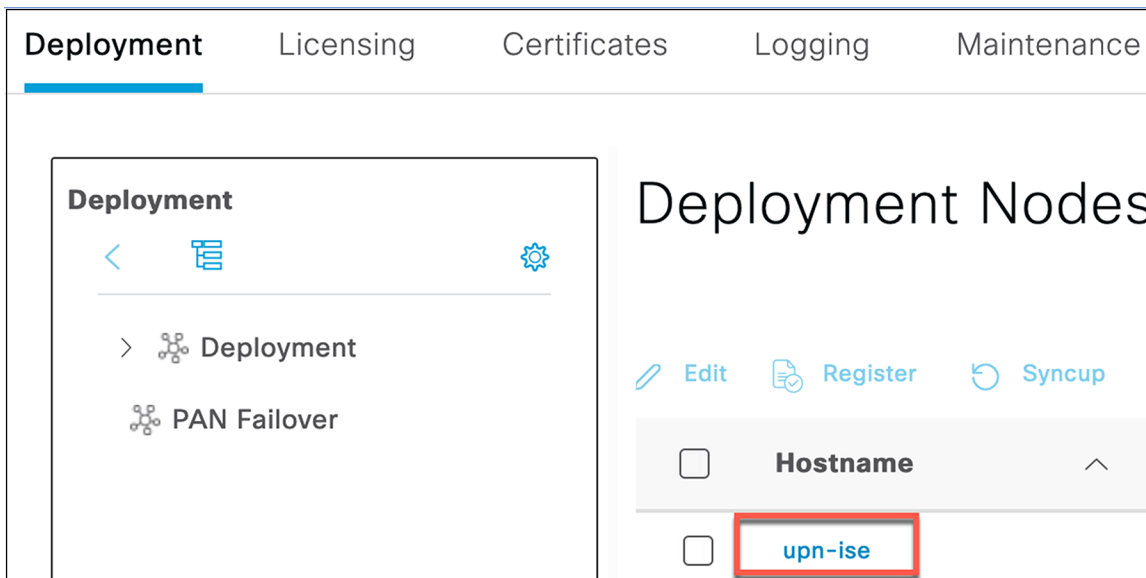
- HTTPS: TCP/443
- ISE pxGrid: TCP/8910
- ERS REST API: TCP/9060

ISE ERS/pxGrid configuration

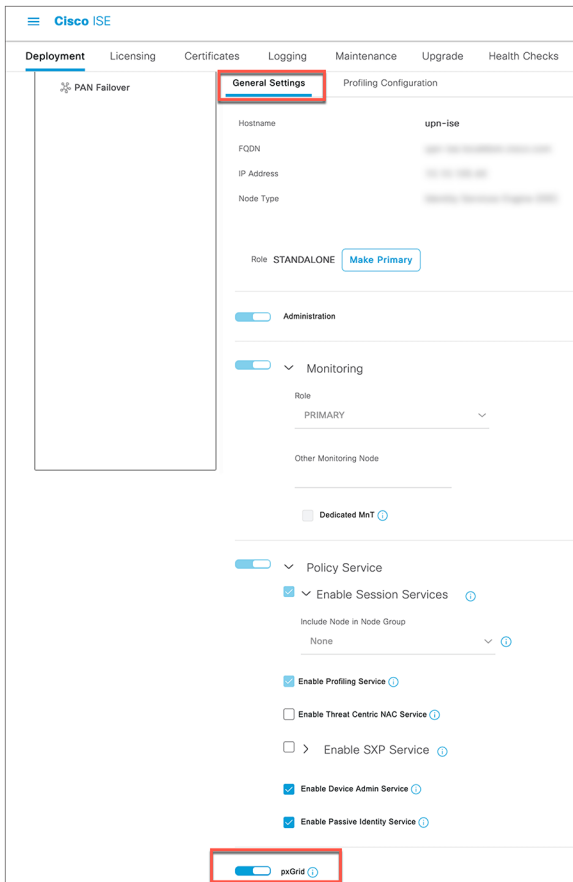
Step 1. Log in to the Cisco ISE Primary Admin Node (PAN) and navigate to **Administration > Deployment**.



Step 2. Select the hostname of the ISE node.

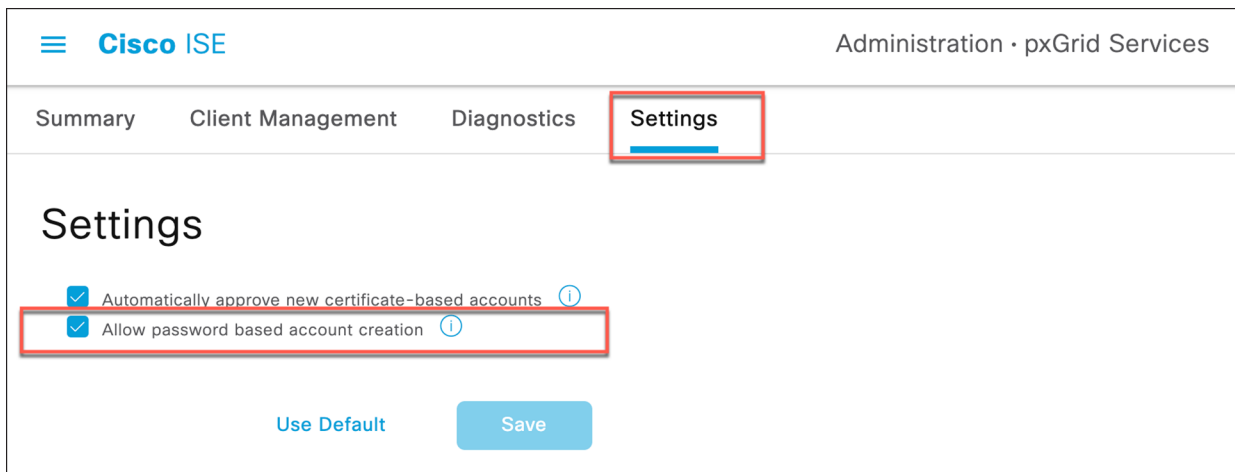


Step 3. Under General Settings, confirm that the **pxGrid** checkbox is selected or the toggle button is blue, and click **Save**.



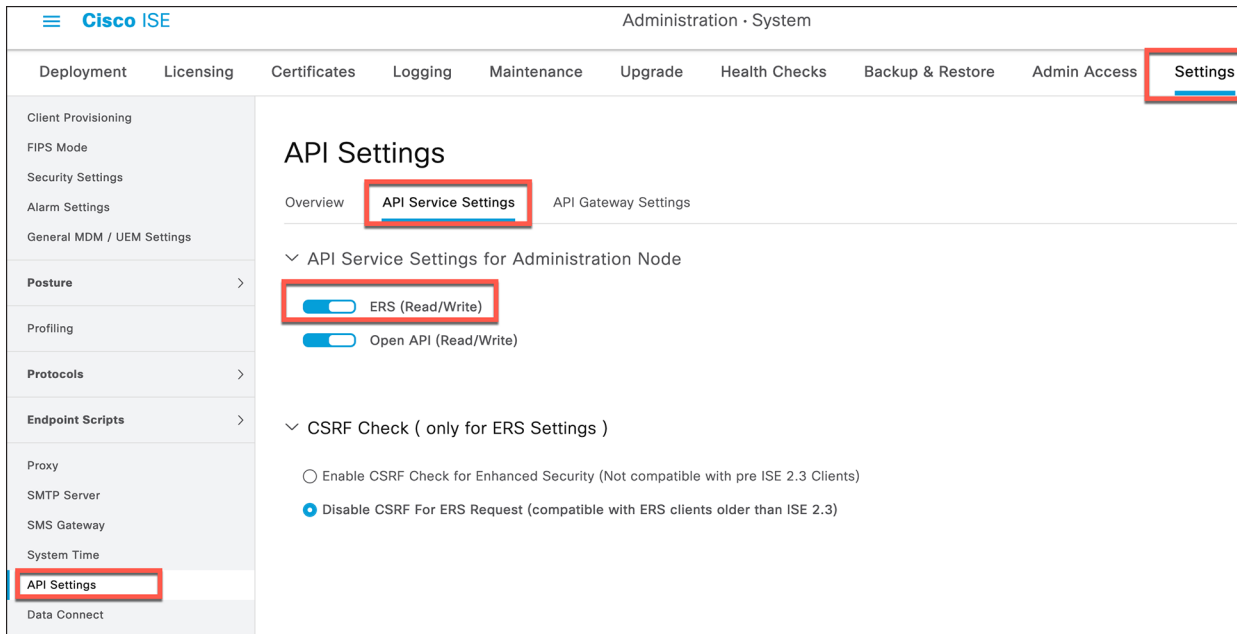
Step 4. Navigate to **Administration > pxGrid Services > Settings**.

Step 5. Check that **Automatically approve new certificate-based accounts** and **Allow password based account creation** are enabled, and click **Save**.



Step 6. Navigate to **Administration > System > Settings > API Settings**.

Step 7. Enable **ERS (Read/Write)** and click **Save**.

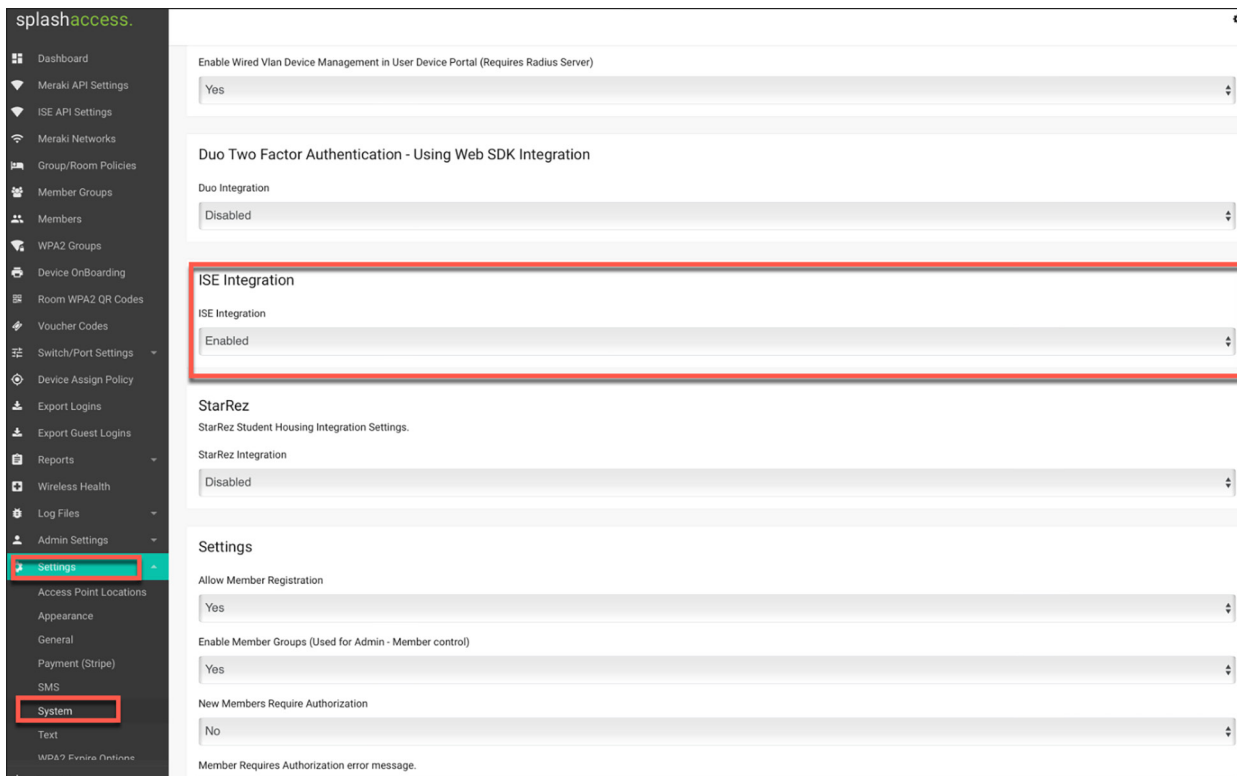


Process: Splash Access and ISE integration

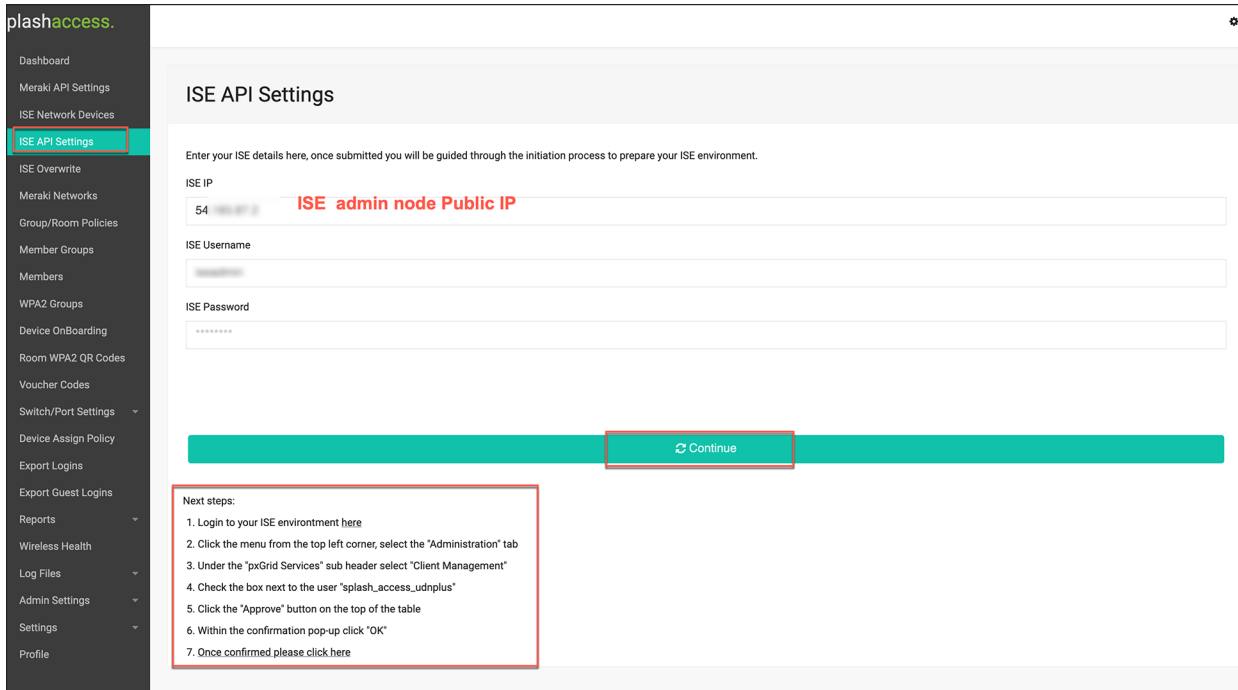
A Splash Access admin management account and subscription is required for the User Defined Network Plus solution. Once acquired, proceed by accessing the Splash Access admin portal as described below.

<https://<customer-account-name>splashudn.com/accounts/<customer-account-name>/management/>

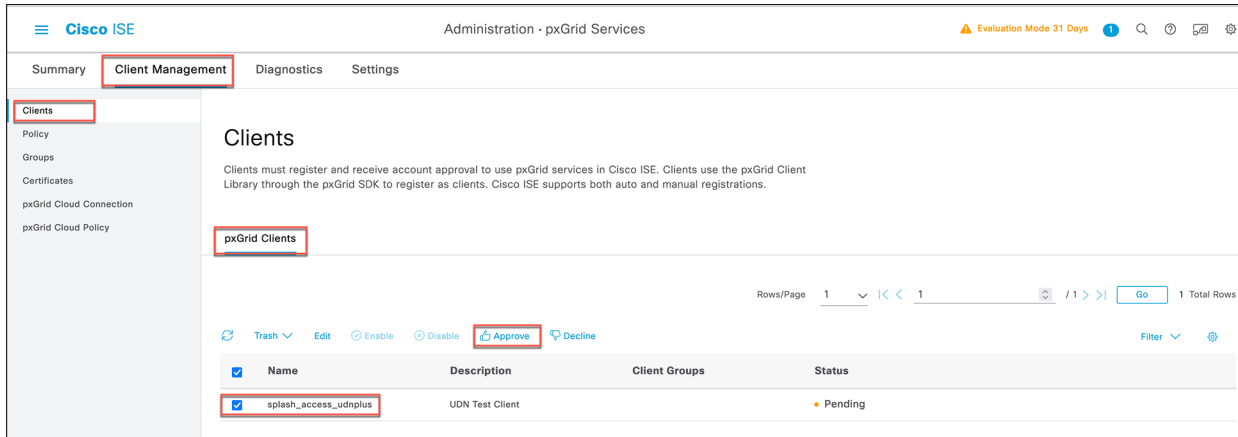
Step 1. Enable ISE in the Splash Access portal. From the main menu, go to **Settings > System > ISE Integration** and, from the drop-down, select **Enabled**.



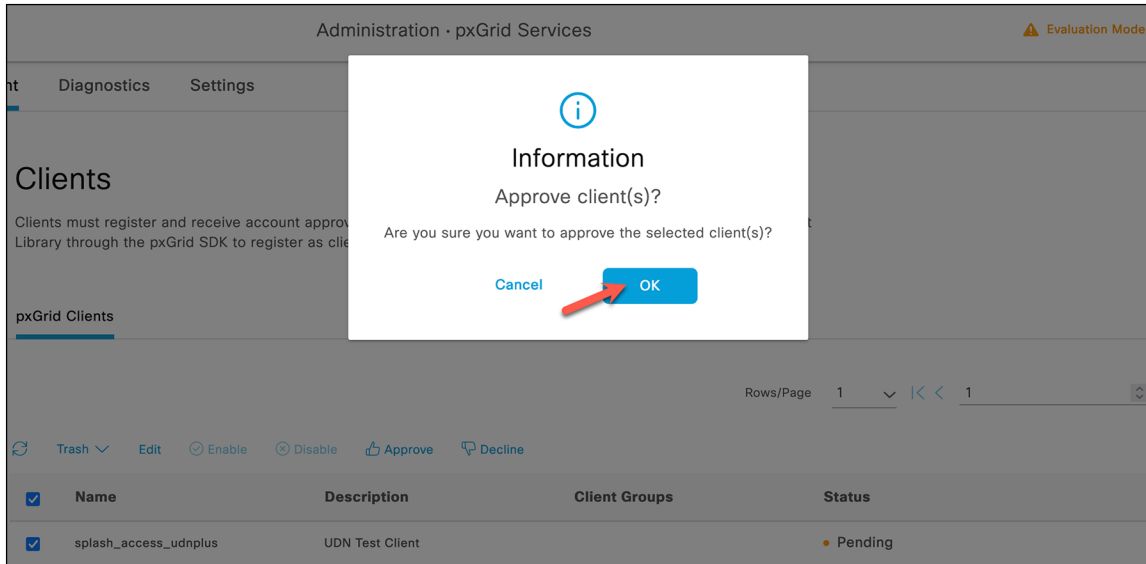
Step 2. Navigate to **ISE API Settings** in the menu, enter the public IP of ISE, and enter the ISE user credentials for API access. Click **Continue**.



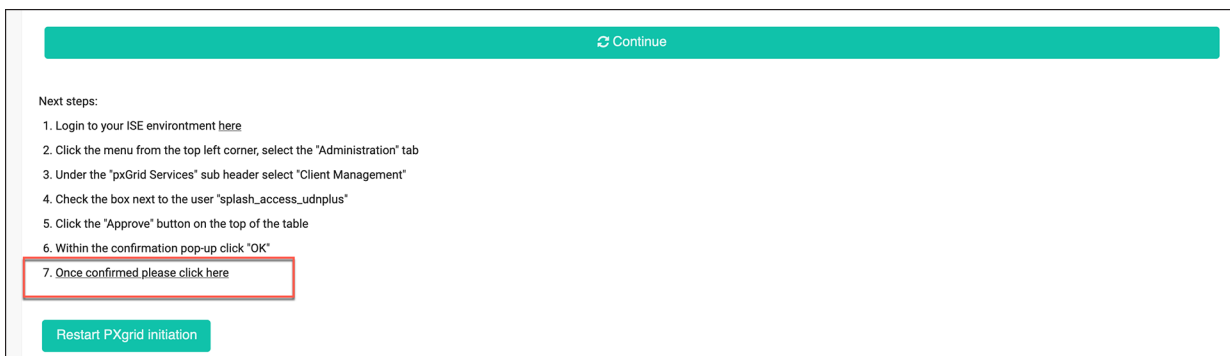
Step 3. Log in to the ISE portal and navigate to **Administration > pxGrid Services > Client Management**. Check the box next to the "splash_access_udnplus" user. Click **Approve**.



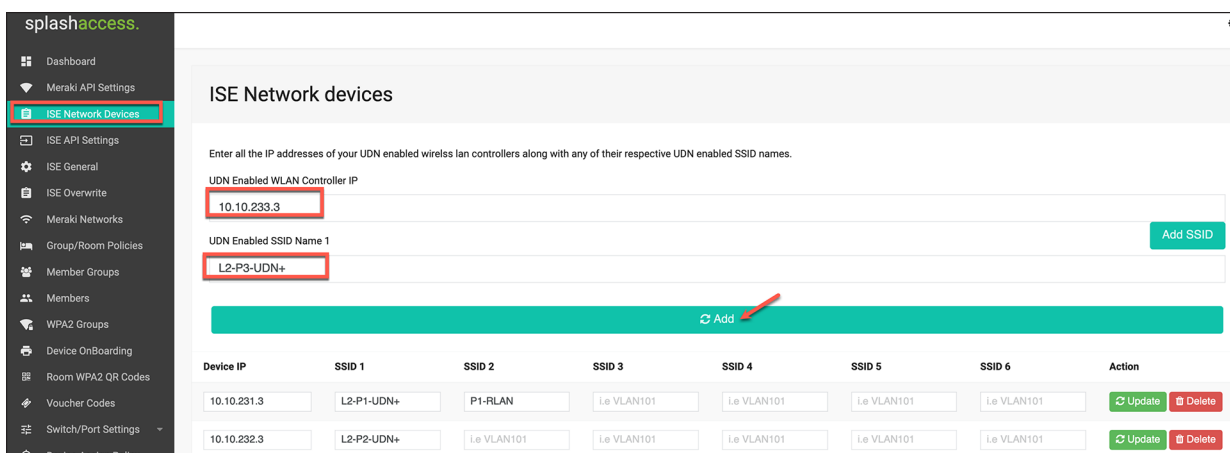
When the confirmation dialog box appears, click **OK**.



Step 4. When approved from ISE, go to the Splash Access admin portal to confirm the settings by clicking step 7, **Once confirmed please click here.**



Step 5. Now go to **ISE Network Devices** and enter the IP addresses of your UDN-enabled WLC, along with any of its respective UDN-enabled WLANs (SSIDs) and remote LAN (RLAN) names.



Step 6. Navigate to **Group/Room Polices**. Create a policy name and match it to the AD group name if required. (This group/room policy name should be the same as configured on your Azure AD.) In the endpoint identity group drop-down, choose the group from which you want to insert devices.

ISE policy created for UDN

Once the Splash Access and ISE authentication are approved, this process will verify that the UDN authorization profile has been pushed to ISE.

Step 1. Log in to ISE and navigate to **Policy > Policy Sets**.

Step 2. Click the > next to your Policy Sets and click to expand the authorization policy.

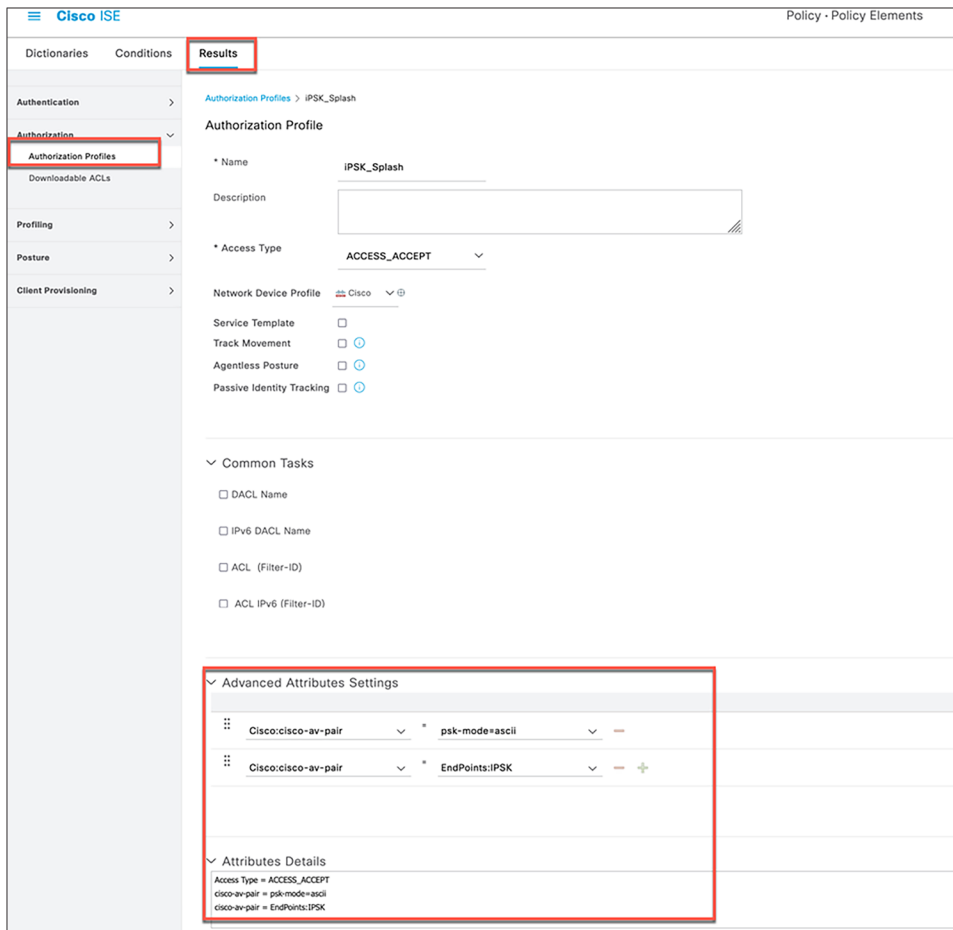
Step 3. Check to see that the UDN authorization profile has been pushed to every policy rule.

Step 4. **(Optional if using iPSK):** If iPSK is required or implemented, you will need to create another authorization profile on ISE. Navigate to **ISE > Policy > Results > Authorization Profiles**, then create an authorization profile for iPSK as follows:

Under Advanced Attributes Settings, create the following:

Cisco:cisco-av-pair = psk-mode=ascii

Cisco:cisco-av-pair = EndPoints:IPSK



Now, in ISE > Policy > Policy Sets, configure an authorization rule that has the UDN and iPSK policy.



Splash Access workflow with ISE pxGrid (reference)

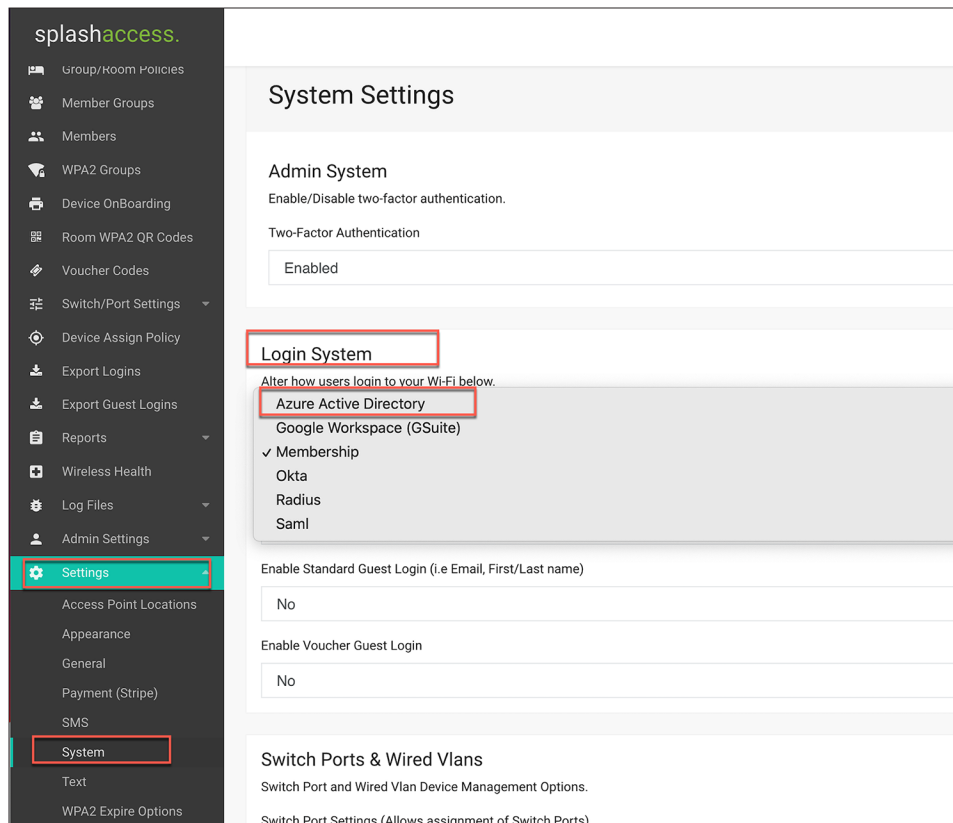
1. User logs in to the Splash Access admin portal and navigates to ISE API Settings
2. User inputs the ISE IP, Port, Username, and Password for the ISE ERS environment
3. Splash system sends POST to `https://[ISE IP]:8910/pxgrid/control/AccountCreate` for "userName" and "password"
4. Splash system creates a basic auth token by base64 encoding "[userName]:[password]"
5. Splash system sends POST to `https://[ISE IP]:8910/pxgrid/control/AccountActivate` with basic auth and with "description": "pxGrid REST User" to check for "accountState": "PENDING"
6. User logs in to ISE portal and navigates to Administration > pxGrid Services > Client Management
7. User checks box next to "splash_access_pxgrid" user and clicks "Approve"

8. Splash system sends POST to `https://[ISE IP]:8910/pxgrid/control/AccountActivate` with basic auth and with "description":"pxGrid REST User" to check for "accountState":"ENABLED"
9. Splash system sends POST to `https://[ISE IP]:8910/pxgrid/control/ServiceLookup` with basic auth and with "name":"com.cisco.ise.config.upn" to check for "services"[0]"nodeName" value
10. Splash system sends POST to `https://[ISE IP]:8910/pxgrid/control/AccessSecret` with basic auth and with "peerNodeName":"[nodeName]" to fetch "secret" value
11. Splash system creates new basic auth token by base64 encoding "[userName]:[secret]"
12. Splash system sends POST to `https://[ISE IP]:8910/pxgrid/control/AccessSecret` with new basic auth and with "upnEnabled":"true"

Splash Access Azure/SAML setup

Administrators can enable and integrate iDPs such as Azure or SAML 2.0-based SSO from Splash Access.

Step 1. From the Splash Access admin dashboard, navigate to **Settings > System > Login Systems > System Type** and choose the system type from the drop-down. Select Azure or SAML.



Step 2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and fill in the Azure tenant information or SAML metadata.

The administrator may need to add the Application ID, Tenant ID, and Client secret for Azure.

Enabled

StarRez
StarRez Student Housing Integration Settings.

StarRez Integration
Disabled

Settings

Allow All Valid Logins (If not member of a group allow access to Default VLAN)
Yes

Auto Add a Member (Automatically add a new member and allow them to use the WPA/Device Management page)
Yes

Application (client) ID
c.....

Directory (tenant) ID
.....

Certificates / Client secret
.....

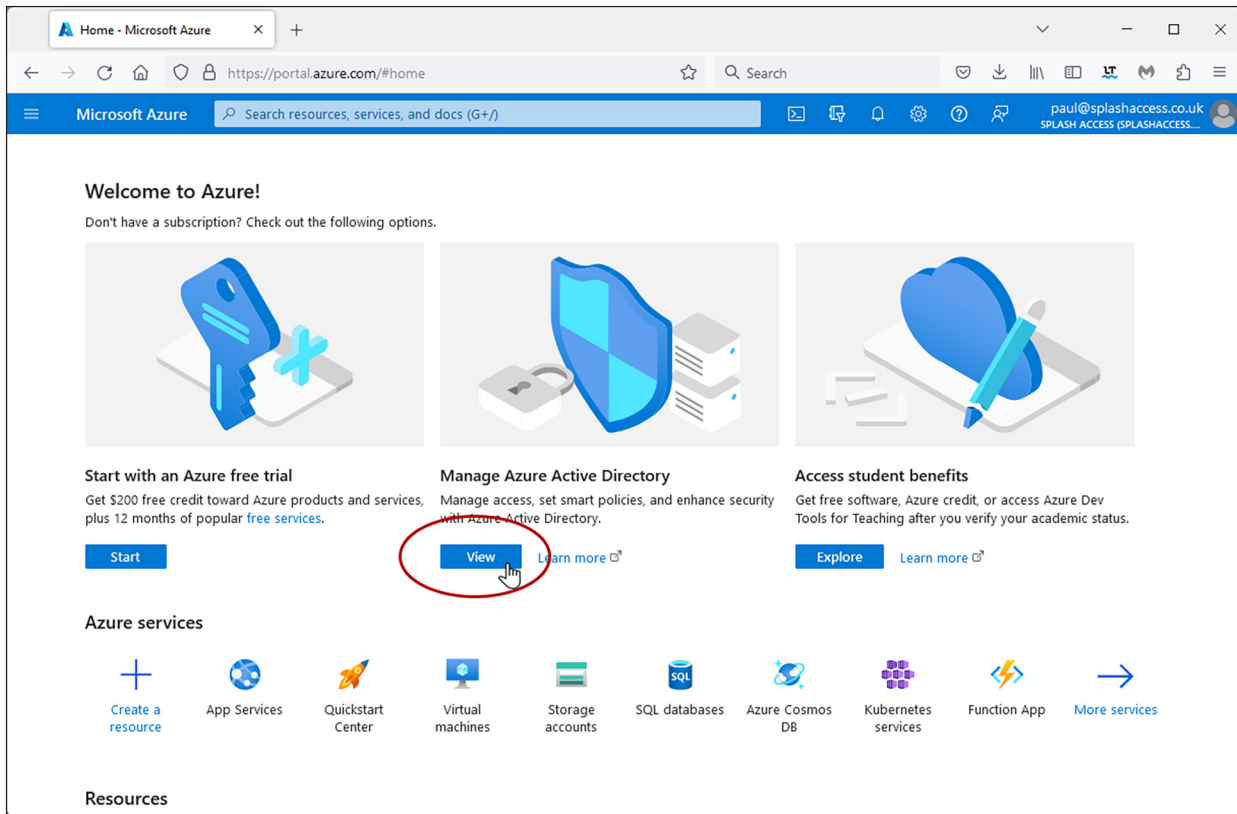
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Splash Access Azure setup

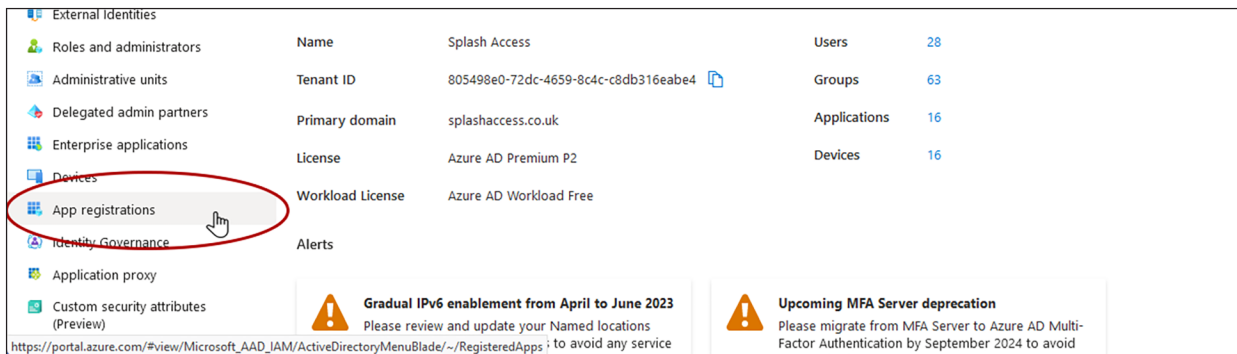
To set up Azure AD with Splash Access, follow the instructions below:

If you wish to use Microsoft 365, you will need to select or create an app under <https://portal.azure.com>. The system will then redirect users to log in using their Microsoft 365 information.

- 1. Access the Microsoft Azure portal: <https://portal.azure.com>
- 2. Navigate to Manage Azure Active Directory and click View.



3. Click **App registrations** in the left column.



4. Click on the app name, for example, Splash Access, or create a web app or API type application and register it.

Splash Access - Microsoft Azure X

https://portal.azure.com/#view/Microsoft_AAD_IAM/ActiveDirectoryMe

Microsoft Azure Search resources, services, and docs (G+)

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Azure Active Directory

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Starting June 30th, 2020 we will no longer add any new features to Azure Active Directory Authentication Library (ADAL) and Azure AD Graph. We will continue to provide technical support and security updates but we will no longer provide feature updates. Applications will need to be upgraded to Microsoft Authentication Library (MSAL) and Microsoft Graph. [Learn more](#)

All applications Owned applications Deleted applications

Start typing a display name or application (client) ID to filter these ... Add filters

1 applications found

Display name	Application (client) ID	Created on	Certificates & secrets
SA SplashAccess Azure	cd89e153-8315-475d-9a97-f71c4...	5/10/2021	Expired

Home > CDNAC | App registrations >

Register an application

* Name

The user-facing display name for this application (this can be changed later).

Supported account types

Who can use this application or access this API?

- Accounts in this organizational directory only (CDNAC only - Single tenant)
- Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Microsoft Entra ID tenant - Multitenant)
- Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Microsoft Entra ID tenant - Multitenant) and personal Microsoft accounts (e.g. Skype, Xbox)
- Personal Microsoft accounts only

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Redirect URI (optional)

We'll return the authentication response to this URI after successfully authenticating the user. Providing this now is optional and it can be changed later, but a value is required for most authentication scenarios.

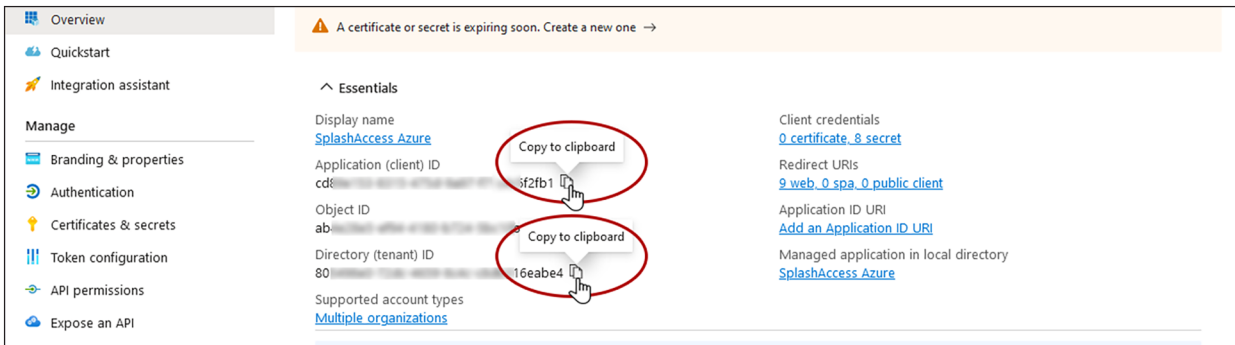
Select a platform e.g. https://example.com/auth

Register an app you're working on here. Integrate gallery apps and other apps from outside your organization by adding from [Enterprise applications](#).

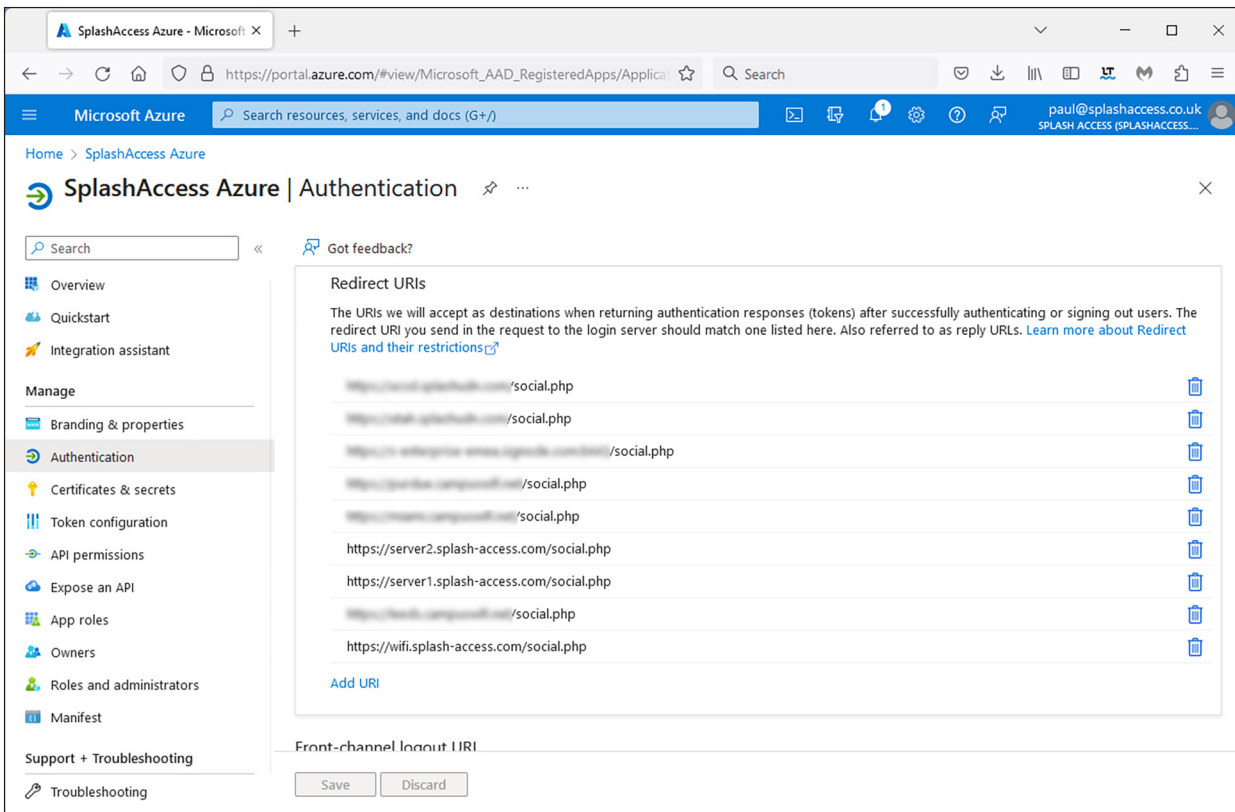
By proceeding, you agree to the [Microsoft Platform Policies](#)

Register

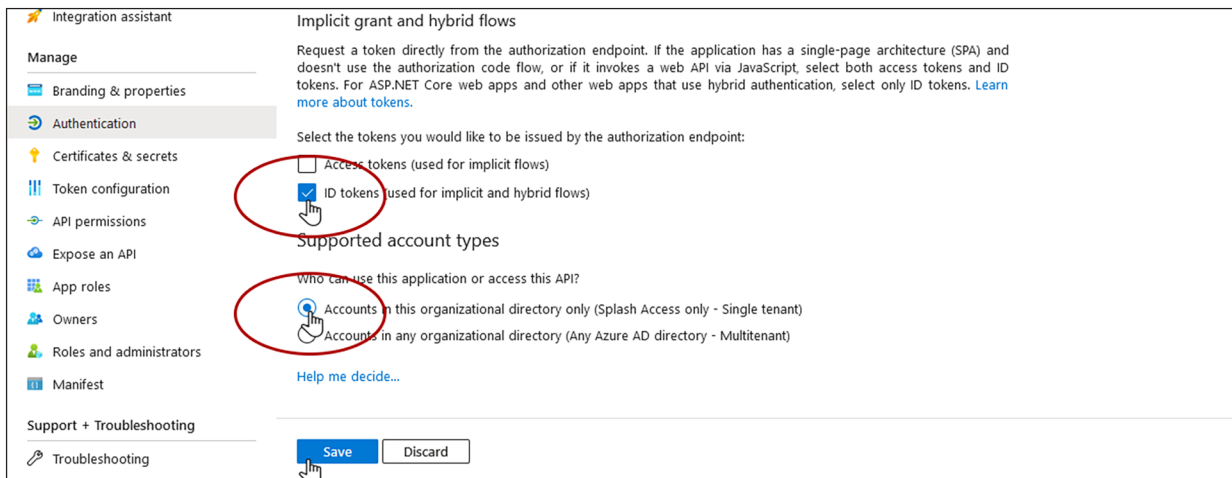
- Copy the application (client) ID and directory (tenant) ID found on this page by hovering over each and clicking to copy it to the clipboard. Paste them to your notes or paste directly into your Splash Access portal.



- Navigate to **Authentication > Redirect URIs**. Enter the following, replacing <YourSplashURL> with your account):
`https://<YourSplashURL>/social.php`



- Scroll down and enable the checkbox for **ID Tokens (used for implicit and hybrid flows)**.
- Select **Accounts in this organizational directory only (Splash Access only – Single tenant)**.
- Click **Save**.

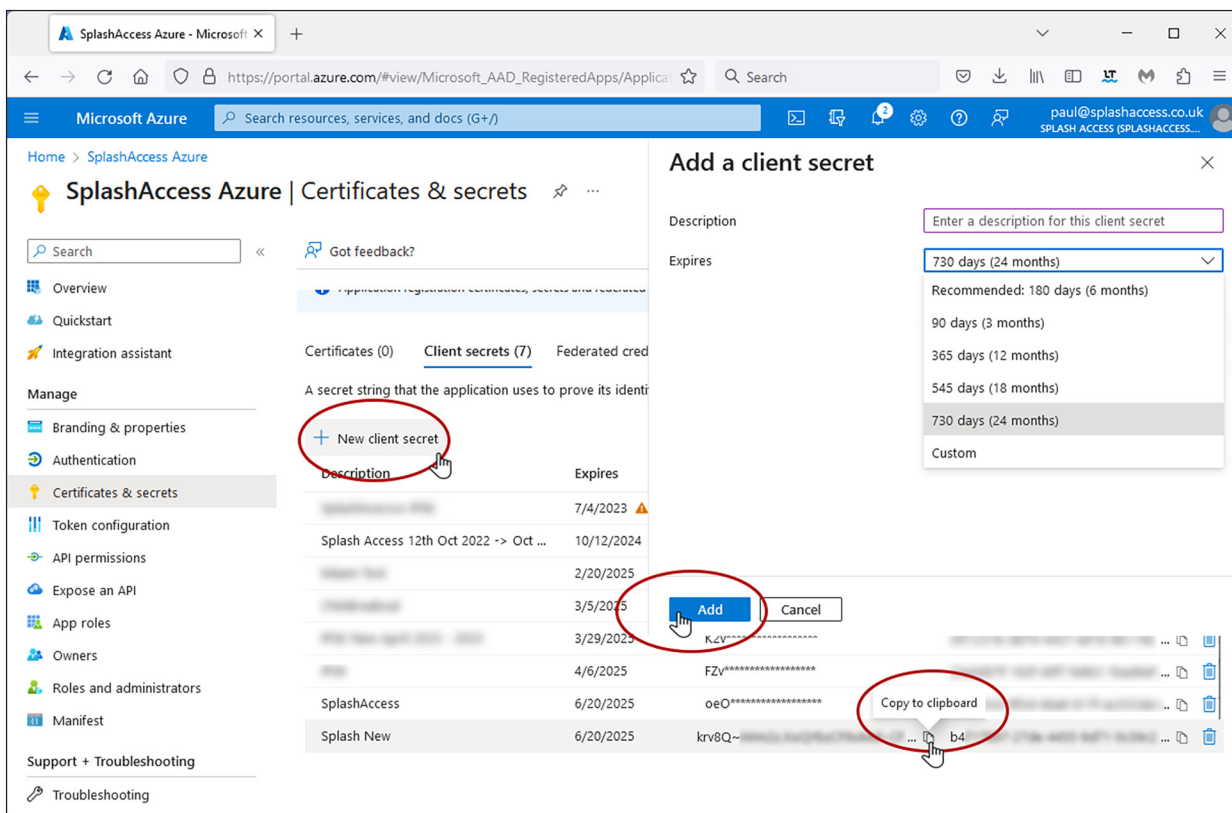


10. Navigate to **Certificates and secrets** in the menu.

Generate a new client secret for Splash Access. Enter a name, such as Splash Access, and select the longest period for **Expires**. Make a note of this date, as you will need to update the secret before it expires.

Click **Add**.

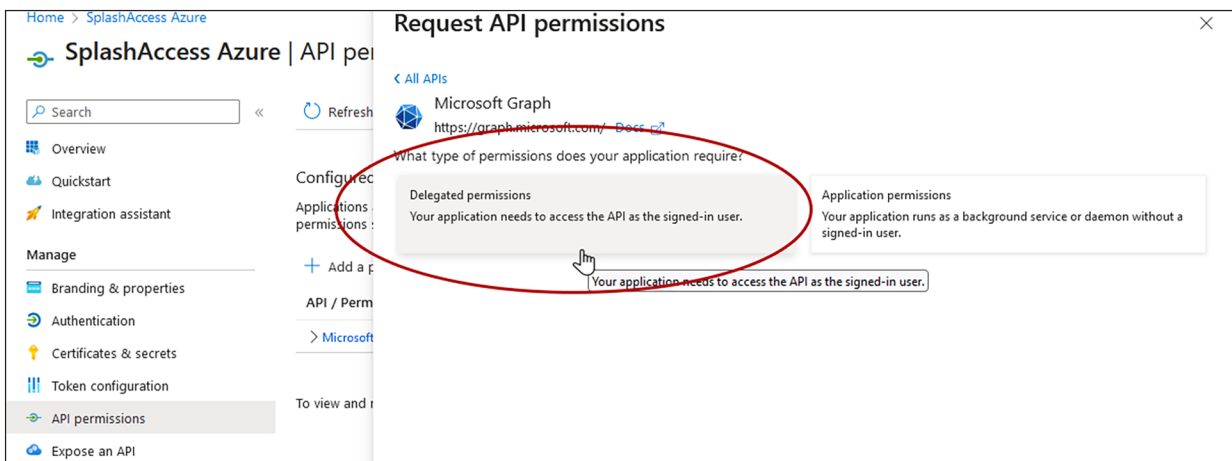
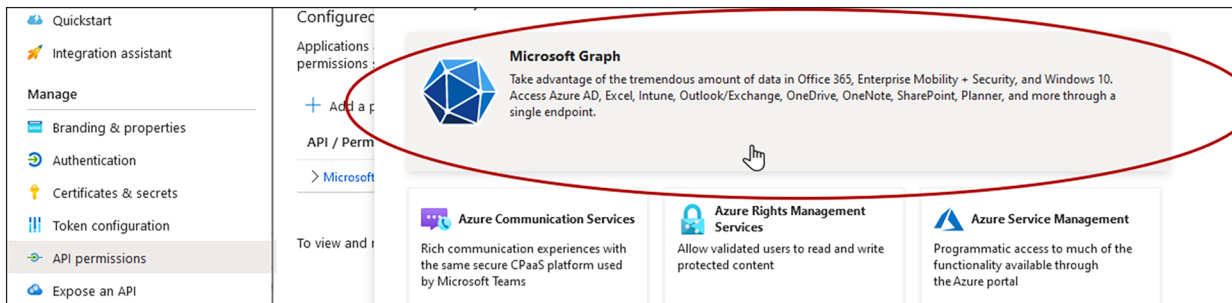
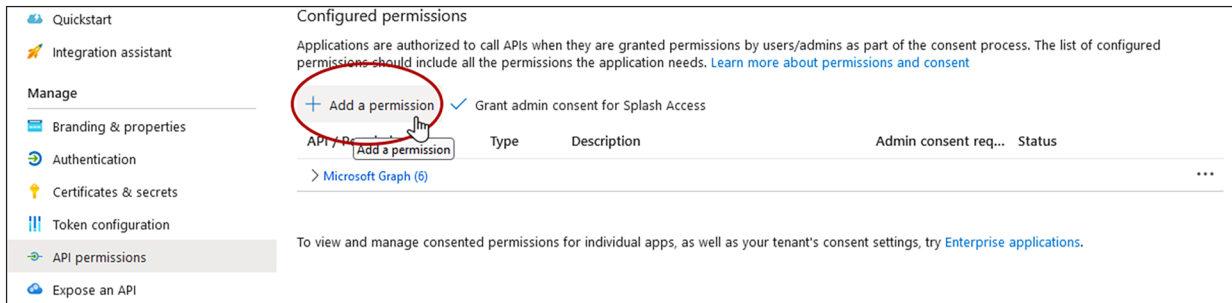
Note: Keep this key in a safe place along with the above details.



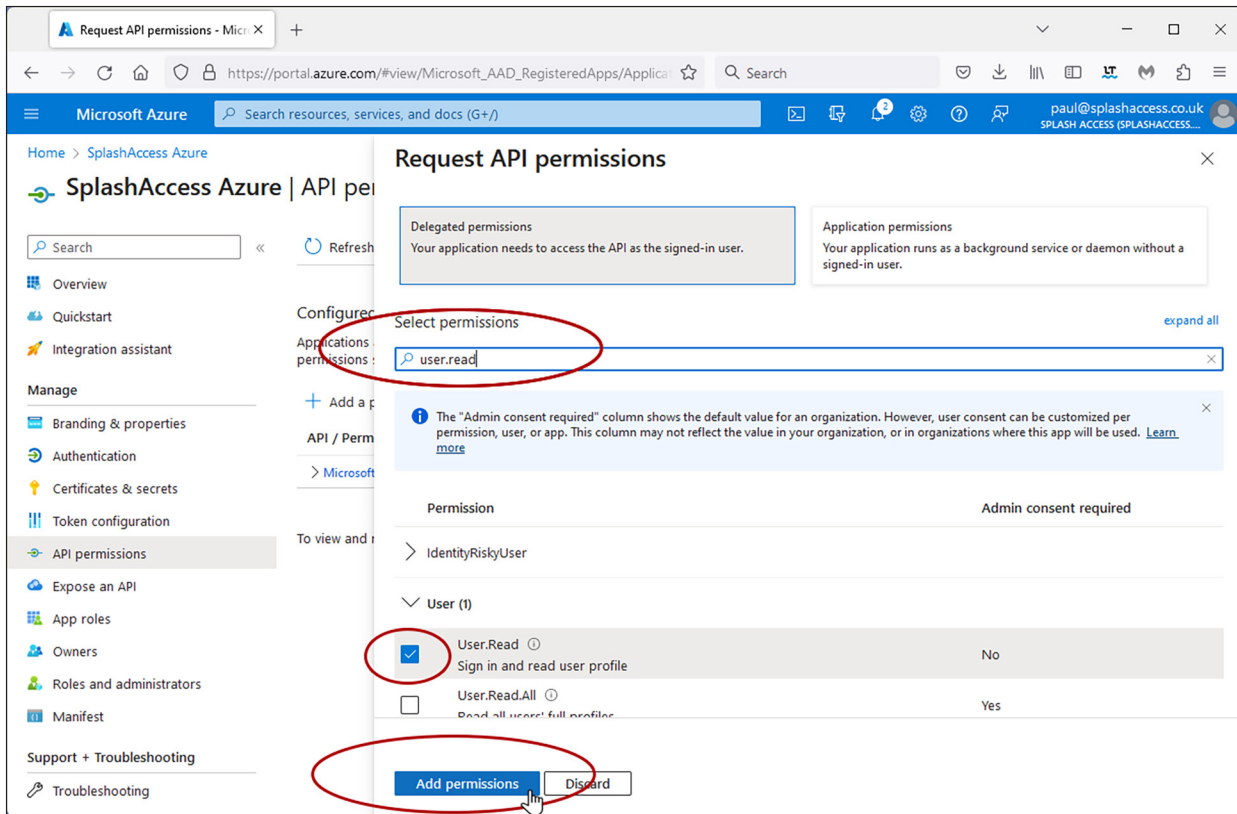
11. Copy the **VALUE** field into Notepad or other notes or directly into your Splash Access Azure Secret key field.

12. Navigate to **API Permissions** in the menu, click **Add a permission**, and select **Microsoft Graph - Delegated permissions**.

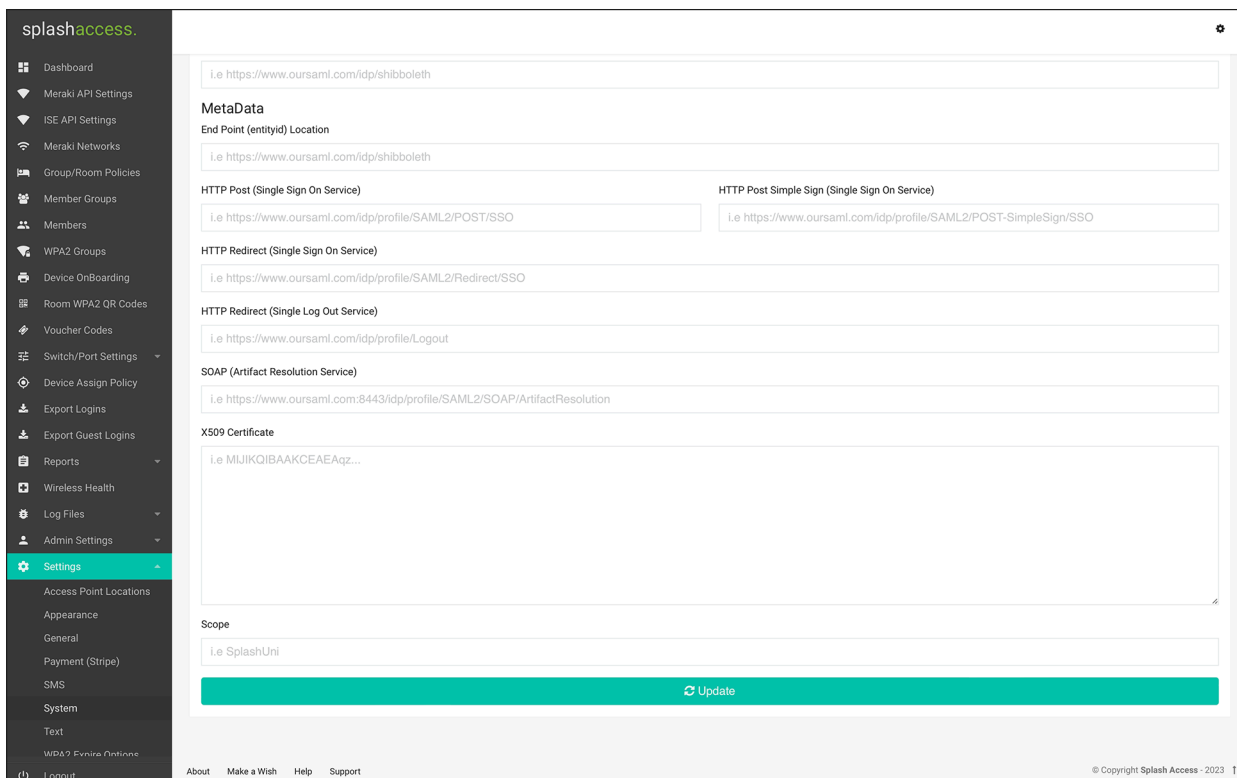
Click **Grant admin consent for Splash Access**.



13. Search for and select the following permissions in the **Select permissions** search bar: Contacts.Read, Directory.Read.All, email, openid, profile, and User.Read. Click **Add permissions**.



Similarly, for SAML-based authentication, use the MetaData URL for additional configuration from the URL strings.



Enable the User Defined Network Plus solution on the Catalyst 9800 Series

This process will enable the User Defined Network Plus solution configuration on the Catalyst 9800 wireless controller. User defined Network Plus is only supported in central mode deployments, that is, with the access point in Local mode.

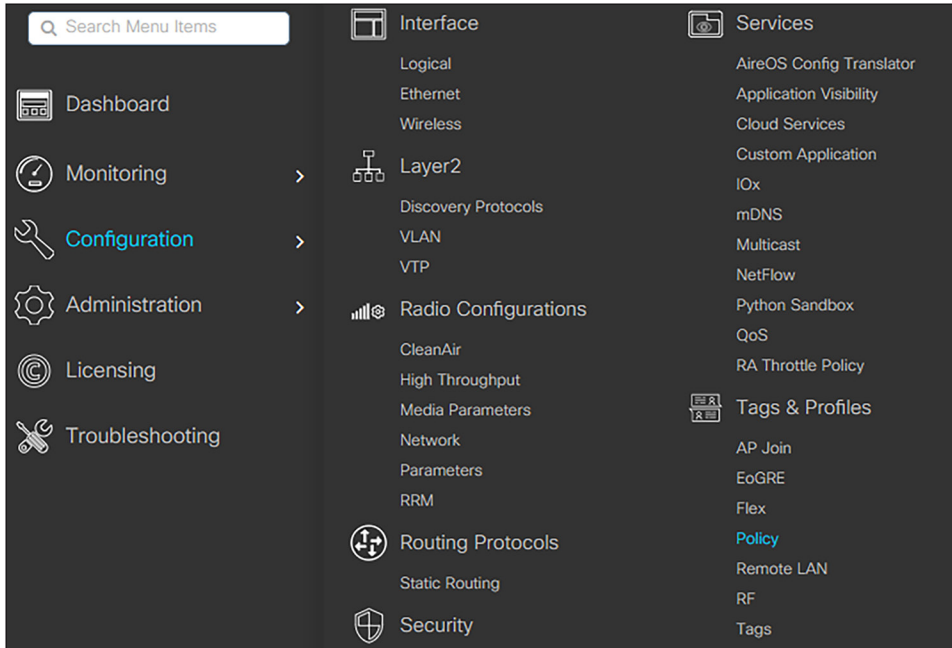
Step 1. Log in to the Catalyst 9800 Series WLC.

Navigate to **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs**. Select the WLAN where users want to enable their UDN

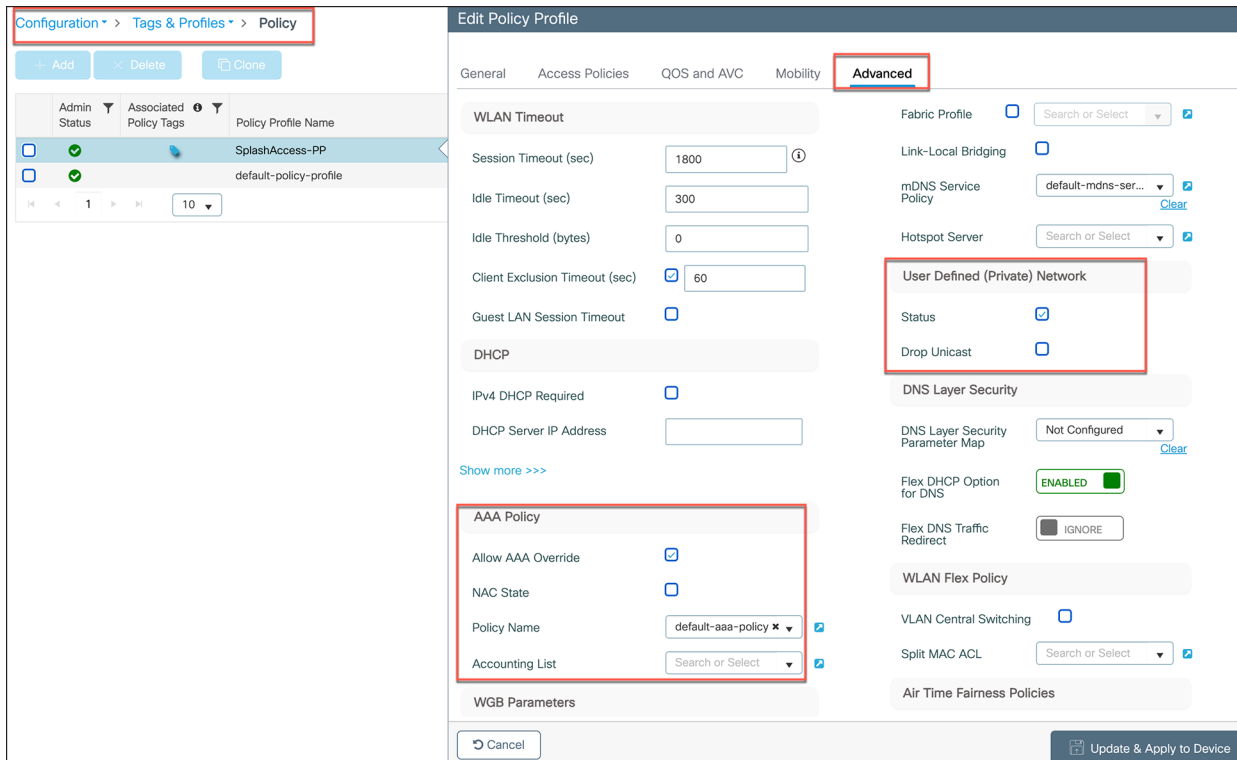
The screenshot shows the Catalyst 9800 Series WLC configuration interface. On the left, the 'WLANs' list is visible, with 'SplashUDN' selected. The main panel shows the 'Edit WLAN' dialog box for the 'Security' tab, specifically the 'Layer2' section. The 'MAC Filtering' checkbox is checked, and the 'Authorization List' dropdown is set to 'aws-ise-a...'. The 'Update & Apply to Device' button is visible at the bottom right.

or create a new one by clicking **Add**. Then go to **Security > Layer2**. For PSK/iPSK/ Webauth/Open, make sure to select **MAC Filtering** and **Authorization List** for the ISE that is used for UDN, and click **Update and Apply to Device**. For 802.1X, MAC filtering is not required.

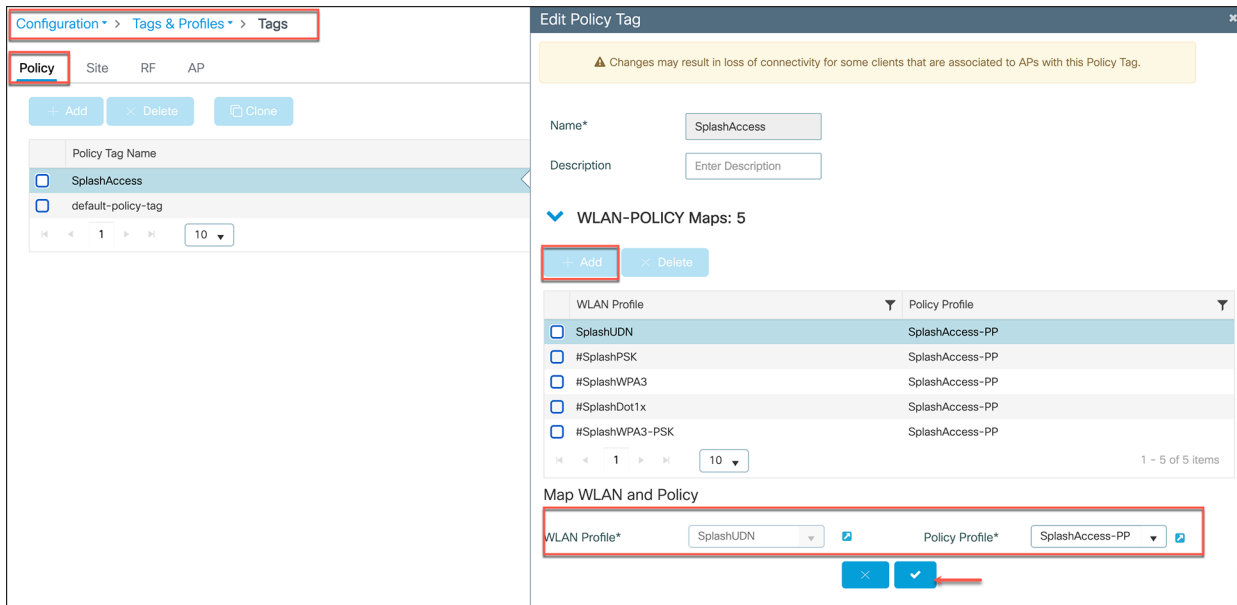
Step 2. Navigate to **Configuration > Tags and Profiles > Policy**. Click the policy profile that you want to configure and enable User Defined Network Plus on and that needs to be tied to the WLAN for use.



Step 3. Under the **Advanced** tab, ensure that the **User Defined (Private) Network Status** box is checked and, optionally, that **Drop Unicast** is selected. Also, ensure that in AAA Policy, **Allow AAA Override** is selected and the Policy Name is set to **default-aaa-policy**. Finally, confirm that **Accounting List** is set to **default**.



Step 4. Now confirm that the WLAN and policy profile are part of the policy tag where UDN-enabled SSIDs are to be broadcasted. To do this, go to **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Tags**.



Process: Configuring an RLAN on the WLC (optional step)

This section is optional and is required only if the customer wants to enable and configure the User Defined Network Plus solution on an RLAN.

A few things to note:

- RLAN workflow is supported in Cisco Catalyst Center Release 2.2.3.
- ISE will not be configured with an RLAN name.

When can we configure an RLAN on the WLC for User Defined Network Plus?

- An RLAN can be configured on the WLC after the access point is provisioned with SSIDs and UDNs. How do I do this?

Step 1. Configure the RLAN profile and RLAN policy:

1. Log in to the WLC via the GUI.
2. Navigate to **Configuration > Tags and Profiles > Remote LAN**.
3. On the **RLAN Profile** tab, click **+ ADD** to create a new RLAN profile.

Create the profiles based on the following configuration. Leave the defaults not mentioned as is.

Tab	Setting	Value
General tab		
	Profile Name	Configure name any intuitive to the user
	Status	Enabled
Security tab > Layer 2		
	802.1X (optional)	Enable if you want to enable 802.1X on wired clients

Tab	Setting	Value
	Mac Filtering (mandatory if 802.1X is not enabled)	Choose from the configured authorization list
	Authentication List (required if 802.1X is enabled)	Choose the configured authentication list

Click **Apply to Device**.

Add RLAN Profile ✕

General

Security

Profile Name*

RLAN ID*

Status ENABLED

Client Association Limit

mDNS Mode

↶ Cancel

📄 Apply to Device

Add RLAN Profile ✕

General

Security

Layer2

Layer3

AAA

802.1X DISABLED

MAC Filtering Clear

Authentication List Clear

Fallback Mechanism

EAP-Identity-Request Retries Status DISABLED

EAP-Request Retries Status DISABLED

↶ Cancel

📄 Apply to Device

1. On the **RLAN Policy** tab, click **+ ADD** to create a new RLAN policy.
Create the policy based on the following configuration. Leave the defaults not mentioned as is.

Tab	Setting	Value
General tab		
	Policy Name	Configure policy name
	Status	Enabled
	Central Switching	Enabled
	Central DHCP	Enabled
Access Policies tab		
	VLAN	<VLAN ID> or name
	Host Mode	Singlehost: One device per port Multihost: Multiple devices per port (hub)
Advanced tab		
	User Defined (Private) Network Status	Enable to enable UDN
	Drop Unicast (optional)	Enable to enable UDN unicast
	AAA Override	Enable
	Accounting List	Set if required

Click **Apply to Device**.

Add RLAN Policy ✕

General

Access Policies

Advanced

⚠ Configuring in enabled state will result in loss of connectivity for clients associated with this policy.

Policy Name*

Description

Status

PoE

Power Level

RLAN Switching Policy

Central Switching

Central DHCP

Cancel

Apply to Device

Add RLAN Policy

General **Access Policies** Advanced

Pre-Authentication Host Mode **singlehost**

VLAN **VLAN010Q**

Remote LAN ACL

IPv4 ACL **Not Configured**

IPv6 ACL **Not Configured**

Add RLAN Policy

General **Access Policies** **Advanced**

Violation Mode **replace**

Session Timeout (sec) **1800**

mDNS Service Policy **Search or Select**

User Defined (Private) Network

Status

Drop Unicast

AAA Policy Params

AAA Override

AAA Policy Name **default-aaa-policy**

Accounting List **Not Configured**

Split Tunnel Parameters

Status

ACL Name **Not Configured**

Exclusionlist Params

Exclusionlist

Exclusionlist Timeout **60**

DHCP

IPv4 DHCP Required

DHCP Server IP Address **xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx**

Step 2. Apply the RLAN to the policy profile.

1. Navigate to **Configuration > Wireless > Access Points.**

Note the policy profile assigned to the access point.

AP Name	AP Model	Slots	Admin Status	IP Address	Base Radio MAC	AP Mode	Operation Status	Policy Tag	Site Tag	RF Tag	Tag Source	Location	Country
AP3800-Cafe	AIR-AP3802I-B-K9	2	✔	172.20.229.176	b4de.2...	Local	Registered	PT_SanJo_SJ14_Floor1_6099c	ST_SanJo_SJ14_a45f2_0	TYPICAL	Static	Global/San Jose/SJ14/Floor1	US

2. Navigate to **Configuration > Tags and Profiles > Tags**, then click on the policy tag assigned to the access point.

- Under **RLAN-POLICY Maps**, click **+ Add** to add a new policy map and configure it with the required port.

Port ID	Port number to enable
RLAN Profile	RLAN Profile created in the previous step
RLAN Policy Profile	RLAN Policy created in the previous step

Click to add the port configuration.

- Repeat step 3 if you need to add multiple ports.
- Click **Update and Apply to Device** to update the RLAN configuration.

RLAN-POLICY Maps: 0

+ Add x Delete

Port ID	RLAN Profile	RLAN Policy Profile
0		

Map RLAN and Policy

Port ID* 1

RLAN Profile* @UDN-PSK

RLAN Policy Profile* @UDN-PSK

x

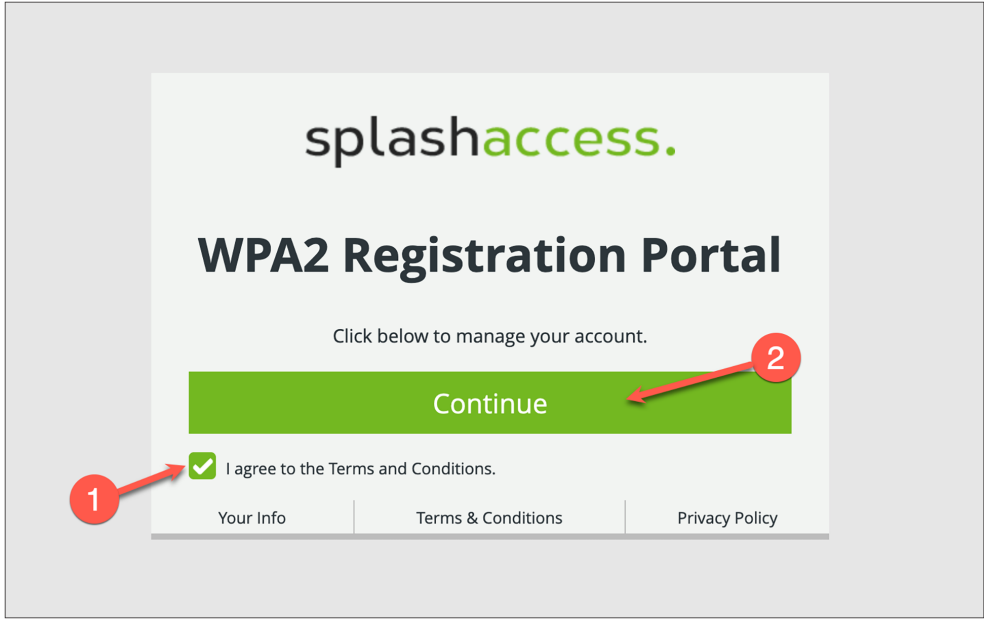
Cancel Update & Apply to Device

End user device registration with the Splash Access portal

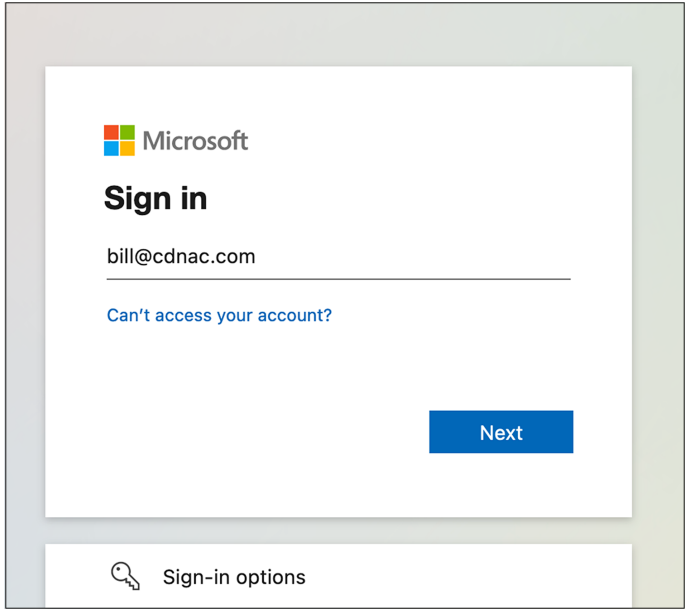
The Splash Access user device registration link/portal is provided to the end user as part of the Splash Access subscription. It mimics the following URL: <https://<customer-account>splashudn.com/accounts/<customer-account>/device/>

When an end user clicks the link, they will be presented with a web page requiring them to enter their credentials, which can be defined as part of AD.

From the user device portal, read the terms and conditions and accept by checking the **I agree to the Terms and Conditions** box, then click **Continue**.



The user will be sent to their AD credentials page, where they can enter their provided username and password.



Once an end user is logged in, the Splash Access device registration portal will be displayed.

1. To add the devices, first generate a WPA2 password (iPSK), which is mostly for IoT devices. If the QR code for the SSID was enabled from the Splash Access admin portal, that will also be displayed.
2. The end user can now add their devices by entering their MAC addresses.

splashaccess. Logout

WPA2/Guest Registration Portal


Welcome, you can manage your Guest Code(s) and generate a WPA2 password below.
Account: bill@cdnac.com

Generate a WPA2 password.

WPA2 Password

7y2x7Xo56C82m4 Generate Password Print

Scan the QR code to securely onboard your devices.



Manage Device(s)

Add Device 0 of 20 Devices

Mac Address Device Name Device Description (Optional) + Add

Manage Device(s)

Add Device

Mac Address Device Name Device Description (Optional) + Add

Mac Address	Device Name	Device Description	Action
11:22:33:AA:BB:DD	bill-device	Device Description (Optional)	Update Delete Check
70	Bill-iPhone14	Device Description (Optional)	Update Delete Check
AC:	Bill-AppleV	Device Description (Optional)	Update Delete Check
11:11:11:11:11:22	iPad	Device Description (Optional)	Update Delete Check

The user can check the device status by clicking the **Check** button.

Check device provisioning

Device is provisioned correctly.

Close

Now when the end user connects to the UDN-enabled SSID, their registered devices will be part of that user's network or "room," and only they can access and cast to their own devices.

Troubleshooting User Defined Network Plus

This section will go over commands that are useful when troubleshooting the User Defined Network Plus solution.

Catalyst 9800 Series wireless controller

These commands are run on the Catalyst 9800 controller.

show wireless client udn

This command shows all the clients that are currently connected and the UDNs to which they are connected.

```
o21-wlc#show wireless client udn
MAC Address      AP Name
Protocol Method  Role          UDN-ID        Type ID  State
-----
90dd.5de7.f0c2   AP00A6.CA36.0414
11ac            MAB           Local         16762216   WLAN 17   Run
b49c.df89.bba6   AP00A6.CA36.0414
11n(2.4)        MAB           Local         16715577   WLAN 17   Run
b85d.0aa0.47ec   AP00A6.CA36.0414
11ac            MAB           Local         16762216   WLAN 17   Run
b8e8.561c.4918   AP7872.5DED.CD34
11ac            MAB           Local         16544774   WLAN 17   Run
ccc0.7972.071a   AP7872.5DED.CD34
11ac            MAB           Local         0           WLAN 17   Run
```

show wireless client mac-address <mac address> detail | section Private

This command can be used to see details on a certain MAC address.

```
o21-wlc#show wireless client mac-address 90dd.5de7.f0c2 detail | section Private
User Defined (Private) Network : Enabled
User Defined (Private) Network Drop Unicast : Enabled
Private group id : 16762216
Private group name: homer's room
Private group owner: 1
Private group id : 16762216
Private group name: homer's room
Private group owner: 1
```

show wireless profile policy detailed <profile-name> | include User

This command can be used to verify that the policy profile is pushed and UDN is enabled.

show tech-support wireless udn

This command shows a ton of information that is useful when troubleshooting.

```

o21-wlc#show tech-support Wireless UDN
----- show platform software process database wncd 0 chassis active R0 details WNCDB "table ewlc_tbl_client_common_oper_data" -----
Database Name: WNCDB
Table Name: table ewlc_tbl_client_common_oper_data
OID (ID/SRC): 0xfe2b88490df33004a9af0703e0dfe3c6/0x00000000000000000000000000000000
Table Type: ewlc_tbl_client_common_oper_data
Table LUID: 30b0343e8d8cba702155773d0e0cfe06
Table Flag: Cursor-Enabled
Num Records (Non shadow): 3
Num Shadow Records: 0
Num Pending-destroy Records: 0
Table Gen ID: 0
Ack'd Gen ID: 0
Cursors Enabled: Enabled
Write Cursor Mode: Explicit
Num Read Cursors: 1

----- show platform software process database wncd 0 chassis active R0 details WNCDB "table ewlc_tbl_client_dot11_oper_data" -----
Database Name: WNCDB
Table Name: table ewlc_tbl_client_dot11_oper_data
OID (ID/SRC): 0xa8cfb325ec1b97fe568aa1a0d792de71/0x00000000000000000000000000000000
Table Type: ewlc_tbl_client_dot11_oper_data
Table LUID: 74ed1e1eac910e1b8c20fd04964fed91
Table Flag: Cursor-Enabled
Num Records (Non shadow): 3
Num Shadow Records: 0
Num Pending-destroy Records: 0
Table Gen ID: 0
Ack'd Gen ID: 0
Cursors Enabled: Enabled
Write Cursor Mode: Explicit
Num Read Cursors: 1

----- show wireless client udn -----
MAC Address      AP Name          Type ID  State      Protocol Method  Role      UDN-ID
-----
90dd.5de7.f0c2  AP00A6.CA36.0414  WLAN 17  Run        11ac      MAB       Local      16762216
b49c.df89.bba6  AP00A6.CA36.0414  WLAN 17  Run        11ac      MAB       Local      16715577
b85d.0aa0.47ec  AP00A6.CA36.0414  WLAN 17  Run        11ac      MAB       Local      16762216

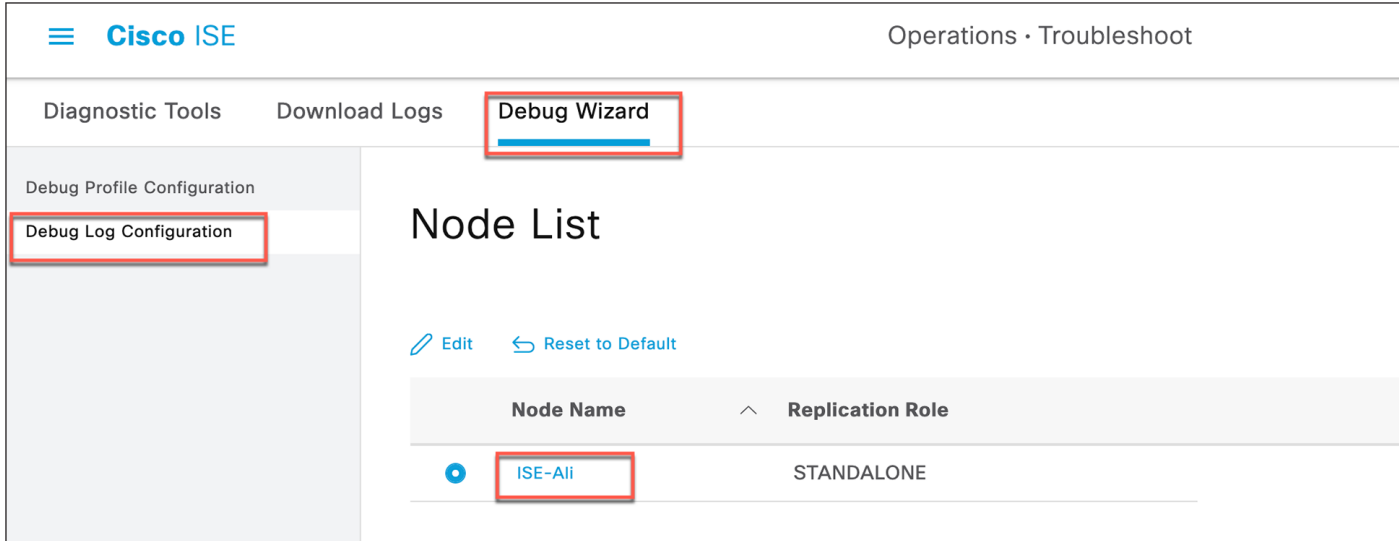
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Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE)

This section will provide troubleshooting information for Cisco ISE.

Turning on User Defined Network Plus debug logs on Cisco ISE

Step 1. On ISE, navigate to **Administration > Operations > Troubleshoot > Debug Wizard > Debug Log Configuration** and select the ISE node from the list.



Scroll down the list until you see **UDN** under **Component Name**.

Step 2. Change the log level of UDN to **DEBUG** and click **Save**.

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Diagnostic Tools Download Logs **Debug Wizard**

Debug Profile Configuration
Debug Log Configuration

[Edit](#) [Reset to Default](#)

Component Name	Log Level	Description	Log file Name
<input type="radio"/> sgtbinding	INFO	SGT binding	ise-psc.log
<input type="radio"/> sphub	INFO	sp-hub log messages	sphub.log
<input type="radio"/> sponsorportal	INFO	Sponsor portal debug messages	guest.log
<input type="radio"/> sse-connector	INFO	SSE Connector related log messages	connector.log
<input type="radio"/> swiss	INFO	Swiss protocol internal messages	ise-psc.log
<input type="radio"/> sxp	INFO	SXP Listener messages	ise-psc.log
<input type="radio"/> TC-NAC	INFO	TC-NAC log messages	irf.log
<input type="radio"/> telemetry	INFO	Telemetry related log messages	sch.log
<input type="radio"/> threshold-counter	INFO	Threshold Counters	counters.log
<input type="radio"/> Trustsec	INFO	TrustSec related messages	ise-psc.log
<input checked="" type="radio"/> UDN	DEBUG	User Defined Network messages	udn.log
<input type="radio"/> upgrade-backend	INFO	Upgrade backend log messages	ise-psc.log

Step 3. With logging enabled, view the logs by accessing the ISE console and entering the command **show logging application upn.log**.

```

ISE/admin# show logging application upn.log
2020-06-23 00:00:04,112 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- [UpnPip] has been called by PIP manager: dictName: UPN, attrName: UPN.Private-group-id, context: NonStringifiableExecutionContext, inputs:
2020-06-23 00:00:04,115 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- getWlcIpAddress(): Network Access.Device IP Address: 10.4.146.5
2020-06-23 00:00:04,115 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.api.UpnNetworkScopeConfig -:::- getSSidsForNad(): NAD IP address 10.4.146.5 is UPN-enabled
2020-06-23 00:00:04,115 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- getRequestSsid(): no SSID found
2020-06-23 00:00:04,115 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.api.UpnNetworkScopeConfig -:::- isSsidInScope() was called with null or empty values
2020-06-23 00:00:04,124 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- [UpnPip] has been called by PIP manager: dictName: UPN, attrName: UPN.Private-group-name, context: NonStringifiableExecutionContext, inputs:
2020-06-23 00:00:04,125 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- getWlcIpAddress(): Network Access.Device IP Address: 10.4.146.5
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2020-06-23 00:00:04,134 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- [UpnPip] has been called by PIP manager: dictName: UPN, attrName: UPN.Private-group-owner, context: NonStringifiableExecutionContext, inputs:
2020-06-23 00:00:04,134 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- getWlcIpAddress(): Network Access.Device IP Address: 10.4.146.5
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2020-06-23 00:00:04,134 DEBUG [Thread-240] [] cisco.cpm.upn.api.UpnNetworkScopeConfig -:::- isSsidInScope() was called with null or empty values
2020-06-23 00:00:07,479 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- [UpnPip] has been called by PIP manager: dictName: UPN, attrName: UPN.Private-group-id, context: NonStringifiableExecutionContext, inputs:
2020-06-23 00:00:07,479 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- getWlcIpAddress(): Network Access.Device IP Address: 10.4.146.5
2020-06-23 00:00:07,479 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.api.UpnNetworkScopeConfig -:::- getSSidsForNad(): NAD IP address 10.4.146.5 is UPN-enabled
2020-06-23 00:00:07,480 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- getRequestSsid(): no SSID found
2020-06-23 00:00:07,480 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.api.UpnNetworkScopeConfig -:::- isSsidInScope() was called with null or empty values
2020-06-23 00:00:07,488 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- [UpnPip] has been called by PIP manager: dictName: UPN, attrName: UPN.Private-group-name, context: NonStringifiableExecutionContext, inputs:
2020-06-23 00:00:07,488 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- getWlcIpAddress(): Network Access.Device IP Address: 10.4.146.5
2020-06-23 00:00:07,488 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.api.UpnNetworkScopeConfig -:::- getSSidsForNad(): NAD IP address 10.4.146.5 is UPN-enabled
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2020-06-23 00:00:07,488 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.api.UpnNetworkScopeConfig -:::- isSsidInScope() was called with null or empty values
2020-06-23 00:00:07,496 DEBUG [Thread-300] [] cisco.cpm.upn.pip.UpnPip -:::- [UpnPip] has been called by PIP manager: dictName: UPN, attrName: UPN.Private-group-owner, context: NonStringifiableExecutionContext, inputs:

```

From the ISE dashboard go to **Operations > Troubleshoot > Download Logs**, select the ISE node from the list, and click **Debug Logs**.

Under **Application logs**, select **udn** and click **udn.log** to download the log file.

Diagnostic Tools **Download Logs** Debug Wizard

Appliance node list

ISE-Public

Support Bundle

Debug Logs

Delete Expand All Collapse All

Debug Log Type	Log File	Description	Size
> sphub (0) (0 B)			
> sxp (0) (0 B)			
> tracking (1) (0 B)			
▼ udn (16) (4.5 MB)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn (all logs)	User Defined Network messages	4.5 MB
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn.log		80 KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn.log.2023-08-15-1		336 KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn.log.2023-08-16-1		432 KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn.log.2023-08-17-1		404 KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn.log.2023-08-18-1		332 KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn.log.2023-08-19-1		332 KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn.log.2023-08-20-1		304 KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn.log.2023-08-21-1		248 KB
<input type="checkbox"/>	udn.log.2023-08-22-1		256 KB

Successful authentication of a registered device:

Cisco ISE

There have been 14 repeated authentications with the same authentication result. The authentication details of the first passed attempt is shown here.

Overview

Event	5200 Authentication succeeded
Username	bill@cdnac.com
Endpoint Id	AC:80:00:00:00:00:00
Endpoint Profile	Apple-Device
Authentication Policy	Default >> MAB
Authorization Policy	Default >> Splash-EndPoint
Authorization Result	PermitAccess,UDN

Steps

- 11001 Received RADIUS Access-Request
- 11017 RADIUS created a new session
- 11027 Detected Host Lookup UseCase (Service-Type = Call Check (10))
- 15049 Evaluating Policy Group
- 15008 Evaluating Service Selection Policy
- 15041 Evaluating Identity Policy
- 15048 Queried PIP - Normalised Radius.RadiusFlowType
- 22072 Selected identity source sequence - All_User_ID_Stores
- 15013 Selected Identity Source - Internal Endpoints
- 24209 Looking up Endpoint in Internal Endpoints IDStore - bill@cdnac.com
- 24211 Found Endpoint in Internal Endpoints IDStore
- 22037 Authentication Passed
- 15036 Evaluating Authorization Policy
- 15016 Selected Authorization Profile - PermitAccess,UDN
- 15016 Selected Authorization Profile - PermitAccess,UDN
- 15048 Queried PIP - UDN.Private-group-id
- 24209 Looking up Endpoint in Internal Endpoints IDStore - bill@cdnac.com
- 24211 Found Endpoint in Internal Endpoints IDStore
- 11002 Returned RADIUS Access-Accept

Authentication Details

Source Timestamp	2023-08-30 00:44:22.303
Received Timestamp	2023-08-30 00:44:22.303
Policy Server	ISE-Public
Event	5200 Authentication succeeded
Username	bill@c
User Type	Host

Successful authentication of an unregistered device:

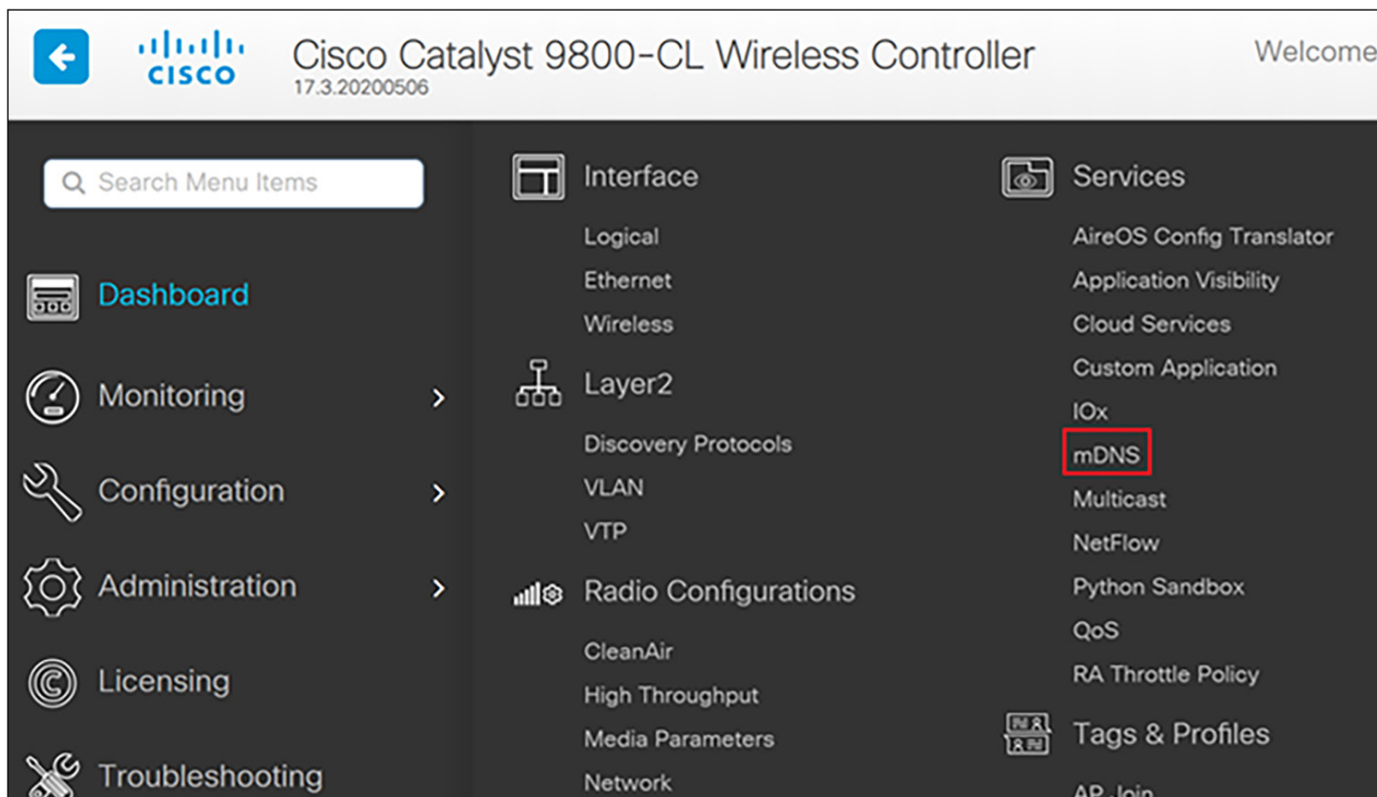
Result

UserName	bill@cdnac.com
User-Name	bill@cdnac.com
Class	CACS:03E70A0A00000F8A41E94544:ISE-Public/472439097/5739
cisco-av-pair	Private-group-id=10
cisco-av-pair	Private-group-name=Bill Gates_UPN
cisco-av-pair	Private-group-owner=1
cisco-av-pair	profile-name=Apple-Device
LicenseTypes	Essential license consumed.

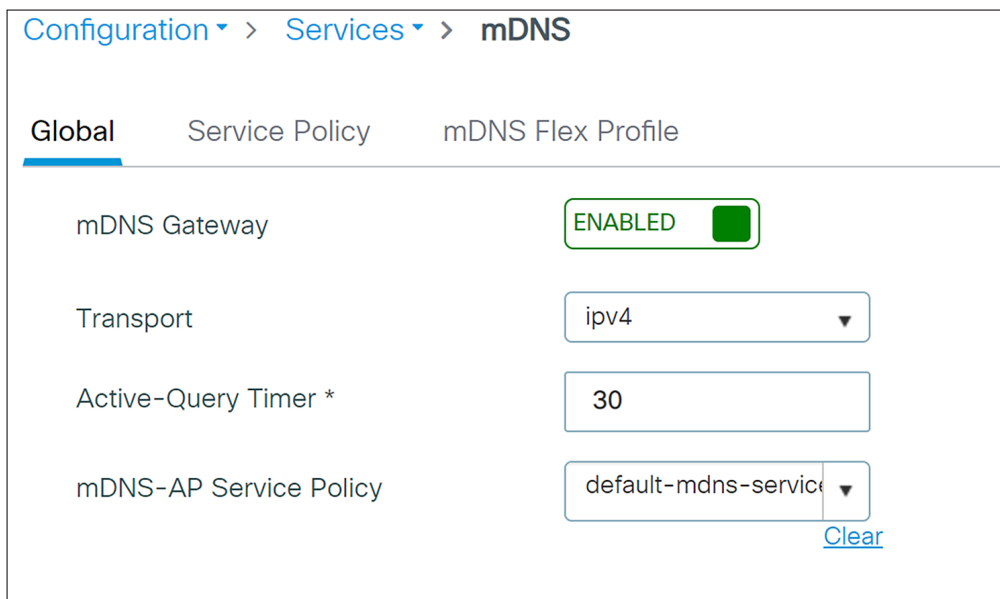
Appendix A: Configuring mDNS Gateway

Cisco's Service Discovery Gateway, or mDNS Gateway, allows for controlled and secure access to services and devices across subnets. It listens to service announcements on all configured network segments and builds a cache of services and addresses. It proxies these requests to other segments and can also apply filters based on various service attributes. These filters can limit what services will be requested or advertised.

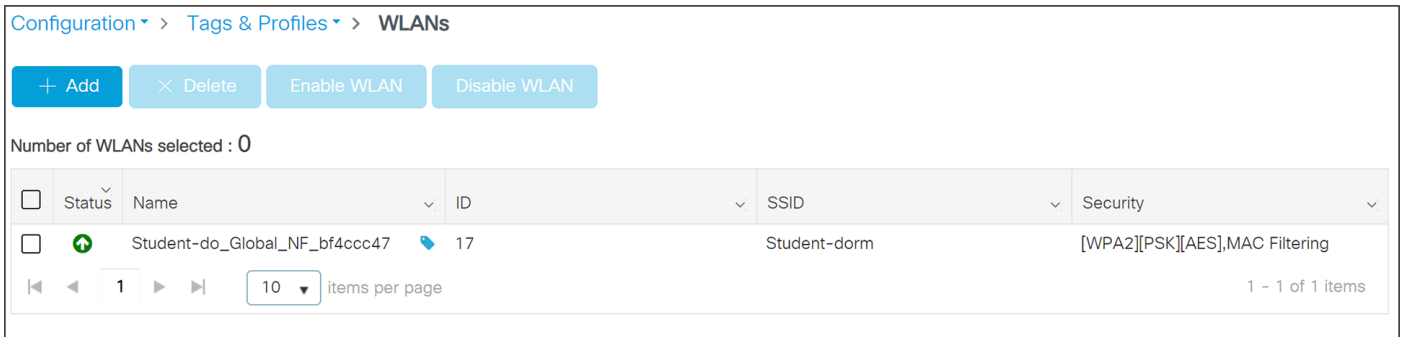
Step 1. In the Catalyst 9800 WLC, navigate to Configuration > Services > mDNS.



Step 2. Under **Global**, click next to **mDNS Gateway** to enable it and click **Apply**. If running IPv6, change the **Transport** setting to **Both**.

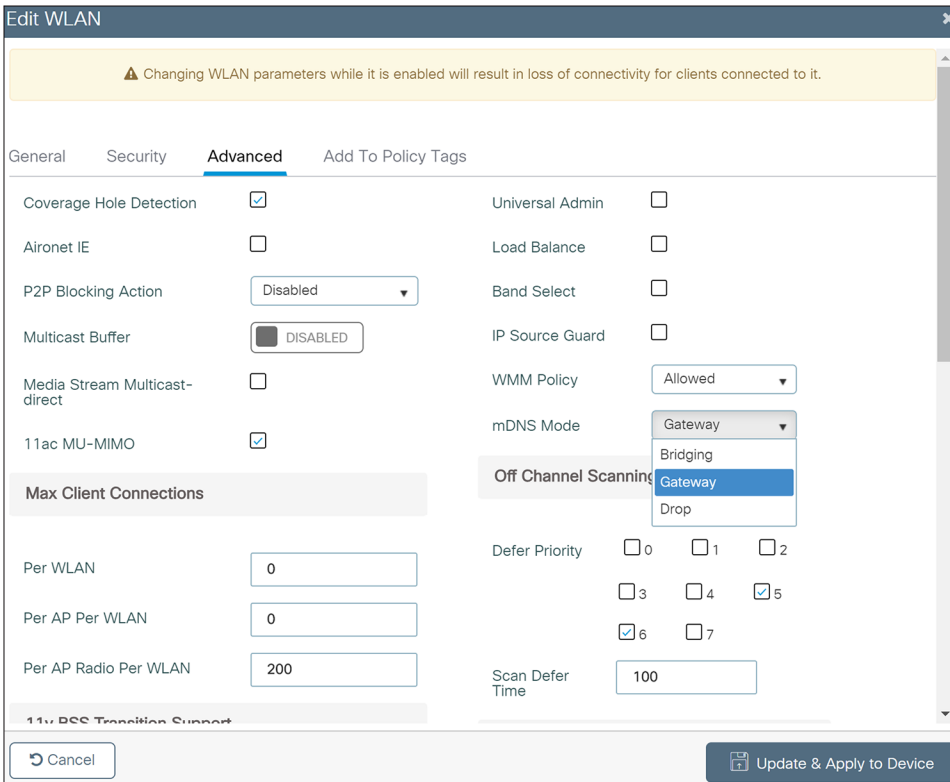


Step 3. Navigate to **Configuration > Tags & Profiles > WLANs**.



Step 4. Select the WLAN profile on which to enable mDNS Gateway functionality.

Step 5. Select the **Advanced** tab and change the **mDNS Mode** drop-down to **Gateway**. Click **Update and Apply to Device** when finished.



Step 6. These steps enable the **default-mdns-service-policy** on the WLAN with the following services: **airplay, airtunes, homesharing, printer-ipp, printer-lpd, printer-ipp, printer-socket, google-chromecast, itune-wireless-devicesharing**

Tech tip

The Cisco User Defined Network Plus solution does not solve the problem of Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) across VLANs.

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless/catalyst-9800-series-wireless-controllers/215352-configure-and-troubleshoot-mdns-on-catal.html#toc-h1d--1086275938>

Appendix B: Randomized MAC address

MAC addresses are used to track and log users in public spaces, and this data can be used for marketing purposes or sold to third parties. To prevent this, device manufacturers have implemented random MAC addresses. This makes the user MAC address unique per network, preventing device tracking. The address is kept consistent per network, meaning once a device is associated with an SSID it will not have to authenticate again. This is why, when using a device with a random MAC address with the User Defined Network Plus solution, a device must be connected to the UDN SSID before it can be registered.

Appendix C: Disabling AirPlay discovery and streaming via Bluetooth

By default, Apple TV has AirPlay enabled with discovery via mDNS and streaming over Ethernet or wireless networks as well as Bluetooth. In a home, these settings are optimal for easy connectivity. However, in environments such as university dormitories, hospitals, and long-term healthcare facilities, these default settings will allow other people to not only discover, but stream to a user's Apple TV if they are on the same wired or wireless network, or within 30 feet of the device (in the case of Bluetooth).

When the Cisco User Defined Network Plus solution is deployed, discovery and streaming is limited to registered devices within the end user's UDN for wired and wireless devices such as MacBooks, iPhones, and iPads. For Apple TV, however, if the AirPlay settings are left in their default state, devices with Bluetooth enabled and within roughly 30 feet of the Apple TV, the signal distance for Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE), will still be able to discover and stream to an Apple TV registered within a UDN. The outcome, if Bluetooth is left enabled, will be that devices in adjacent rooms, both horizontally and vertically, would likely be able to communicate with the Apple TV.

As the concept of Cisco User Defined Network Plus is to optimize the user experience by displaying only those AirPlay devices within the UDN, it might be optimal for the organization deploying the User Defined Network Plus solution to recommend that Apple TV owners disable Bluetooth on their Apple TVs when installing them in their rooms. Unfortunately, there is no single button or setting to disable Bluetooth on the Apple TV, and so the following procedure details how this is accomplished.

Step 1. From the Apple TV home screen, select **Settings**.

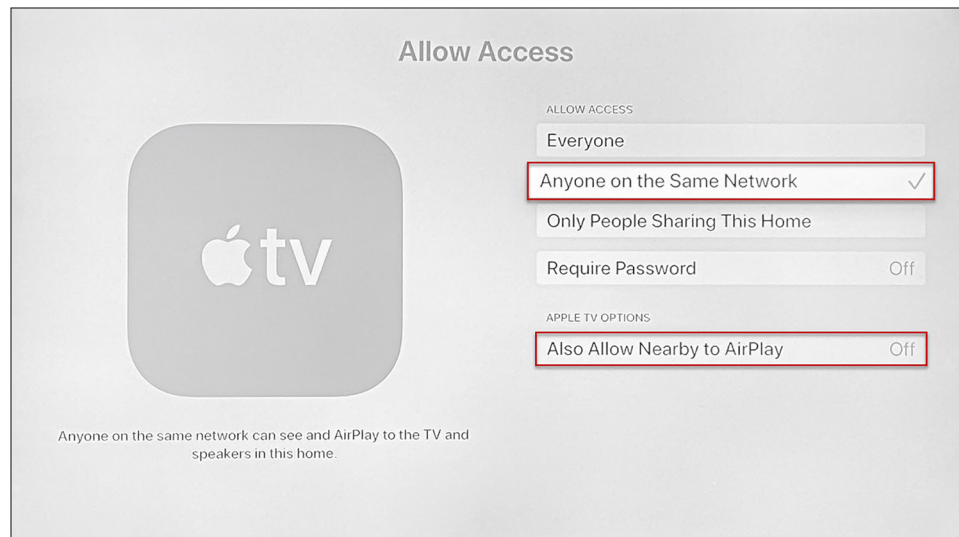


Step 2. Select **AirPlay** and **HomeKit**.

Step 3. Select **Allow Access** (the default is Everyone).

Step 4. Change from **Everyone** to **Anyone on the Same Network**.

Step 5. An Apple TV Options box appears in which you need to change **Also Allow Nearby to AirPlay** to **Off**.



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