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Information About Configuring PROFINET

PROFINET is the PROFIBUS International (PI) open Industrial Ethernet Standard that uses TCP/IP and IT standards for automation control. It emphasizes data exchange and defines communication paths to meet speed requirements.

PROFINET communication is scalable on three levels:

- Normal non-real-time communication uses TCP/IP and enables bus cycle times of approximately 100 ms.
- Real-Time (RT): Real-time communication enables cycle times of approximately 10 ms. Real-time data are treated with a higher priority than TCP (UDP)/IP data. It uses the standard existing protocol components (using Ethernet with special frame ether-type = 0x8892 and priority value in the VLAN tag) to achieve deterministic and cyclic data transfer.
- Isochronous Real-Time (IRT): Isochronous real-time communication enables cycle times of approximately 1 ms. IRT is out of the scope of this document.

PROFINET I/O is a modular communication framework for distributed automation applications. PROFINET I/O uses cyclic data transfer to exchange data, alarms, and diagnostic information with programmable controllers, input/output (I/O) devices, and other automation controllers (for example, motion controllers).

PROFINET I/O recognizes three classes of devices:

- I/O devices: a distributed input/output device such as a sensor, an actuator, or a motion controller.
- I/O controllers: a programmable logic controller (PLC) that controls I/O devices and exchanges data such as configuration, alarms, and I/O data through an automation program. The I/O controller and the I/O supervisor exchange diagnostic information. The I/O controller shares configuration and input/output information with the I/O device and receives alarms from the I/O device.
- I/O supervisors: an engineering station, such as a human machine interface (HMI) or PC, used for commissioning, monitoring, and diagnostic analysis. The I/O supervisor exchanges diagnostic, status, control, and parameter information with the I/O device.

PROFINET Traffic Passthrough With QoS

This feature implements the ability of transparent PROFINET RT traffic over wireless on the IW6300 and ESW6300 access points. With this feature, PROFINET RT traffic, including PROFINET Class of Service (CoS) value, can be transparently relayed via Wi-Fi network.

PROFINET packet sent by PLC or I/O device contains a frame with ether-type 0x8892. On the Ethernet deployment, the PROFINET frame will be encoded in an 802.1q trunk and prioritize the traffic as high priority by setting the priority bits in the 802.1q header to

6 on Cisco switches (for example, the Cisco IE switches). The PROFINET frame on wireless network needs to follow the same priority 6 to prioritize it over regular traffic.



Note

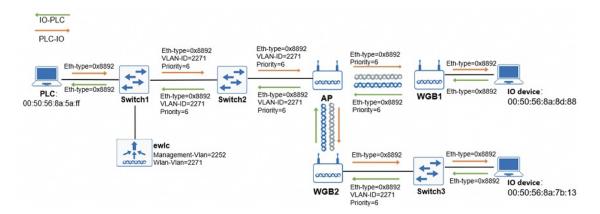
COS AP and WGB (IW6300 and ESW6300) will recognize ether-type 0x8892 and pass through PROFINET frame with priority 6. In the case of IOS AP and IOS WGB (IW3702) deployment, IOS WGB/AP will follow the original priority of PROFINET frame. Below use cases will focus on the COS AP/WGB behavior.

Supported platforms:

- WLC: Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers
- AP: IW6300/ESW6300, IW3702
- WGB: IOS WGB (IW3700) and COS WGB (IW6300/ESW6300)
- Software version: Cisco IOS XE 17.4.1
- AP mode:
 - Flex (local switching)
 - Flex+Bridge (local switching+ Ethernet bridging)—only for IW6300/ESW6300

WGB Stationary Use Case

In the stationary use case, the IO device is connected to the PLC using a WGB, but it is fixed at this location. Two scenarios are supported, a switch is between WGB and IO device, or the IO device directly connects to WGB. AP and WGBs evaluate the traffic encoded with ether-type of 0x8892 and treat this traffic as higher priority than other types of traffic. When an IO device sends a frame with ether-type 0x8892, WGB sends the PROFINET packet to AP with priority 6, which is carried all along the path. The same operation is repeated when a PLC sends RT traffic back to the IO Device.



Flex+Bridge Stationary Use Case

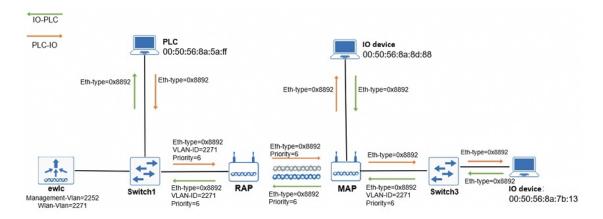
In this use case, an IO device attached to MAP by ethernet bridging. The PROFINET traffic goes through the Ethernet bridging network with priority 6. RAP and MAP evaluate the traffic encoded with ether-type 0x8892 and treat as higher priority than other

types of traffic. When an IO device sends a frame with ether-type 0x8892, the MAP sends the PROFINET packet to RAP with priority 6, which is carried all along the path. The same operation is repeated when a PLC sends RT channel traffic back to the IO Device.



Note

The Ethernet VLAN configuration of MAP should be different from the RAP's native VLAN. The VLAN between RAP and IE switch is the VLAN set on the MAP's Ethernet port.



Profinet Traffic Over the Air

The following figure shows the PROFINET packet from AP to WGB:

```
292 12.6514... VMware_8a:5a:ff VMware_8a:8d:88 PN-PTCP
 802.11 radio information
 IEEE 802.11 QoS Data, Flags: .....FTC
   Type/Subtype: QoS Data (0x0028)
   Frame Control Field: 0x8803
    .000 0000 1010 1100 = Duration: 172 microseconds
   Receiver address: Cisco_35:b5:0f (dc:8c:37:35:b5:0f)
   Transmitter address: Cisco_d5:2a:cd (6c:8b:d3:d5:2a:cd)
   Destination address: VMware_8a:8d:88 (00:50:56:8a:8d:88)
   Source address: VMware 8a:5a:ff (00:50:56:8a:5a:ff)PLC
            .... 0000 = Fragment number:
   0001 0100 1011 .... = Sequence number: 331
    Frame check sequence: 0x849996d4 [unverified]
   [FCS Status: Unverified]
   Qos Control: 0x0006
     .... 0... = Payload Type: MSDU
                       = QAP PS Buffer State: 0x00
 Logical-Link Control
 PROFINET Real-Time, reserved, ID:0x0000, Len:
   FrameID: 0x0000 (0x0000-0x001F: Reserved ID)
 PROFINET PTCP, Reserved FrameID 0x0000
```

The following figure shows the Profinet packet from RAP to MAP:

Wireless Controller Configuration

There is no specific configurations on the Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller for this feature. For more detailed configuration, see the Cisco Catalyst 9800 configuration guide.

The following procedure provides example of wireless controller configuration from CLI and GUI:

Procedure

Step 1 Configure IP address on the AP management interface by DHCP server in the infrastructure to automatically get IP address. The following example shows the switch interface configuration which the AP is connected.

Configuration from CLI:

Example:

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/2
  description profinet-ap1
  switchport trunk native vlan 2252
  switchport mode trunk
end
```

Step 2 Create or modify a WLAN profile.

Configuration from CLI:

Example:

wlan profinet_open 1 profinet_open ccx aironet-iesupport no security ft adaptive no security wpa no security wpa wpa2 no security wpa wpa2 ciphers aes no security wpa akm dot1x no shutdown wlan profinet_psk 2 profinet_psk ccx aironet-iesupport security wpa psk set-key ascii 0 <key>

```
no security wpa akm dot1x
security wpa akm psk
no shutdown
wlan profinet_1x 3 profinet_1x
ccx aironet-iesupport
security dot1x authentication-list profinet_1x
no shutdown
```

Configuration from GUI:

- a) Navigate to **Configuration** > **Tags & Profiles** > **WLANs**. Either select the name of a pre-existing one or click + **Add** to add a new one.
- b) Create WLAN with Profile Name, SSID, WLAN ID, and set Status to ENABLED.



- c) Choose corresponding security.
- d) Enable Aironet IE on Advanced page for WGB wired client.



You can find created WLANs listed in the following figure.



Step 3 Create Policy profile.

Configuration from CLI:

Example:

wireless profile policy profinet_local_sw_policy_profile
aaa-override
no central dhcp
no central switching

```
description profinet_local_sw_policy_profile
no exclusionlist
idle-timeout 30000
nac
session-timeout 0
vlan VLAN2271
wgb broadcast-tagging
wgb vlan
no shutdown
```

Configuration from GUI:

- a) Navigate to **Configuration** > **Tags & Profiles** > **Policy**. Either select the name of a pre-existing one or click + **Add** to add a new one.
- b) Disable Central Switching on General page.



c) Click on Access Policies tab and choose client to be assigned with VLAN 2271.



d) For WGB, click on Advanced tab, and enable WGB VLAN.



Step 4 Create or modify a Policy Tag.

Configuration from CLI:

Example:

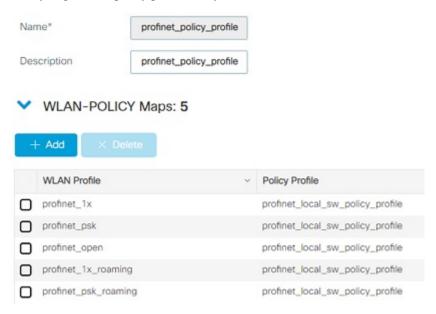
wireless tag policy profinet_policy_profile

description profinet_policy_profile
wlan profinet_lx policy profinet_local_sw_policy_profile
wlan profinet_psk policy profinet_local_sw_policy_profile
wlan profinet_open policy profinet_local_sw_policy_profile

wlan profinet_1x_roaming policy profinet_local_sw_policy_profile
wlan profinet_psk_roaming policy profinet_local_sw_policy_profile

Configuration from GUI:

- a) Navigate to **Configuration** > **Tags & Profiles** > **Tags** > **Policy**. Either select the name of a pre-existing one or click + **Add** to add a new one.
- b) Inside the Policy Tag, click +Add. From the drop down list, select the WLAN Profile name you want to add to the Policy Tag and the policy profile that you want to link to it. Then click the check mark.



Step 5 Create or modify AP Join profile.

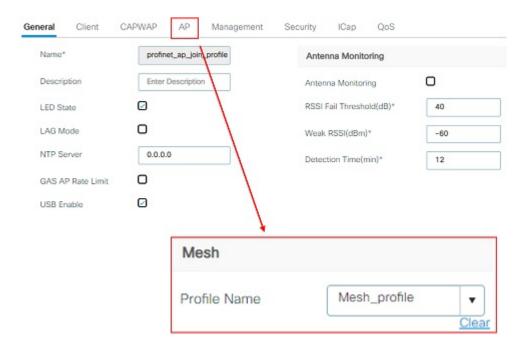
Configuration from CLI:

Example:

ap profile profinet_ap_join_profile mesh-profile Mesh_profile mgmtuser username admin password 0 <key >secret 0 <key> oeap no tcp-adjust-mss enable

Configuration from GUI:

- a) Navigate to **Configuration** > **Tags & Profiles** > **AP Join**. Either select the name of a pre-existing one or click + **Add** to add a new one.
- b) For Flex + Bridge AP, configure mesh profile on AP page.



Step 6 Configure Flex Profile.

Configuration from CLI:

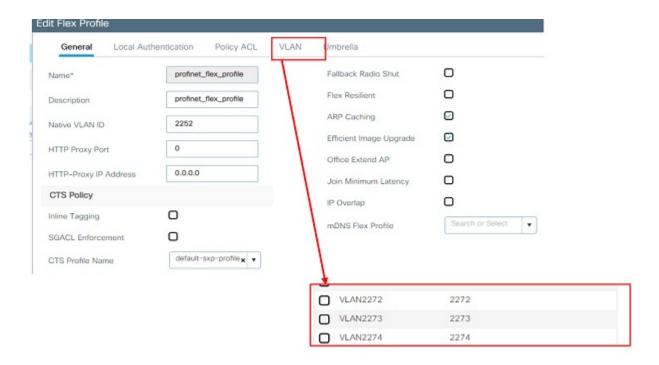
Example:

wireless profile flex profinet_flex_profile

description profinet_flex_profile
native-vlan-id 2252
vlan-name VLAN2252
vlan-id 2252
vlan-name VLAN2271
vlan-id 2271
vlan-name VLAN2272
vlan-name VLAN2272
vlan-id 2272
vlan-name VLAN2273
vlan-id 2273

Configuration from GUI:

- a) Navigate to **Configuration** > **Tags & Profiles** > **Flex**. Either select the name of a pre-existing one or click + **Add** to add a new one.
- b) Define a name for your Flex profile and specify the AP's VLAN (Native VLAN ID). Configure AP management vlan 2252 on Native VLAN ID.
- c) Navigate to the VLAN tab and specify the needed VLAN. Add non-native client vlan 2272 on VLAN page.



Step 7 Configure Site Tag.

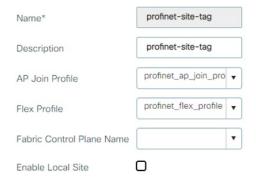
Configuration from CLI:

Example:

wireless tag site profinet-site-tag ap-profile profinet_ap_join_profile description profinet-site-tag flex-profile profinet_flex_profile no local-site

Configuration from GUI:

- a) Navigate to **Configuration** > **Tags & Profiles** > **Tags** > **Site**. Either select the name of a pre-existing one or click + **Add** to add a new one.
- b) Inside the Site Tag, disable Enable Local Site option. Once it is disabled, you can also select the Flex Profile. Then click **Save & Apply to Device**.



Step 8 Policy Tag Assignment to AP.

Configuration from CLI:

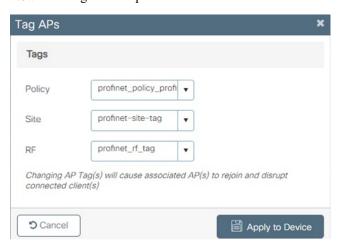
Example:

ap <ethernet-mac-addr> policy-tag profinet_policy_profile rf-tag profinet_rf_tag

Configuration from GUI:

site-tag profinet-site-tag

Navigate to **Configuration** > **Wireless** > **Access Points** > **AP name** > **General** > **Tags**. From the **Site** dropdown list, select the desired Tags and click **Apply to Device**. Or navigate to **Configuration** > **Wireless Setup** > **Advanced** > **Start Now** to configure multiple APs at the same time.



IOS WGB Configuration

There is no specific configuration for this feature on IOS WGB.

Security: Open

```
dot11 ssid <profinet_open>
  authentication open
  no ids mfp client
interface Dot11Radio0
  no ip address
  ssid <profinet_open>
  station-role workgroup-bridge
  bridge-group 1
  bridge-group 1 spanning-disabled
```

Security: WPA2 PSK

```
dot11 ssid <profinet_psk>
  authentication open
  authentication key-management wpa version 2
  wpa-psk ascii <PASSWORD>
  no ids mfp client
```

```
interface Dot11Radio0
  no ip address
  ssid <profinet_psk>
  encryption mode ciphers aes-ccm
  station-role workgroup-bridge
  bridge-group 1
  bridge-group 1 spanning-disabled
```

Security: 802.1x cckm

```
dot11 ssid <profinet 1x cckm>
  authentication open eap eap
  authentication network-eap eap
  authentication key-management cckm
  dot1x credentials <profinet 1x>
  dot1x eap profile <profinet 1x fast>
 no ids mfp client
eap profile <profinet 1x fast>
  method fast
dot1x credentials <profinet 1x>
  username profinet user1
 password 7 <password>
interface Dot11Radio0
 no ip address
  ssid ckm>
  encryption mode ciphers aes-ccm
  station-role workgroup-bridge
  bridge-group 1
 bridge-group 1 spanning-disabled
```

COS WGB Configuration

There is no specific configuration for this feature on COS WGB.

Open

configure ssid-profile <profile-name> ssid <ssid-name> authentication open

PSK

configure ssid-profile profile-name> ssid <ssid-name> authentication psk <key> key-management <wpa2/dot11r>

802.1x

```
Configure dot1x credentials <dot1x-profile-name> <username/delete> <user-name> password <password> Configure eap-profile <eap-profile-name> method <fast/leap/peap/tls> Configure eap-profile <eap-profile-name> dot1x-credentials <dot1x-profile-name> Configure ssid-profile <ssid-profile-name> ssid <ssid-name> authentication eap eap-profile <eap-profile-name> key-management <wpa2/dot11r>
```

Troubleshooting

The following command output shows the Profinet packet count on COS AP in Flex local switching mode:

#show dot11 qos profinet-ap1#show dot11 qos Profinet packet Downstream: 10 <-Downstream profinet traffic, received from radio side Upstream: 10 <-Upstream profinet traffic, received from wired side</pre>

The following command output shows the Profinet packet count on COS AP in Flex+Bridge local switching mode:

#show dot11 qos

```
profinet-ap1#show dot11 qos
.....
Profinet packet
Downstream: 10
Upstream: 10
=========
    rx from wireless client: 5 <-Upstream profinet traffic, received from wireless client
    rx from non root port: 5 <-Upstream profinet traffic, received from LAN port</pre>
```

The following command output shows the Profinet packet count on COS WGB:

#show dot11 qos

```
Profinet packet
Downstream: 10 <-Downstream profinet traffic, received from radio side
Upstream: 10 <-Upstream profinet traffic, received from wired side
```

To clear the counter of Profinet packet on COS AP or WGB, use the clear counters profinet command.

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