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# Introduction to Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller

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# Agenda

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  - Programmability and Telemetry
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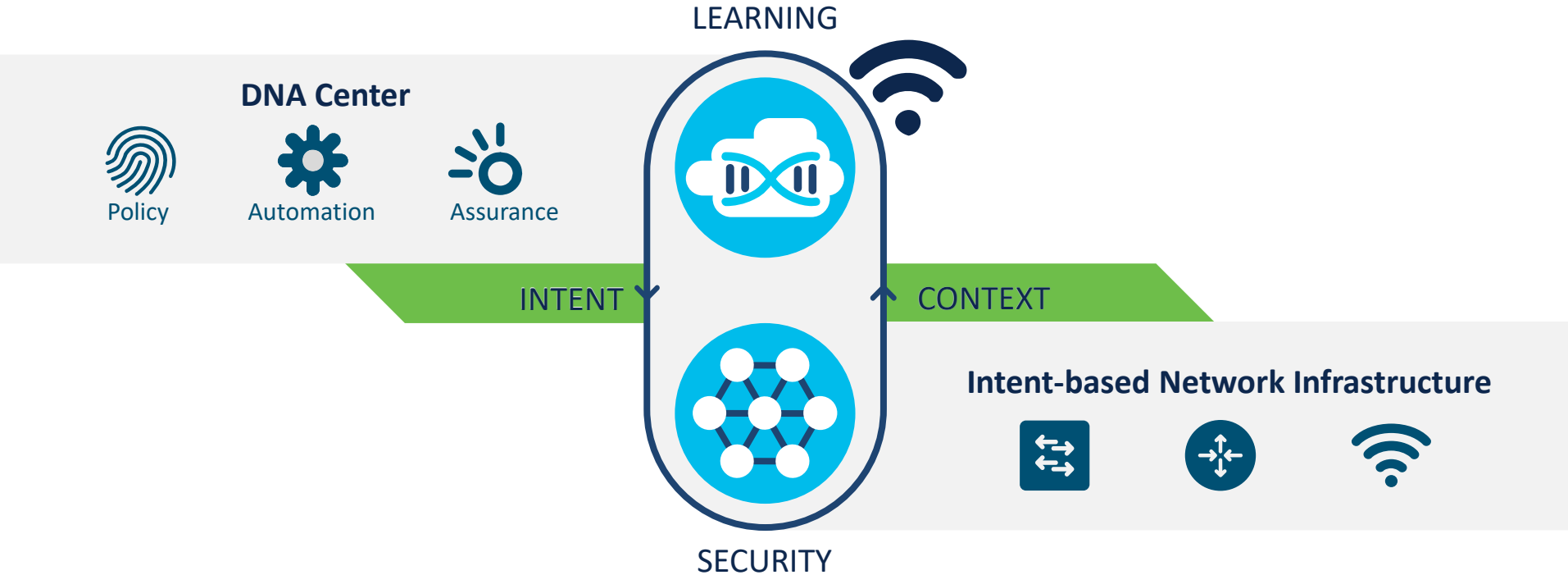


# Why Catalyst 9800



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# Intent-Based Networking (IBN) Strategy



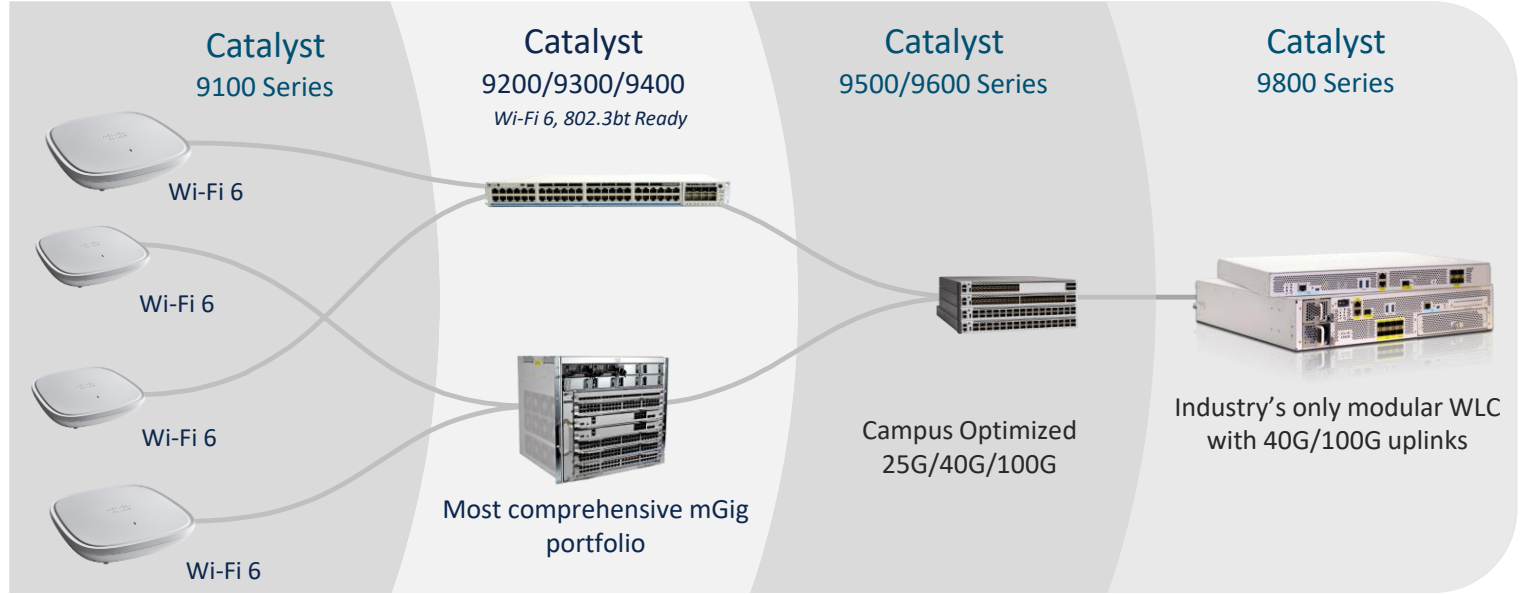
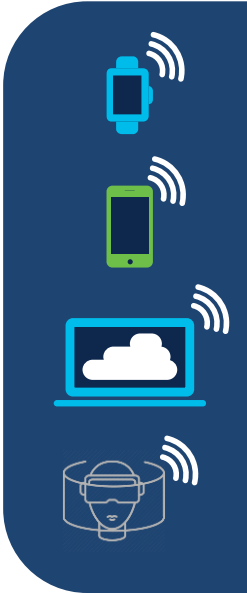
# End-to-end Wi-Fi 6 leadership enabling next-generation mobility

Access Points

Access Switches

Core Switches

Wireless Controller



← The Full Experience End to End →

Built for intent-based networking

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Automation

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Security

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Analytics

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# Cisco Next Gen Wireless Stack



Cisco Catalyst 9800  
Wireless Controllers



Cisco Catalyst 9100  
Access Points



Managed by

Cisco DNA Center

Translate business intent into network policy and capture actionable insights



Digitized by

Cisco DNA Spaces

Digitize people, spaces and things



Resilient



Secure



Intelligent

# IBN Starts from a Strong Hardware Foundation



C9800 appliance

C9800 embedded in Catalyst 9000



## QFP

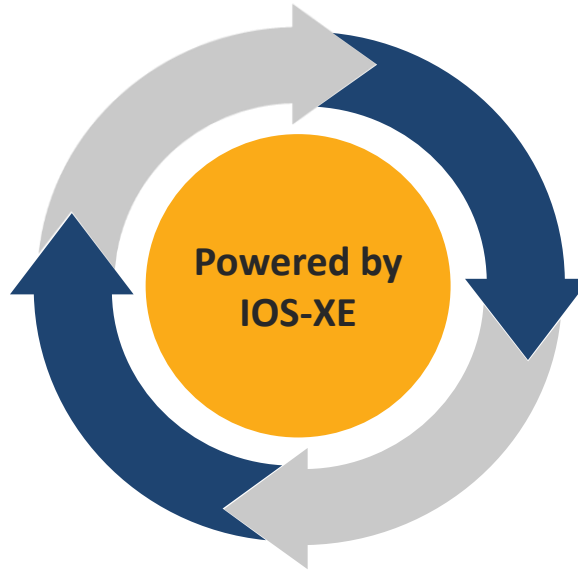
QuantumFlow Processor

- Advanced, Multi-Core, Feature-Rich
- **Fully Programmable**
- Scalable
- Advanced on-chip QoS
- Secure
- **Extensible Architecture**

## UADP

Unified Access Data Plane

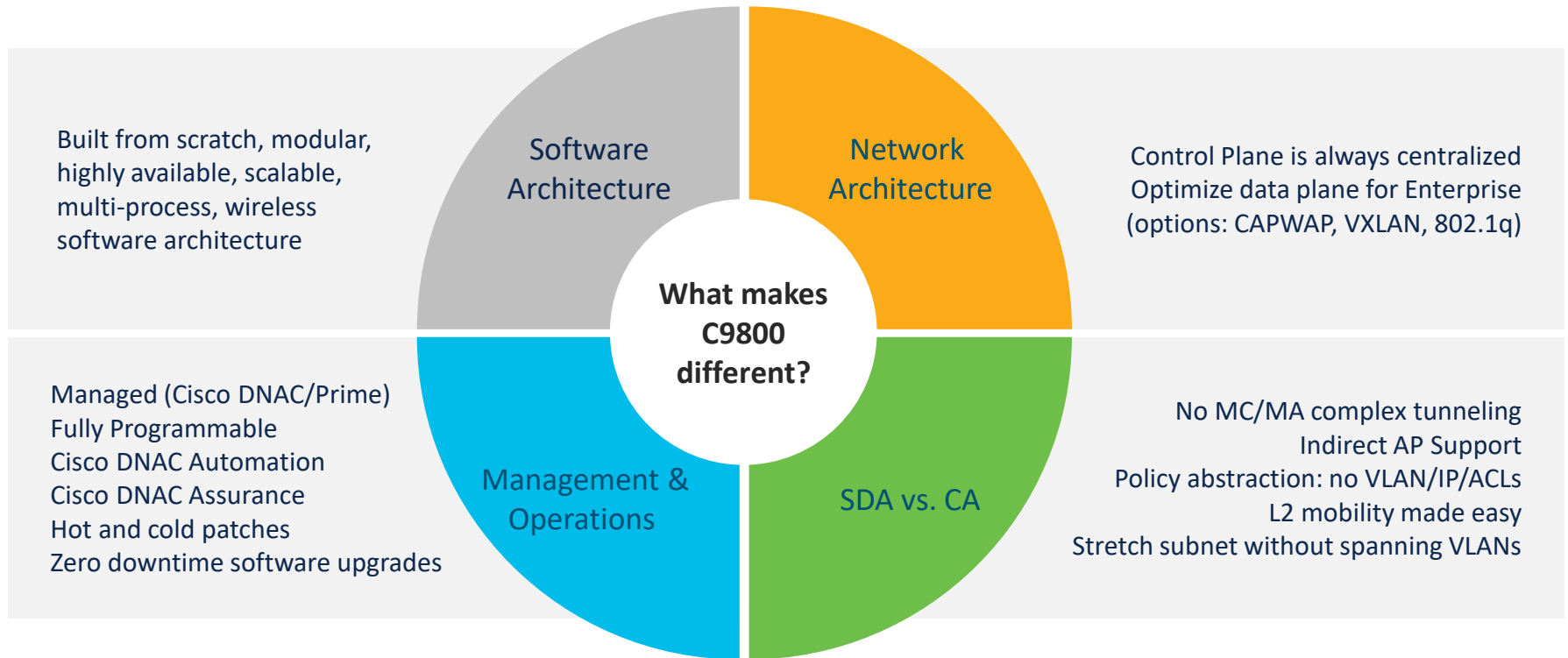
- Flexible, Programmable, High-Performance
- Fully Programmable
- Scalable
- Advanced on-chip QoS
- Secure
- Extensible Architecture



100% Cisco-developed Flexible Silicon – Unlocking the Power of DNA at Hardware Speeds



# Next Gen Software Architecture



# New Cisco Catalyst 9100 Series Access Points

Ideal for small to medium deployments

Mission critical

Best in Class

 Powered by Cisco RF ASIC



## 9115AX

- 4x4 + 4x4
- MU-MIMO, OFDMA
- Spectrum Intelligence
- 1 x 2.5 mGig
- TWT



## 9117AX

- 8x8 + 4x4
- MU-MIMO, OFDMA (only DL)
- Spectrum intelligence
- 1 x 5 mGig
- TWT
- Integrated Antenna only



## 9120AX

- 4x4 + 4x4
- Cisco RF ASIC
- Dual 5GHz, HDX
- RF Layer 1 detail
- IoT ready (Zigbee, Thread)
- Application Hosting
- 1 x 2.5 mGig
- TWT



## 9130AX

- 8x8 + 4x4 or 4x4 + 4x4 + 4x4
- Tri-radio (Dual 5GHz + 2.4GHz), HDX
- Cisco RF ASIC
- RF Layer 1 detail, Application Hosting
- Decrypted data packet iCAP
- IoT ready (Zigbee, Thread)
- Industry-first 8x8 AP with external antennas
- 8 port Smart Antennas
- 1 x 5 mGig

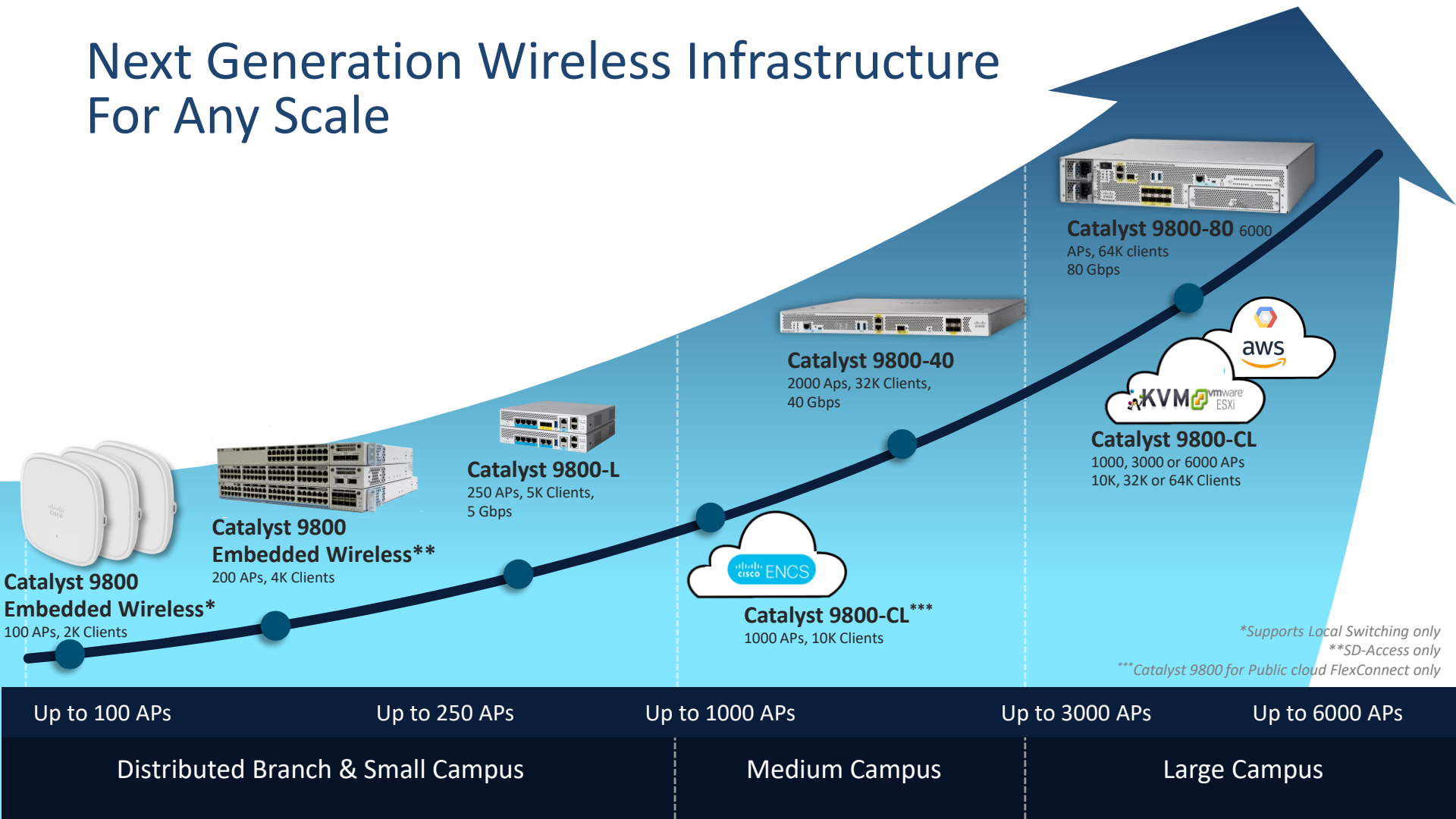
DNA Assurance with  
iCAP

Bluetooth 5

USB

Integrated or external  
antenna SKUs

# Next Generation Wireless Infrastructure For Any Scale



Up to 100 APs

Up to 250 APs

Up to 1000 APs

Up to 3000 APs

Up to 6000 APs

Distributed Branch & Small Campus

Medium Campus

Large Campus

# Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller Appliances



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# Unprecedented Throughput with C9800 Appliances

99%+

Accuracy with Encrypted Traffic Analytics and Stealthwatch integration



Always-on:  
High availability and seamless software updates

2x

Throughput option now available with C9800-80 going up to 80 Gbps

**cisco** *Live!*



Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller Appliances  
C9800-40 and C9800-80



Open standards based programmability with model-driven telemetry

100↑

Industry's 1<sup>st</sup> 100GE uplink



Investment protection with modular uplinks



Scale options for your campus



Programmable multi-core network processor

# Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller Series: C9800-80-K9



# C9800-80-K9

## Front Panel

### EXTERNAL INTERFACES

- RJ-45 Console Port
- Mini USB Console Port
- 2 External USB Ports
- RJ-45 Ethernet Management Port (SP)
- RJ-45 Ethernet Redundancy port (RP)
- SFP Gigabit Ethernet Port
- BUILT-IN-6x10GE/2x1GE or 10GE
- C9800 Modules

### LEDs

- Power Status LED
- Alarm LED
- High availability LED
- USB console LED
- 10/100/1000 RJ45 Link LED
- 10/100/1000 RJ45 Activity LED
- SSD Activity LED
- System Status LED

- Power Supply (PEM 0)
- Power Supply (PEM 1)
- Power Switch



Dimensions of C9800-80-K9: 17.3" (439.42 mm) wide, 3.5" (88.9 mm) tall (2RU), and 22.0" (558.8 mm) deep

(Compared to  
30.8" for 8540)

# Industry's First Controller with Modular 100G Uplink

## C9800 Modules Support

- **C9800-2X40GE**
- **C9800-1X40GE**



- **C9800-1X100GE**



- **C9800-18X1GE**

Eighteen 1GE-ports that support small form-factor pluggable (SFP) optical transceivers to provide network connectivity. Ports are numbered 0 – 17

- **C9800-10X10GE**

Ten 10GE-ports that support small form-factor pluggable (SFP+) optical transceivers to provide network connectivity. Ports are numbered 0 – 9.

## QSFP MODULES

- **QSFP-40G-SR4**
- **QSFP-40G-LR4**
- **QSFP-40GE-LR4**
- **QSFP-40G-ER4**
- **QSFP-40G-SR4-S**
- **QSFP-40G-LR4-S**
- **QSFP-40G-SR-BD**
- **QSFP-40G-BD-RX**



# Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller Series: C9800-40-K9



# C9800-40-K9 Front Panel

## EXTERNAL INTERFACES

- RJ-45 Console Port
- Mini USB Console Port
- 2 External USB Ports
- RJ-45 Ethernet Management Port (SP)
- RJ-45 Ethernet Redundancy port (RP)
- SFP Gigabit RP Port
- 4 x 10GE/1GE SFP and SFP+ ports

## LEDs

- Power Status LED
- Alarm LED
- High availability LED
- USB console LED
- 10/100/1000 RJ45 Link LED
- 10/100/1000 RJ45 Activity LED
- SSD Activity LED
- System Status LED



Gigabit SFP RP Port



Dimensions : 17.3" (439 mm) wide, 1.75" (44.4 mm) tall (1RU), and 18.3" (464 mm) deep\*

C9800-40-K9

AIR-CT-5508-K9

AIR-CT-5520-K9



\*compared to 30.98" (786 mm) in 5520

# Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller Series: C9800-L

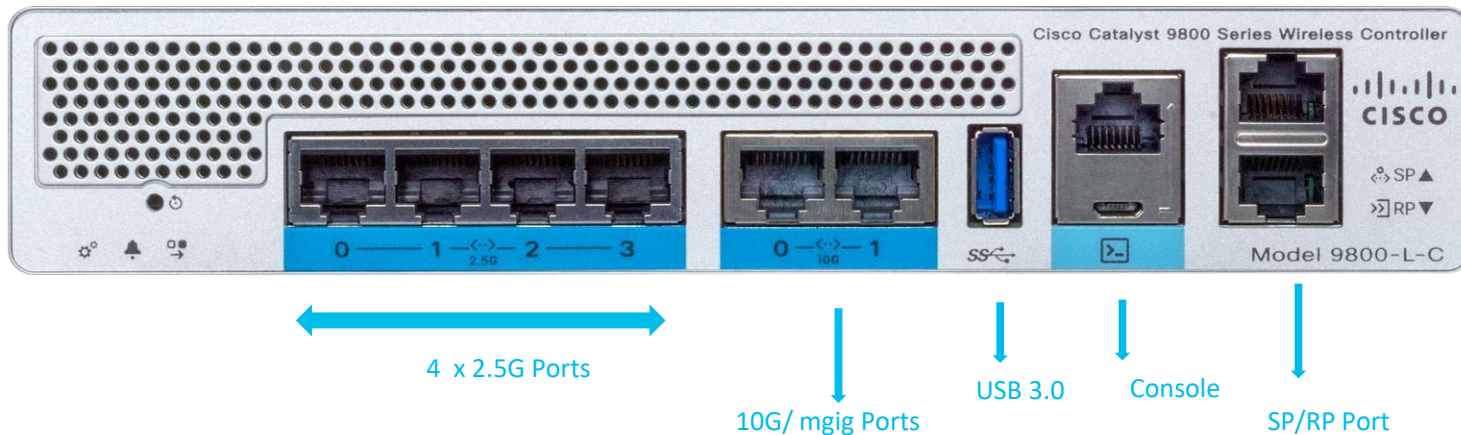


# Industry's First Fixed Wireless Controller with Seamless Software Updates

Up to 250 APs

Up to 5,000 Clients

5 Gbps

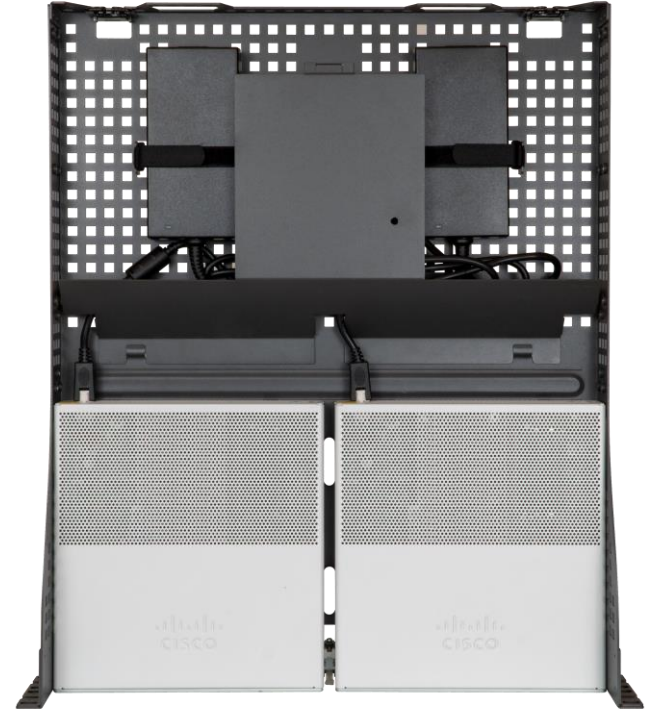
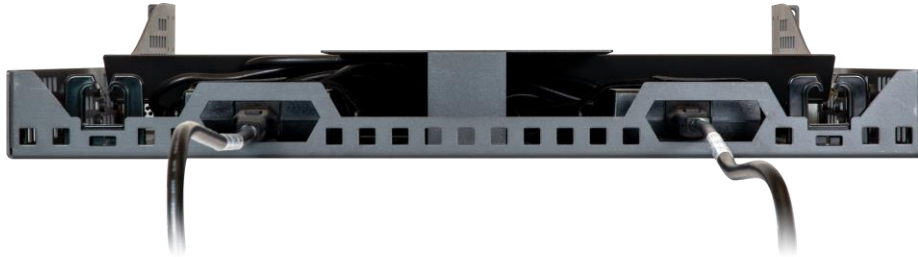


Fully programmable multi-core network processor

Support for Netflow, AVC and ETA

# C9800-L Racking Tray

Fit 2 units in 1RU with a 'toolless' snap-in rackmount installation (with exception to the rack screws)



# 9800-L Performance License Strategy



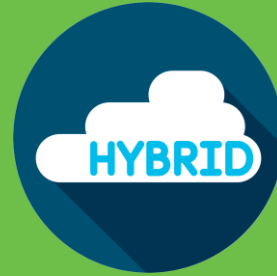
250 APs  
5k Clients  
Max Throughput (\*): 5Gbps

500 APs  
10K Clients  
Max Throughput (\*): 10 Gbps

- ✓ Same device can scale up to higher no. of APs and higher throughput
- ✓ Ability to upgrade at any point without having to buy new hardware
- ✓ Complete investment protection
- ✓ It supports smart licensing and for HA SSO it should be present on both boxes

(\*) Max throughput is calculated with large packets, with IMIX traffic and small packets the numbers will be lower

# Cloud-based Controllers



# Some definitions first...



## PRIVATE

- ❑ Customer has unique access to dedicated DC virtualized or physical resources
- ❑ The resources are onPrem DC or hosted by a Colo provider
- ❑ WLC as a Virtual Machine



## PUBLIC

- ❑ Customer doesn't own the infrastructure (computing, storage, networking).
- ❑ WLC is consumed as Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

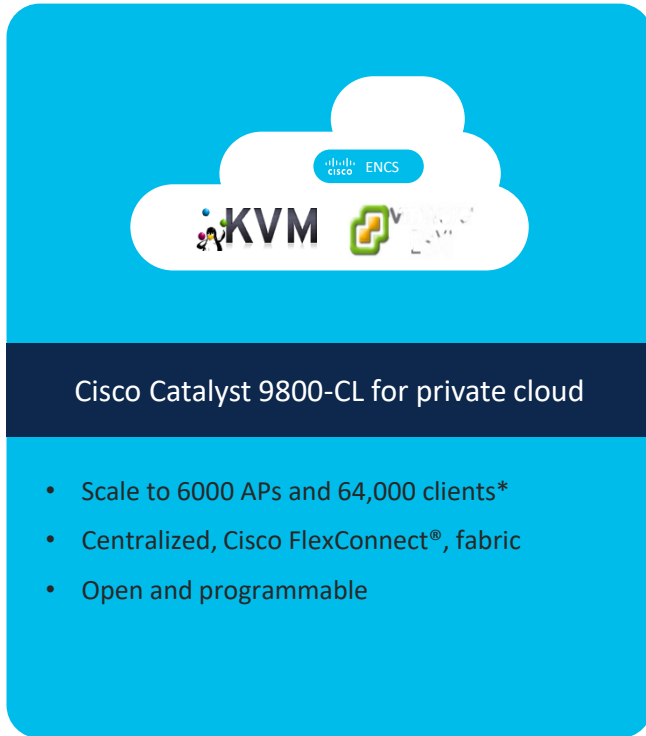


## HYBRID

- ❑ Simply the reality...
- ❑ Customer will have both Private and Public cloud deployments for some time



# Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series for Private and Public Cloud



The image shows a blue rounded rectangle representing a private cloud environment. At the top, there is a white cloud icon containing the Cisco ENCS logo and the KVM logo. Below the cloud, the text "Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL for private cloud" is displayed in a dark blue bar. Underneath, a list of features is provided.

Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL for private cloud

- Scale to 6000 APs and 64,000 clients\*
- Centralized, Cisco FlexConnect®, fabric
- Open and programmable



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Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL for private cloud

- Scale to 1000 APs and 10,000 clients
- Cisco FlexConnect local switching
- Open and programmable
- Requires Managed VPN to the Cloud

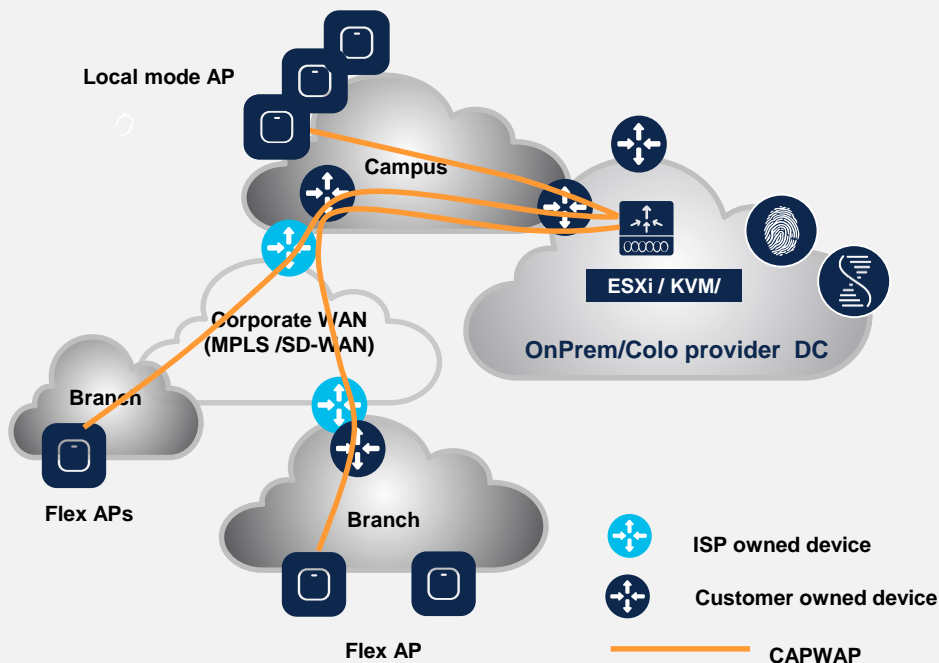
# Private Cloud



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# Catalyst 9800 Private Cloud Deployment



## Customer value prop:

- Deploy wireless controller where you want it, how you want it
- All AP modes supported
- Feature parity with appliance (only exception is GuestShell)

## Support

- VMware ESXi, KVM, Hyper-V and ENCS
- Wi-Fi 6, Wave2 and Wave1 APs
- Centrally switched traffic <= 1.5 Gbps
- ESXi vCenter or KVM Virt-Mgr for VM provisioning
- Automated VM bootstrap flow (ESXi vCenter only)

# Hyper-V Specification

- Supported on C9800-CL IOS-XE 17.1
- Hyper-V Supported platforms
  - Windows 2016 Server
  - Windows 2019 Server
  - Windows server core 2016
  - Windows server core 2019

Model Configuration	Small (17.1)	Medium(17.1)	Large(17.1)
Maximum Access Points	1,000	3,000	6,000
Maximum Clients Support	6,000	32,000	64,000
Minimum Number of vCPUs	4	6	10
Minimum Memory (GB)	8	16	32
Required Storage (GB)	8	8	8

# C9800-CL for Private Cloud vs. AireOS vWLC

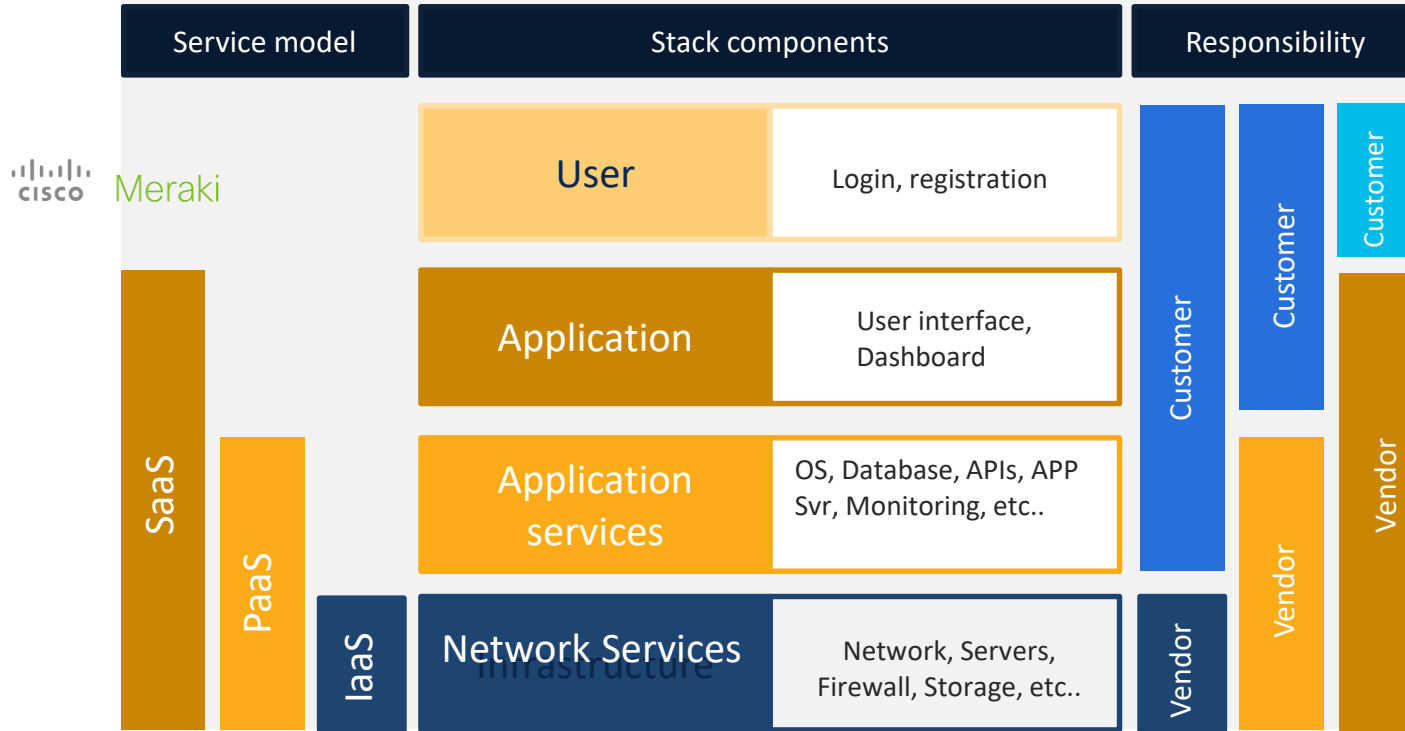
	AireOS vWLC	C9800-CL
SSO High Availability	No	Yes
Deployment Modes	Flex Only	Flex, Local, Fabric
Guest Anchor	No	Yes
DNA-C Automation & Assurance	No	Yes
Max central throughput	500 Mbps	1.5 Gbps
Max AP and Client Scale	3k APs, 32k Clients	6k APs, 64k Clients
Installation Image	Multiple	Single for any scale

# Public Cloud

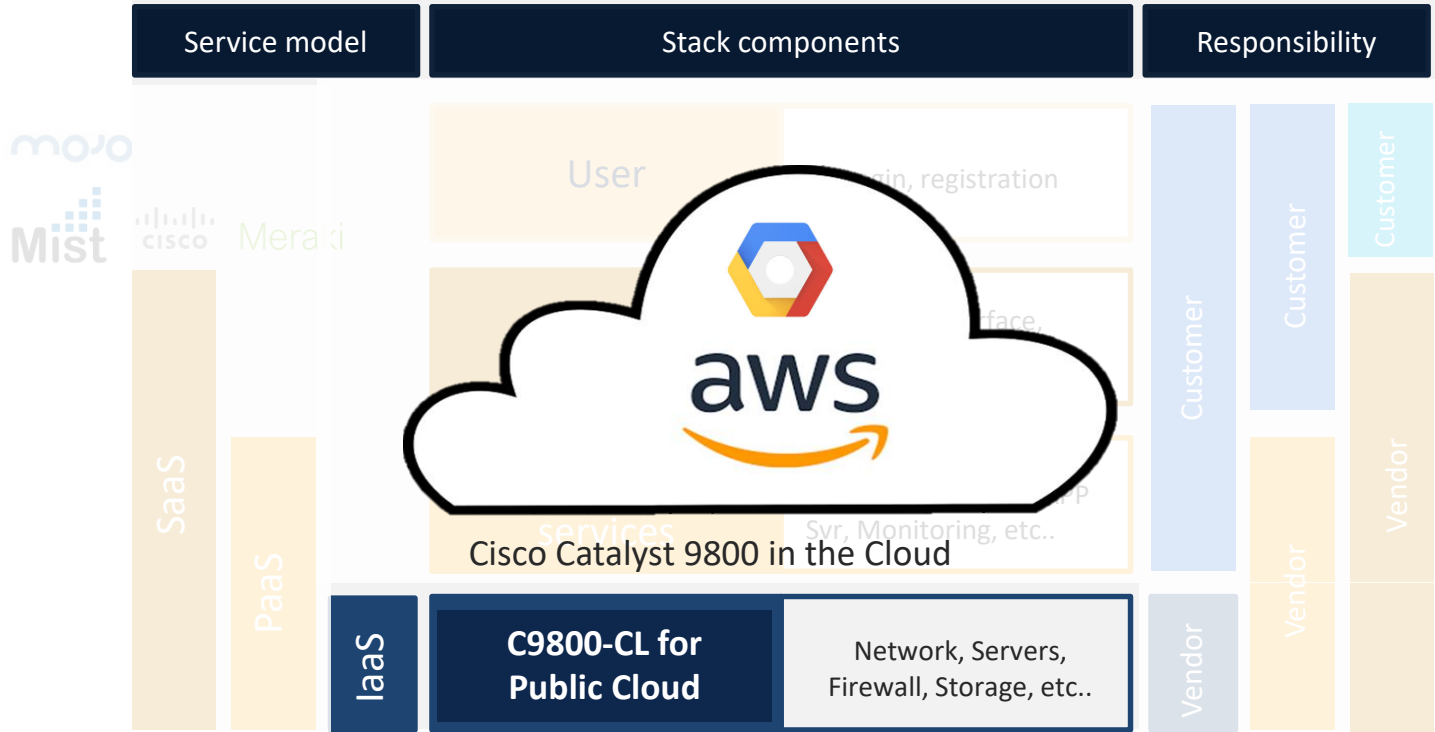


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# Public Cloud Deployment Models



# Public Cloud Deployment Models





# Advantages of C9800-CL in Public Cloud

**\$0**

The C9800-CL Wireless Controller price

**7** minutes

Time taken to deploy C9800-CL for AWS

**Up to 50%**

Cost Savings seen by a large enterprise by deploying C9800-CL for Private Cloud

**VMware<sup>®</sup>  
VMotion**

No more planned / unplanned outages



**AWS GovCloud**

Host the Catalyst 9800 Series controller in AWS' FedRAMP certified GovCloud



Agility - simple to deploy



Scale based on network size



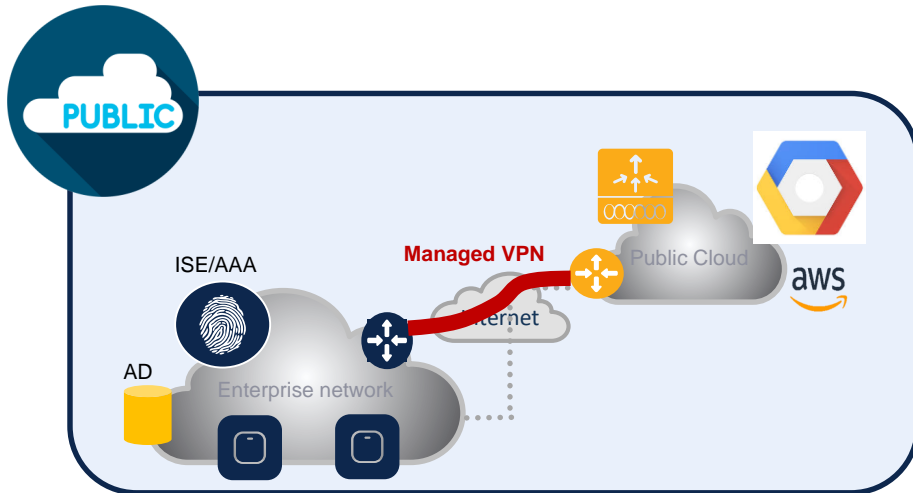
Global Footprint



Cost Effective

# Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller for Cloud

AWS and GCP



Google Cloud Platform with Managed VPN

(\*AWS support introduced in FCS)

6,000 APs / 64,000 Clients

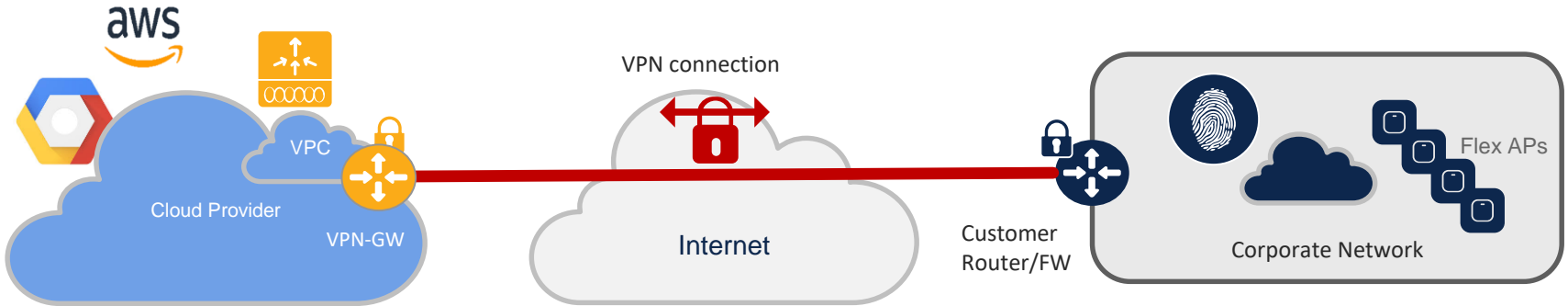
FlexConnect local switching only

ISE and AD typically on Prem

N+1 high availability

Smart License Management &  
DNA subscription based AP licenses

# Public Cloud – Managed VPN



# Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller on Catalyst 9K Switches

For SDA Deployment Only



# SD-Access Everywhere

Optimized for Distributed Branches

Small and Medium Campus

Medium and Large Campus

## On Switch



- Cisco IOS® XE Software
- Cat 9300, 9400, 9500
  - 200 AP, 4k Clients
- SD-Access wireless with Cat9800 Software Package
- Indirect AP Support
- Optimized for Mobility
- Centralize Control Plane
- Always on Fabric with robust HA

## On Private Cloud



- Cisco IOS® XE Software
- C9800-CL
  - 1k AP, 10k Clients
  - 3k AP, 32k Clients
  - 6k AP, 64k Clients^
- Scale on demand
- Optimized for mobility
- Designed for IoT
- Always on Fabric with robust HA

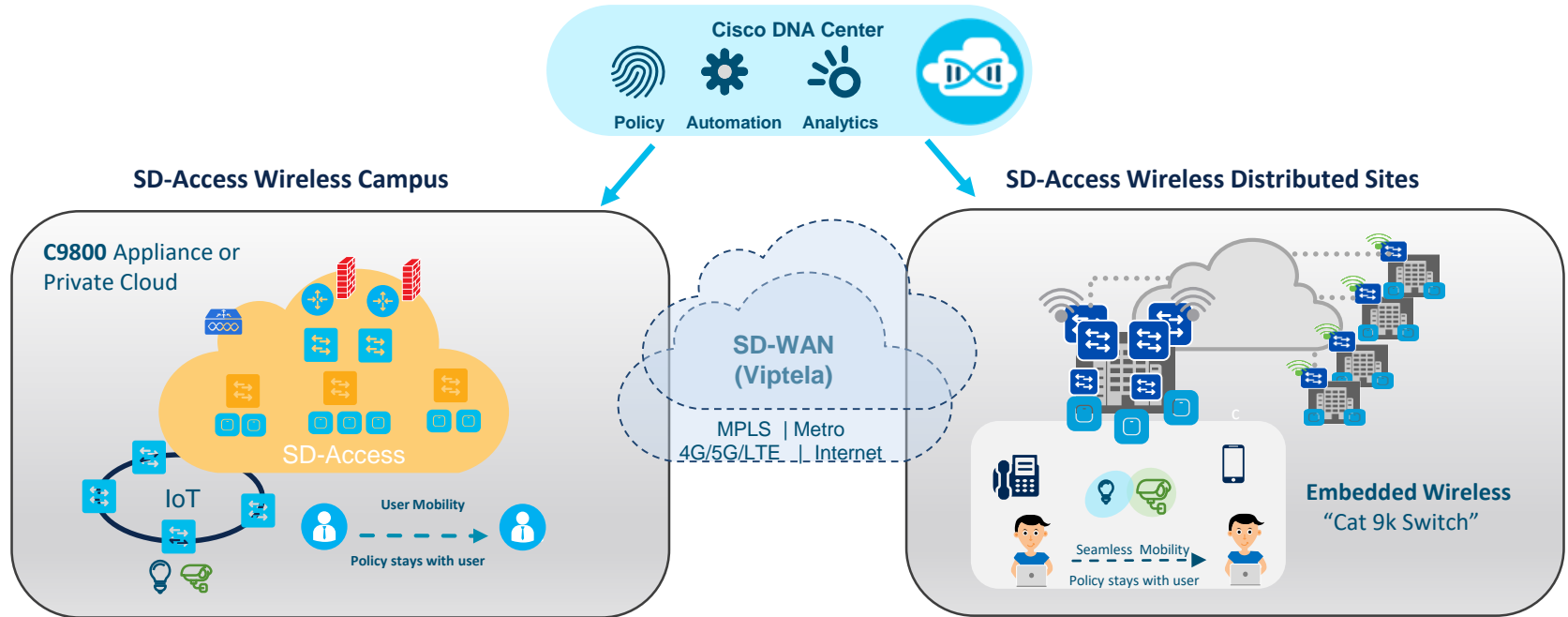
## On Appliance



- Cisco IOS® XE Software
- C9800-40-K9
  - 2k APs, 32k Clients
- C9800-80-K9
  - 6k APs, 64k Clients
- Optimized for mobility
- Designed for IoT
- Always on Fabric with robust HA

# Catalyst 9800 SD-Access Wireless

## Introducing SD-Access Multi-Site Wireless Solution



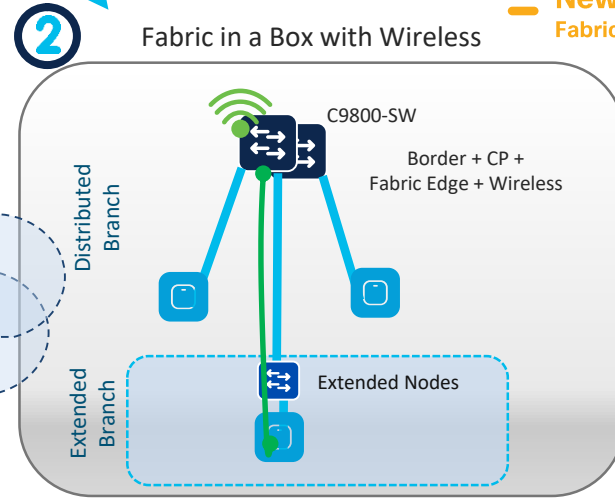
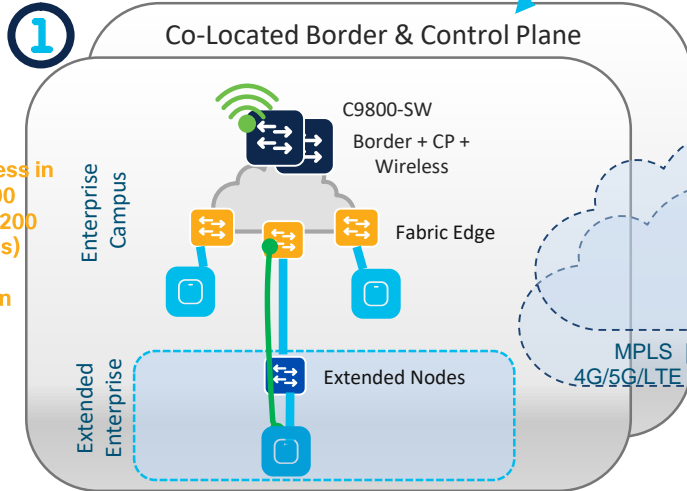
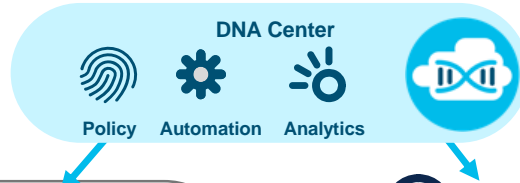
**Highly Secure and Optimized Solution for Campus and Distributed Sites**

# Catalyst 9800 SD-Access Embedded Wireless

## DNAC 1.3

Function	Catalyst
Co-located Border and Control + Wireless Controller	9300 (16.11) + DNAC 1.3 9400 (16.11) + DNAC 1.3 9500 (16.11) + DNAC 1.3
Fabric Edge	9300 (16.11) + DNAC 1.3 9400 (16.11) + DNAC 1.3 9200 (16.11) + DNAC 1.3

Function	Catalyst
Fabric in a Box (with Wireless Controller)	<b>9300 (16.11) + DNAC 1.3</b> <b>9400 (16.11) + DNAC 1.3</b>



**New in 16.11**  
Fabric in a box in 9400

**New in 16.11**  
- Integrated wireless in Catalyst 9400, 9500  
- Fabric Edge as 9200 (Limited to 25 APs)  
- No Support for Extended nodes on 9200

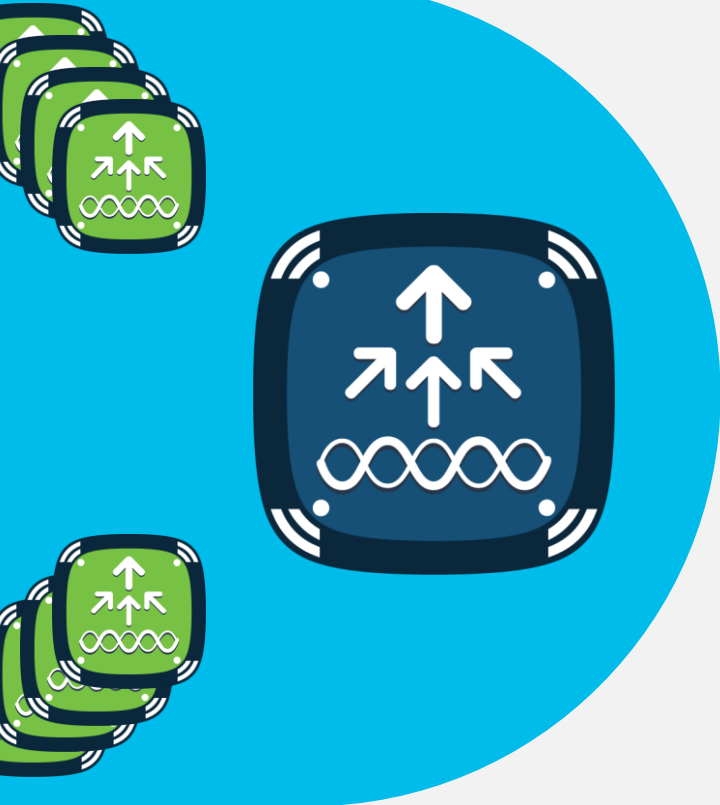
Highly Secure and Optimized Solution for Branch and Small Campus



# Embedded Wireless Controller (EWC) on Catalyst 9100 APs



# Embedded Wireless Controller on Catalyst 9100 Ready for Enterprise deployments



Runs C9800 **IOS-XE** Wireless Controller on Catalyst Access Points

Modern OS, scalable, open and programmable, supports telemetry



Supports Advanced Enterprise Feature Set

HA, SMU, aWIPS, Umbrella, NetFlow, ICAP



Flexible Management Options

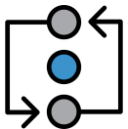
Use Mobile App, WebUI and DNA-C to Deploy, Manage and Monitor



Investment Protection

Migrate Access Points to controller for more than 100 Access Points

# Ready for Enterprise Branch Deployment



Redundancy with Active & Standby Controllers running simultaneously on two Access Points

<10 seconds

Active to Standby switchover in a few seconds



SMU (patching) support for both Controller and Access Point



aWIPS\*, Rogue detection, identification and mitigation



Walled Garden & DNS Blocking<sup>1</sup>



Cisco Umbrella

Cloud Delivered Enterprise Security with Cisco Umbrella\*



Simplified WebUI for Monitoring, Provisioning and Day-N Operations



DNA Center

PnP, Automation and Assurance



Open standards based programmability with NETCONF, YANG

#CiscoLiveAPIC

ON

Resilient



Secure



Intelligent & IT Simplicity

# Embedded Wireless Controller Catalyst 9100 Access Points

Ideal for single or multi-site small to medium Enterprise deployments



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## C9115AX-EWC

- 50 Access Point, 1000 Clients
- 4x4 + 4x4
- MU-MIMO, OFDMA
- Spectrum intelligence
- Bluetooth 5
- 1 x 2.5 mGig
- USB
- Integrated or External antenna



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## C9117AX-EWC

- 50 Access Point, 1000 Clients
- 8x8 + 4x4
- MU-MIMO, OFDMA (only DL)
- Spectrum intelligence
- Bluetooth 5
- 1 x 5 mGig
- USB
- Integrated Antenna only

## Mission Critical

Best suited for High Density Enterprise Branch Deployments



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Powered by Cisco RF ASIC

## C9120AX-EWC

- 100 Access Point, 2000 Clients
- 4x4 + 4x4
- MU-MIMO, OFDMA
- Cisco RF ASIC
- Dual 5GHz, HDX
- RF signature capture
- 1 x 2.5 mGig
- Integrated or External antenna



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Powered by Cisco RF ASIC

## C9130AX-EWC

- 100 Access Point, 2000 Clients
- 8x8 + 4x4 or 4x4 + 4x4 + 4x4
- Tri-radio (Dual 5GHz + 2.4GHz), HDX
- Cisco RF ASIC
- RF signature capture
- Decrypted data packet iCAP
- 1 x 5 mGig
- 8 port Smart Antennas

Software Feature Parity across APs

Supports up to 100 APs, 2000 Clients

Supports Wave 2 APs as client serving

Cisco DNA Assurance with iCAP

# What About 802.11ac Wave 2 Access Points?

Supports client serving mode

Ideal for small to medium-sized deployments

Mission critical

Indoor



1815W



1815I, 1815M



1832



1842



1852



2802



3802



4800

Outdoor



1540



1560

ALL 11ac Wave 2 Access Points can connect to Embedded Wireless Controller

# Cisco Recommended Releases

## Catalyst 9800 and 3504/5520/8540 AireOS Wireless Controllers

Access Points	IOS-XE	AireOS	DNA-C	Prime	CMX	ISE
C9115AX, C9117AX, C9120AX, 9130AX	16.12.2s	8.10.105.0	1.3.2	3.7MR1	10.6.2	2.2 2.4 2.6
Wave 2	16.12.2s	8.5.161.0	1.3.2	3.7MR1	10.6.2	2.2 2.4 2.6
Wave 2 4800 APs	16.12.2s	8.8.125.0	1.3.2	3.7MR1	10.6.2	2.2 2.4 2.6

# Key Differentiators



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# Resiliency

# How long can people survive without Internet ?

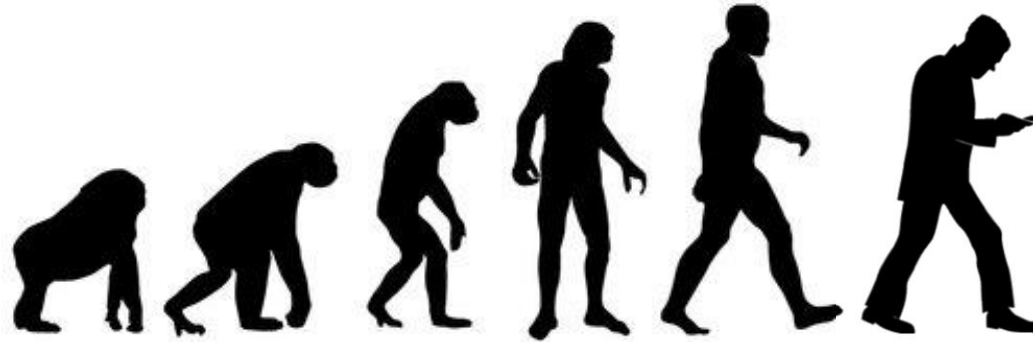
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Time



1990



Now



2,000,000  
years

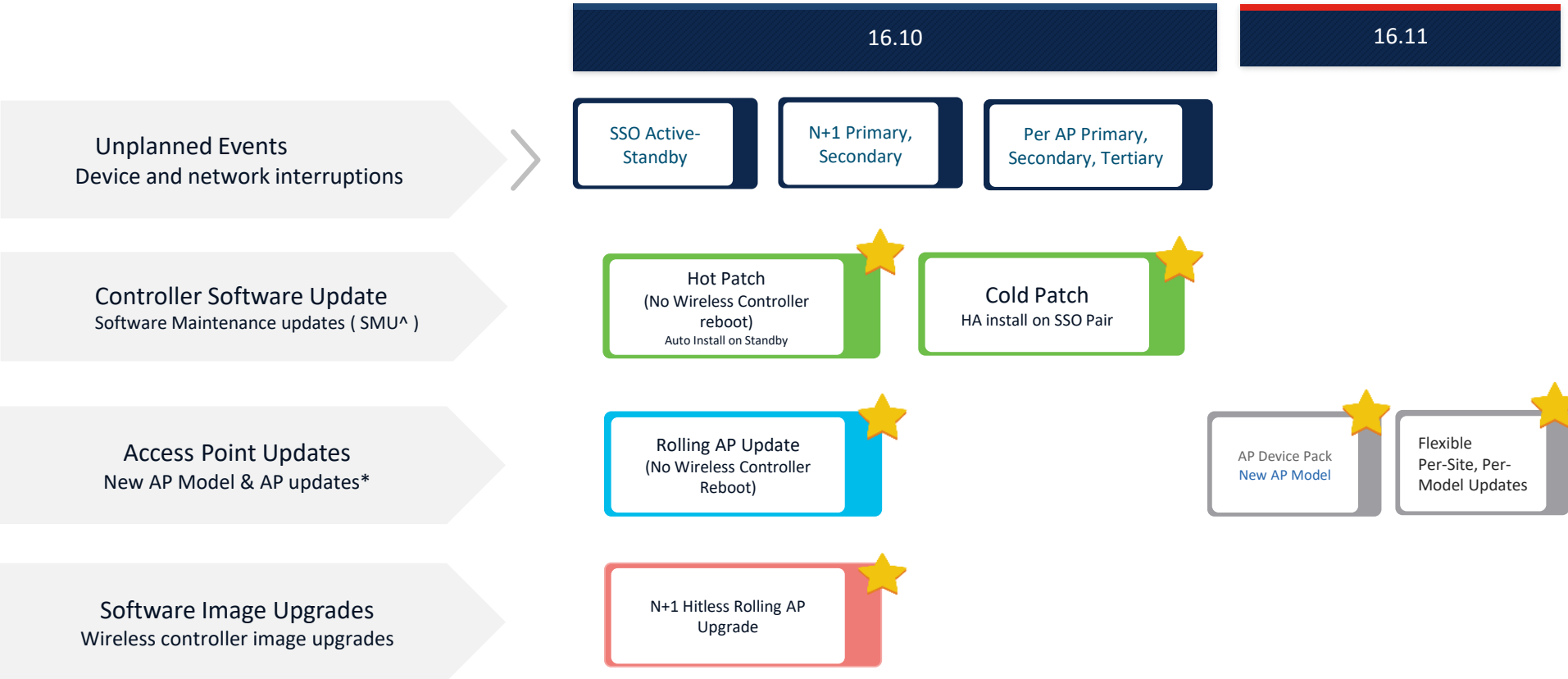
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per Year !



# High Availability

## Reducing downtime for Upgrades and Unplanned Events

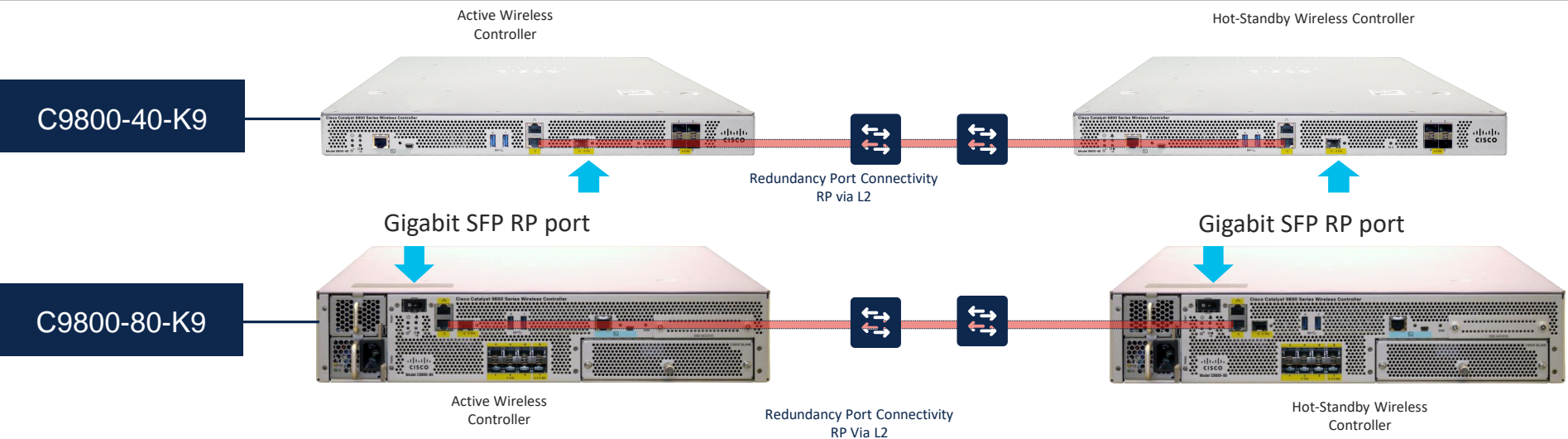
 Cisco Catalyst  
9800 Wireless  
Controller  
Differentiators  
^ MD Release Only



# High Availability – Stateful Switch Over (SSO)

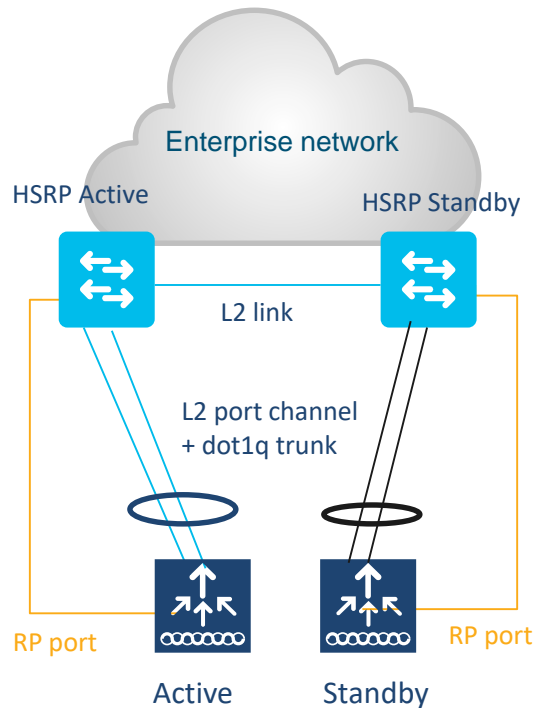
A direct physical connection between Active and Standby Redundant Ports or Layer 2 connectivity is required to provide stateful redundancy within or across datacenters

## Sub-second failover and zero SSID outage



# Dual Distribution Switches with HSRP (before 17.1)

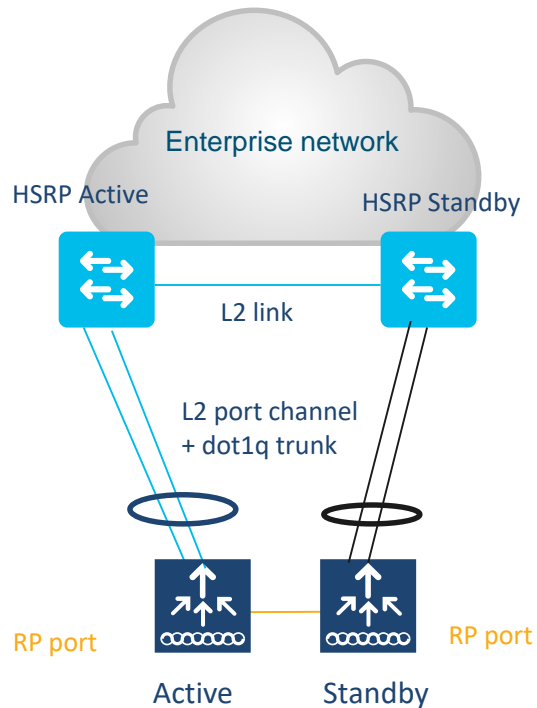
## SSO HA pair



- For SSO HA, connect the Standby in the same way
- Single L2 port-channel on each box. Ports connected to Active and ports connected to Standby must be put in different port-channel
- Enable dot1q to carry multiple VLANs
- **IMPORTANT: only LAG with mode ON is supported**
- **IMPORTANT: connect RP port to the same distribution switch as the uplinks and not back to back**
- Make sure that switch can scale in terms of ARP and MAC table entries
- **This is a supported topology**

# Dual Distribution Switches with HSRP (17.1 and higher)

## SSO HA pair

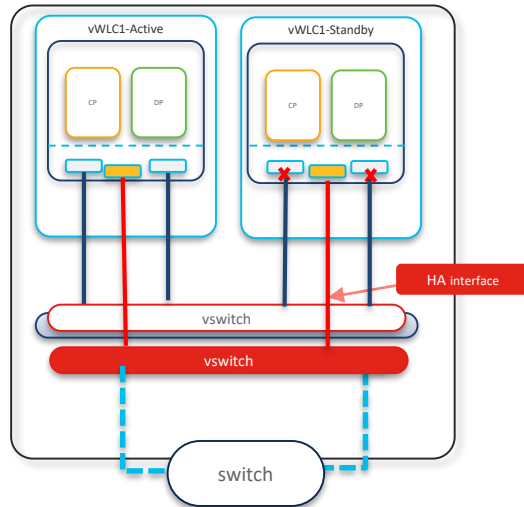


- For SSO HA, connect the Standby in the same way
- Single L2 port-channel on each box. Ports connected to Active and ports connected to Standby must be put in different port-channel
- Port-channel PagP and LACP supported
- Enable dot1q to carry multiple VLANs
- Make sure that switch can scale in terms of ARP and MAC table entries
- **This is a Recommended topology**

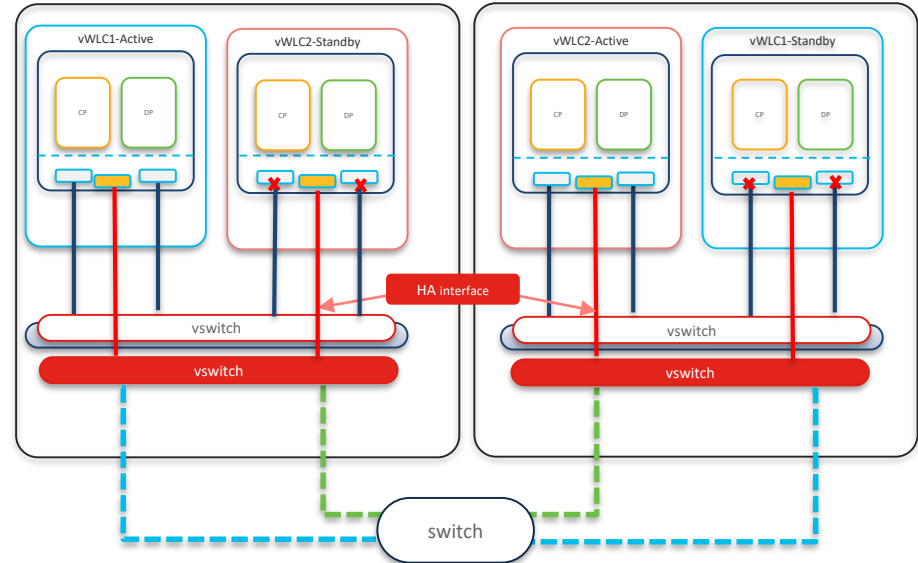
# High Availability (AP & Client SSO)



C9800-CL-K9



Redundancy Port Connectivity



Redundancy Port Connectivity  
RP via L2

# Planned Updates

Wireless Controller and AP SW  
Updates



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# Controller and AP Software Upgrades



## Controller Updates

Controller update or bug fixes



## PSIRTs, fixes on APs

AP update or bug fixes



## New AP Model Support

Hot-patchable support for Device Pack



### Contain impact within release

Fixes for defects and security issues without need to requalify a new release



### Faster resolution to critical issues

Provide fixes to critical issues found in network devices that are time-sensitive

# Wireless Controller SMU

Software Maintenance Update



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# Wireless Controller SMU

## Wireless Controller SMU installation Options

- Software Maintenance Update (SMU) is the ability to apply patch fixes on a software release in the customer network
- Current mechanism relies on Engineering Specials
  - Entire image is rebuilt and delivered to customer

**Hot Patch**  
(No Wireless Controller reboot)  
Auto Install on Standby

### Hot-Patching

Inline replace of functions without restarting the process

On SSO Systems, patch will be applied on both active and standby without any reload

**Cold Patch**  
Wireless Controller Reboot

### Cold Patching

Install of a SMU will require a system reload

On SSO systems, SMU updates can be installed on the HA Pair with zero downtime

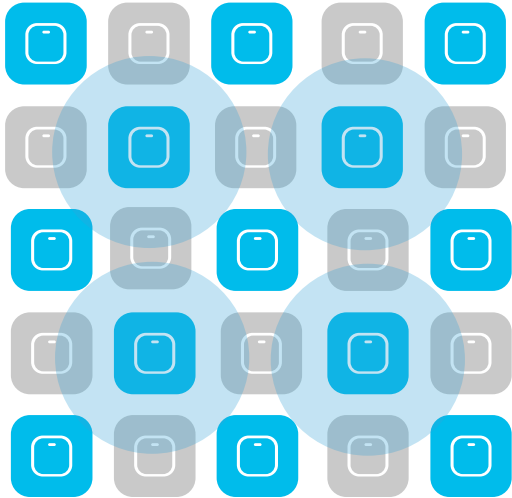
- ✓ **SMU Infrastructure will be available in 16.10 FCS release**
- ✓ **SMUs for C9800 will be available starting the first MD Release**

# Rolling AP Update/Upgrade Infrastructure



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# Neighbor Marking



User selects % of APs to upgrade in one go [5, 15, 25]

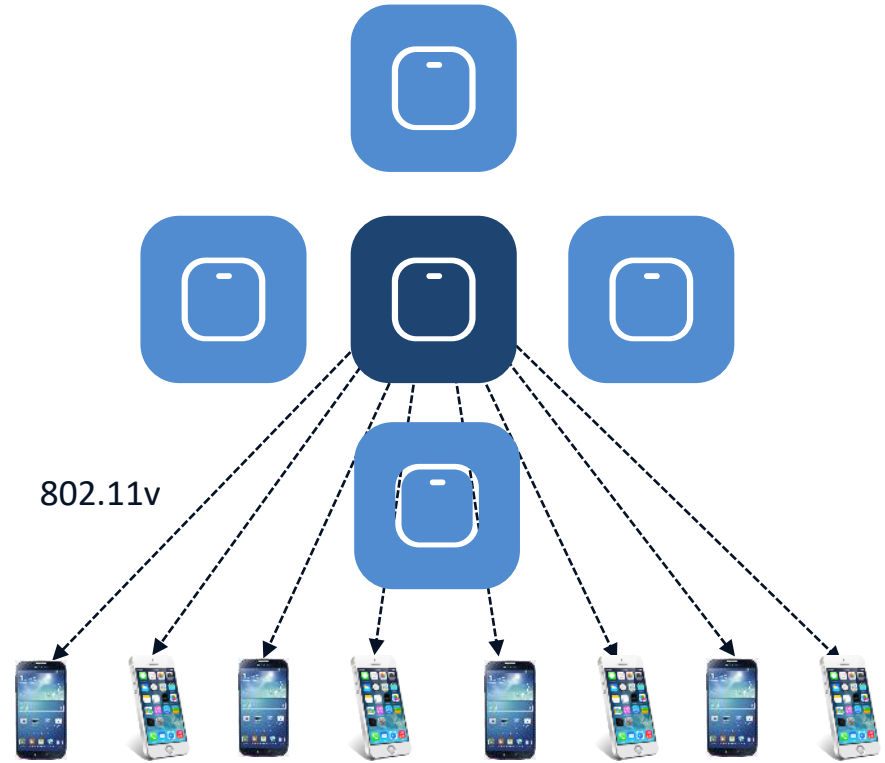
For 25%, Neighbors marked = 6 [Expected number of iterations ~ 5]

For 15%, Neighbors marked = 12 [Expected number of iterations ~ 12]

For 5%, Neighbors marked = 24 [Expected number of iterations ~ 22]

# Client Steering

- Clients steered from candidate APs to non-candidate APs
- 802.11v BSS Transition Request
- Dissociation imminent
- If clients do not honor this, they will be de-authenticated before AP reload



 New in 16.11

# Per-site & per-AP Model AP Service Pack

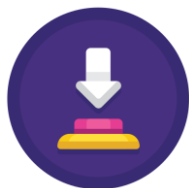


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# Per-site / Per-model AP Service Pack



Supported on all platforms and all deployment scenarios (Flex, Local and Fabric)



Pre-downloaded to and activated on the affected AP models only

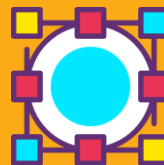


Per-model APSP works in conjunction with site-specific rollout



## Per-AP model Service Pack

APSP can have a subset of APs that are affected by the update



## Update on Subset APs

Fix applied on a subset of APs in the deployment using a site-filter



## Controlled Propagation

Enables user to control the propagation of APSP in the network

# APSP Workflow

## Applying APSP for 3800/2800 APs on per-site and per model basis

ap image site-filter file APSP1 add SiteA

Install prepare activate

Install activate

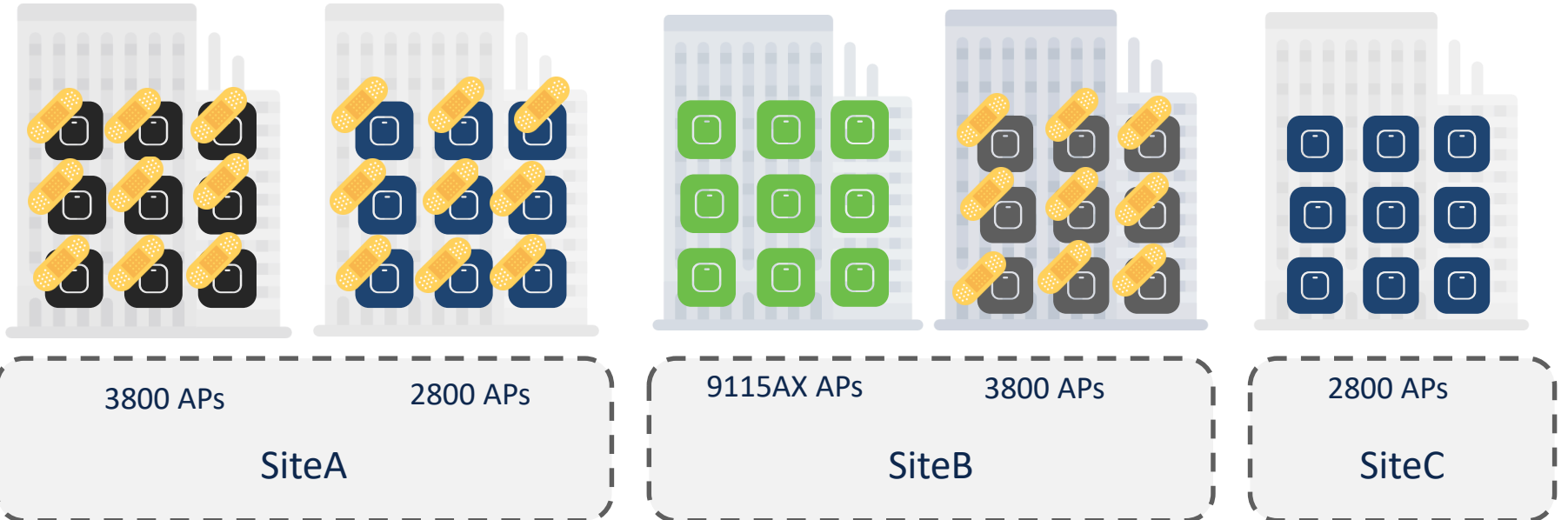
Install commit

Apply on Site A in rolling AP fashion

ap image site-filter file APSP1 add Site B

ap image file APSP1 site-filter apply

Not applicable for building with 9115AX



 New in 16.11

## AP Device Pack



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# AP Device Pack

Traditionally ..



New AP hardware models need new WLC software



Wait for CCO version and re-qualify new release



Plan for Upgrading entire network



Contain Impact within release

Deploy new hardware without need to requalify a new controller release



Reduce Lifecycle delays

Faster deployment of latest AP hardware and technology



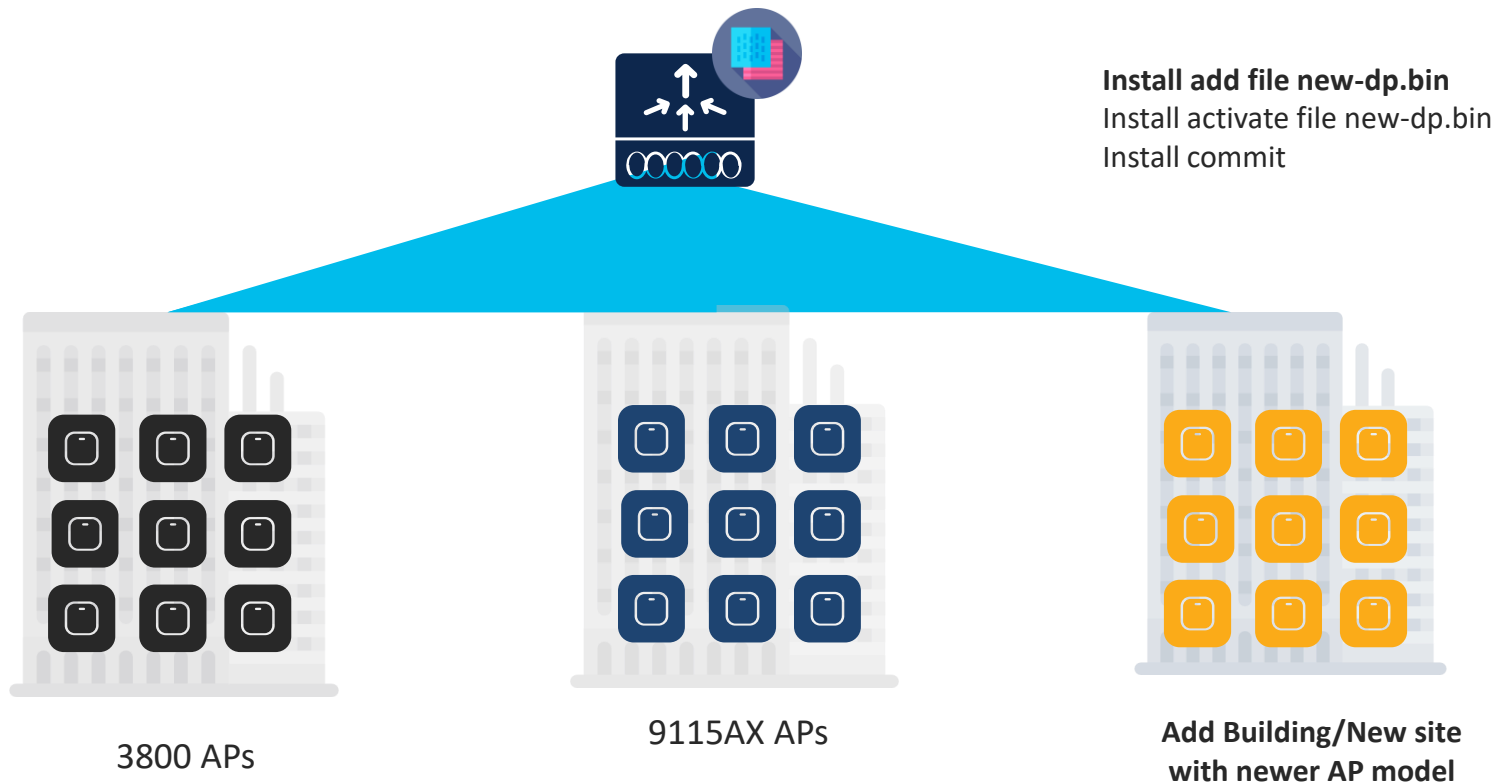
Zero Network Downtime

Applied as HOT patch on the controller with no service impact for APs and Clients

With AP Device Packs

Note : Even if new AP software supports extra wireless functionality, only the functionality supported by WLC will be enabled.

# APDP Installation Workflow



Note: Fixes for the AP installed via APDP will be via AP Service packs like a baseline supported AP

# Hitless N+1 Image Upgrade

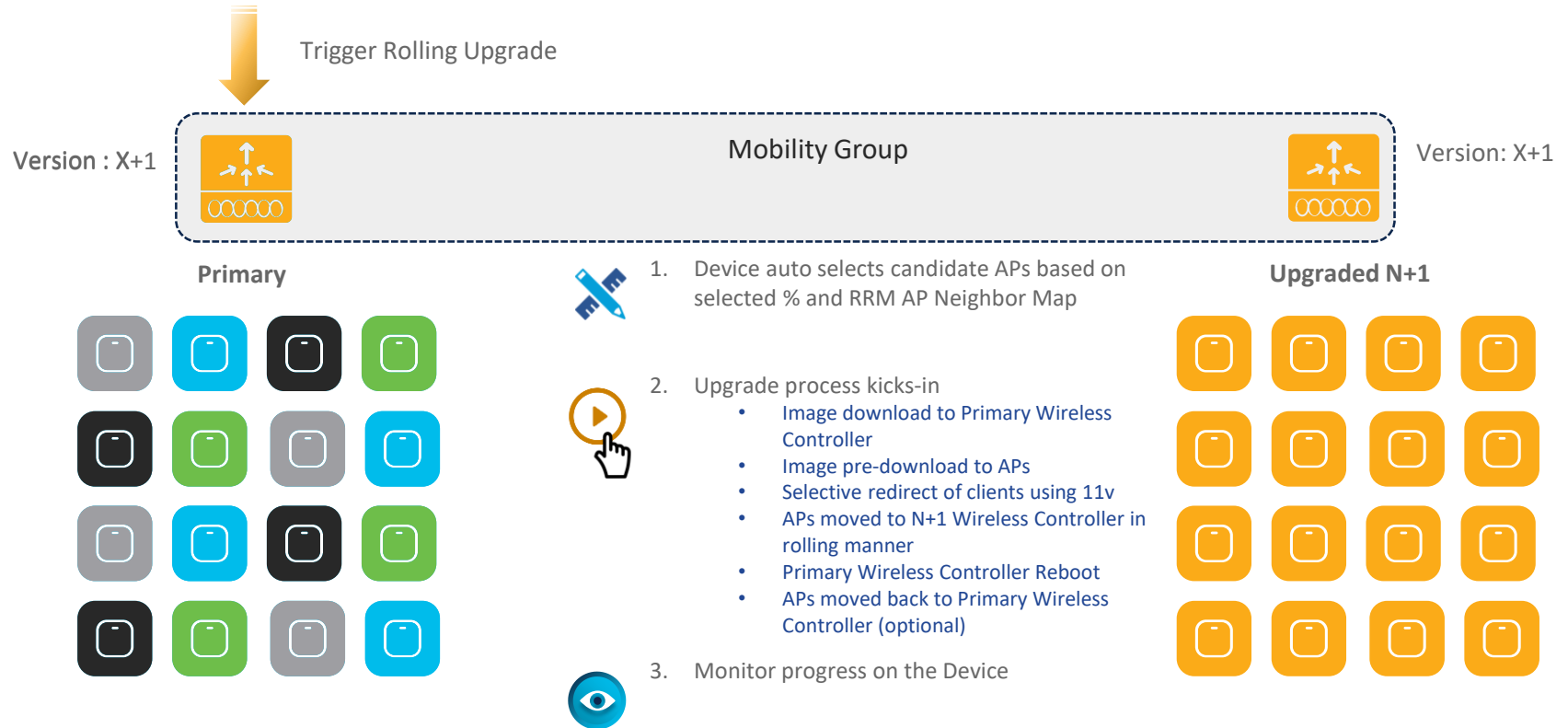
Using Rolling AP Infrastructure



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# N+1 Rolling AP Upgrade

## Wireless Controller Image upgrade using N+1 staging Controller



# Security



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Air



Devices



Users



Rogue detection & Mitigation



Enhanced threat detection with ETA



Seamless BYOD onboarding with ISE

**WPA3** Standards compliance with WPA3\*



- Enhanced security on open Wi-Fi
- Robust password protection
- Superior data protection
- Seamless customer migration



Secure device management with iPSK



Identity based segmentation with SDA

# Security and Threat Mitigation



802.1x  
WPA2/AES



WPA3\*



P2P  
Blocking



MAC Auth



802.11w



Rogue Detection



ETA



TrustSec  
SGT, SXP



AAA Override  
VLAN, ACL, QoS



Local Policy w/  
QoS and AVC



BYOD  
NAC RADIUS



Client Exclusion

\*16.12

## Lower Risk

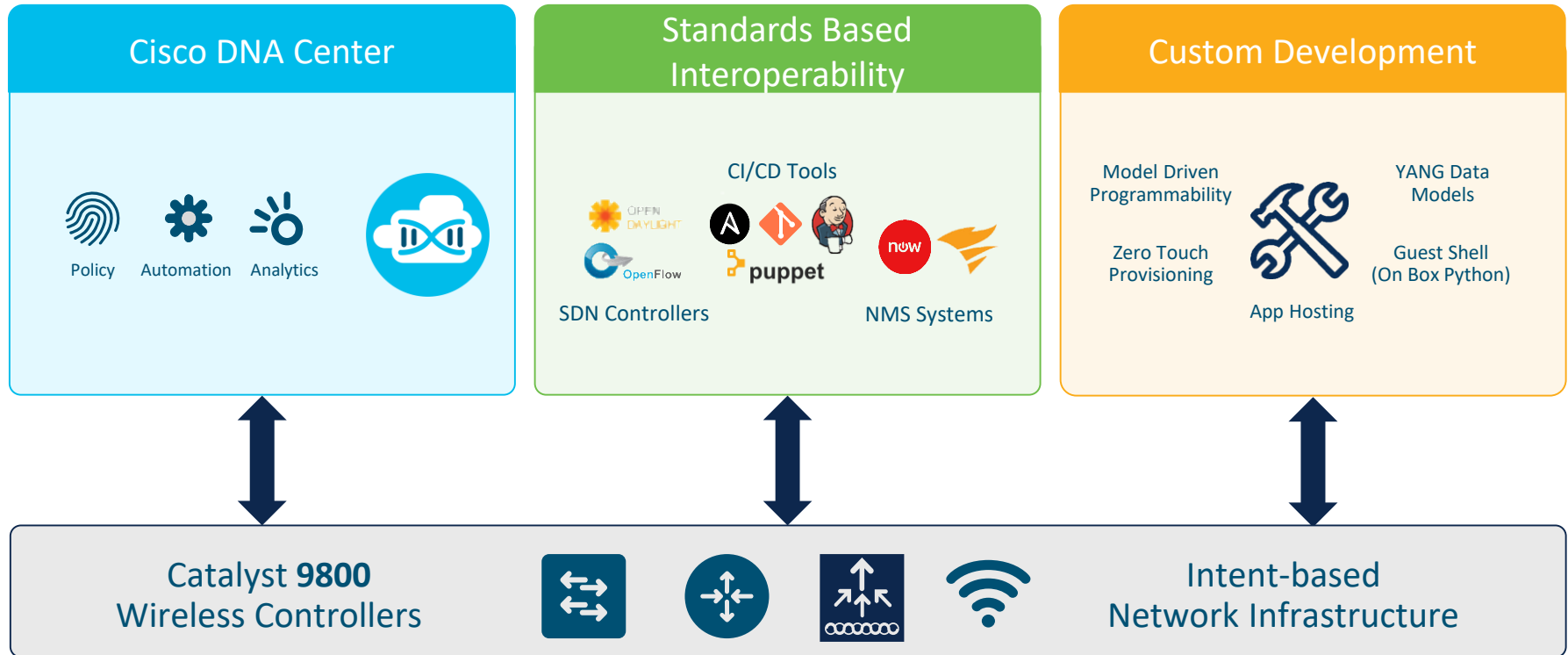
# Programmability & Telemetry



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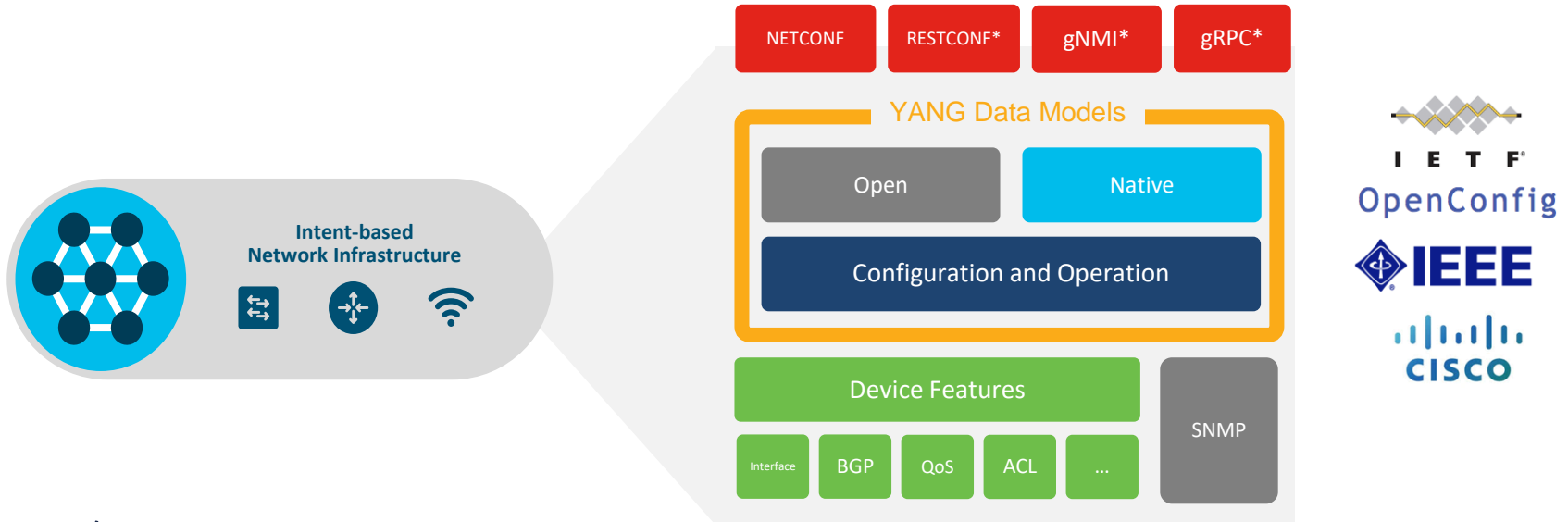
# Flexible Management Options with Cisco Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controllers



# Wireless Programmability “Stack”

The NETCONF, RESTCONF, gNMI and gRPC are programmatic interfaces that provide additional methods for interfacing with the device

YANG data models define the data that is available for configuration and streaming telemetry



# Config vs Operational YANG Data Models

## Config-data

- What the device is told to do
- It's the way you express intent

### Examples:

```
switch> show run interface Loopback0  
switch(config)# interface Loopback0
```

### Cisco-IOS-XE-Wireless: Config models

ap	general	rogue
apf	location	rrm
cts-sxp	mesh	security
dot11	mobility	site
fabric	mstream	wlan
flex	rf	
fqdn	rfid	

## Operational-data

- What the device is actually doing
- It's what you see from most show commands

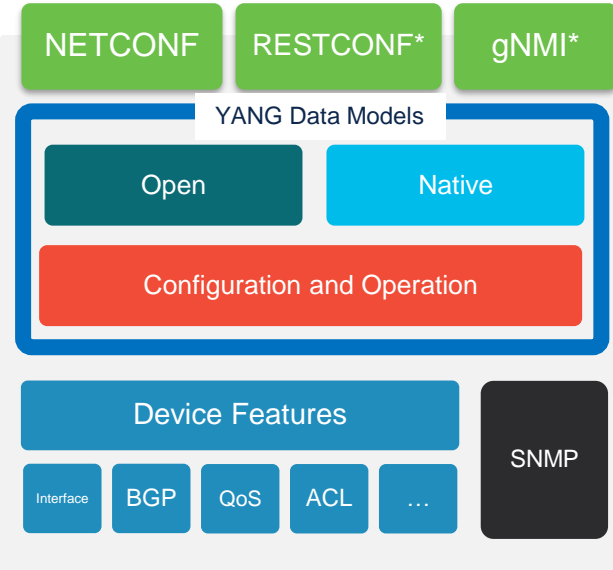
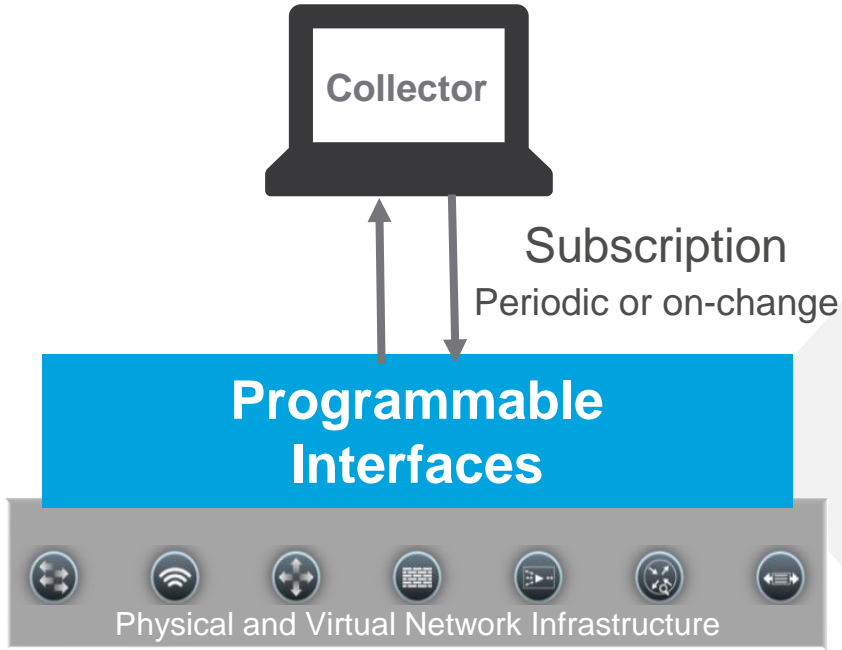
### Examples:

```
switch> show interface Loopback0  
'snmpget' results
```

### Cisco-IOS-XE-Wireless: Oper models

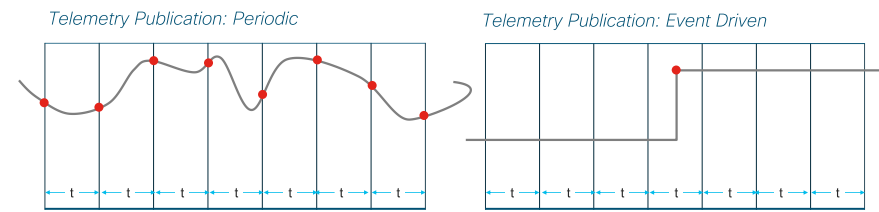
access-point	mobility
client	nmosp
fqdn	rf-profile
lisp-agent	rfid
mcast	rogue
mesh	rrm

# Model Driven Telemetry



# Network Subscription

A subscription is a contract between the network device and a subscriber that specifies the type of data, the frequency, and



## Instruction on:

- What data to collect
- Where and how to send
- How often and how much



Subscribe to `ietf-yangpush.yang`  
Specify xpath/KPI (defined within data model)

Collector

```
sh telemetry ietf subscription 100 receiver
```

Subscription ID: 100  
Address: 10.10.105.10  
Port: 47870  
Protocol: netconf  
Profile:  
State: Connected  
Explanation:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<rpc message-id="id" xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
<establish-subscription xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-event-notifications"
  xmlns:yp="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-yang-push">
  <stream>yp:yang-push</stream>
  <yp:xpath-filter>/wireless-location-oper:location-oper-data/location-rssi-measurements</yp:xpath-filter>
  <yp:period>1000</yp:period>
</establish-subscription>
</rpc>
```

# Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller Configuration Model



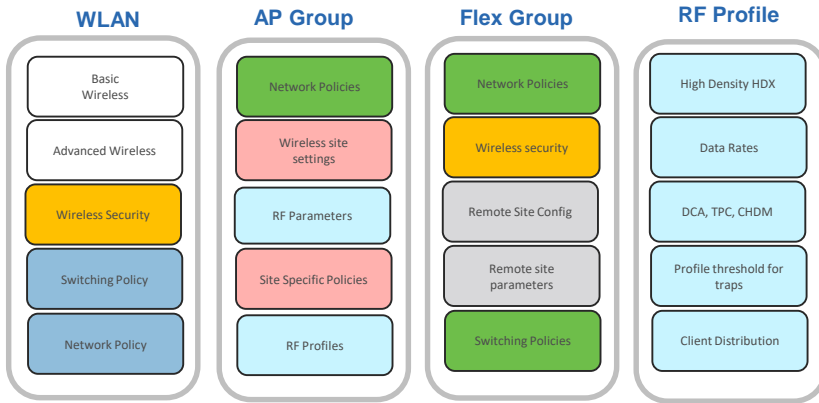
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# Benefits of New Configuration Model



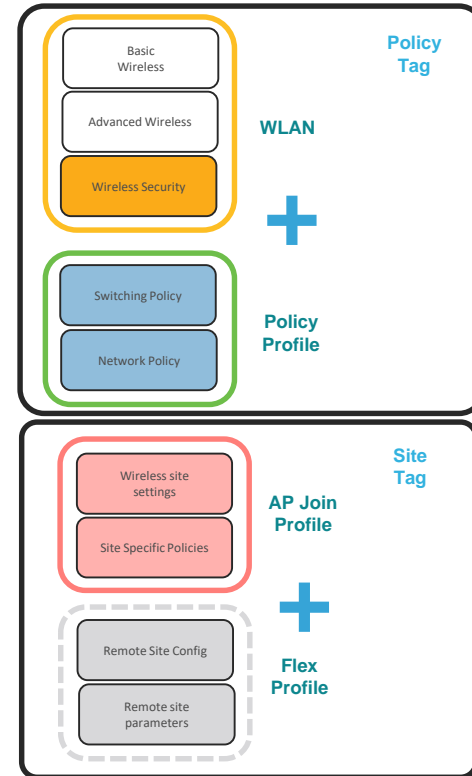
# AireOS vs Catalyst 9800 (IOS-XE) Config Model

Going towards a more **Modularized and Reusable** model with **Logical decoupling** of configuration entities

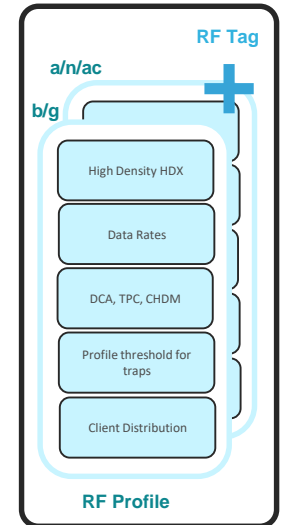
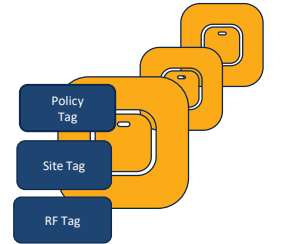


AireOS Config Model

Decouple  
Modularize

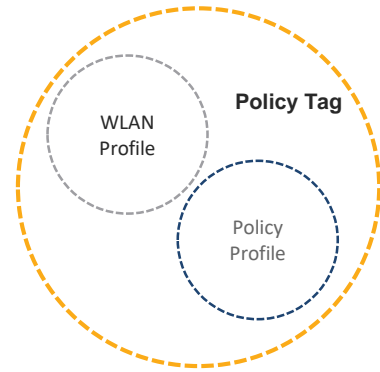


Granular & simplified  
What **Policies** on which **Sites**  
with what **RF** characteristics





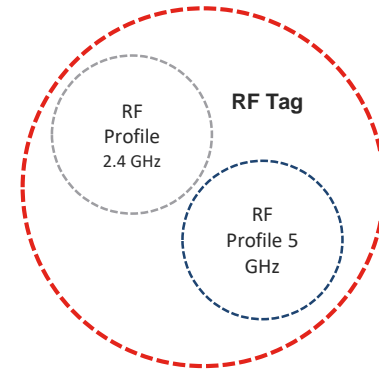
# Catalyst 9800 Config Model



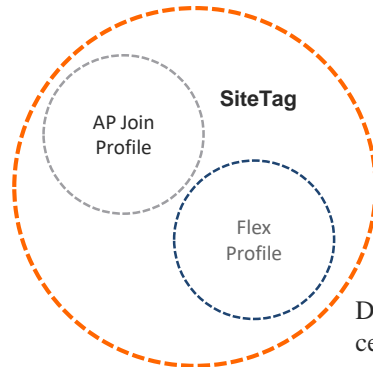
Defines the broadcast domain (list of WLANs to be broadcasted) with the properties of the respective SSIDs



Access Points



Defines the RF properties of the network



Defines the properties of the central and the remote site APs

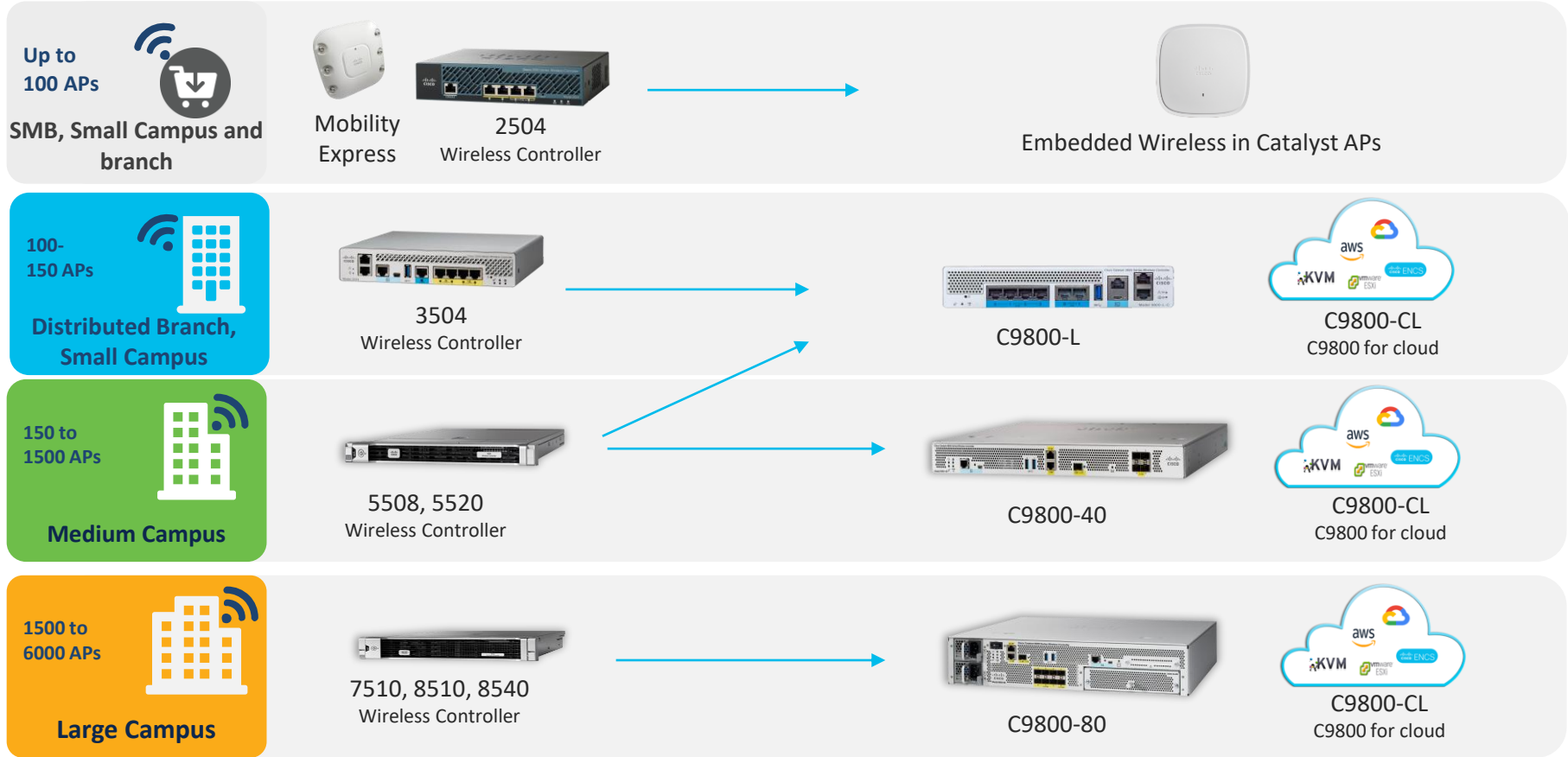
# Catalyst 9800 Migration



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# Wireless Controller Positioning and Transition

Refresh old 2504, 5508, 8510 to 9800 and position 9800 in new opportunities





# Migration Tools

# Migration from AireOS WLC to C9800 with DNAC



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top left is the YouTube logo. A search bar is located at the top center. The video player itself has a dark blue background with the Cisco logo and 'Global Sales Training Virtual Team Program' text in the top left. A graphic of three people icons is in the top right. The main title 'AireOS to C9800 migration using Cisco DNA Center' is centered in white. Below the title, the presenter's name 'Simone Arena' and title 'Principal TME' are listed. At the bottom of the player, there is a progress bar showing '0:05 / 22:31' and various control icons. Below the player, the video title 'Migration from AireOS WLC to C9800 using Cisco DNAC' and '12 views' are displayed. On the right side of the video area, there are icons for likes (1), dislikes (0), share, save, and a menu. At the bottom left, the channel name 'CiscoWLAN' and 'Published on 27 Mar 2019' are shown. At the bottom right, there is a red 'SUBSCRIBE 2.3K' button.

- It covers AireOS to C9800 migration using DNAC
- Step by step configuration
- **Note:** DNAC only learns a subset of configurations from AireOS, the ones that are mapped to the Design flow
- [Direct link](#)

# Migration Tool

- Migration tool is now alive and managed by TAC
- Tool is available here <https://cway.cisco.com/tools/WirelessConfigConverter/>

The screenshot displays the Cisco TAC Tool interface for migrating configuration from AirOS to C9800. On the left, a sidebar lists the categories of converted configuration lines: Translated Config, Unsupported Config, Not Applicable Config, and Unmapped Config. The main panel shows the 'Translated Config' section, which contains a detailed configuration snippet for interface management on VLAN 113. The configuration includes commands for interface configuration, VLAN management, address management, and interface description.

```
=====  
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
! Interface Configuration  
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
! config interface vlan management 113  
! config interface address management 207.129.102.249 255.255.255.0 207.129.102.254  
vlan 113  
name "management"  
no shutdown  
interface vlan 113  
description "management"  
ip address 207.129.102.249 255.255.255.0  
no shutdown  
!
```

Tool provides following config:

- Translated
- Unmapped
- Unsupported
- Not Applicable
- AireOS CLIs and the correspondent translated IOS-XE commands
- Always recommended to analyze the translated config before paste it

# Integrating with existing AireOS Deployments

Inter Release Controller Mobility  
(IRCM) for AireOS and Catalyst 9800

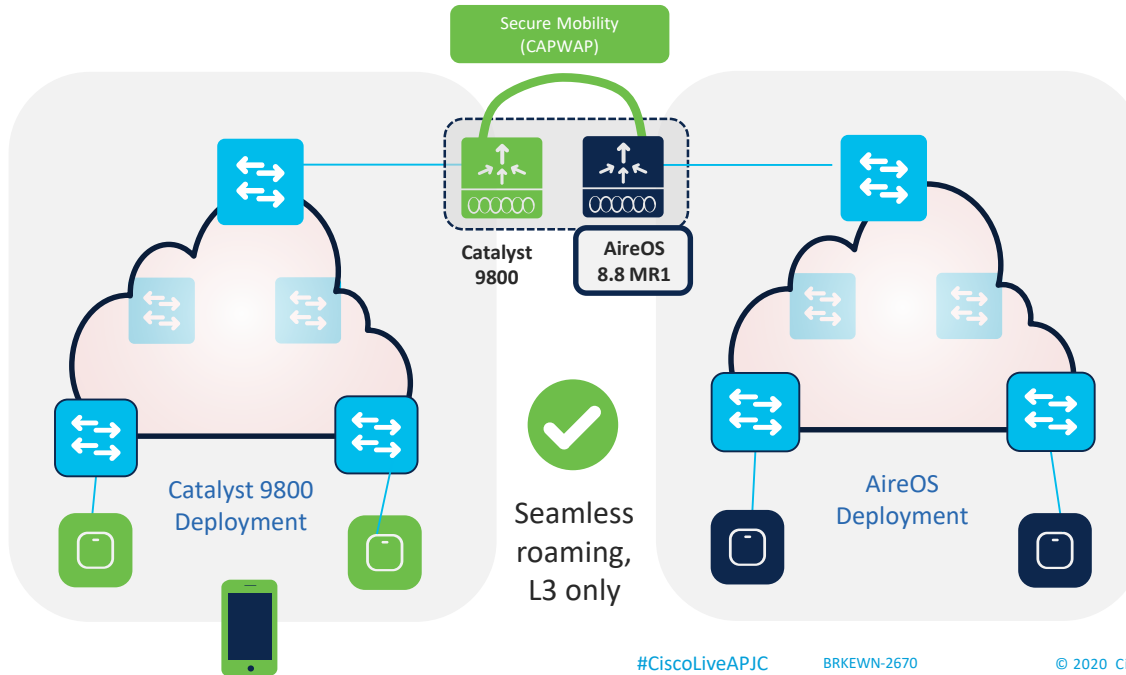


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# IRCM : AireOS and Cisco Catalyst 9800

Secure Mobility  
(CAPWAP)

Seamless roaming b/w Catalyst 9800 and AireOS 8.8 MR1 (3504/5520/8540)



Also supported on AireOS  
8.5MR4 Special



# IRCM: AireOS and Cisco Catalyst 9800

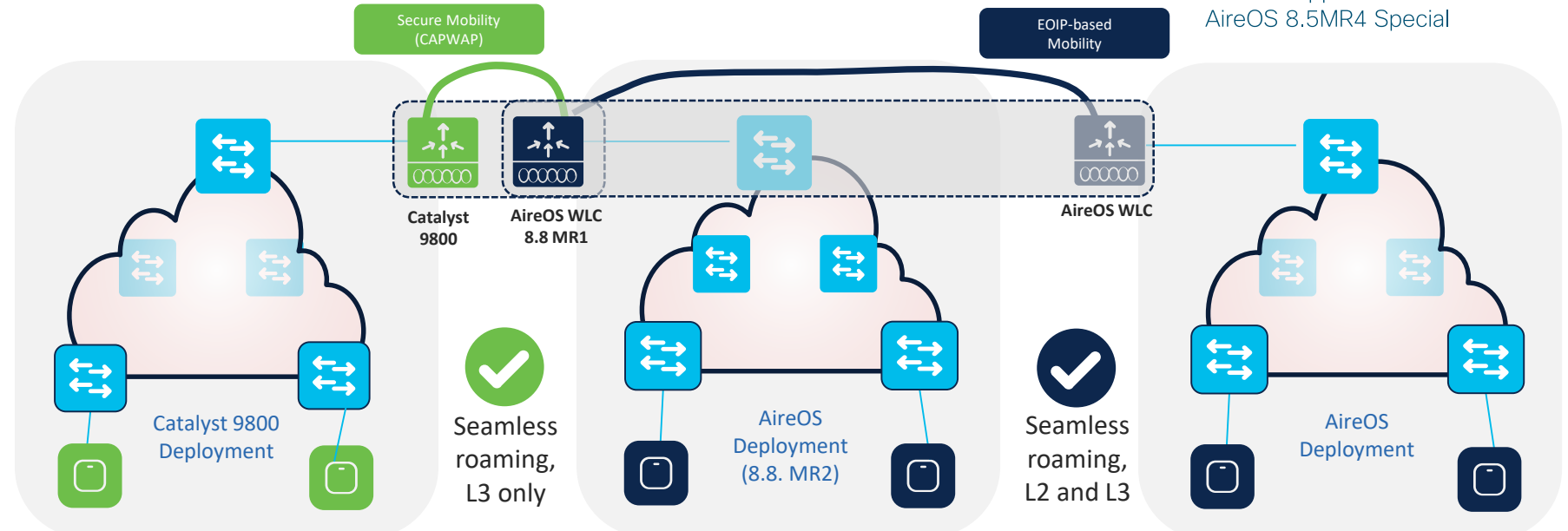
Enabling seamless roaming across Campus



Also supported on  
AireOS 8.5MR4 Special

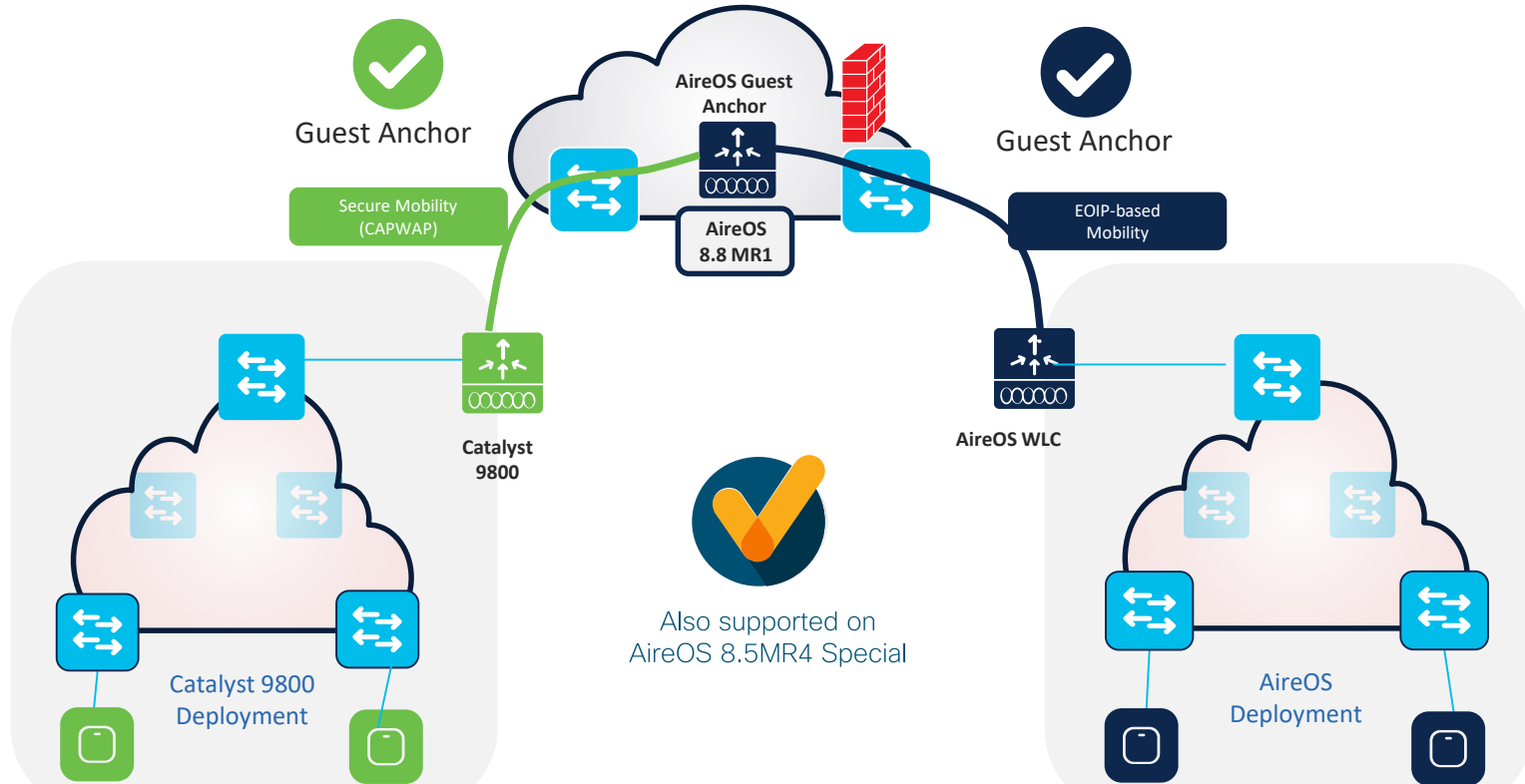
Secure Mobility  
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EoIP-based  
Mobility



Upgrade only the AireOS controller in the roaming path

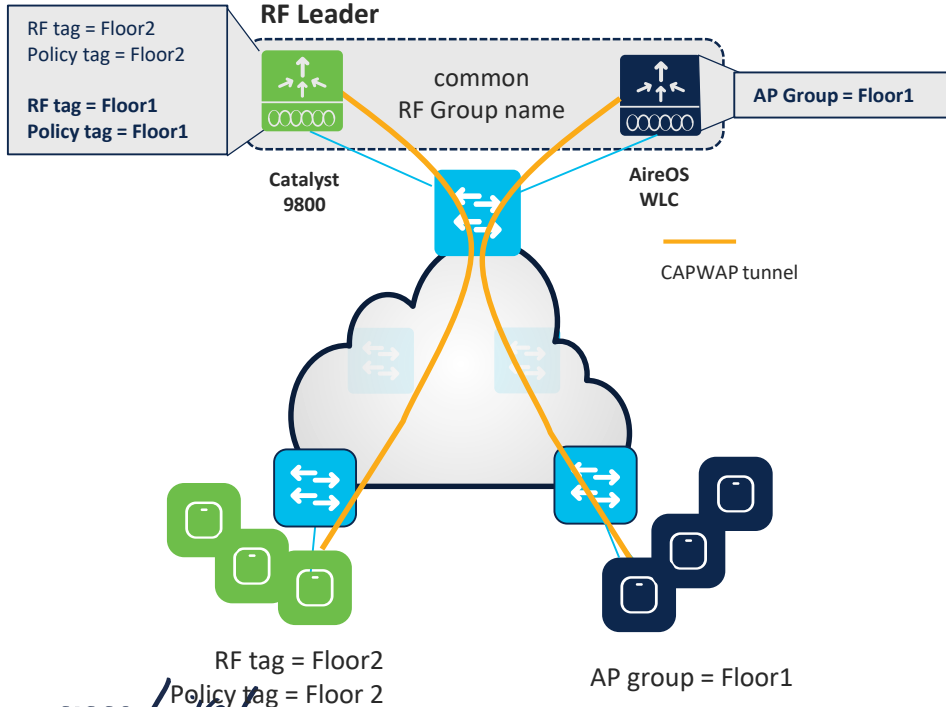
# Guest : AireOS and Cisco Catalyst 9800



**Upgrade the AireOS Guest Anchor to 8.8 MR1 (on 3504/5520/8540)  
and manage both Catalyst 9800 and AireOS Foreign**

# Brownfield Scenario – Common RF Plan

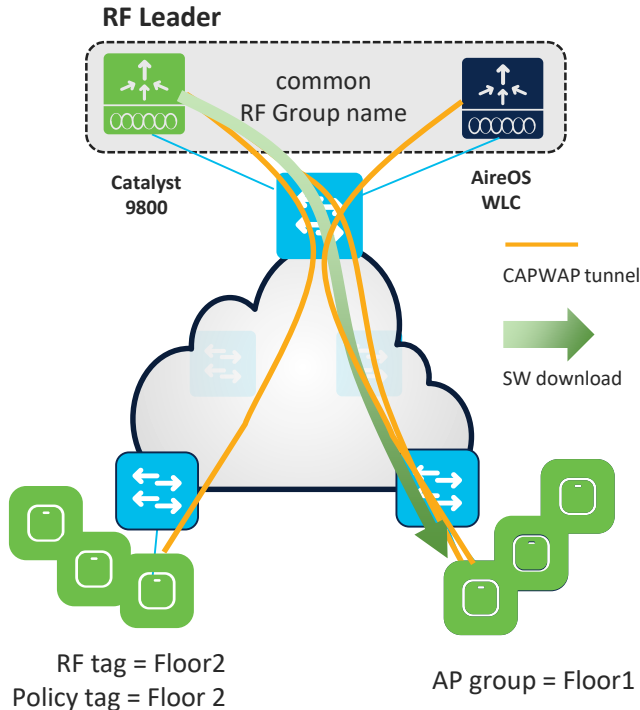
Adding C9800 to a AireOS network. RRM works in a mixed controller environment:



- C9800 and AireOS controllers can create one RF domain and share a **common RF plan**
- The **RF group name** on both AireOS and C9800 controllers needs to match
- 8.8 is required on AireOS (8.8MR1 recommended)
  - A RF leader is elected (based on controller capacity) and common channel and power plan will be used for all APs
  - APs will be not show up as rogue on the other controller
- **NOTE:** in a scenario where you want to have custom RF profiles or enable FRA, then the leader ( e.g. C9800 controller) needs to have Policy and RF tags matching the names of the AP Group names on AireOS WLC. Of course the settings of RF profiles on both controllers need to match as well.

# Brownfield Scenario – AP Move

AP migration should happen in chunks (floor or roaming domain (e.g. building))



## Things to keep in mind:

- Make sure the AP can join the c9800 (W1/W2/AX APs)
- To move the AP from AireOS to C9800:
- From GUI:



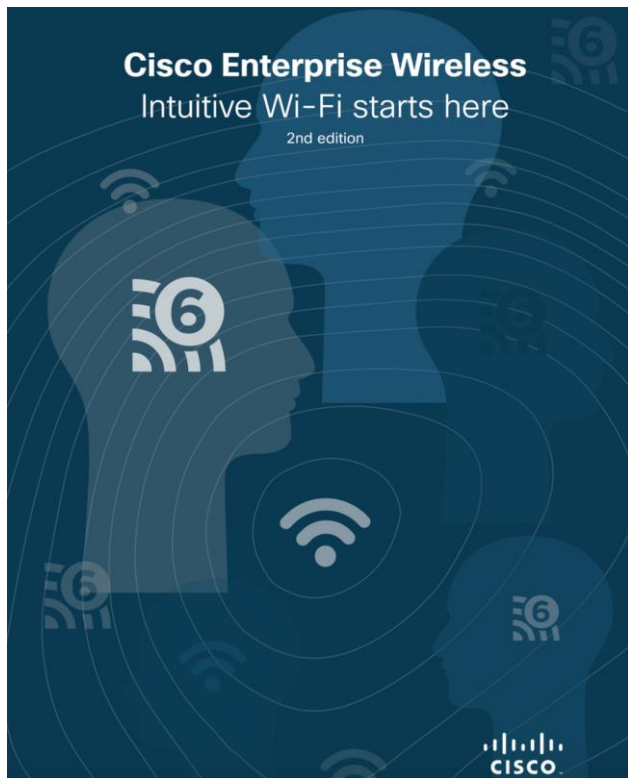
from CLI: `capwap ap primary-base <name> <IPaddress>`

- The first time you move an AP from AireOS to C9800 (or vice versa), the AP will download the new image
- The AP will reboot and join the new controller
- If the AP has the image as a backup because had already joined that controller, then there is no download

# Additional Resources

- [Deployment guides \(CCO\)](#)
- [Configuration Examples and Tech notes](#)
- [Cisco Wireless YouTube channel](#)

# Don't Miss the Cisco Wireless Book...



It's an e-book and you can download it from here

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