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Advanced ISE Architect, Design and Scale ISE for your production networks

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- Several Sessions and White Papers on Security topics

Cisco Security Experts ?

Cisco ISE Experts ?

AAA Port configurations ?



How many on ISE 2.4 ?

How many on ISE 2.6 ?

How many using SNS-35xx ?





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Session Abstract

In today's world of constant attacks, malware and Ransomware, its important to design, deploy and manage your network with an identity aware secure access platform. Cisco ISE is plays an architectural role for many security solutions and is also one of the main pillars in the overall Cisco's Software defined Access Architecture.

This session will show you how to **deliver scalable and highly available access control services** using ISE for wired, wireless, and VPN from a single campus to a global deployment. Methodologies for **increasing scalability and redundancy** will be covered such as **load distribution** with and without load balancers, optimal profiling design, lessons learned from the trenches, as well as serviceability tips and tricks to help you gain optimal value and productivity from ISE.

Attendees of this session will gain knowledge on how to best **design ISE** to ensure peak operational **performance, stability,** and to support large volumes of

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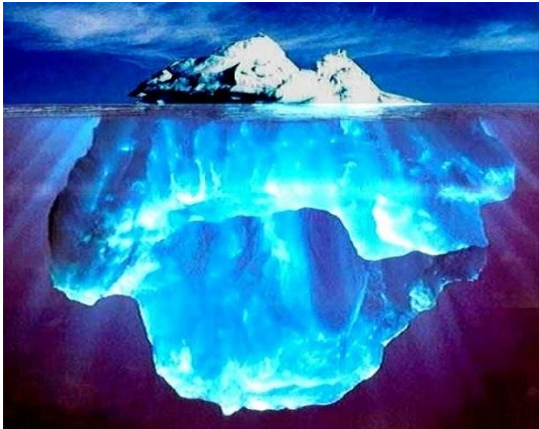


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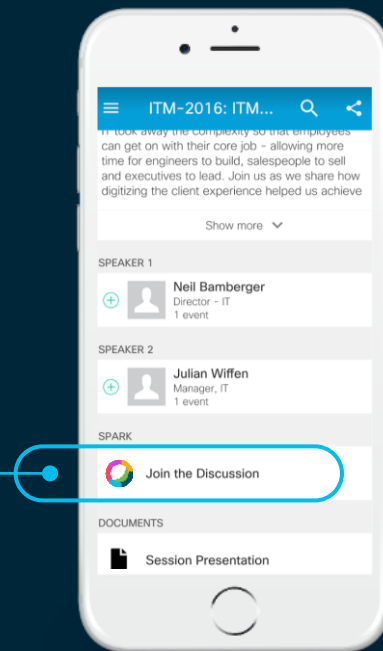
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ISE Public Community <http://cs.co/ise-community>

Questions answered by ISE TMEs and other Subject Matter Experts – the same persons that support your local Cisco and Partner SEs!

ISE Compatibility Guides <http://cs.co/ise-compatibility>

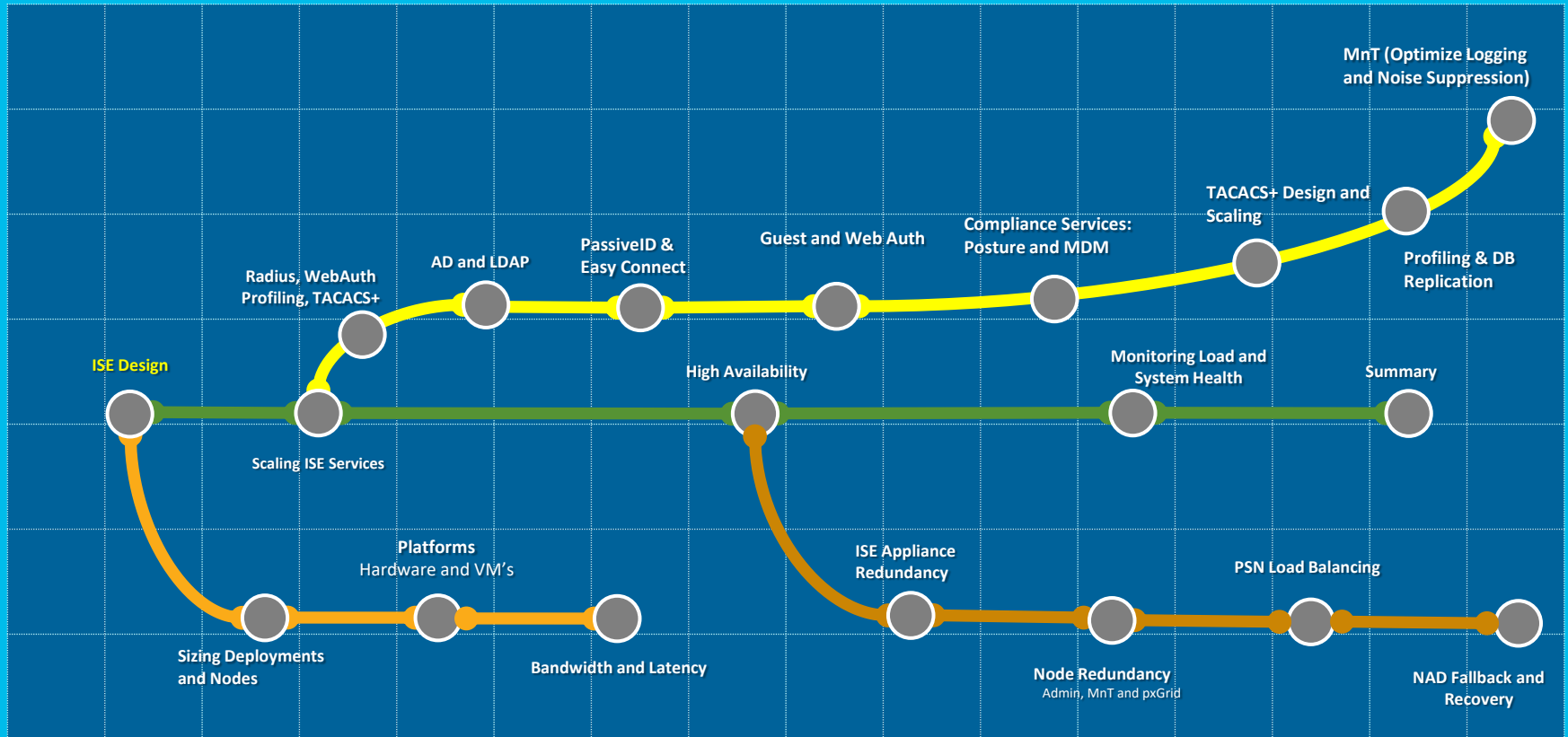
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Agenda

- ISE Design
- Sizing Deployments and Nodes
- Bandwidth and Latency
- Scaling ISE Services
 - RADIUS, AD/LDAP, Passive ID, Guest, Web Services, TACACS+
 - Profiling and Database Replication
 - MnT (Optimize Logging and Noise Suppression)
- High Availability
 - Appliance Redundancy
 - Admin, MnT, and pxGrid Nodes
 - Certificate Services Redundancy
 - PSN Redundancy with and without Load Balancing
 - NAD Fallback and Recovery
- Monitoring Load and System Health

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Announcing Cisco ISE 2.6

ISE 2.6 is the Long-term (LTR) “suggested release”

• <https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-blogs/announcing-ise-2-6/ba-p/3805409>

• <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/security/identity-services-engine/bulletin-c25-740738.html>

Announcing ISE 2.6

AnyConnect

Identity Services Engine ...

Policy and Access

TrustSec

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It gives me great pleasure to announce the availability of Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) 2.6. This release is all about solving more for customers – better features and scale to deal with the Enterprise IoT era, better security and better ability to understand how your network access services and policy are deployed. Among other capabilities, being part of the Cisco DNA offer, ISE 2.6 is yet another big stride towards a better Software Defined Access.

What’s new in ISE 2.6:

- **Two million concurrent authentications** - Our customers deal with the proliferation of IoT devices in their Enterprise networks- and with ISE 2.6, ISE allows them to understand what’s on the network and securely connect all of these devices – up to 2 million of these endpoints in a single ISE deployment, or “ISE cube” as we fondly call it



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Cisco Identity Services Engine Software Release Lifecycle Product Bulletin

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The Cisco® Identity Services Engine (ISE) plays a critical role in enforcing access policies and limiting exposure to a continuously evolving threat landscape. This landscape drives the need for constant innovation and a rapid release cadence. Delivering multiple releases in a short timeframe can be challenging to organizations that require long-term stability and predictability when planning deployments and upgrades. To address these needs, the Cisco ISE team is striving to implement a predictable release lifecycle, as described in this document.

Cisco ISE software release timelines

Cisco plans to release a new ISE software version approximately every 6 months: one in March or April (“spring release”) and one in September or October (“fall release”). Each release will continue to be characterized by feature richness and software quality that address market requirements.

The March-April release will be designated a **Long-Term Release (LTR)**, and the September-October release will be designated a **Short-Term Release (STR)**.

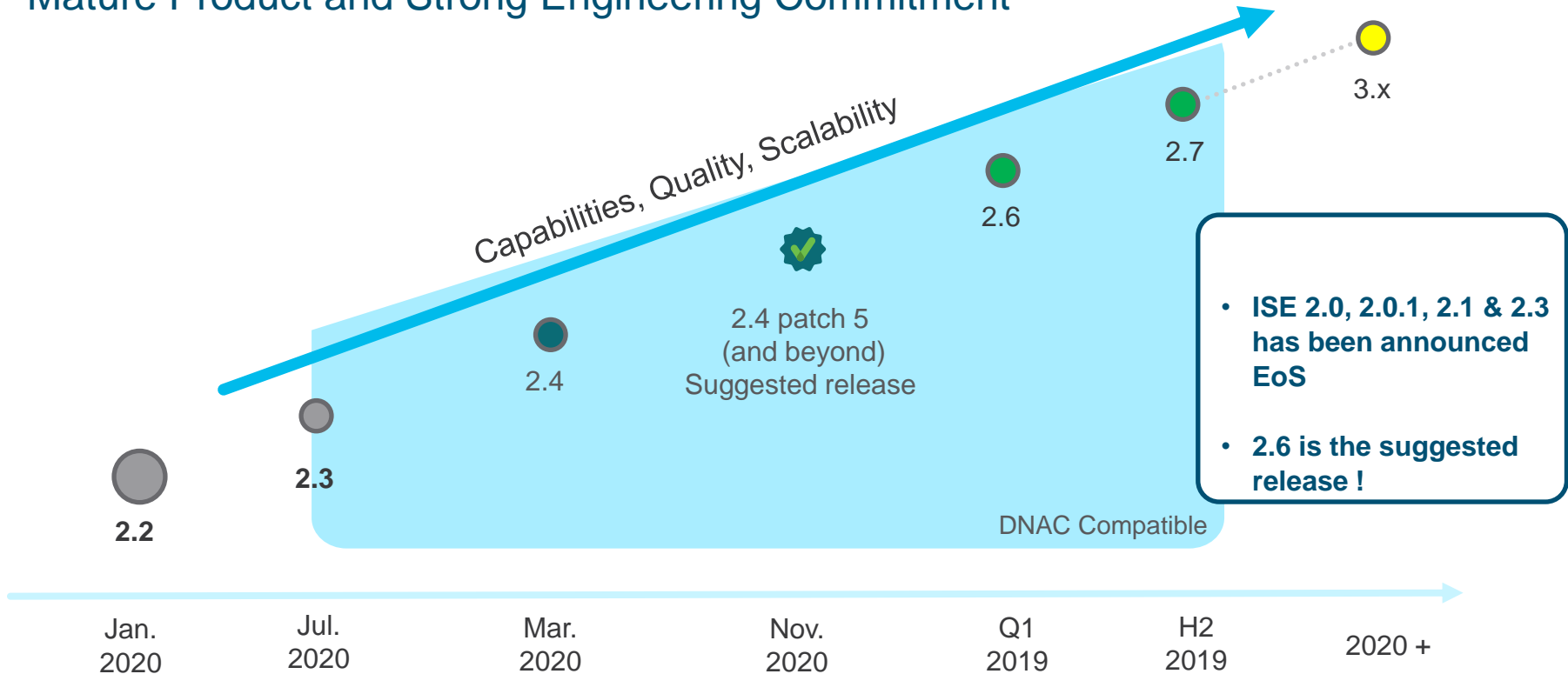
The LTR will typically be even numbered, for example, 2.0, 2.2, 2.4, and so on.

The STR will typically be odd numbered, for example, 2.1, 2.3, and so on.



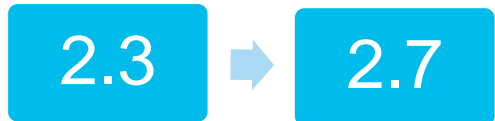
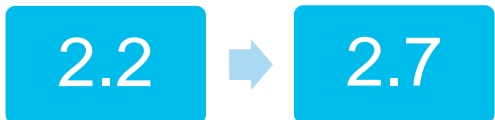
ISE Releases

Mature Product and Strong Engineering Commitment





Upgrade Paths Supported for ISE 2.7



Faster, better appliances

New SNS-3600 Series hardware



3615
Cisco Identity Services Engine

SNS-3615

- 10,000 standalone sessions
- 10,000 PSN sessions



3655
Cisco Identity Services Engine

SNS-3655

- 25,000 standalone sessions
- 50,000 PSN sessions



3695
Cisco Identity Services Engine

SNS-3695

- 50,000 standalone sessions
- 100,000 PSN sessions

[ISE Data Sheet and Ordering Guide](#)

Which Service has most impact on replication ?



Profiling



Guest Access Management



Device Administration



Access Control



BYOD & enterprise mobility

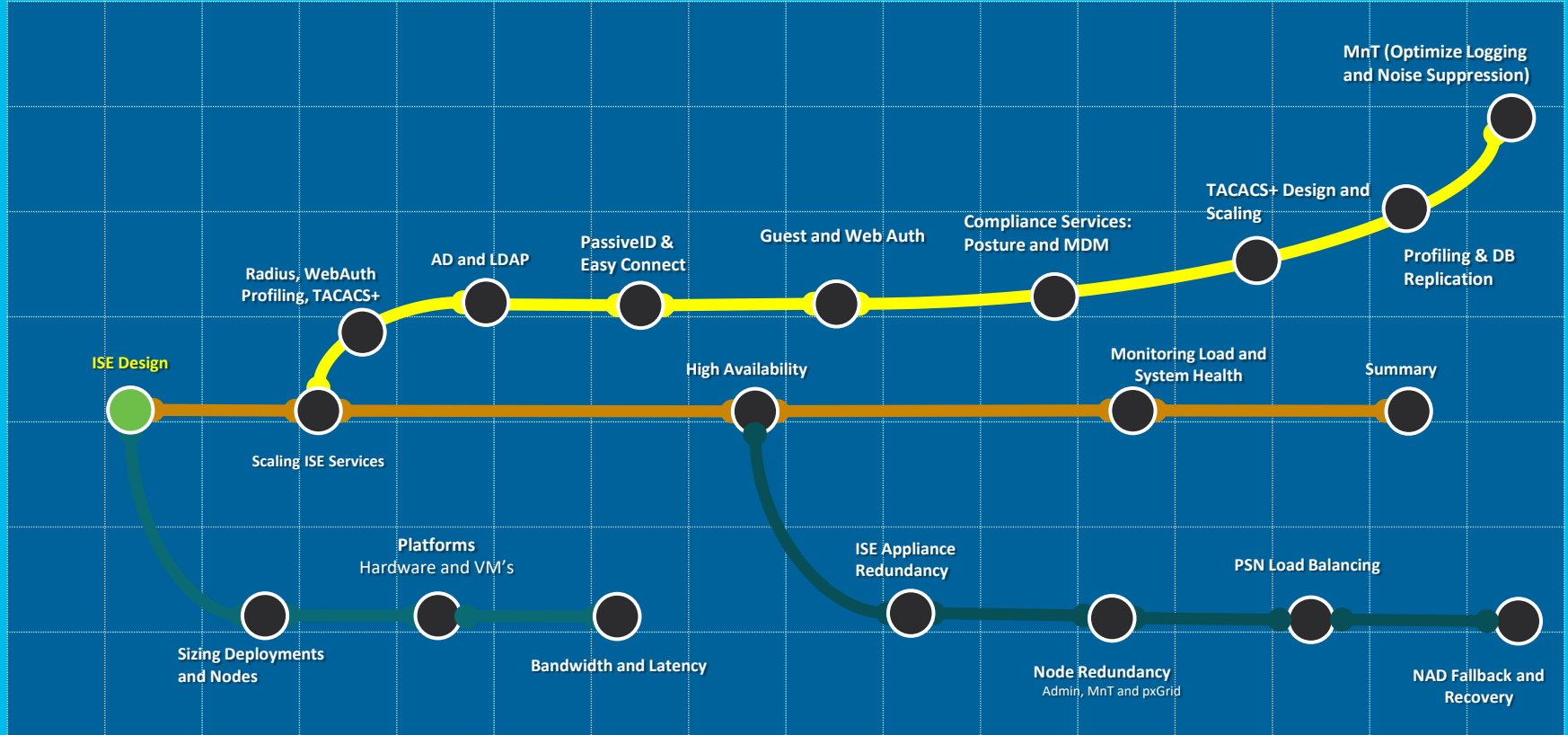
SNS-35xx EOL

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life of a product is distributed to the general public.	March 15, 2019
End-of-Sale Date: HW, App SW	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	June 15, 2019
Last Ship Date: HW, App SW	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	September 14, 2019
End of SW Maintenance Releases Date: HW, App SW	The last date that Cisco Engineering may release any final software maintenance releases or bug fixes. After this date, Cisco Engineering will no longer develop, repair, maintain, or test the product software.	June 15, 2020
End of Routine Failure Analysis Date: HW	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of hardware product failure or defect.	June 15, 2020
End of New Service Attachment Date: HW, App SW	For equipment and software that is not covered by a service-and-support contract, this is the last date to order a new service-and-support contract or add the equipment and/or software to an existing service-and-support contract.	June 15, 2020
End of Service Contract Renewal Date: App SW	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	September 11, 2021
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ISE Design

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ISE Design

Increased Scale with ISE 2.6 on 36xx

- Applies to both physical and virtual deployment
- Compatible with load balancers



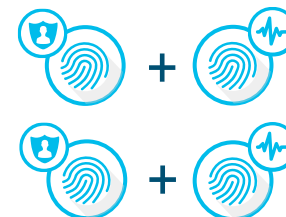
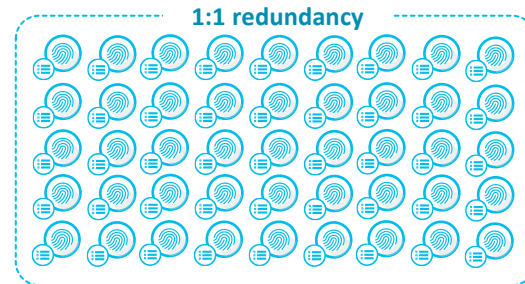
Lab and Evaluation



Small HA Deployment
2 x (PAN+MNT+PSN)



Small Multi-node Deployment
2 x (PAN+MNT), <= 5 PSN



Large Deployment
2 PAN, 2 MNT, <= 50 PSN

35xx 100 Endpoints

20,000 Endpoints

500,000 Endpoints

36xx 100 Endpoints

50,000 Endpoints

2,000,000 Endpoints(3695-PAN&MnT)

Platform Support

2.6 Will Be Supported on These Physical Appliances:

- (M4) Cisco SNS-3515-K9
- (M4) Cisco SNS-3595-K9
- (M5) Cisco SNS-3615-K9 -
- (M5) Cisco SNS-3655-K9 -
- (M5) Cisco SNS-3695-K9 -



Virtual Appliances:

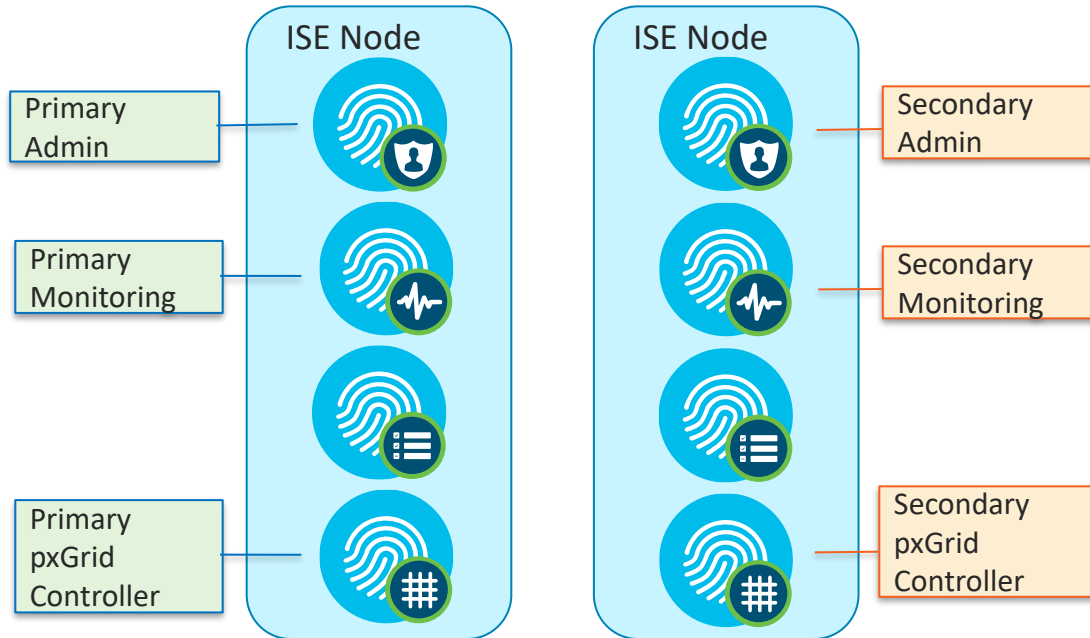
- Cisco R-ISE-VMS-K9=
- Cisco R-ISE-VMM-K9=
- Cisco R-ISE-VML-K9=

Virtual Appliance Operating Systems:

- VMWare
- Linux KVM – RHEL, Ubuntu
- Microsoft Hyper-V

Basic 2-Node ISE Deployment (Redundant)

- Maximum sessions– 50,000 (platform dependent—same as standalone)
- Redundant sizing – 50,000 (platform dependent—same as standalone)

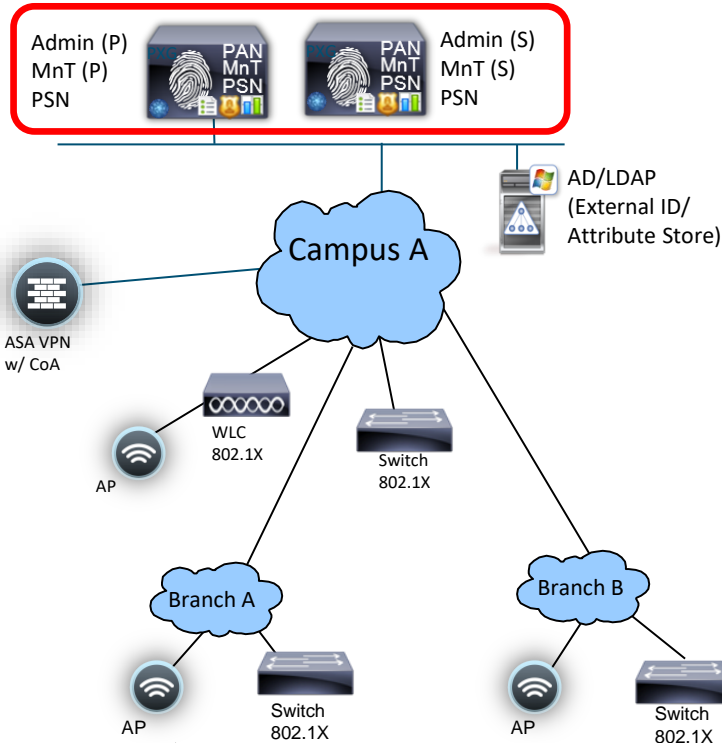


Basic 2-Node ISE Deployment (Redundant)



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Maximum Sessions = 50,000 (Platform dependent) Centralized



PSN

- All Services run on both ISE Nodes
- Set one for Primary Admin / Primary MnT
- Set other for Secondary Monitoring / Secondary Admin
- Max Sessions is platform dependent:
 - 3515 = Max 7.5k sessions
 - 3615 = Max 10k sessions
 - 3595 = Max 20k sessions
 - 3655 = Max 25k sessions
 - 3695 = Max 50k sessions

Hybrid-Distributed Deployment

Admin + MnT on Same Appliance; Policy Service on Dedicated Appliance

- 2 x Admin+Monitor+pxGRID
- Max 5 PSNs
 - **Optional: Dedicate 2 of the 5 for pxGrid**
- Max sessions – Platform dependent
 - 7,500 for 3515 as PAN+MnT
 - 10,000 for 3615 as PAN+MnT
 - 20,000 for 3595 as PAN+MnT
 - 25,000 for 3655 as PAN+MnT
 - 50,000 for 3695 as PAN+MnT

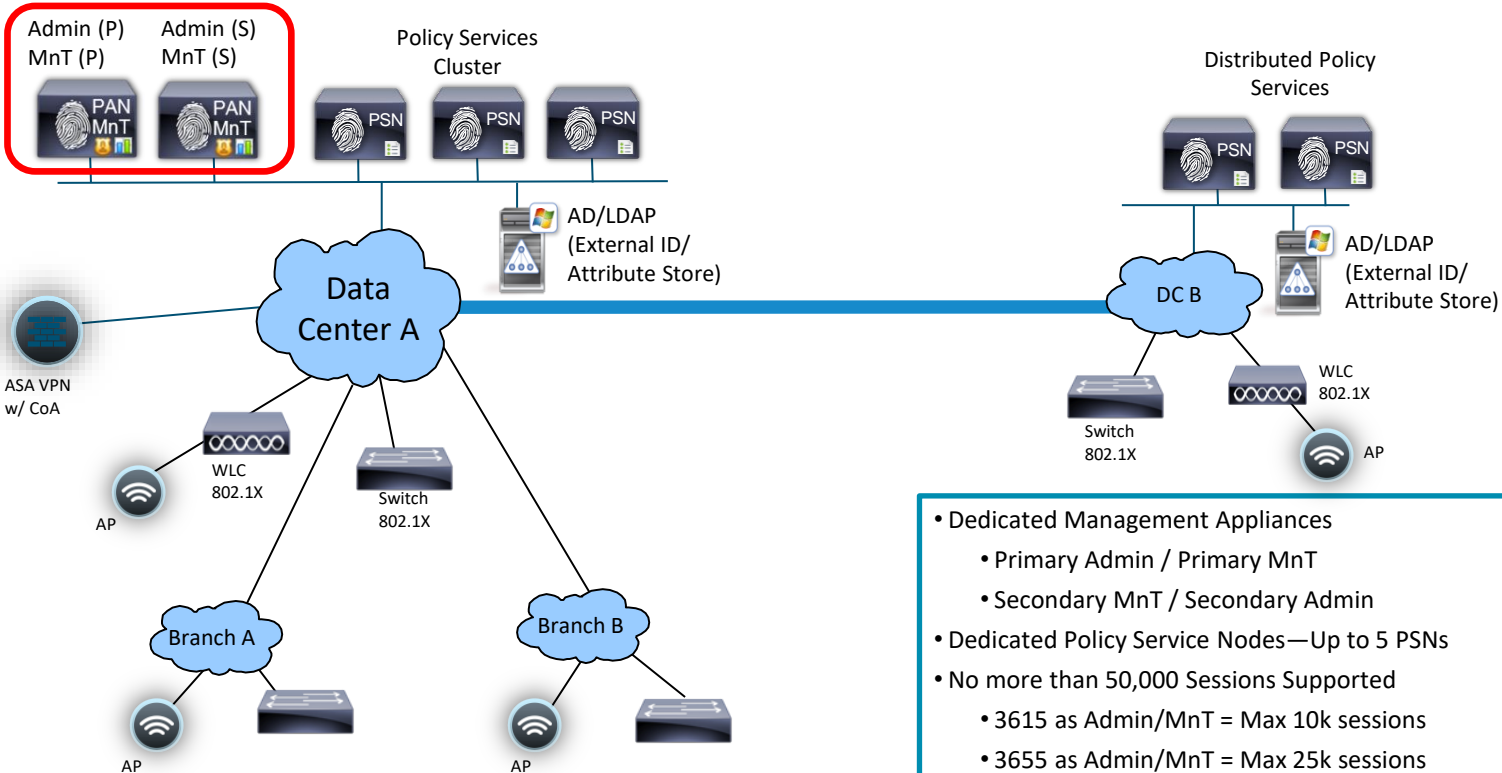


Basic Hybrid-Distributed Deployment



For Your Reference

Maximum Sessions = 50,000 / Maximum 5 PSNs

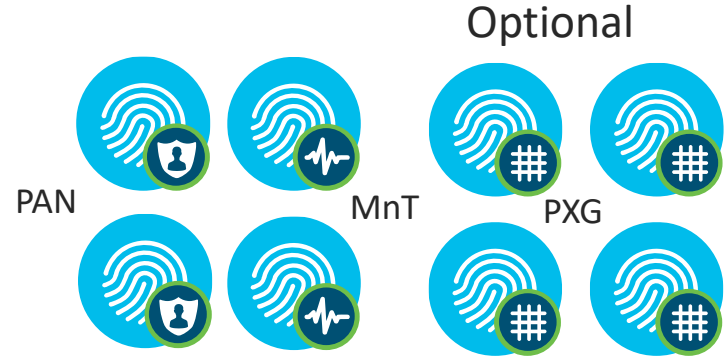


- Dedicated Management Appliances
 - Primary Admin / Primary MnT
 - Secondary MnT / Secondary Admin
- Dedicated Policy Service Nodes—Up to 5 PSNs
- No more than 50,000 Sessions Supported
 - 3615 as Admin/MnT = Max 10k sessions
 - 3655 as Admin/MnT = Max 25k sessions
 - 3695 as Admin/MnT = Max 50k sessions

Dedicated-Distributed Persona Deployment

Dedicated Appliance for Each Persona: Admin, Monitoring, pxGrid, Policy

- 2 x Admin and 2 x Monitoring and up to 4 x pxGrid
- Max PSNs (Platform dependent)
 - 50 using 3595/3655/3695 as PAN and MnT
- Max sessions (Platform dependent)
 - 500k using 3595/3655/3695 as PAN and MnT
 - **2M - 3695 as PAN/MNT on ISE 2.6 (DOT1X/MAB only)**



Scaling per use case

ISE Performance & Scale

AAA and NAC

Identity Services Engine ...

Policy and Access

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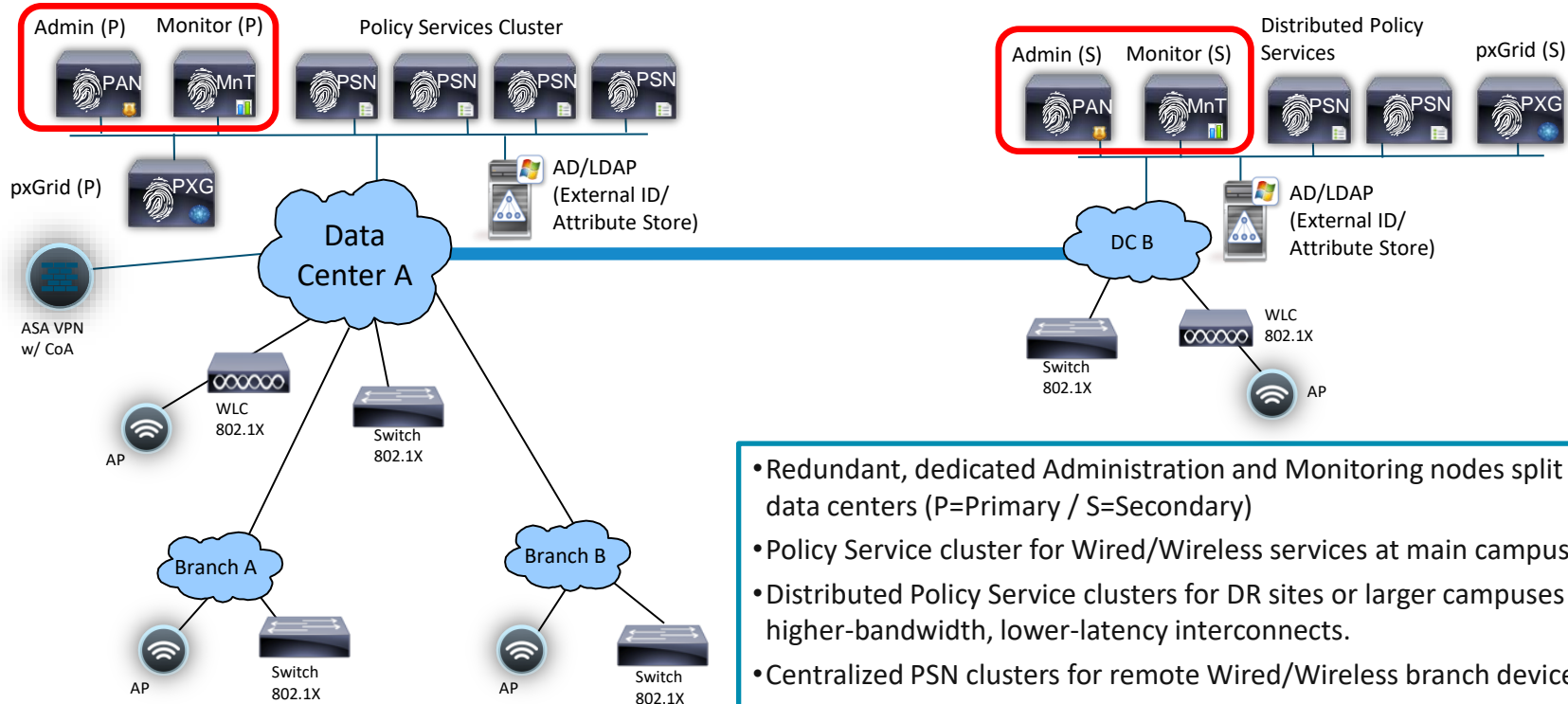
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Fully Dedicated-Distributed Deployment



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Maximum Sessions = 2M - Maximum 50 PSNs

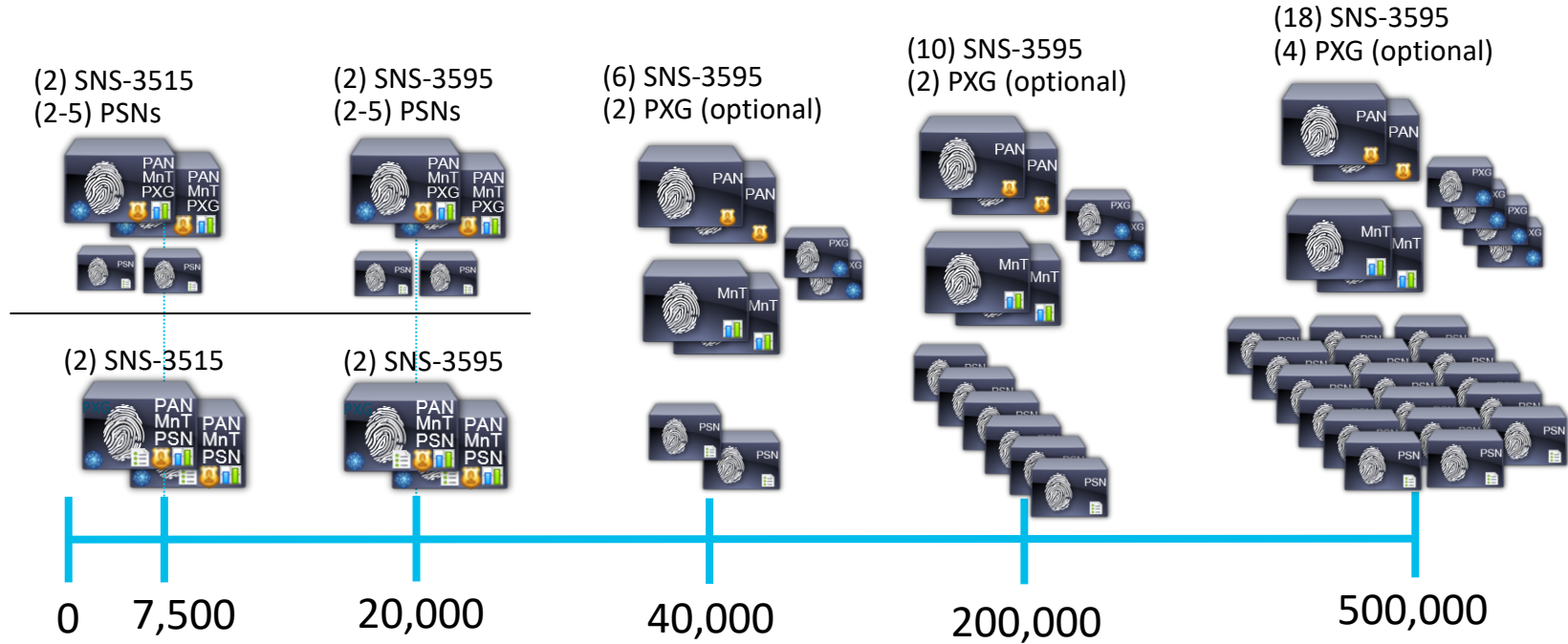


- Redundant, dedicated Administration and Monitoring nodes split across data centers (P=Primary / S=Secondary)
- Policy Service cluster for Wired/Wireless services at main campus
- Distributed Policy Service clusters for DR sites or larger campuses with higher-bandwidth, lower-latency interconnects.
- Centralized PSN clusters for remote Wired/Wireless branch devices
- VPN/Wireless at main campus



Session Scaling by Deployment Model 35xx

Minimum Nodes (Redundancy Included) ISE <2.6

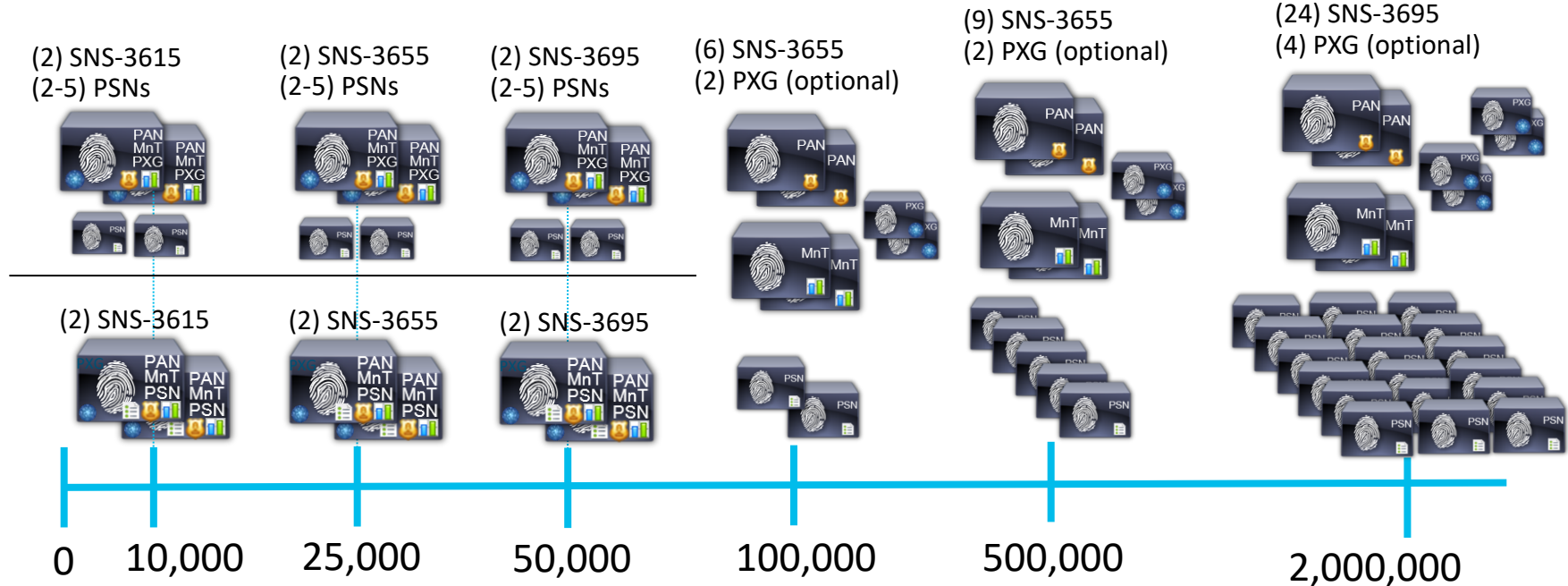




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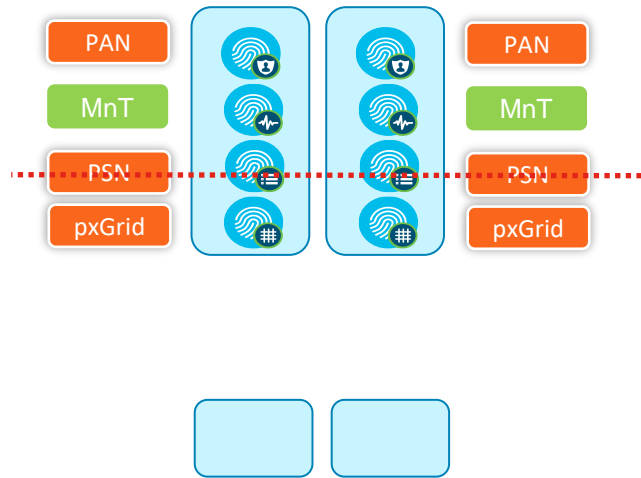
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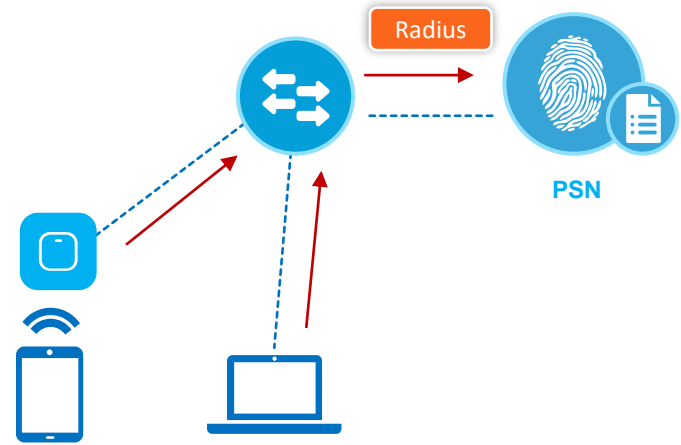
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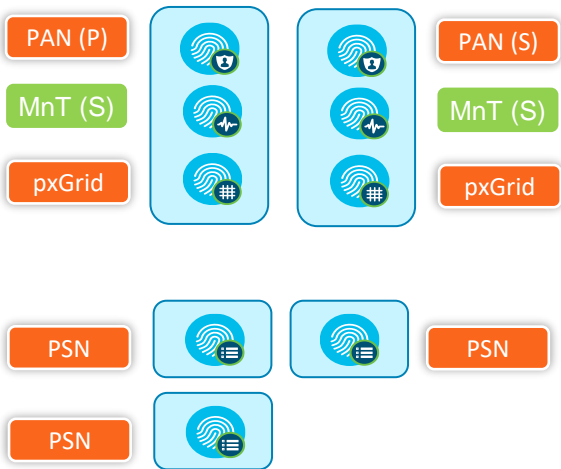
Data Center



Branch Office



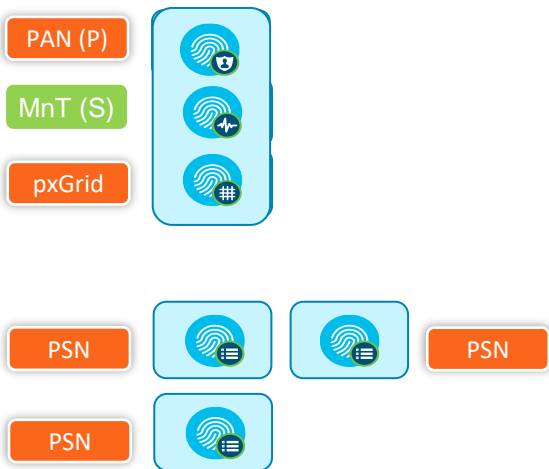
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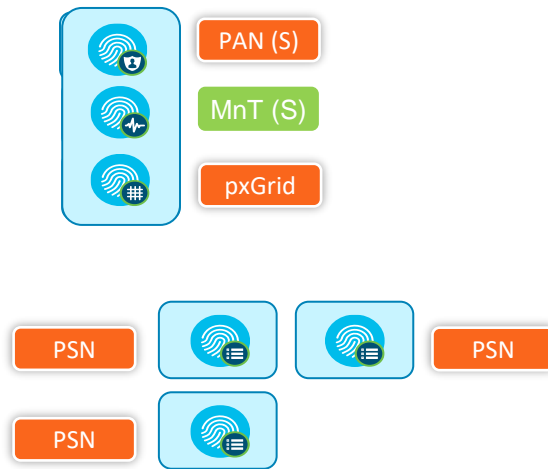
Data Center B



Data Center A



Data Center B



Scaling ISE

ISE Scaling Improvements



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ISE 2.6+ - [community link](#)

- Max concurrent active sessions per deployment = 2M (up from 500k)
 - 2M
 - Requires PAN/MnT nodes to be 3695 or VM equivalent
- Max Internal Endpoints = **2M** (up from 1.5M)
- Max Internal Users = **300k**
- Max Network Access Devices = **100k**
- Max Network Device Groups = **10k**
- Max PSNs per deployment = **50** Increased scale based on deployment model (max sessions):

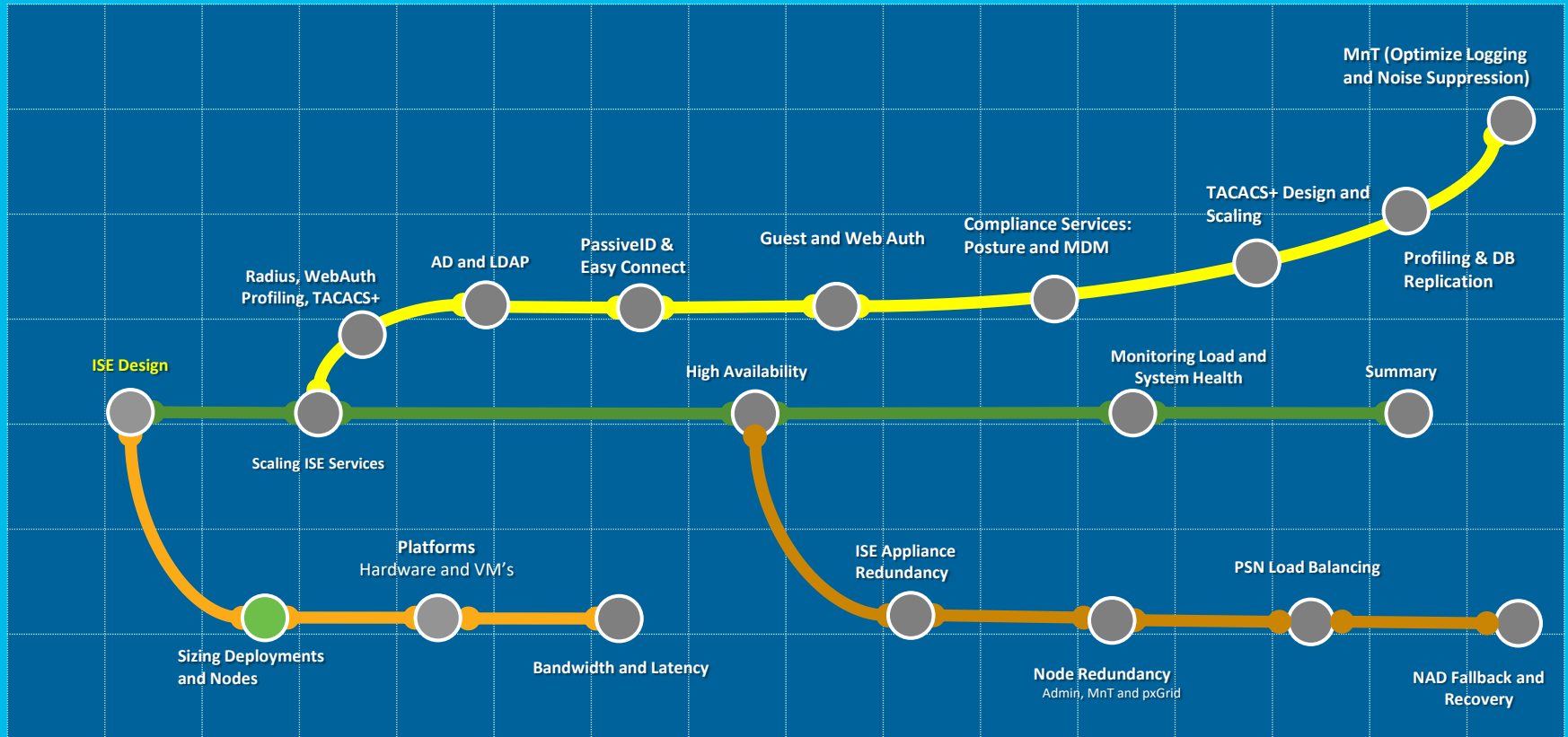
	Standalone or PAN+MnT deployment	Dedicated PSN
SNS-3615	10,000	10,000
SNS-3655	25,000	50,000
SNS-3695	50,000	100,000



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Sizing Deployment and Nodes

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Scaling by Deployment/Platform/Persona (36xx)

Max Concurrent Session Counts by Deployment Model/Platform 2.7



For Your Reference

- By Deployment

Deployment Model	Platform	Max Active Sessions per Deployment	Max # Dedicated PSNs / PXGs	Min # Nodes (no HA) / Max # Nodes (w/ HA)
	3615	10,000	0	1 / 2
	3655	25,000	0	1 / 2
	3695	50,000	0	1 / 2
	3615 as PAN+MNT	10,000	5 / 2*	2 / 7
	3655 as PAN+MNT	25,000	5 / 2*	2 / 7
	3695 as PAN+MNT	50,000	5 / 4*	2 / 7
	3655 as PAN and MNT	500,000	50 / 4	3 / 58
	3695 as PAN & MNT	500k (2M RAD ONLY)	50 / 4	3 / 58

- By PSN

Max Active Sessions != Max Endpoints; ISE 2.6+ supports 2M Endpoints

Scaling per PSN	Platform	Max Active Sessions per PSN
Dedicated Policy nodes (Max Sessions Gated by Total Deployment Size)	SNS-3615	10,000
	SNS-3655	50,000
	SNS-3695	100,000

*Each dedicated pxGrid node reduces PSN count by 1 (Medium deployment only)

Policy Service Node Sizing

Physical and Virtual Appliance Guidance

- Max Sessions Per Appliance for Dedicated PSN

Form Factor	Platform Size	Appliance	Maximum Sessions
Physical	Small	SNS-3515	7,500
	Large	SNS-3595	40,000
	Small	SNS-3615	10,000
	Medium	SNS-3655	50,000
	Large	SNS-3695	100,000
Virtual	S/M/L	VM	*7,500-100,000

SNS appliances have unique UDI from manufacturing. If use general UCS appliance, then must deploy as VM

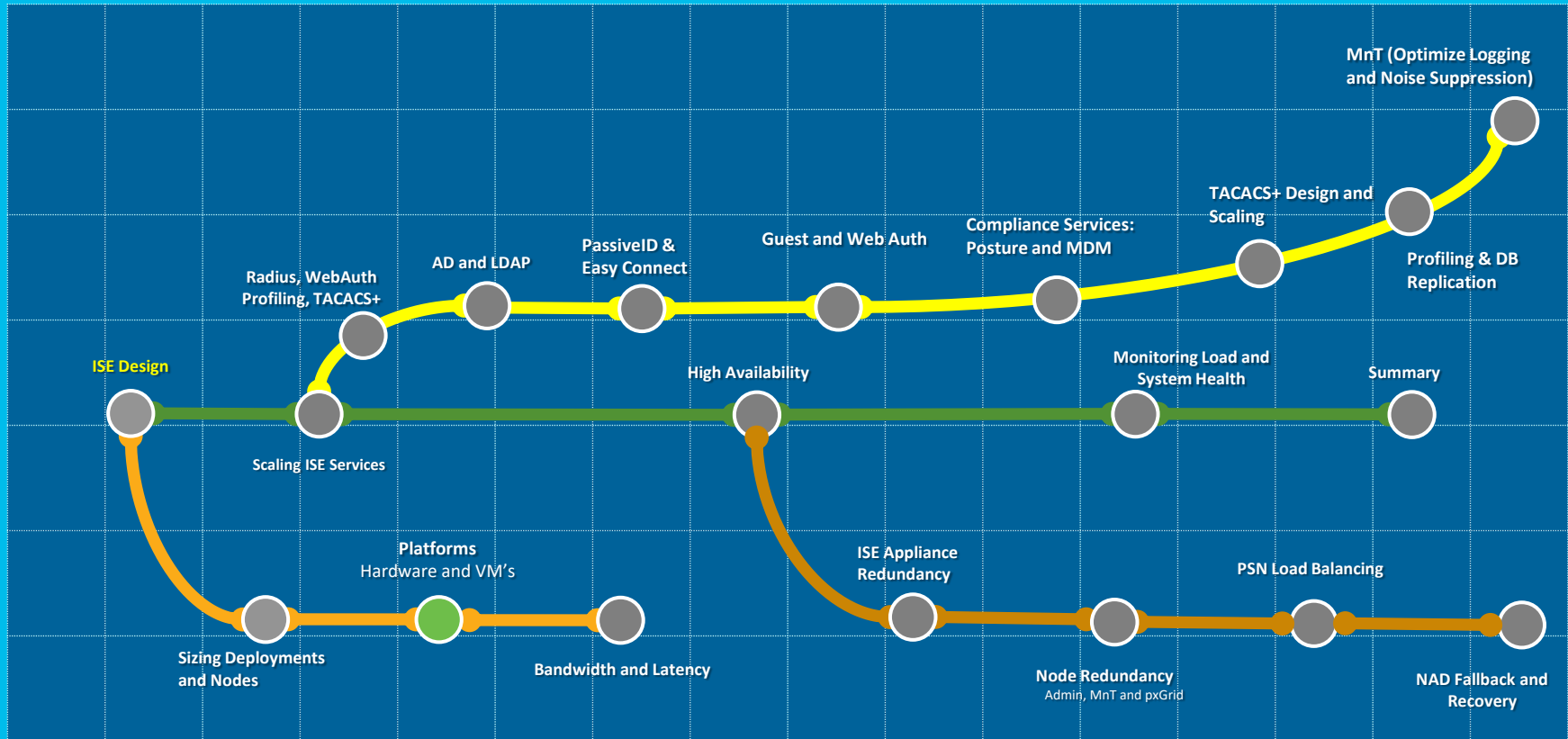
General VM appliance sizing guidance:

- 1) Select physical appliance that meets required persona and scaling requirements
- 2) Configure VM to match or exceed the ISE physical appliance specifications
- 3) 2.4 patch 9 / 2.6 required for SNS-36xx scale

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Platforms – Hardware and VM's

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Sizing Production VMs to Physical Appliances

Summary

Appliance used for sizing comparison	CPU		Memory (GB)	Physical Disk (GB) **
	# Cores	Clock Rate*		
SNS-3515	6	2.4	16	600
SNS-3595	8	2.6	64	1,200
SNS-3615	8	2.1	32	600
SNS-3655	12	2.1	96	1,200
SNS-3695	12	2.1	256	1,200/2,400

* Minimum VM processor clock rate = 2.0GHz per core (same as OVA).

** Actual disk requirement is dependent on persona(s) deployed and other factors. See slide on Disk Sizing.

Warning: # Cores not always = # Logical processors / vCPUs due to **Hyper Threading**

REQUIRED

Configuring CPUs in VMware

- ESXi 5.x Example

Virtual Machine Version: 8

Number of virtual sockets:

Number of cores per socket:

Total number of cores: 8

Configure CPU based on cores. If HT enabled, logical CPUs effectively doubled, but # physical cores is same.

172.16.1.41 VMware ESXi, 4.1.0, 502767

Getting Started Summary Virtual Machines Resource Allocation

General

Manufacturer: Cisco Systems Inc
Model: R200-1120402W
CPU Cores: 12 CPUs x 2.933 GHz
Processor Type: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU X5670 @ 2.93GHz
License: vSphere 4 Enterprise Plus Licensed for 2 physical CPU...

Processor Sockets: 2
Cores per Socket: 6
Logical Processors: 24
Hyperthreading: Active
Number of NICs: 6

- ESXi 6.x Example

Virtual Hardware VM Options SDRS Rules vApp Options

*CPU 8 ⓘ

Cores per Socket (*) 4 Sockets: 2

CPU Hot Plug (*) Enable CPU Hot Add

Reservation (*) 16000 MHz

Limit Unlimited MHz

Shares Normal 8000



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Model	Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2640 v3 @ 2.60GHz
Processor speed	2.593 GHz
Processor sockets	2
Processor cores per socket	8
Logical processors	32
Hyperthreading	Enabled

Profiling for Platform ?



Small
SNS 3615



Medium
SNS 3655

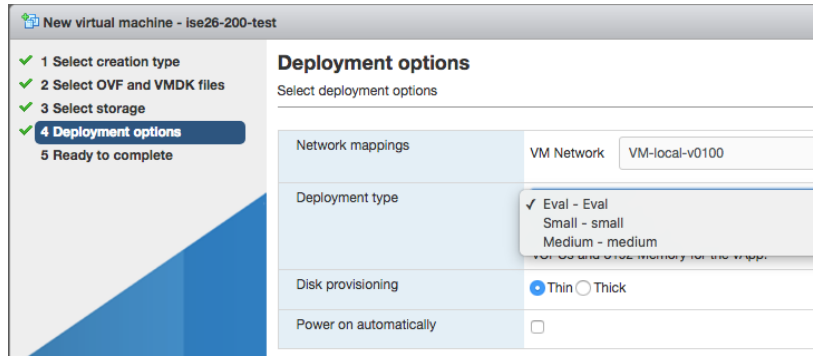


Large
SNS 3695

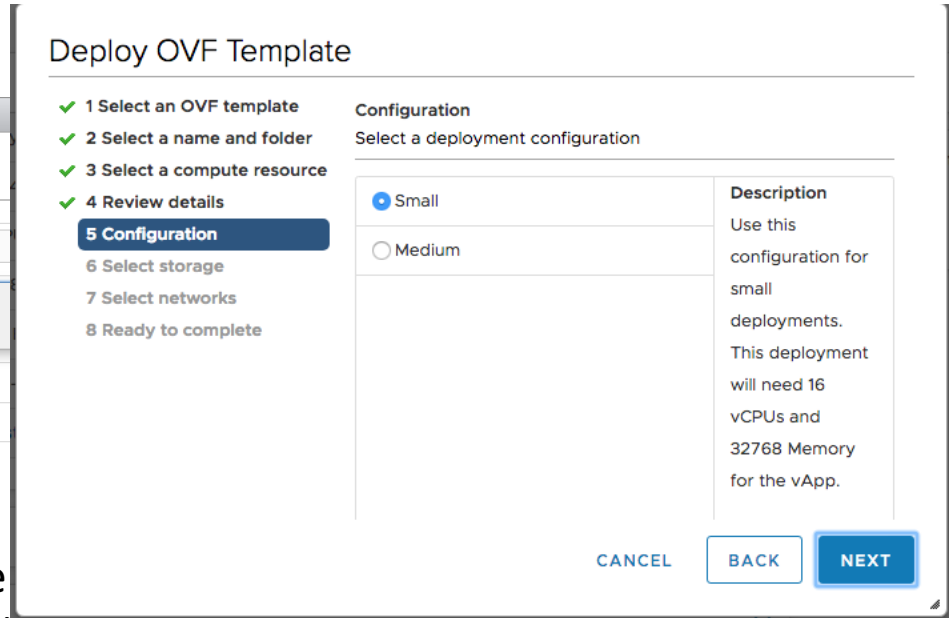
ISE now supports deployment options in OVA

ESX embedded UI has a bug with (doesn't work with 2 options) 600, 1.2TB
Vcenter works for all OVA files

ESXi embedded host client



vCenter 6x with HTML5



<https://kb.vmware.com/s/article/2150338> —
Supported functionality in the HTML5 vSphere
Client for vSphere 6.5 & vSphere 6.7 (2150338)

ISE 2.7 OVA Files

Reduced amount of files – using deployment options

OVA FileName	Deployment Options	Platform Profile	# of vCPUs (HT enabled)	Memory (GB)	Disk Capacity (GB)
ISE-2.7.0.356-virtual-SNS3615-SNS3655-300.ova	Eval	eval	2	8	200
	small	sns3615	16	32	
	medium	sns3655	24	96	
ISE-2.7.0.356-virtual-SNS3615-SNS3655-600.ova	Small	sns3615	16	32	600
	Medium	sns3655	24	96	
ISE-2.7.0.356-virtual-SNS3655-SNS3695-1200.ova	Medium	sns3655	24	96	1,200
	Large	sns3695	24	256	
ISE-2.7.0.356-virtual-SNS3695-2400.ova	LARGE MNT	sns3695	24	256	2,400

ISE 2.6 OVA Files

Platform Profile – Lets look at the code



The rules for platform selection are defined in PlatformProfileServiceImpl.java

```
Min # -----
# PrRT Settings
# -----
prrt.maxEapSessions=3000
<ibmSmallMedium>.prrt.maxEapSessions=5000
<ibmLarge>.prrt.maxEapSessions=5000
<ibmLarge>.<psn>.prrt.maxEapSessions=10000
<ucsSmall>.prrt.maxEapSessions=5000
<ucsLarge>.<psn>.prrt.maxEapSessions=20000
<ucsLarge>.prrt.maxEapSessions=20000
<sns3515>.<psn>.prrt.maxEapSessions=10000
<sns3515>.prrt.maxEapSessions=10000
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<sns3595>.prrt.maxEapSessions=40000

# -----
16 256 Super Mini <custom>
```

File Tag
Medium

ISE Platform Properties



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How Does ISE Detect the Size of my Virtual Machine?

- *During Installation*, ISE checks # CPU cores, RAM, and Disk Space allocated and assigns platform profile
- Profile recalculated if...
 - *Resources change* (RAM/CPU cores)
 - *Persona changes* on ISE (node-config.rc).
- **Note: Disk size changes NEVER get updated in ISE without reimage.**
- Persona change from ISE deployment page will trigger profile recalculation.
- May be out of sync due to upgrade of resources after initial install
 - Migration from eval/PoC
 - Resources added to meet version or capacity requirements

ISE Platform Properties

Minimum VM Resource Allocation for SNS35xx/36xx

Minimum CPUs	Minimum RAM	Minimum Disk	Platform Profile
2	16	200GB	EVAL
12	16	200GB	SNS_3515
16	64	200GB	SNS_3595
16	256	200GB	"Super MnT" <custom>
16	32	200GB	SNS_3615
24	96	200GB	SNS_3655
24	256	200GB	SNS_3695

35xx/36xx Newer platforms require hyperthreading

- Least Common Denominator used to set platform.

- Example:
4 cores
16 GB RAM
= EVAL



35xx

More to come! On 2.4

36xx

- Small -3515 & 3615
- Medium - 3595 & 3695
- Large - 3695

Platform Detection and Sizing



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Verify what ISE is seeing

- CPU
 - # sh cpu
- Mem
 - # sh mem
- Detected Platform
 - # sh tech-support

```
ise24-alpha/admin# sh cpu
processor : 0
model    : Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU           X5670  @ 2.93GHz
speed(MHz): 2933.027
cache size: 12288 KB

processor : 1
model    : Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU           X5670  @ 2.93GHz
speed(MHz): 2933.027
cache size: 12288 KB

processor : 2
model    : Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU           X5670  @ 2.93GHz
speed(MHz): 2933.027
cache size: 12288 KB

processor : 3
model    : Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU           X5670  @ 2.93GHz
speed(MHz): 2933.027
cache size: 12288 KB
```

PlatformProperties show inventory: Process Output:

Profile : UCS_SMALL

Current Memory Size : 15927532

ISE Platform Properties

Verify ISE Detects Proper VM Resource Allocation

- From CLI...
 - `ise-node/admin# show tech | begin PlatformProperties`

```
PlatformProperties whoami: root

PlatformProperties show inventory: Process Output:

Profile : UCS_SMALL
Current Memory Size : 16267516
Time taken for NSFAdminServiceFactor
```

- From Admin UI (ISE 2.2 +)
 - Operations > Reports > Reports > Diagnostics > ISE Counters > [node] (Under ISE Profile column)

ISE Counters ⓘ
From 2018-01-14 00:00:00.0 to 2018-01-14 15:14:21.104

Filters ⓘ

- * Server [v] Is exactly (or equals) [v] ise22-pan1
- * Time Range [v] Is exactly (or equals) [v] Today

Counter Attribute Threshold

Attribute Name	ISE Profile
ARP Cache Insert Update Received	UCS_SMALL
DHCP Endpoint Detected	UCS_SMALL
DHCP Skip Profiling	UCS_SMALL

ISE VM Disk Storage Requirements



For Your Reference

Minimum Disk Sizes by Persona 2.x

- Upper range sets #days MnT log retention
- Min recommended disk for MnT = **600GB**
- Max hardware appliance disk size = 1.2TB (3595/3655) 2.4TB (3695)
- **Max virtual appliance disk size = 1.99TB (<2.6) 2.4TB (2.6)**

** Variations depend on where backups saved or upgrade files staged (local or repository), debug, local logging, and data retention requirements.

Persona	Disk (GB)
Standalone	200+*
Administration (PAN) Only	200-300**
Monitoring (MnT) Only	200+*
Policy Service (PSN) Only	200
PAN + MnT	200+*
PAN + MnT + PSN	200+*

ISE VM Disk Storage Requirements



For Your Reference

- 2.0TB+ requires EFI (default is BIOS) – tested up to 2.4TB

Virtual Hardware | VM Options

▶ General Options	VM Name: <input type="text" value="ise26-2400"/>
▶ VMware Remote Console Options	<input type="checkbox"/> Lock the guest operating system when the last remote user disconnects
▶ VMware Tools	Expand for VMware Tools settings
▶ Power management	Expand for power management settings
▼ Boot Options	
Firmware	<input type="text" value="EFI"/>
Boot Delay	Whenever the virtual machine is powered on or reset, delay boot by <input type="text" value="0"/> milliseconds
Force BIOS setup	<input type="checkbox"/> The next time the virtual machine boots, force entry into the BIOS setup screen.
Failed Boot Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> When the virtual machine fails to find a boot device, automatically retry boot after <input type="text"/>

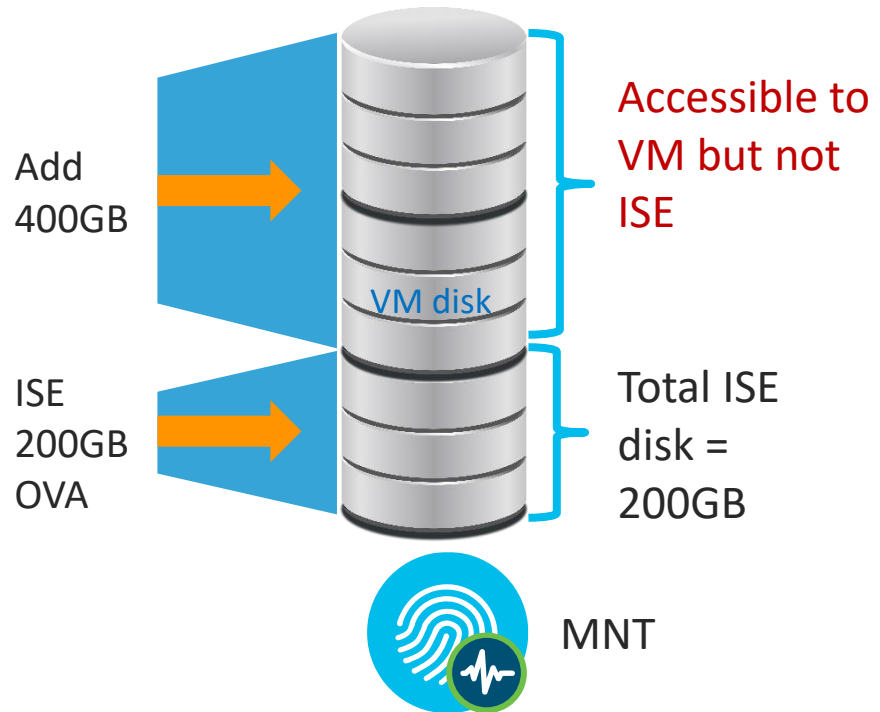
VM Disk Allocation



For Your Reference

CSCvc57684 Incorrect MnT allocations if setup with VM disk resized to larger without ISO re-image

- ISE OVAs prior to ISE 2.2 sized to 200GB. Often sufficient for PSNs or pxGrid nodes but not MnT.
- Misconception: Just get bigger tank and ISE will grow into it!
- No auto-resize of ISE partitions when disk space added after initial software install
- Requires re-image using .iso
- Alternatively: Start with a larger OVA



MnT Node Log Storage Requirements for RADIUS



For Your Reference

Days Retention Based on # Endpoints and Disk Size (ISE 2.2+)

Total Disk Space Allocated to MnT Node

Total Endpoints	200 GB	400 GB	600 GB	1024 GB	2048 GB	2400 GB (2.6 +)
	5,000	504	1007	1510	2577	5154
10,000	252	504	755	1289	2577	3081
25,000	101	202	302	516	1031	1233
50,000	51	101	151	258	516	617
100,000	26	51	76	129	258	309
150,000	17	34	51	86	172	206
200,000	13	26	38	65	129	155
250,000	11	21	31	52	104	125
500,000	6	11	16	26	52	63
2M	1	2	4	6	12	14

ISE 2.2 = 50% days increase over 2.0/2.1
 ISE 2.3 = 25-33% increase over 2.2
 ISE 2.4 = 40-60% increase over 2.2

Assumptions:

- 10+ auths/day per endpoint
- Log suppression enabled
- ~approximations

Based on 60% allocation of MnT disk to RADIUS logging
 (Prior to ISE 2.2, only 30% allocations)

RADIUS and TACACS+

MnT Log Allocation




For Your Reference

ISE 2.2+

- Administration > System > Maintenance > Operational Data Purging

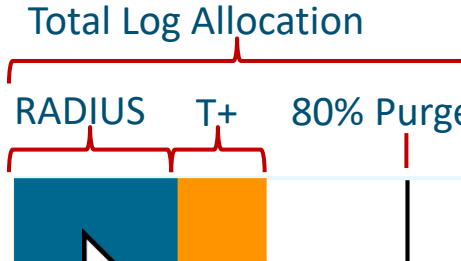
Database Utilization



384 GB
Total DB Space

ise22-pan1.cts.local

Total Log Allocation



M&T_PRIMARY
Radius : 67 GB
Days : 24

Data Retention Period

RADIUS	<input type="text" value="30"/>	Days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable Export Repository
TACACS	<input type="text" value="30"/>	Days	<input type="text" value="datastore2"/>

[Create Repository](#)

Encryption Key

- 60% total disk allocated to both RADIUS and TACACS+ for logging (Previously fixed at 30% and 20%)
- Purge @ 80% (First In-First Out)
- Optional archive of CSV to repository

▼ Purge data Now

- Purge all data
- Purge data older than Days
- RADIUS
- TACACS

ISE VM Disk Provisioning Guidance

- Please! No Snapshots!
 - **Snapshots NOT supported**; no option to quiesce database prior to snapshot.
- VMotion supported but storage motion not QA tested.
 - **Recommend avoid VMotion** due to snapshot restrictions.
- Thin Provisioning supported
 - **Thick Provisioning highly recommended**, especially for PAN and MnT)
- No specific storage media and file system restrictions.
 - For example, VMFS is not required and NFS allowed *provided* storage is supported by VMware and meets ISE IO performance requirements.



IO Performance Requirements:

- Read 300+ MB/sec
- Write 50+ MB/sec

Recommended disk/controller:

- 10k RPM+ disk drives
 - Supercharge with SSD !
- Caching RAID Controller
- RAID mirroring
 - Slower writes using RAID 5*

*RAID performance levels:

<http://www.datarecovery.net/articles/raid-level-comparison.html>

<http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E19658-01/820-4708-13/appendixa.html>

ISE VM Provisioning Guidance

- Use reservations (built into OVAs)
- Do not oversubscribe!

Customers with VMware expertise may choose to disable resource reservations and over-subscribe, but do so at own risk.



VM Appliance Resource Validation *Before* Install



For Your Reference

```
Welcome to the Cisco Identity Services Engine Installer
Cisco ISE Version: 1.3.0.655

Available boot options:
  [1] Cisco ISE Installation (Keyboard)
  [2] Cisco ISE Installation (Serial Console)
  [3] System Utilities (Keyboard/Mouse)
  [4] System Utilities (Serial Console)
<Enter> Boot existing OS from hard disk

Enter boot option and press <Enter>:
boot: _

Available System Utilities:
  [1] Recover Administrator Password
  [2] Virtual Machine Resource Check
  [3] Perform System Erase
  [q] Quit and reload

Enter option [1 - 3] q to Quit: 2

VM Hard Disk total size detected.....: 107 Gigabytes
RAM Size detected.....: 4016488 Kilobytes
Number of Virtual Network Interfaces detected: 4
Number of Virtual CPU Cores detected.....: 2
CPU Clock Speed detected.....: 2933 Mhz
Testing VM disk I/O read performance...
Average I/O bandwidth reading from disk device: 172 MB/second
ERROR: VM I/O PERFORMANCE TESTS FAILED!
ERROR: THE BANDWIDTH READING FROM DISK MUST BE AT LEAST 300 MB/second

Press <Enter> to continue..._
```

Validate VM Readiness
BEFORE Install &
Deploy

VM Appliance Resource Validation *After* Install

ISE continues to test I/O read/write performance on 3-hour intervals



For Your Reference

```
ise-psn2/admin# show tech | begin "disk IO perf"
```

```
Measuring disk IO performance
```

```
*****
```

```
Average I/O bandwidth writing to disk device: 194 MB/second
```

```
Average I/O bandwidth reading from disk device: over 1024 MB/second
```

```
I/O bandwidth performance within supported guidelines
```

```
Disk I/O bandwidth filesystem test, writing 300 MB to /opt:
```

```
314572800 bytes (315 MB) copied, 1.47342 s,
```

```
Disk I/O bandwidth filesystem read test, reading 300 MB from /opt:
```

```
314572800 bytes (315 MB) copied, 0.0504592 s
```

Alarm generated if 24-hr average below requirements

Alarms

	Name	Occurrences	Last Occurred
	ID Map. Authentication Inactivity	326 times	1 hr 6 mins ago
	No Configuration Backup Scheduled	84 times	16 hrs 1 min ...
	Insufficient Virtual Machine Resou...	244 times	18 hrs 54 min...
	Configuration Changed	47 times	3 days ago

VM Appliance Resource Validation *After* Install



For Your Reference

Alarms: Insufficient Virtual Machine Resources

Description:

Virtual Machine resources such as CPU, RAM, Disk Space, or IOPS are insufficient on this host

Suggested Actions:

Please ensure a minimum VM hosting requirements as specified in installation guide.

Acknowledge Refresh

<input type="checkbox"/>	Time Stamp	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan 17 2015 03:45:07.733 AM	The required minimum number of CPU cores is 4; found only 2 on node ise13-fcs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan 17 2015 03:45:07.718 AM	The required minimum of RAM is 16 GB; found only 8001 MB on node ise13-fcs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan 17 2015 03:40:07.718 AM	On node ise13-fcs average IO write performance is: 32 MB/Sec; which is less than the minimum requirement of 50 MB/Sec. Please update VM hosting to support IO performance requirement.

Alarm generated if 24-hr average below requirements

	No Configuration Backup Scheduled	84 times	16 hrs 1 min ...
	Insufficient Virtual Machine Resou...	244 times	18 hrs 54 min...
	Configuration Changed	47 times	3 days ago

ISE 2.4+ MnT+ Fast Access to Logs and Reports



Identity Services Engine
Home
Context Visibility
Operations
Policy
Administration
Work Centers
2
License Warning

RADIUS
Threat-Centric NAC Live Logs
TACACS
Troubleshoot
Adaptive Network Control
Reports

Live Logs
Live Sessions

Misconfigured Supplicants **0**
Misconfigured Network Devices **0**
RADIUS Drops **2880**
Client Stopped Responding **480**
Repeat Counter **0**

Refresh Never Show Latest 50 records Within Last 30 minutes

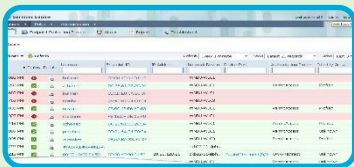
Refresh
Reset Repeat Counts
Export To
Filter
Settings

Time	Status	Details	Repeat ...	Identity	Endpoint ID	Endpoint P...	Authenticat...	Authorizati...	Authorizati...	IP Address	Network Device	Device Port	Ide
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Jan 26, 2018 11:05:50.519 AM	🔴			jiose2	98:F1:70:33:42:B0						sbgise-bgl13-00...		
Jan 26, 2018 11:05:34.504 AM	🔴			INVALID			Building_SJ...	Building_SJ...			WNBU-WLC1		
Jan 26, 2018 11:05:32.821 AM	🔴			INVALID			Building_SJ...	Building_SJ...			sjc14-22a-talwar		
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Jan 26, 2018 11:04:54.173 AM	🟢		0	kusenapa	DC:EF:CA:4D:41:F	Unknown	Bldg_SJC19...	Bldg_SJC19...	PermitAcces...	10.40.130.46			
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ISE 2.4+ MnT Vertical Scaling Enhancements

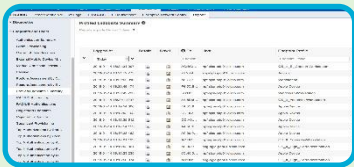
Benefits MnT
on ALL ISE
platforms



Time	Source IP	Destination IP	Source Port	Destination Port	Protocol	Session ID	Source MAC	Destination MAC	Source AS	Destination AS
01:00:00	10.10.10.10	10.10.10.10	80	80	TCP	1000000000	00:00:00:00:00:00	00:00:00:00:00:00	AS1	AS1
01:00:01	10.10.10.10	10.10.10.10	80	80	TCP	1000000001	00:00:00:00:00:00	00:00:00:00:00:00	AS1	AS1
01:00:02	10.10.10.10	10.10.10.10	80	80	TCP	1000000002	00:00:00:00:00:00	00:00:00:00:00:00	AS1	AS1

Faster Live Log Access

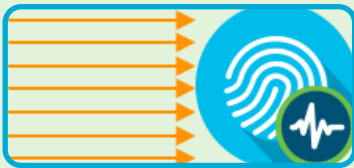
- Run session directory tables from pinned memory
- Tables optimized for faster queries



Report Name	Report ID	Report Type	Report Status	Report Date	Report Size	Report Location
Report 1	1000000000	Report Type 1	Report Status 1	Report Date 1	Report Size 1	Report Location 1
Report 2	1000000001	Report Type 2	Report Status 2	Report Date 2	Report Size 2	Report Location 2
Report 3	1000000002	Report Type 3	Report Status 3	Report Date 3	Report Size 3	Report Location 3

Faster Report & Export Performance

- Report related tables pinned into memory for faster retrieval.
- Optimize tables based on platform capabilities.



Collector Throughput improvement

- Added Multithreaded processing capability to collector.
- Increased collector socket buffer size to avoid packet drops.



Major Data Reduction

- Remove detailed BLOB data > 7 days old (beyond 2.3 reductions)
- Database optimizations resulting in up to 80% efficiencies

Where is my Super MnT VM ?



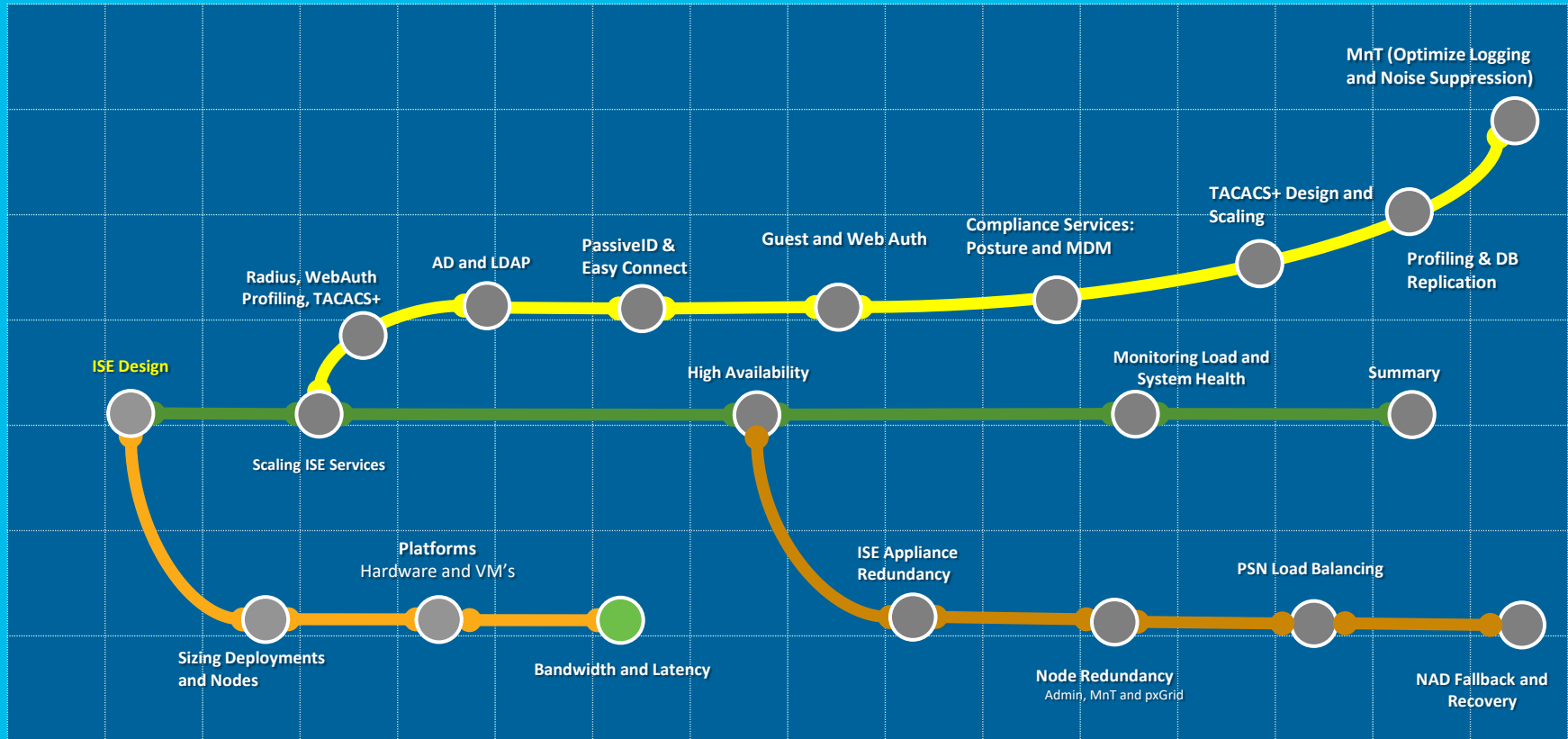
Appliance	SNS-3595 (Super MnT VM)	SNS-3695 Appliance
	1 – Intel Xeon	1 – Intel Xeon
Processor	2.60 GHz E5-2640	2.10 GHz 4116
Cores per processor	8	12
Memory	256 GB	256 GB (8x32GB)
Hard Disk	4 x 600-GB 6Gb SAS 10K RPM	8 x 600-GB 6Gb SAS 10K RPM
	Level 10	Level 10
Hardware RAID	Cisco 12G SAS Modular RAID Controller	Cisco 12G SAS Modular RAID Controller
Network Interfaces	6 x 1GBase-T	2 X 10Gbase-T 4 x 1GBase-T
Power Supplies	2 x 770W	2 x 770W



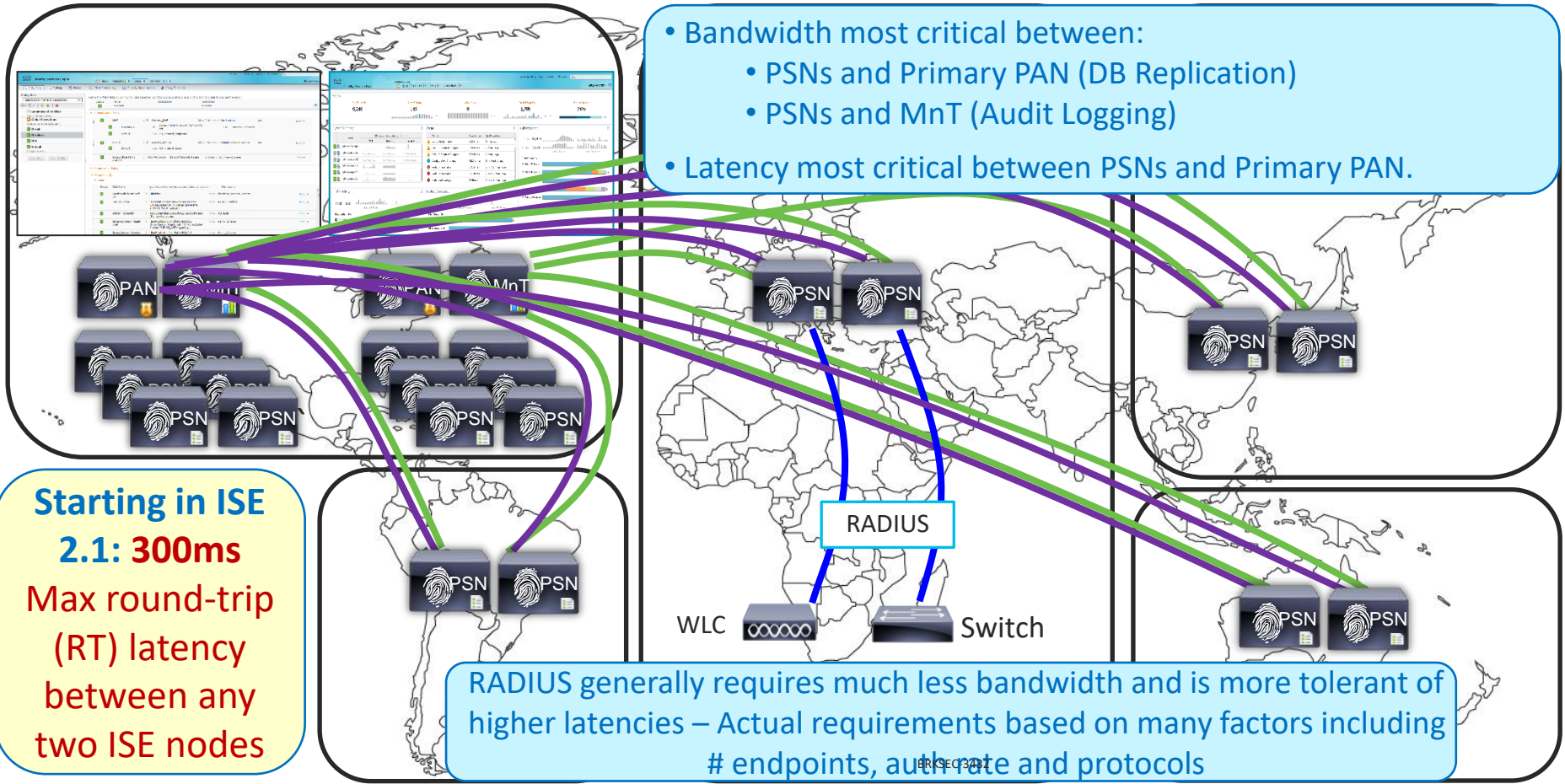
Session Agenda

Bandwidth and Latency

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Bandwidth and Latency

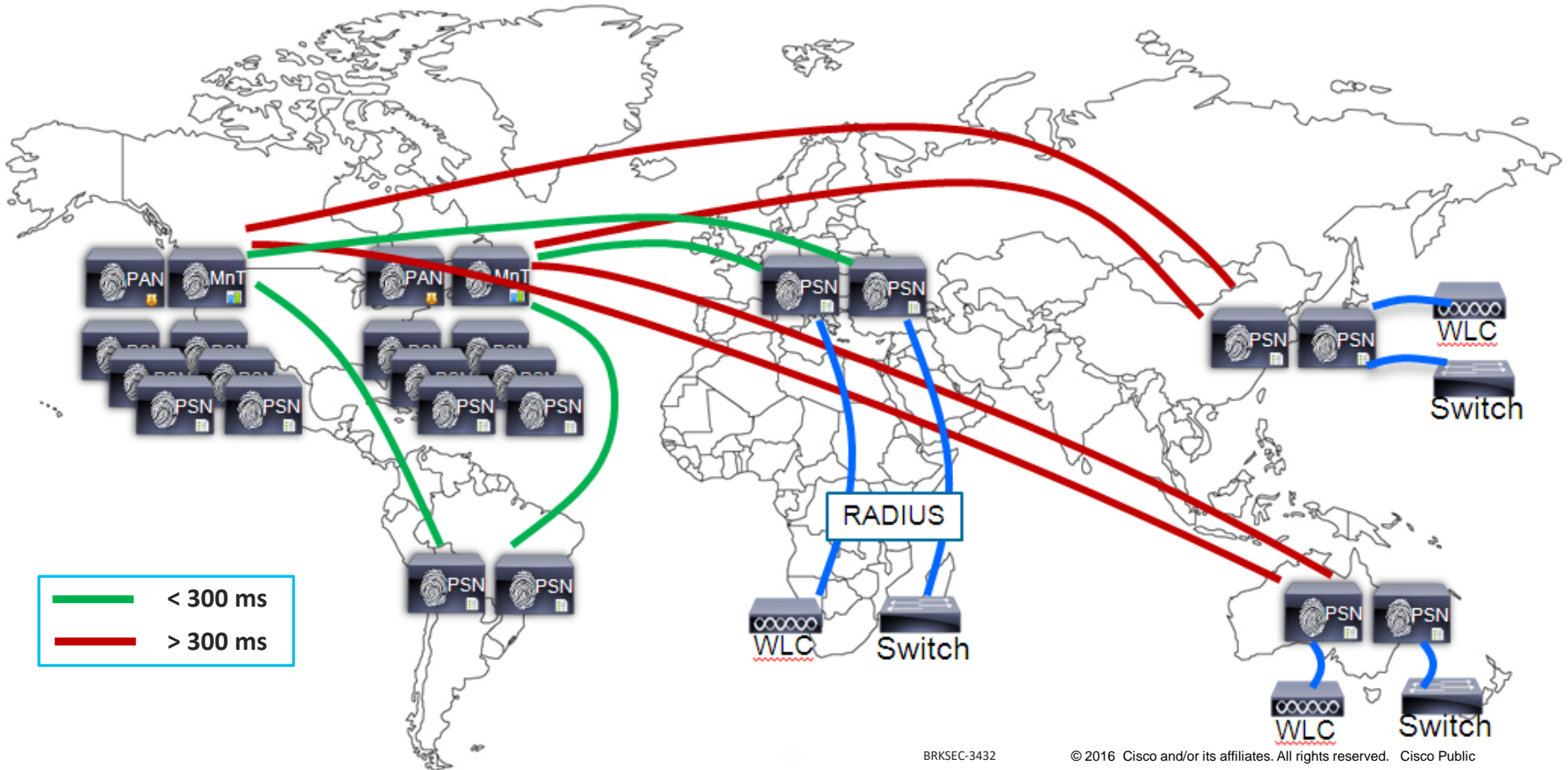


Have I Told You My Story Over Latency Yet?

“Over Latency?” “No. I Don’t Think I’ll Ever Get Over Latency.”

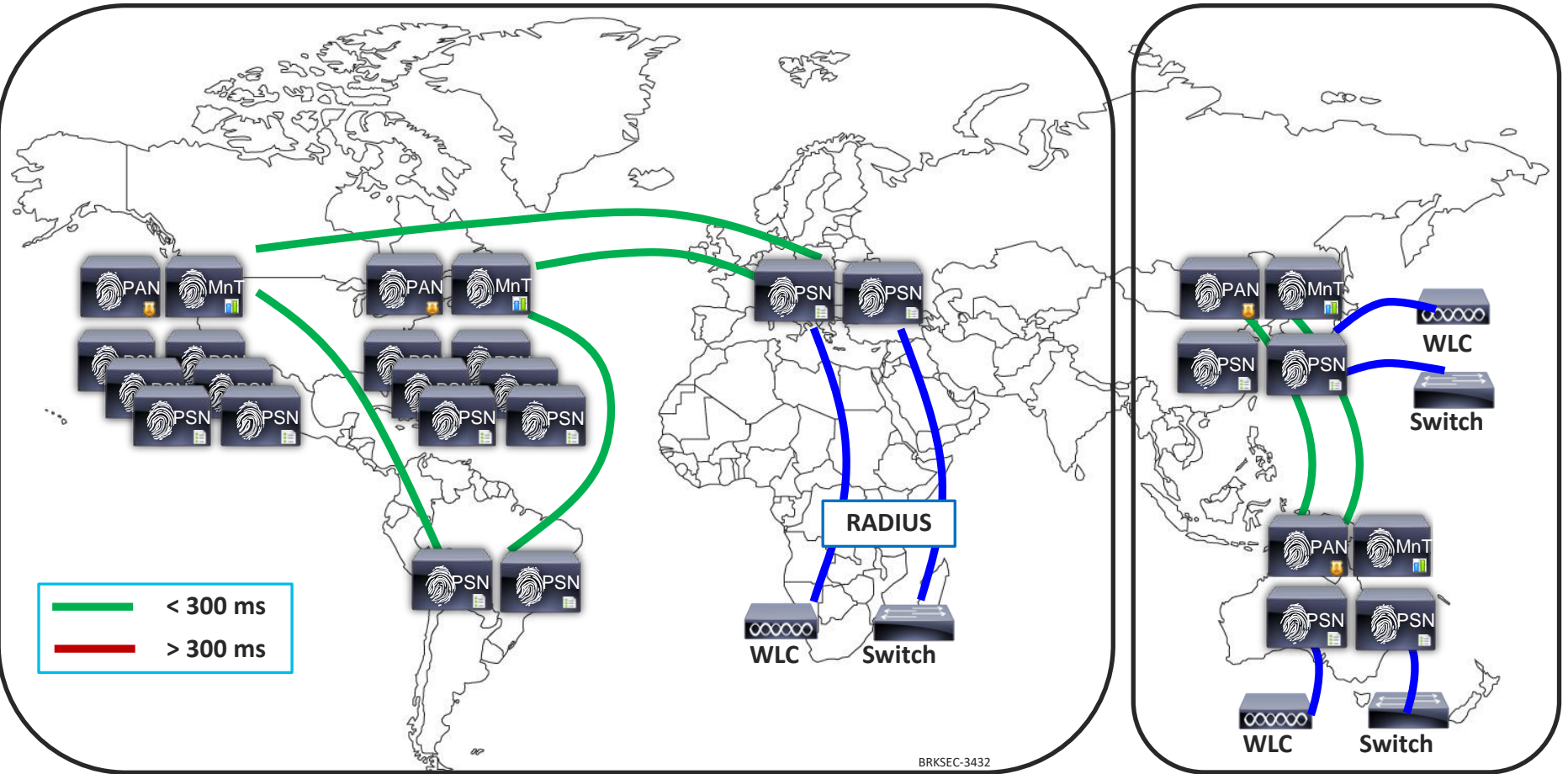
- Latency guidance is not a “fall off the cliff” number, but a guard rail based on what QA has tested.
- Not all customers have issues with > 300ms while others may have issues with <100ms latency due to overall ISE design and deployment.
- Profiler config is primary determinant in replication requirements between PSNs and PAN which translates to latency.
- When providing guidance, max 300ms roundtrip latency is the correct response from SEs for their customers to design against.

What if Distributed PSNs > 300ms RTT Latency?

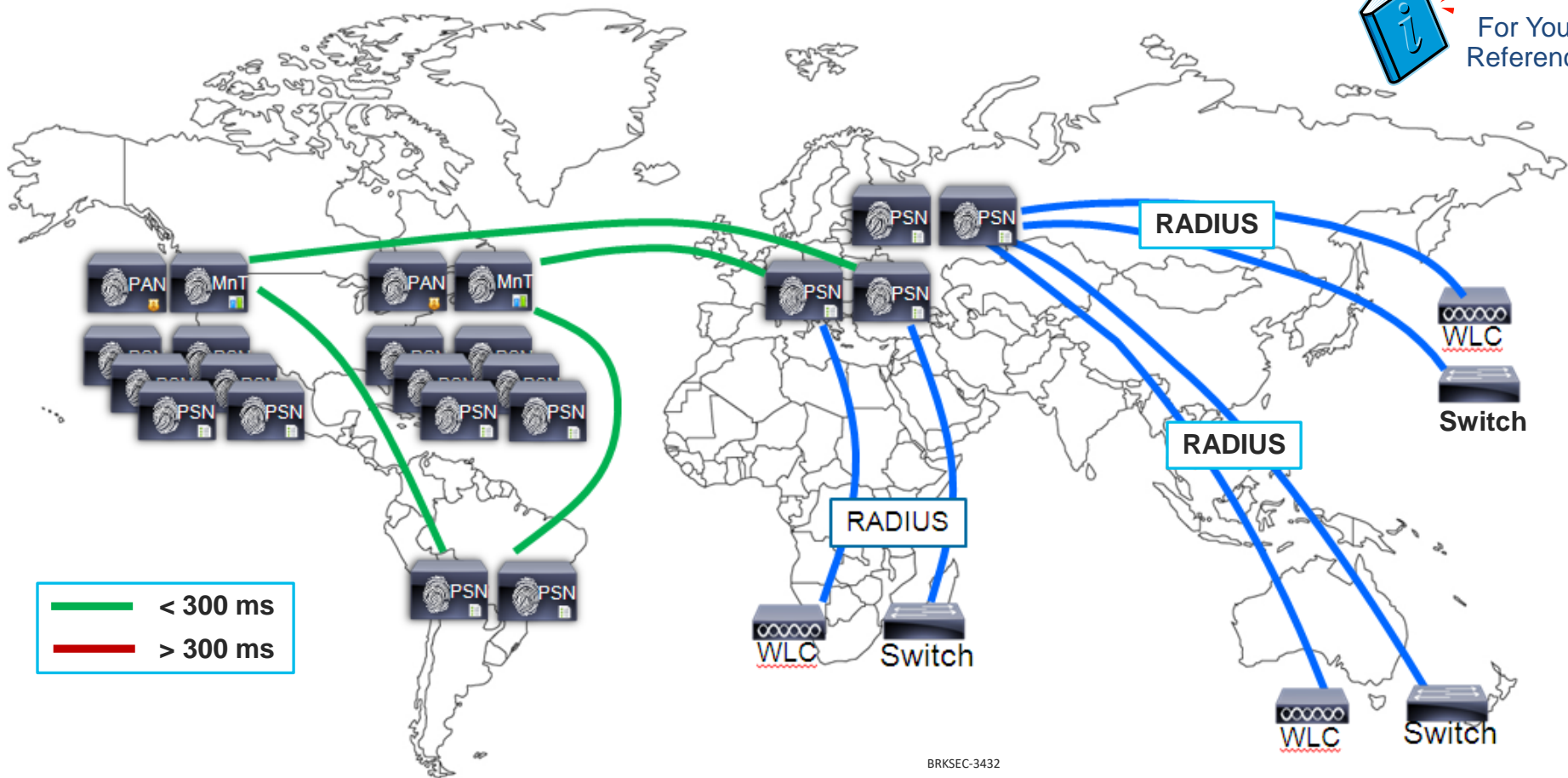


Option #1: Deploy Separate ISE Instances

Per-Instance Latency < 300ms

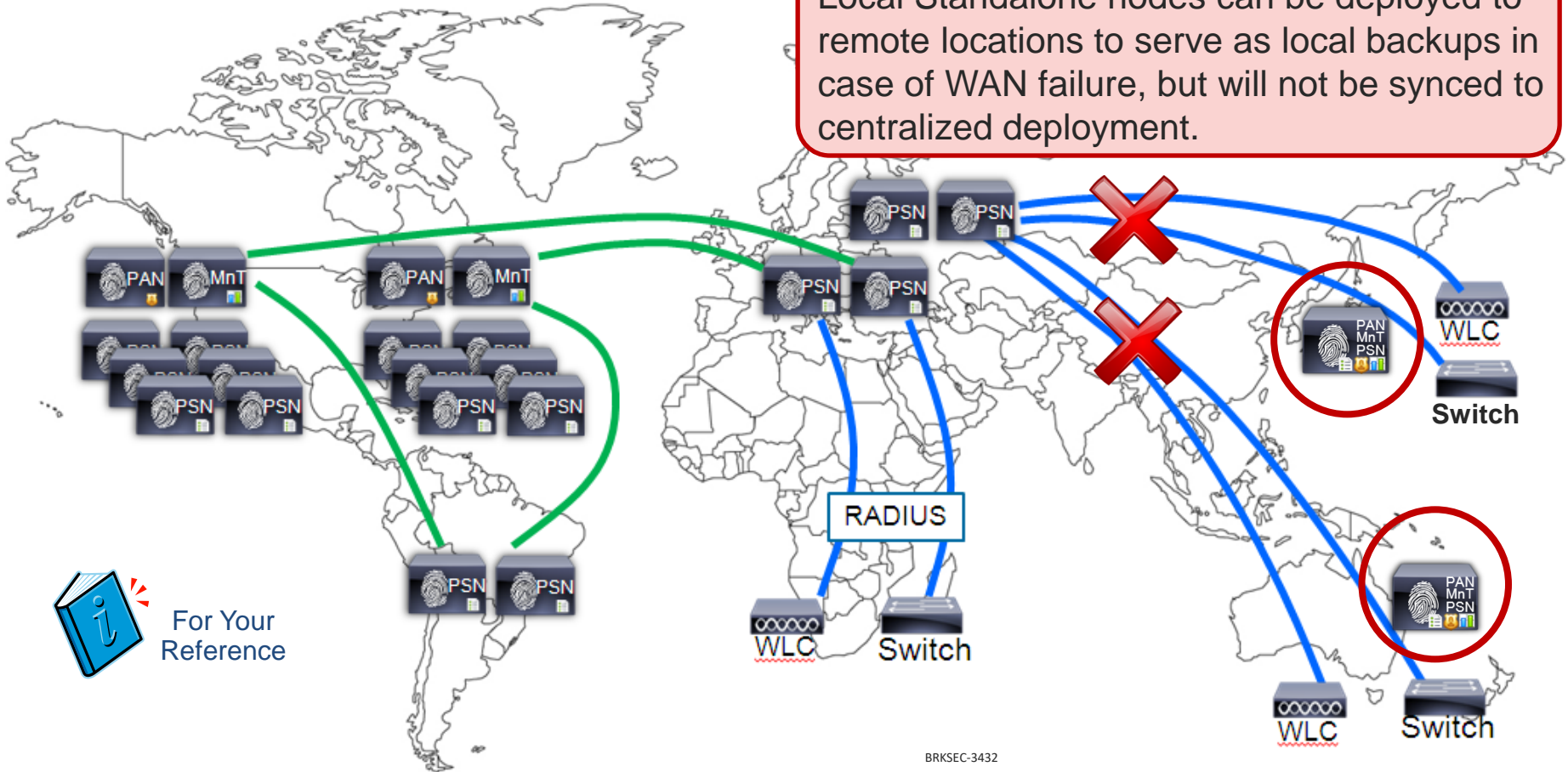


Option #2: Centralize PSNs Where Latency < 300ms



Deploy Local Standalone ISE Nodes as “Standby”

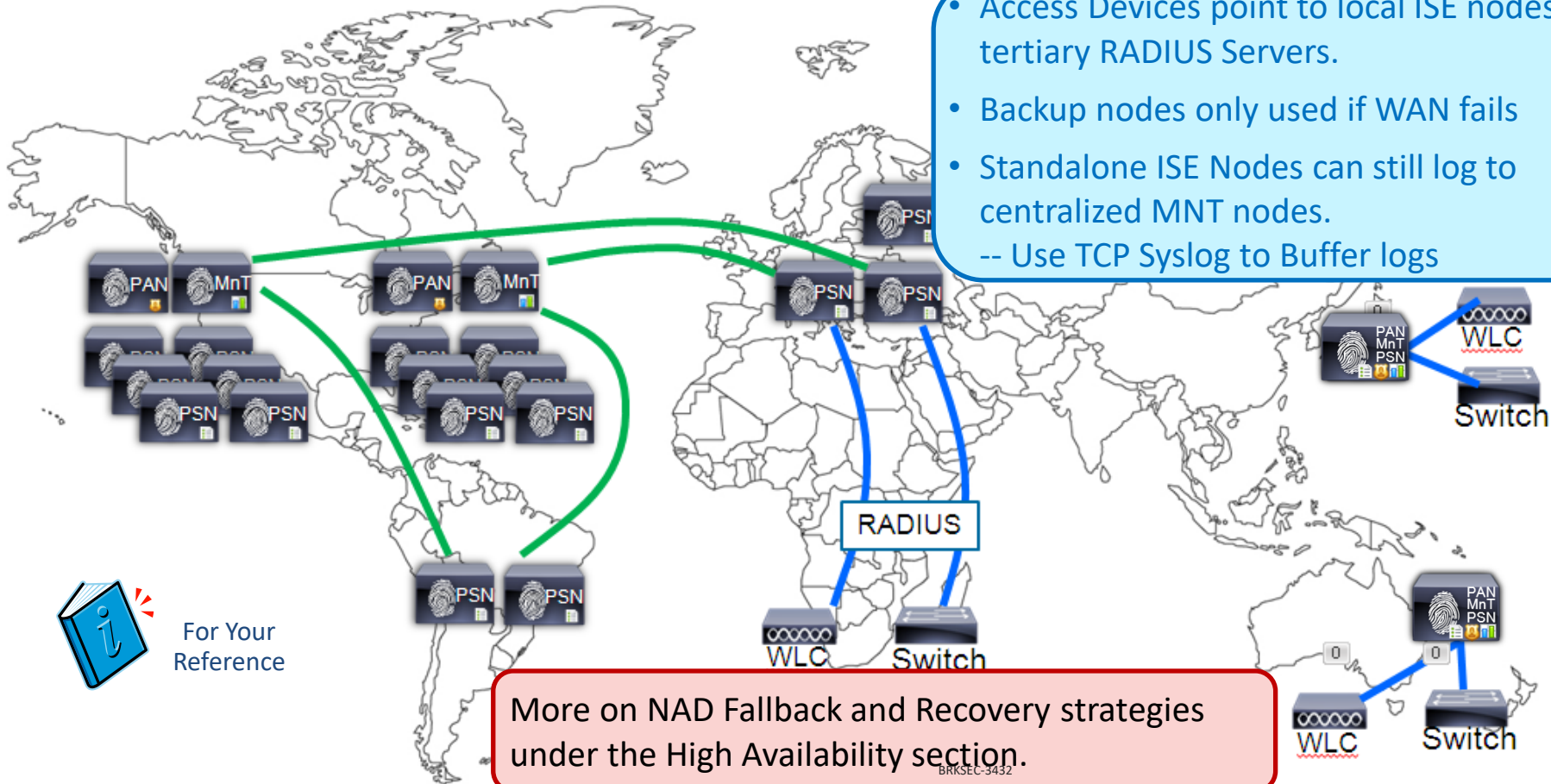
Local Standalone nodes can be deployed to remote locations to serve as local backups in case of WAN failure, but will not be synced to centralized deployment.



For Your Reference

Access Devices Fallback to Local PSNs on WAN Failure

- Access Devices point to local ISE nodes as tertiary RADIUS Servers.
- Backup nodes only used if WAN fails
- Standalone ISE Nodes can still log to centralized MNT nodes.
-- Use TCP Syslog to Buffer logs



For Your Reference

More on NAD Fallback and Recovery strategies under the High Availability section.

ISE Bandwidth Calculator – Updated for ISE 2.1+

ISE 2.x Network Bandwidth Calculation for Multiple Remote Locations

Total Active Endpoints 25,000
% Mobile Endpoints 20
Remote Locations with PSNs (Not including data centers) 2
 Sending profile data for same endpoints to multiple locations? YES
Reauth Interval (Default 2 hrs) 2
DHCP Lease Period (Default 4 hrs) 4

Reset Remote Location Data

INSTRUCTIONS:

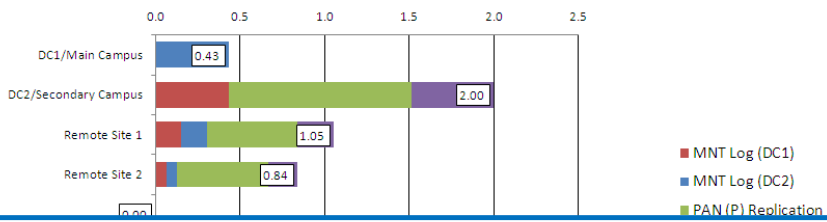
1. Update values in GREEN cells.
2. Bandwidth results appear in BLUE cells.
3. Charts summarize results

Location	Bandwidth Req'd to DC1 (Mbps)	Bandwidth Req'd to DC2 (Mbps)	Total DC Bandwidth (Mbps)	(P)=Primary (S)=Secondary				# PSNs	# Active Endpoints
				PAN(P)	PAN(S)	MNT(P)	MNT(S)		
DC1/Main Campus	N/A	0.432	0.432	○	○	●	○	2	10,000
DC2/Secondary Campus	1.998	N/A	1.998	○	●	○	○	2	10,000
Remote Site 1	0.902	0.151	1.053	○	○	○	○	2	3,500
Remote Site 2	0.772	0.065	0.837	○	○	○	○	2	1,500
Total PSNs and Endpoints								8	25,000

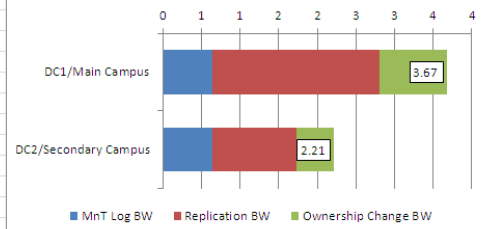
Aggregate DC Head-End WAN Bandwidth (Mbps)

MnT Log BW	Replication BW	Ownership Change BW	Total
0.648	2.160	0.864	3.672
0.648	1.080	0.486	2.214

Remote to DC Bandwidth Requirements (Mbps)



Total DC Head-End Bandwidth Requirement (Mbps)



Note: Bandwidth required for RADIUS traffic is not included. Calculator is focused on inter-ISE node bandwidth requirements.

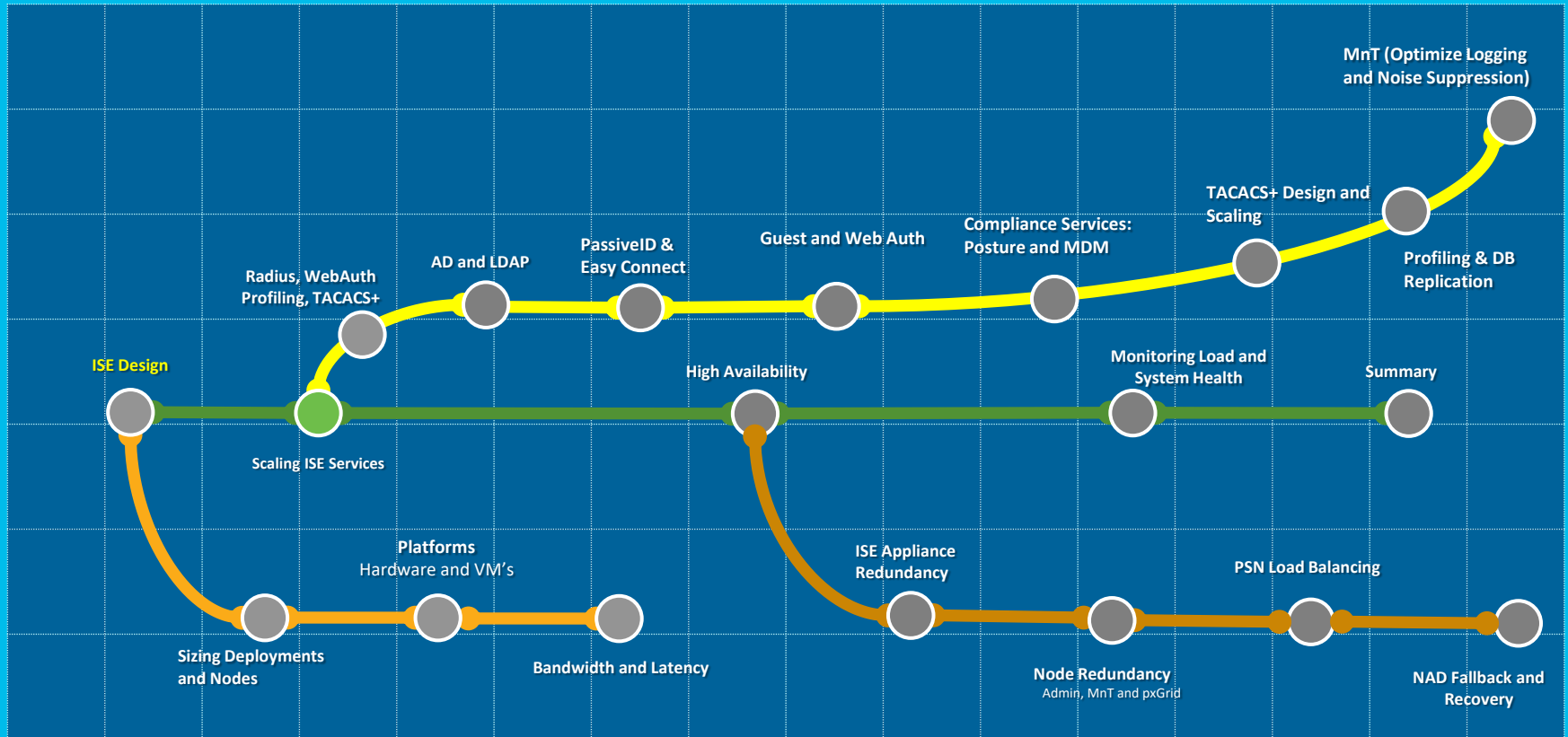
Available to customers @ <https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-documents/ise-latency-and-bandwidth-calculators/ta-p/3641112>



Session Agenda

Scaling ISE Services

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ISE Personas and Services

Enable Only What Is Needed !!

Session Services includes base user services such as RADIUS, Guest, Posture, MDM, BYOD/CA

• ISE Personas:

- PAN
- MNT
- PSN
- pxGrid

• PSN Services

- Session
- Profiling
- TC-NAC
- ISE SXP
- Device Admin (TACACS+)
- Passive Identity (Easy Connect)

Personas

Administration Role

Monitoring Role Other Monitoring Node

Policy Service

- Enable Session Services ⓘ
- Enable Profiling Service
- Enable Threat Centric NAC Service ⓘ
- Enable SXP Service ⓘ
- Enable Device Admin Service ⓘ
- Enable Passive Identity Service ⓘ

Include Node in

Use Interface

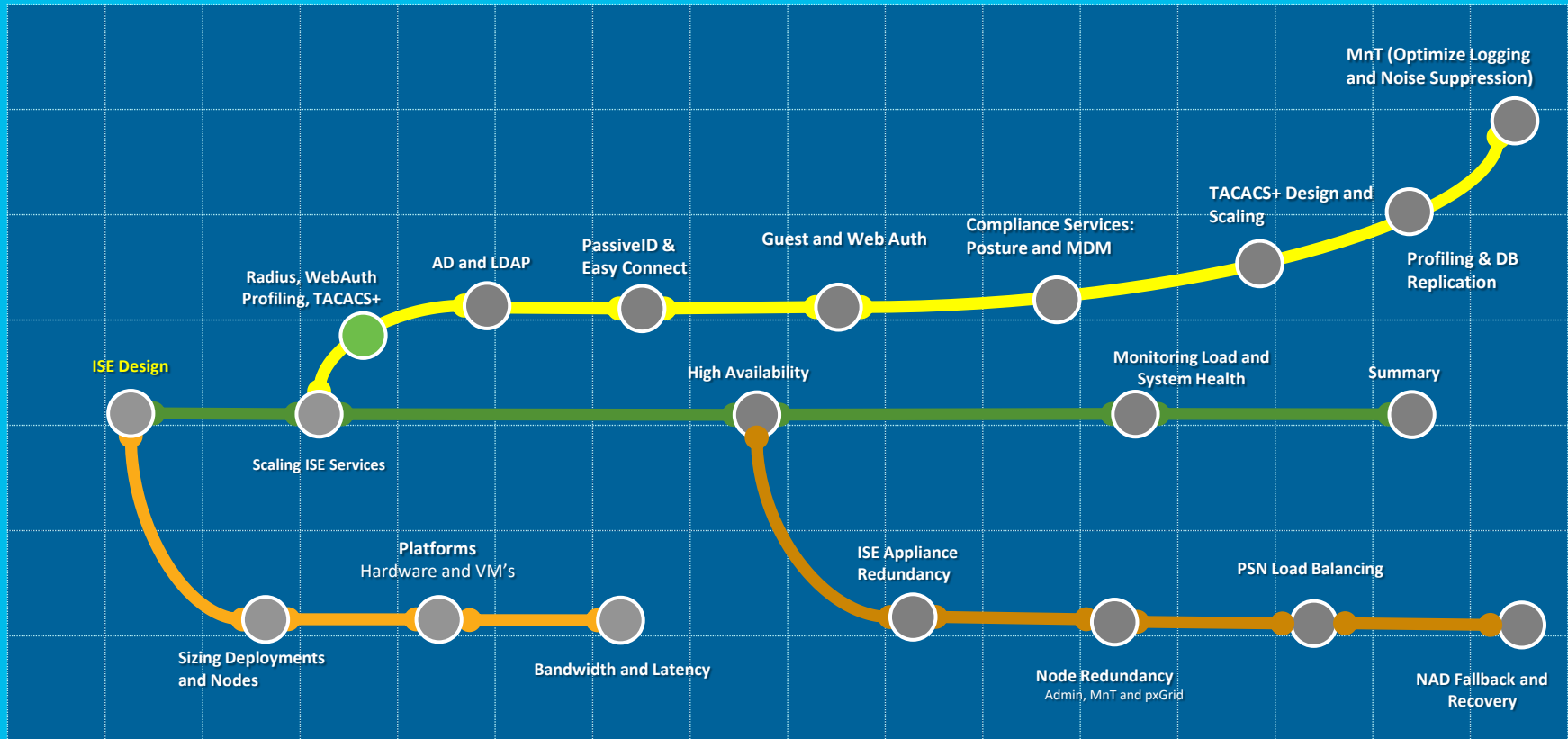
pxGrid ⓘ

- Avoid unnecessary overload of PSN services
- Some services should be dedicated to one or more PSNs

Session Agenda

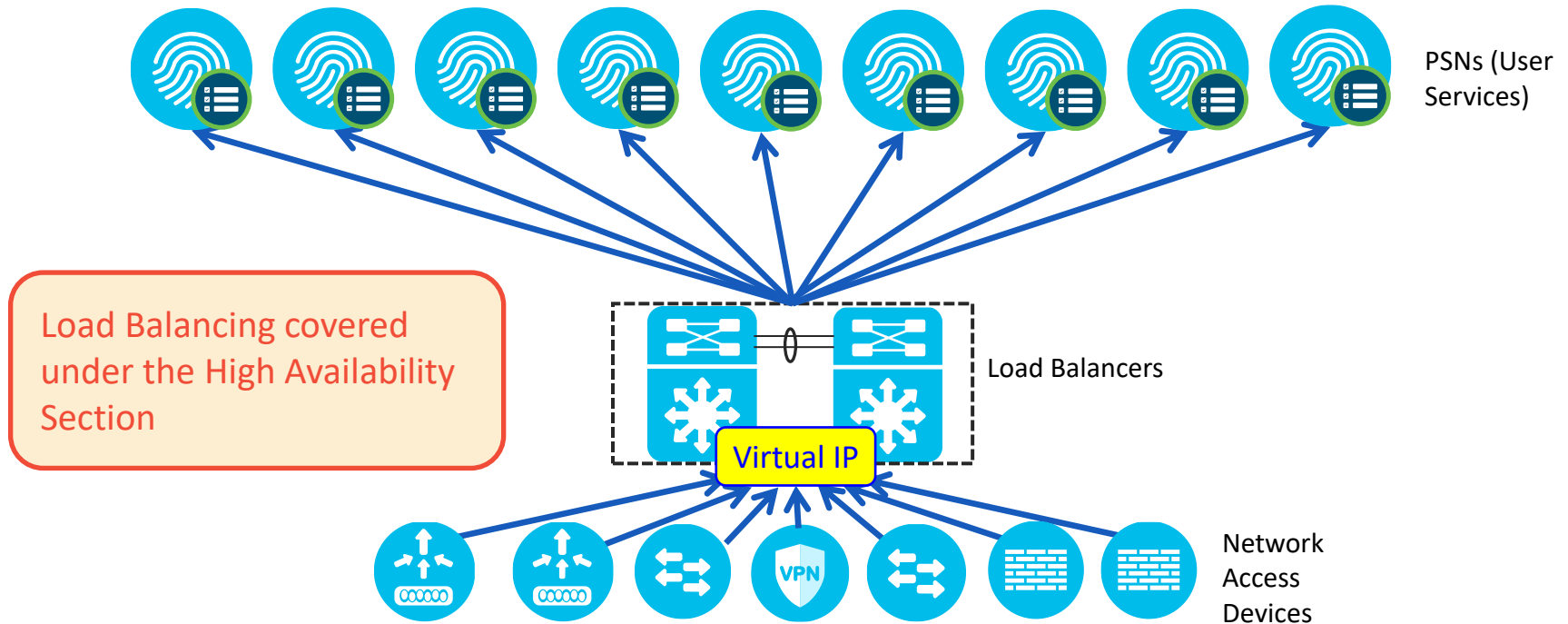
Radius, Web Auth, Profiling, TACACS

You Are Here



Scaling RADIUS, Web, Profiling, and TACACS+ w/LB

- Policy Service nodes can be configured in a cluster behind a load balancer (LB).
- Access Devices send RADIUS and TACACS+ AAA requests to LB virtual IP.





Auth Policy Optimization

Avoid Unnecessary External Store Lookups

Authorization Policy

Exceptions (0)

Standard

		Employee_MDM	if	(MDM:DeviceCompliantStatus EQUALS Compliant AND MDM:DeviceRegisterStatus EQUALS Registered AND AD1:ExternalGroups EQUALS cts.local/Users/employees-contractors AND EndPoints:LogicalProfile EQUALS Android Devices)	then	Employee
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- Policy Logic:
 - First Match, Top Down
 - Skip Rule on first negative condition match
- More specific rules generally at top
- Try to place more “popular” rules before less used rules.

Example of a Poor Rule: Employee_MDM

- All lookups to External Policy and ID Stores performed first, then local profile match!



For Your Reference

Auth Policy Optimization



For Your Reference

Rule Sequence and Condition Order is Important!

Authorization Policy

Exceptions (0)

Standard

Example #1: Employee

1. Endpoint ID Group
2. Authenticated using AD?
3. Auth method/protocol
4. AD Group Lookup

Example #2: Employee_CWA

1. Location (Network Device Group)
2. Web Authenticated?
3. Authenticated via LDAP Store?
4. LDAP Attribute Comparison

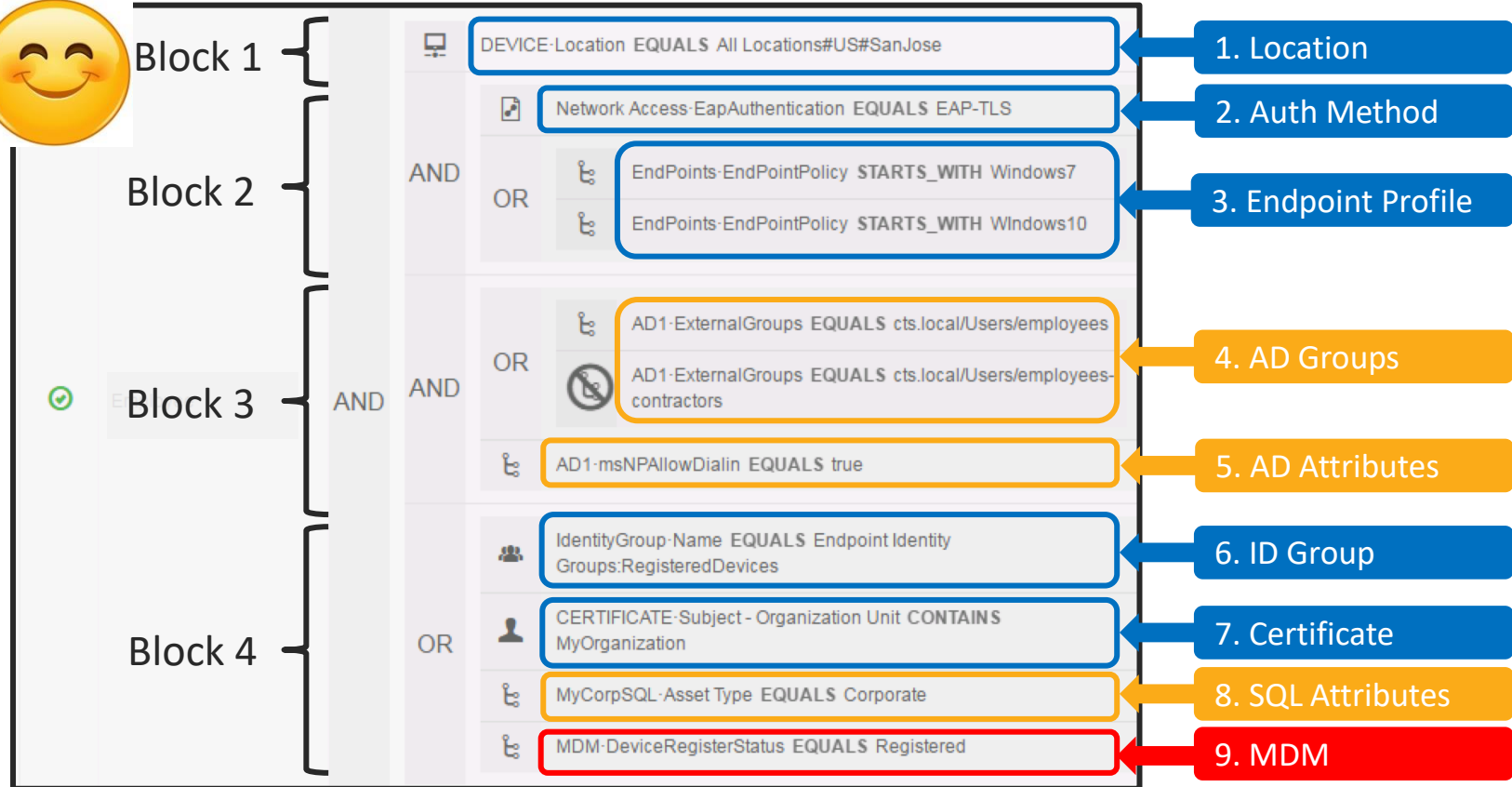
Status	Rule Name	Conditions (identity groups and other conditions)	Permissions
	Employee	<code>RegisteredDevices AND (Network Access:AuthenticationIdentityStore EQUALS AD1 AND Network Access:AuthenticationMethod EQUALS MSCHAPV2 AND AD1:ExternalGroups EQUALS cts.local/Users/employees)</code>	Employee
	Employee_CWA	<code>if (DEVICE:Location EQUALS All Locations#North_America#San_Jose AND Network Access:UseCase EQUALS Guest Flow AND Network Access:AuthenticationIdentityStore EQUALS AD_LDAP AND Radius:Calling-Station-ID EQUALS AD_LDAP:msNPSavedCallingStationID)</code>	Employee

Auth Policy Optimization



For Your Reference

ISE 2.3 + Better Example!





ISE 2.4+ Auth Policy Scale

- Max Policy Sets = **200**
(up from 100 in 2.2)
- Max Authentication Rules = **1000**
(up from 200 in 2.2)
- Max Authorization Rules = **3000**
(up from 700 in 2.2)
- Max Authorization Profiles = **3200**
(up from 1000 in 2.2)



Dynamic Variable Substitution



For Your Reference

Rule Reduction

- Authorization Policy Conditions

- Match conditions to unique values stored per-User/Endpoint in internal or external ID stores (AD, LDAP, SQL, etc)
- ISE supports custom User and Endpoint attributes

▼ **Authorization Policy**

Standard

Status	Rule Name	Conditions (identity groups and other conditions)	Permissions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dynamic Match Rule	if Radius:Calling-Station-ID MATCHES LDAP1 Department then	Permit Access

- Authorization Profile Conditions



▼ **Advanced Attributes Settings**

Radius:Class = InternalEndpoint groupPolicy

Dynamic DACLs in Authorization Profile



For Your Reference

Per-User Policy in 1 rule

1. Populate attribute in internal or external ID store.
2. Reference attribute in Authorization Profile under dACL

Authorization Profiles > **New Authorization Profile**

Authorization Profile

* Name:

Description:

* Access Type:

Network Device Profile:

Service Template:

Track Movement:

Passive Identity Tracking:

InternalUser

- EnableFlag
- Firstname
- IdentityGroup
- Is_User_Temp_Employee
- Lastname
- Name
- User_dACL**
- User_IP
- User_Start_Date
- User_VLAN
- UserType

Common Tasks

- DACL Name:
- DACL Name:

BRKSEC-3432

co Public

Internal User example

External User example

Dynamic VLANs in Authorization Profile



For Your Reference

Per-User/Endpoint Policy in Single Authorization Rule

- Set VLAN number of name in unique attribute in local or external ID store.
- Ex: AD1:postalcode
- VLAN value will be retrieved and replaced with variable name:

Common Tasks

- DACL Name
- VLAN

Dynamic attributes not currently supported under Common Tasks, so must use Advanced Attr. Settings

Advanced Attributes Settings

Radius:Tunnel-Private-Group-ID	=	AD1:postalCode	Tag ID 1	Edit Tag
Radius:Tunnel-Type	=	VLAN	Tag ID 1	Edit Tag
Radius:Tunnel-Medium-Type	=	802	Tag ID 1	Edit Tag

Attributes Details

```
Access Type = ACCESS_ACCEPT
Tunnel-Private-Group-ID = 1:AD1:postalCode
Tunnel-Type = 1:13
Tunnel-Medium-Type = 1:6
```

Actual value will be based on lookup in AD1 for authenticated user ID.

Enable EAP Session Resume / Fast Reconnect

Major performance boost, but not complete auth so avoid excessive timeout value



The screenshot shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) configuration interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like Client Provisioning, Posture, Profiling, Protocols, and RADIUS. Under Protocols, EAP-FAST is expanded, showing EAP FAST Settings and Generate PAC. EAP-TLS, PEAP, and EAP-TTLS are also listed. The main content area is titled 'EAP TLS Settings' and contains the following configuration options:

- Enable EAP TLS Session Resume
- * EAP TLS Session Timeout: (in seconds) (s)

Below this is the 'Peap Settings' section:

- Enable PEAP Session Resume
- * PEAP Session Timeout: (in seconds)
- Enable Fast Reconnect

Buttons for 'Save' and 'Reset' are visible. A 'Select Authentication Method' dropdown is set to 'Win 7 Supplicant', with 'Secured password (EAP-MSCHAP v2)' selected. Below this, there are checkboxes for 'Enable Fast Reconnect', 'Enforce Network Access Protection', and 'Disconnect if server does not present cryptobinding TLV'. The 'Enable Fast Reconnect' checkbox is checked.

Cache TLS (TLS Handshake Only/Skip Cert)

Cache TLS session

Skip inner method

Note: Both Server and Client must be configured for Fast Reconnect

Machine Access Restrictions (MAR)

Couples Machine + User Authentication



For Your
Reference

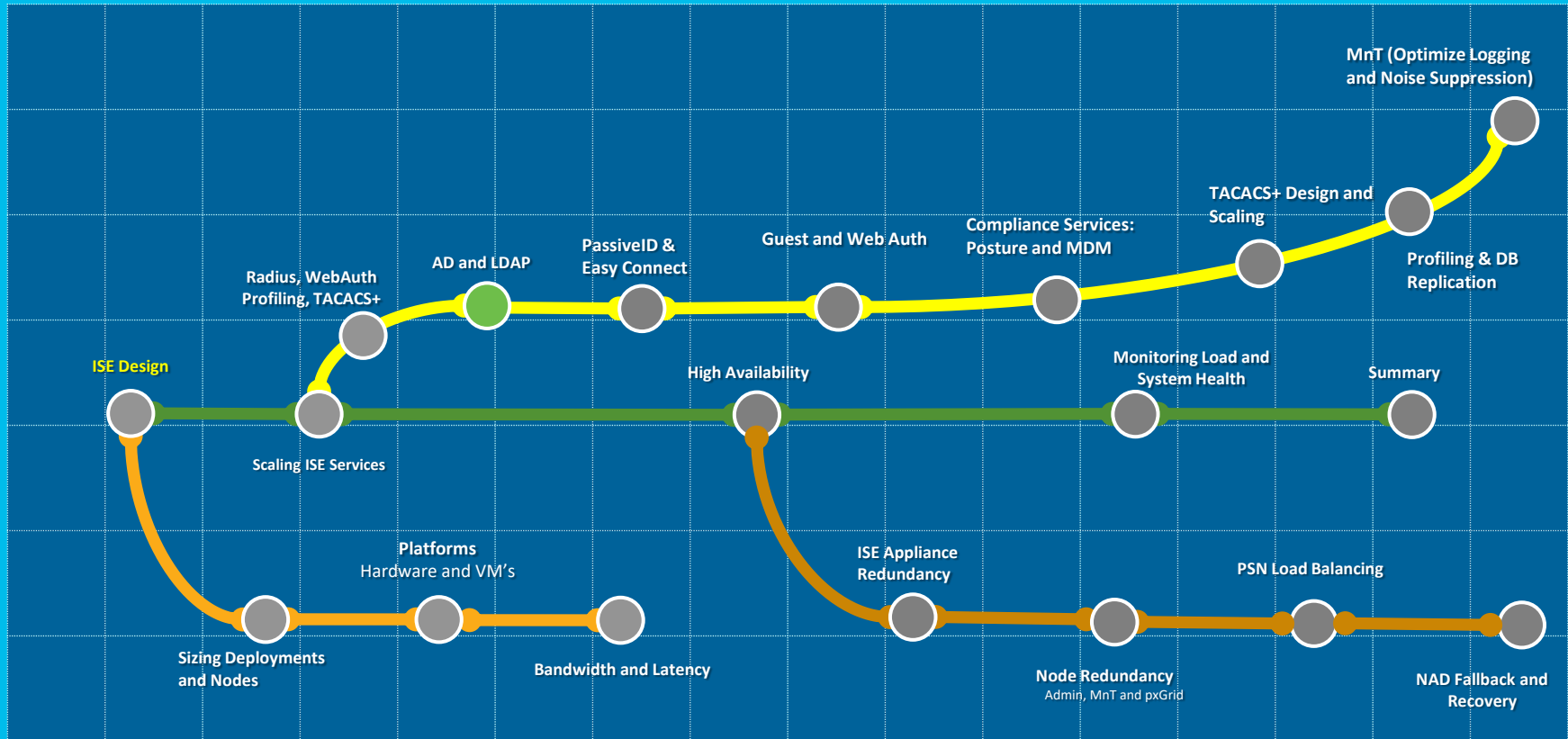
- MAR caches a Machine Authentication via Calling-Station-ID (MAC Address)
- User can be required to have existing cache entry to pass authorization.
- Susceptible to sync issues, especially if cache expires, requiring client restart

Status	Rule Name	Conditions (identity groups and other conditions)	Permissions
✓	Machine plus User	if (Network Access:WasMachineAuthenticated EQUALS True AND AD1:ExternalGroups EQUALS cts.local/Users/employees) then	Employee_Access
✓	Machine Only	if AD1:ExternalGroups EQUALS cts.local/Users/Domain Computers then	AD_Login
✓	User Only	if (Network Access:WasMachineAuthenticated EQUALS True AND AD1:ExternalGroups EQUALS cts.local/Users/employees) then	Internet_Only

Session Agenda

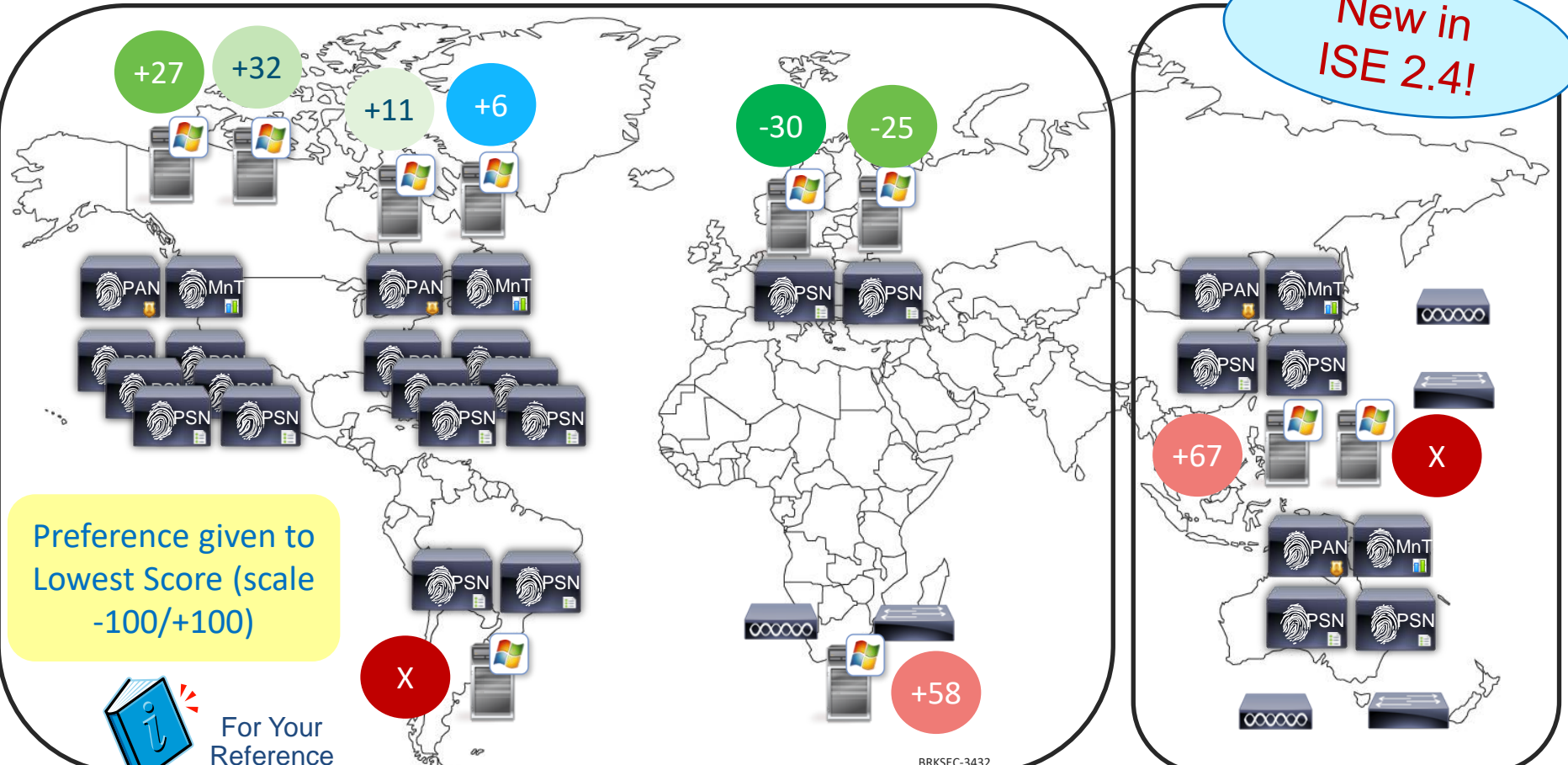
AD and LDAP

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Enhanced AD Domain Controller Management and Failover

Preferred DC Based on Scoring System



Preference given to Lowest Score (scale -100/+100)



For Your Reference

New in ISE 2.4!



Microsoft LDAP Changes - CSCvs67071

LDAP channel binding

- [CVE-2017-8563](#)
- Registry setting
- LDAP authentication over SSL/TLS more secure

LDAP Signing

- unsigned SASL/ non-SSL/TLS
- Look at summary event 2887
- <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=9645087>

My Lab testing:

- AD is not impacted
- Clear LDAP Text 389 fails – Secure LDAP 636 works

Per-PSN LDAP Servers



For Your Reference

Added in ISE 2.2!

- Assign unique Primary and Secondary to each PSN
- Allows each PSN to use local or regional LDAP Servers

LDAP Identity Sources List > LDAP1

LDAP Identity Source

General **Connection** Directory Organization Groups Attributes Advanced Settings

Primary Server

Hostname/IP: ad.cts.local
Port: 389

Secondary Server

Enable Secondary Server

Hostname/IP: ad2.cts.local
Port: 389

Specify server for each ISE node

Name	Primary Hostname/IP	Port	Secondary Hostname/IP	Port
ise22-psn1.company.com	ldap1-us-west.company.com	389	ldap2-us-west.company.com	389
ise22-psn2.company.com	ldap1-us-east.company.com	389	ldap2-us-east.company.com	389
ise22-psn3.company.com	ldap1-europe.company.com	389	ldap2-europe.company.com	389
ise22-psn4.company.com	ldap1-asia-west.company.com	389	ldap2-asia-west.company.com	389
ise22-psn5.company.com	ldap1-africa.company.com	389	ldap2-africa.company.com	389
ise22-psn6.company.com	ldap1-india.company.com	389	ldap2-india.company.com	389

Load Balancing LDAP Servers

Lookup2 = ldap.company.com

Response = 10.1.95.7



15 minute reconnect timer



PSN

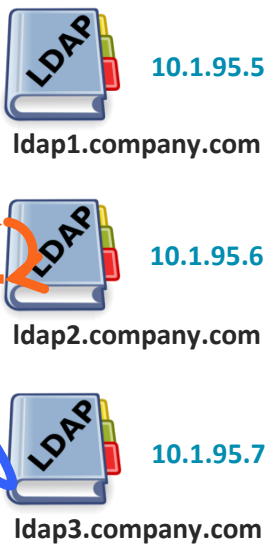
LDAP Query to 10.1.95.7

LDAP Response from 10.1.95.7

A screenshot of the "External Identity Sources" configuration page. It shows a tree view with folders for "Certificate Authentication Profile", "Active Directory", "LDAP", "ODBC", "RADIUS Token", "RSA SecurID", and "SAML Id Providers". The "LDAP" folder is expanded to show "LDAP1".

External Identity Sources

- Certificate Authentication Profile
- Active Directory
- LDAP
 - LDAP1
- ODBC
- RADIUS Token
- RSA SecurID
- SAML Id Providers



LDAP Identity Sources List > LDAP1

LDAP Identity Source

General

Connection



For Your Reference

Primary Server

* Hostname/IP ldap.company.com

* Port 389

Access Anonymous Access

Authenticated Access

Admin DN * CN=admin,DC=company,DC=con

Password *

Secure Authentication Enable Secure Authentication

Enable Server Identity Check

LDAP Server Root CA Cisco Root CA 2048

Issuer CA of ISE Certificates Select if required (optional)

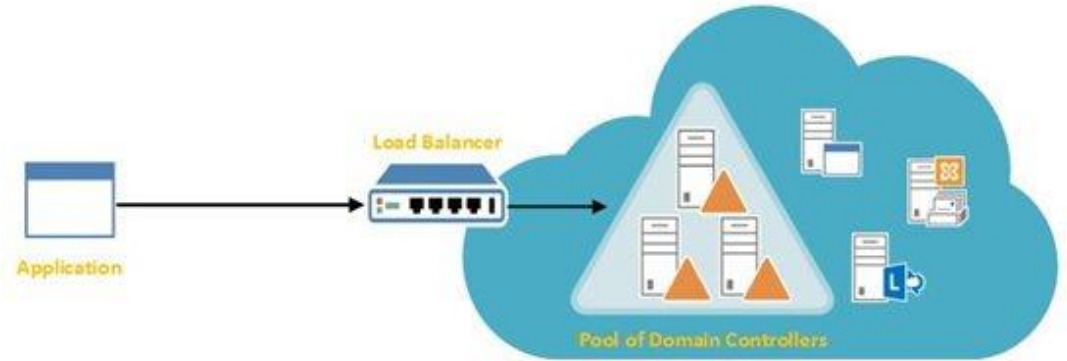
* Server Timeout 10 Seconds

* Max. Admin Connections 20

Force reconnect every 15 Minutes

Test Bind to Server

Microsoft X-Directory load balance

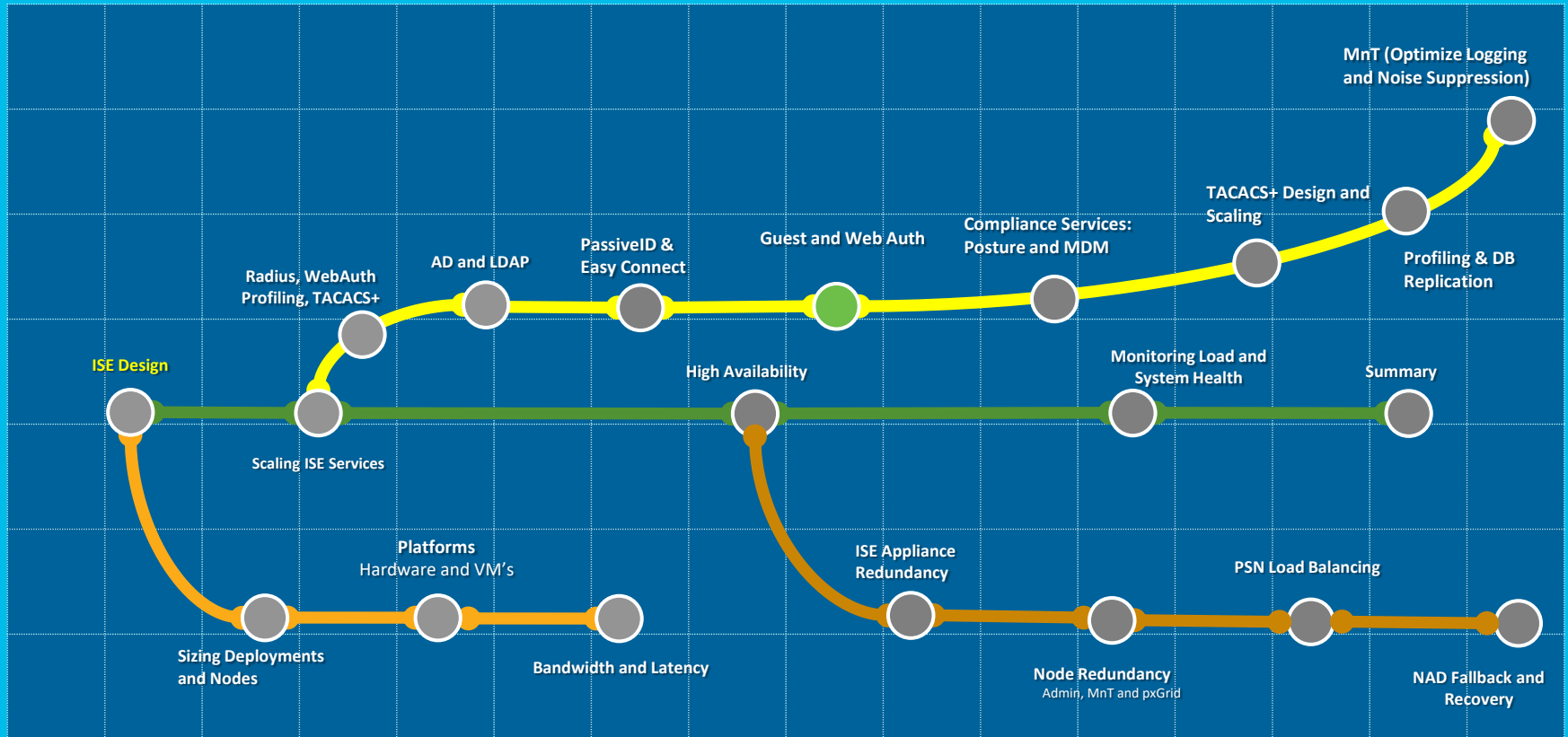


In this article we talked about Load Balancers and whether they are effective to use or not in an Active Directory infrastructure. Although implementing a Load Balancer and configuring Domain Controllers behind a VIP may work in short time, but they will repeatedly generate Kerberos errors and difficulties and clients will fail because of their inability to follow appropriate SPN. Note that by client I mean an AD-unaware application which is trying to work with LDAP.

Session Agenda

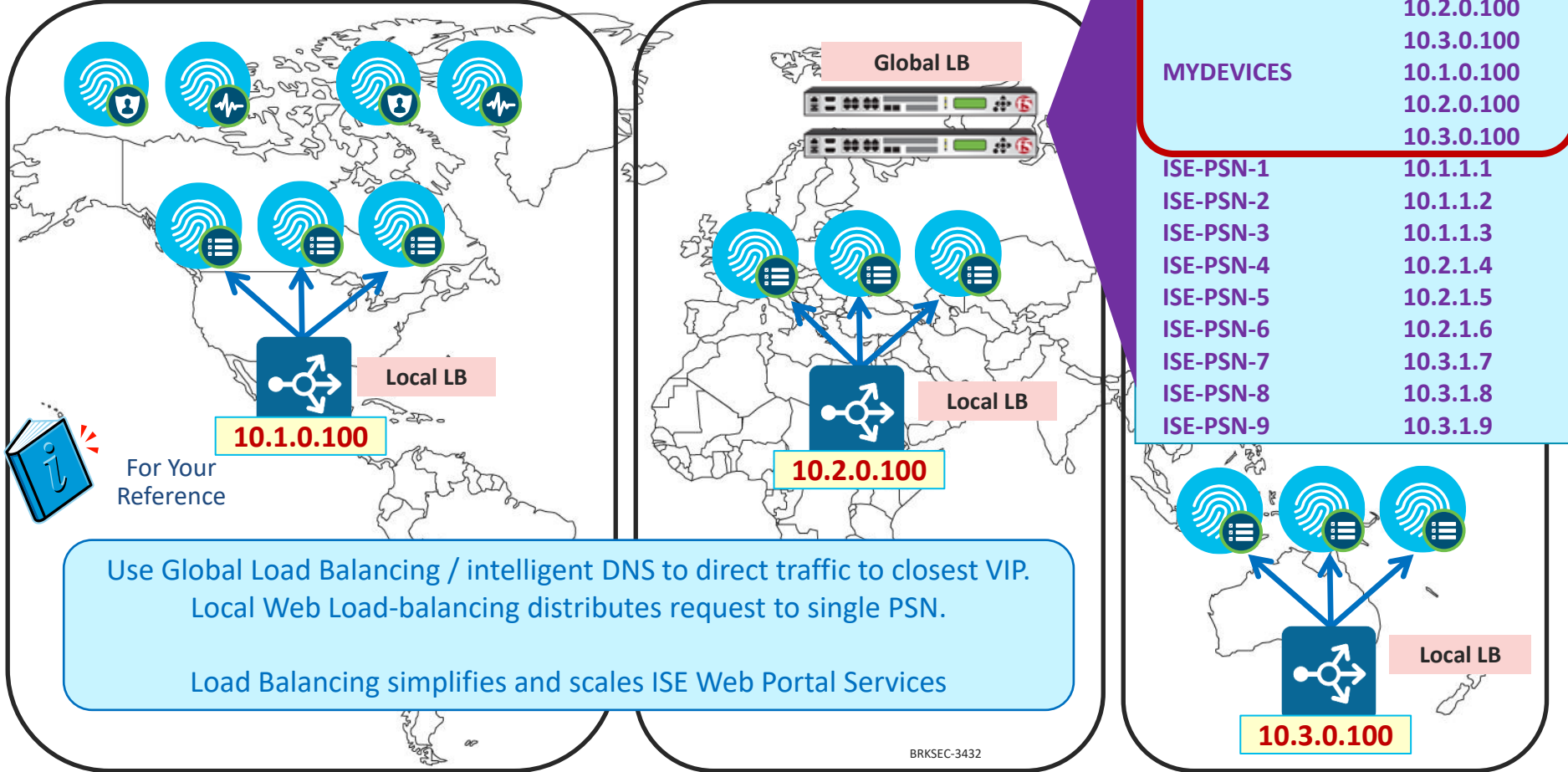
Guest and WebAuth

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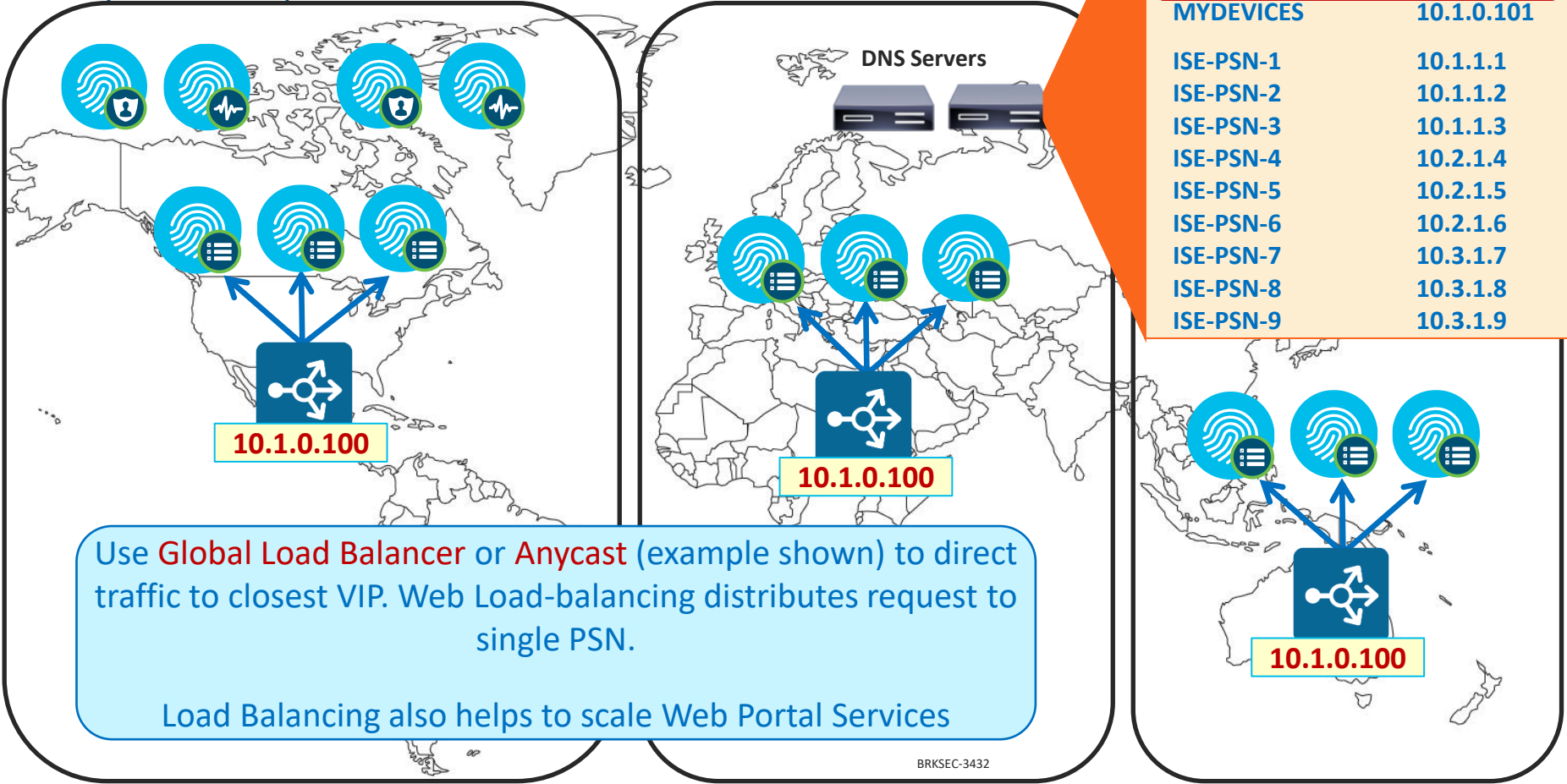
Scaling Global Sponsor / MyDevices

Global Load Balancers / "Smart DNS" Example



Scaling Global Sponsor / MyDevices

Anycast Example



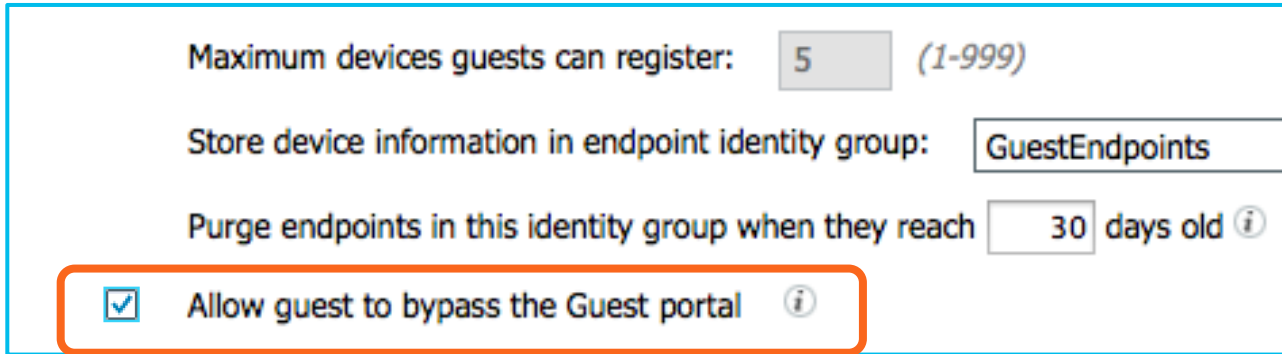
Use **Global Load Balancer** or **Anycast** (example shown) to direct traffic to closest VIP. Web Load-balancing distributes request to single PSN.

Load Balancing also helps to scale Web Portal Services

Scaling Guest Authentications Using 802.1X

“Activated Guest” allows guest accounts to be used without ISE web auth portal

- Guests auth with 802.1X using EAP methods like PEAP-MSCHAPv2 / EAP-GTC
- 802.1X auth performance generally much higher than web auth



Maximum devices guests can register: (1-999)

Store device information in endpoint identity group:

Purge endpoints in this identity group when they reach days old ⓘ

Allow guest to bypass the Guest portal ⓘ

Warning:
Watch for
expired guest
accounts, else
high # auth
failures !

Note: AUP and Password Change cannot be enforced since guest bypasses portal flow.

Scaling Web Auth

“Remember Me” Guest Flows

- User logs in to Hotspot/CWA portal and MAC address auto-registered into GuestEndpoint group
- AuthZ Policy for GuestEndpoints ID Group grants access until device purged


Endpoint identity group: *

Purge endpoints in this identity group when they reach days

Configure endpoint purge at
[Administration](#) > [Identity Management](#) > [Settings](#) > [Endpoint purge](#)

Work Centers > Guest Access > Settings > Logging

When guest portal is bypassed, authorization is based on endpoint group

Show endpoint's associated portal user ID (vs. MAC address) as the username 

Reset

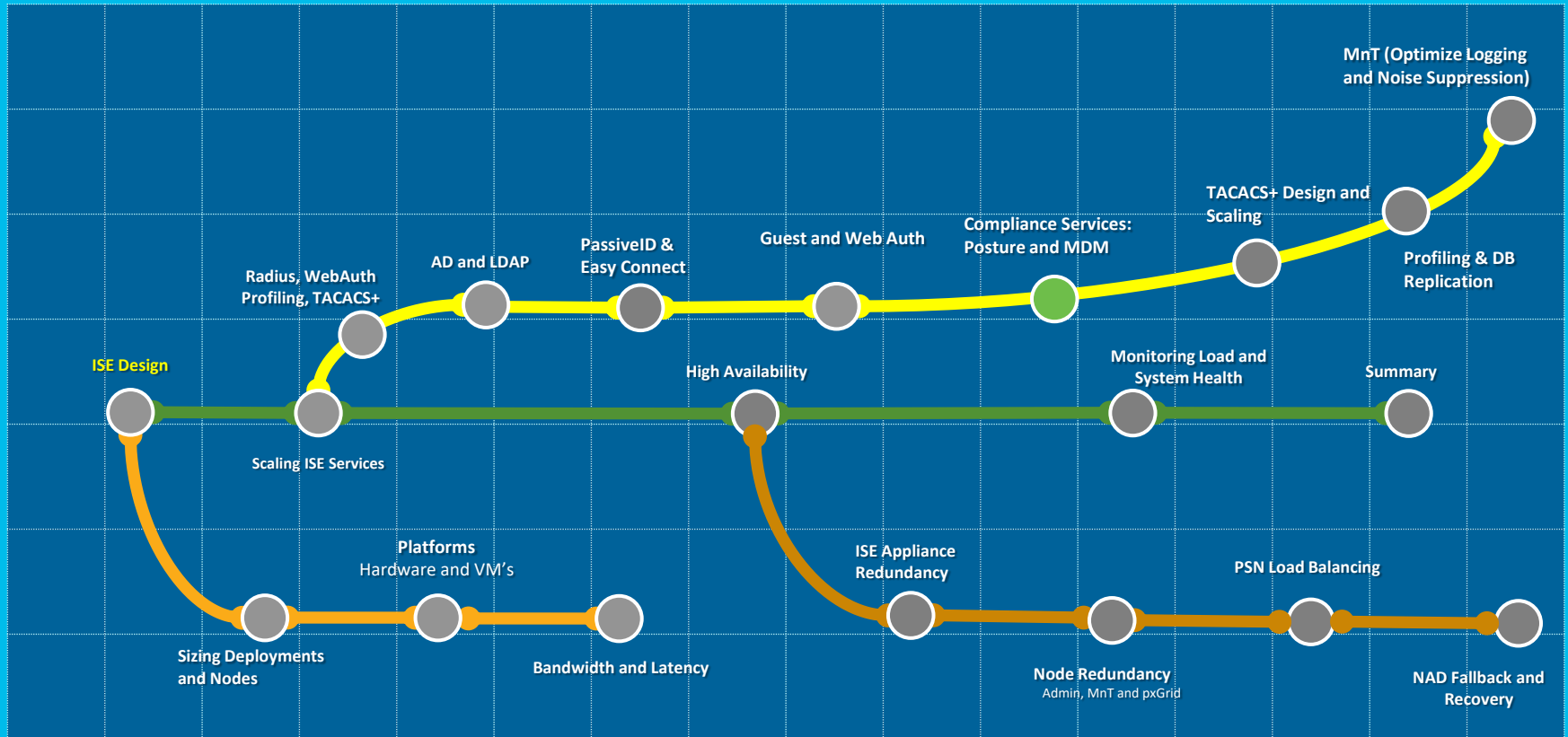
Save

Guest users are tracked by the MAC address of their device. When guest users are displayed in reports, the username is the MAC address. If you select this option, reports will display the portal user ID as the username, instead of the MAC address.

Session Agenda

Compliance Services: Posture and MDM

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ISE 2.6 introduced LSD ~~X~~ LDD

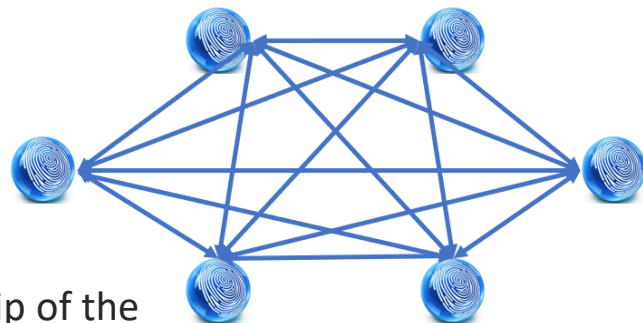
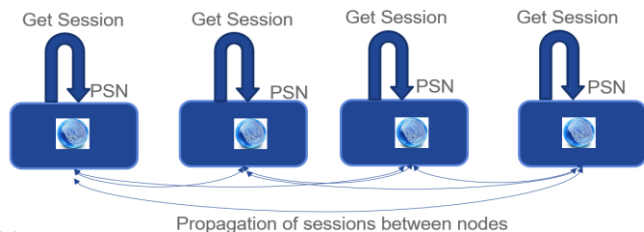




ISE Architecture on LDD

Session exists in local PSN and MnT node

- Each new session data propagated to all PSNs (in cluster) using Rabbit MQ
- Sessions data cached locally via Redis DB
- Full-Mesh Routing Message Bus
 - No bottlenecks, one hop delivery, truly distributed, persona agnostic



NODE Groups is not same as LDD, LDD just shares the ownership of the endpoint. MAR Cache is shared between node groups

Posture Lease

Once Compliant, user may leave/reconnect multiple times before re-posture

The screenshot shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) Administration console. The navigation bar includes Home, Operations, Policy, Guest Access, and Administration. The main menu has System, Identity Management, Identity Mapping, Network Resources, Web Portal Management, and Feed Service. The sub-menu includes Deployment, Licensing, Certificates, Logging, Maintenance, Backup & Restore, Admin Access, and Settings. The Settings page is open, showing a left-hand navigation tree with categories like Client Provisioning, Endpoint Protection Service, FIPS Mode, Alarm Settings, Posture (expanded), and Protocols. Under Posture, General Settings is selected. The Posture General Settings section includes fields for Remediation Timer (4 Minutes), Network Transition Delay (3 Seconds), Default Posture Status (Compliant), and a checkbox for Automatically Close Login Success Screen After (0 Seconds). The Posture Lease section is highlighted with a blue box and contains two radio button options: 'Perform posture assessment every time a user connects to the network' (selected) and 'Perform posture assessment every 1 Days'. A note below states: 'Note : The above configuration applies only to AnyConnect Agent and not to NAC Agent and Web Agent.' Save and Reset buttons are visible at the bottom.

Posture Lease

Perform posture assessment every time a user connects to the network

Perform posture assessment every Days

Note : The above configuration applies only to AnyConnect Agent and not to NAC Agent and Web Agent.

MDM Scalability and Survivability

What Happens When the MDM Server is Unreachable?

- Scalability ≈ 30 Calls per second per PSN.
 - Cloud-Based deployment typically built for scale and redundancy
 - For cloud-based solutions, Internet bandwidth and latency must be considered.
 - Premise-Based deployment may leverage load balancing
- ISE 1.4+ supports multiple MDM servers – could be same or different vendors.

- Authorization permissions can be set based on MDM connectivity status:

- **MDM:MDMServerReachable Equals UnReachable**
MDM:MDMServerReachable Equals Reachable

```
✓ MobileDevice_Unreachable if ( EndPoints:BYODRegistration EQUALS Yes AND MDM:MDMServerReachable EQUALS UnReachable ) then MDM_Fail_Open
```

- All attributes retrieved & reachability determined by single API call on each new session.

Scaling MDM

Prepopulate MDM Enrollment and/or Compliance via ERS API

ISE 2.4 adds support for managing MDM Attributes via ERS API

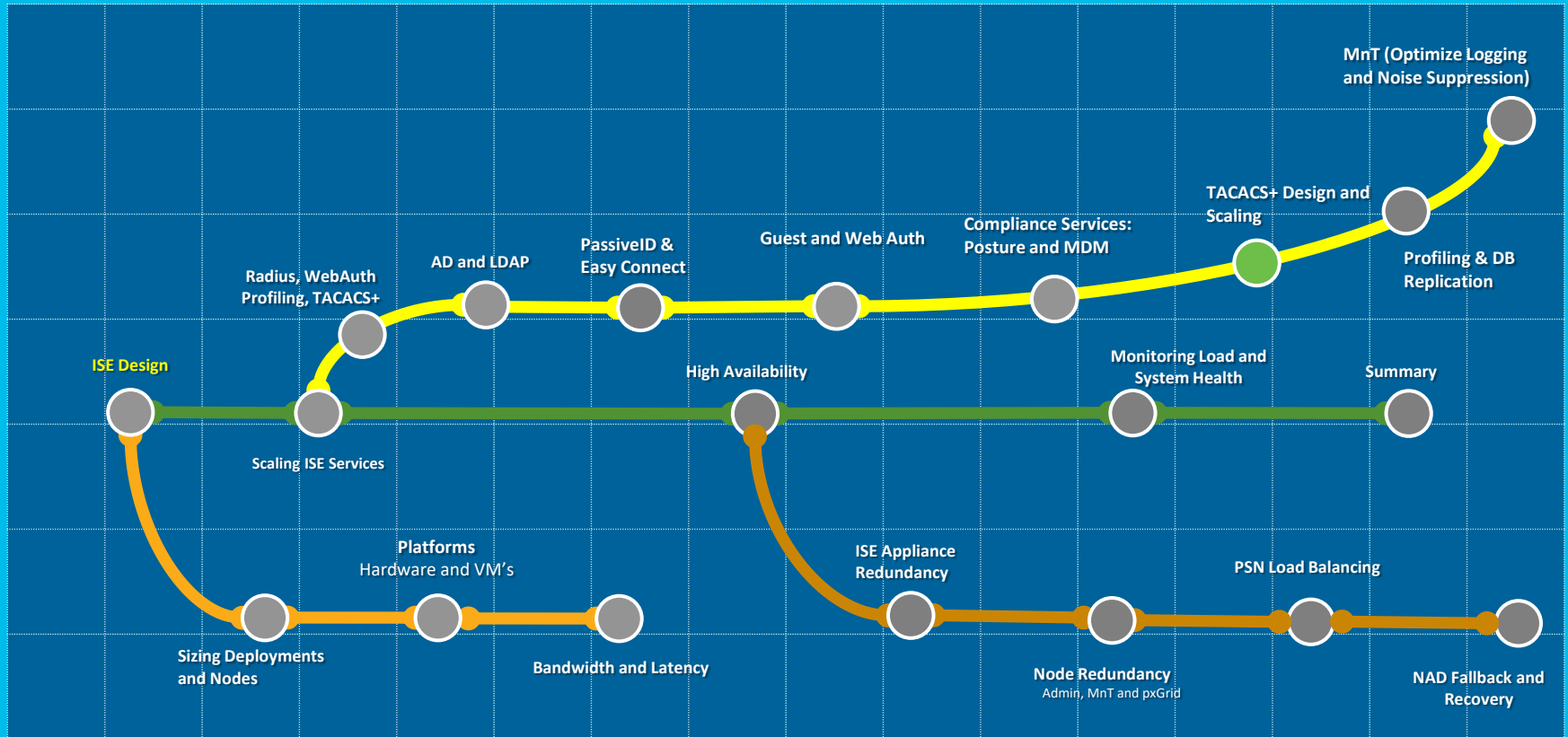
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<groupId>groupId</groupId>
<identityStore>identityStore</identityStore>
<identityStoreId>identityStoreId</identityStoreId>
<mac>00:01:02:03:04:05</mac>
<mdmComplianceStatus>false</mdmComplianceStatus>
<mdmEncrypted>false</mdmEncrypted>
<mdmEnrolled>true</mdmEnrolled>
<mdmIMEI>IMEI</mdmIMEI>
<mdmJailBroken>false</mdmJailBroken>
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<mdmModel>iPad</mdmModel>
<mdmOS>iOS</mdmOS>
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<mdmPinlock>true</mdmPinlock>
<mdmReachable>true</mdmReachable>
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<mdmServerName>AirWatch</mdmServerName>
<portalUser>portalUser</portalUser>
<profileId>profileId</profileId>
<staticGroupAssignment>true</staticGroupAssignment>
<staticProfileAssignment>false</staticProfileAssignment>
```

```
<customAttributes>
  <customAttributes>
    <entry>
      <key>MDM_Registered</key>
      <value>true</value>
    </entry>
    <entry>
      <key>MDM_Compliance</key>
      <value>false</value>
    </entry>
    <entry>
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      <value>Value_XYZ</value>
    </entry>
  </customAttributes>
</customAttributes>
```

Session Agenda

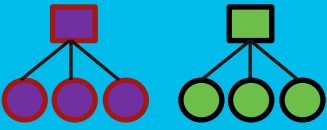
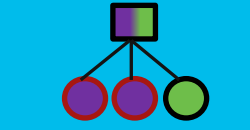
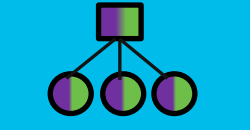
Compliance Services: Posture and MDM

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Options for Deploying Device Admin

<https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-documents/ise-tacacs-deployment-amp-sizing-guidance/ta-p/3612253>

Priorities according to Policy and Business Goals		Separate Deployment  RADIUS TACACS	Separate PSNs  RADIUS TACACS	Mixed PSNs  RADIUS/ TACACS
Separation of Configuration/ Duty	Yes: Specialization for TACACS+	Green	Red	Red
	No: Shared resources/Reduced \$\$	Red	Yellow	Green
Independent Scaling of Services	Yes: Scale as needed/No impact on Device Admin from RADIUS services	Green	Yellow	Red
	No: Avoid underutilized PSNs	Red	Yellow	Green
Suitable for high-volume Device Admin	Yes: Services dedicated to TACACS+	Green	Green	Red
	No: Focus on "human" device admins	Red	Yellow	Green
Separation of Logging Store	Yes: Optimize log retention VM	Green	Red	Red
	No: Centralized monitoring	Red	Green	Green

RADIUS Only PSNs



For Your Reference

Administration > System > Deployment > [ISE node]

Personas

Administration Role **PRIMARY**

Monitoring Role PRIMARY Other Monitoring Node

Policy Service **Policy Service is Required**

Enable Session Services Include Node in Node Group None

Enable Profiling Service

Enable SXP Service Use Interface GigabitEthernet 0

Enable Device Admin Service **TACACS+ Disabled**

Enable Identity Mapping

pxGrid

Enable What's Needed for Network Access

TACACS+ Only PSNs



For Your Reference

Administration > System > Deployment > [ISE node]

Personas

Administration Role **PRIMARY**

Monitoring Role PRIMARY Other Monitoring Node

Policy Service **Policy Service is Required**

Enable Session Services Include Node in Node Group: None

Enable Profiling Service

Enable SXP Service Use Interface: GigabitEthernet 0

Enable Device Admin Service **Device Admin = T+**

Enable Identity Mapping

pxGrid

Disable Network Access Services

ISE 2.7 TACACS+ Multi-Service Scaling (RADIUS and T+)

Max Concurrent RADIUS + TACACS+ TPS by Deployment Model and Platform

Deployment Model		Platform	Max # Dedicated PSNs	Max RADIUS Sessions per Deployment	Max TACACS+ TPS per Deployment
Standa-alone	All personas on same node	3615	0	10,000	100
		3655	0	25,000	100
		3695	0	50,000	100
Hybrid	PAN+MnT+PXG on same node; Dedicated PSN	3655 as PAN+MNT	* 5 / 3+2	25,000	250 / 3,000
		3695 as PAN+MNT	* 5 / 3+2	50,000	250 / 3,000
Dedicated	Each Persona on Dedicated Node	3655 as PAN and MNT	* 50 / 47+3	500,000	2,500 / 6,000
		3595 as PAN and MNT	* 50 / 47+3	500,000 (2M)	2,500 / 6,000

* Device Admin service enabled on same PSNs also used for RADIUS OR Split RADIUS and T+ PSNs

Each dedicated T+ PSN node reduces dedicated RADIUS PSN count by 1

Scaling per PSN	Platform	Max RADIUS Sessions per PSN	Max TACACS+ TPS per PSN
Dedicated Policy nodes (Max Sessions Gated by Total Deployment Size)	SNS-3615	10,000	2,000
	SNS-3655	50,000	3,000
	SNS-3695	100,000	3,000

ISE 2.7 TACACS+ Multi-Service Scaling (TACACS+ Only)

Max Concurrent TACACS+ TPS by Deployment Model and Platform

- By Deployment

Deployment Model		Platform	Max # Dedicated PSNs	Max RADIUS Sessions per Deployment	Max TACACS+ TPS per Deployment
Stand-alone	All personas on same node	3615	0	N/A	1,000
		3655/3695	0	N/A	1,500
Hybrid	PAN+MnT+PXG on same node; Dedicated PSN	3615 as PAN+MNT	* 5 / 2	N/A	** 2,000 / 2,000
		3655/3695 as PAN+MNT	* 5 / 2	N/A	** 3,000 / 3,000
Dedicated	Each Persona on Dedicated Node	3655 as PAN and MNT	* 50 / 4	N/A	** 5,000 / 5,000
		3695 as PAN and MnT	* 50 / 5	N/A	** 10,000 / 10,000

* Device Admin service can be enabled on each PSN; minimally 2 for redundancy.

** Max log capacity for MNT

- By PSN

Scaling per PSN	Platform	Max RADIUS Sessions per PSN	Max TACACS+ TPS per PSN
Dedicated Policy nodes (Max Sessions Gated by Total Deployment Size)	SNS-3615	10,000	2,000
	SNS-3655/3695	50,000/100,000	3,000

TACACS+ MnT Scaling

Human Versus Automated Device Administration

- Consider the “average” size syslog from TACACS+ based on following guidance:

Each TACACS+ Session	Each Command Authorization (per session)
Authentication: 2kB	Command authorization: 2kB
Session authorization: 2kB	Command accounting : 1kB
Session accounting: 1kB	



- “Human” Device Admin Example:

- For a normal “human” session we may expect to see 10 commands, so a session would be approximately: [5kB + (10 * 3kB)] = 35kB. Suppose a maximum of 50 such sessions per admin per day from 50 admins (and few organizations have > 50 admins)
 - 50 human admins would generate < 1 TPS average, ~60k logs/day, or ~90MB/day.**

- Automated/Script Device Admin Example:

- Consider a script that runs 4 times a day against 30,000 devices, (for example, to backup config on all devices). Generally the interaction will be short, say 5 commands:
 - Storage = 30,000 * 4 * [5kB + (5 * 3kB)] = ~2.4 GB/day**
 - Total TPS = 30k * 4 * [3 + (5 * 2)] = 1.56M logs = 18 TPS average; 1300 TPS peak.**

```
Announce which devices we are working on and at what time
send_user "in"
and_user "xxx" Working on Shostname @ [date] <<<<<
and_user "in"

Don't check keys
param ssh -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no Username@Shostname

Allow this script to handle connection issues
expect {
  timeout { send_user "\nTimeout exceeded - Check Host!"
  eof { send_user "\nSSH Connection To Shostname Failed!"
  "" {}
  "password" {
    send "password\n"
  }
}
```

TACACS+ Multi-Service Scaling



For Your Reference

Required TACACS+ TPS by # Admins and # NADs

		Session Authentication and Accounting Only				Command Accounting Only (10 Commands / Session)				Command Authorization + Acctg (10 Commands / Session)			
		Avg TPS	Peak TPS	Logs/Day	Storage/day	Avg TPS	Peak TPS	Logs/Day	Storage/day	Avg TPS	Peak TPS	Logs/Day	Storage/day
Human Admin	# Admins	Based on 50 Admin Sessions per Day											
	1	< 1	< 1	150	< 1MB	< 1	< 1	650	1MB	< 1	< 1	1.2k	2MB
	5	< 1	< 1	750	1MB	< 1	< 1	3.3k	4MB	< 1	< 1	5.8k	9MB
	10	< 1	< 1	1.5k	3MB	< 1	< 1	6.5k	8MB	< 1	1	11.5k	17MB
	25	< 1	< 1	3.8k	7MB	< 1	1	16.3k	19MB	< 1	2	28.8k	43MB
	50	< 1	1	7.5k	13MB	< 1	2	32.5k	37MB	1	4	57.5k	86MB
	100	< 1	1	15k	25MB	1	4	65k	73MB	2	8	115k	171MB
Script Admin	# NADs	Based on 4 Scripted Sessions per Day											
	500	< 1	5	6k	10MB	< 1	22	26k	30MB	1	38	46k	70MB
	1,000	< 1	10	12k	20MB	1	43	52k	60MB	1	77	92k	140MB
	5,000	< 1	50	60k	100MB	3	217	260k	300MB	5	383	460k	700MB
	10,000	1	100	120k	200MB	6	433	520k	600MB	11	767	920k	1.4GB
	20,000	3	200	240k	400MB	12	867	1.04M	1.2GB	21	1.5k	1.84M	2.7GB
	30,000	5	300	480k	600MB	18	1.3k	1.56M	1.7GB	32	2.3k	2.76M	4.0GB
	50,000	7	500	600k	1GB	30	2.2k	2.6M	2.9GB	53	3.8k	4.6M	6.7GB

Peak values based on 5-minute burst to complete each batch request.

TACACS+ Multi-Service Scaling



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Required TACACS+ TPS by # Admins and # NADs

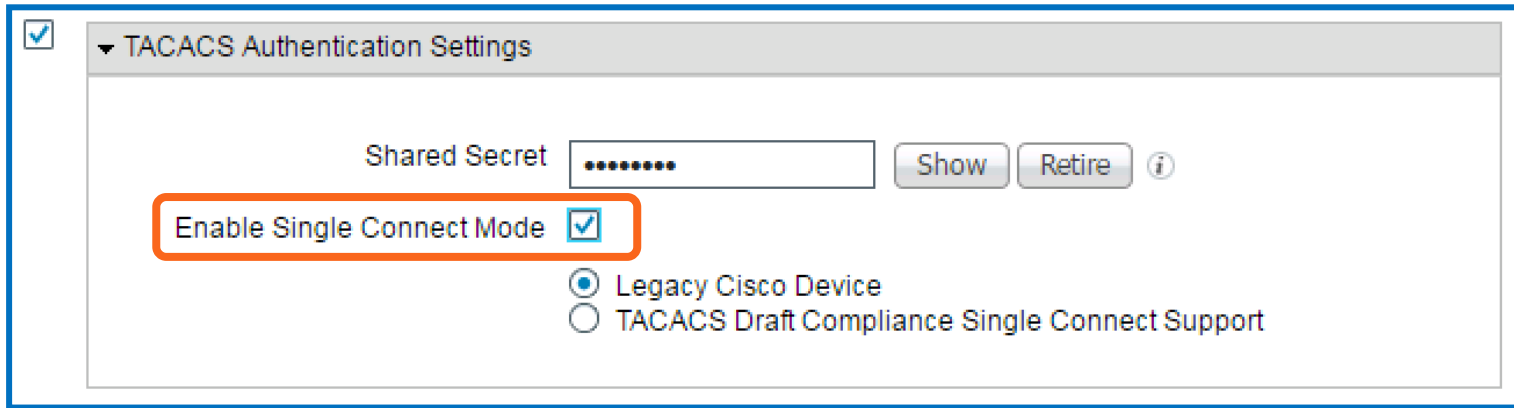
		Session Authentication and Accounting Only				Command Accounting Only (10 Commands / Session)				Command Authorization + Acctg (10 Commands / Session)			
		Avg TPS	Peak TPS	Logs/Day	Storage/day	Avg TPS	Peak TPS	Logs/Day	Storage/day	Avg TPS	Peak TPS	Logs/Day	Storage/day
Human Admin	# Admins	Based on 50 Admin Sessions per Day											
	1	< 1	< 1	150	< 1MB	< 1	< 1	650	1MB	< 1	< 1	1.2k	2MB
	5	< 1	< 1	750	1MB	< 1	< 1	3.3k	4MB	< 1	< 1	5.8k	9MB
	10	< 1	< 1	1.5k	3MB	< 1	< 1	6.5k	8MB	< 1	1	11.5k	17MB
	25	< 1	< 1	3.8k	7MB	< 1	1	16.3k	19MB	< 1	2	28.8k	43MB
	50	< 1	1	7.5k	13MB	< 1	2	32.5k	37MB	1	4	57.5k	86MB
	100	< 1	1	15k	25MB	1	4	65k	73MB	2	8	115k	171MB
Script Admin	# NADs	Based on 4 Scripted Sessions per Day											
	500	< 1	5	6k	10MB	< 1	22	26k	30MB	1	38	46k	70MB
	1,000	< 1	10	12k	20MB	1	43	52k	60MB	1	77	92k	140MB
	5,000	< 1	50	60k	100MB	3	217	260k	300MB	5	383	460k	700MB
	10,000	1	100	120k	200MB	6	433	520k	600MB	11	767	920k	1.4GB
	20,000	3	200	240k	400MB	12	867	1.04M	1.2GB	21	1.5k	1.84M	2.7GB
	30,000	5	300	480k	600MB	18	1.3k	1.56M	1.7GB	32	2.3k	2.76M	4.0GB
	50,000	7	500	600k	1GB	30	2.2k	2.6M	2.9GB	53	3.8k	4.6M	6.7GB

Peak values based on 5-minute burst to complete each batch request.

Single Connect Mode

Scaling TACACS+ for High-Volume NADs

- Multiplexes T+ requests over single TCP connection
 - All T+ requests between NAD and ISE occur over single connection rather than separate connections for each request.
- Recommended for TACACS+ “Top Talkers”
- Note: TCP sockets locked to NADs, so limit use to NADs with highest activity.



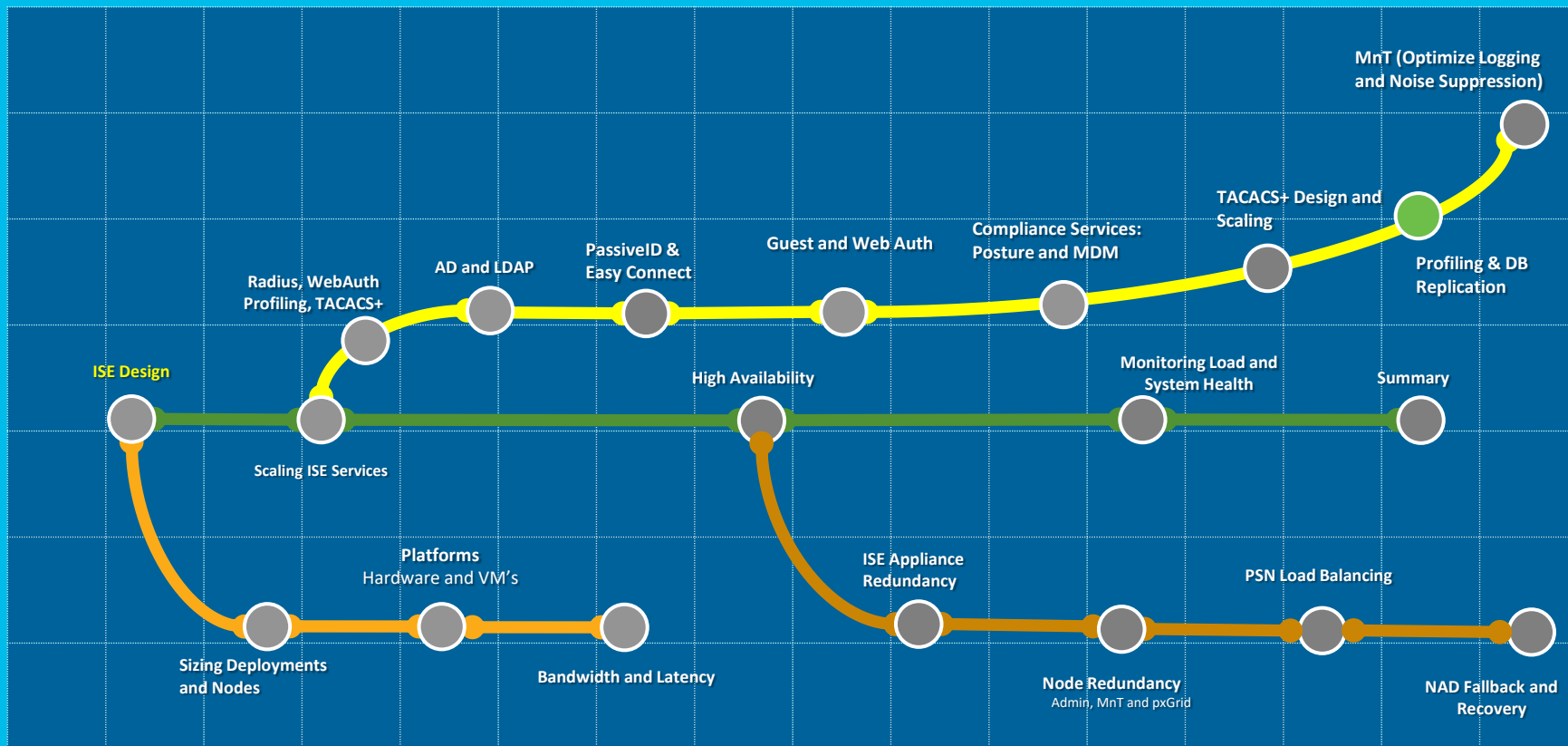
The screenshot shows the 'TACACS Authentication Settings' configuration page. A blue checkmark is visible in the top-left corner. The 'Shared Secret' field contains a masked password (represented by dots) and has 'Show', 'Retire', and 'i' buttons next to it. The 'Enable Single Connect Mode' checkbox is checked and highlighted with an orange border. Below this, there are two radio button options: 'Legacy Cisco Device' (selected) and 'TACACS Draft Compliance Single Connect Support'.

Administration > Network Resources > Network Devices > (NAD)

Session Agenda

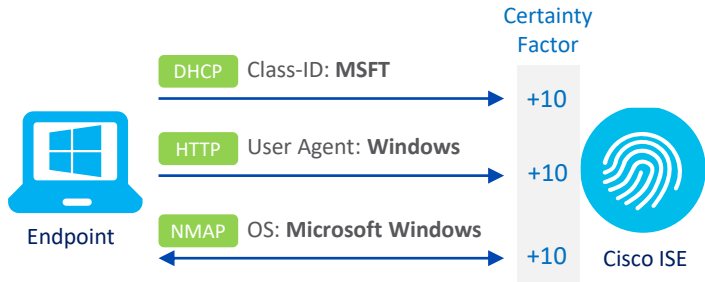
Profiling & Database Replication

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ISE profiles based on 'profiling policies'

The minimum 'certainty metric' in the profiling policy evaluates the matching profile for an endpoint.



- DHCP:dhcp-class-identifier CONTAINS MSFT
- DHCP:dhcp-class-identifier CONTAINS MS-UC-Client
- IP:User-Agent CONTAINS Windows
- NMAP:operating-system CONTAINS Microsoft Windows

Profiler Policy List > Microsoft-Workstation

Profiler Policy

* Name: Microsoft-Workstation Description: Generic policy for Microsoft workstation

Policy Enabled

* Minimum Certainty Factor: 10 (Valid Range 1 to 65535)

* Exception Action: NONE

* Network Scan (NMAP) Action: NONE

Create an Identity Group for the policy Yes, create matching Identity Group No, use existing Identity Group hierarchy

Parent Policy: Workstation

* Associated CoA Type: Global Settings

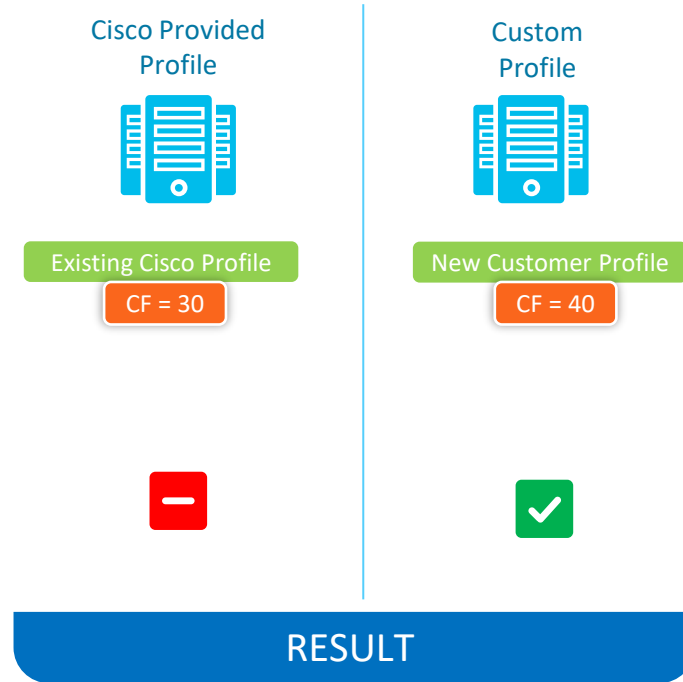
System Type: Cisco Provided

Rules

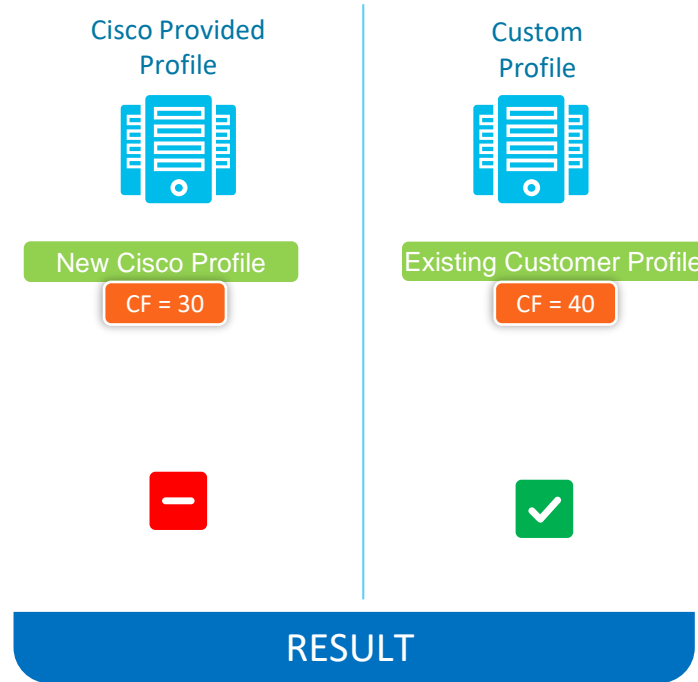
If Condition	Then	Value
Microsoft-WorkstationRule1Check1	Certainty Factor Increases	10
Microsoft-Workstation-Rule4-Check1	Certainty Factor Increases	10
Microsoft-WorkstationRule2Check1	Certainty Factor Increases	10
Microsoft-WorkstationRule3Check1	Certainty Factor Increases	10

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Profiles Precedence



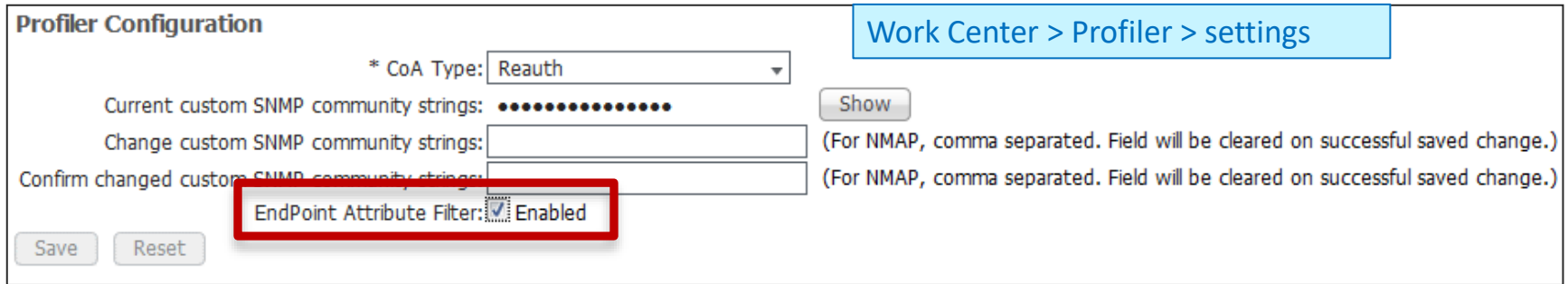
Profiles Precedence



Endpoint Attribute Filter and Whitelist Attributes

Reduces Data Collection and Replication to Subset of Profile-Specific Attributes

- Endpoint Attribute Filter – aka “Whitelist filter”
 - Enabled by default, only these attributes are collected or replicated.

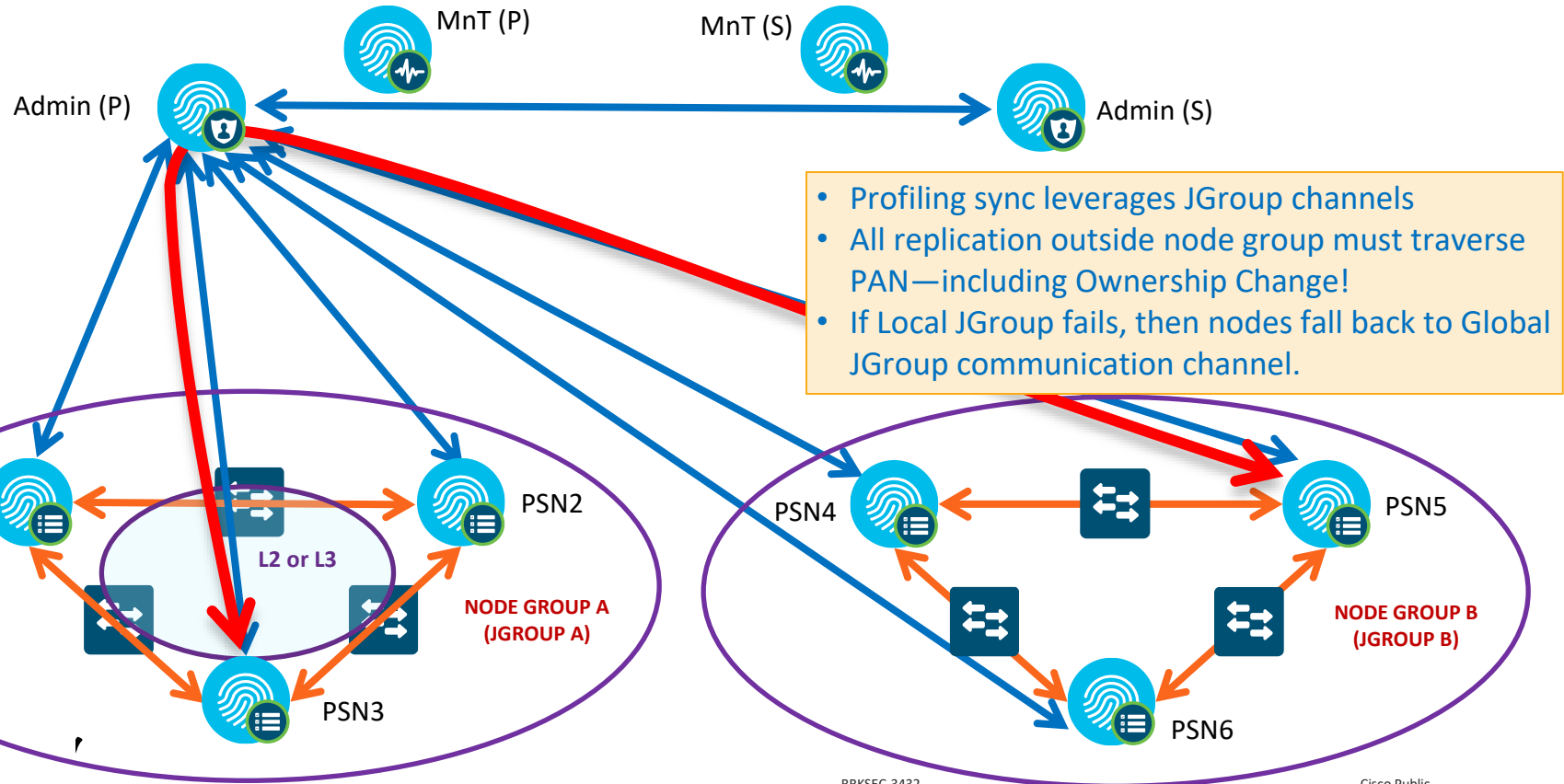


The screenshot shows the 'Profiler Configuration' settings page. At the top right, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Work Center > Profiler > settings'. The main configuration area includes a dropdown for '* CoA Type:' set to 'Reauth'. Below this are fields for 'Current custom SNMP community strings:' (masked with dots), 'Change custom SNMP community strings:', and 'Confirm changed custom SNMP community strings:'. A 'Show' button is next to the first field. At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Reset' buttons. A red box highlights the 'EndPoint Attribute Filter:' setting, which is checked and labeled 'Enabled'.

- Whitelist Filter limits profile attribute collection to those required to support default (Cisco-provided) profiles and critical RADIUS operations.
 - Filter must be disabled to collect and/or replicate other attributes.
 - Attributes used in custom conditions are automatically added to whitelist.

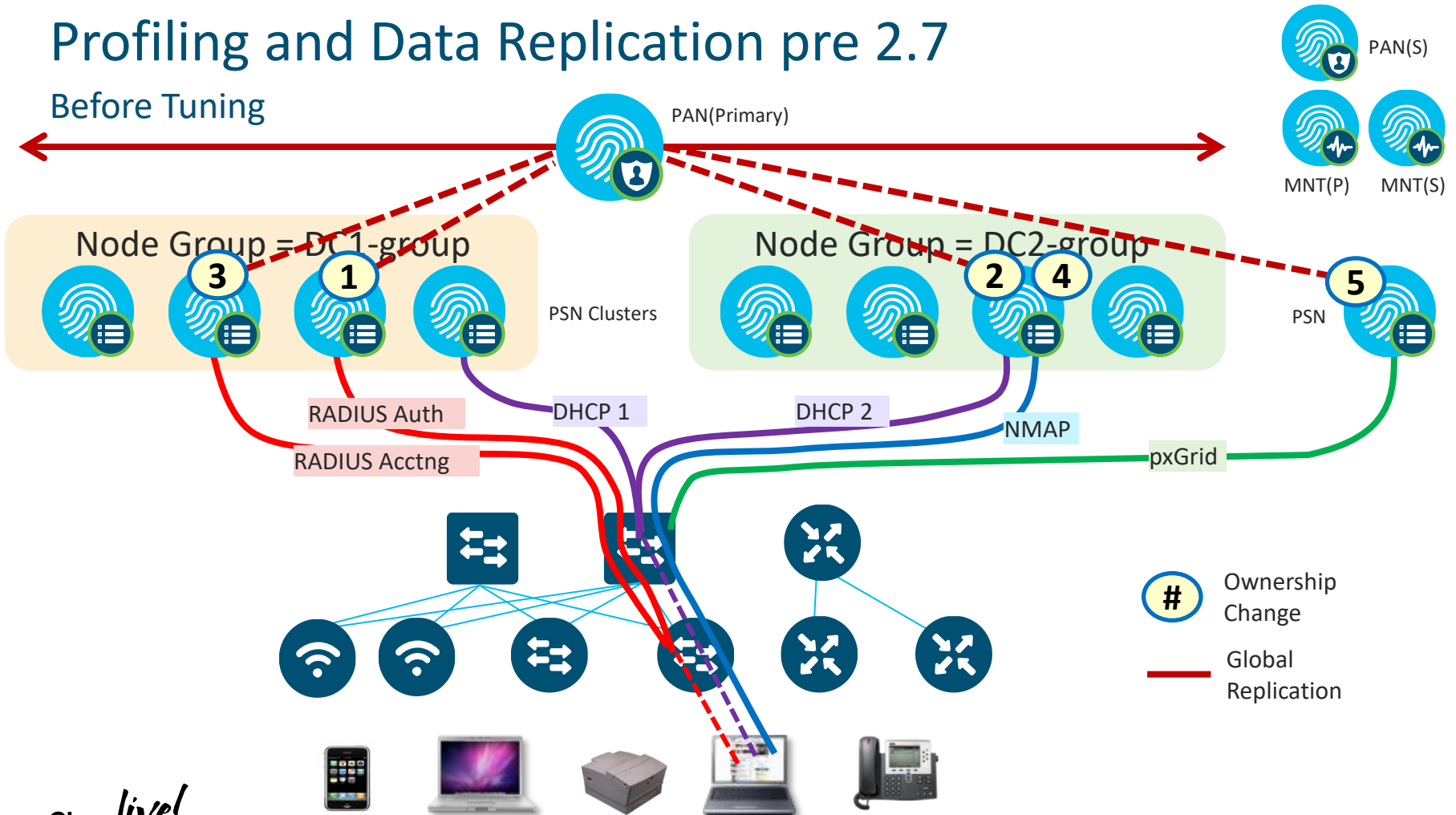
Inter-Node Communications pre 2.7

Local JGroups and Node Groups



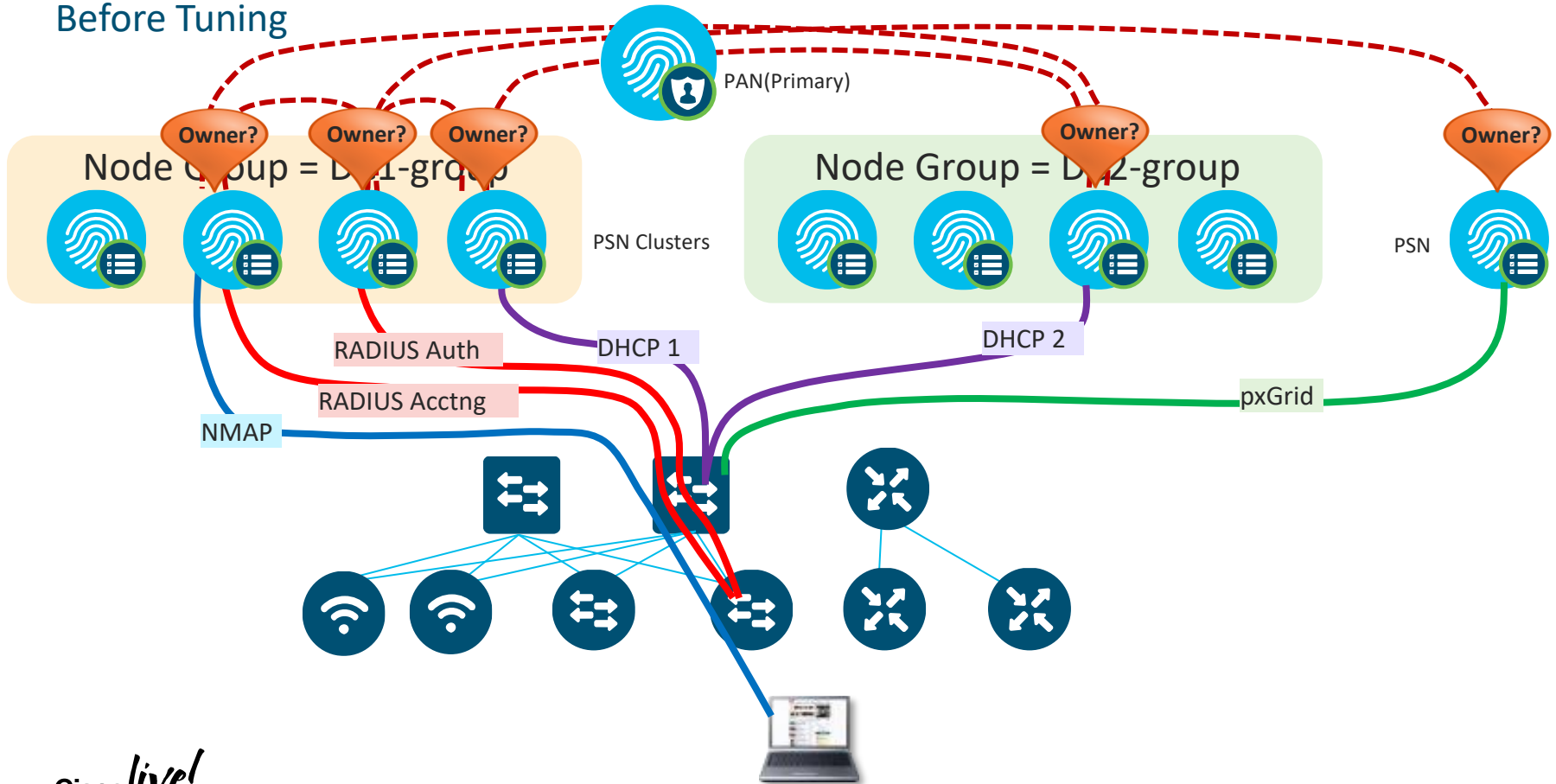
Profiling and Data Replication pre 2.7

Before Tuning



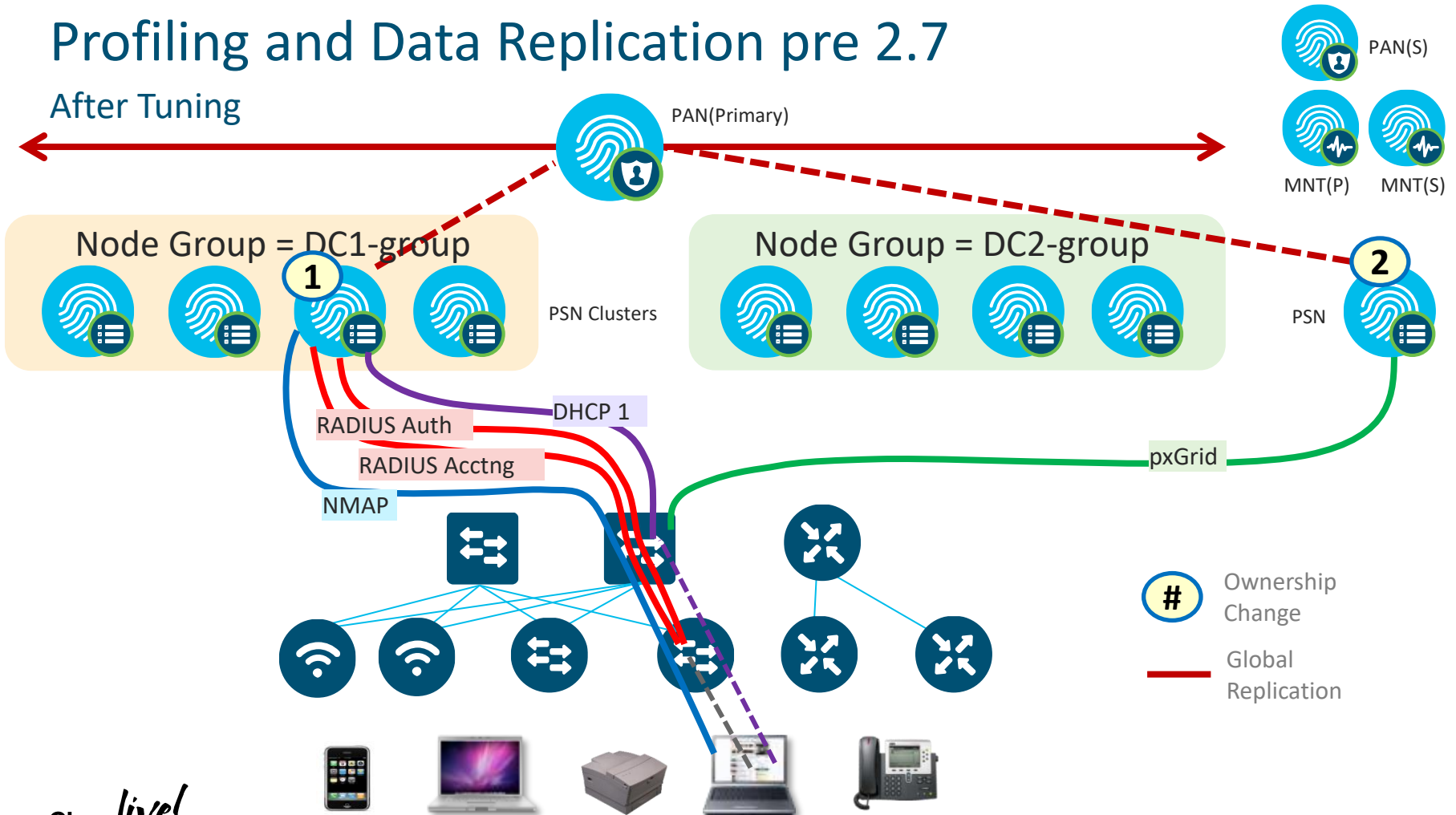
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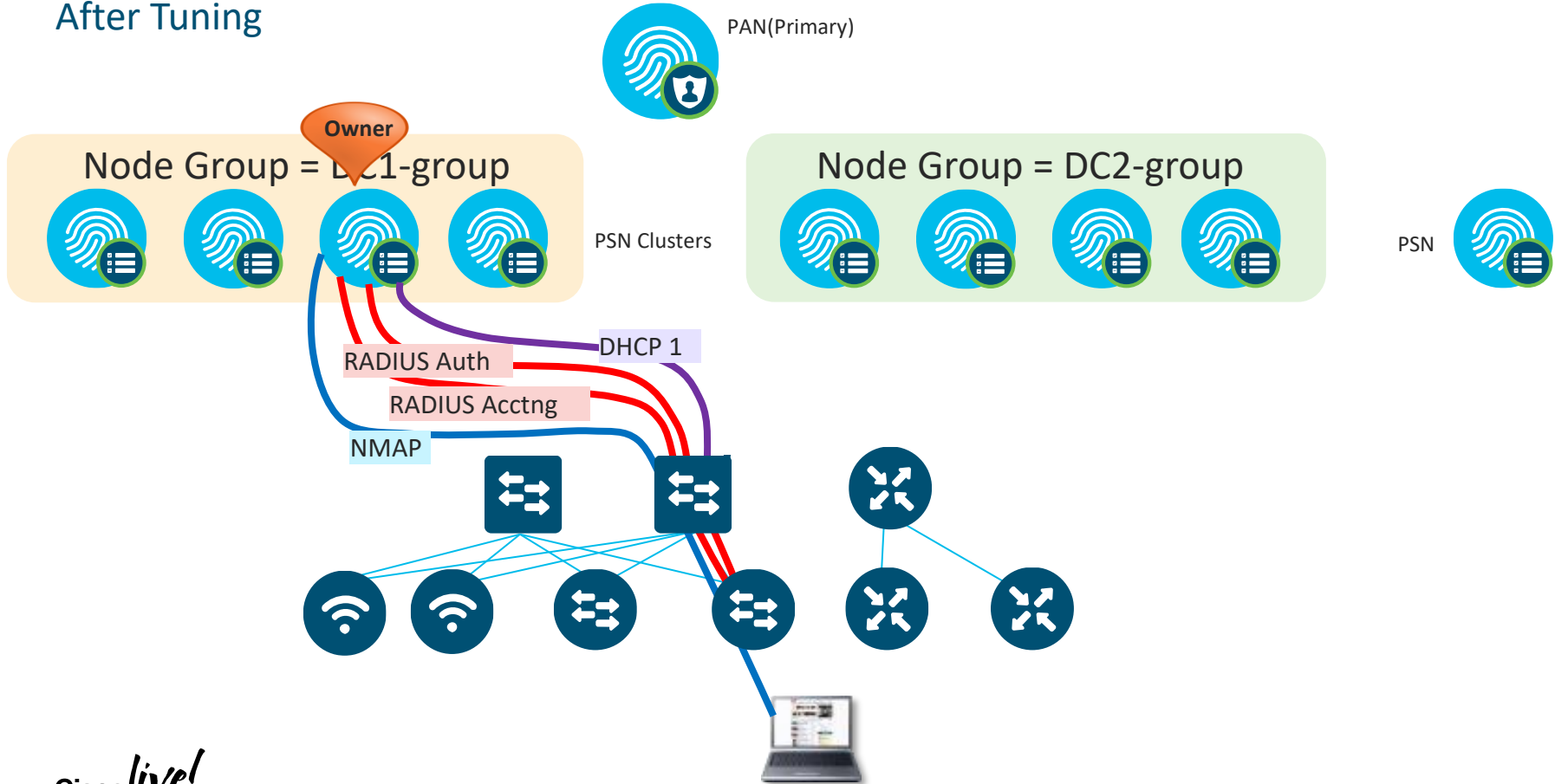
Profiling and Data Replication pre 2.7

After Tuning



Impact of Ownership Changes pre 2.7

After Tuning



Reliable Profiling Services

End Point Ownership Changes 2.7

Before

Endpoint Ownership

Multiple PSNs that received probe response would compete for endpoint ownership leading to issues with CoA.

Static Endpoints

Endpoints classified statically would get reclassified if profiling probes are received.

Feed Download

Can't get only OUI updates via profiler feed download. Full package would disrupt custom profiling policies.



After

Endpoint Ownership

PSNs won't flap ownership of endpoints, except for new authentication.

Static Endpoints

Endpoints classified statically won't be reclassified unless the static mapping is removed.

Feed Download

New OUI only package available for download and update of existing policies

With EPO/LDD feature enabled, endpoint ownership will not change frequently.

Ownership changes only in the below scenarios :

- **When there is a successful auth for an endpoint or when the node is down**
- **When we import endpoints or create in GUI and later endpoint is read by another probe (DHCP).**

Enable Endpoint Ownership – 2.7

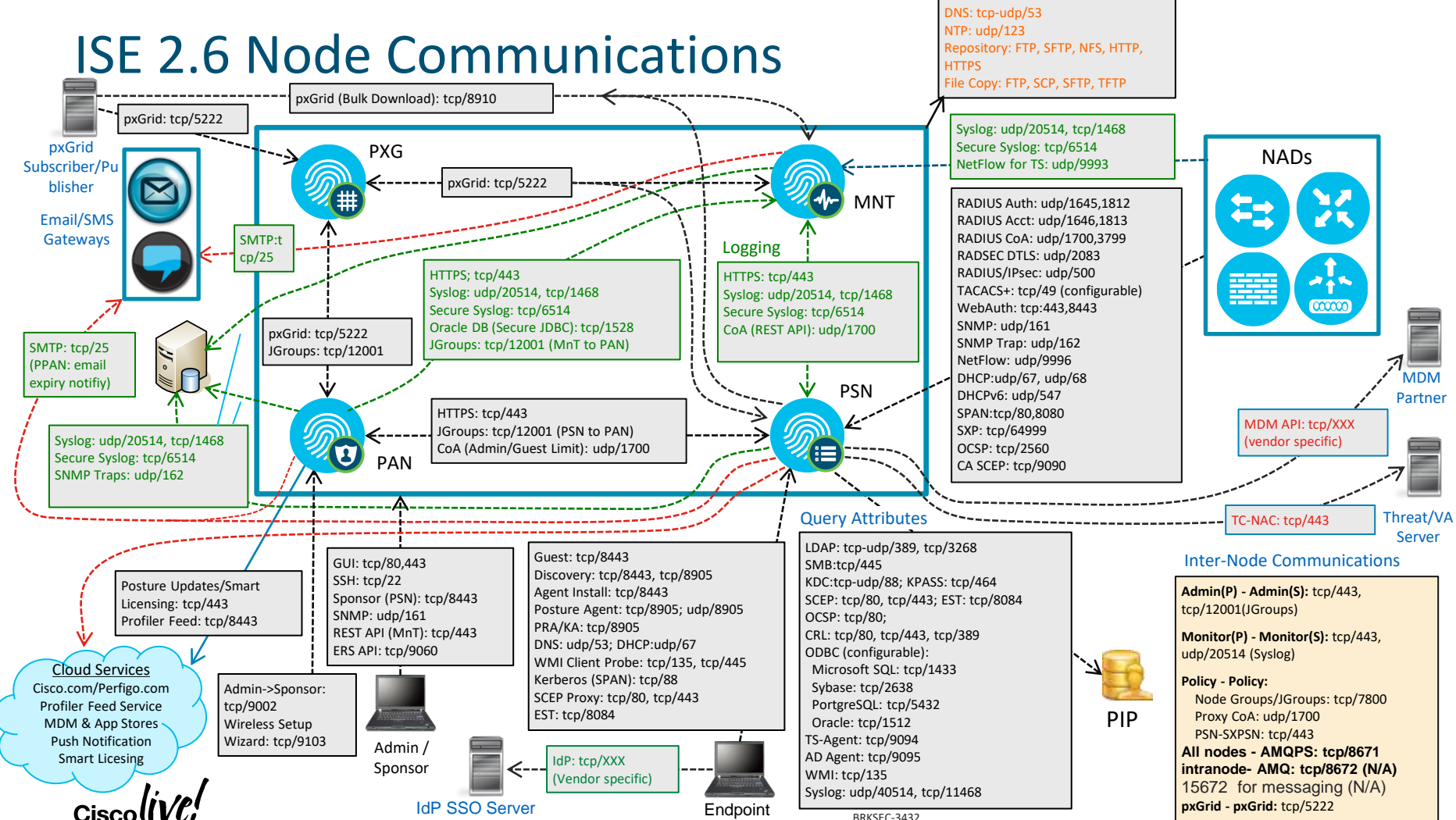
The screenshot shows the 'Settings' page in the Identity Services Engine. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like Client Provisioning, Security Settings, Posture, Profiling, and Protocols. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'RADIUS Session Directory' and 'Endpoint Owner Directory'. In the 'Endpoint Owner Directory' section, the checkbox 'Enable Endpoint Owner Directory' is checked and highlighted with a blue box. Below this, the 'Advanced Settings' section includes input fields for 'Batch size' (set to 10) and 'TTL' (set to 1000).

Enabled by default

The screenshot shows the 'Profiler Configuration' page in the Identity Services Engine. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like Network Access, Guest Access, TrustSec, BYOD, Profiler, Posture, Device Administration, and PassiveID. The main content area is titled 'Profiler Configuration' and includes various settings. The checkbox 'Enable Profiler Forwarder Persistence Queue' is checked and highlighted with a blue box. Other settings include 'CoA Type' (set to Port Bounce), 'Current custom SNMP community strings', and several other checkboxes for advanced features.

RMQ enabling page

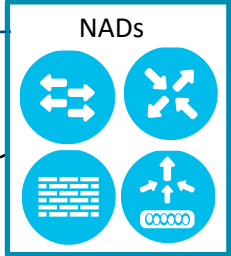
ISE 2.6 Node Communications



DNS: tcp-udp/53
 NTP: udp/123
 Repository: FTP, SFTP, NFS, HTTP, HTTPS
 File Copy: FTP, SCP, SFTP, TFTP

Syslog: udp/20514, tcp/1468
 Secure Syslog: tcp/6514
 NetFlow for TS: udp/9993

RADIUS Auth: udp/1645,1812
 RADIUS Acct: udp/1646,1813
 RADIUS CoA: udp/1700,3799
 RADSEC DTLS: udp/2083
 RADIUS/IPsec: udp/500
 TACACS+: tcp/49 (configurable)
 WebAuth: tcp:443,8443
 SNMP: udp/161
 SNMP Trap: udp/162
 NetFlow: udp/9996
 DHCP:udp/67, udp/68
 DHCPv6: udp/547
 SPAN:tcp/80,8080
 SXP: tcp/64999
 OCSP: tcp/2560
 CA SCEP: tcp/9090



MDM API: tcp/XXX (vendor specific)

TC-NAC: tcp/443

Query Attributes

LDAP: tcp-udp/389, tcp/3268
 SMB:tcp/445
 KDC:tcp-udp/88; KPASS: tcp/464
 SCEP: tcp/80, tcp/443; EST: tcp/8084
 OCSP: tcp/80;
 CRL: tcp/80, tcp/443, tcp/389
 ODBC (configurable):
 Microsoft SQL: tcp/1433
 Sybase: tcp/2638
 PostgreSQL: tcp/5432
 Oracle: tcp/1512
 TS-Agent: tcp/9094
 AD Agent: tcp/9095
 WMI: tcp/135
 Syslog: udp/40514, tcp/11468



Inter-Node Communications

Admin(P) - Admin(S): tcp/443, tcp/12001(JGroups)
Monitor(P) - Monitor(S): tcp/443, udp/20514 (Syslog)
Policy - Policy:
 Node Groups/JGroups: tcp/7800
 Proxy CoA: udp/1700
 PSN-SXPSN: tcp/443
All nodes - AMQPS: tcp/8671
intranode- AMQ: tcp/8672 (N/A)
 15672 for messaging (N/A)
pxGrid - pxGrid: tcp/5222

pxGrid Subscriber/Publisher
 Email/SMS Gateways

SMTP: tcp/25 (PPAN: email expiry notify)

Syslog: udp/20514, tcp/1468
 Secure Syslog: tcp/6514
 SNMP Traps: udp/162

Cloud Services
 Cisco.com/Perfigo.com
 Profiler Feed Service
 MDM & App Stores
 Push Notification
 Smart Licensing



Admin->Sponsor: tcp/9002
 Wireless Setup Wizard: tcp/9103



IdP SSO Server



IdP: tcp/XXX (Vendor specific)



Endpoint

pxGrid (Bulk Download): tcp/8910



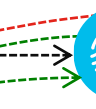
pxGrid: tcp/5222



pxGrid: tcp/5222
 JGroups: tcp/12001

HTTPS: tcp/443
 JGroups: tcp/12001 (PSN to PAN)
 CoA (Admin/Guest Limit): udp/1700

HTTPS: tcp/443
 Syslog: udp/20514, tcp/1468
 Secure Syslog: tcp/6514
 Oracle DB (Secure JDBC): tcp/1528
 JGroups: tcp/12001 (MnT to PAN)



Logging

HTTPS: tcp/443
 Syslog: udp/20514, tcp/1468
 Secure Syslog: tcp/6514
 CoA (REST API): udp/1700



Inter-Node Communications

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Profiling Redundancy – Duplicating Profile Data

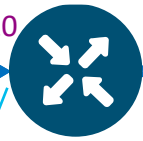
Different DHCP Addresses

- Provides Redundancy but Leads to Contention for Ownership = Replication

- Common config is to duplicate IP helper data at each NAD to two different PSNs or PSN LB Clusters
- Different PSNs receive data



int Vlan10

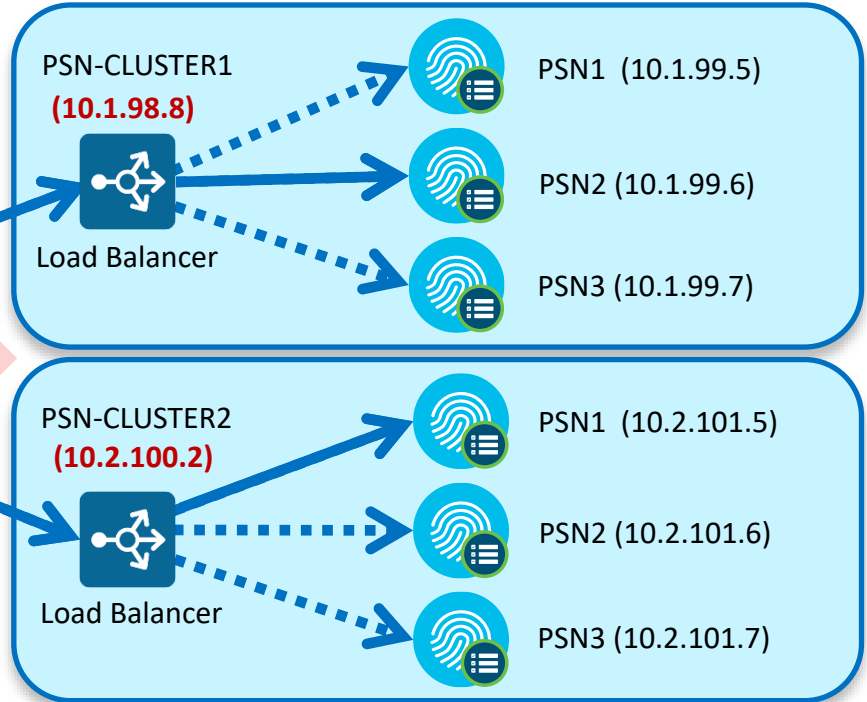


DHCP Request

DC #1

DC #2

```
interface Vlan10
 ip helper-address <real_DHCP_Server>
 ip helper-address 10.1.98.8
 ip helper-address 10.2.100.2
```



Note: LB depicted, but NOT required

Scaling Profiling and Replication

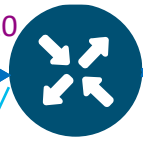
Single DHCP VIP Address using Anycast

- Limit Profile Data to a Single PSN and Node Group

- Different PSNs or Load Balancer VIPs host same target IP for DHCP profile data
- Routing metrics determine which PSN or LB VIP receives DHCP from NAD



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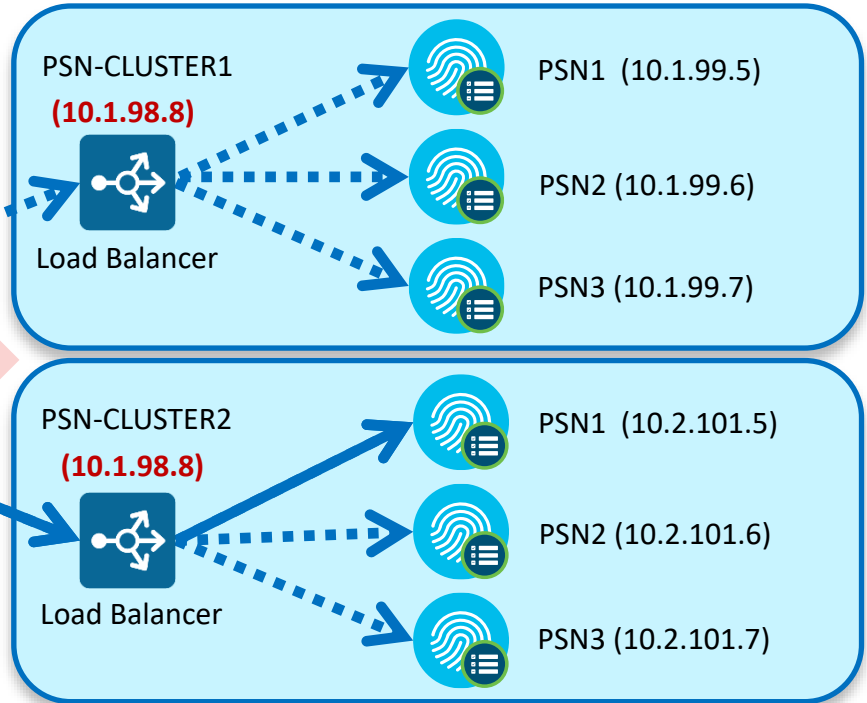


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Profiler Tuning for Polled SNMP Query Probe

- Set specific PSNs to periodically poll access devices for SNMP data.
- Choose PSN closest to access device.

Auto-Recovery when PSN fails fixed in ISE 2.4

* Originating Policy Services Node **Auto**

- Auto
- ise-psn1
- ise-psn2
- ise-psn3

* Polling Interval 28,800 seconds (Valid Range 600-86400)

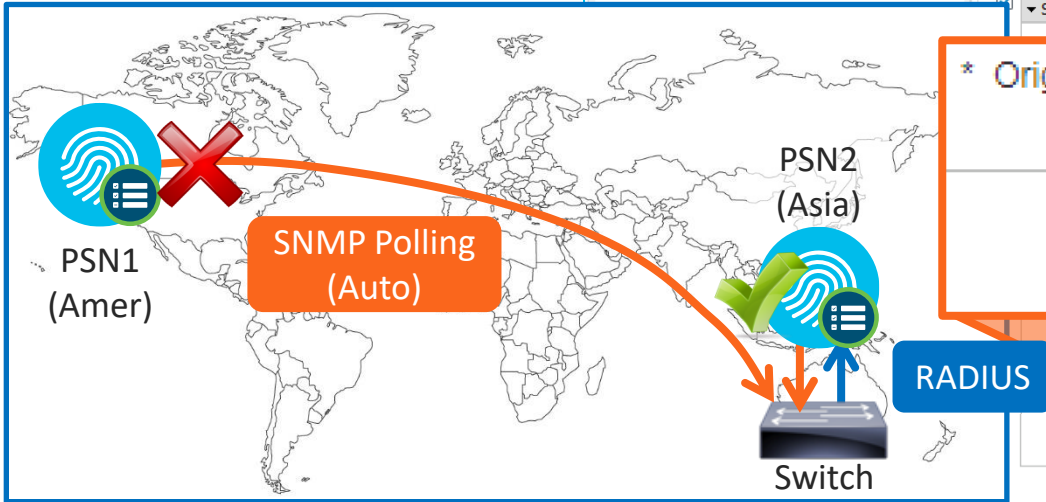
Link Trap Query

MAC Trap Query

Originating Policy Services Node **Auto**

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- ise-psn2
- ise-psn3

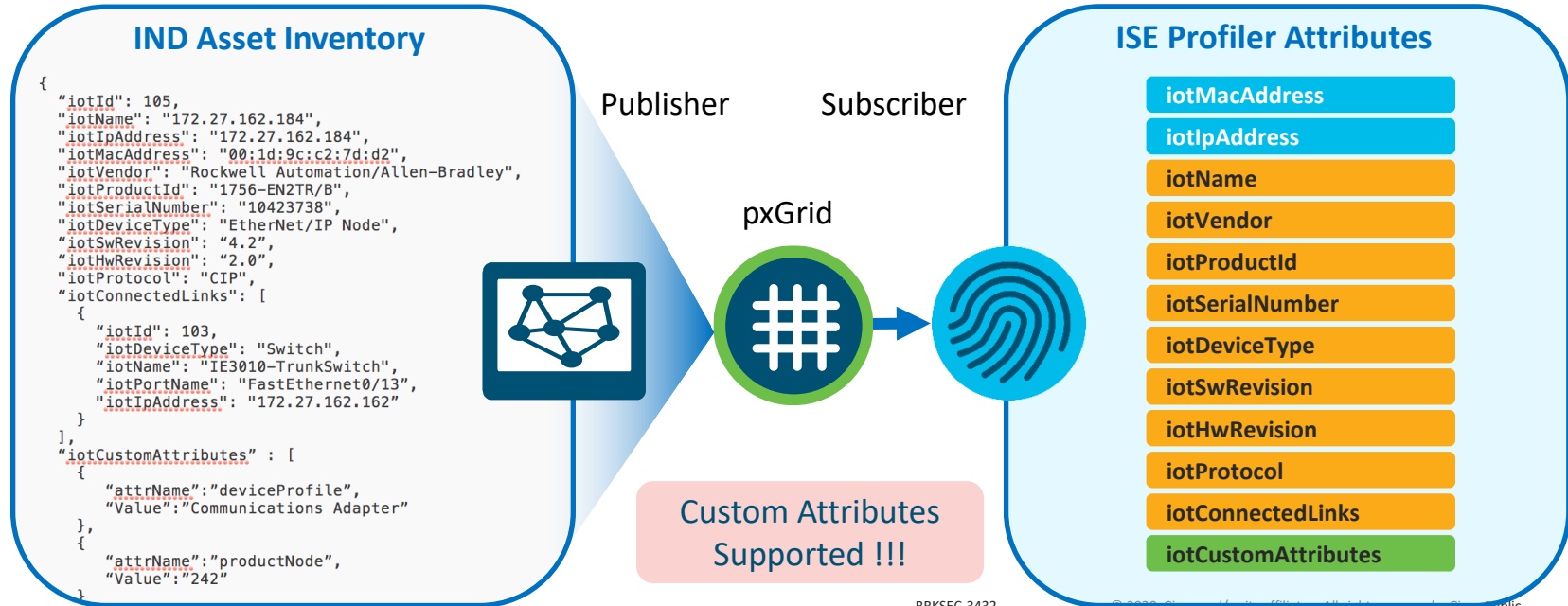
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pxGrid Profiler Probe (Context In)

First Integration with Cisco Industrial Network Director (IND)

- IND communicates with Industrial Switches and Security Devices and collects detailed information about the connected manufacturing devices.
- IND v1.3 adds pxGrid Publisher interface to communicate IoT attributes to ISE.



pxGrid Profiler Probe



For Your Reference

The screenshot shows the Cisco ISE Administration console. The breadcrumb navigation is: Home > Context Visibility > Operations > Policy > Administration > Work Center > System > Identity Management > Network Resources > Device Portal Management > pxGrid Services > Feed Service > Three... The left sidebar shows the 'Deployment' section expanded, with 'Deployment' and 'PAN Failover' visible. The main content area is titled 'Deployment Nodes List > pmbudev-vm80' and 'Edit Node'. The 'Profiling Configuration' tab is selected. A checkbox is checked, and a dropdown menu shows 'pxGrid'. Below this, the 'Description' field contains the text: 'The PXgrid probe to fetch attributes of MAC or IP-Address as a subscriber from PXGrid Queue'. A red box highlights the checked checkbox and the 'pxGrid' dropdown.

Recommend limit probe to two PSNs (2 for HA). Each PSN becomes a pxGrid Subscriber to IND Asset topic

New and Updated IoT Profile Libraries

Delivered via ISE Community: <https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-documents/ise-endpoint-profiles/ta-p/3641187>

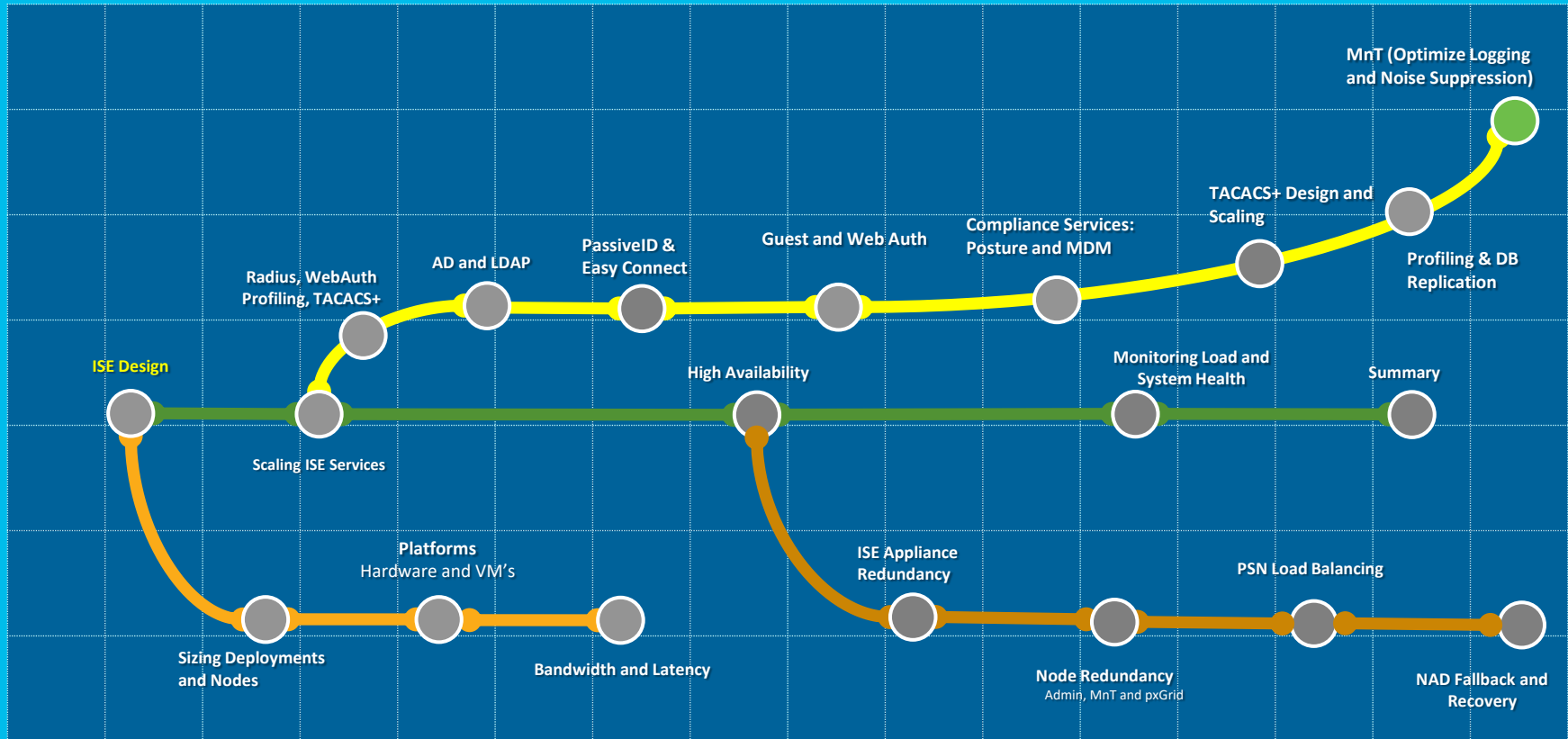
- Automation and Control
 - Industrial / Manufacturing
 - Building Automation
 - Power / Lighting
 - Transportation / Logistics
 - Financial (ATM, Vending, PoS, eCommerce)
 - IP Camera / Audio-Video / Surveillance and Access Control
 - Other (Defense, HVAC, Elevators, etc)
- Windows Embedded
- Medical NAC Profile Library – Updated



Session Agenda

MnT (Optimize Logging and Noise Suppression)

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The Fall Out From the Mobile Explosion and IoT

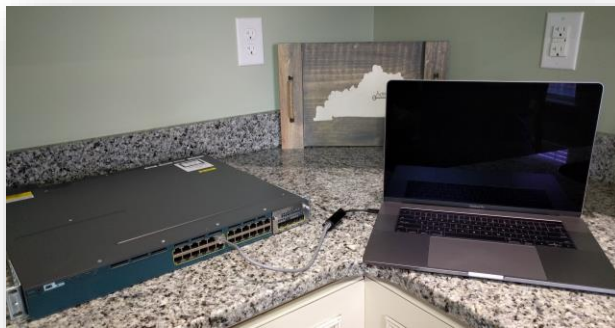
- Explosion in number and type of endpoints on the network.
- High auth rates from mobile devices—many personal (unmanaged).
 - Short-lived connections: Continuous sleep/hibernation to conserve battery power, roaming, ...
- Misbehaving supplicants: Unmanaged endpoints from numerous mobile vendors may be misconfigured, missing root CA certificates, or running less-than-optimal OS versions
- Misconfigured NADs. Often timeouts too low & misbehaving clients go unchecked/not throttled.
- Misconfigured Load Balancers—Suboptimal persistence and excessive RADIUS health probes.
- Increased logging from Authentication, Profiling, NADs, Guest Activity, ...
- System not originally built to scale to new loads.
- End user behavior when above issues occur.
- Bugs in client, NAD, or ISE.



Advice: Sizing

Endpoint Behavior

- Different Endpoints behave differently on a network
- Because of this we need to consider the types of endpoints when sizing deployments
- Mobile (handheld) devices are the most demanding due to wireless/power restrictions
- Based on observations from many deployments, a 1x/2x/5x ratio is a good rule of thumb



=1X



=2X



=5X

No Response Received From Client



For Your Reference

Identity Services Engine

atw-cp-ise01 | admin | Logout | Feedback

Home | Operations | Policy | Administration

Authentications | Reports | Endpoint

Show Live Sessions | Add or Remove Columns

Show Latest 20 records within Last 24 hours

What might this do to MnT logging??

Time	Status	Details	Identity	Endpoint ID	IP Address	Network Device	Device Port	Authorization Profiles	Identity Group	Posture Status	Server	Event
2013-02-19 21:27:04.540	✖	🔍									atw-cp-ise01	RADIUS Request dropped
2013-02-19 21:37:01.277	✖	🔍	employee1	00:22:41:69:B9:A0		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:36:26.004	✖	🔍	employee1	60:45:BD:71:1A:74		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:36:06.771	✖	🔍	employee1	60:45:BD:71:1A:74		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:35:54.431	✖	🔍									atw-cp-ise01	RADIUS Request dropped
2013-02-19 21:35:13.322	✖	🔍	employee1	D8:D1:CB:90:7E:7E		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:35:10.289	✖	🔍	employee1	00:22:41:69:B9:A0		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:35:09.897	✖	🔍	employee1	D8:D1:CB:90:7E:7E		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:35:09.033	✖	🔍	employee1	B8:17:C2:19:9A:15		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
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2013-02-19 21:34:58.088	✖	🔍	employee1	B8:C7:5D:D4:95:32		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:34:56.912	✖	🔍	employee1	B8:C7:5D:D4:95:32		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:34:47.364	✖	🔍	employee1	B8:17:C2:19:9A:15		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:34:44.313	✖	🔍									atw-cp-ise01	RADIUS Request dropped
2013-02-19 21:34:40.437	✖	🔍	employee1	B8:17:C2:19:9A:15		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:34:35.611	✖	🔍	employee1	60:45:BD:71:1A:74		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..
2013-02-19 21:34:33.317	✖	🔍	employee1	B8:17:C2:19:9A:15		WLC-02					atw-cp-ise01	No response received during 1..

Clients Misbehave!

- Example education customer:
 - **ONLY 6,000 Endpoints** (all BYOD style)
 - **10M Auths / 9M Failures in a 24 hours!**
 - 42 Different Failure Scenarios – all related to clients dropping TLS (both PEAP & EAP-TLS).
- Supplicant List:
 - Kyocera, Asustek, Murata, Huawei, Motorola, HTC, Samsung, ZTE, RIM, SonyEric, ChiMeiCo, Apple, Intel, Cybertan, Liteon, Nokia, HonHaiPr, Palm, Pantech, LgElectr, TaiyoYud, Barnes&N
- **5411 No response received during 120 seconds on last EAP message sent to the client**
 - This error has been seen at a number of Escalation customers
 - Typically the result of a misconfigured or misbehaving supplicant not completing the EAP process.



Challenge: How to reduce the flood of log messages while increasing PSN and MNT capacity and tolerance

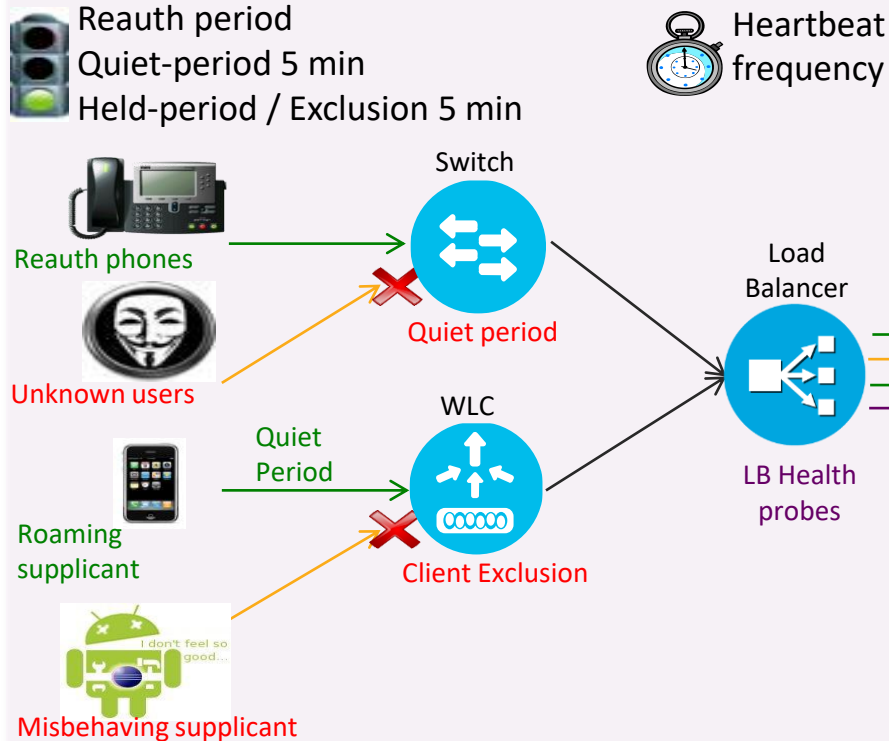




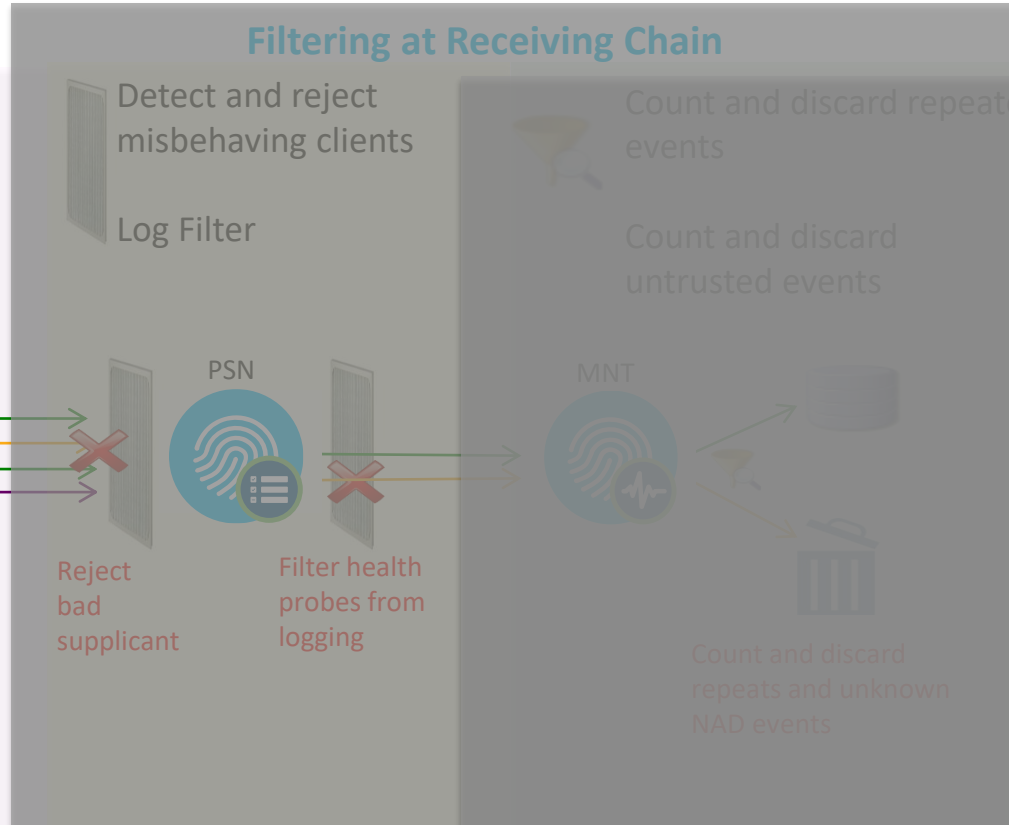
Getting More Information With Less Data

Scaling to Meet Current and Next Generation Logging Demands

Rate Limiting at Source



Filtering at Receiving Chain



Tune NAD Configuration


Rate Limiting at Wireless Source

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Deploying ISE in a Dynamic Environment

Clark Gambrel




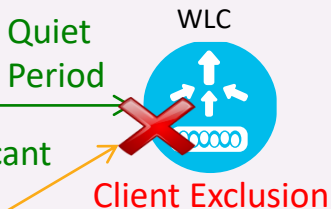
 Reauth period
Quiet-period 5 min
Held-period / Exclusion 5 min


Reauth phones


Unknown users


Roaming supplicant


Misbehaving supplicant



Wireless (WLC)

- **RADIUS Server Timeout:** Increase from default of 2 to 5 sec
- **RADIUS Aggressive-Failover:** Disable aggressive failover
- **RADIUS Interim Accounting:** v7.6: Disable; v8.0+: Enable with interval of 0. (Update auto-sent on DHCP lease or Device Sensor)
- **Idle Timer:** Increase to 1 hour (3600 sec) for secure SSIDs
- **Session Timeout:** Increase to 2+ hours (7200+ sec)
- **Client Exclusion:** Enable and set exclusion timeout to 180+ sec
- **Roaming:** Enable CCKM / SKC / 802.11r (when feasible)
- **Bugfixes:** Upgrade WLC software to address critical defects

Prevent Large-Scale Wireless RADIUS Network Melt Downs

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless-mobility/wireless-lan-wlan/118703-technote-wlc-00.html>

Wired & Wireless recommended links

Best Practices and Guides

- [Top 6 settings for AireOS and ISE Wireless](#)
- [ISE and Catalyst 9800 series integration guide](#)
- [ISE Guest Access Prescriptive Deployment Guide](#)
- [Cisco ISE BYOD Prescriptive Deployment Guide](#)
- [ISE Secure Wired Access Prescriptive Deployment Guide](#)

Added in WLC 8.4

One-Click Setup for ISE Best Practice Config

MONITOR WLANs CONTROLLER WIRELESS SECURITY MANAGEMENT

RADIUS Authentication Servers > New

Server Index (Priority) 2

Server IP Address(Ipv4/Ipv6) 10.1.101.17

Shared Secret Format ASCII

Shared Secret

Confirm Shared Secret

Apply Cisco ISE Default settings

Key Wrap (Designed for FIPS customers and requires...)

Port Number 1812

Server Status Enabled

Support for CoA Disabled

Server Timeout 2 seconds

Network User

Management

Management Retransmit Time

Tunnel Proxy Enable

IPSec Enable

CISCO MONITOR WLANs CONTROLLER WIRELESS SECUR

WLANs > Edit 'v-employee'

WLANs

Advanced

Layer 2 Layer 3 AAA Servers

Select AAA servers below to override use of default servers on th

RADIUS Servers

RADIUS Server Overwrite interface Enabled

Apply Cisco ISE Default Settings Enabled

Authentication Servers	Accounting Servers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Server 1 IP:10.1.98.8, Port:1812	IP:10.1.98.8, Port:1813
Server 2 None	None
	None
	None
	None
Server 6 None	None

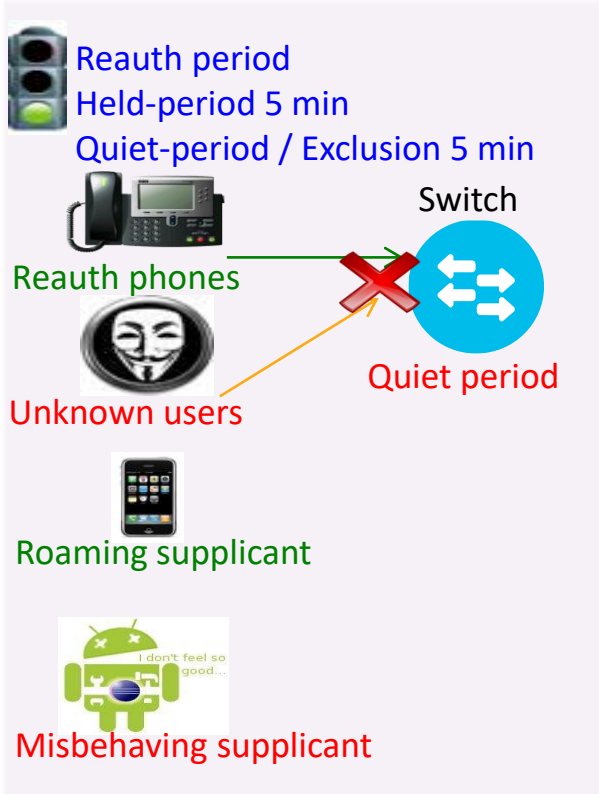
RADIUS Server Accounting

Apply Cisco ISE Default Settings Enabled



Tune NAD Configuration

Rate Limiting at **Wired** Source



Wired (IOS / IOS-XE)

- **RADIUS Interim Accounting:** Use *newinfo* parameter with long interval (for example, 24-48 hrs), if available. Otherwise, set 15 mins. **If LB present, set shorter than RADIUS persist time.**
- **802.1X Timeouts**
 - held-period: Increase to 300+ sec
 - quiet-period: Increase to 300+ sec
 - ratelimit-period: Increase to 300+ sec
- **Inactivity Timer:** Disable or increase to 1+ hours (3600+ sec)
- **Session Timeout:** Disable or increase to 2+ hours (7200+ sec)
- **Reauth Timer:** Disable or increase to 2+ hours (7200+ sec)
- **Bugfixes:** Upgrade software to address critical defects.

Load Balancer RADIUS Test Probes



Citrix Example

- Probe frequency and retry settings:
 - Time interval between probes:
interval seconds # Default: 5
 - Number of retries
retries number # Default: 3
- Sample Citrix probe configuration:

```
add lb monitor PSN-Probe RADIUS -respCode 2
-userName citrix_probe -password citrix123
-radKey cisco123 -LRTM ENABLED -interval 10
-retries 3 -destPort 1812
```

- Recommended setting:** Failover must occur before RADIUS timeout (typically 15-35 sec) while avoiding excessive probing

F5 Example

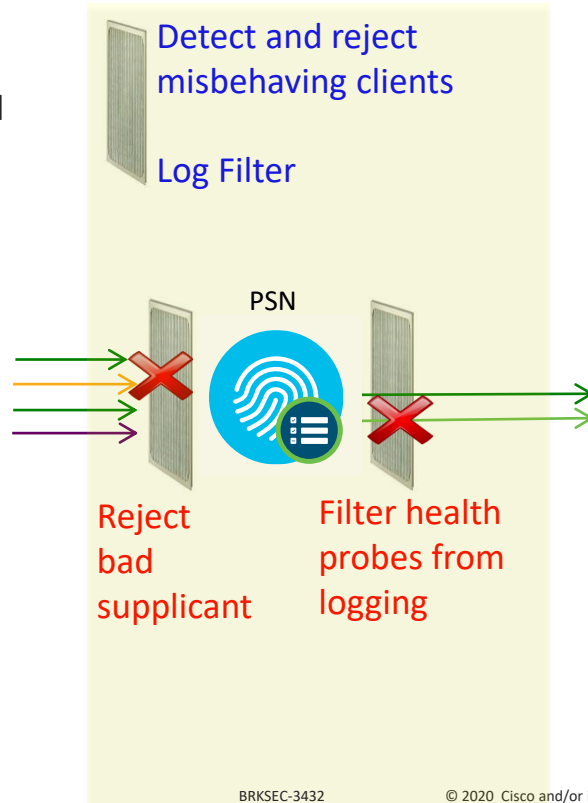
- Probe frequency and retry settings:
 - Time interval between probes:
Interval seconds # Default: 10
 - Timeout before failure = 3*(interval)+1:
Timeout seconds # Default: 31
- Sample F5 RADIUS probe configuration:

```
Name PSN-Probe
Type RADIUS
Interval 10
Timeout 31
Manual Resume No
Check Util Up Yes
User Name f5-probe
Password f5-ltm123
Secret cisco123
Alias Address * All Addresses
Alias Service Port 1812
Debug No
```

PSN Noise Suppression and Smarter Logging

Filter Noise and Provide Better Feedback on Authentication Issues

- PSN Collection Filters
- PSN Misconfigured Client Dynamic Detection and Suppression
- PSN Accounting Flood Suppression
- Detect Slow Authentications
- Enhanced Handling for EAP sessions dropped by supplicant or Network Access Server (NAS)
- Failure Reason Message and Classification
- Identify RADIUS Request From Session Started on Another PSN
- Improved Treatment for Empty NAK List



PSN Filtering and Noise Suppression

Dynamic Client Suppression

Updated
in ISE 2.2!

Flag misconfigured supplicants for same auth failure within specified interval and stop logging to MnT

Send alarm with failure statistics

RADIUS Settings Administration > System > Settings > Protocols > RADIUS

Suppression & Reports UDP Ports DTLS

Suppress Repeated Failed Clients

Suppress repeated failed clients ⓘ

Detect two failures within ⓘ minutes (1 - 30)

Report failures once every ⓘ minutes (15 - 60)

Reject repeated failed RADIUS requests ⓘ

Failures prior to automatic rejection ⓘ (2-100)

Continue rejecting ⓘ (1-100)

Ignore repeated accounting updates within ⓘ seconds (1 - 86,400)

Suppress Successful Clients

Suppress repeated successful clients ⓘ

Authentication Details

Highlight steps longer than ⓘ seconds (500 - 10,000)

Valid Time ranges displayed by default

- Each endpoint tracked by:
- Calling-Station-ID (MAC Address)
 - NAS-IP-Address (NAD address)
 - Failure reason

PSN Filtering and Noise Suppression

Dynamic Client Suppression

Flag misconfigured supplicants for same auth failure within specified interval and stop logging to MnT

Send alarm with failure statistics

Send immediate Access-Reject (do not even process request) IF:

- 1) Flagged for suppression
- 2) Fail auth total X times for same failure reason (inc 2 prev)

Fully process next request after rejection period expires.

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Authentication Details

Highlight steps longer than ⓘ milliseconds (500 - 10,000)

Hard-coded @ 5 in ISE 2.0

PSN Noise Suppression

Drop Excessive RADIUS Accounting Updates from “Misconfigured NADs”

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Allow 2 RADIUS Accounting Updates for same session in specified interval, then drop.

MnT Log Suppression and Smarter Logging

Drop and Count Duplicates / Provide Better Monitoring Tools

- Drop duplicates and increment counter in Live Log for “matching” passed authentications
- Display repeat counter to Live Sessions entries.
- Update session, but do not log RADIUS Accounting Interim Updates
- Log RADIUS Drops and EAP timeouts to separate table for reporting purposes and display as counters on Live Log Dashboard along with Misconfigured Supplicants and NADs
- Alarm enhancements
- Revised guidance to limit syslog at the source.
- MnT storage allocation and data retention limits
- More aggressive purging
- Allocate larger VM disks to increase logging capacity and retention.



MnT Noise Suppression

Suppress Storage of Repeated Successful Auth Events

Suppress Successful Reports

= Do not save **repeated** successful auth events for the **same session** to MnT DB

These events will not display in Live Authentications Log but do increment Repeat Counter.

RADIUS Settings Administration > System > Settings > Protocols > RADIUS

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Suppress Successful Reports

- Suppress repeated successful authentications ⓘ

Authentication Details

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MnT Noise Suppression

Suppress Storage of Repeated Successful Auth Events

Step latency is visible in Live Logs details

Suppress Successful Reports
= Do not save **repeated** successful auth events for the **same session** to MnT DB

These events will not display in Live Authentications Log but do increment Repeat Counter.

Detect NAD retransmission timeouts and Log auth steps > threshold.

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Suppression & Reports UDP Ports DTLS

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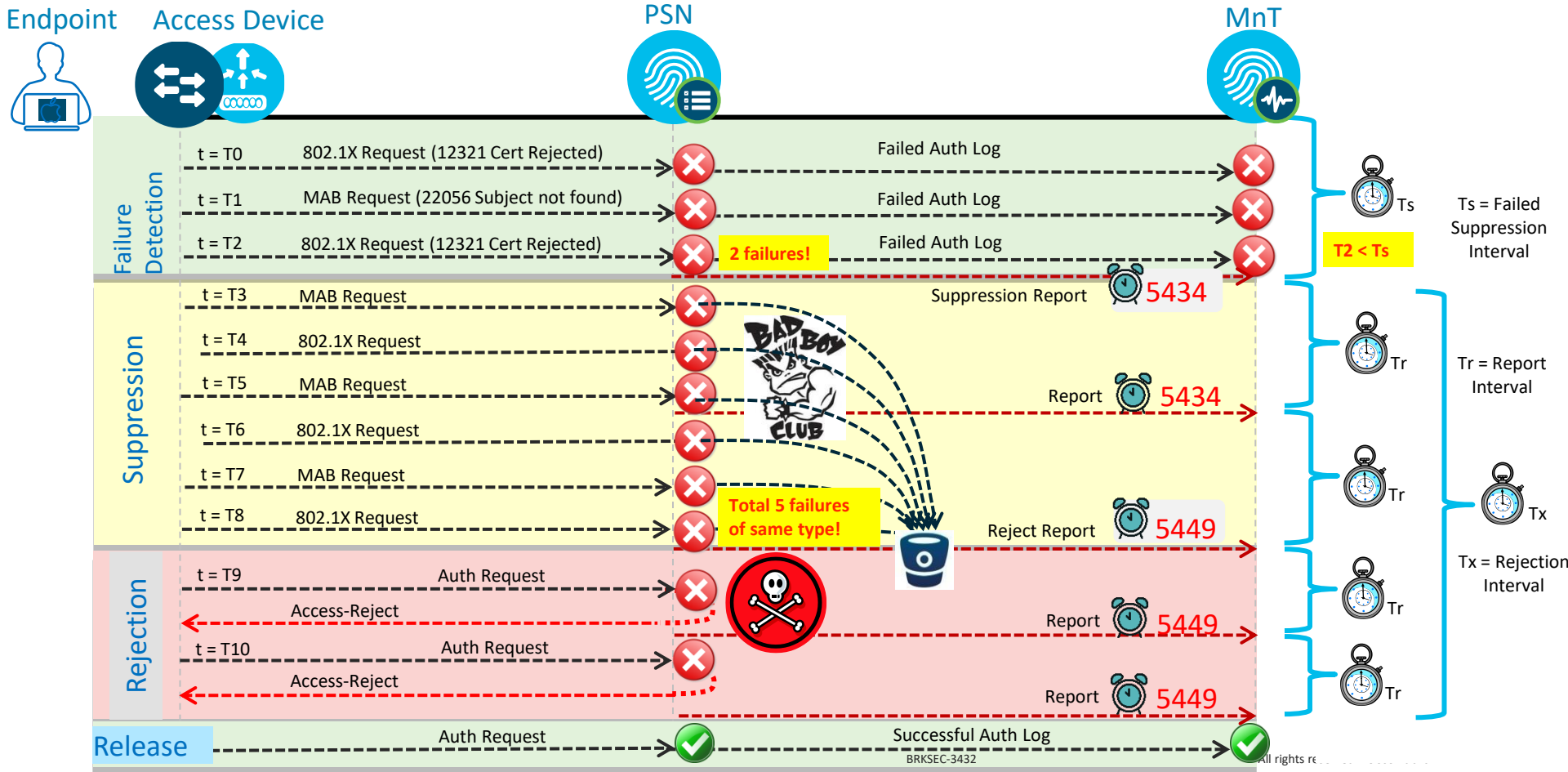
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Authentication Details

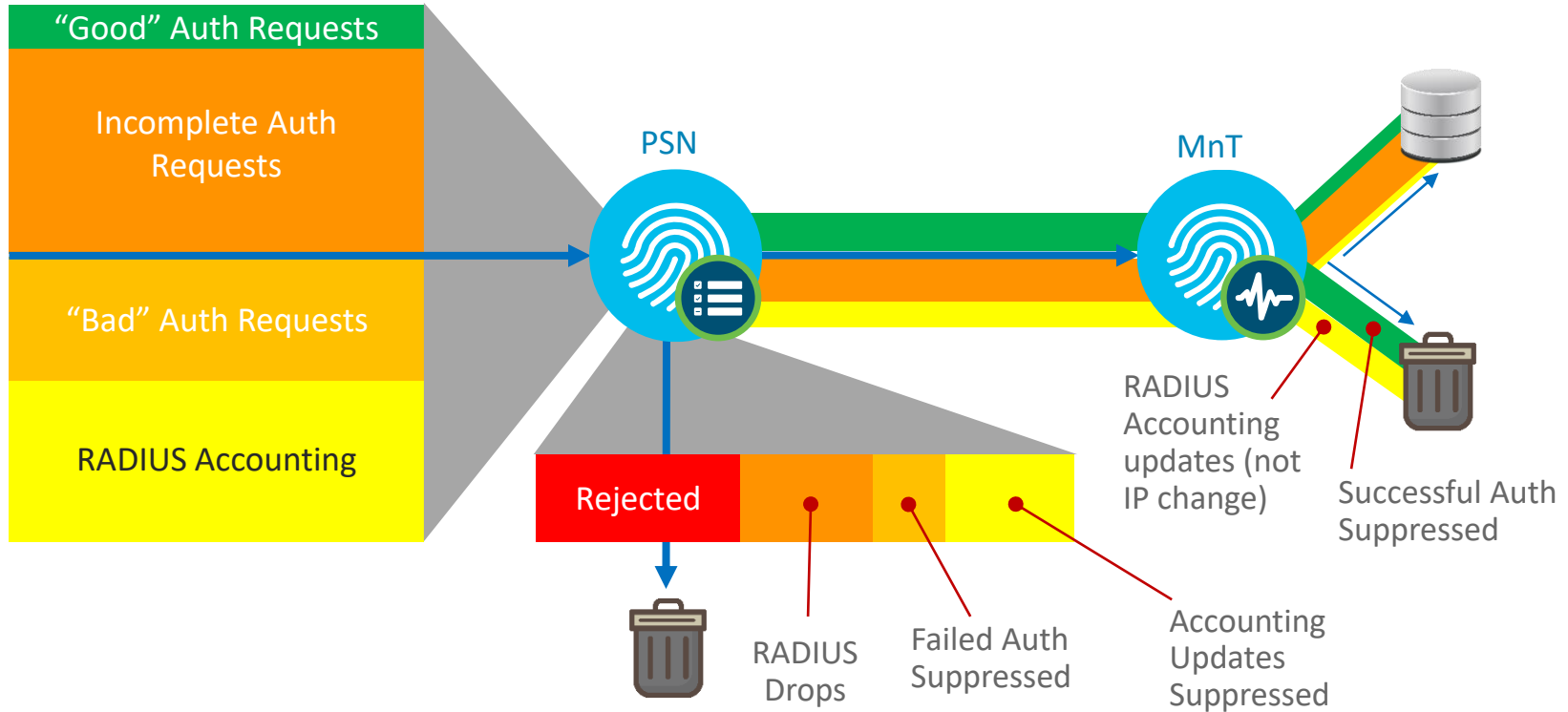
- Highlight steps longer than ⓘ milliseconds (500 - 10,000)

Client Suppression and Reject Timers



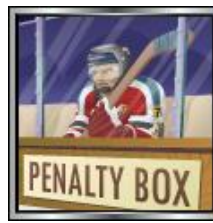
ISE Log Suppression

“Good”-put Versus “Bad”-put

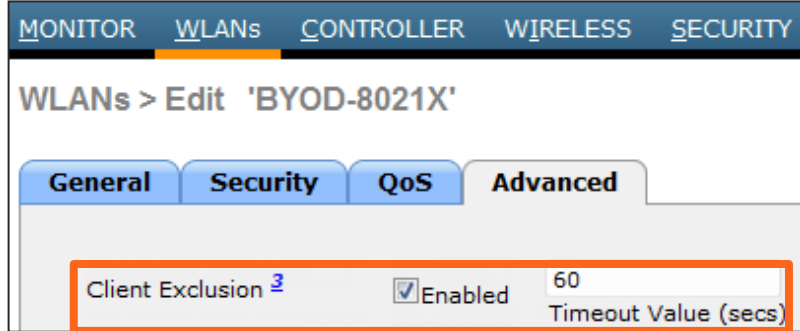


WLC – Client Exclusion

Blacklist Misconfigured or Malicious Clients



- **Excessive Authentication Failures**—Clients are excluded on the fourth authentication attempt, after three consecutive failures.
- Client excluded for Time Value specified in WLAN settings. Recommend increase to 1-5 min (60-300 sec). **3 min** is a good start.



Note: Diagrams show default values

Live Authentications and Sessions

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Time	Status	Details	Repeat Count	Identity	Endpoint ID	Endpoint Profile	Network Device
2013-09-27 14:46:33.005	ⓘ	🔍	0	vipinj	CC:3A:61:12:ED:D5	Android-Samsung	
2013-09-27 14:46:30.890	ⓘ	🔍	11	aarondek	64:A3:CB:52:74:B1	Apple-iDevice	
2013-09-27 14:46:29.658	ⓘ	🔍	99	wekang	B8:78:2E:60:7F:14	Apple-iDevice	
2013-09-27 14:46:29.252	ⓘ	🔍	1	mutama	CC:78:5F:43:97:71	Apple-iDevice	
2013-09-27 14:46:25.595	ⓘ	🔍	0	jeffreed	F0:CB:A1:75:31:4D	Apple-iPhone	
2013-09-27 14:46:25.595	✅	🔍		jeffreed	F0:CB:A1:75:31:4D	Apple-iPhone	WNBU_NGWC...
2013-09-27 14:46:22.636	✅	🔍		jeffreed	F0:CB:A1:75:31:4D	Apple-iPhone	WNBU-WLC1
2013-09-27 14:46:21.486	❌	🔍		anonymous	00:1E:65:D6:93:E2		WNBU-WLC1
2013-09-27 14:46:18.884	ⓘ	🔍	7	dsladden	0C:77:1A:9A:F6:73	Apple-iPhone	


Blue entry = Most current Live Sessions entry with repeated successful auth counter

Authentication Suppression


Enable/Disable

- **Global Suppression Settings:** Administration > System > Settings > Protocols > RADIUS

Failed Auth Suppression

Suppress Anomalous Clients 

Successful Auth Suppression

Suppress Repeated Successful Authentications 

Caution: Do not disable suppression in deployments with very high auth rates.

It is highly recommended to keep Auth Suppression enabled to reduce MnT logging

- **Selective Suppression using Collection Filters:** Administration > System > Logging > Collection Filters

Configure specific traffic to bypass
Successful Auth Suppression

Useful for troubleshooting authentication for a specific endpoint or group of endpoints, especially in high auth environments where global suppression is always required.

Collection Filter List > Calling-Station-ID

Collection Filters

* Attribute

* Value

* Filter Type

Save

- Filter All
- Filter Passed
- Filter Failed
- Disable Suppression**

Per-Endpoint Time-Constrained Suppression

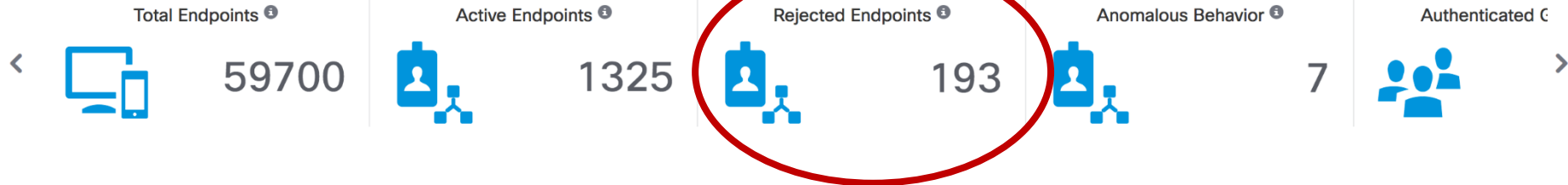
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2013-09-27 14:46:30.890			11	aarondek	64:A3:CB:52:74:B1	Apple-iDevice	
2013-09-27 14:46:21					B8:78:2E:60:7F:14	Apple-iDevice	
2013-09-27 14:46:21					CC:78:5F:43:97:71	Apple-iDevice	
2013-09-27 14:46:21					F0:CB:A1:75:31:4D	Apple-iPhone	WNBU_NGWC...
2013-09-27 14:46:21					F0:CB:A1:75:31:4D	Apple-iPhone	WNBU-WLC1
2013-09-27 14:46:21					00:1E:65:D6:93:E2		WNBU-WLC1
2013-09-27 14:46:21					0C:77:1A:9A:F6:73	Apple-iPhone	

Visibility into Reject Endpoints!

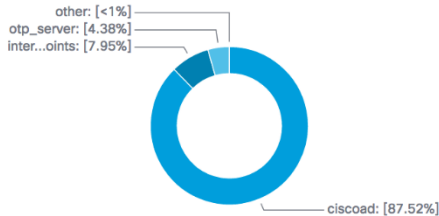
ISE 2.2!

METRICS



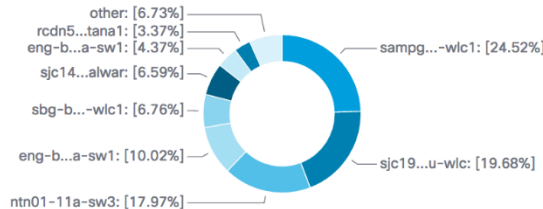
AUTHENTICATIONS

Identity Store | Identity Group | Network Device | Failure Reason



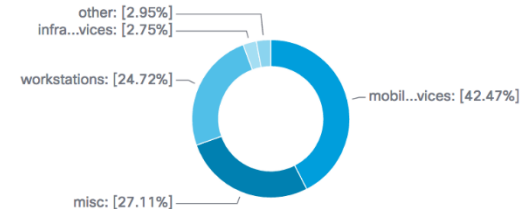
NETWORK DEVICES

Device Name | Type | Location



ENDPOINTS

Type | Profile



Releasing Rejected Endpoints

ISE 2.2!

The screenshot displays the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Context Visibility', 'Operations', 'Policy', 'Administration', and 'Work Centers'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- INACTIVE ENDPOINTS**: Shows a list of endpoints with columns for 'MAC Address' and 'Status'. A modal window is open for 'Change Authorization' with a dropdown menu showing 'Rejected' selected. The modal also includes a search bar for 'MAC Address' and 'Status'.
- AUTHENTICATION STATUS**: Shows a list of endpoints with columns for 'Endpoint Profile' and 'Authentication Failure Reason'.
- AUTHENTICATIONS**: A donut chart showing the distribution of authentication failure reasons. The chart is divided into segments representing different failure reasons and their percentages.

MAC Address	Status
1C:99:4C:2A:95:C2	Connected
10:2A:B3:A0:AF:07	Disconnected
E4:98:D6:1C:7C:6C	Rejected
24:A0:74:F2:DE:DC	Connected

Endpoint Profile	Authentication Failure Reason
Unknown	12937 Supplicant stopped respondi...
LR-B...	24408 User authentication against A...
JC19 → Apple-Device	12934 Supplicant stopped respondi...
Unknown	-

Failure Reason	Identity Store	Identity Group
other: [5.29%]		
22056...re(s): [3.86%]		
5440 ...d new: [4.73%]		
12937...ssage: [7%]		
12930...ssage: [17.02%]		
24408...sword: [22.9%]		

Releasing Rejected Endpoints

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- INACTIVE ENDPOINTS**: Shows a total of 3500 endpoints.
- AUTHENTICATION STATUS**: A modal window titled 'Change Authorization' is open, displaying a table with columns for 'MAC Address' and 'Status'. The table lists four MAC addresses, three of which are checked and have a 'Rejected' status (indicated by a red minus sign). A hand cursor is pointing at the 'Rejected' status of the third row (E4:98:D6:1C:7C:6C).
- AUTHENTICATIONS**: A donut chart showing the distribution of authentication failures by reason. The chart includes categories like 'other: [5.29%]', '22056...re(s): [3.86%]', '5440 ...d new: [4.73%]', and '12937...ssage: [7%]'. A 'Release Rejected' button is highlighted in a blue callout box.

A yellow callout box at the bottom right contains the text: **Query/Release Rejected also available via ERS API!**

High Availability

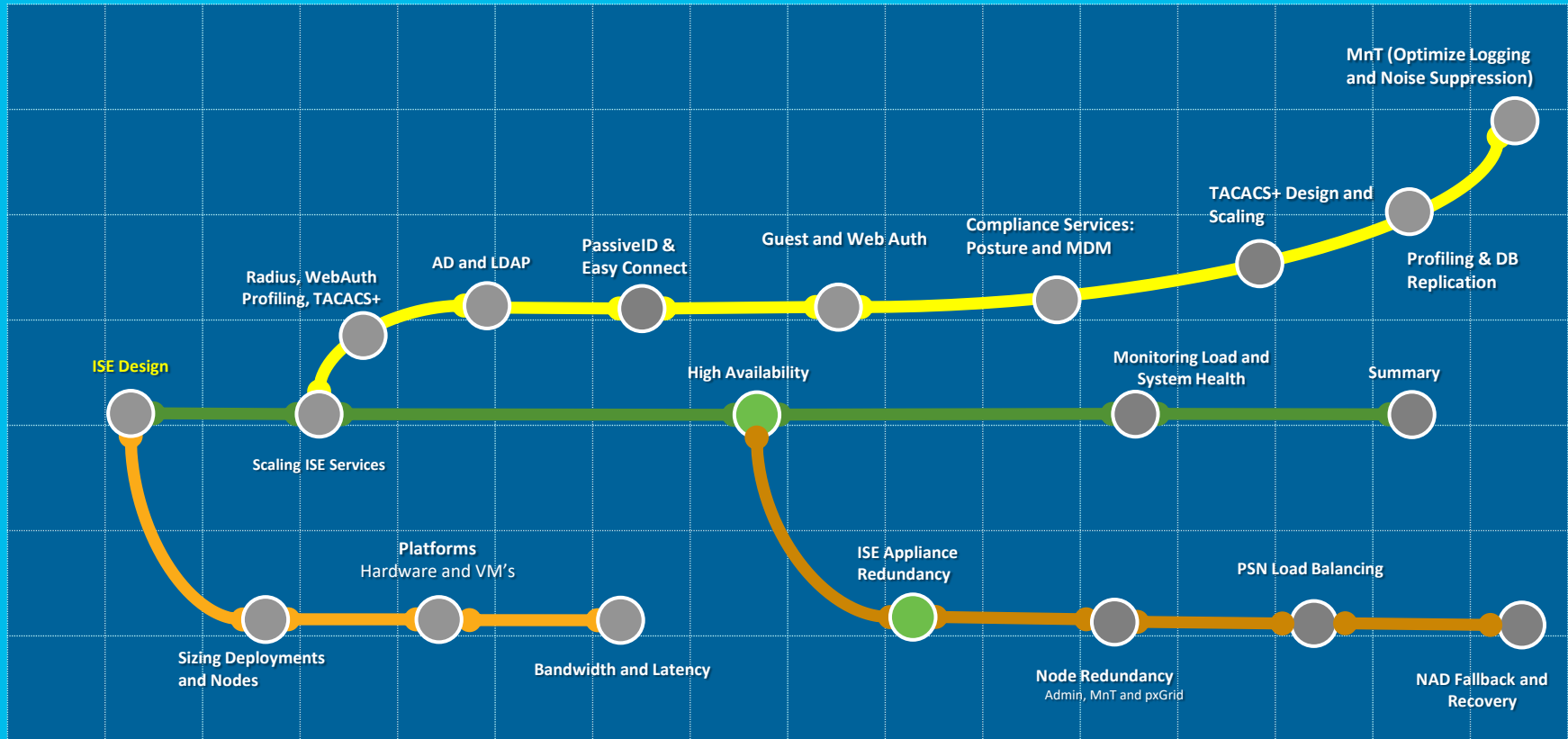
High Availability Agenda

- ISE Appliance Redundancy
- ISE Node Redundancy
 - Administration Nodes
 - Monitoring Nodes
 - pxGrid Nodes
- HA for Certificate Services
- Policy Service Node Redundancy
 - Load Balancing
 - Non-LB Options
- NAD Fallback and Recovery

Session Agenda

High Availability: ISE Appliance Redundancy

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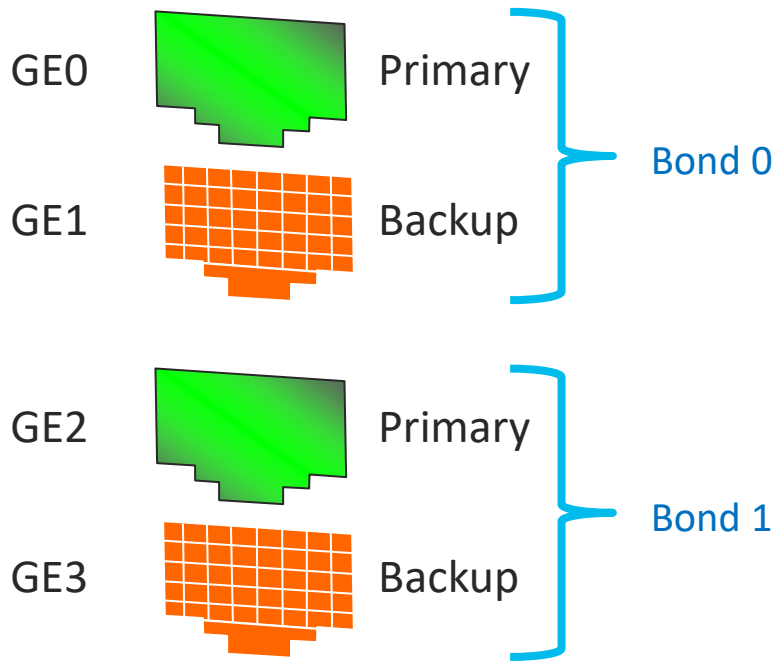
Appliance Redundancy

In-Box High Availability

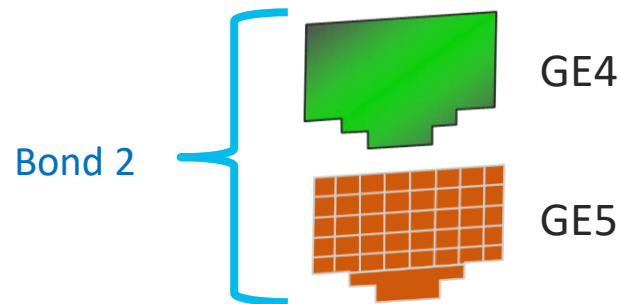
Platform	SNS-3615 (36x5 Small)	SNS-3655 (36x5 Medium)	SNS-3695 (36x5 Large)
Drive Redundancy	No (1) 600GB disk	Yes (4) 600-GB	Yes (8) 600-GB
Controller Redundancy	No	Yes Level 10 Cisco 12G SAS Modular RAID	Yes Level 10 Cisco 12G SAS Modular RAID
Ethernet Redundancy	Yes* 2 X 10Gbase-T 4 x 1GBase-T Up to 3 bonded NICs	Yes* 2 X 10Gbase-T 4 x 1GBase-T Up to 3 bonded NICs	Yes* 2 X 10Gbase-T 4 x 1GBase-T Up to 3 bonded NICs
Redundant Power	No (2 nd PSU optional) UCSC-PSU1-770W	Yes	Yes

NIC Teaming

Network Card Redundancy

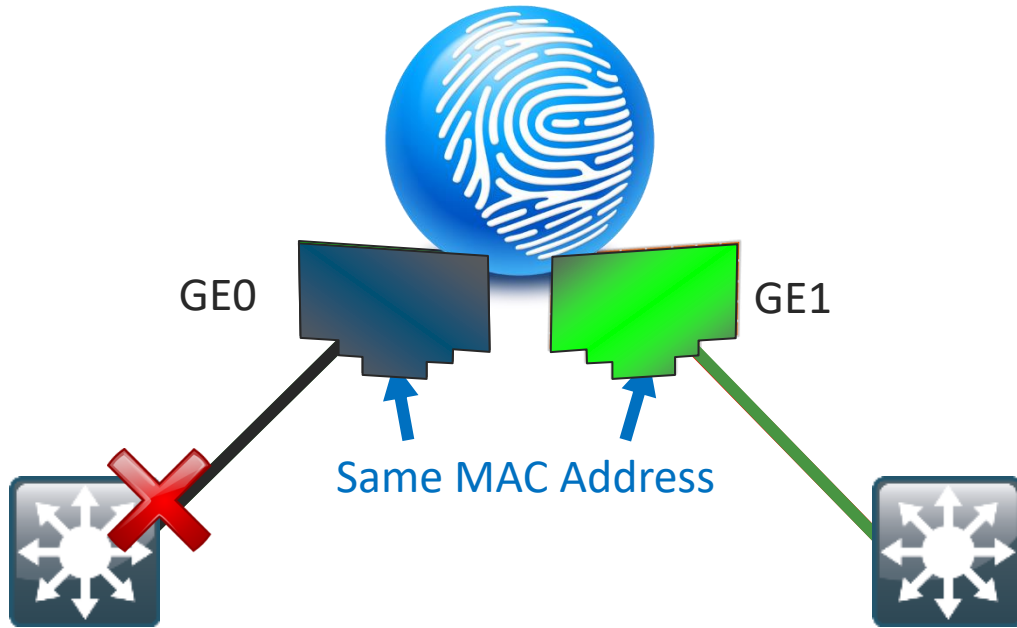


- For Redundancy only—NOT for increasing bandwidth.
- Up to (3) bonds in ISE 2.1
- Bonded Interfaces Preset—Non-Configurable



NIC Teaming Interfaces for Redundancy

When GE0 is Down, GE1 Takes Over

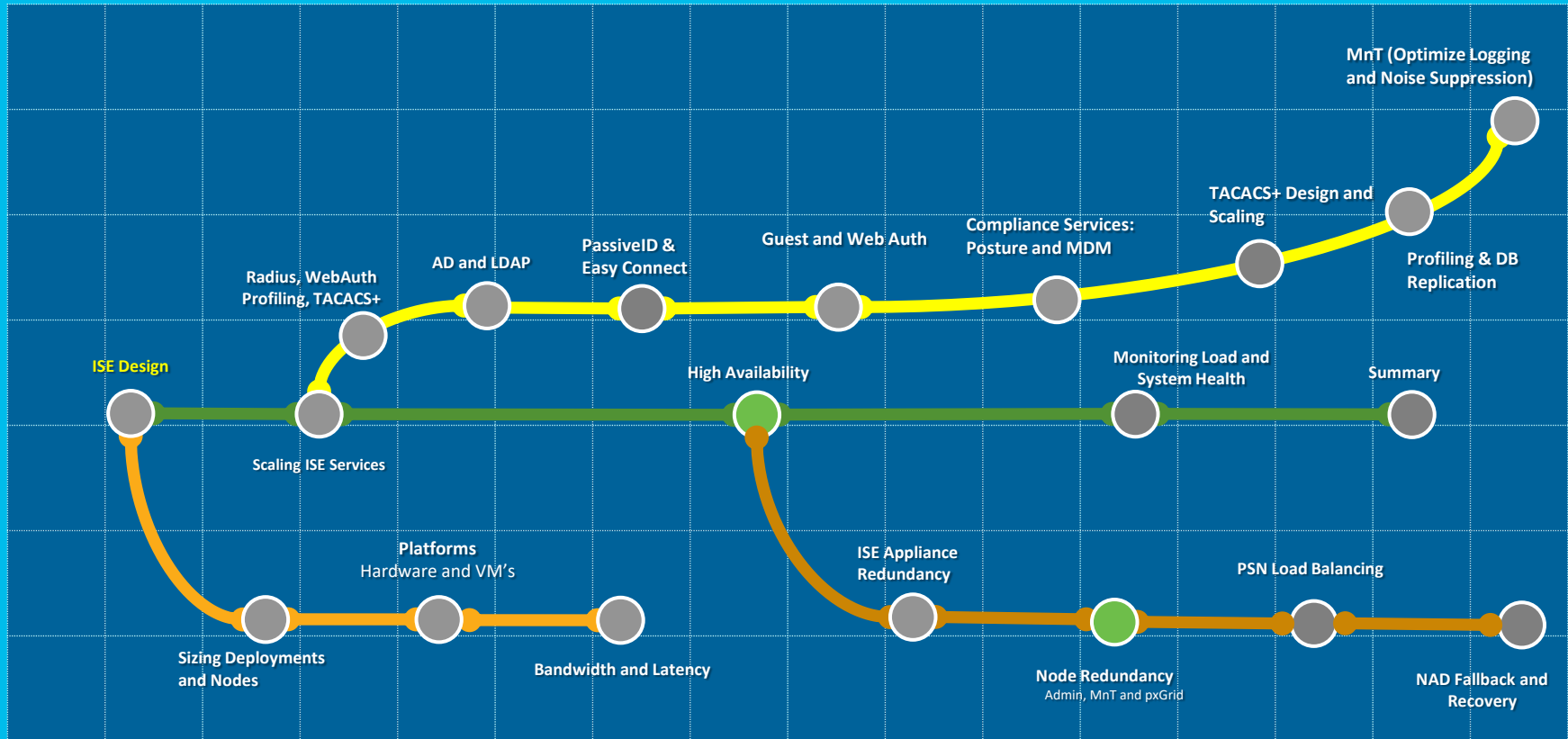


- Both interfaces assume the same L2 address.
- When GE0 fails, GE1 assumes the IP address and keeps the communications alive.
- Based on Link State of the Primary Interface
- Every 100 milliseconds the link state of the Primary is inspected.

Session Agenda

Node Redundancy: Admin, MnT and pxGrid

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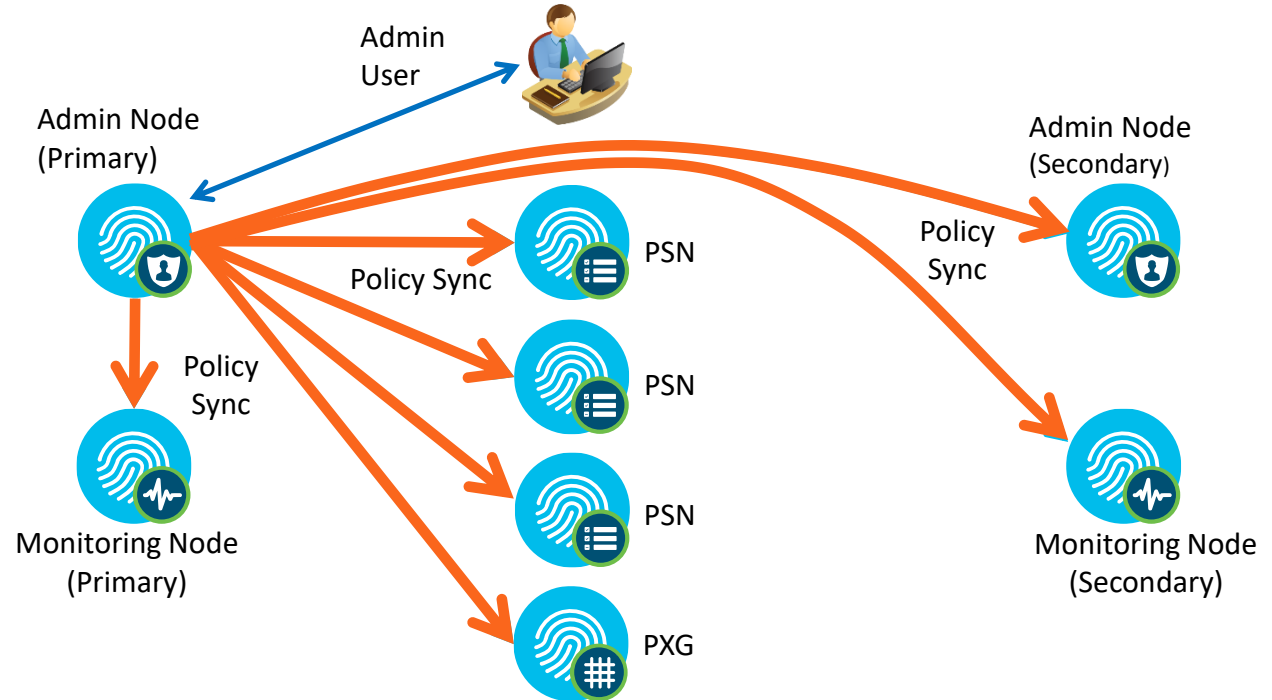


Admin Node HA and Synchronization

PAN Steady State Operation

- Changes made to Primary Administration DB are automatically synced to all nodes.

- Maximum two PAN nodes per deployment
- Active / Standby



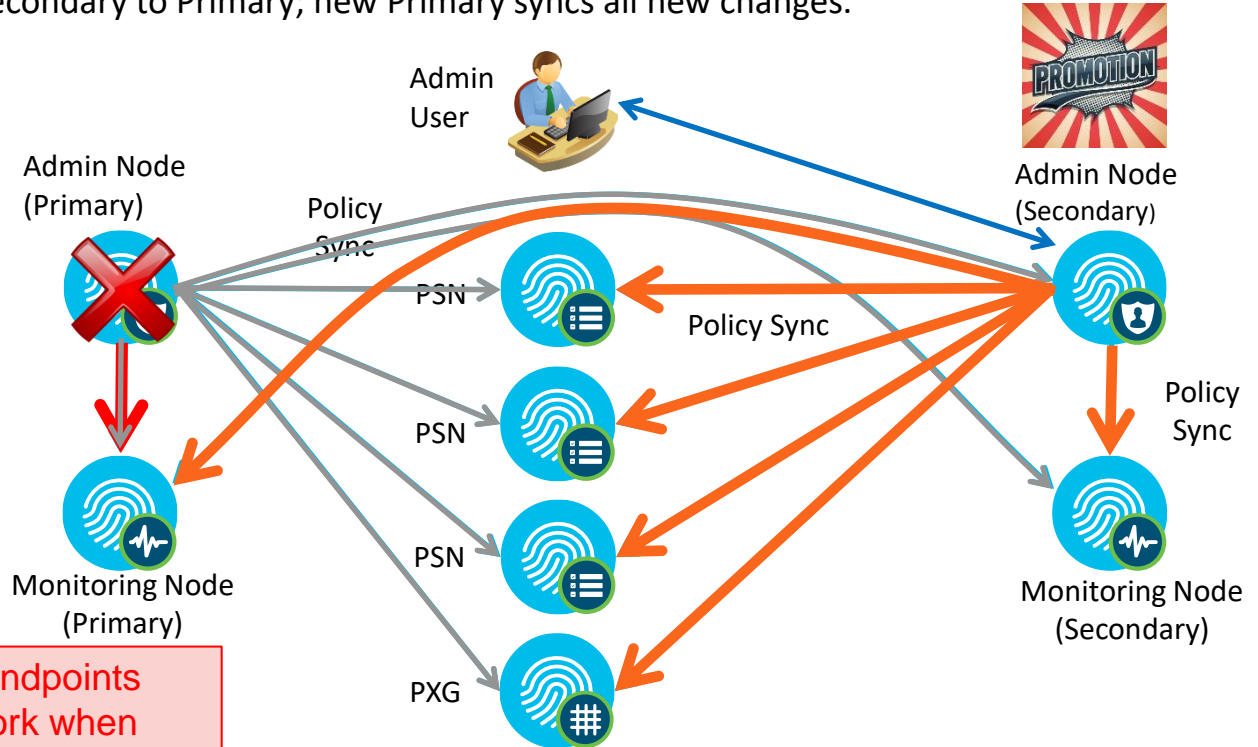
Admin Node HA and Synchronization

Primary PAN Outage and Recovery

- Prior to ISE 1.4 or without auto failover, upon Primary PAN failure, admin user must connect to Secondary PAN and **manually promote** Secondary to Primary; new Primary syncs all new changes.
- PSNs buffer endpoint updates if Primary PAN unavailable; buffered updates sent once PAN available.

Promoting Secondary Admin may take 10-15 minutes before process is complete.

New Guest Users or Registered Endpoints cannot be added/connect to network when Primary Administration node is unavailable!



Policy Service Survivability When Admin Down/Unreachable

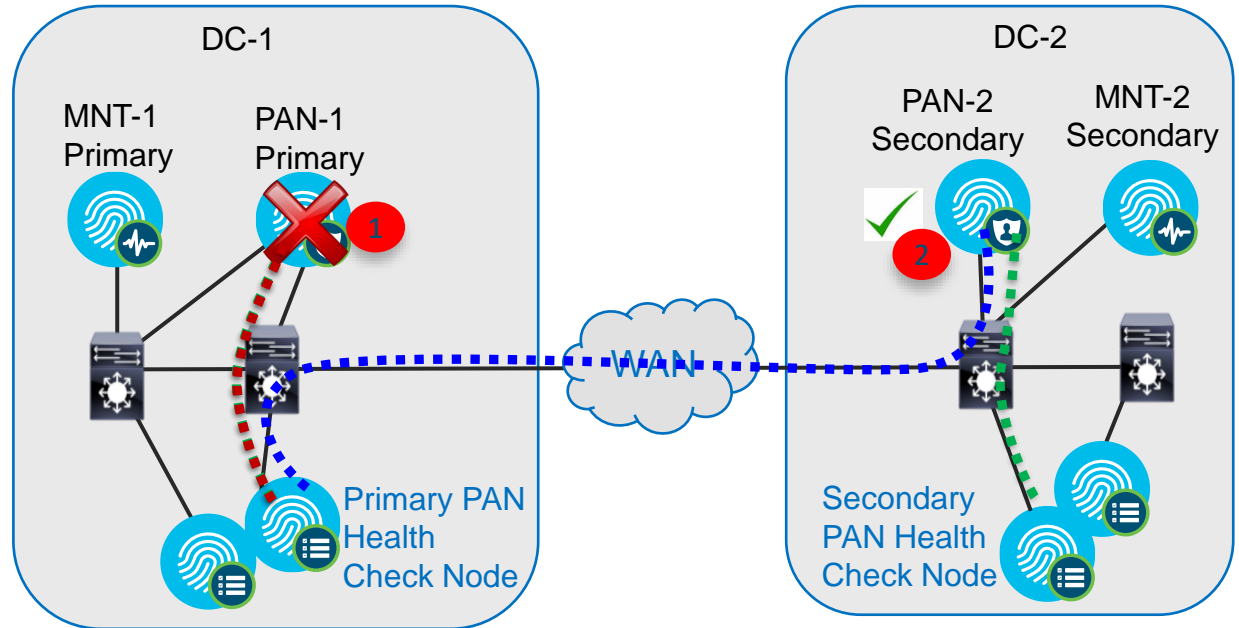
Which User Services Are Available if Primary Admin Node Is Unavailable?

Service	Use case	Works (Y / N)
RADIUS Auth	Generally all RADIUS auth should continue provided access to ID stores	Y
Guest	All existing guests can be authenticated, but new guests, self-registered guests, or guest flows relying on device registration will fail.	N
Profiler	Previously profiled endpoints can be authenticated with existing profile. New endpoints or updates to existing profile attributes received by owner should apply, but not profile data received by PSN in foreign node group.	Y
Posture	Provisioning/Assessment work, but Posture Lease unable to fetch timer.	Y
Device Reg	Device Registration fails if unable to update endpoint record in central db.	N
BYOD/NSP	BYOD/NSP relies on device registration. Additionally, any provisioned certificate cannot be saved to database.	N
MDM	MDM fails on update of endpoint record	N
CA/Cert Services	See BYOD/NSP use case; certificates can be issued but will not be saved and thus fail. OCSP functions using last replicated version of database	N
pxGrid	Clients that are already authorized for a topic and connected to controller will continue to operate, but new registrations and connections will fail.	N
TACACS+	TACACS+ requests can be locally processed per ID store availability.	Y

Automatic PAN Switchover

Introduced ISE 1.4

- Primary PAN (PAN-1) down or network link down.
- If Health Check Node unable to reach PAN-1 but can reach PAN-2
→ trigger failover
- Secondary PAN (PAN-2) is promoted by Health Check Node
- PAN-2 becomes Primary and takes over PSN replication.



Don't forget, after switchover admin must connect to PAN-2 for ISE management!

Note: Switchover is NOT immediate. Total time based on polling intervals and promotion time. Expect ~15 - 30 minutes.

PAN Failover

Health Check Node Configuration

- Configuration using GUI only under [Administration > System > Deployment > PAN Failover](#)

Deployment

- Deployment
 - bxb22-11a-pdp1
 - npf-sjca-ipep01
 - npf-sjca-ipep02
 - npf-sjca-mnt01
 - npf-sjca-mnt02
 - npf-sjca-pap01
 - npf-sjca-pap02
 - sbg-bgla-pdp01
 - AlphaNodeGroup
 - PAN Failover**

PAN Failover Configuration
Automatic Failover if Primary Administration node goes down.

- * Enable PAN Auto Failover ⓘ
- * Primary Health Check Node ⓘ Primary Administration Node **npf-sjca-pap01.cisco.com**
- * Secondary Health Check Node ⓘ Secondary Administration Node **npf-sjca-pap02.cisco.com**
- * Polling Interval ⓘ Seconds (Range 30 - 300)
- * Number Of Failure Polls Before Failover ⓘ Count (Range 2 - 60)

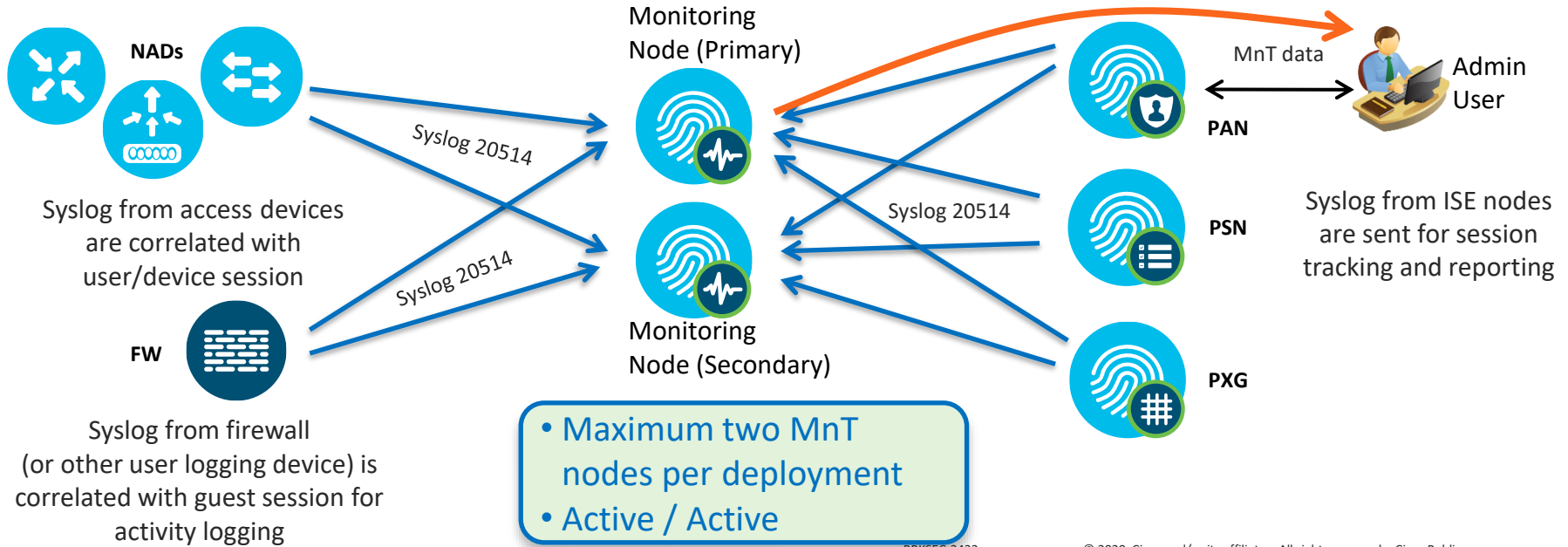
Health Check Node CANNOT be a PAN !!

Requires Minimum of 3 nodes – 3rd node is independent observer

HA for Monitoring and Troubleshooting

Steady State Operation

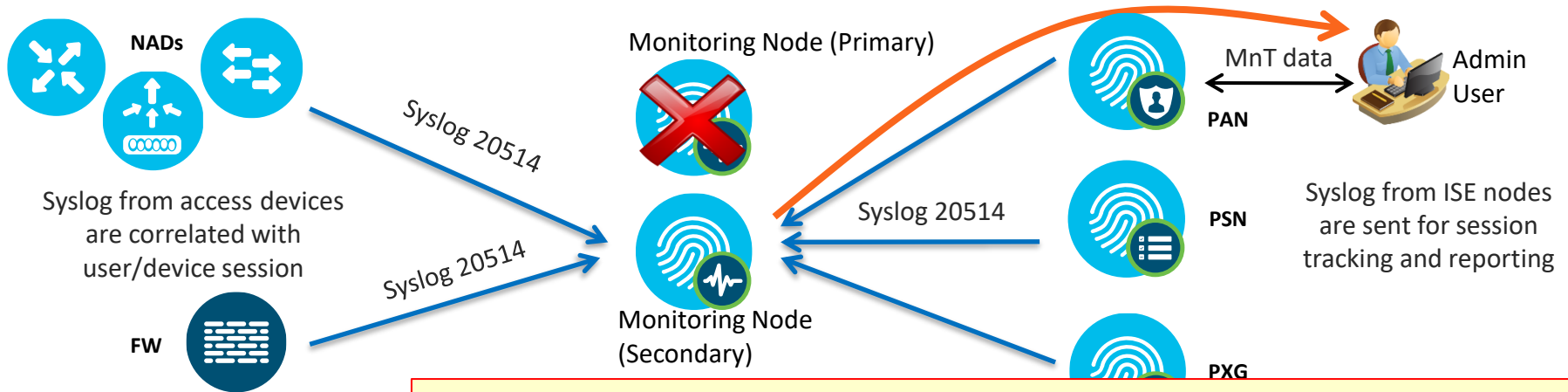
- MnT nodes concurrently receive logging from PAN, PSN, NAD, and ASA
- PAN retrieves log/report data from Primary MnT node when available



HA for Monitoring and Troubleshooting

Primary MnT Outage and Recovery

- Upon MnT node failure, PAN, PSN, NAD, and ASA continue to send logs to remaining MnT node
- PAN auto-detects Active MnT failure and retrieves log/report data from Secondary MnT node.
- Full failover to Secondary MnT may take from 5-15 min depending on type of failure.



Syslog from access devices are correlated with user/device session

Syslog from firewall (or other user logging device) is correlated with guest session for activity logging

- PSN logs are not locally buffered when MnT down unless use TCP/Secure syslog.
- Log DB is not synced between MnT nodes.
- Upon return to service, recovered MnT node will not include data logged during outage
- Backup/Restore required to re-sync MnT database

ISE 2.6+: Rabbit MQ

A new type of architecture for ISE messaging services

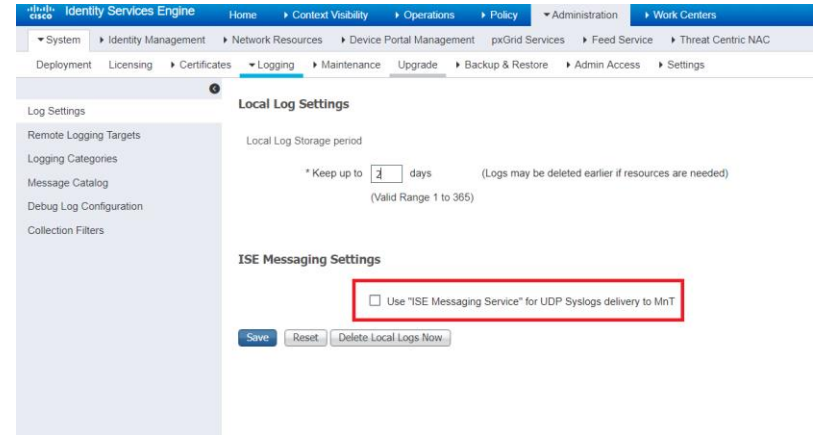
- Move forward in terms of robustness, reliability , Scalability and code quality
- Introduced in 2.6 for Secure Syslog (WAN survivability)



ISE 2.7: Syslogs over ISE Messaging

WAN survivability and securing Syslog using Rabbit MQ

- Syslogs can use secure ISE Messaging instead of UDP
- Messages buffered on PSN while MNT is down
 - Buffer is 4GB otherwise overflow, 200 per/sec 1kb message, 1.5 hrs filled
- Max TPS ~5000



The screenshot displays the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) Administration console. The navigation menu at the top includes Home, Context Visibility, Operations, Policy, Administration, and Work Centers. The left sidebar shows a tree view with 'Log Settings' selected, containing sub-items like Remote Logging Targets, Logging Categories, Message Catalog, Debug Log Configuration, and Collection Filters. The main content area is titled 'Local Log Settings' and includes a 'Local Log Storage period' section with a dropdown set to '4' days. Below this is the 'ISE Messaging Settings' section, where the checkbox 'Use ISE Messaging Service* for UDP Syslogs delivery to MnT' is highlighted with a red rectangular box. At the bottom of the page are 'Save', 'Reset', and 'Delete Local Logs Now' buttons.

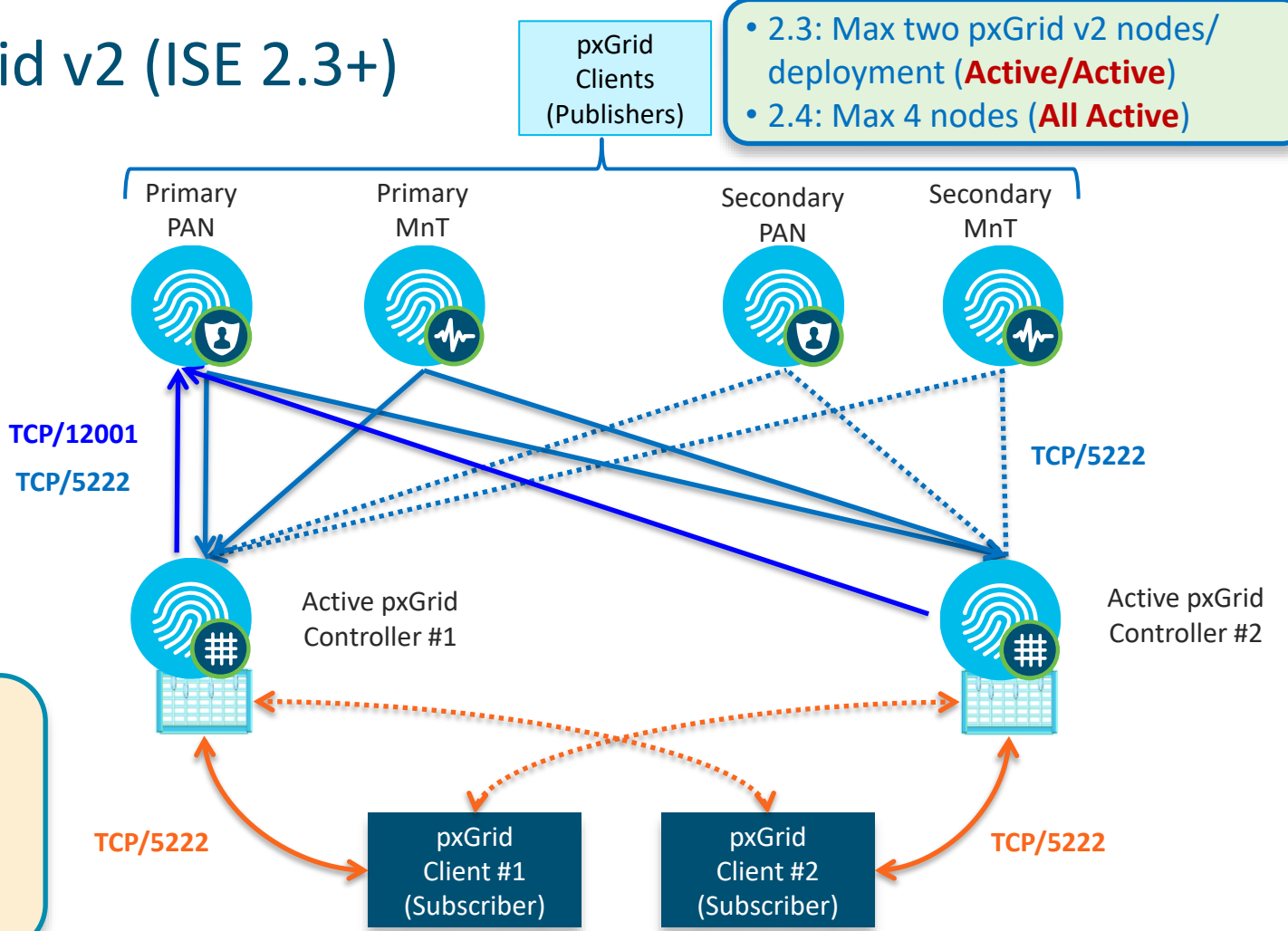
HA for pxGrid v2 (ISE 2.3+)

Steady State

- PAN Publisher Topics:
- Controller Admin
 - TrustSec/SGA
 - Endpoint Profile

- MnT Publisher Topics:
- Session Directory
 - Identity Group
 - ANC (EPS)

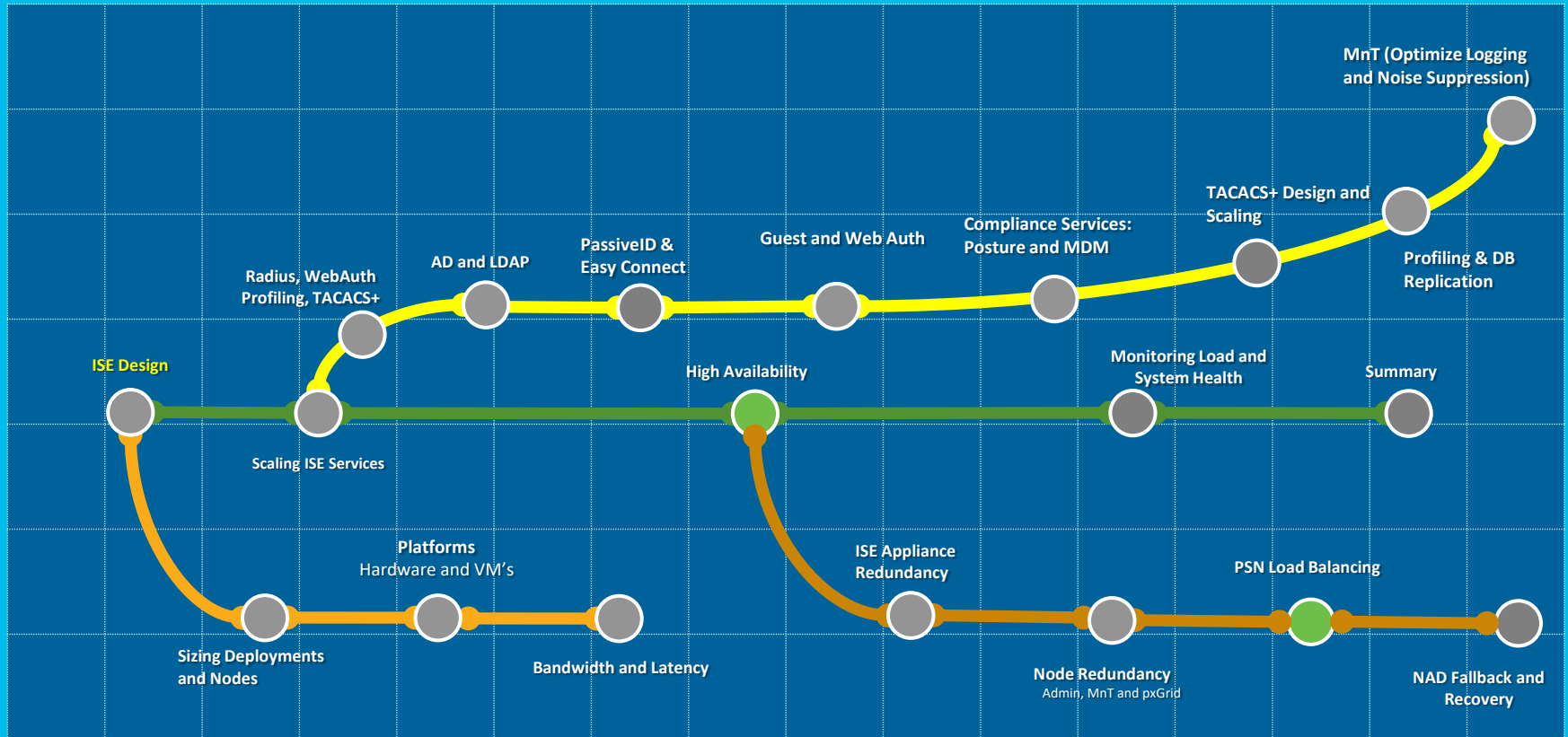
- pxGrid clients can be configured with multiple servers for redundancy.
- Clients connect to single active controller for given domain



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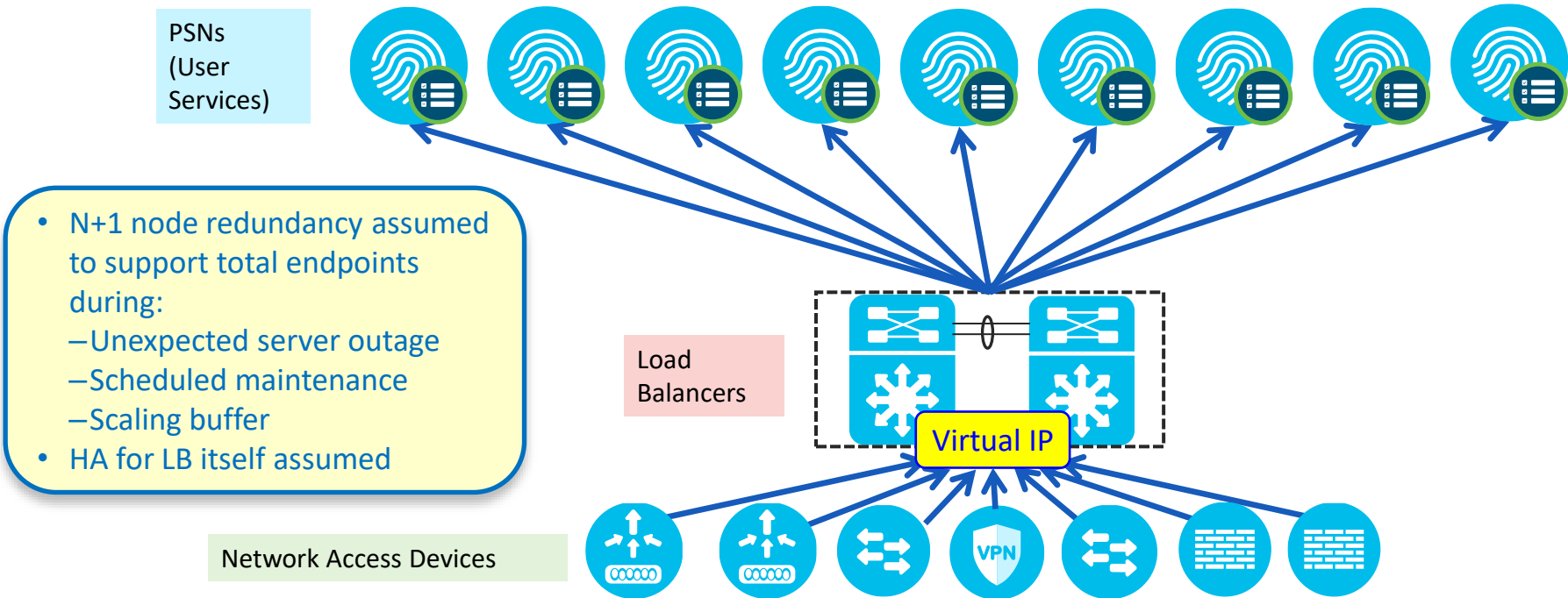
PSN Load Balancing

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Load Balancing RADIUS, Web, and Profiling Services

- Policy Service nodes can be configured in a cluster behind a load balancer (LB).
- Access Devices send RADIUS and TACACS+ AAA requests to LB virtual IP.

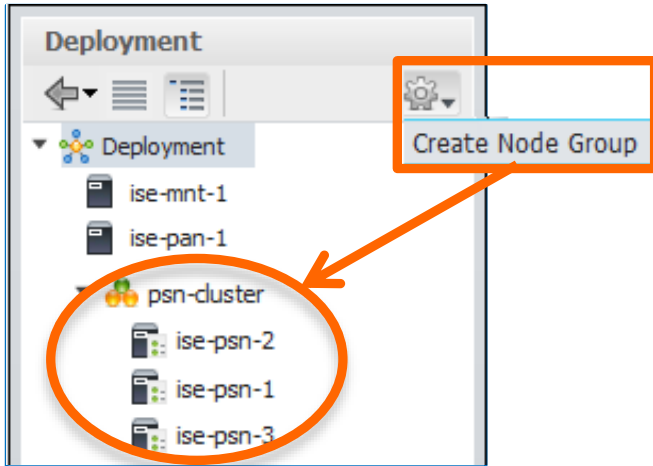


Configure Node Groups for LB Cluster

Place all PSNs in LB Cluster in Same Node Group

- Administration > System > Deployment

1) Create node group



- Node group members can be L2 or L3
- Multicast not required

2) Assign name (and multicast address if ISE 1.2)

Create Node Group

* Node Group Name:

Description:

3) Add individual PSNs to node group

Edit Node

General Settings | Profiling Configuration

Policy Service

Enable Session Services (i)

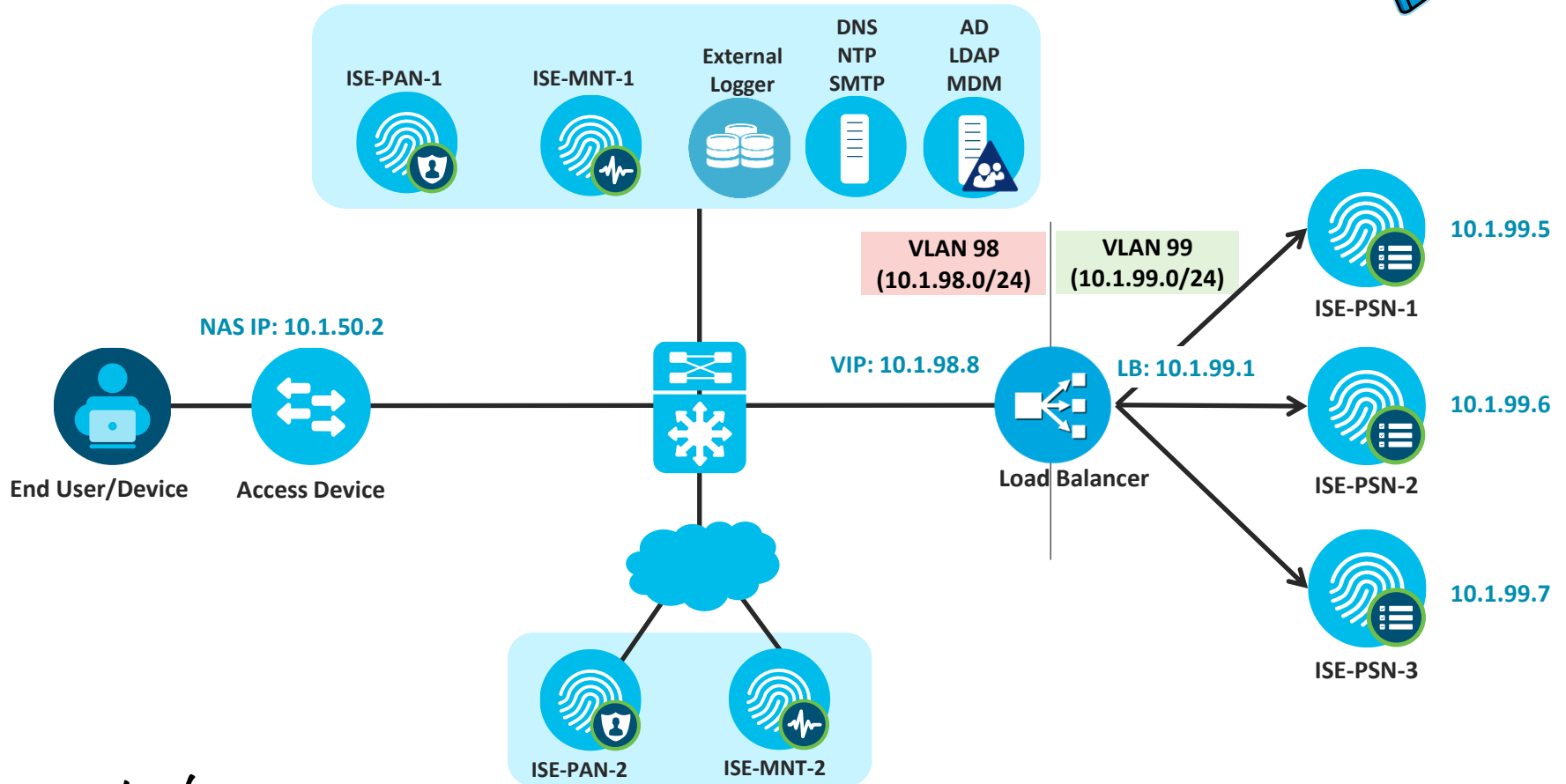
Include Node in Node Group:

Enable Profiling Service

High-Level Load Balancing Diagram



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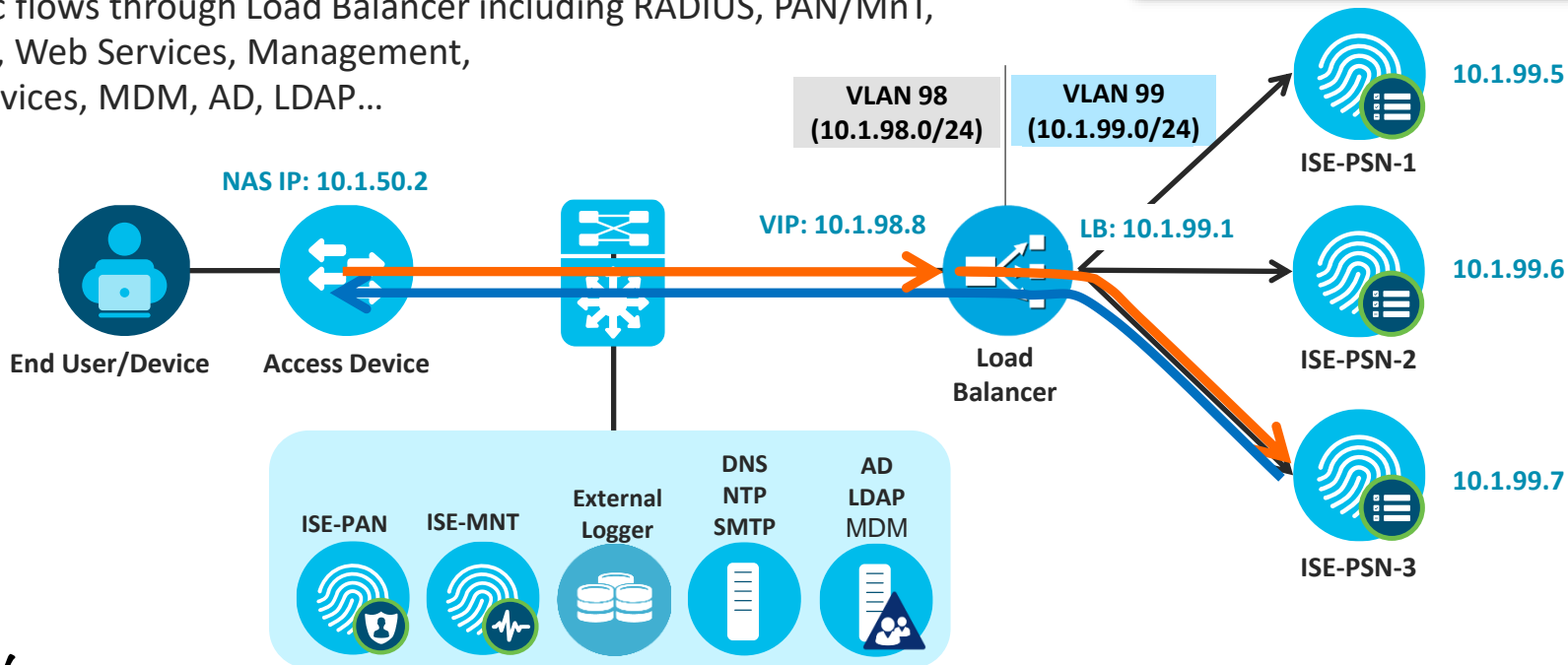


Traffic Flow—Fully Inline: Physical Separation

Physical Network Separation Using Separate LB Interfaces

- Load Balancer is directly inline between PSNs and rest of network.
- All traffic flows through Load Balancer including RADIUS, PAN/MnT, Profiling, Web Services, Management, Feed Services, MDM, AD, LDAP...

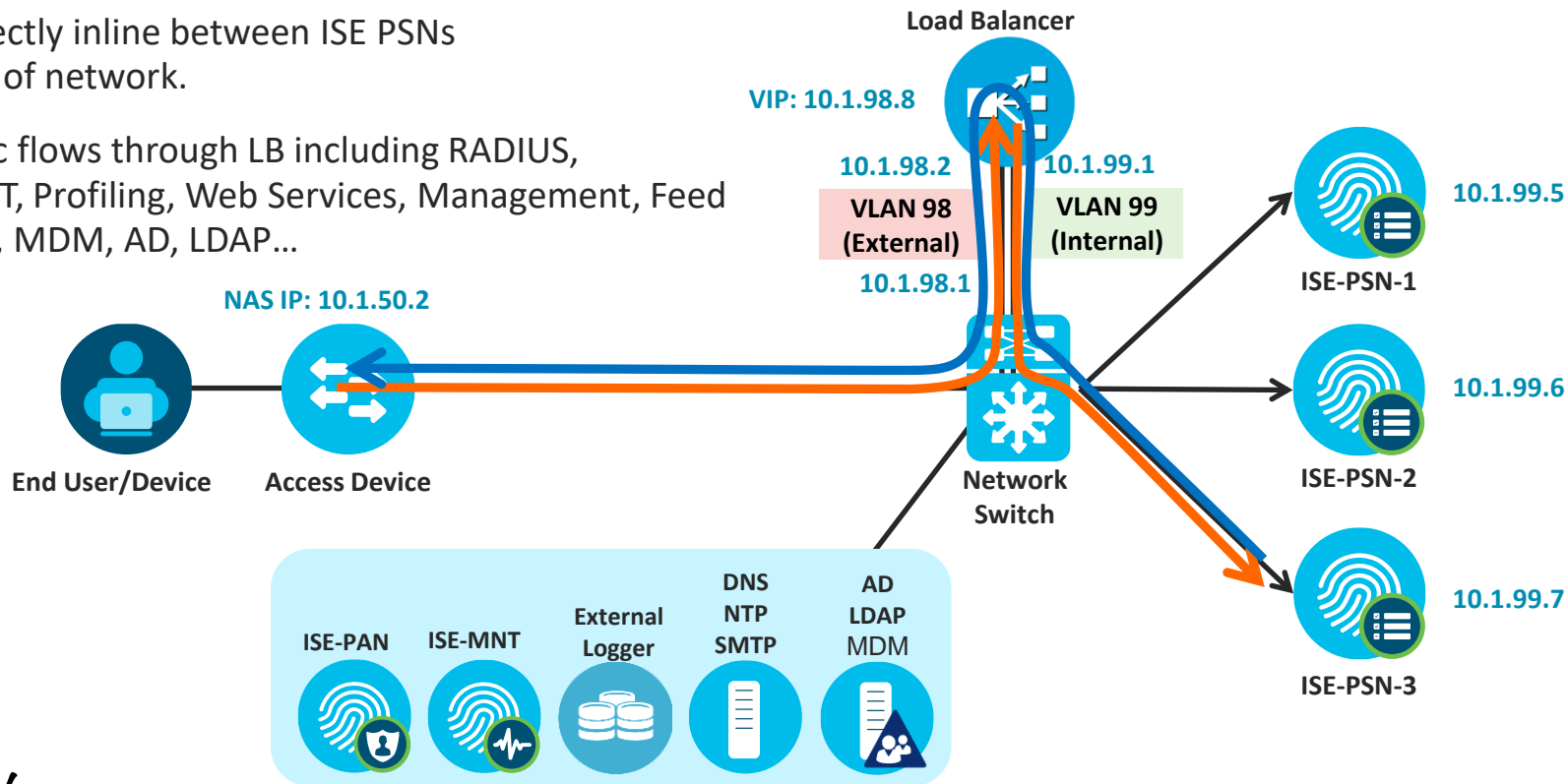
Fully Inline Traffic Flow recommended—physical or logical



Traffic Flow—Fully Inline: VLAN Separation

Logical Network Separation Using Single LB Interface and VLAN Trunking

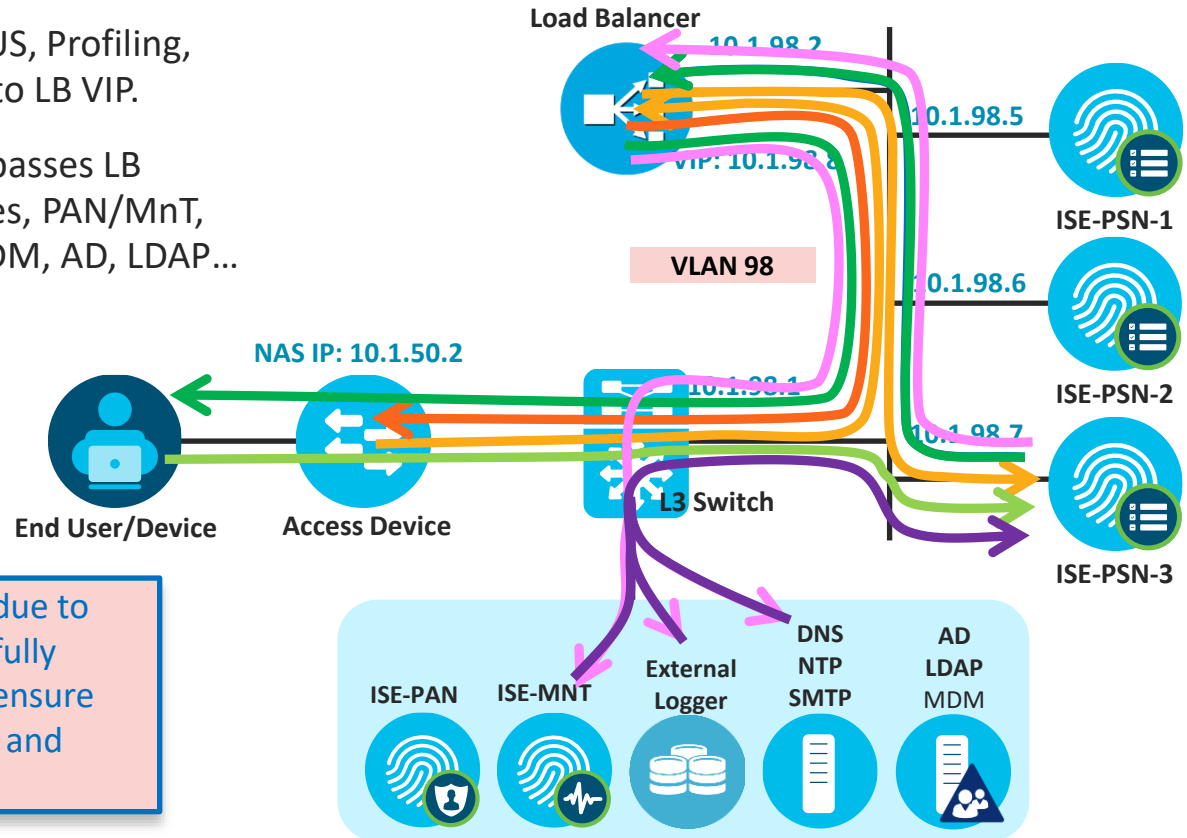
- LB is directly inline between ISE PSNs and rest of network.
- All traffic flows through LB including RADIUS, PAN/MnT, Profiling, Web Services, Management, Feed Services, MDM, AD, LDAP...



Partially Inline: Layer 2/Same VLAN (One PSN Interface)

Direct PSN Connections to LB and Rest of Network

- All inbound LB traffic such as RADIUS, Profiling, and directed Web Services sent to LB VIP.
- Other inbound non-LB traffic bypasses LB including redirected Web Services, PAN/MnT, Management, Feed Services, MDM, AD, LDAP...
- All outbound traffic from PSNs sent to LB as DFGW.
- LB must be configured to allow Asymmetric traffic

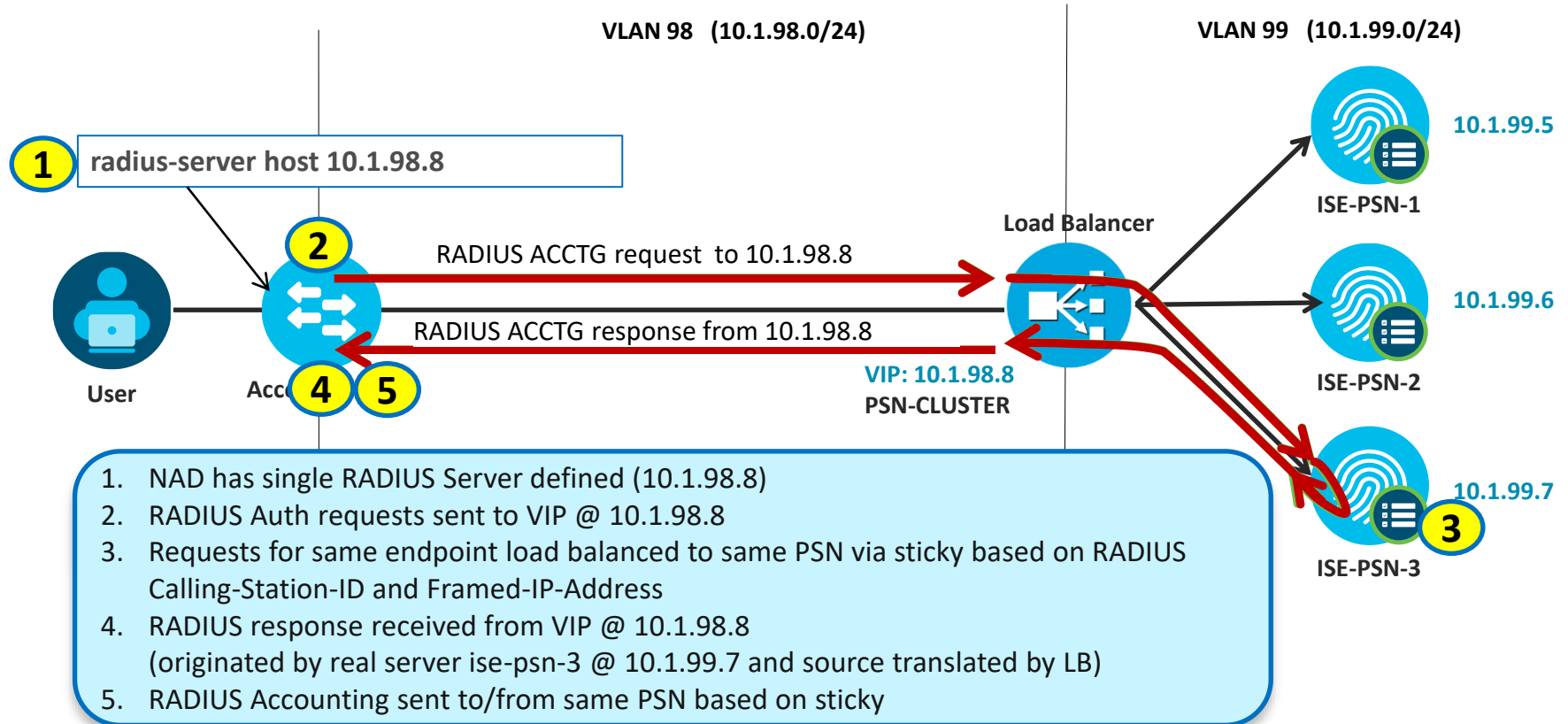


Generally NOT RECOMMENDED due to traffic flow complexity—must fully understand path of each flow to ensure proper handling by routing, LB, and end stations.

Load Balancing RADIUS

Load Balancing RADIUS

Sample Flow



1. NAD has single RADIUS Server defined (10.1.98.8)
2. RADIUS Auth requests sent to VIP @ 10.1.98.8
3. Requests for same endpoint load balanced to same PSN via sticky based on RADIUS Calling-Station-ID and Framed-IP-Address
4. RADIUS response received from VIP @ 10.1.98.8 (originated by real server ise-psn-3 @ 10.1.99.7 and source translated by LB)
5. RADIUS Accounting sent to/from same PSN based on sticky

Load Balancer Persistence (Stickiness) Guidelines

Persistence Attributes

- Common RADIUS Sticky Attributes

- **Client Address**

- Calling-Station-ID → **MAC Address=00:C0:FF:1A:2B:3C**
 - Framed-IP-Address → **IP Address=10.1.10.101**

- **NAD Address**

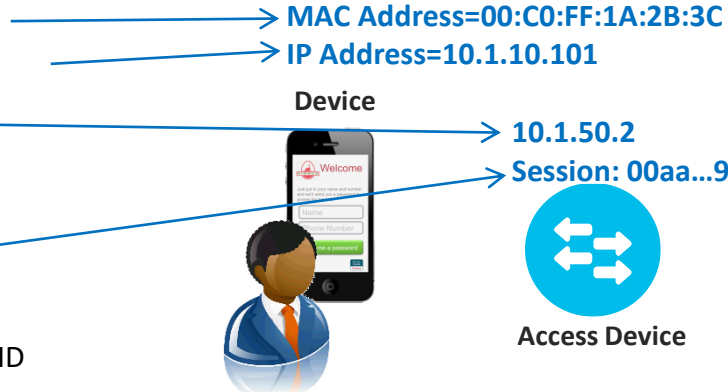
- NAS-IP-Address → **10.1.50.2**
 - Source IP Address → **Session: 00aa...99ff**

- **Session ID**

- RADIUS Session ID
 - Cisco Audit Session ID

- **Username**

→ **User** **Username=jdoe@company.com**



- Best Practice Recommendations (depends on LB support and design)

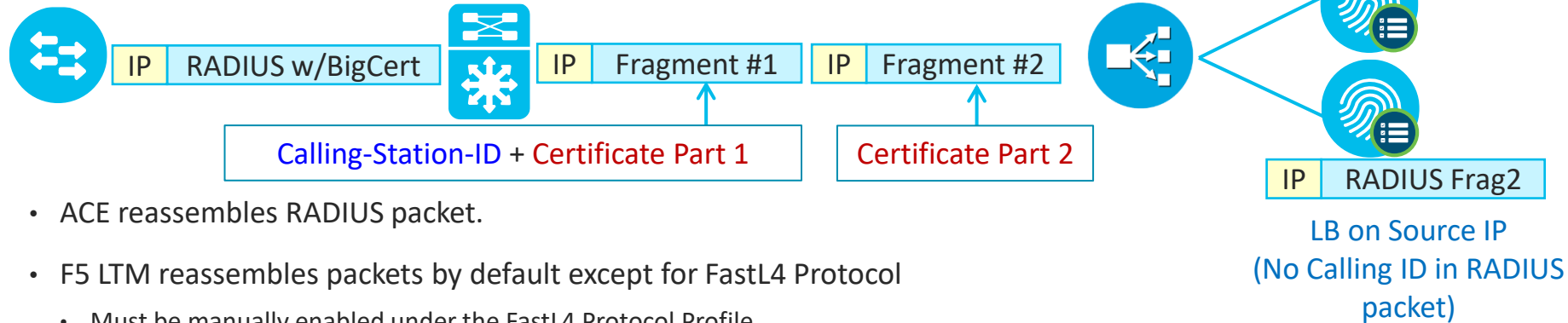
1. Calling-Station-ID for persistence across NADs and sessions
2. Source IP or NAS-IP-Address for persistence for all endpoints connected to same NAD
3. Audit BRKSEC3432 for persistence across re-authentications

LB Fragmentation and Reassembly

Be aware of load balancers that do not reassemble RADIUS fragments!

Also watch for fragmented packets that are too small. LBs have min allowed frag size and will drop !!!

- Example: EAP-TLS with large certificates
- Need to address path fragmentation or persist on source IP

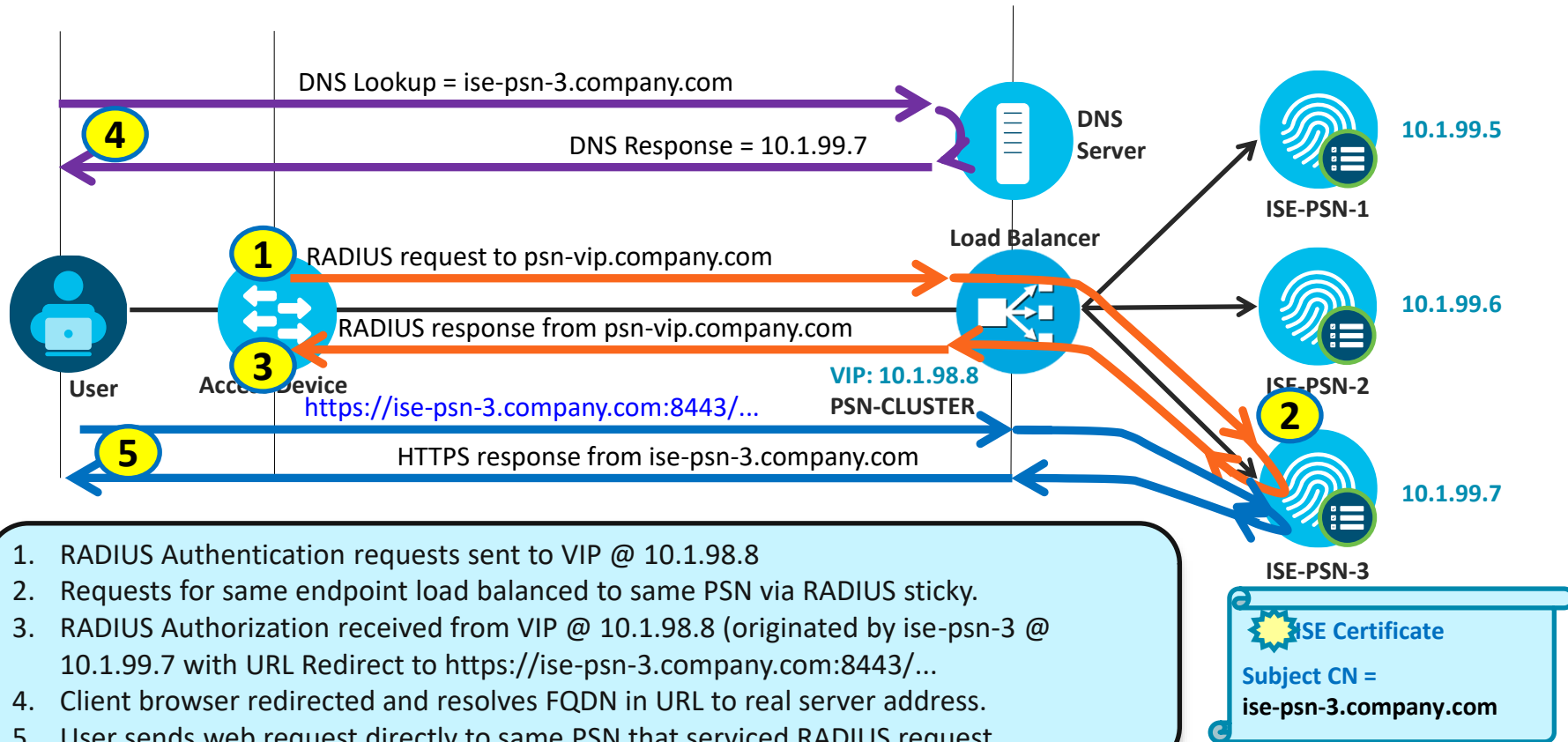


- ACE reassembles RADIUS packet.
- F5 LTM reassembles packets by default except for FastL4 Protocol
 - Must be manually enabled under the FastL4 Protocol Profile
- Citrix NetScaler fragmentation defect—Resolved in NetScaler 10.5 Build 50.10
 - Issue ID 429415 addresses fragmentation and the reassembly of large/jumbo frames

Load Balancing ISE Web Services

Load Balancing with URL-Redirection

URL Redirect Web Services: Hotspot/DRW, CWA, BYOD, Posture, MDM

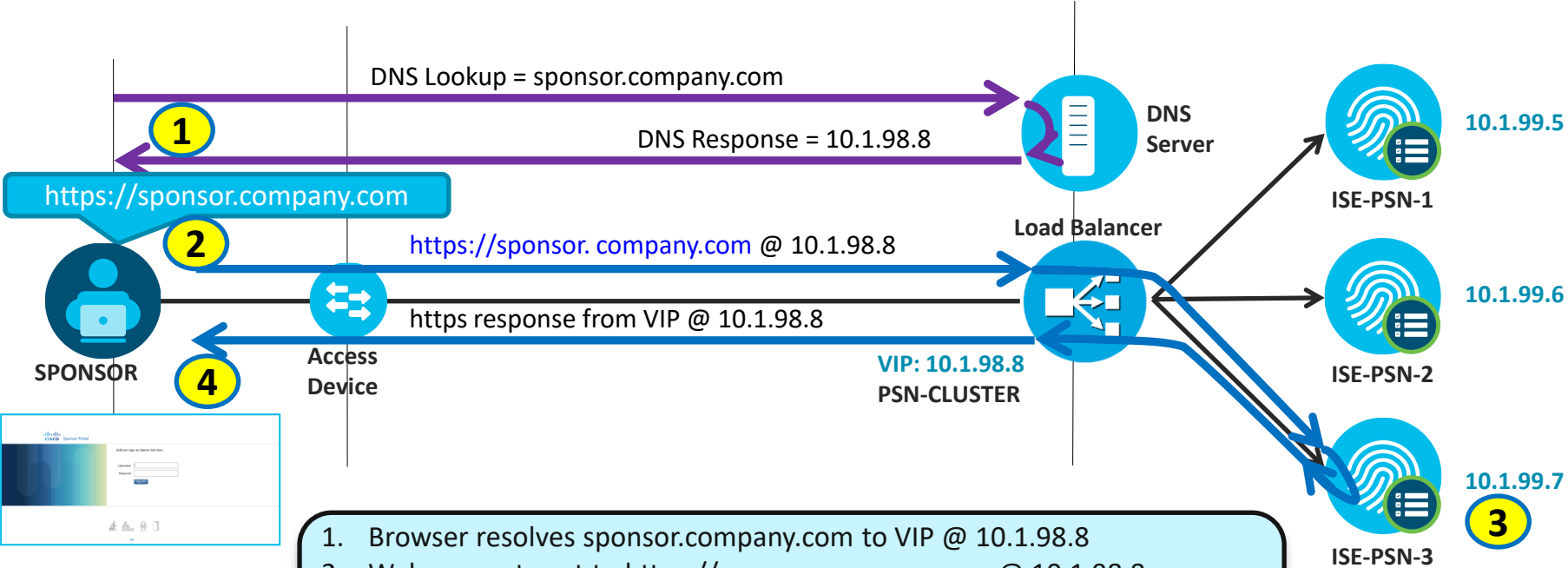


Load Balancing Non-Redirected Web Services



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Direct Web Services: Sponsor, My Devices, LWA, OCSP



1. Browser resolves sponsor.company.com to VIP @ 10.1.98.8
2. Web request sent to https://sponsor.company.com @ 10.1.98.8
3. ACE load balances request to PSN based on IP or HTTP sticky
4. HTTPS response received from ise-psn-3 @ 10.1.99.7 → translated to VIP @ 10.1.98.8 when passes through LB.

“Universal Certs”

UCC or Wildcard SAN Certificates

Subject Alternative Name (SAN) - +
 - +

Allow Wildcard Certificates ⓘ

Check box to use wildcards

Node(s)

Generate CSR's for these Nodes:

Node	CSR Friendly Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ise-psn	ise-psn/Admin

Subject

Common Name (CN) ⓘ

Organizational Unit (OU)

Organization (O)

City (L)

State (ST)

Country (C)

CN must also exist in SAN

Universal Cert options:

- UCC / Multi-SAN
- Wildcard SAN

Subject Alternative Name (SAN) - +

- +

- +

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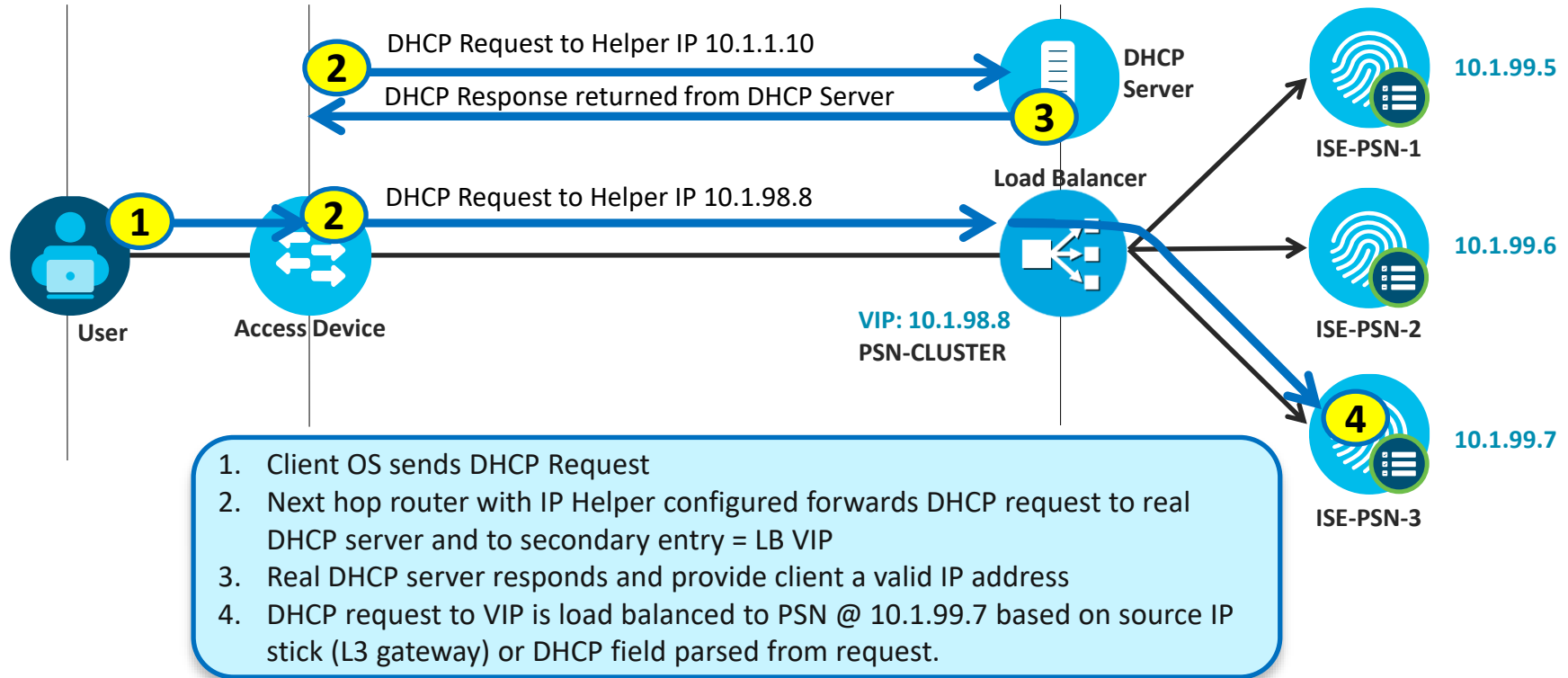
Other FQDNs or wildcard as “DNS Names”

IP Address is also option

Load Balancing ISE Profiling Services

Load Balancing Profiling Services

Sample Flow



Load Balancing Simplifies Device Configuration

L3 Switch Example for DHCP Relay

- Before

```
!  
interface Vlan10  
  description EMPLOYEE  
  ip address 10.1.10.1 255.255.255.0  
  ip helper-address 10.1.100.100 <--- Real DHCP Server  
  ip helper-address 10.1.99.5 <--- ISE-PSN-1  
  ip helper-address 10.1.99.6 <--- ISE-PSN-2  
!
```

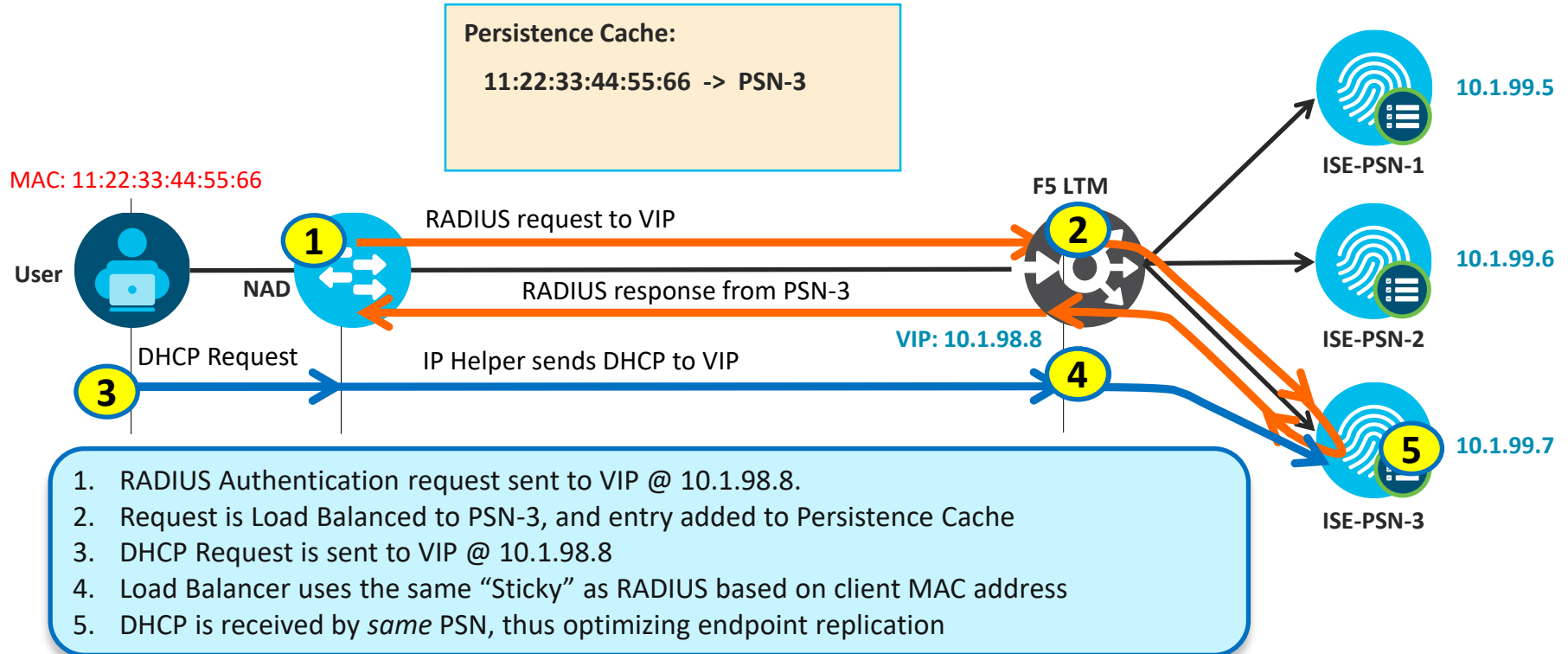
Settings apply to each L3 interface servicing DHCP endpoints

- After

```
!  
interface Vlan10  
  description EMPLOYEE  
  ip address 10.1.10.1 255.255.255.0  
  ip helper-address 10.1.100.100 <--- Real DHCP Server  
  ip helper-address 10.1.98.8 <--- LB VIP  
!
```


Load Balancing Sticky Guidelines

Ensure DHCP and RADIUS for a Given Endpoint Use Same PSN



Vendor-Specific LB Configurations

- F5 LTM
- Citrix NetScaler
- Cisco ACE
- Cisco ITD (Note)

<https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-documents/ise-load-balancing/ta-p/3648759>

F5 LTM

- **Cisco Communities**
<https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-documents/ise-load-balancing/ta-p/3648759>
- **Cisco and F5 Deployment Guide: ISE Load Balancing using BIG-IP:**
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- **Linked from F5 website under Cisco Alliance page > White Papers:**
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- **Configuring F5 LTM for Cisco ISE LB:**
<https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-documents/configuring-f5-ltm-for-cisco-ise-load-balancing/ta-p/3642134>
- **BRKSEC-3699 Reference Presentation Complete working config + screenshots**
https://www.ciscolive.com/online/connect/sessionDetail.wv?SESSION_ID=94152



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ISE Load Balancing using BIG-IP

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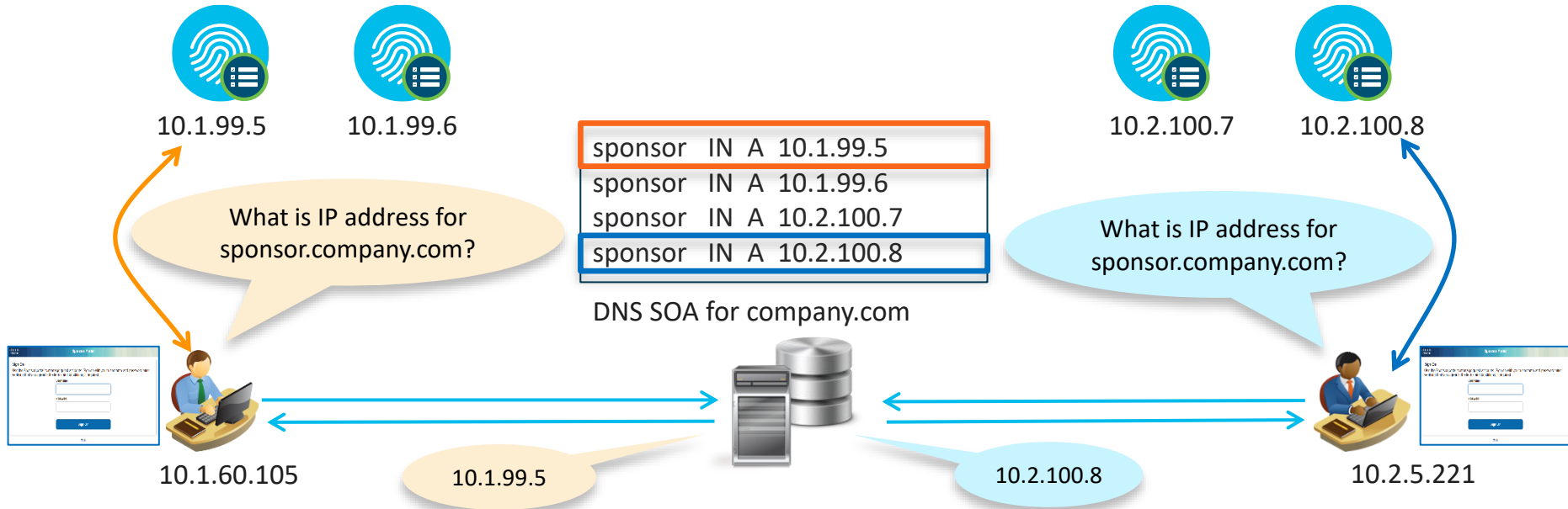
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PSN HA Without Load Balancers

Load Balancing Web Requests Using DNS

Client-Based Load Balancing/Distribution Based on DNS Response

- Examples:
 - Cisco Global Site Selector (GSS) / F5 BIG-IP GTM / Microsoft's DNS Round-Robin feature
 - Useful for web services that use static URLs including LWA, Sponsor, My Devices, OCSP.

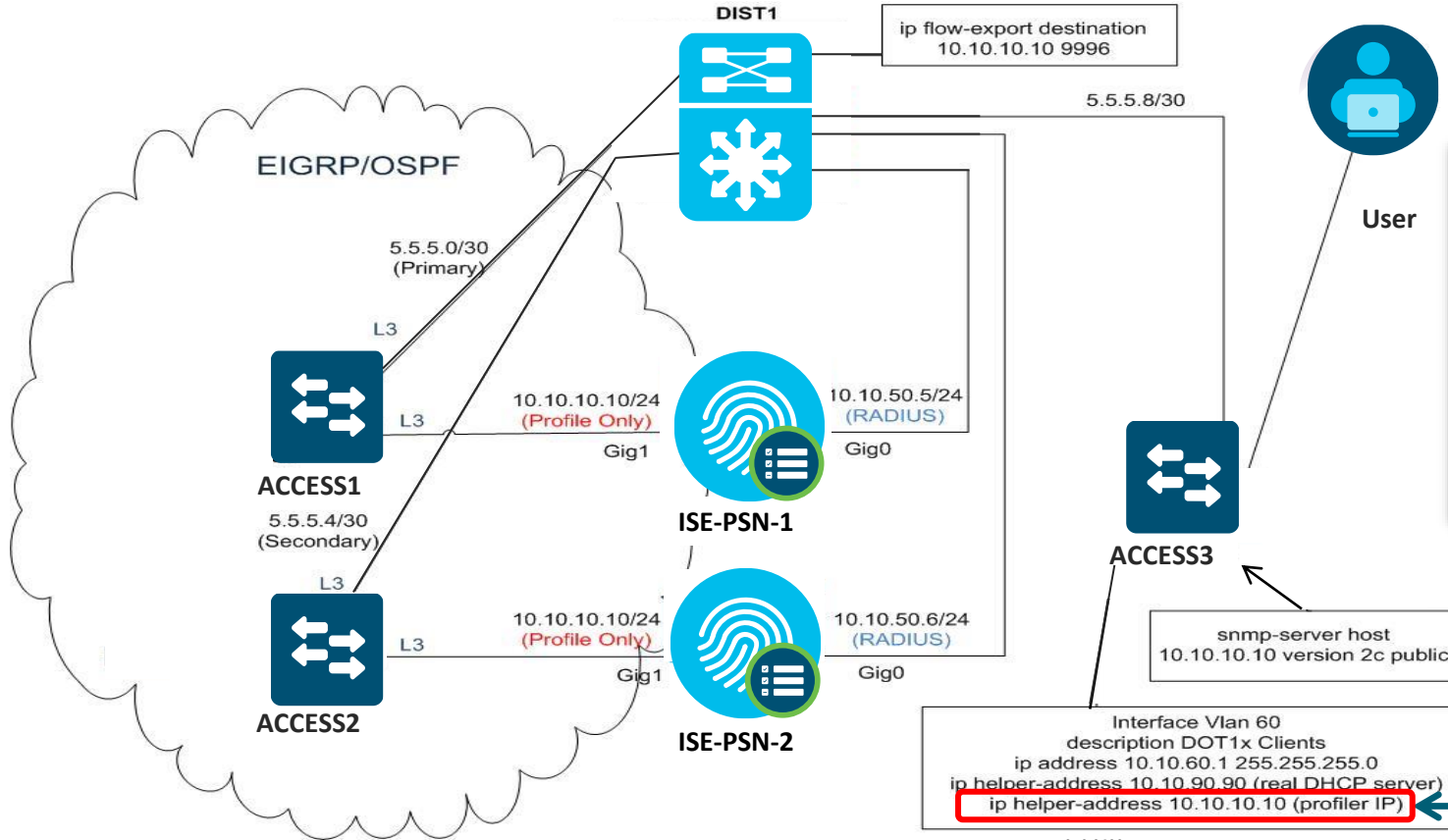


Using Anycast for ISE Redundancy

Profiling Example



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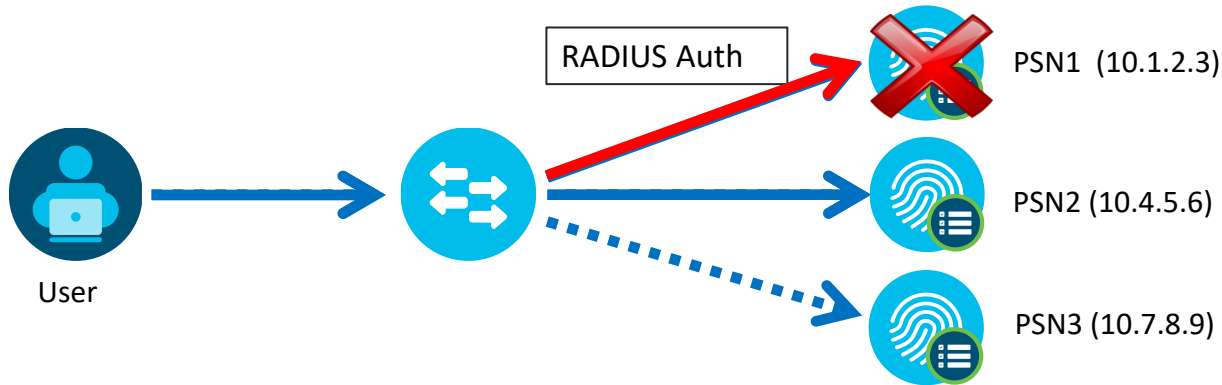
Provided dedicated interface or LB VIPs used, Anycast may be used for Profiling, Web Portals (Sponsor, Guest LWA, and MDP) and RADIUS AAA!

NADs are configured with single Anycast IP address.
Ex: 10.10.10.10

NAD-Based RADIUS Server Redundancy (IOS)

Multiple RADIUS Servers Defined in Access Device

- Configure Access Devices with multiple RADIUS Servers.
- Fallback to secondary servers if primary fails

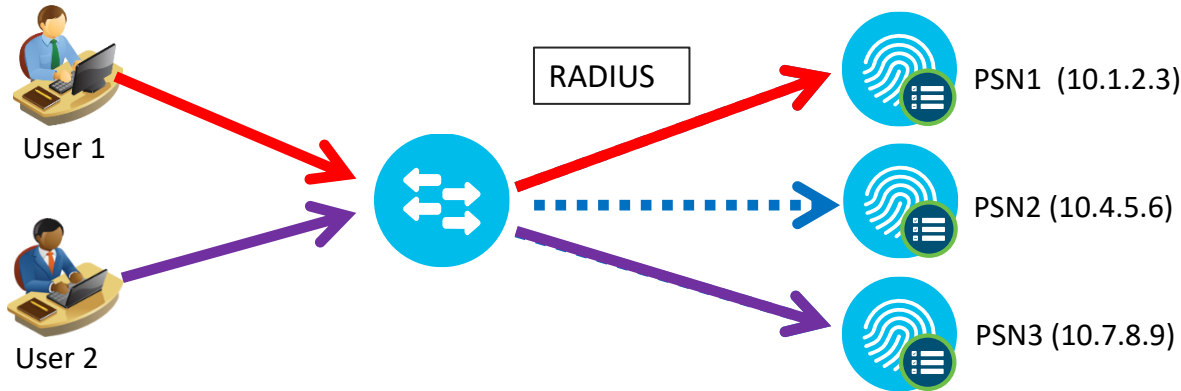


```
radius-server host 10.1.2.3 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
radius-server host 10.4.5.6 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
radius-server host 10.7.8.9 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
```

IOS-Based RADIUS Server Load Balancing

Switch Dynamically Distributes Requests to Multiple RADIUS Servers

- RADIUS LB feature distributes batches of AAA transactions to servers within a group.
- Each batch assigned to server with least number of outstanding transactions.



NAD controls the load distribution of AAA requests to all PSNs in RADIUS group without dedicated LB.

```
radius-server host 10.1.2.3 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
radius-server host 10.4.5.6 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
radius-server host 10.7.8.9 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size 5
```


IOS-Based RADIUS Server Load Balancing

Sample Live Log

- Use **test aaa group** command from IOS CLI to test RADIUS auth requests

Time	Status	Details	Identity	Server	Network Device	Authorization Profiles
Oct 11,12 12:50:08.040 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-1	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
Oct 11,12 12:50:08.038 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-3	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
Oct 11,12 12:50:08.036 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-2	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
Oct 11,12 12:50:08.026 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-3	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
Oct 11,12 12:50:08.009 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-3	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
0:08.009 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-1	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
0:07.091 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-2	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
0:07.089 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-3	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
0:07.089 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-1	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
0:07.088 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-2	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
0:07.084 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-1	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
Oct 11,12 12:50:07.050 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-2	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
Oct 11,12 12:50:07.035 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-2	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes
Oct 11,12 12:50:07.033 AM	✓		radtest	ise-psn-1	cat3750x	RADIUS_Probes

Reasonable load distribution
across all PSNs

Example shows 3 PSNs in
RADIUS group

```
cat3750x# test aaa group radius radtest cisco123 new users 4 count 50
AAA/SG/TEST: Sending 50 Access-Requests @ 10/sec, 0 Accounting-Requests @ 10/sec
```

NAD-Based RADIUS Redundancy (WLC)

Wireless LAN Controller

- Multiple RADIUS Auth & Accounting Server Definitions
- RADIUS Fallback options: **none**, **passive**, or **active**

Security

AAA

General

RADIUS

- Authentication
- Accounting
- Fallback

MONITOR WLANS CONTROLLER WIRELESS SECURITY

RADIUS Authentication Servers

Call Station ID Type

Use AES Key Wrap (Designed for FIPS customers and requires a FIPS-validated cryptographic module)

MAC Delimiter

Network User	Management	Server Index	Server Address	Port
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	10.1.99.5	1812
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	10.1.99.6	1812
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7	10.1.99.7	1812
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8	10.1.98.10	1812

RADIUS > Fallback Parameters

Fallback Mode

active

off
passive
active

Username

radtest-w

Password=
Username

Interval in sec.

180

Off = Continue exhaustively through list; never preempt to preferred server (entry with lowest index)

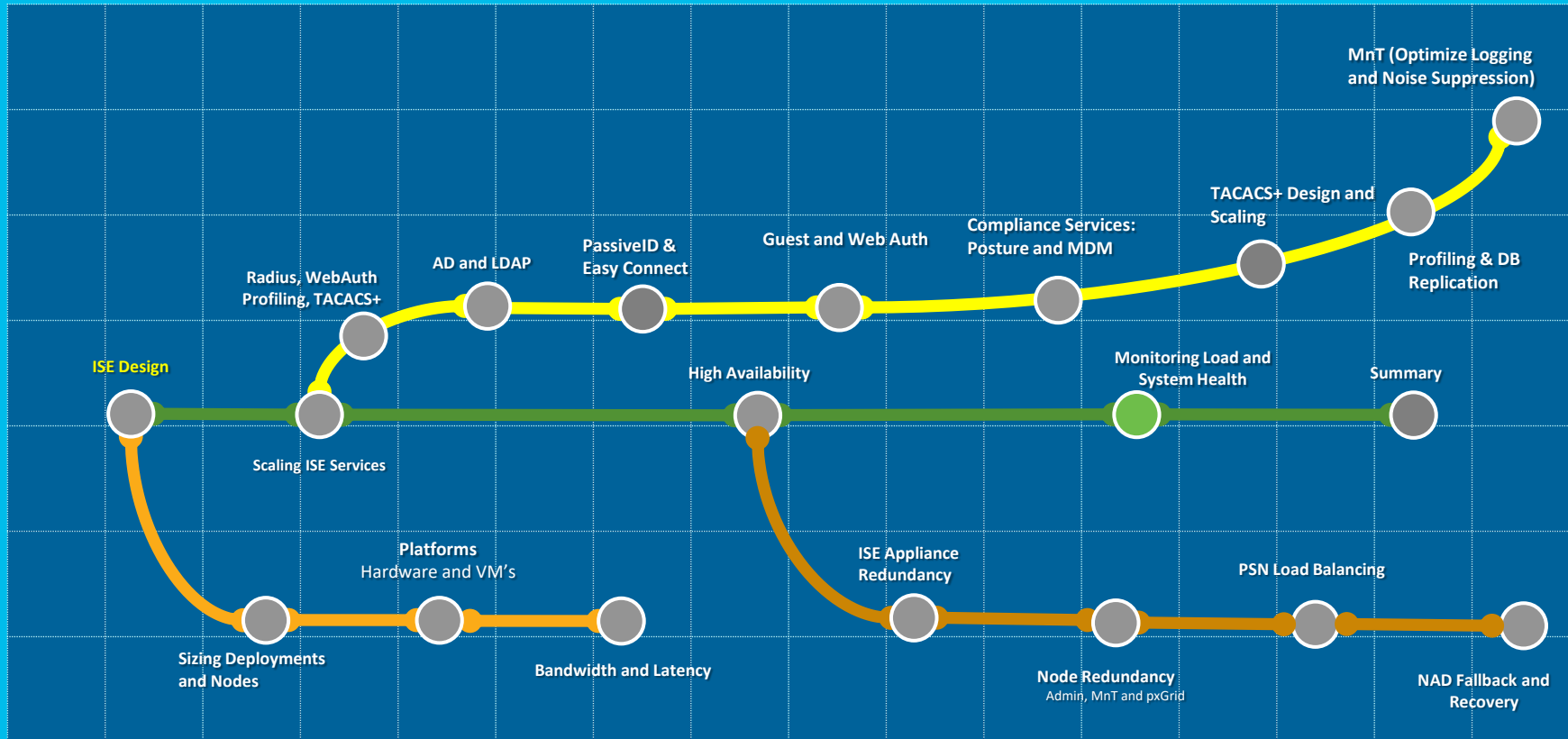
Passive = Quarantine failed RADIUS server for interval then return to active list w/o validation; always preempt.

Active = Mark failed server dead then actively probe status per interval w/username until succeed before return to list; always preempt.

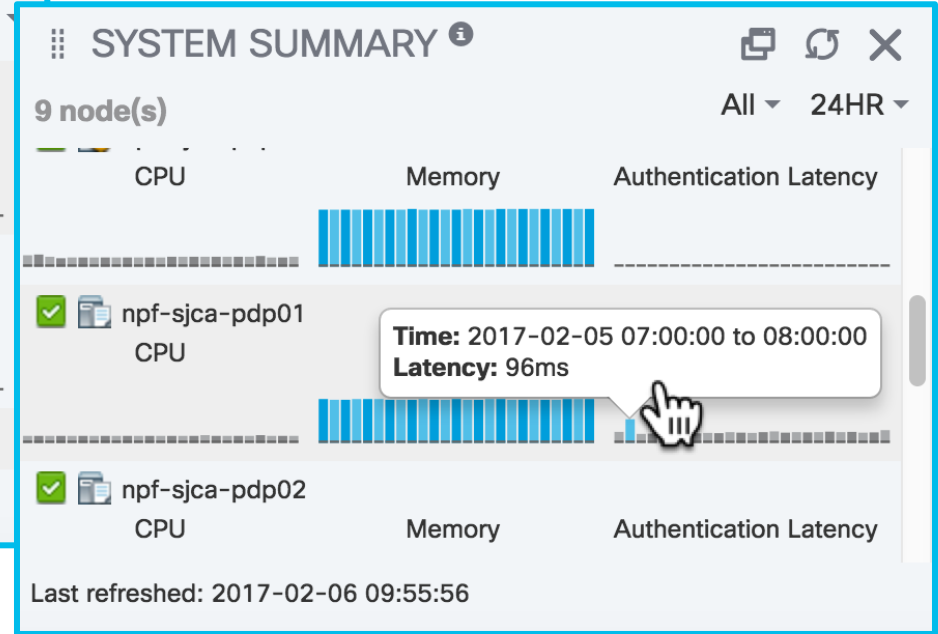
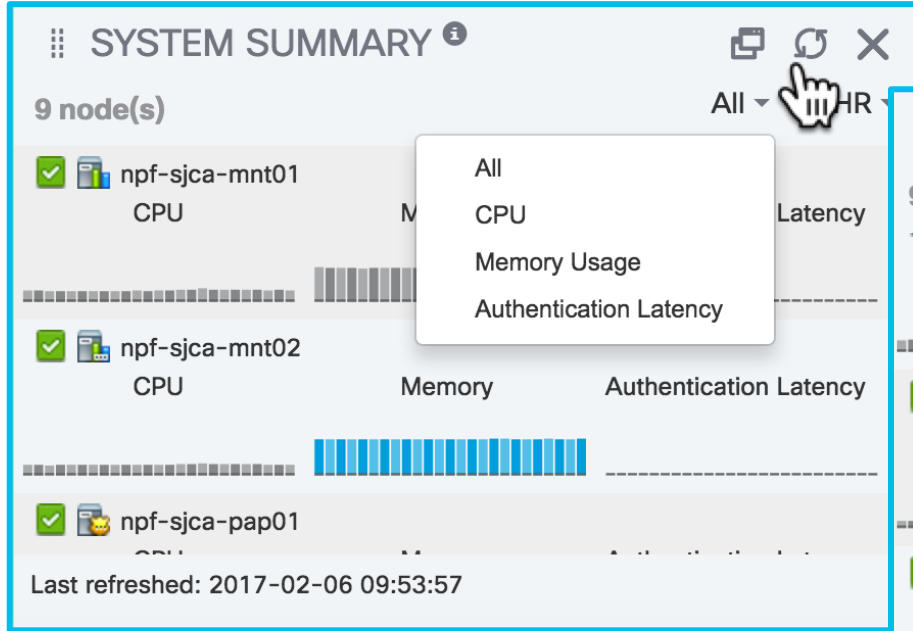
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Monitoring Load and System Health

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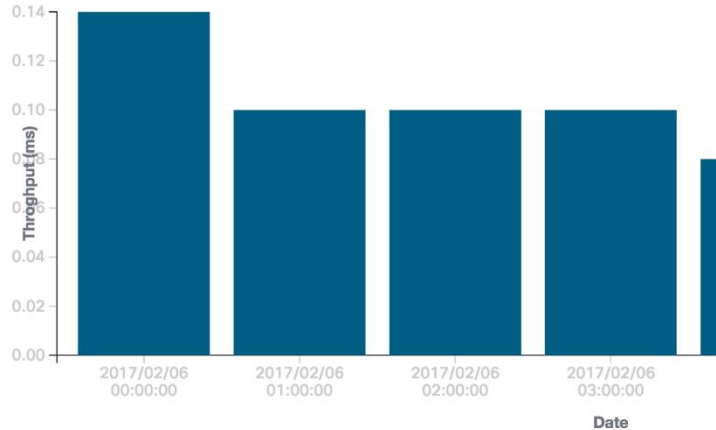
Home Dashboard - High-Level Server Health



Server Health/Utilization Reports

Operations > Reports > Diagnostics > Health Summary

Chart: Time Vs Throughput



Health Summary

Logged At	CPU Utilization	Memory Utilization	RADIUS Respo
2017/02/06 00:00:00	2.42	40.23	222.22
2017/02/06 01:00:00	2.37	40.07	158.12
2017/02/06 02:00:00	2.42	40.17	186.1
2017/02/06 03:00:00	2.35	40.02	232.25
2017/02/06 04:00:00	2.33	40.22	69.77

Recent Disk Space Utilization (%)

Logged At	/root	/boot	/localdisk	/storedconfig	/tmp
2017-02-06 06:40:38.907	14	23	1	2	1

CPU Usage (Updated every 15 min)

ISE Function	% CPU Usage	CPU Time	Number of Threads
Database Server	0.24	285:51.58	79 processes
Admin Process JVM Thr...	0.13	156:17.80	15
Admin Webapp	0.12	139:27.18	169
Profiler	0.06	69:48.71	52
NSF Persistence Layer	0.04	42:09.45	46
Quartz Scheduler	0.02	29:39.21	29
Profiler Database	0.02	18:00.93	3

Key Performance Metrics (KPM)

KPM Reports added in ISE 2.2: [Operations](#) > [Reports](#) > [Diagnostics](#) > [KPM](#)

Also available from CLI (# application configure ise)

Provide RADIUS Load, Latency, and Suppression Stats

Key Performance Metrics ⓘ

From 2017-01-06 00:00:00.0 to 2017-02-05 22:32:38.128

Logged Time	ⓘ Server	Radius Requests/Hr	Logged To M...	Noise/Hr	Suppression/Hr	Avg Load	Max Load	Avg Latency...	Avg TPS
2017-02-05 18:01:22.0	npf-sjca-pdp01	343	598	-255	-74.34	4.77	10.83	0.67	0.1
2017-02-05 18:01:22.0	sbg-bgla-pdp01	262	174	88	33.59	2.27	3.75	2.57	0.07
2017-02-05 18:01:22.0	npf-sjca-pdp02	169	271	-102	-60.36	2.16	3.75	0.63	0.05
2017-02-05 17:01:40.0	sbg-bgla-pdp01	227	147	80	35.24	2.39	3.75	0.35	0.06
2017-02-05 17:01:40.0	npf-sjca-pdp02	187	275	-88	-47.06	3.33	8.75	0.64	0.05
2017-02-05 17:01:40.0	npf-sjca-pdp01	343	596	-253	-73.76	3.03	4.17	0.69	0.1
2017-02-05 16:01:23.0	npf-sjca-pdp02	188	297	-109	-57.98	2.39	3.75	0.64	0.05
2017-02-05 16:01:23.0	npf-sjca-pdp01	356	625	-269	-75.56	4.39	9.17	0.74	0.1
2017-02-05 16:01:23.0	sbg-bgla-pdp01	253	131	122	48.22	1.67	2.5	0.72	0.07

Serviceability Counter Framework (CF)

The Easy Way: MnT auto-collects key metrics from each node!



- Enable/disable from 'app configure ise'
- Enabled by default
- Threshold are hard set by platform size
- Alarm sent when exceed threshold
- Running count displayed per collection interval



The screenshot shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) interface. The top navigation bar includes "Home", "Context Visibility", "Operations", "Policy", "Administration", and "Work Centers". The "Reports" section is active, showing "ISE Counters" for the time range "From 2017-04-30 00:00:00.0 to 2017-04-30 15:15:47.612".

The "Filters" section shows two filters: "Server" set to "npf-sjca-pdp02" and "Time Range" set to "Today".

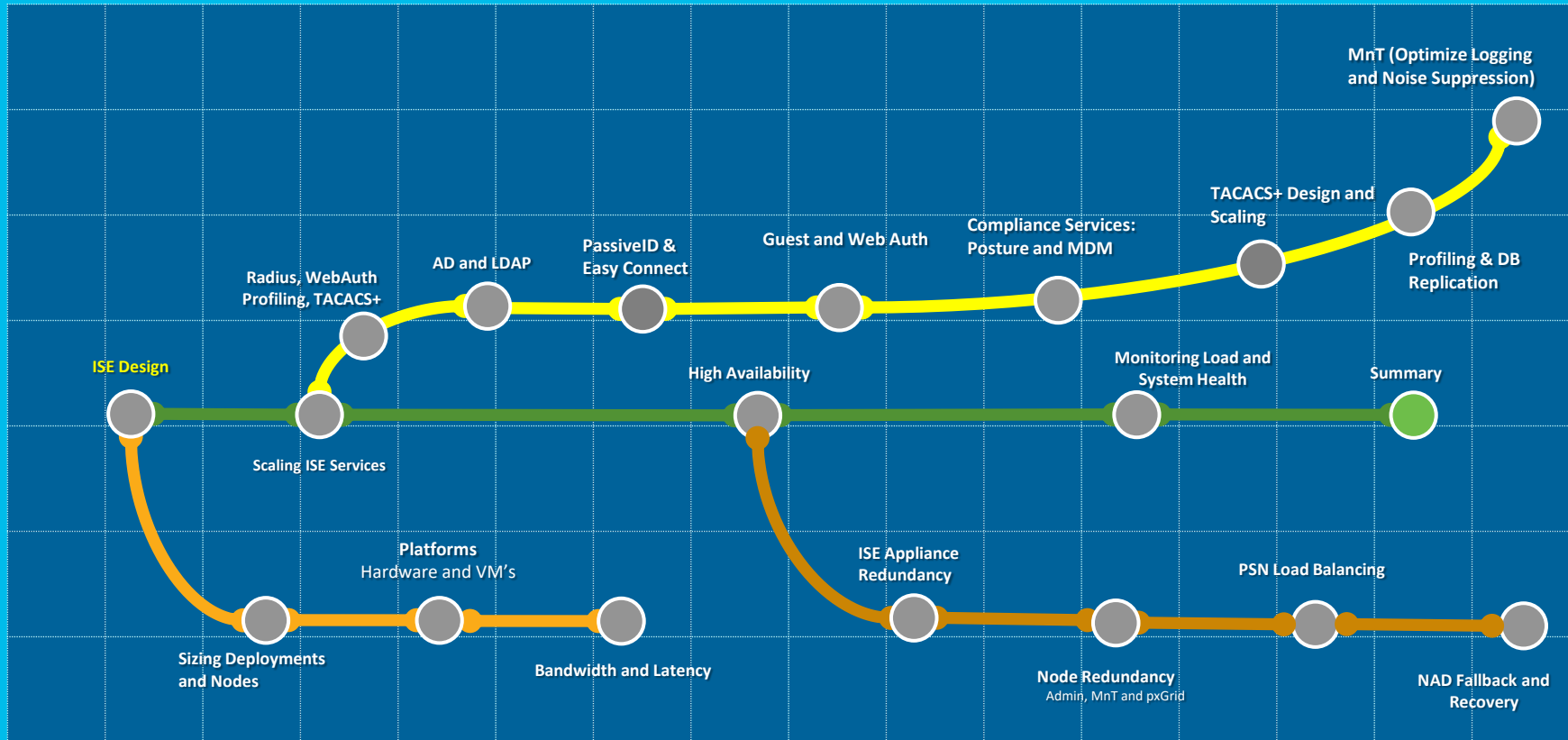
The "Counter Attribute Threshold" table is displayed below. The table has three columns: Counter Name, Attribute, and Threshold. The "Endpoint Ownership Change" row is highlighted with a red border. A blue box labeled "Node specific report" points to the "Server" filter. A blue box labeled "Thresholds" points to the "Endpoint Ownership Change" row. A blue box labeled "Detected platform size" points to the "Endpoint Ownership Change" row.

Counter Name	Attribute	Threshold
Endpoint Oracle Persist Received	IBM_LARGE	9000
Endpoint Ownership Change	IBM_LARGE	5000
Endpoint Profiling Events	IBM_LARGE	80000
Endpoint Reprofitting Events	IBM_LARGE	8000
Endpoint Cache Insert Update Received	IBM_LARGE	95000
Hostname Event Fetch from AD	IBM_LARGE	100000
HTTP Endpoint Detected	IBM_LARGE	800
NMAP Scan Event Query	IBM_LARGE	8000
NMAP Scan Event Query	IBM_LARGE	8000

Session Agenda

Monitoring Load and System Health

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ISE Performance & Scale Resources

<https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-documents/ise-performance-amp-scale/ta-p/3642148>

- Cisco Live:
BRKSEC-3432
Reference version
- ISE Load Balancing Design Guide
- Performance and Scale guidance in HLD template
- Calculators for Bandwidth and Logging

ISE Deployment Sizing and Scalability

created by [Craig Hyps](#) on Feb 14, 2016 1:18 AM, last modified by [Craig Hyps](#) on Mar 10, 2016 12:36 PM

ISE Install Guide on Deployment Sizing

Cisco Live Breakout Session BRKSEC-3699 on ISE Large Scale Design including Sizing, High Availability, Load Balancing, and Best Practices:


Includes Working Configs for ACE and F5

[BRKSEC-3699 Designing ISE for Scale & High Availability](#) presented by [Craig Hyps](#) : [Presentation](#) (PDF) | [Reference](#) (PDF)

ISE Load Balancing

ISE Latency and Bandwidth Calculators

ISE MnT Log sizing calculator for TACACS+ and RADIUS

ISE Performance Metrics are contained in the  [High-Level Design Document](#)

BRKSEC-3432



Additional Resources

Public Resources

ISE Public Community

<http://cs.co/ise-community>

ISE Compatibility Guides

<http://cs.co/ise-compatibility>

ISE Ecosystem Guides

<http://cs.co/ise-guides>

ISE Guest

<http://cs.co/ise-guest>

ISE Feedback

<http://cs.co/ise-feedback>

ISE Resources

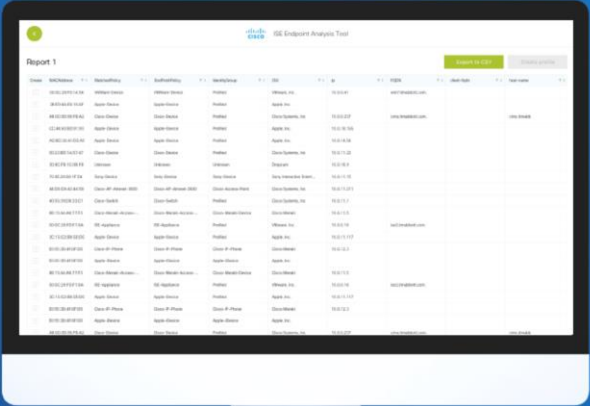
<http://cs.co/ise-resources>

ISE Software & Eval

<http://cs.co/ise-eval>

ISE Endpoint Analysis Tool

<http://iseeat.cisco.com>



The screenshot shows a web interface for the ISE Endpoint Analysis Tool. At the top left is the Cisco logo. The main content area displays a report titled 'Report 1' with a table of data. The table has columns for 'Device', 'IP Address', 'Vendor', 'OS', 'App', 'Last Seen', and 'Last Seen (UTC)'. The data rows include various devices like '192.168.1.10', '192.168.1.11', etc., with their respective vendors and operating systems.

Device	IP Address	Vendor	OS	App	Last Seen	Last Seen (UTC)
192.168.1.10	192.168.1.10	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:10
192.168.1.11	192.168.1.11	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:11
192.168.1.12	192.168.1.12	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:12
192.168.1.13	192.168.1.13	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:13
192.168.1.14	192.168.1.14	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:14
192.168.1.15	192.168.1.15	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:15
192.168.1.16	192.168.1.16	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:16
192.168.1.17	192.168.1.17	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:17
192.168.1.18	192.168.1.18	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:18
192.168.1.19	192.168.1.19	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:19
192.168.1.20	192.168.1.20	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:20
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192.168.1.22	192.168.1.22	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:22
192.168.1.23	192.168.1.23	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:23
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192.168.1.26	192.168.1.26	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:26
192.168.1.27	192.168.1.27	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:27
192.168.1.28	192.168.1.28	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:28
192.168.1.29	192.168.1.29	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:29
192.168.1.30	192.168.1.30	Apple Inc.	OS X	Apple Mail	10/10/2017	10/10/2017 10:10:30

Welcome to
ISE Endpoint Analysis Tool

Extract data from Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) and supporting systems to generate critical reports

Your email _____

Password _____

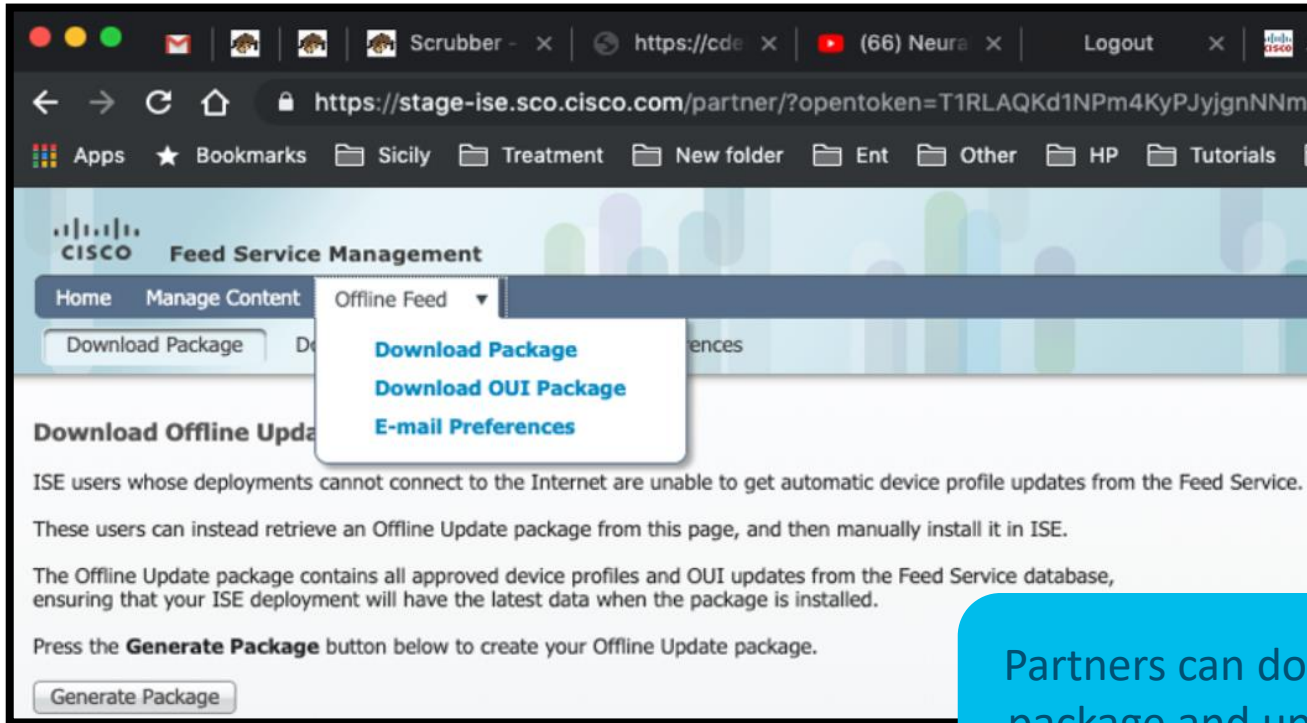
Remember me [Forgot Password?](#)

Log in

[Create account](#)

ISE 2.7 Update

New Partner Portal- 2.7



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `https://stage-ise.sco.cisco.com/partner/?opentoken=T1RLAQKd1NPm4KyPjygnNNmp`. The page title is "CISCO Feed Service Management". The navigation bar includes "Home", "Manage Content", and "Offline Feed". A dropdown menu is open under "Offline Feed", showing three options: "Download Package", "Download OUI Package", and "E-mail Preferences". Below the navigation bar, there is a "Download Package" button. The main content area is titled "Download Offline Update" and contains the following text:

ISE users whose deployments cannot connect to the Internet are unable to get automatic device profile updates from the Feed Service. These users can instead retrieve an Offline Update package from this page, and then manually install it in ISE.

The Offline Update package contains all approved device profiles and OUI updates from the Feed Service database, ensuring that your ISE deployment will have the latest data when the package is installed.

Press the **Generate Package** button below to create your Offline Update package.

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Generate Package" button.

Partners can download just the feed OUI package and upload to offline feed page in ISE just to update the OUI.

TEAP Support -ISE Configuration

The screenshot shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Context Visibility', 'Operations', 'Policy', 'Administration', and 'Work Centers'. The 'Policy' menu is expanded, showing 'Policy Sets', 'Profiling', 'Posture', 'Client Provisioning', and 'Policy Elements'. The 'Policy Elements' menu is further expanded to show 'Dictionaries', 'Conditions', and 'Results'. The 'Results' menu is selected, and the 'Authentication' section is expanded to show 'Allowed Protocols', 'Authorization', 'Profiling', 'Posture', and 'Client Provisioning'. The 'Allowed Protocols' section is expanded to show a list of protocols. The 'Allow TEAP' option is highlighted with a red box. Below this, the 'TEAP Inner Methods' section is expanded to show a list of methods, including 'Allow EAP-MS-CHAPv2', 'Allow Password Change', 'Allow EAP-TLS', 'Allow Authentication of expired certificates to allow certificate renewal in Authorization Policy', 'Accept client certificate during tunnel establishment', 'Request Basic Password Authentication', and 'Enable EAP Chaining'.

Policy Sets Profiling Posture Client Provisioning Policy Elements

Dictionaries Conditions Results

Authentication

Allowed Protocols

Authorization

Profiling

Posture

Client Provisioning

EAP-TTLS Inner Methods

- Allow PAP/ASCII
- Allow CHAP
- Allow MS-CHAPv1
- Allow MS-CHAPv2
- Allow EAP-MD5
- Allow EAP-MS-CHAPv2
- Allow Password Change Retries (Valid Range 0 to 3)
- Allow TEAP

TEAP Inner Methods

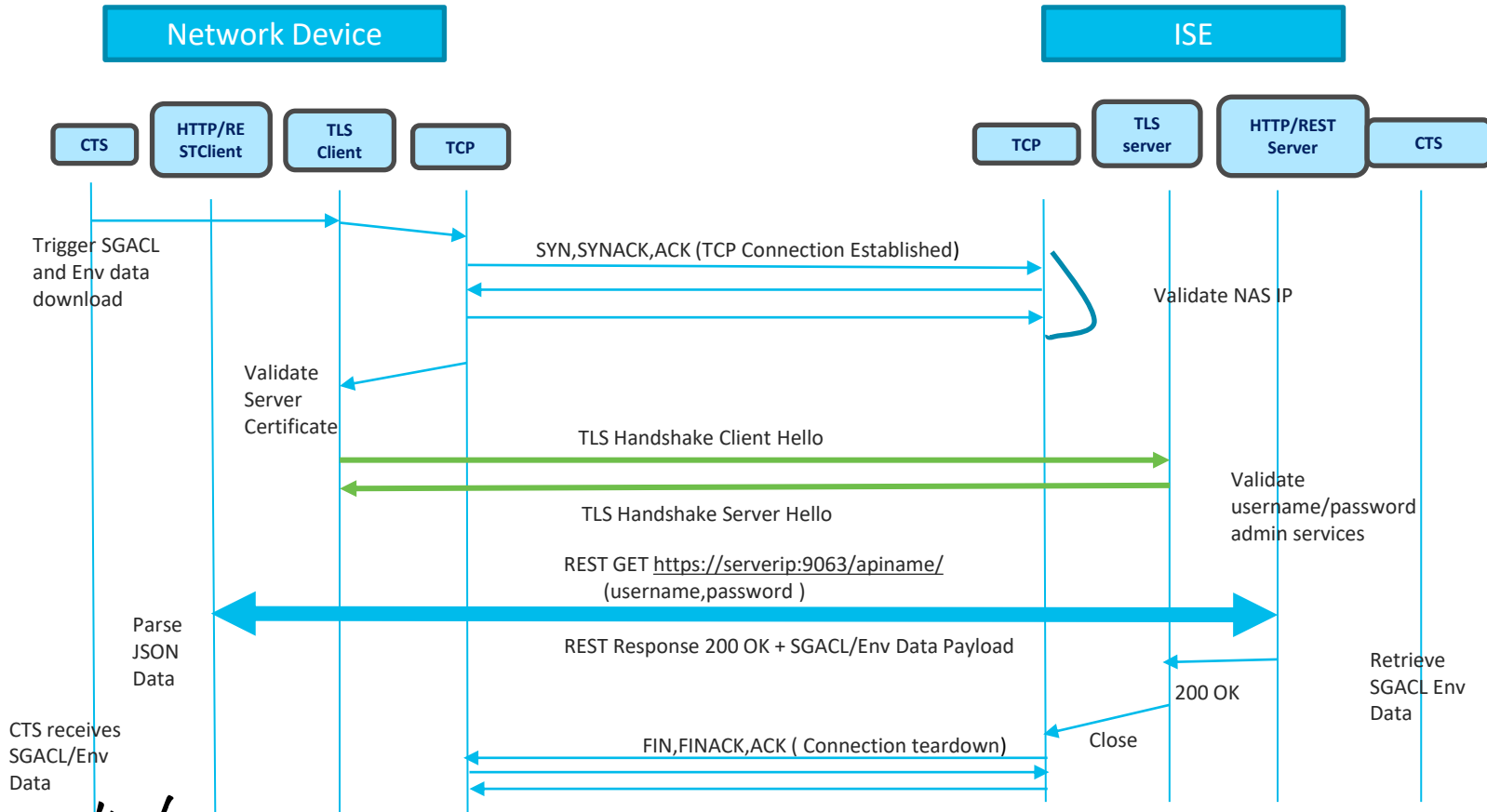
- Allow EAP-MS-CHAPv2
- Allow Password Change Retries (Valid Range 0 to 3)
- Allow EAP-TLS
- Allow Authentication of expired certificates to allow certificate renewal in Authorization Policy [?](#)
- Accept client certificate during tunnel establishment
- Request Basic Password Authentication
- Enable EAP Chaining

Streamlining Policy Downloads

- HTTPS Download (using TLS 1.2) for policies and environment data with ISE 2.7 and IOS-XE 17.1.1
- Reliable transport, avoids PAC mechanisms being needed
- Future versions will provide additional policy download assurance capabilities
- Caveats:
 - First release will not operate with ISE Server Load Balancing
 - Devices will send requests to a single PSN ! (but IOS-XE will provide a randomization option)
 - First release will not provide IPv6 server list over HTTPS

Streamlining Policy Downloads

HTTPS Download (using TLS 1.2)
Policy and Environment Data
ISE 2.7 and IOS-XE 17.1.1



Key Takeaway Points

- CHECK ISE Virtual Appliances for proper resources and platform detection!
- Avoid excessive auth activity through proper NAD / supplicant tuning and Log Suppression
- Minimize data replication by implementing node groups and profiling best practices
- Leverage load balancers for scale, high availability, and simplifying network config changes
- Be sure to have a local fallback plan on you network access devices

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