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1.1 Revision History

DATE	VERSION	EDITOR	CHANGES
15 Dec 2023	0.1	Ariya Parsamanesh	Initial creation
08 Jan 2024	0.2	Ariya Parsamanesh	Updated mixed mode

Here we'll not go to the details of the architecture for that please refer to this link.

<https://www.arubanetworks.com/techdocs/central/latest/content/aos10x/aos10x-overview/architecture-overview-aos10.htm>

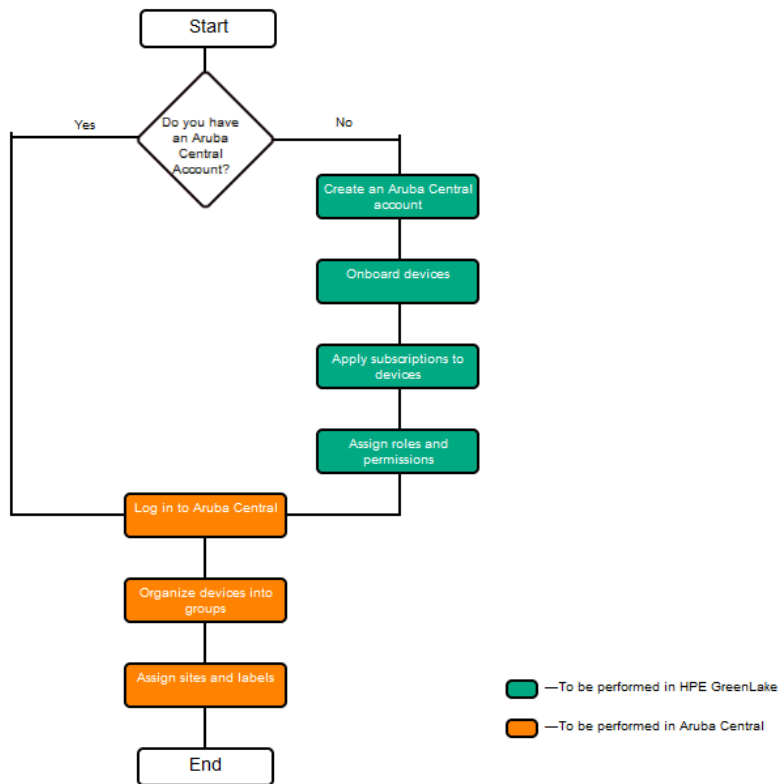
3 Aruba Central Account

You need an Aruba Central account with appropriate licenses for APs and gateways. You can sign up for a 90 day trial from this link.

https://www.arubanetworks.com/techdocs/central/latest/content/nms/get-started/typical_workflow.htm

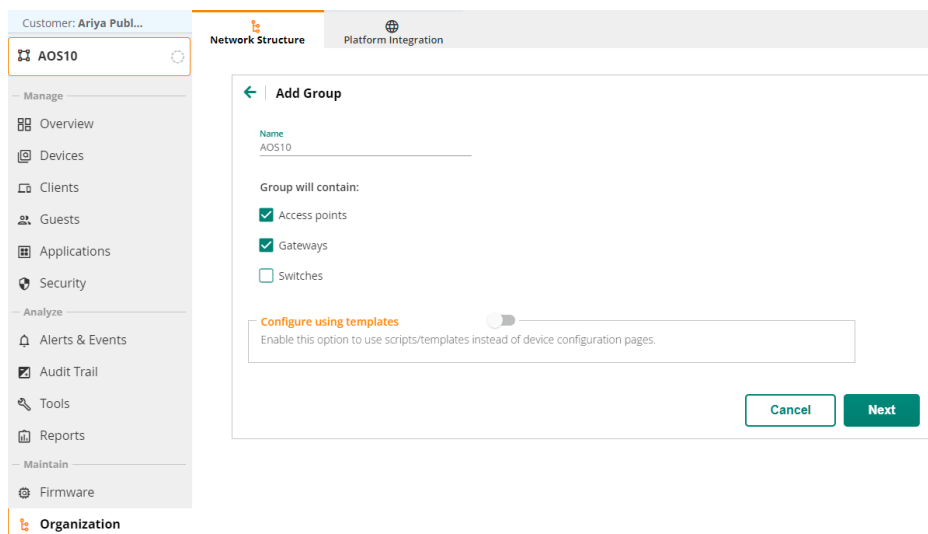
Getting Started with Aruba Central

The following illustration summarizes the steps required for getting started with Aruba Central:



Here we have assumed your gateways and APs are added And subscribed to your greenlake account.

Next, we'll create a group and move the devices into it. The groups are used for device configurations.



[←](#) Add Group

Architecture for access points and gateways in this group:

☒ ArubaOS 10 ☐ ArubaOS 8

Network role of the access points in this group:

☒ Campus/Branch ☐ Microbranch

Network role of the gateways in this group:











☒ Mobility ☐ Branch

☐ Make these the preferred group settings

CancelAdd

Once you add the new group, you can then move the APs and gateways to it.

[←](#) **Groups** (14)
Combine devices with common configuration into a single group to apply the same configuration

Group Name	
> All connected devices (20)	
Unprovisioned devices (0)	
> default (1) ★	  
> 6E-Lab (1)	
> Access-switches (1)	  
✓ AOS10 (4)	  

Device Name	Type	Serial Number	MAC Address
7005_AOS10_gwy1	Gateway	CPD [REDACTED]	00 [REDACTED]
7005_AOS10_gwy2	Gateway	CPD [REDACTED]	20 [REDACTED]
bldg-a	Access Point	CND [REDACTED]	B4 [REDACTED]
bldg-b	Access Point	CND [REDACTED]	B4 [REDACTED]

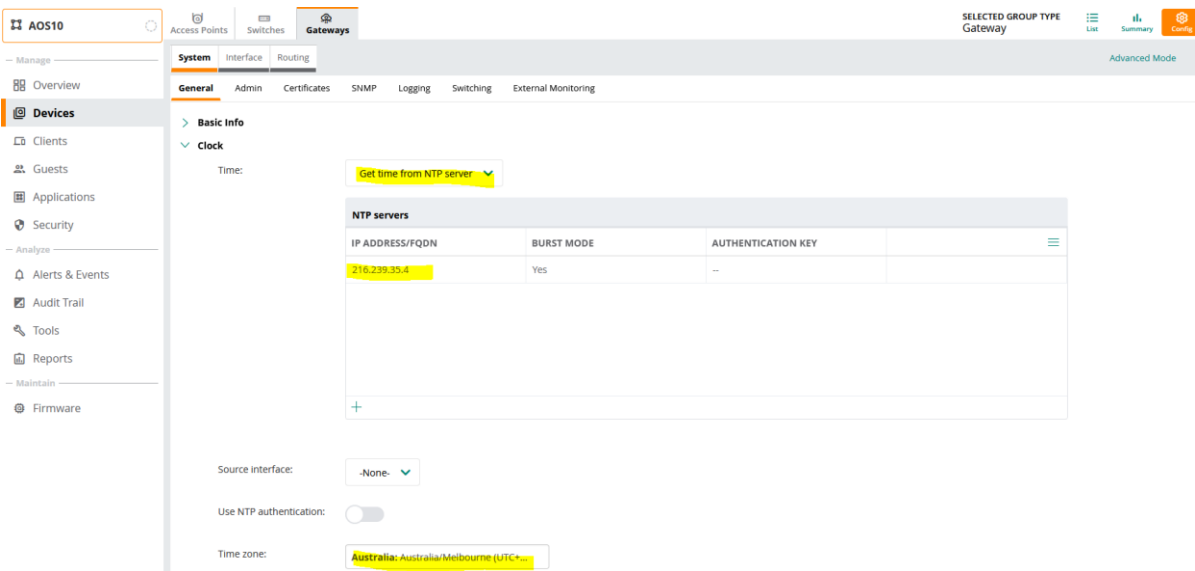
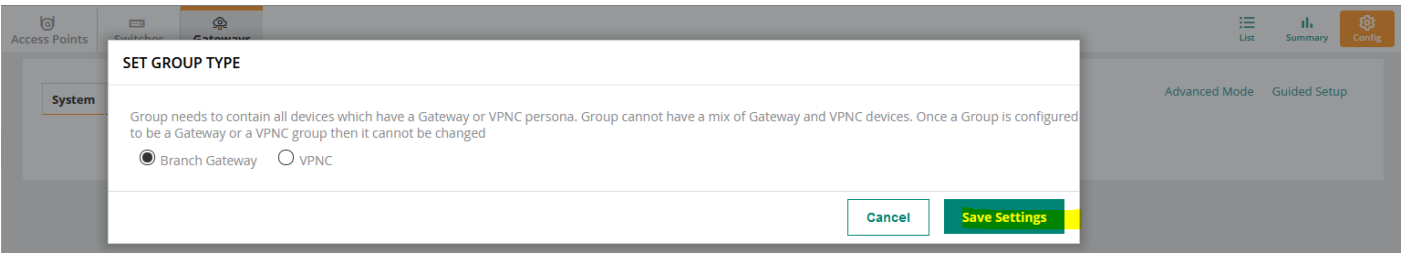
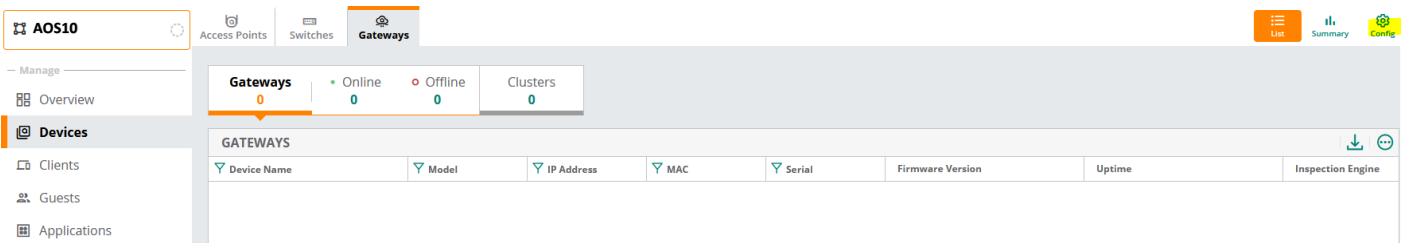
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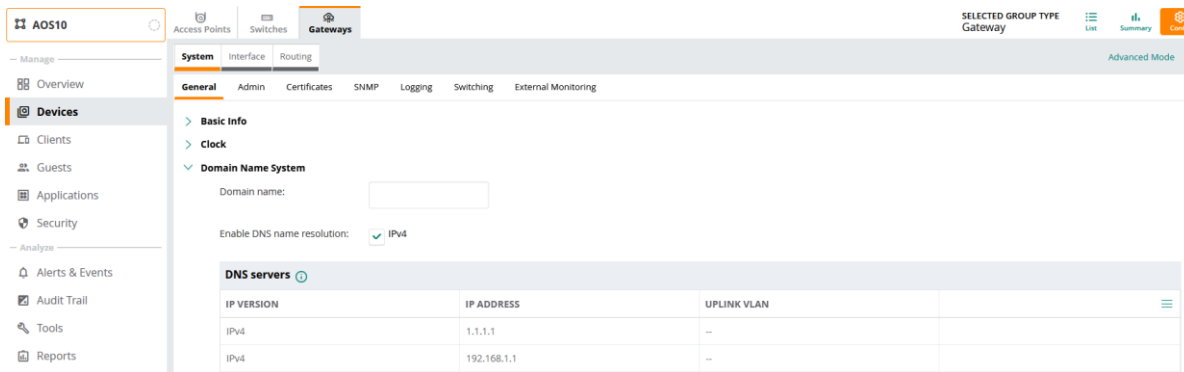
4.1 Gateway Configuration

Note that with AOS 10 architecture, gateways are not mandatory. They are required if you want to tunnel user traffic to a central location particularly useful for scenarios that you need L2 roaming between APs in different subnets.

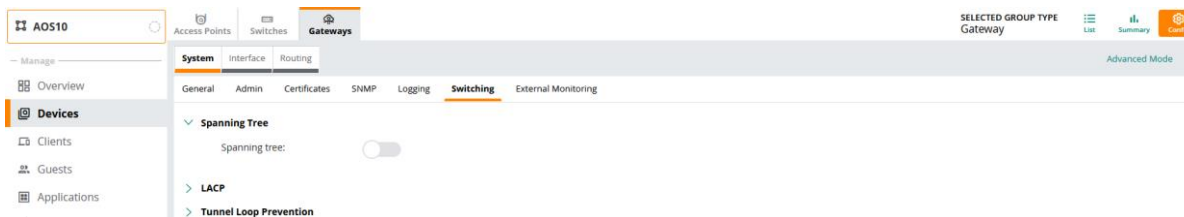
We'll start the configuration at group level before powering up the gateways. This is to minimise the reboots and some potential network issues especially when it comes to changing IP address and losing connectivity.

We'll be using Aruba 7005 gateways which have 4x ports.

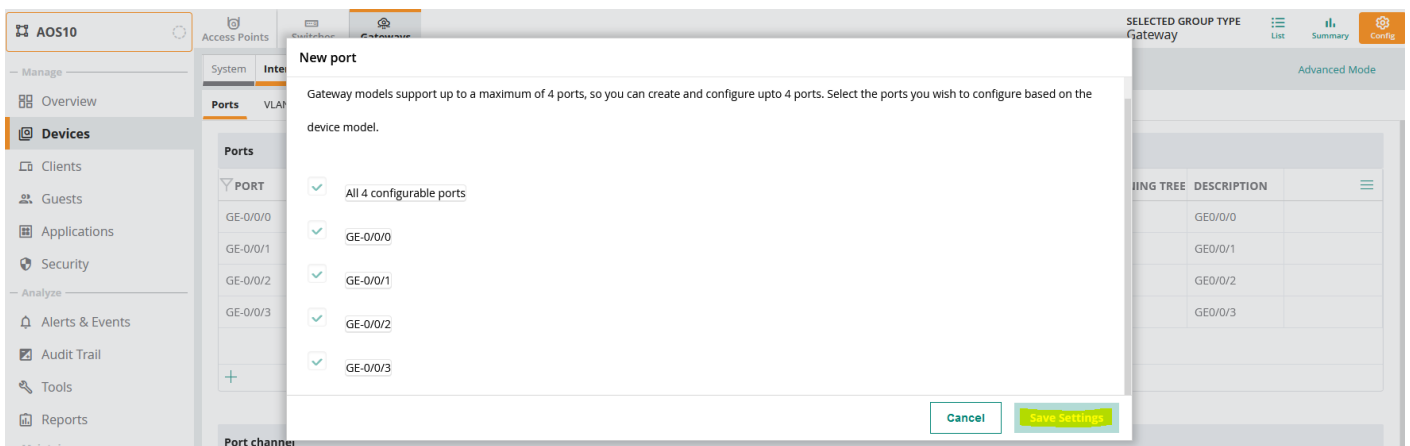




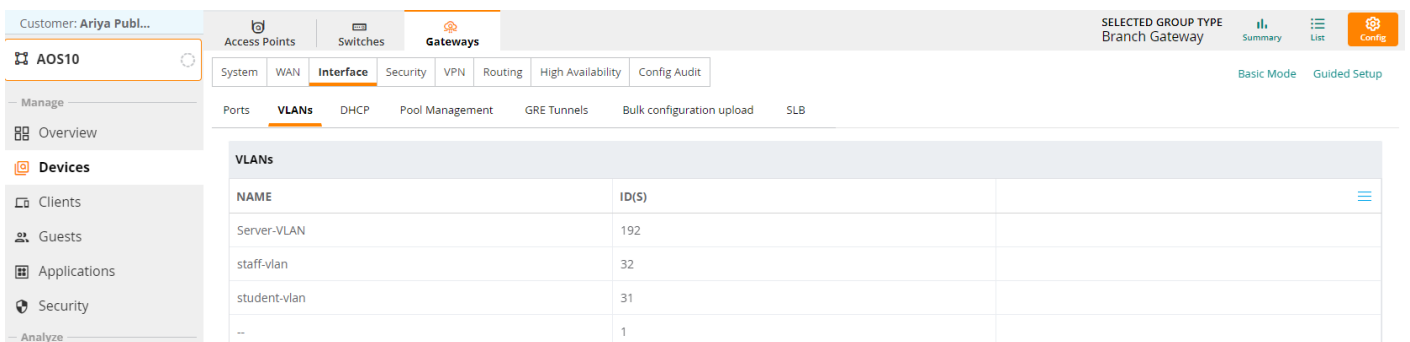
Disabling spanning tree



Adding the relevant ports for Aruba 7005 gateway.



I am planning to use interface 0/0/0 as my gateway uplink. This port needs to be in trunk mode and here we'll add the relevant VLANs.



Adding the VLANs to appropriate ports.

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PORT	TYPE	ADMIN STATE	POLICY	MODE	NATIVE VLAN	ACCESS VLAN	TRUNK VLAN	TRUSTED VLAN	SPANNING TRE	DESCRIPTION
GE-0/0/0	LAN	Enabled	Not-defined	trunk	192	--	31-32,192	31-32,192	✓	GE0/0/0
GE-0/0/1	--	Enabled	Not-defined	access	--	1	--	--	✓	GE0/0/1
GE-0/0/2	--	Enabled	Not-defined	access	--	1	--	1-4094	✓	GE0/0/2
GE-0/0/3	--	Enabled	Not-defined	access	--	1	--	1-4094	✓	GE0/0/3

+

GE-0/0/0

Type:

LAN

Admin state:

✓

Speed:

auto

Mbps

Duplex:

auto

Poe:

☐

Trust:

✓

Policy:

Not-defined

Mode:

Trunk

Native VLAN:

192

Allowed VLANs:

31-32,192

Description:

GE0/0/0

Jumbo MTU:

☐

Port monitoring:

-None-

Adding the default route

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> IP Routes

> Static Default Gateway

Static default gateway

DEFAULT GATEWAY	COST
192.168.1.249	1

Adding the user roles by going to “security tab”. Here we’ll add staff and student user-roles.

Now a note on the user-roles on the gateways. When you configure a tunnel mode in WLAN on the AOS10 APs, the user roles get send to gateways as well so you don’t need to configure them here. Aruba Central does this orchestration.

New role

Name:

NAME	RULES COUNT
ap-role	35 Rules
authenticated	4 Rules
default-iap-user-role	2 Rules
default-via-role	3 Rules
default-vpn-role	4 Rules
guest	11 Rules

Add policy

Add an existing policy: ☒

Create a new policy: ☐

Policy type:

Policy name:

Position:

NAME	RULES COUNT	TYPE	POLICY USAGE
global-sacl	0	session	ap-role, authenticated, default-via-role, def
apprf-student-sacl	0	session	Student

Here we'll add the allow-all policy.

Security

Roles

NAME	RULES
stateful-dot1x	0 Rules
Student	2 Rules
switch-logon	1 Rules
sys-ap-role	23 Rules
sys-switch-role	24 Rules
voice	41 Rules

Policies

NAME	RULES COUNT	TYPE	POLICY USAGE
global-sacl	0	session	ap-role, authenticated, default-via-role, def
apprf-student-sacl	0	session	Student
allowall	2	session	authenticated, default-iap-user-role, default

Next, we'll assign a VLAN to this role.

Access Points Switches **Gateways** SELECTED GROUP TYPE Branch Gateway Summary List Config

System WAN Interface **Security** VPN Routing High Availability Config Audit Basic Mode Guided Setup

Roles Policies Aliases Applications Apply Policy Auth Servers Role Assignment (AAA Profiles) L2 Authentication L3 Authentication Advanced Firewall

NAME	RULES
Student	2 Rules
switch-logout	1 Rules

Student Policies Bandwidth **More**

Network

VLAN: 31

Re-auth interval: 0 minutes

Max sessions: 65535

Robust ageout: ☐

Deep packet inspection: ☒

Web content classification: ☒

IP classification: ☒

We'll create a new user role staff and as before, we'll add a allow-all policy and assign VLAN 32 to it.

Access Points Switches **Gateways** SELECTED GROUP TYPE Branch Gateway Summary List Config

System WAN Interface **Security** VPN Routing High Availability Config Audit Basic Mode Guided Setup

Roles Policies Aliases Applications Apply Policy Auth Servers Role Assignment (AAA Profiles) L2 Authentication L3 Authentication Advanced Firewall

NAME	RULES
Staff	2 Rules
stateful-dot1x	0 Rules
Student	2 Rules

Next, we'll configure the authentication server and RFC3576 for RADIUS CoA.

Access Points Switches **Gateways** SELECTED GROUP TYPE Branch Gateway Summary List Config

System WAN Interface **Security** VPN Routing High Availability Config Audit Basic Mode Guided Setup

Roles Policies Aliases Applications Apply Policy **Auth Servers** Role Assignment (AAA Profiles) L2 Authentication L3 Authentication Advanced Firewall

New server

Type: RADIUS

Name: ClearPass-GW

Secure RADIUS: ☐

IP address / hostname: 192.168.1.101

Key: *****

Retype key: *****

Cancel Save

Once saved, click on it to set the RADIUS secret key and finally add a rfc3576 server for CoA.

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New server

Type: RFC 3576

IP address / hostname: 192.168.1.101

Key:

Retype key:

Cancel Save

Note that they are not assigned to any authentication server groups.

4.2 AP Configuration

Here we'll go through the AP configuration. As always, we'll do the bulk of configuration at the group level.

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General

Set Country code for group: AU - Australia

Timezone: Melbourne UTC+10

The selected country observes Daylight Savings Time

Preferred Band: 5 GHz

NTP Server: 216.239.35.4

DHCP Option 82 XML:

Login Session Timeout: 5

Console Access: ☒

Console Access: ☒

WebUI Access: ☒

Telnet Server: ☐

LED Display: ☒

Deny Inter User Bridging: ☐

Deny Local Routing: ☐

Mobility Access Switch Integration: ☐

URL Visibility: ☒

Restrict uplink port to specified VLANs: ☐

VOIP QoS Trust: ☐

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Authentication Servers

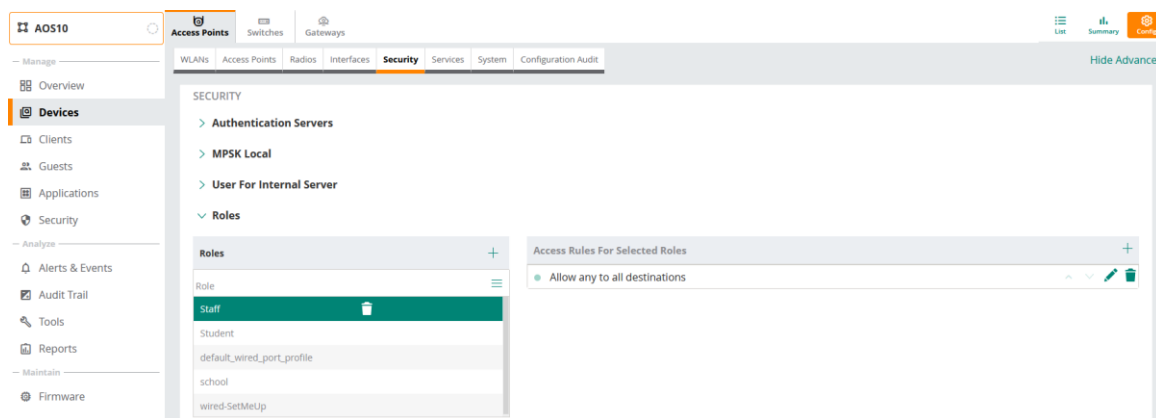
Name

Type

Server Type:	RADIUS ▼		
Name:	ClearPass	Radsec:	<input type="checkbox"/>
IP Address/FQDN:	192.168.1.101	Auth Port:	1812
Dynamic Authorization:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accounting Port:	1813
Shared Key:	*****	NAS IP Address:	optional
Retype Key:	*****	NAS Identifier:	optional

Cancel
Save

As we did with gateways, we'll create various user roles here as well.



This is in case we want to change from tunnel mode to bridge mode for user traffic, otherwise we don't need these roles here.

4.3 Gateway Cluster

Cluster is a combination of multiple gateways working together to provide high availability to all the clients and ensure service continuity when a failover occurs. The gateways need not be identical and can be either L2-connected or L3-connected with a mixed configuration.

When the gateways in a group are assigned to the same site, the gateways automatically form a cluster among themselves.

The aims of clustering are

- **seamless Campus Roaming:** When a client roams between APs of different managed devices within a large L2 domain, the client retains the same subnet and IP address to ensure seamless roaming. The clients remain anchored to a single managed device in a cluster throughout their roaming area which makes their roaming experience seamless because their L2 or L3 information and sessions remain on the same managed device.
- **Hitless Client Failover:** When a managed device fails, all the users fail over to their standby managed device seamlessly without any disruption to their wireless connectivity or existing high-value sessions.
- **Client and AP Load Balancing:** When there is excessive workload among the managed devices, the client and AP load is evenly balanced among the cluster members. Both clients and APs are load balanced seamlessly.

4.4 Monitoring Gateway Cluster

Since we have moved the two gateways to the AOS10 group, they automatically will form a cluster. Here is how to check the status of gateway cluster.

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Gateway Clusters (1)

Name	Group	AP Tunnels	Clients	Model	Site	Version	Hitless Failover	Max Gateway Failover
• auto_gwcluster_178_0 (2)	AOS10	4	0	A7005	AOS10	10.4.0.3_87961	POSSIBLE	2
Gateway Name	AP Tunnels	Clients	Model	Site	Version	MAC Address	IP Address	
• 7005_AOS10_gwy1	2	0	A7005	AOS10	10.4.0.3_87961	00:0b:86:b8:80:d0	192.168.1.243	
• 7005_AOS10_gwy2	2	0	A7005	AOS10	10.4.0.3_87961	20:4c:03:1a:2f:b4	192.168.1.242	

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← auto_gwcluster_1...

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CLUSTER INFO

CLUSTER NAME
auto_gwcluster_178_0

CLUSTER CLIENT CAPACITY
4096

VLAN MISMATCH
Yes

CURRENT LEADER VERSION
10.4.0.3_87961

MAX GATEWAY FAILURE WITHSTAND COUNT
2

SITE
AOS10

CLIENT CAPACITY

7005_AOS10_GWY1

7005_AOS10_GWY2

Nov 25, 2023, 10:01 Nov 25, 2023, 11:31 Nov 25, 2023, 13:01

> 80% > 40% < 40% Invalid

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Gateways (2)

Name	IP Address	Status	Client Capacity (Active Standby)	Model	Role	Version
7005_AOS10_gwy1	192.168.1.243	Up	0 (0 0)	A7005	Member	10.4.0.3_87961
7005_AOS10_gwy2	192.168.1.242	Up	0 (0 0)	A7005	Leader	10.4.0.3_87961

GATEWAYS | 7005_AOS10_GWY1

Gateway Peer Detail (2)

Type	IP Address	Status	Role	VLAN Probe Failed
SELF	192.168.1.243	-	Member	-
PEER	192.168.1.242	Connected	Leader	-

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← auto_gwcluster_1...

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Tunnel Down (2)

Destination Device	IP Address	Last Connected	Reason	Gateway Name
bldg-a	10.10.10.47	Nov 24, 2023, 13:59	--	7005_aos10_gwy2
bldg-a	10.10.10.47	Nov 24, 2023, 13:45	--	7005_aos10_gwy1

GATEWAYS | 7005_AOS10_GWY1

Tunnels (2)

Destination De...	Destination IP Address	Source IP Address	Encapsulation	Status	SSID	VNI (VxLAN)
> bldg-a	10.10.10.47	192.168.1.243	IPSec	Down	--	--
> bldg-b	10.10.10.30	192.168.1.243	IPSec	Up	ArubaMPSK, Guest-MPSK-Rego, _owetm_Guest-MPSK-Reg17...	--

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← auto_gwcluster_1...

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Tunnel Down (2)

Destination Device	IP Address	Last Connected	Reason	Gateway Name
bldg-a	10.10.10.47	Nov 24, 2023, 13:59	--	7005_aos10_gwy2
bldg-a	10.10.10.47	Nov 24, 2023, 13:45	--	7005_aos10_gwy1

GATEWAYS 7005_AOS10_GWY2

Tunnels (2)

	Destination De...	Destination IP Address	Source IP Address	Encapsulation	Status	SSID	VNI (VxLAN)
>	bldg-a	10.10.10.47	192.168.1.242	IPSec	Down	--	--
>	bldg-b	10.10.10.30	192.168.1.242	IPSec	Up	ArubaMPSK, Guest-MPSK-Rego, _owetm_Guest-MPSK-Reg17...	--

Here is the CLI command to check the operation of the cluster.

```
(7005_AOS10_gwy1) #show lc-cluster group-membership

Cluster Enabled, Profile Name = "auto_gwcluster_178_0"
Heartbeat Threshold = 900 msec
Cluster Info Table
-----
Type IPv4 Address      Priority Connection-Type STATUS
-----
self  192.168.1.243      128      N/A CONNECTED (Member)
peer  192.168.1.242      128      L2-Connected CONNECTED (Leader)

(7005_AOS10_gwy1) #show lc-cluster load distribution client

Cluster Load Distribution for Clients
-----
Type IPv4 Address      Active Clients Standby Clients
-----
self  192.168.1.243      0            1
peer  192.168.1.242      1            0
Total: Active Clients 1 Standby Clients 1

(7005_AOS10_gwy1) #
(7005_AOS10_gwy1) #show lc-cluster load distribution ap

Cluster Load Distribution for APs
-----
Type IPv4 Address      Active APs      Standby APs
-----
self  192.168.1.243      1            1
peer  192.168.1.242      1            1
Total: Active APs 2 Standby APs 2

(7005_AOS10_gwy1) #
```

Now checking the second gateway. Note we have 1x client and 2x APs that are connected.

```
(7005_AOS10_gwy2) #show lc-cluster group-membership

Cluster Enabled, Profile Name = "auto_gwcluster_178_0"
Heartbeat Threshold = 900 msec
Cluster Info Table
-----
Type IPv4 Address      Priority Connection-Type STATUS
-----
peer  192.168.1.243      128      L2-Connected CONNECTED (Member)
self  192.168.1.242      128      N/A CONNECTED (Leader)

(7005_AOS10_gwy2) #
(7005_AOS10_gwy2) #
(7005_AOS10_gwy2) #show lc-cluster load distribution client

Cluster Load Distribution for Clients
```

```

-----
Type IPv4 Address      Active Clients Standby Clients
-----
peer   192.168.1.243          0             1
self   192.168.1.242          1             0
Total: Active Clients 1 Standby Clients 1

(7005_AOS10_gwy2) #
(7005_AOS10_gwy2) #show lc-cluster load distribution ap

Cluster Load Distribution for APs
-----
Type IPv4 Address      Active APs      Standby APs
-----
peer   192.168.1.243          1             1
self   192.168.1.242          1             1
Total: Active APs 2 Standby APs 2

(7005_AOS10_gwy2) #

```

5 ClearPass Initial Configuration

Here we assume that the basic ClearPass configuration is done.

- NTP and time zone.
- Insight is enabled
- Joined the AD domain

5.1 ClearPass dot1x Service

Here we create a dot1x service for wireless access.

Services - Basic Aruba Wireless dot1x

Summary	Service	Authentication	Roles	Enforcement
Name:	Basic Aruba Wireless dot1x			
Description:	dot1x service for A0510			
Type:	Aruba 802.1X Wireless			
Status:	Enabled			
Monitor Mode:	<input type="checkbox"/> Enable to monitor network access without enforcement			
More Options:	<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Posture Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Audit End-hosts <input type="checkbox"/> Profile Endpoints <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting Proxy			
Service Rule				
Matches <input type="radio"/> ANY or <input checked="" type="radio"/> ALL of the following conditions:				
Type	Name	Operator	Value	
1. Radius:IETF	NAS-Port-Type	EQUALS	Wireless-802.11 (19)	
2. Radius:IETF	Service-Type	BELONGS_TO	Login-User (1), Framed-User (2), Authenticate-Only (8)	
3. Radius:Aruba	Aruba-Essid-Name	EQUALS	school	

“school” is the name of the SSID

Summary	Service	Authentication	Roles	Enforcement
Authentication Methods:		[EAP PEAP] [EAP TLS] <div>Move Up ↑ Move Down ↓ Remove View Details Modify</div> --Select to Add--		
Authentication Sources:		AD1 [Active Directory] AD2 [Active Directory] <div>Move Up ↑</div>		
Summary	Service	Authentication	Roles	Enforcement
Role Mapping Policy:		basic dot1x <div>Modify</div>		
Role Mapping Policy Details				
Description:				
Default Role:		[Other]		
Rules Evaluation Algorithm:		evaluate-all		
Conditions	Role			
1. (Authorization:AD1:memberOf CONTAINS staff)	staff			
2. (Authorization:AD1:memberOf CONTAINS student)	student			

Summary	Service	Authentication	Roles	Enforcement
Use Cached Results:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use cached Roles and Posture attributes from previous sessions			
Enforcement Policy:	Aruba basic policy			Add New Enforcement Policy
Enforcement Policy Details				
Description:				
Default Profile:	[Deny Access Profile]			
Rules Evaluation Algorithm:	first-applicable			
Conditions	Enforcement Profiles			
1. (Tips:Role EQUALS staff)	Aruba staff access, Update Endpoint Location			
2. (Tips:Role EQUALS student)	Aruba student access, Update Endpoint Location			
3. (Tips:Role EQUALS [Other])	Aruba quarantine-redirect			

And here are the enforcement profiles that are being used in the enforcement policy.

- Aruba staff access, RADIUS
- Aruba student access, RADIUS
- Aruba quarantine-redirect RADIUS
- Update Endpoint Location Post_Authentication

Enforcement Profiles - Aruba staff access

Summary	Profile	Attributes
Profile:		
Name:	Aruba staff access	
Description:		
Type:	RADIUS	
Action:	Accept	
Device Group List:	-	
Attributes:		
Type	Name	Value
1. Radius:Aruba	Aruba-User-Role	= Staff

Enforcement Profiles - Aruba student access

Summary	Profile	Attributes
Profile:		
Name:	Aruba student access	
Description:		
Type:	RADIUS	
Action:	Accept	
Device Group List:	-	
Attributes:		
Type	Name	Value
1. Radius:Aruba	Aruba-User-Role	= Student

Summary	Profile	Attributes
Profile:		
Name:	Aruba quarantine-redirect	
Description:		
Type:	RADIUS	
Action:	Accept	
Device Group List:	-	
Attributes:		
Type	Name	Value
1. Radius:Aruba	Aruba-User-Role	= q-redirect

We are using the following enforcement profile to write the location/name of the AP that the clients connect to the client's endpoint information.

This is one way to track a laptop through campus so that one could correlate security footage to establish the whereabouts of the clients. So we could add the Radius:Aruba:Aruba-Location-Id to the endpoint repository and then use Insight within ClearPass to create a which gives the timestamps of user authentication and AP IP address and AP names.

Enforcement Profiles - Update Endpoint Location

Summary		Profile		Attributes	
Profile:					
Name:		Update Endpoint Location			
Description:					
Type:		Post-Authentication			
Action:					
Device Group List:		-			
Attributes:					
	Type	Name			Value
1.	Endpoint	Last Known Location		=	%{Radius:IETF:NAS-IP-Address}: %{Radius:Aruba:Aruba-Location-Id}

5.2 NAD Configuration

Here we are adding Network Access Devices (NAD). This will be the AOS10 APs and gateways. Note that you need to either add the AP IP addresses individually or just add their subnet as I have done here.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Device Details' dialog for a Network Access Device (NAD). The device is named 'AOS10-AP1'. The IP or Subnet Address is '10.24.225.0/24'. The description is empty. The RADIUS Shared Secret is masked with asterisks, and the TACACS+ Shared Secret is also masked. The Vendor Name is set to 'Aruba'. The 'Enable RADIUS Dynamic Authorization' checkbox is checked, and the Port is set to '3799'. The 'Enable RadSec' checkbox is unchecked. The dialog has 'Copy', 'Save', and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Device Details' dialog for a Network Access Device (NAD). The device is named 'AOS10-gateway'. The IP or Subnet Address is '192.168.1.24/24'. The description is empty. The RADIUS Shared Secret is masked with asterisks, and the TACACS+ Shared Secret is also masked. The Vendor Name is set to 'Aruba'. The 'Enable RADIUS Dynamic Authorization' checkbox is checked, and the Port is set to '3799'. The 'Enable RadSec' checkbox is unchecked. The dialog has 'Copy', 'Save', and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.