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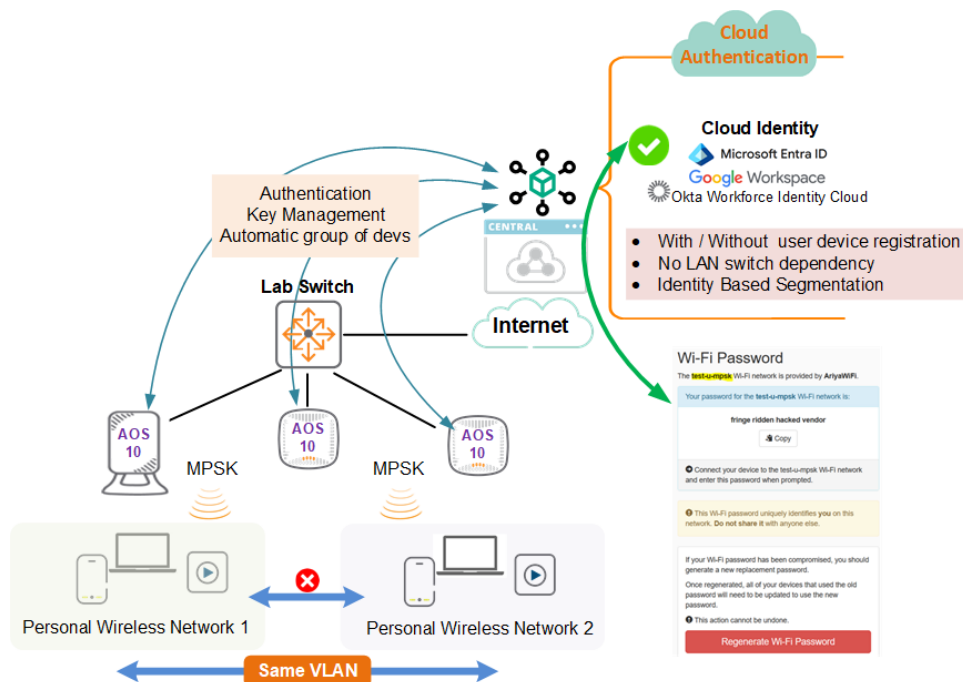
1.1 Revision History

DATE	VERSION	EDITOR	CHANGES
30 Dec 2024	0.1	Ariya Parsamanesh	Initial creation

2 Personal Wireless Network with Aruba Central Cloud Auth

Personal Wireless Networks (PWN) are groups of user-owned Wi-Fi devices that connect and operate together in a VLAN. It's essential to ensure that only devices within the designated group can interact in one another, along with an added ability for the device owners to permit Multicast DNS (mDNS) and Simple Service Discovery Protocol (SSDP) based services to be shared with their friends.

In this technote I'll be demonstrating PWN solution, using Multi Pre-Shared Key (MPSK) on AOS10 APs and CloudAuth to provide user role-based policies for segmentation using **an identity store**. There are two parts to this solution, one is the automating the operation workflow for user device registration and the second is the access policy part to provide segmentation.



PWN Benefits are

- Self-service portal makes it easy for users like students and faculty to onboard multiple personal devices
- You can use this solution with or without the identity stores
- It eliminates IT help desk tickets through a user-driven, SSID-based approach
- There is no dependency on LAN infrastructure

2.1 Things you need

We need the following.

- 2x APs (I am using AP-515 and AP-605H) running Aruba AOS10 10.7.x.x or later
- Aruba Central account and a few wireless clients

2.2 Assumptions

- Aruba AP is visible and online in Aruba Central and it has a valid subscription.
- Cloud Auth is configured with an identity store and connected.
- Deny Intra VLAN Traffic is not enabled as it is mutually exclusive with PWN

3 CloudAuth and Personal Wireless networks

PWN with Aruba Central is a solution that uses several features to provide the outcome and those features include

- MPSK with AOS10 APs
- Cloud Auth
- AirGroup
- User roles-based policies for North-south traffic
- VXLAN and Group Based Policy (GBP) for East-West Traffic

First you need to configure MPSK to be the authentication mode for a WLAN. Note that MPSK and MAC authentication are mutually exclusive and AOS 10.4 and above is needed to support the MPSK feature.

The unique PSKs are assigned based on two methods

1. **Admin Managed MPSK** - This is also known as Named MPSK, in which PSKs are auto-generated when the administrator creates a named MPSK entry that can be shared with one or more users or use it to configure multiple devices without dependency on identity store. This is for the use cases where devices that may need to connect to MPSK network do not have any user identity associated
2. **User Managed MPSK** - These PSKs are specific to the user in the identity store and are auto-generated when the user signs in to the MPSK portal with their credentials. Then the users can connect multiple devices with this MPSK. So, there is a dependency on identity store.

Note that an identity provider should be configured before using the user-managed MPSK. Only the admin-managed MPSK (named MPSK) will work without configuring the identity provider which we cover it in the last technote.

We'll be covering User Managed MPSK [here](#).

3.1 WLAN MPSK configuration

Here we'll configure "test-u-mpsk" WLAN that will be used for our demonstration.

The screenshot shows the Aruba Central configuration interface. On the left, a sidebar menu includes 'Customer: Ariya Publ...', 'AOS10', 'Manage', 'Overview', 'Devices' (highlighted), 'Clients', 'Guests', 'Applications', and 'Security'. The main panel is titled 'Create a New Network' and features a breadcrumb trail: 1 General (active), 2 VLANs, 3 Security, 4 Access, 5 Summary. Below the trail, the 'Name (SSID):' field is set to 'test-u-mpsk'. The 'Band:' section has three options: '2.4 GHz' (checked), '5 GHz' (checked), and '6 GHz' (unchecked). At the bottom, there is a link '> Advanced Settings'. The top navigation bar includes 'Access Points', 'Switches', and 'Gateways' tabs, along with 'Summary', 'List', and 'Config' icons. A 'Hide Advanced' link is visible on the right side of the main panel.

Here are the details of WLAN configuration.

Create a New Network

1 General

2 VLANs

3 Security

4 Access

5 Summary

Traffic forwarding mode:

☒ Bridge

☐ Tunnel

☐ Mixed

Client VLAN Assignment:

☒ Static

☐ Dynamic

VLAN ID:

1 ×

Multiple VLAN IDs or single named VLAN allowed.

> Show Named VLANs

Create a New Network

1 General

2 VLANs

3 Security

4 Access

5 Summary

Security Level:

Enterprise

Personal

Visitors

Open

Key Management:

MPSK AES

Server Group:

Primary and backup only

Primary Server:

Cloud Auth

+

ⓘ MPSK-AES with Cloudauth requires AOS version 10.4 or above

Personal Wireless Network:

☒

> Advanced Settings

The important thing here is that we have selected MPSK AES and Personal Wireless Network (PWN). By selecting PWN Aruba Central's Cloud auth will auto generate a Personal Area Network id (PAN-id) for each user community and shares it with the APs. Then devices with the same PAN-id can communicate together while devices with different PAN-id cannot have any access to one another. This is how the micro segmentation is achieved.

Using PWN, user's devices can roam from one AP to another while maintaining access to their devices with no risk of access of their devices to other end users. This is done using a PAN ID that is embedded into network traffic and restricts traffic to flow only between devices that belong to the same user.

Create a New Network

1 General

2 VLANs

3 Security

4 Access

5 Summary

Access rules

Role Based

Network Based

Unrestricted

⚠ Unrestricted option allows full access to the network. This may lead to potential security issues.

Next, we'll also configure a new user-role "6E-Student" that we'll be using for our PWN based MPSK wireless network.

The screenshot shows the Aruba Central configuration interface for a customer named 'Ariya Publ...'. The left sidebar has a 'Manage' section with 'Overview', 'Devices', 'Clients', 'Guests', 'Applications', and 'Security'. The 'Security' tab is selected. The main content area has tabs for 'Access Points', 'Switches', and 'Gateways'. Under 'Access Points', there are sub-tabs: 'WLANs', 'Access Points', 'Radios', 'Interfaces', 'Security' (selected), 'Third Party Tunnel', 'Services', 'System', 'IoT', and 'Configuration Audit'. The 'Security' tab shows a 'Roles' section with a table of roles: '6E-students' (highlighted), 'BBguest', and 'CP-Guest'. To the right, the 'Access Rules For Selected Roles' section shows a list of rules: 'Assign to VLAN: 22', 'Deny Adult and Pornography (Web Category)', 'Deny Gambling (Web Category)', and 'Allow any to all destinations'.

3.2 Configuring the Cloud Identity

In this section we'll cover the basics of configuring a cloud identity so Aruba Central's CloudAuth can authenticate against.

The screenshot shows the Aruba Central configuration interface for a customer named 'Ariya Publ...'. The left sidebar has a 'Manage' section with 'Overview', 'Devices', 'Clients', 'Guests', 'Applications', and 'Security'. The 'Security' tab is selected. The main content area has tabs for 'RAPIDS', 'Authentication & Policy' (selected), 'Gateway IDS/IPS', and 'Firewall'. Under 'Authentication & Policy', there is a 'Policies' section with two policies: 'User Access Policy' and 'Client Access Policy'. The 'User Access Policy' has a description 'Use an organization identity store to authenticate clients and control their access to the network.' and a link 'Manage MPSK'. The 'Client Access Policy' has a description 'Authenticate clients in the network based on their MAC addresses and control their access based on their profiling.' and a link 'Manage MAC Registration'. Both policies have 'Edit' and 'Reset' buttons.

We are using Microsoft Entra ID and for it, you need 3x pieces of information that are shown below. For the details you can refer to the "Quick start guide for Microsoft Entra ID".

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Once you have your Entra ID in “connected” state, you can start with some basic user group to client role mapping. As shown below I have 2x rules configured that maps the Entra ID group membership of the users to user roles.

Customer: Ariya Publ...

RAPIDS

Authentication & Policy

Gateway IDS/IPS

Firewall

Summary

List

Config

Global

Manage

Overview

Devices

Clients

Guests

Applications

Security

Network Services

Analyze

User Authentication

Use an organization identity store to authenticate clients and control their access to the network.

> Where is the user information stored?

Microsoft Entra ID is connected

User Groups to Client Role Mapping (3)

Associate the identity store user groups to a client role and order them by highest priority first.

	User Group	Client Tag	Client Role
	Students	Any	6E-students
	Staff	Any	6E-staff
	Unspecified	Any	Deny

Note that you need to configure your user roles before so you can select them from the drop-down menu.

RAPIDS

Authentication & Policy

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Config

> Where is the user information stored?

Microsoft Entra ID is connected

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Associate the identity store user groups to a client role and order them by highest priority first.

	User Group	Client Tag	Client Role
	Students	Any	6E-students
	Staff	Any	6E-students
	Unspecified	Any	Student

Finally, you can configure and customise the network profiles.

RAPIDS

Authentication & Policy

Gateway IDS/IPS

Firewall

Summary

List

Config

Unspecified	Any	Deny
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Network Profile

A network profile can be installed on computers and smart devices to facilitate the connection to the network. Use the HPE Aruba Networking Onboard application to automatically install profiles or share a downloadable link with users.

Organization name

AriyaWiFi

WLAN for Non-passpoint clients

6E-school

HPE Aruba Networking Onboard mobile app preview

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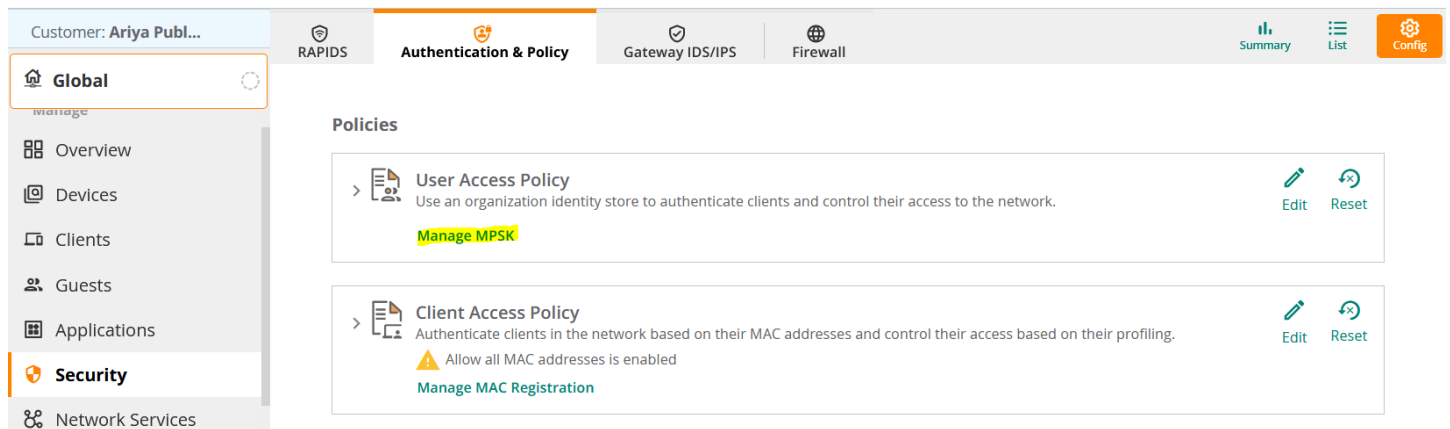
AriyaWiFi

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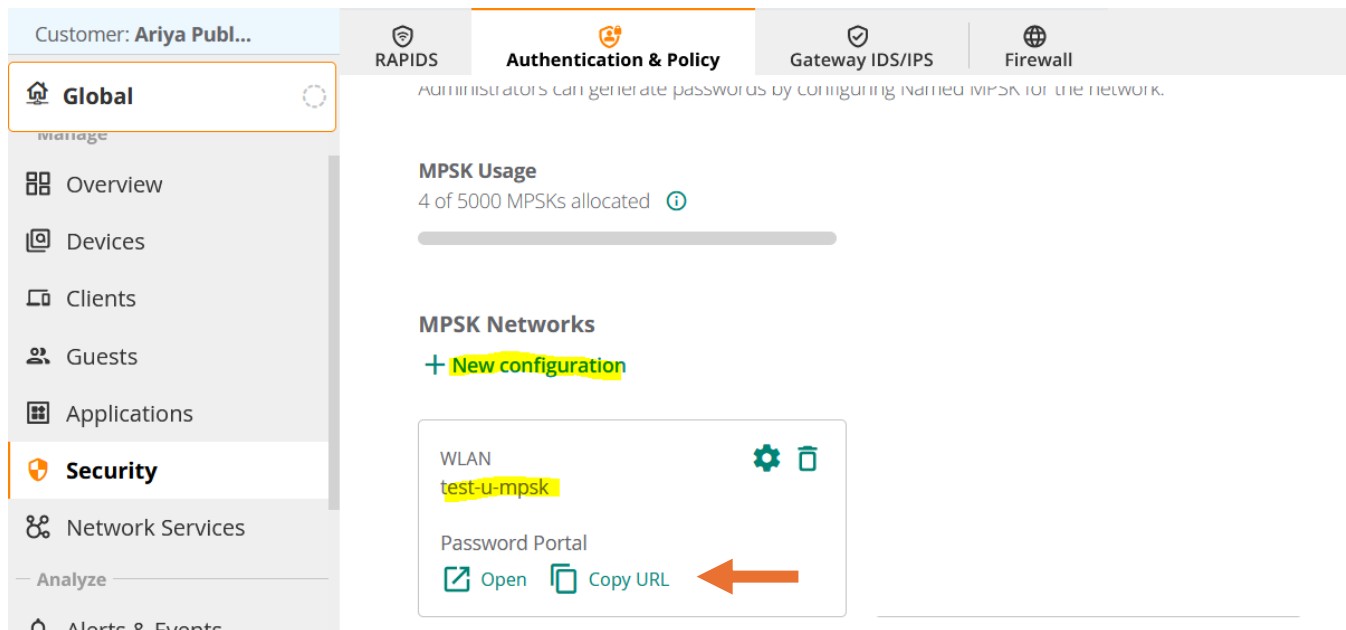
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3.3 User Managed MPSK

In this section we'll configure MPSK management for students which are in the same user roles (6E-Student), that will create their own two device communities.

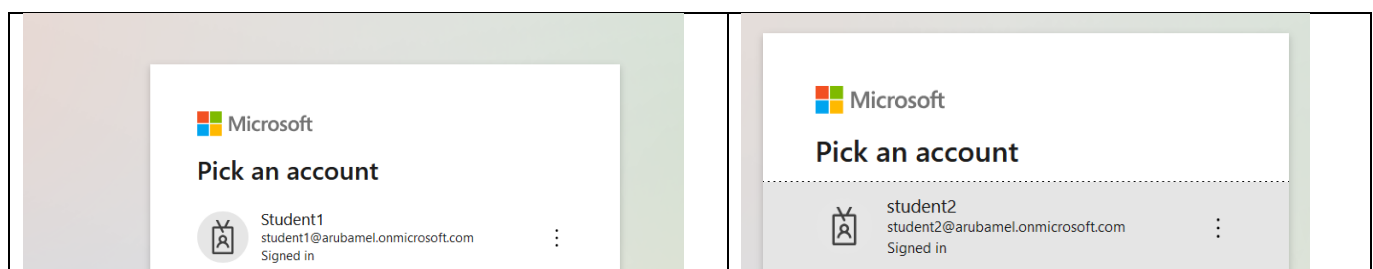


Here we'll add the new WLAN that we configured.



Now you can "copy URL" from above and send it to the user to manage their own MPSKs.

When you or the user open the Password Portal, they will get authenticated and since Entra ID enforces 2FA, they must go through that as well.



And once the students are authenticated each of them will see their own portal with different auto generated PSKs as shown below. They also can generate their own PSKs.

Student 1

Wi-Fi Password

The **test-u-mpsk** Wi-Fi network is provided by **AriyaWiFi**.

Your password for the **test-u-mpsk** Wi-Fi network is:

fringe ridden hacked vendor

Copy

➔ Connect your device to the test-u-mpsk Wi-Fi network and enter this password when prompted.

ⓘ This Wi-Fi password uniquely identifies **you** on this network. **Do not share it** with anyone else.

If your Wi-Fi password has been compromised, you should generate a new replacement password.

Once regenerated, all of your devices that used the old password will need to be updated to use the new password.

ⓘ This action cannot be undone.

Regenerate Wi-Fi Password

Student2

Wi-Fi Password

The **test-u-mpsk** Wi-Fi network is provided by **AriyaWiFi**.

Your password for the **test-u-mpsk** Wi-Fi network is:

nectar replay handed enrage

Copy

➔ Connect your device to the test-u-mpsk Wi-Fi network and enter this password when prompted.

ⓘ This Wi-Fi password uniquely identifies **you** on this network. **Do not share it** with anyone else.

If your Wi-Fi password has been compromised, you should generate a new replacement password.

Once regenerated, all of your devices that used the old password will need to be updated to use the new password.

ⓘ This action cannot be undone.

Regenerate Wi-Fi Password

The next part of the workflow is for the student1 and student2 to copy their respective passwords and use it on their device to connect to test-u-mpsk WLAN.

Customer: Ariya Publ...

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3 hours

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Clients

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Security

Network Services

Access Requests

Success 5

Failed 0

Sessions 5

Access Requests

Username	St...	Clie...	Access...	Date & Time	Au...	SSID
student1@arubamel.on...	Accepted	6E-students	AP-515-2b:30	December 26, 2024 10:15:42 am (AE...	Cloud Identity	test-u-mpsk
student1@arubamel.on...	Accepted	6E-students	AP-605H-5d:6b	December 26, 2024 10:07:23 am (AE...	Cloud Identity	test-u-mpsk
student1@arubamel.on...	Accepted	6E-students	AP-605H-5d:6b	December 26, 2024 10:06:54 am (AE...	Cloud Identity	test-u-mpsk
student2@arubamel.on...	Accepted	6E-students	AP-605H-5d:6b	December 26, 2024 10:04:32 am (AE...	Cloud Identity	test-u-mpsk

We'll check the first entry for student1, just to show the various fields that are available in authentication and authorisation.

< | Details View

Summary

Username	Date & Time	Client Role
student1@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com	Dec 26, 2024, 10:15:42 (AEDT)	6E-students
MAC Address	Client IP	
ce:01:69:aa:a7:99	10.10.22.50	
Request ID	Access Policy	
72debc00-dcce-4ca0-84a9-8afad4358545	User	
Access Status	Authorization Source	
Accept	Microsoft Entra ID	

Authorization

Key	Value
Authorization Source	Microsoft Entra ID
User Group	Students
Department	secondary
Given Name	student1
User Principal Name	student1@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com
MAC Randomized	Yes

Request

Key	Value
MAC Address	ce:01:69:aa:a7:99
SSID	test-u-mpsk
Username	student1@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com
Access Device Identifier	358b9150-f82f-40c8-bc33-522c6e1e3b53
Access Device IP	10.10.10.27
Access Device Name	AP-515-2b:30
AP Group	AOS10
Connection Type	Wireless
Client Profile Tags	IoT, [Computers & Servers]
MPSK Name	student1@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com

Response

Key	Value
Authentication Status	True
Authorization Status	True
Client Role	6E-students

CloudAuth also provides session details of client devices that are connected to the APs managed by HPE Aruba Networking Central.

Customer: Ariya Publ...

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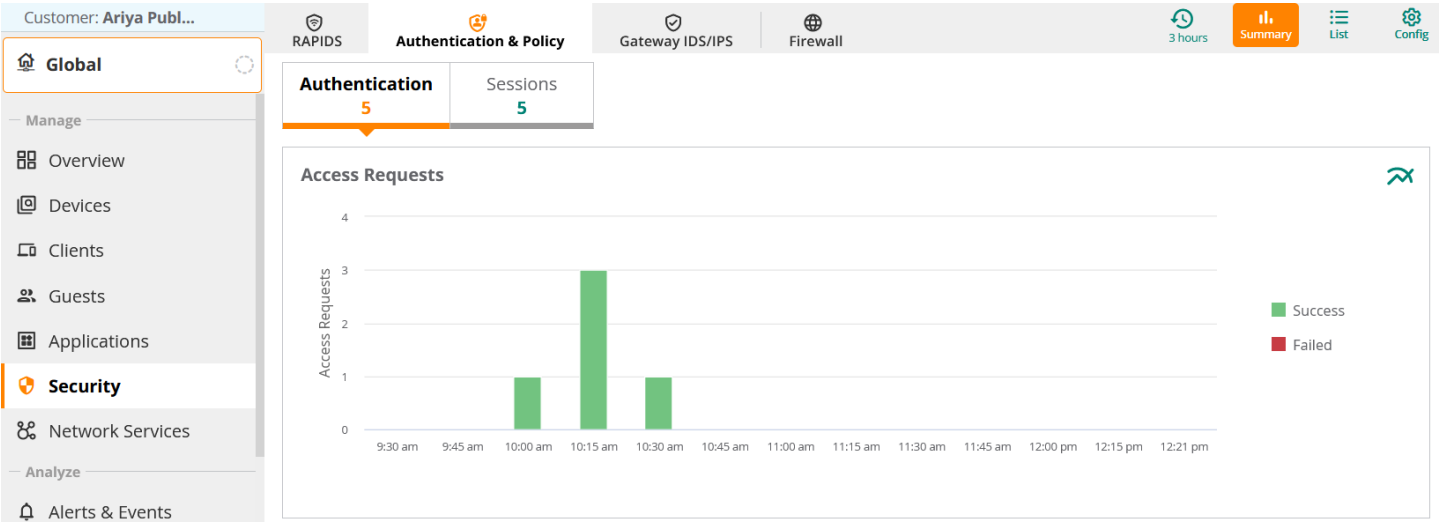
Sessions

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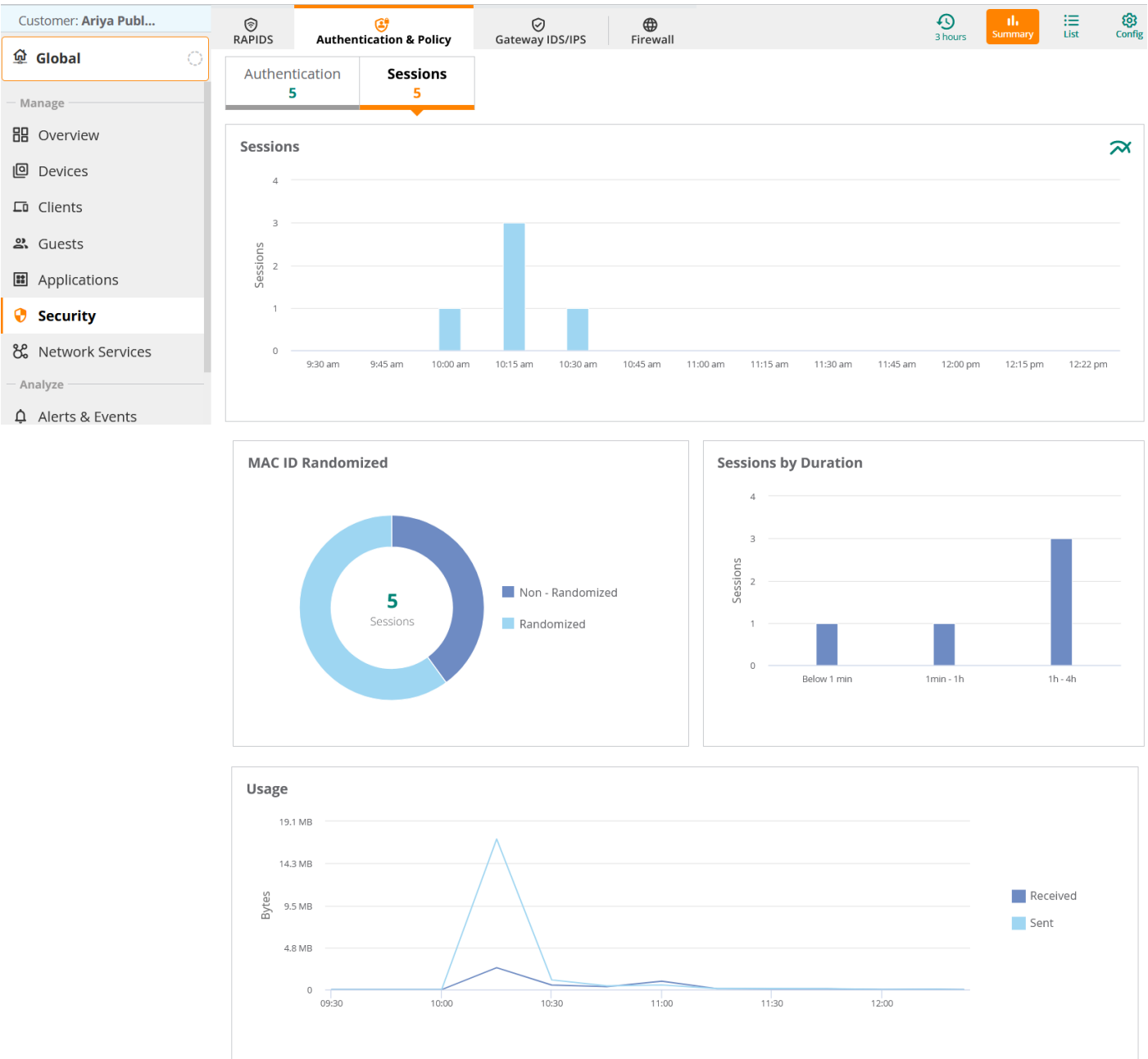
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User...	Acce...	Star...	End ...	Duration	A... ▾	C... ▾	SSID	NAD...
student1@aru...	AP-605H-5d:6b	December 26,...		2h 14m 36s	Cloud Identity	wireless	test-u-mpsk	10.10.10.29
student2@aru...	AP-605H-5d:6b	December 26,...		2h 8m 54s	Cloud Identity	wireless	test-u-mpsk	10.10.10.29
student1@aru...	AP-515-2b:30	December 26,...		1h 27m 39s	Cloud Identity	wireless	test-u-mpsk	10.10.10.27

You can select the summary view.

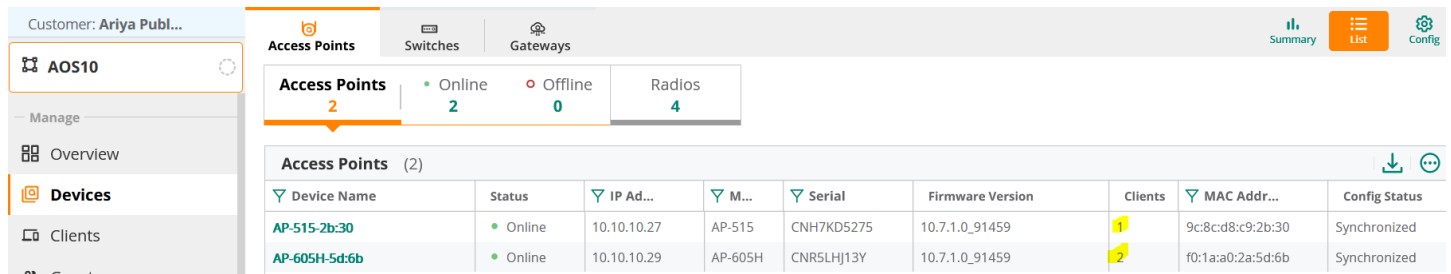


And here is the summary view of the sessions.



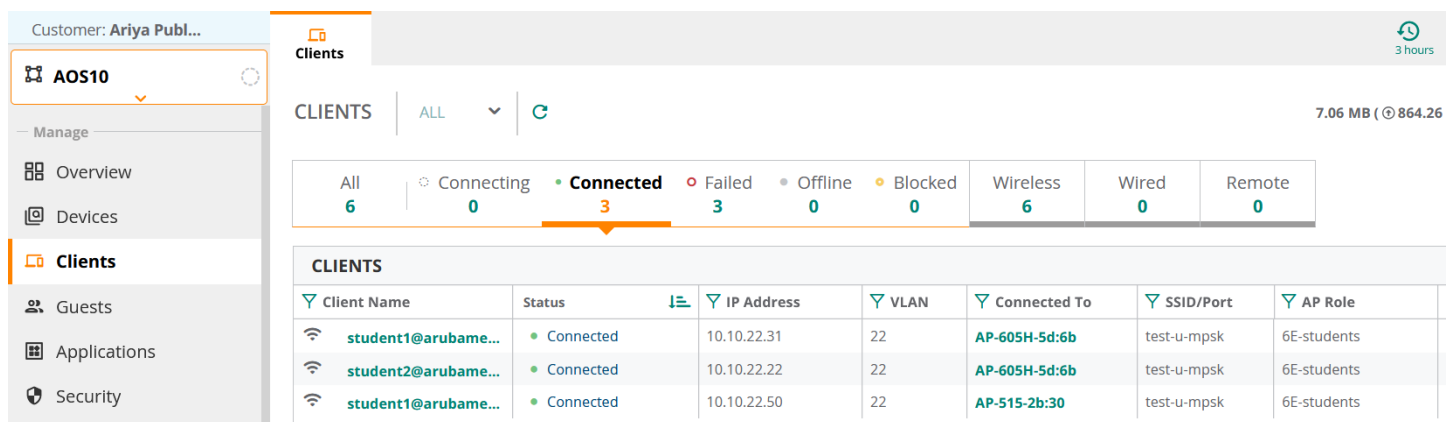
4 PWN Testing

We have connected two APs in the AOS10 group that are configured with “test-u-mpsk” WLAN.



Device Name	Status	IP Ad...	M...	Serial	Firmware Version	Clients	MAC Addr...	Config Status
AP-515-2b:30	Online	10.10.10.27	AP-515	CNH7KD5275	10.7.1.0_91459	1	9c:8cd8:c9:2b:30	Synchronized
AP-605H-5d:6b	Online	10.10.10.29	AP-605H	CNR5LHJ13Y	10.7.1.0_91459	2	f0:1a:a0:2a:5d:6b	Synchronized

We also have 3x connected clients that are connected to “test-u-mpsk” WLAN. There are 2x devices are from student1 and 1x device from student2. Note that the clients are distributed on both APs and all of them are on the same VLAN.



Client Name	Status	IP Address	VLAN	Connected To	SSID/Port	AP Role
student1@arubame...	Connected	10.10.22.31	22	AP-605H-5d:6b	test-u-mpsk	6E-students
student2@arubame...	Connected	10.10.22.22	22	AP-605H-5d:6b	test-u-mpsk	6E-students
student1@arubame...	Connected	10.10.22.50	22	AP-515-2b:30	test-u-mpsk	6E-students

Here is the CLI view of the AP-605H.

```
AP-605H-5d:6b# sh clients

Client List
-----
Name                               IP Address   MAC Address   OS      ESSID
Access Point  Channel  Type  Role   IPv6  Address  Signal (dB)  Speed  (Mbps)
-----
student2@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com 10.10.22.22  30:07:4d:4a:e5:66  Android test-u-mpsk
AP-605H-5d:6b 100E      AC    6E-students --      54 (good)  780 (good)
student1@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com 10.10.22.31  2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48  Apple   test-u-mpsk
AP-605H-5d:6b 100+     AN    6E-students --      51 (good)  150 (good)
Number of Clients      :2
Info timestamp         :2398

AP-605H-5d:6b#
```

You can get the PAN-id from these two commands.

```
AP-605H-5d:6b# sh ap association

The phy column shows client's operational capabilities for current association

Flags: H: Hotspot(802.11u) client, K: 802.11K client, M: Mu beam formee, R: 802.11R client, W: WMM client, w: 802.11w client, V: 802.11v BSS trans capable, P: Punctured preamble, U: HE UL Mu-mimo, O: OWE client, S: SAE client, E: Enterprise client, m: Agile Multiband client, C: Cellular Data Capable - network available, c: Cellular Data Capable - network unavailable, T: Individual TWT client, t: Broadcast TWT client

PHY Details: HT : High throughput; 20: 20MHz; 40: 40MHz; t: turbo-rates (256-QAM)
```

```

VHT : Very High throughput; 80: 80MHz; 160: 160MHz; 80p80: 80MHz + 80MHz
HE  : High Efficiency;      80: 80MHz; 160: 160MHz; 80p80: 80MHz + 80MHz
EHT : Extremely High throughput; 80: 80MHz; 160: 160MHz; 80p80: 80MHz + 80MHz; 320: 320MHz
<n>ss: <n> spatial streams

```

MLO Bands: Indicates the band of each link. * indicates the band where the association occurred.

Association Table

```

-----
Name          bssid          mac          auth assoc aid  l-int essid          vlan-id phy_cap
phy          assoc. time    num assoc  Flags  DataReady  UAC  user-panid mlo-bands
-----
-----
AP-605H-5d:6b 50:e4:e0:14:0e:51 30:07:4d:4a:e5:66 y      y      2    10    test-u-mpsk 22    5GHz-VHT-
80sgl-2ss-RVM 5GHz-VHT-80sgl-2ss 26m:31s      1      WVRM    Yes  0.0.0.0 11080503 -
AP-605H-5d:6b 50:e4:e0:14:0e:51 2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48 y      y      1    20    test-u-mpsk 22    5GHz-HT-
40sgl-1ss-R    5GHz-HT-40sgl-1ss 32m:15s      1      WR      Yes  0.0.0.0 15986759 -
Num Clients:2

```

AP-605H-5d:6b#

Here you'll see the mpskcache that Aruba Central sent to the APs.

AP-605H-5d:6b# sh ap mpskcache

PPSK Cache Table

```

-----
Client MAC          Key          Del  Expiry  Role          VLAN  ESSID
Seqno  IP
-----
-----
30:07:4d:4a:e5:66 (6): 5b 77 be 16 fe 7b ... No  -      6E-students  22    test-u-
mpsk 1186 10.10.22.22
2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48 (6): 4d 4f da df 8f cf ... No  -      6E-students  22    test-u-
mpsk 1182 10.10.22.31
PPSK Cache Count:3

```

AP-605H-5d:6b#

This is the mpskcasche for student1's device

AP-605H-5d:6b# sh ap mpskcache 2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48

```

Station MAC address :2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48
Seq no              :1182
Key                 :(6): 4d 4f da df 8f cf
ESSID               :test-u-mpsk
Name                 :student1@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com
Role                 :6E-students
Server               :Not set
VLAN                 :22
To Del               :No
Expire               :-
Vlanhow              :254
Rolehow              :0
ACL Rule Index       :RADIUS-7ffe
User panid           :15986759
Session timeout      :28800
---:

```

AP-605H-5d:6b#

And this is for student2's device.

AP-605H-5d:6b# sh ap mpskcache 30:07:4d:4a:e5:66

```

Station MAC address :30:07:4d:4a:e5:66
Seq no              :1186

```

```

Key                : (6): 5b 77 be 16 fe 7b
ESSID              : test-u-mpsk
Name               : student2@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com
Role               : 6E-students
Server             : Not set
VLAN               : 22
To Del             : No
Expire             : -
Vlanhow            : 254
Rolehow            : 0
ACL Rule Index     : RADIUS-7ffe
User panid         : 11080503
Session timeout    : 28800
---:

AP-605H-5d:6b#

```

Now I'll check the other AP (AP-515), and we see that the PAN id is the same since they are the devices of the same user studnet1.

```

AP-515-2b:30# sh clients

Client List
-----
Name                               IP Address   MAC Address   OS      ESSID
Access Point Channel Type Role         IPv6 Address Signal (dB)   Speed (Mbps)
-----
student1@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com 10.10.22.50  ce:01:69:aa:a7:99 Win 10  test-u-mpsk
AP-515-2b:30 36E      AC   6E-students --          45 (good)    585 (good)
Number of Clients      :1
Info timestamp         :1664

AP-515-2b:30# sh ap mpskcache ce:01:69:aa:a7:99

Station MAC address      : ce:01:69:aa:a7:99
Seq no                   : 1067
Key                       : (6): 4d 4f da df 8f cf
ESSID                    : test-u-mpsk
Name                     : student1@arubamel.onmicrosoft.com
Role                     : 6E-students
Server                   : Not set
VLAN                     : 22
To Del                   : No
Expire                   : -
Vlanhow                  : 254
Rolehow                  : 0
ACL Rule Index           : RADIUS-7ffe
User panid               : 15986759
Session timeout          : 28800
---:

AP-515-2b:30#

```

The breakdown of the clients are as follows and all are on the same VLAN/IP subnet.

Username	Clients	MAC address	IP address	User Pan id	AP-name
student-1	iPod	2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48	10.10.22.31	15986759	AP-605H-5d:6b
	Win10	5c:51:4f:e6:a9:83	10.10.22.50	15986759	AP-515-2b:30
student-2	Android	30:07:4d:4a:e5:66	10.10.22.22	11080503	AP-605H-5d:6b

4.1 Microsegmentation Testing

Now we'll ping between the student-1's devices, note that they are associated to different APs. The ping test is successful. You can see here that the ICMP traffic is permitted.

Customer: Ariya Publ...

← student1@aruba... ✓

Manage

Overview

Applications

Security

Analyze

Live Events

Summary

AI Insights

Location

Sessions

Profile

SESSIONS

ACCESS POINT ▾

Total sessions: 15

Last refreshed: 10:44:49 AM ↻

IP Address | 10.10.22.50 (5/15)

⋮

▼ Appl...	▼ Source 0.22.31 ×	▼ Dest...	▼ Prot...	▼ Sour...	▼ Dest...	▼ Action	Flags ⓘ	▼ Pack...	▼ St... ▾
➤ Internet Contr...	10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	ICMP	23	0	Permit	I F	1	Active
➤ Internet Contr...	10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	ICMP	25	0	Permit	I F	1	Active
➤ Internet Contr...	10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	ICMP	24	0	Permit	I F	1	Active
➤ Internet Contr...	10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	ICMP	26	0	Permit	I F	1	Active
➤ User Datagra...	10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	UDP	4789	4789	Permit	F A	4	Active

Because the student-1's devices are on different APs, under the hood, the APs will make a tunnel encapsulation for this traffic. Here is the datapath session table when we were pinging between 10.10.22.50 and .31

```
AP-605H-5d:6b# sh datapath session | incl 10.10.22.31
```

Datapath Session Table Entries

Flags: A - Application Firewall Inspect

C - client, D - deny, E - Media Deep Inspect

F - fast age, G - media signal, H - high prio

I - Deep inspect, L - ALG session, M - mirror, N - dest NAT

O - Session is programmed through SDN/Openflow controller

P - set prio, R - redirect, S - src NAT,

T - set ToS, U - Locally destined, V - VOIP

X - Http/https redirect for dpi denied session

Y - no syn

a - rtp analysis, h - Https redirect error page

i - in offload flow, m - media mon

p - Session is marked as permanent

s - media signal

d - DPI cache hit

f - FIB init pending in session

c - MSCS or SCS session

RAP Flags: 0 - Q0, 1 - Q1, 2 - Q2, r - redirect to conductor

t - time based, i - in flow, l - local redirect

Flow Offload Denylist Flags: O - Openflow, E - Default, U - User os unknown, T - Tunnel

R - L3 route

10.10.22.50	10.10.22.31	1	27	2048	0	0	0	0	tunnel 1	1a	1	3c	FCI
10.10.22.50	10.10.22.31	1	29	2048	0	0	0	0	tunnel 1	5	1	3c	FCI
10.10.22.50	10.10.22.31	1	28	2048	0	0	0	0	tunnel 1	f	1	3c	FCI
17.57.145.37	10.10.22.31	6	443	51980	0	0	0	3	dev32	7138	16	13c9	i
10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	1	29	0	0	0	0	0	tunnel 1	5	1	3c	FRI
10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	tunnel 1	f	1	3c	FRI
10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	1	27	0	0	0	0	1	tunnel 1	1a	1	3c	FRI
10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	17	4789	4789	0	0	0	0	dev6	1a	3	14a	FA
10.10.22.50	10.10.22.31	17	4789	4789	0	0	0	0	dev6	1a	3	14a	FCA
10.10.22.31	17.57.145.37	6	51980	443	0	0	0	2	dev32	7138	1a	10b6	Ci

```
AP-605H-5d:6b#
```

I did a packet capture on the switch to see the ICMP ping traffic between the two devices for student-1 that are on different APs. You'll see that there is, indeed an UDP encapsulation between the two APs the port that is used is VXLAN, it also carries the VNI=0 and group Policy ID that is automatically generated and assigned.

pcap-2.pcapng

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ip.addr==10.10.22.31

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
→ 62	5.838377	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.31	ICMP	124	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=172/44032, ttl=128 (reply in 63)
← 63	5.875362	10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	ICMP	124	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=172/44032, ttl=64 (request in 62)
→ 97	6.873499	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.31	ICMP	124	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=173/44288, ttl=128 (reply in 109)
→ 109	7.001914	10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	ICMP	124	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=173/44288, ttl=64 (request in 97)
→ 147	7.911027	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.31	ICMP	124	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=174/44544, ttl=128 (reply in 153)
→ 153	8.025826	10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	ICMP	124	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=174/44544, ttl=64 (request in 147)
→ 176	8.939796	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.31	ICMP	124	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=175/44800, ttl=128 (reply in 178)
→ 178	9.040437	10.10.22.31	10.10.22.50	ICMP	124	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=175/44800, ttl=64 (request in 176)

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> Frame 62: 124 bytes on wire (992 bits), 124 bytes captured (992 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_{CBC5342D-A528-4F7F-BE59-8FCAC5D17E58}, id 0

> Ethernet II, Src: ce:01:69:aa:a7:99 (ce:01:69:aa:a7:99), Dst: Apple_d0:2f:48 (2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48)

> Destination: Apple_d0:2f:48 (2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48)

> Source: ce:01:69:aa:a7:99 (ce:01:69:aa:a7:99)

> Type: IPv4 (0x0800)

> [Stream index: 8]

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.10.22.50, Dst: 10.10.22.31

> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 4789, Dst Port: 4789

> Virtual eXtensible Local Area Network

> Flags: 0x04f3, Don't Learn

> Group Policy ID: 61511

> VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI): 0

> Reserved: 0

> Ethernet II, Src: ce:01:69:aa:a7:99 (ce:01:69:aa:a7:99), Dst: Apple_d0:2f:48 (2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48)

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.10.22.50, Dst: 10.10.22.31

> Internet Control Message Protocol

And this is the return traffic and note that the group policy Id are the same and hence the traffic is allowed.

pcap-2.pcapng

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> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.10.22.31, Dst: 10.10.22.50

> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 4789, Dst Port: 4789

> Virtual eXtensible Local Area Network

> Flags: 0x04f3, Don't Learn

> Group Policy ID: 61511

> VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI): 0

> Reserved: 0

> Ethernet II, Src: Apple_d0:2f:48 (2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48), Dst: ce:01:69:aa:a7:99 (ce:01:69:aa:a7:99)

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.10.22.31, Dst: 10.10.22.50

> Internet Control Message Protocol

Next test is to ping from student-1's win10 device to student-2's devices that are on different APs. The ping is unsuccessful, and it gets denied on the destination AP since the PAN-ids don't match.

Below is the screenshot for studnet1's win10 device.

Customer: Ariya Publ...

← student1@aruba... ✓

Summary AI Insights Location Sessions Profile

SESSIONS ACCESS POINT Total sessions: 12 Last refreshed: 10:59:02 AM

Overview

Applications Security Analyze

IP Address 10.10.22.50 (12)									
Appl...	Sour...	Dest...	Prot...	Sour...	Dest...	Action	Flags	Pack...	St...
Internet Contr...	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.22	ICMP	114	2048	Permit	R I F C	1	Active
Internet Contr...	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.22	ICMP	113	2048	Permit	R I F C	1	Active
Internet Contr...	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.22	ICMP	112	2048	Permit	R I F C	1	Active

Note that the below screenshot is from the destination client (Student2) which is on a different AP.

Customer: Ariya Publ...

Summary

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← student2@aruba...

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Total sessions: 21

Last refreshed: 10:53:08 AM

Overview

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Live Events

IP Address | 10.10.22.22 (6/21)

App...	Source...	Dest...	Prot...	Sour...	Dest...	Action	Flags	Pack...	St...
Internet Contr...	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.22	ICMP	43	2048	Deny	D I F C	1	Denied
Internet Contr...	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.22	ICMP	42	2048	Deny	D I F C	1	Denied
Internet Contr...	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.22	ICMP	41	2048	Deny	D I F C	1	Denied
Internet Contr...	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.22	ICMP	40	2048	Deny	D I F C	1	Denied
Internet Contr...	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.22	ICMP	39	2048	Deny	D I F C	1	Denied

Our final test is to ping between student-1 and student-2's devices that are on the same AP. Here AP-515 is disconnected, and we see here tat all the clients are on the same AP.

Customer: Ariya Publ...

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3 hours

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All 6

Connecting 0

Connected 3

Failed 3

Offline 0

Blocked 0

Wireless 6

Wired 0

Remote 0

CLIENTS

Client Name	Status	IP Address	VLAN	Connected To	SSID/Port	AP Role	Switch Role
student1@arubame...	Connected	10.10.22.31	22	AP-605H-5d:6b	test-u-mpsk	6E-students	
student2@arubame...	Connected	10.10.22.22	22	AP-605H-5d:6b	test-u-mpsk	6E-students	
student1@arubame...	Connected	10.10.22.50	22	AP-605H-5d:6b	test-u-mpsk	6E-students	

```
AP-605H-5d:6b# sh ap association
```

The phy column shows client's operational capabilities for current association

Flags: H: Hotspot(802.11u) client, K: 802.11K client, M: Mu beam formee, R: 802.11R client, W: WMM client, w: 802.11w client, V: 802.11v BSS trans capable, P: Punctured preamble, U: HE UL Mu-mimo, O: OWE client, S: SAE client, E: Enterprise client, m: Agile Multiband client, C: Cellular Data Capable - network available, c: Cellular Data Capable - network unavailable, T: Individual TWT client, t: Broadcast TWT client

```
PHY Details: HT : High throughput; 20: 20MHz; 40: 40MHz; t: turbo-rates (256-QAM)
VHT : Very High throughput; 80: 80MHz; 160: 160MHz; 80p80: 80MHz + 80MHz
HE : High Efficiency; 80: 80MHz; 160: 160MHz; 80p80: 80MHz + 80MHz
EHT : Extremely High throughput; 80: 80MHz; 160: 160MHz; 80p80: 80MHz + 80MHz; 320: 320MHz
<n>ss: <n> spatial streams
```

MLO Bands: Indicates the band of each link. * indicates the band where the association occurred.

Association Table

Name	bssid	mac	auth	assoc	aid	l-int	ssid	vlan-id	phy_cap
phy	assoc. time	num assoc	Flags	DataReady	UAC	user-panid	mlo-bands		
AP-605H-5d:6b	50:e4:e0:14:0e:51	30:07:4d:4a:e5:66	y	y	2	10	test-u-mpsk	22	5GHz-VHT-
80sgl-2ss-RVM	5GHz-VHT-80sgl-2ss	1h:58m:9s	1	WVRM	Yes	0.0.0.0	11080503	-	
AP-605H-5d:6b	50:e4:e0:14:0e:51	2c:1f:23:d0:2f:48	y	y	1	20	test-u-mpsk	22	5GHz-HT-
40sgl-1ss-R	5GHz-HT-40sgl-1ss	2h:3m:53s	1	WR	Yes	0.0.0.0	15986759	-	
AP-605H-5d:6b	50:e4:e0:14:0e:51	ce:01:69:aa:a7:99	y	y	3	250	test-u-mpsk	22	5GHz-VHT-
80sgl-2ss-KV	5GHz-VHT-80sgl-2ss	10m:2s	1	WV	Yes	0.0.0.0	15986759	-	

Num Clients:3

```
AP-605H-5d:6b#
```

And as expected the ping test fails as the devices have different PAN-id and drop is shown on the destination client.

Customer: Ariya Publ...

← student2@aruba... ✓

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Total sessions: 13

Last refreshed: 11:56:16 AM ↻

IP Address | 10.10.22.22 (1/13)

▼ Appl...	Source... 0.22.50 ✕	▼ Dest...	▼ Prot...	▼ Sour...	▼ Dest...	▼ Action	Flags ⓘ	▼ Pack...	▼ St... ▾
> Internet Contr...	10.10.22.50	10.10.22.22	ICMP	198	2048	Deny	D I F C	1	Denied

When using the CLI, we should be looking for **D** flag (indicating drops) between 10.10.22.22 and 10.10.22.50. Note that PAN-id will not change for the users even though one might change the MPSK.

```

AP-605H-5d:6b# sh datapath session | incl 10.10.22.50

10.10.22.50      10.10.22.22      1      224      2048      0      0      0      0      dev32      12      1      3c      FDCI
10.10.22.22      10.10.22.50      1      224      0          0      0      0      0      dev32      12      0      0      FDYI
10.10.22.50      20.198.119.84    6      56012    443       0      0      0      14      dev32      8e0    b      9bb     Ci
10.10.22.50      20.198.118.190   6      56008    443       0      0      0      6      dev32      d93    e      c4b     Ci

AP-605H-5d:6b#

```

This is simple yet powerful way to enforce Microsegmentation for this specific use case.