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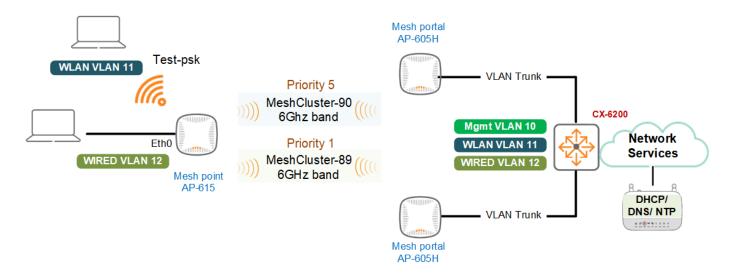
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1 Multi Cluster Wi-Fi Mesh and Ethernet Bridging with AOS10 APs

This is the continuation of <u>Wi-Fi Mesh with AOS10 APs technote</u> in which we'll build on the previous solution and demonstrate Ethernet bridging across the wireless mesh network. Then I'll configure and test multiple wireless mesh clusters.

Just a recap that an AP with an active Ethernet link is a Mesh Portal and acts like a gateway between wireless mesh and the main wired LAN. The AP that connects to Mesh portal using its Wi-Fi radio is called Mesh Point. Then the mesh point provides wireless/wired services to its clients.

Here is the lab set-up to demonstrate multiple mesh cluster using 6GHz band with Ethernet bridging.



1.1 Things you need

- Aruba AOS10 10.6.x.x or later (I am using 10.7.0.0)
- 3x APs (I am using AP-605H and AP-615)
- A Layer three switch and some Wi-Fi and wired clients

1.2 Assumptions

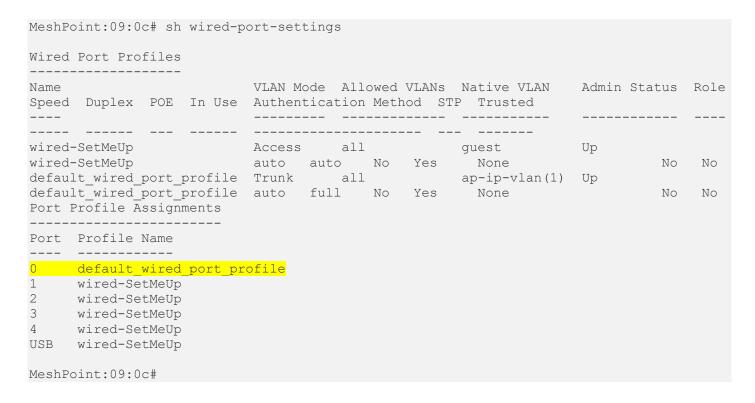
The technote "Wi-Fi Mesh with AOS10 APs" was read and the topology was configured accordingly. This means that

- All the APs shown above are configured and MeshCluster 89 is operational
- MeshPoint AP is using mesh cluster to transport the traffic from client on Test-PSK WLAN.

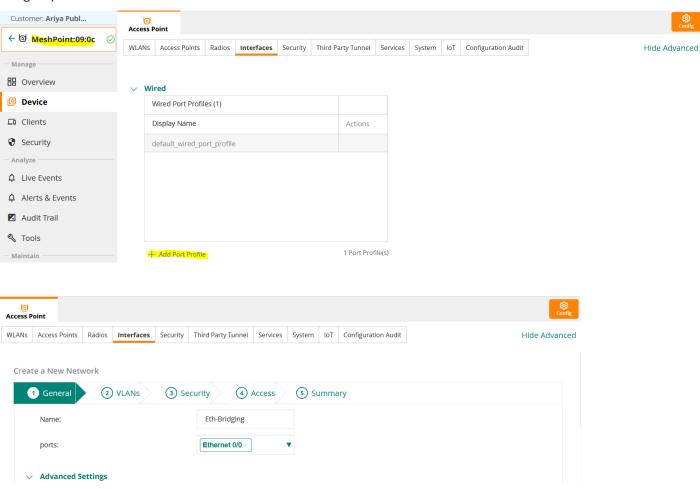
1.3 Ethernet Bridging Configuration

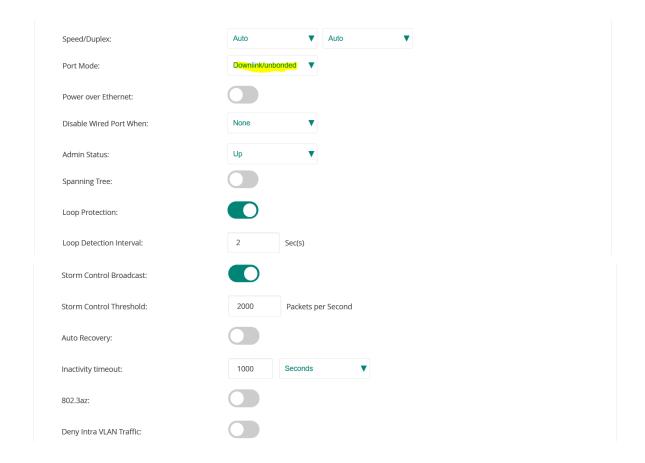
This feature is used to use the Ethernet port of the Mesh Point IAP as a downlink, so you can connect a wired device either on the same VLAN as that of the IAP or on any other VLAN through 802.1Q VLAN trunking.

Before we make any changes this is the status of the Ethernet port profiles of the MeshPoint AP.

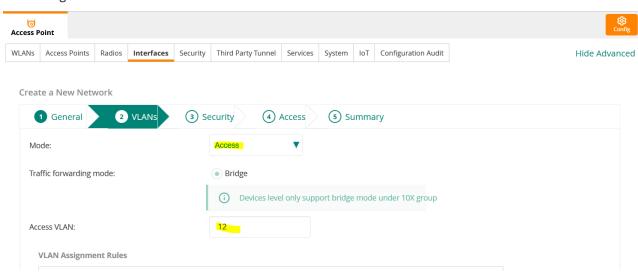


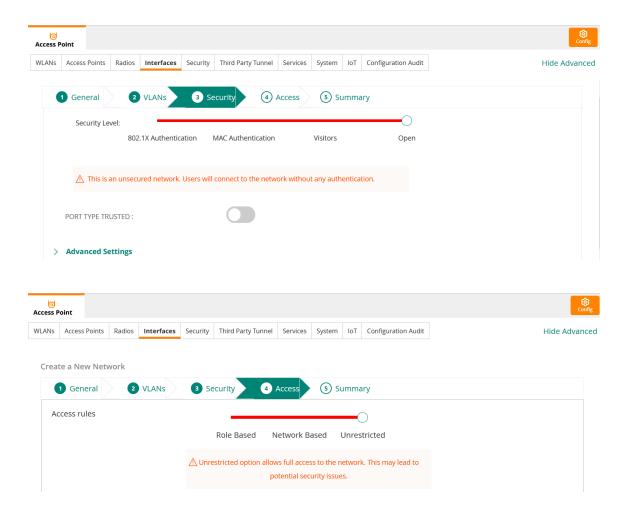
Since our MeshPoint is AP-615 that has single Ethernet port we need to configure it at the device level and not at the group level.





We'll assign the VLAN 12 for the Access mode





And once it is saved it is listed as shown below.



If you re-call this is the Mesh-Point and enabling Eth0 bridging is by setting it to downlink. We can check that with this CLI command.

MeshPoint:09:0c# sh wired-port-settings									
Wired Port Profiles									
Name Speed Duplex POE In Use	VLAN Mode Allowed VLANs Native VLAN Authentication Method STP Trusted	Admin Status	Role						
wired-SetMeUp	Access all guest	Up							
wired-SetMeUp	auto auto No Yes None	No	No						
<pre>default_wired_port_profile</pre>	Trunk all ap-ip-vlan(1)	Up							
<pre>default_wired_port_profile</pre>	auto full No No None	No	No						
Eth-Bridging	Access all 12	Up	Eth-						
Bridging aut Port Profile Assignments	o auto No Yes None	No No)						

You should then reboot the AP for this change to take effect. Note that if an AP is set to Ethernet 0 bridging, it always acts as a mesh point. When an AP is configured with Eth0 bridging and then rebooted, the E0 bridging will become AP environment setting.

1.4 Wired Client Testing

Now that we have configured and rebooted the AP for ethernet bridging we'll connect the wired client to this Eth0 interface of the Mesh point AP.

Here we see the E0 port is up.

MeshPoint:09:0c# sh port status										
Port Status										
	Port Type Admin-State Oper-State STP-State Dot3az Loop-Protect Storm-Control Loop-Detection-TX Loop-Detection-RX									
	2.5GE	up		up	N/A	Disable	ON	ON		
1530 eth1 0	USB	up	0	down	N/A	Disable	OFF	OFF		
MeshPoint:09:0c#										

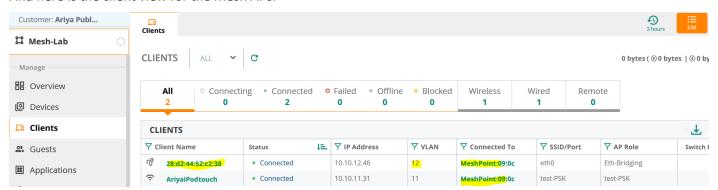
Next, we'll check to see if the client is listed in the client table and has a correct IP address on VLAN 12. Since we have made the port untrusted, we can see the wired clients with this command.

The MAC address of the wired client is 28:D2:44:52:C2:38

Now you can check the bridging table with this command and should see the MAC address of the device that is connected to the Eth0 port.

MeshPoint:09:0c# show datapath bridge Datapath Bridge Devices Flags: F - source-filter, T - trusted, Q - tagged, I - IP S - split-tunnel, B - bridge, M - mesh, P - PPPoE, W - WAN C - content-filter, O - corp-access, h - to HAP, f - to FAP h - dhcp-redirect b - blocked by STP, p - PAN VLANs PVID ACLs MTU FramesRx FramesTx Flags Dev Name 160/0/0 0 1500 105/0/0 0 1300 4 bond0 12 63422 164473 0 215104 105/0/0 0 FIB 14 br0 1 4095 0/0/0 0 1500 65629 FTQBM 16 mesh0 1 166791 aruba002 1 1 152/0/0 0 1500 0 2.5 1 B 0 1500 0 1500 26 aruba102 1 152/0/0 0 В 1 1 27 aruba003 1 11 154/0/0 0 0 В Datapath Bridge Table Entries Flags: P - Permanent, D - Deny, R - Route, M - Mobile, X - Xsec, A - Auth, N - No-Aging AP Flags: X - Awaiting 1X reply, B - Block all non-1X traffic, F - Force bridge role, G - Gateway VLAN Assigned VLAN Destination Flags AP Flags Bridge Role ACL F0:1A:A0:2A:5E:B5 1 1 dev16 \cap 48:B4:C3:C1:09:0C 3333 3333 0 local 28:D2:44:52:C2:38 dev4 0 1 48:B4:C3:C1:09:0C 1 local \cap 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 1 dev16 G 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 11 11 dev16 0 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 13 1.3 dev16 0 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 12 12 dev16 G 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 22 22 dev16 0 F0:1A:A0:2A:5D:6B 1 1 dev16 0 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 51 51 dev16 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 50 50 dev16 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 55 55 dev16 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 54 54 dev16 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 53 53 dev16 0 94:60:D5:DA:5A:20 52 52 dev16 0 MeshPoint: 09:0c#

And here is the client view for the Mesh APs.

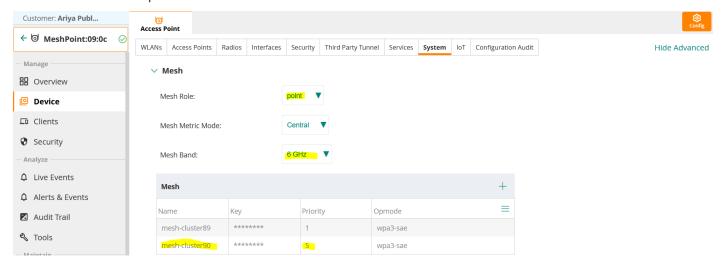


And as you can see, we have both wired and wireless clients on the same mesh Point AP.

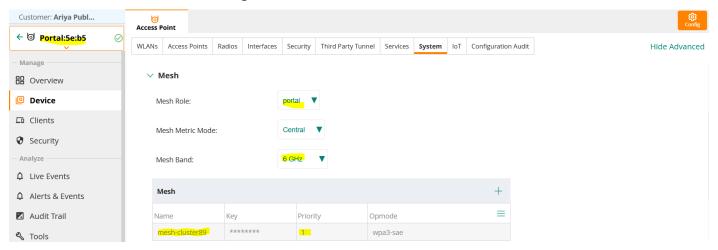
1.5 Mesh Cluster Configuration

Here we'll configure our second mesh cluster to provide backup to the first mesh cluster. Note that all the mesh configurations are done at device level.

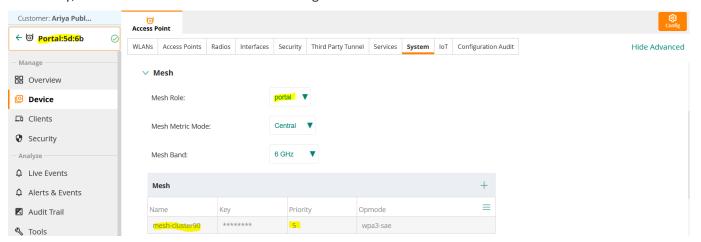
Starting with Mesh Point AP and followed by Mesh Portal APs. Here the Mesh Point AP will have both the Mesh clusters with different priorities.



Next is the Mesh Portal AP that is configured for mesh-cluster89



And finally, the second Mesh Portal AP that is configured for mesh-cluster90



Once you have made the mesh configuration and rebooted the three APs, the Mesh Point AP will boot up and form a mesh link with Portal:5e:b5 because mesh-cluster89 has priority 1.

First look at the mesh neighbours and note the different mesh cluster IDs one for each of the clusters.

MeshPoint:09:0c# sh ap mesh neighbours
Neighbor list

```
Radio MAC
                        AP Name
                                     Portal Channel Band Age Hops Cost
                       Flags RSSI Rate Tx/Rx A-Req A-Resp A-Fail HT-Details
Relation
Cluster ID
                                                      _____
      50:e4:e0:14:17:81 Portal:5e:b5 Yes
                     81 Portal:5e:b5 Yes 69S
ELK 40 544/1814 4
                                                     6GHz 0 0
                                                                     1.00 P
7m:49s
                                                    3
                                                           1
                                                                   HE-160MHz-2ss
e1baf29f4ca4ed35645e0a937d9c9c7
      50:e4:e0:14:0e:41 Portal:5d:6b Yes 5S 6GH
ELK 76 - 0 0
                                                     6GHz 108 0
                                                                     0.00 N
1m:50s
                                                           0
                                                                  HE-160MHz-2ss
Total count: 2, Children: 0
Relation: P = Parent; C = Child; N = Neighbor; B = Denylisted-neighbor
Flags: R = Recovery-mode; S = Sub-threshold link; D = Reselection backoff; F = Auth-
failure; H = High Throughput; V = Very High Throughput, E= High efficient, L = Legacy
allowed
      K = Connected; U = Upgrading; G = Descendant-upgrading; Z = Config pending; Y =
Assoc-resp/Auth pending
      a = SAE Accepted; b = SAE Denylisted-neighbour; e = SAE Enabled; u = portal-
unreachable; o = opensystem; m = Mobility Enabled
MeshPoint:09:0c#
```

Here we see that based on our mesh cluster priority mesh link to MeshPoint:09:0c is established.

```
MeshPoint:09:0c# sh ap mesh link
Neighbor list
-----
                   AP Name Portal Channel Band Age Hops Cost
Radio MAC
Relation
                  Flags RSSI Rate Tx/Rx A-Req A-Resp A-Fail HT-Details
Cluster ID
____
                    _____
                               6GHz 0 0 1.00 P
                ELK 40 544/1921
                                    4
                                          3 1
e1baf29f4ca4ed35645e0a937d9c9c7
Total count: 1, Children: 0
Relation: P = Parent; C = Child; N = Neighbor; B = Denylisted-neighbor
Flags: R = Recovery-mode; S = Sub-threshold link; D = Reselection backoff; F = Auth-
failure; H = High Throughput; V = Very High Throughput, E= High efficient, L = Legacy
allowed
     K = Connected; U = Upgrading; G = Descendant-upgrading; Z = Config pending; Y =
Assoc-resp/Auth pending
     a = SAE Accepted; b = SAE Denylisted-neighbour; e = SAE Enabled; u = portal-
unreachable; o = opensystem; m = Mobility Enabled
MeshPoint:09:0c#
```

The important thing here is that we now have good predictivity and control for choosing Mesh Points that need to connect to specific Mesh portals.

1.6 Mesh Clusters Failover Testing

Now that we have configured two mesh clusters with different priorities, we can start testing them.

This is what has been configured on Mesh Portal AP.

Mesh Cluster	Priority	Mesh Portal AP
MeshCluster-89	1	Portal:5e:b5
MeshCluster-90	5	Portal:5d:6b

As pointed out in the previous section, the Mesh Point will form a mesh link with Portal:5e:b5 as it has the lower priority number.

```
MeshPoint:09:0c# sh ap mesh debug status
State: CONNECTED(1), since: 16m:57s, recovery: FALSE
Topology algo:central, svc topo empty.
Country-code: 33 ("AU"), Outdoor: FALSE
Active Cluster: <elbaf29f4ca4ed35645e0a937d9c9c7>, encrypted: TRUE, opmode: 0x20000, priority:1
All Available Clusters (2):
 Cluster: <e1baf29f4ca4ed35645e0a937d9c9c7>, encrypted: TRUE, opmode: 0x20000, priority:
Cluster: <71157c0b8ba97fe589aec5c4a2b514e>, encrypted: TRUE, opmode: 0x20000,
Working RF Band: 2, RF Split 5G Range: 0
SM State: CONNECTED, Descendant Upgrading: FALSE, Portal Reachability: TRUE
Topology Adjust Scan: False, Scan Times: 3, Scan Interval: 1000s,
Portal ID: 50:e4:e0:14:17:81, Loop Protect Seq NO: 4078, Hop Count: 1, Path Cost: 1, Portal MTU:
1578,
Metric Reselection State: Idle, Optimize Scan Tick: 660, Reselection Tick: 953, Switch Interval:
0, Switch Tick: 1015,
SAPD Pending: FALSE, Received Config: TRUE, Thermal Protect: FALSE, Reboot Me: FALSE, Shutting
Down: FALSE,
SAPD Radio Off Tick: 0, CLI IP address Tick: 0 FIPS Change Tick: 0, LMS change Tick: 0, LMS IP:
Mesh Ctrl Socket: 15, Hostapd Recreate Pending: FALSE, Hostapd PID: 10245, Hostapd Sent Config:
TRUE, Hostapd Sync Count: 0,
Supplicant Initted: 1,
Mesh Radios Status:
Radio 1, Running Opmode: 0x20000, Phy Down: FALSE, Band: 3, Current Channel: 69/0,
  Total 24 channels: 1,5,9,13,17,21,25,29,33,37,41,45,49,53,57,61,65,69,73,77,81,85,89,93,
  Scan Active: FALSE, Scan Started 660 Ticks, Scanned 24 channels, Curring Scanning Channel 1,
  Schedule Renegotiate: 0, Renegotiate: 0, Authenticate Pending: 0, Assoc Pending: 0, Assoc Tick:
1192, WPA Auth Pending 0,
  Marginal Uplink: FALSE, Hop Count: 1, Past Cost CH: 103, Path Cost: 1, Children Num: 0, Node
Cost: 0, Subtree Weight: 0,
  Commit Pending: 0, Mesh P VAP Up: TRUE, SAPD Radio Off Tick: 0, Point Radar Tick: 0, Radar
Channel: 0,
  Supplicant EAPOL Socket: 16, VAP Added: 1, VAP Name: arubal00, MAC c0:00:00:00:00:00, BSSID
50:e4:e0:14:17:81, SSID e1baf29f4ca4ed35645e0a937d9c9c7, KEY MGMT 4
Mesh Configurations:
  Max children: 8, Max Hop Count: 2, Heartbeat Threshold: 10, Roaming: FALSE/RSSI-limit 0, Prefer
Uplink Radio: No prefer uplink radio, Remote Mesh MPV: 0
  Metric Algorithm: Distribute Tree RSSI, Reselection Mode: Startup Subthreshold, Optimize Scan
Interval: 3600(s), Link Threshold: 16, Max RSSI: 42, RSSI Delta: 2, Penalty: 10, Offset: 0
  HT Enabled: 1, VHT Enabled: 1, HE Enabled: 1, 40M: 1, 80M: 1, 160M: 1
 Mesh Access List Type: Deny, Hostname list(0):
MeshPoint:09:0c#
```

Here we are checking the meshd logs.

```
MeshPoint:09:0c# sh ap mesh debug meshd-log 0

[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:28.552 the str is /proc/sys/dev/wifi1/uchannel, 69 0 5 3

[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.559 meshd_scan_complete_all: selected potential parent 50:e4:e0:14:17:81 in profile 0 on ch 69(offs=5), hop_count 0

[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.559 meshd_scan_complete_all: Using Active profile elbaf29f4ca4ed35645e0a937d9c9c7, opmode 0x20000

[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.559 meshd_scan_complete_all: candidates:1, profiles:2, recovery:FALSE, num_scans 3, disconnected-time: 3(secs)

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```

```
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.567 meshd read wlan packet:4052 Received external Auth start event(14)
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.567 meshd_supplicant_trigger_ext_auth. to start external SAE Auth to
50:e4:e0:14:17:81
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.585 meshd supp tx mlme: Meshd start to send MLME fc:176, type:0, stype:11, seq:1
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.585 meshd_supp_tx_mlme: sent 128 bytes
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.603 Received SAE Auth frame. alg:3, seq:1, status code:126 from 50:e4:e0:14:17:81,
len 128
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.624 meshd supp tx mlme: Meshd start to send MLME fc:176, type:0, stype:11, seq:2
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.625 meshd supp tx mlme: sent 64 bytes
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.627 Received SAE Auth frame. alg:3, seq:2, status code:0 from 50:e4:e0:14:17:81,
len 64
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.628 meshd supp handle ext auth status: SAE Auth Success, to send assoc requst to
50:e4:e0:14:17:81
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.629 meshd_read_wlan_packet:4161 Received mesh vap 1/0 up(8)
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.630 meshd read wlan packet: Rcvd Local mgmt frame body, stype:0
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.630 Got RSN IE valid:1, key_mgmt:100, capa:e8
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.632 Received Assoc response from 50:e4:e0:14:17:81
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.632 meshd read wlan packet: assoc response received from 50:e4:e0:14:17:81 with
rssi 0, var len:190,len:220
[8902]2024-09-12 11:41:29.632 meshd_handle_assoc_resp: received assoc_resp from 50:e4:e0:14:17:81 with status
0/SUCCESS
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MeshPoint:09:0c#
```

The mesh link is established with Portal:5e:b5.

```
MeshPoint:09:0c# sh ap mesh link
Neighbor list
Radio MAC AP Name Portal Channel Band Age Hops Cost Relation Flags RSSI Rate Tx/Rx A-Req A-Resp A-Fail HT-Details C
                                                                               luster ID
                       ----- ----
                  _____
    6GHz 0 0 1.00 P 7m:51s
1
                                                                                                ELK
18
1baf29f4ca4ed35645e0a937d9c9c7
Total count: 1, Children: 0
Relation: P = Parent; C = Child; N = Neighbor; B = Denylisted-neighbor
Flags: R = Recovery-mode; S = Sub-threshold link; D = Reselection backoff; F = Auth-failure; H = High
Throughput; V = Very High Throughput, E = High efficient, L = Legacy
      K = Connected; U = Upgrading; G = Descendant-upgrading; Z = Config pending; Y = Assoc-resp/Auth
      a = SAE Accepted; b = SAE Denylisted-neighbour; e = SAE Enabled; u = portal-unreachable; o =
opensystem; m = Mobility Enabled
MeshPoint:09:0c#
```

Now when we have powered off the Portal:5e:b5 AP and we see that our Mesh Point AP has established a mesh link with the backup mesh cluster.

```
MeshPoint:09:0c# sh ap mesh link
Neighbor list
_____
Radio MAC      AP Name      Portal Channel Band Age Hops Cost Relation Flags RSSI Rate Tx/Rx A-Req A-Resp A-Fail HT-Details      Cluster ID
----
                       -----
           ______
     1
     54 2268/2401 1
ELK
Total count: 1, Children: 0
Relation: P = Parent; C = Child; N = Neighbor; B = Denylisted-neighbor
Flags: R = Recovery-mode; S = Sub-threshold link; D = Reselection backoff; F = Auth-failure; H =
 \mbox{High Throughput; V = Very High Throughput, E= High efficient, L = Legacy allowed } \\
       K = Connected; U = Upgrading; G = Descendant-upgrading; Z = Config pending; Y = Assoc-
resp/Auth pending
      a = SAE Accepted; b = SAE Denylisted-neighbour; e = SAE Enabled; u = portal-unreachable;
o = opensystem; m = Mobility Enabled
MeshPoint:09:0c#
```

You can also check the meshd-log to see the switch over.

```
MeshPoint:09:0c# sh ap mesh debug meshd-log 0
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.762 meshd hostapd ready:5718 syncing up with hostapd
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.762 725, send_hostapd_configs, Sending cmd to hostapd:CONFIG /- --
RHRDWvPl23Wv/F91uxUS3LPZgvXlPhd *** ***- - -
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.764 meshd hostapd ready:5720 set meshd hostapd ready flag TRUE
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.764 meshd_scan_complete_all: Switching active profile to
71157c0b8ba97fe589aec5c4a2b514e, opmode 0x20000
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.764 meshd program active profile: set meshc VAP ssid to
71157c0b8ba97fe589aec5c4a2b514e
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.766 meshd_program_active_profile: Adding supplicant iface phy=1
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.786 aruba100: deleting key mac=00:00:00:00:00:00 key id=0
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.786 aruba100: deleting key mac=00:00:00:00:00:00 key_id=1
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.786 aruba100: deleting key mac=00:00:00:00:00:00 key id=2
[8902]2024-09-12 12:47:46.786 aruba100: deleting key mac=00:00:00:00:00:00 key id=3
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MeshPoint:09:0c#
```

Next, we'll power up the Portal:5e:b5 AP again. Note that the mesh-point AP will not automatically change the current mesh link back to Portal:5e:b5 AP. There is no pre-emption for mesh links, so it will remain on the existing mesh link until the RSSI value falls below the configured threshold.

1.7 Mesh Statistics

There are a few interesting show commands.

"Show ap mesh cluster active" provide the active mesh clusters.

From the above output you can get the IP addresses of the mesh points and portals and then execute the stats command. Here is the command that was ran from the mesh-point AP.

11:17:14	40	3	21260822	1256996441	2804	3885
11:15:43	38	3	19386689	1310078740	2531	3660
11:14:12	39	2	24537291	78766666	3744	3742
11:12:42	36	2	19769217	1295462686	2585	3819
11:11:10	40	2	19811628	1223333333	3471	4521
11:09:39	39	3	42288248	1262782608	10280	5750
11:08:08	43	2	0	0	0	0

Radio ID : 2 Mesh link on radio : No

MeshPoint:09:0c#