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1.1 Revision History

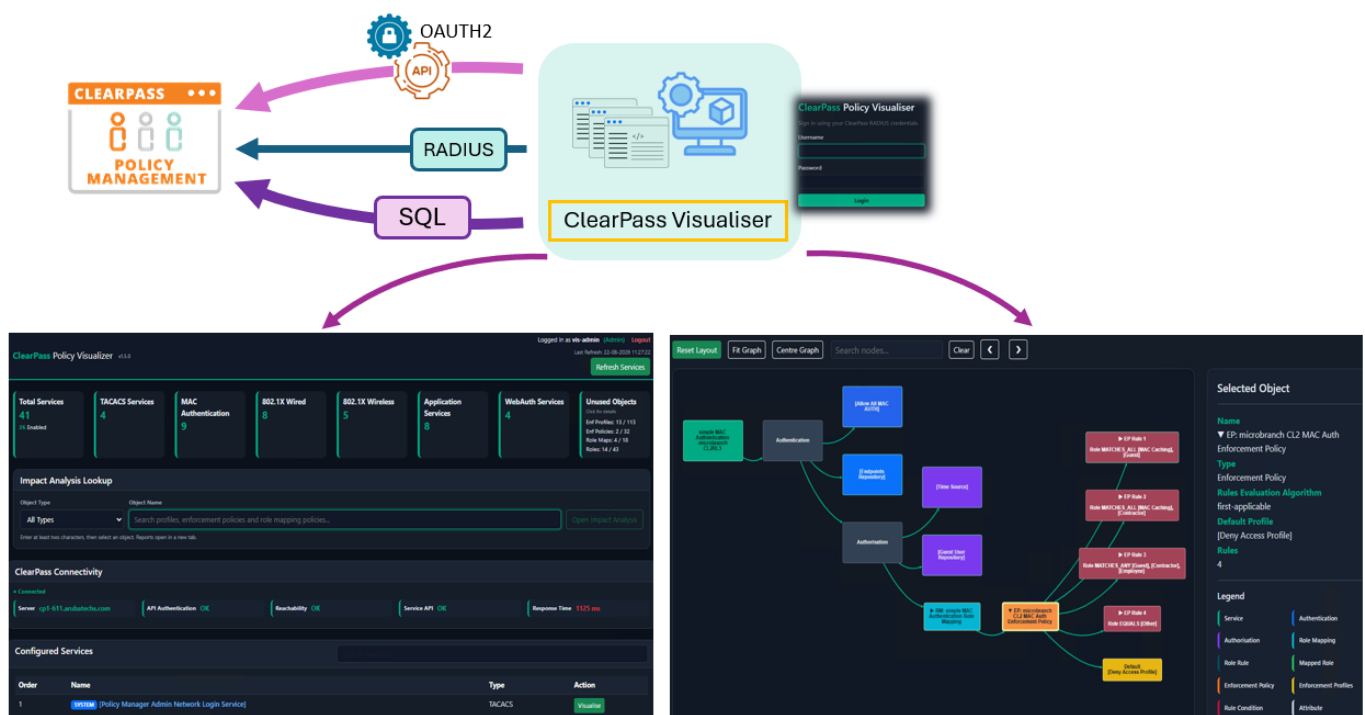
DATE	VERSION	EDITOR	CHANGES
09 Aug 2026	0.1	Ariya Parsamanesh	Initial creation
22 Aug 2026	0.2	Ariya Parsamanesh	Added the Visualise API assisted configuration
12 Sep 2026	0.3	Ariya Parsamanesh	Added v1.6.0 enhancements, including Docker-based deployment and direct ClearPass PostgreSQL access for endpoint profiling

2 ClearPass Policy Visualiser

ClearPass Policy Visualiser is a dependency analysis and policy impact exploration platform for HPE Aruba Networking ClearPass Policy Manager. The platform provides an interactive view of the relationships between Services, Role Mapping Policies, Enforcement Policies, Enforcement Profiles, Roles and Enforcement Attributes. It helps administrators trace dependencies, inspect policy logic, identify unused objects and understand how proposed changes may affect authentication, authorisation and enforcement workflows.

Version 1.6.0 introduces Docker-based deployment, simplifying installation by packaging the application and its Python dependencies into a container. Endpoint profiling now uses direct ClearPass PostgreSQL access, providing a simpler and more consistent approach to retrieving endpoint profiling data. The Visualiser also provides read-only Impact Analysis for ClearPass policy objects, together with dashboard lookup, endpoint matching and unused-object analysis.

By consolidating policy relationships and dependencies into one interface, ClearPass Policy Visualiser supports troubleshooting, change planning, configuration review, cleanup and operational documentation.



<https://github.com/ariyaparsa-dev/clearpass-policy-visualiser>

Key Benefits

- Visualise complete ClearPass workflows and policy relationships in one interactive interface.
- Assess dependencies and change impact across Services, policies, profiles, Roles and default outcomes.
- Accelerate troubleshooting and validation through interactive graphs, condition analysis and endpoint matching.
- Improve configuration hygiene by identifying unused and unreferenced ClearPass objects.
- Simplify reviews and documentation with searchable policy data and direct navigation between related objects.
- Simplify deployment and administration through Docker-based installation, guided setup, validation and optional API-assisted ClearPass configuration.

In this technote, I'll first cover how to configure ClearPass API access and then provide step-by-step guidance for installing the Visualiser using Docker, completing the initial configuration and exploring its main operational capabilities.

2.1 Things you need

Before we get started, you'll need:

- HPE Aruba Networking ClearPass Policy Manager
- A ClearPass REST API client with the required permissions
- Access to the ClearPass PostgreSQL database using the appexternal account for endpoint profiling
- Docker with Docker Compose support on the system that will run ClearPass Policy Visualiser
- Git program to clone the ClearPass Policy Visualiser repository

I'm using a Windows laptop for this technote, but the Docker-based deployment removes the need to install and maintain a separate Python runtime and application dependencies on the host.

3 ClearPass Configuration

3.1 NAD Configuration

I'll start with adding ClearPass Policy Visualiser as a NAD in ClearPass so that it can perform authentication. Note the RADIUS shared secret as we need it during the initial setup of ClearPass Policy Visualiser.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Device Details' form in the ClearPass Policy Manager. The form is titled 'Network Devices' and has tabs for 'Device', 'SNMP Read Settings', 'SNMP Write Settings', 'CLI Settings', 'OnConnect Enforcement', and 'Attributes'. The 'Device' tab is active. The form fields are as follows:

- Name: ClearPass Policy Visualiser
- IP or Subnet Address: 192.168.1.29 (e.g., Host IP Address: IPv4 192.168.1.10, IPv6 2001:db8:a0b:12f0::1 Subnet Address: IPv4 192.168.1.0/24, IPv6 2001:db8:a0b:12f0::/64)
- Device Groups: -
- Description: (empty text box)
- RADIUS Shared Secret: (password field) Verify: (password field)
- TACACS+ Shared Secret: (password field) Verify: (password field)
- Vendor Name: IETF
- Enable RADIUS Dynamic Authorization: ☒ Port: 3799
- Enable RadSec: ☐

Buttons at the bottom: Copy, Save, Cancel.

3.2 API Operation

The next step is adding some restriction around API calls and where should it come from. As shown only the following subnet can initiate an API call. My ClearPass Policy Visualiser will be on this subnet.

The screenshot shows the 'Restrict Access' dialog box in the ClearPass Policy Manager. The dialog box is titled 'Restrict Access' and has a close button. The form fields are as follows:

- Resource Name: ClearPass API
- Access: Allow
- Network: Deny access for all except: 192.168.1.0/24

Note: Enter hostname, IP address or subnet (CIDR) in the Network text box

Buttons at the bottom: Create, Cancel.

3.3 API Client Configuration

OAuth is an authorisation framework allowing users to grant websites or applications limited access to their resources without exposing their credentials. Grant types are the specific methods an application uses to request that access.

The following table shows the two different methods.

Feature	grant_type = password	grant_type = client_credentials
Who initiates it	The end-user (via a client application)	The client application/machine itself
Credentials used	User's username + password + client ID/secret	Client ID + client secret only
Use Case	First-party highly trusted apps requiring direct user logins (e.g., legacy native apps)	Backend-to-backend API calls, cron jobs, background microservices

Here, we'll use the grant type to client_credentials when you create your new API client.



Here you choose the operating Profile being API Admin Operator and then choose grant_type of Client credentials. This will display your client secret. Make sure you copy that as you'll need it when you make API calls. This is not shown here.

Home » Administration » API Services » API Clients

Edit API Client (mcpapi)

Use this form to edit the API client 'mcpapi'.

Warning: Changing properties other than the description will invalidate any existing access tokens.

Edit API Client	
* Client ID:	mcpapi The unique string identifying this API client. Use this value in the OAuth2 "client_id" parameter.
Description:	 Use this field to store comments or notes about this API client.
Enabled:	☒ Enable API client
* Operating Mode:	ClearPass REST API - Client will be used for API calls to ClearPass Select the purpose of this API Client.
* Operator Profile:	API Admin Operator The operator profile applies role-based access control to authorized OAuth2 clients. This determines what API objects and methods are available for use.
* Grant Type:	Client credentials (grant_type=client_credentials) Only the selected authentication method will be permitted for use with this client ID.
Client Secret:	☒ Encrypted, not shown ☐ Generate a new client secret
Access Token Lifetime:	30 days Specify the lifetime of an OAuth2 access token.
Save Changes Cancel	

Home » Administration » API Services » API Clients

API Clients

The API clients you have defined are listed below.

Filter:

Client ID	Operating Mode	Grant Types	Access Token	Operator Profile
Client1	ClearPass REST API	client_credentials	8 hours	API Guest Operator
email-notification	ClearPass REST API	client_credentials	8 hours	API Guest Operator
mcpapi	ClearPass REST API	client_credentials	30 days	API Admin Operator

This approach does not need a dedicated OAuth service in the policy manager.

3.4 Test API Transaction

I am assuming that the python environment is already setup and pyclearpass SDK is already in place. Here is a simple Python script that uses the pyclearpass SDK and a config.yaml file to perform an API call to ClearPass.

For more info on pyclearpass refer to <https://developer.arubanetworks.com/cppm/docs/getting-started-with-pyclearpass>

The yaml file is as shown below, and it has the details for the API call.

```
clearpass:
  server: https://192.168.1.101:443/api
  grant_type: client_credentials
  client_secret: YZ
  client_id: mcpapi
  verify_ssl: false
```

And this is my simple python script called clearpass_roles.py that basically display various configured ClearPass roles.

```
from pyclearpass import *
import yaml

# Load configuration
with open("config.yaml", "r") as f:
    config = yaml.safe_load(f)

cp = config["clearpass"]

login = ClearPassAPILogin(
    server=cp["server"],
    granttype=cp["grant_type"],
    clientsecret=cp["client_secret"],
    clientid=cp["client_id"],
    verify_ssl=cp["verify_ssl"]
)

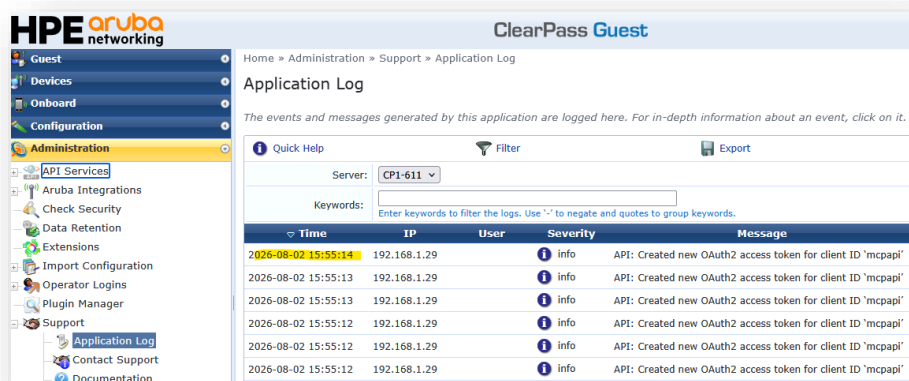
roles = ApiPolicyElements.get_role(login, limit=10)

for role in roles["_embedded"]["items"]:
    print(role["name"])
```

So now when you run this script, the output is as shown below. This proves that your API configuration was correct.

```
C:\scripts\ClearPass-pyclearpass>python clearpass-roles.py
[Guest]
[TACACS+ Read-only Admin]
[TACACS+ API Admin]
[TACACS+ Help Desk]
[TACACS+ Receptionist]
[TACACS+ Network Admin]
[TACACS+ Super Admin]
[Contractor]
[Other]
[Employee]
```

Here you can check the logs as well.



And by clicking on it you get the details.

HPE aruba networking **ClearPass Guest**

Home » Administration » Support » Application Log

Application Log

The events and messages generated by this application are logged here. For in-depth information about an event, click on it.

Quick Help Filter Export

Server: CP1-611

Keywords:

Enter keywords to filter the logs. Use '-' to negate and quotes to group keywords.

Time	IP	User	Severity	Message
2026-08-02 15:55:14	192.168.1.29		info	API: Created new OAuth2 access token for client ID 'mcpapi'

API: Created new OAuth2 access token for client ID 'mcpapi'

```

Client: 192.168.1.29:55216
Script: /guest/apigility.php
Function: setAccessTokenEx
Arguments: array (
  'profile_id' => 16,
  'extra_fields' => NULL,
  'access_token' => '3c*****ab',
  'client_id' => 'mcpapi',
  'user_id' => NULL,
  'expires' => 1790834114,
  'scope' => NULL,
)
Details: array (
)

```

3.5 PostgreSQL Endpoint Profiling Access

ClearPass Policy Visualiser v1.6.0 retrieves endpoint profiling information directly from the ClearPass PostgreSQL database. PostgreSQL access is therefore required for endpoint profiling and is configured during Initial Setup.

ClearPass provides the built-in appexternal database account for external PostgreSQL access. The External PostgreSQL Password is configured in ClearPass under:

Administration > Server Manager > Server Configuration > Cluster-Wide Parameters > Database

ClearPass Policy Manager

Cluster-Wide Parameters

General Cleanup Intervals Notifications Standby Publisher Mode **Database** Profiler TACACS+

Parameter Name	Parameter Value	Default Value
Auto backup configuration options	Config	Config
Database user "appexternal" password	*****	
Store Password Hash for MSCHAP authentication	TRUE	TRUE
Store Local User passwords using reversible encryption	TRUE	TRUE

NOTE: Updating appexternal password may require an update in the Insight Repository Auth Source

You will need this password later when completing the ClearPass Policy Visualiser Initial Setup. The PostgreSQL connection is validated before the Visualiser configuration is saved.

If PostgreSQL connectivity or authentication fails during application startup, endpoint profiling cache initialisation stops. ClearPass Policy Visualiser v1.6.0 does not fall back to REST API endpoint profiling.

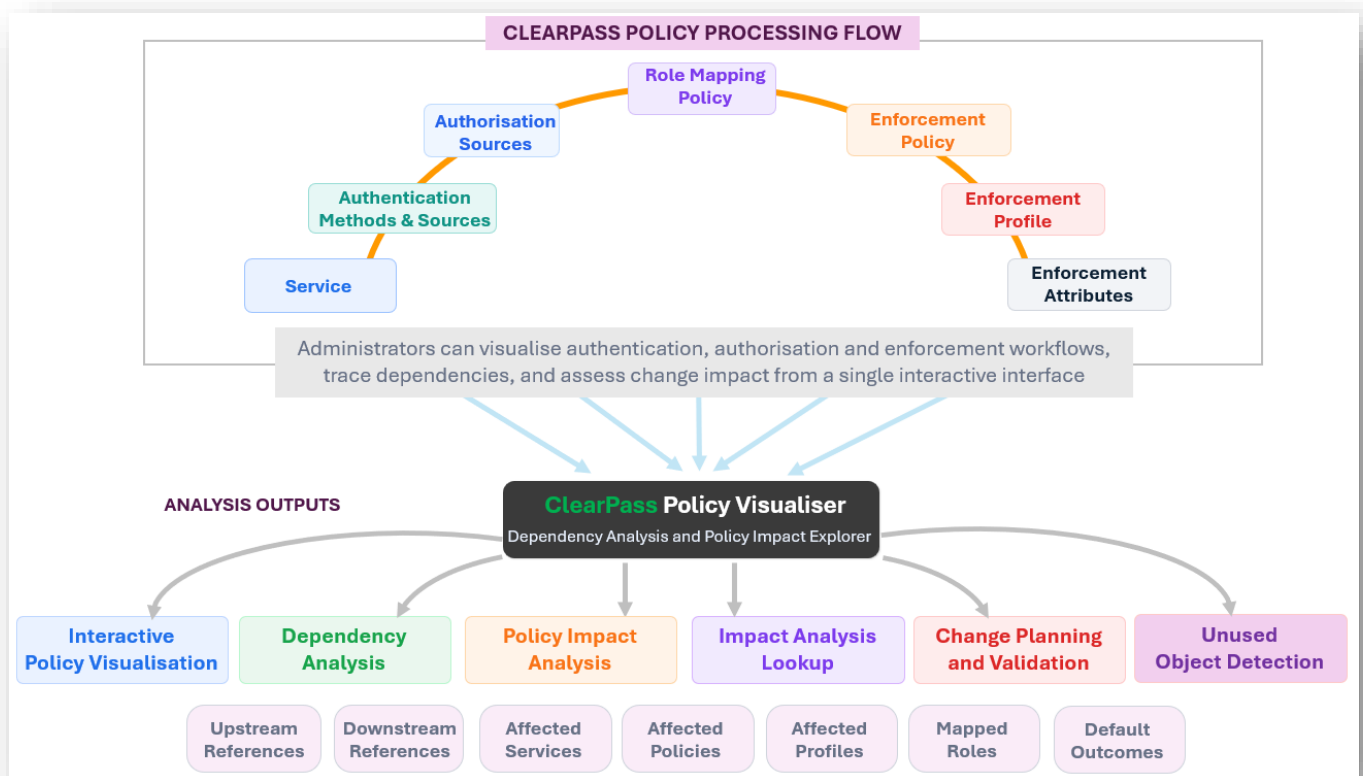
4 ClearPass Policy Visualiser Application

ClearPass Policy Visualiser is a Flask-based visualisation and analysis platform for ClearPass Policy Manager. The Visualiser consolidates policy relationships, dependencies and enforcement actions into an interactive interface, allowing administrators to understand ClearPass configuration without navigating multiple areas of Policy Manager.

The application uses ClearPass REST APIs secured with the OAuth 2.0 Client Credentials Grant for policy retrieval, analysis and optional configuration. Users authenticate against ClearPass using RADIUS, with application permissions derived from returned role attributes such as Aruba-User-Role.

ClearPass Policy Visualiser v1.6.0 retrieves endpoint profiling data directly from the ClearPass PostgreSQL database using the built-in appexternal account. This provides efficient access to endpoint profiling attributes used by Endpoint Matching and Repository Search. PostgreSQL access is required for endpoint profiling in v1.6.0 and the Visualiser no longer falls back to the REST API if PostgreSQL is unavailable.

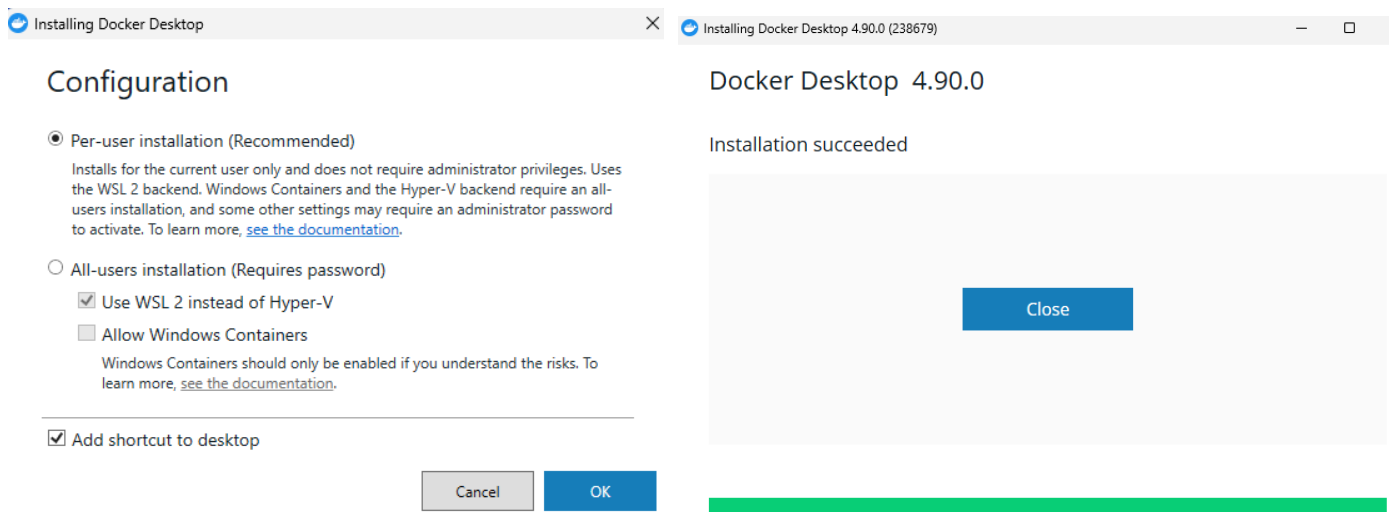
For deployment, v1.6.0 introduces Docker and Docker Compose as the recommended installation method. The container packages the Visualiser and its Python dependencies, while persistent storage retains the application configuration across container recreation. Native Python deployment remains available for environments where Docker is not used.



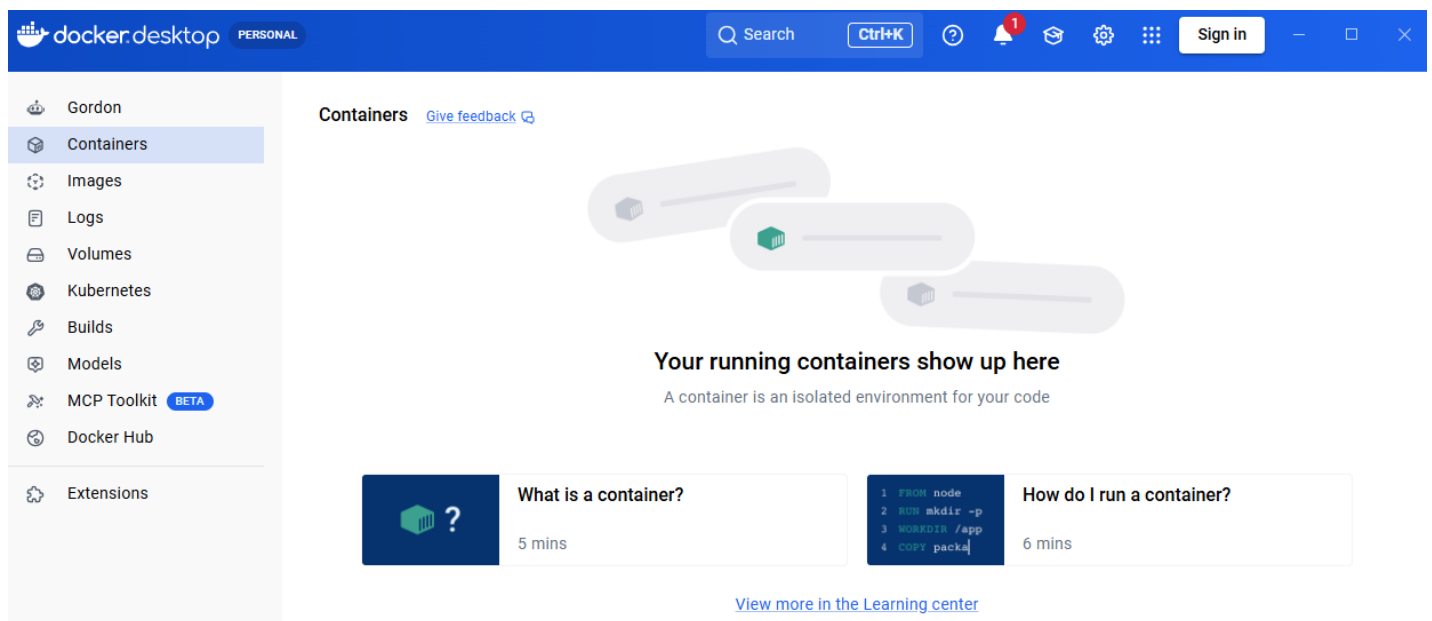
4.1 Installation

Docker is the recommended deployment method for ClearPass Policy Visualiser v1.6.0. It packages ClearPass Policy Visualiser and its Python dependencies into a container, removing the need to install and maintain a separate Python environment on the host.

For this technote, I'm using Docker Desktop on Windows. If you don't already have Docker Desktop installed, you can download it from the Docker website. Follow the [Install Docker Desktop on Windows](#) and make sure Docker Desktop is running before continuing with the ClearPass Policy Visualiser installation.



You can then run it as shown below.



Once Docker Desktop is installed, start it and wait for Docker to become ready. We can then verify WSL 2 and Docker Compose from the command line.

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman>wsl --version
WSL version: 2.7.8.0
Kernel version: 6.18.33.1-1
WSLg version: 1.0.73.2
MSRDC version: 1.2.6676
Direct3D version: 1.611.1-81528511
DXCore version: 10.0.26100.1-240331-1435.ge-release
Windows version: 10.0.26100.8655

C:\PythonScriptingPostman>
C:\PythonScriptingPostman>docker compose version
Docker Compose version v5.5.1

C:\PythonScriptingPostman>
```

Now that Docker Desktop is installed and running, we can download ClearPass Policy Visualiser from GitHub.

Open a Windows Command Prompt and change to the directory where you want to store the Visualiser. Then clone the repository:

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman>git clone https://github.com/ariyaparsa-dev/clearpass-policy-visualiser
```

```
Cloning into 'clearpass-policy-visualiser'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 248, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (248/248), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (179/179), done.
remote: Total 248 (delta 132), reused 170 (delta 55), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (248/248), 2.10 MiB | 12.42 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (132/132), done.

C:\PythonScriptingPostman>
```

Change to the cloned project directory.

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman>cd clearpass-policy-visualiser
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

Before starting the Visualiser, let's review the container timezone. The supplied compose.yaml uses the TZ environment variable to set the timezone used by the Visualiser container. If TZ is not defined, the container defaults to UTC. If UTC is appropriate for your environment, you can continue without making any changes.

If you want the Visualiser console and application timestamps to use your local timezone, create a Docker Compose **.env** file in the ClearPass Policy Visualiser project directory and specify the required timezone. For example, my Melbourne deployment uses:

```
TZ=Australia/Melbourne
```

The Docker Compose **.env** file is separate from the Visualiser **.visualiser.env** configuration stored in the persistent Docker volume. The Compose **.env** file is used for deployment settings such as the container timezone, while **/data/.visualiser.env** contains the ClearPass API, RADIUS and PostgreSQL configuration created during Initial Setup.

From the ClearPass Policy Visualiser project directory, start the application using Docker Compose:

```
docker compose up
```

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker compose up
[+] up 1/1
! Image clearpass-policy-visua... pull access denied for clearpass-policy-visualiser, repository does not
exist or may require 'docker login' 1.9s
[+] Building 12.1s (13/13) FINISHED
=> [internal] load local bake definitions                                0.0s
=> => reading from stdin 626B                                           0.0s
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile                     0.0s
=> => transferring dockerfile: 632B                                      0.0s
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/python:3.11-slim     0.0s
=> [internal] load .dockerignore                                         0.0s
=> => transferring context: 188B                                         0.0s
=> [1/6] FROM docker.io/library/python:3.11-
slim@sha256:9534e5a8e315485d4061ed659af0fd78a284c015f9b73661b41d6bab25604534 0.0s
=> => resolve docker.io/library/python:3.11-
slim@sha256:9534e5a8e315485d4061ed659af0fd78a284c015f9b73661b41d6bab25604534 0.0s
=> [internal] load build context                                         0.0s
=> => transferring context: 3.01kB                                       0.0s
=> CACHED [2/6] WORKDIR /app                                             0.0s
=> CACHED [3/6] COPY requirements.txt .                                  0.0s
=> [4/6] RUN python -m pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt    7.4s
=> [5/6] COPY . .                                                        0.1s
=> [6/6] RUN groupadd --gid 10001 visualiser && useradd --uid 10001 --gid
visualiser --no-creat 0.3s
=> exporting to image                                                    1.8s
=> => exporting layers                                                    1.4s
=> => exporting manifest sha256:1caa59a6a1ef64bf907e47122f1cb6fc4cd76bb6eb97e0ffe50e2190ba10f72d 0.0s
=> => exporting config sha256:c55b82ed78c859196b4d4a124d035b29fcac7491a579164105236f5d74681413 0.0s
=> => exporting attestation manifest sha256:957f1a8243dec39bc10528d439cfb84a47d9766defac99a7903d30dda6138378
0.0s
=> => exporting manifest list sha256:b6b00bb740e2276d596c7e3e6c3f94a87d6c0d88dc9ea47776ffac14f4bd7a0f
0.0s
=> => naming to docker.io/library/clearpass-policy-visualiser:dev      0.0s
[+] up 4/4acking to docker.io/library/clearpass-policy-visualiser:dev 0.3s
✓ Image clearpass-policy-visualiser:dev Built 15.1s
✓ Network clearpass-policy-visualiser_default Created 0.0s
✓ Volume clearpass-visualiser-data Created 0.0s
✓ Container clearpass-policy-visualiser Created 0.1s
Attaching to clearpass-policy-visualiser

clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 06:34:16 INFO Generated new Flask session secret.
```

```
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 06:34:16 INFO Initial setup required. Missing ClearPass API
settings: CLEARPASS_API_URL, CLEARPASS_CLIENT_ID, CLEARPASS_CLIENT_SECRET
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 06:34:16 WARNING Initial setup is incomplete. Starting the web
server without initialising ClearPass caches.
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 06:34:16 INFO Starting ClearPass Policy Visualiser web server.
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 06:34:16 INFO Open http://127.0.0.1:5000 in your browser.
```

The initial image lookup may report that the image cannot be pulled before Docker Compose builds it locally from the included Dockerfile. In this example, the subsequent build completes successfully.

On the first start, Docker builds the ClearPass Policy Visualiser image, creates the required container and persistent storage, and starts the application.

Because this is a fresh installation, the Visualiser detects that no configuration exists and starts the web server without initialising the ClearPass caches. The console confirms that Initial Setup is required and displays the browser address for the Visualiser.

Now you can verify your timezone setting as well.

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker exec clearpass-policy-visualiser printenv TZ
Australia/Melbourne
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

Leave the Command Prompt running and open the address shown in the console in your browser. In this deployment, the Visualiser is available at <http://127.0.0.1:5000>.

4.2 Configuration

On a fresh installation, ClearPass Policy Visualiser automatically opens the Initial Setup page. Initial Setup collects the RADIUS authentication, ClearPass REST API and PostgreSQL endpoint profiling settings required by the Visualiser and validates the configuration before it is saved.

Browse to the address displayed in the console to open the Initial Setup workflow. The Visualiser authenticates users against ClearPass using RADIUS and expects ClearPass to return an Aruba-User-Role attribute containing one of the roles recognised by the Visualiser.

Here we have two options:

1. Use existing ClearPass service that already provide the required Visualiser authentication and role enforcement.
2. Allow the Visualiser to use the REST API to create or validate the required ClearPass objects.

For this example, I'll use the second option and allow the Visualiser to configure the required ClearPass objects automatically.

The logo for ClearPass Policy Visualiser, featuring the text "ClearPass Policy Visualiser" in a light blue font on a dark blue background.

Initial configuration is required before the application can start normally.

RADIUS Authentication

ClearPass user authentication prerequisite

If the Visualiser will authenticate users against ClearPass, configure the required users in an authentication source available to the Visualiser's ClearPass service.

For example, local ClearPass users can be created as `vis-admin` and `vis-helpdesk`.

Configure the ClearPass service and enforcement policy to return the `Aruba-User-Role` attribute with one of the roles recognised by the Visualiser:

- `Admin` - Administrator access
- `ReadOnly` - Read-only access

RADIUS Server

cp1-611.arubatechs.com

RADIUS Shared Secret

.....

Confirm RADIUS Shared Secret

.....

Authentication Port

1812

NAS Identifier

clearpass-policy-visualiser

Mandatory for assisted provisioning. The provisioned ClearPass Service must use the exact NAS Identifier sent by the Visualiser.

☒ **Automatically configure ClearPass for Policy Visualiser**

Creates or validates the required roles, local users, Enforcement Profiles, Enforcement Policy and enabled RADIUS Service. Existing matching objects are not modified.

Selecting this option displays the Visualiser ClearPass Users section shown below.

☒ **Automatically configure ClearPass for Policy Visualiser**

Creates or validates the required roles, local users, Enforcement Profiles, Enforcement Policy and enabled RADIUS Service. Existing matching objects are not modified.

Visualiser ClearPass Users

Before continuing

Enter the required usernames and passwords, then select **Review ClearPass Changes**. After the review completes successfully, select **Save and Continue**.

Administrator Username

vis-admin

Helpdesk Username

vis-helpdesk

Administrator Password

.....

Confirm Administrator Password

.....

Helpdesk Password

.....

Confirm Helpdesk Password

.....

Passwords are required only when the corresponding ClearPass local user does not already exist. Passwords are not saved in the Visualiser configuration.

Next, scroll down and enter the ClearPass REST API settings.

ClearPass REST API

ClearPass API client

You can find or create the API client in ClearPass under:

Home > Administration > API Services > API Clients

Enter the Client ID and Client Secret from the ClearPass API client below.

ClearPass API URL

Defaults to the RADIUS server using HTTPS and the /api path. This can be changed if the API uses a different address.

Client ID

Client Secret

Confirm Client Secret

Verify SSL Certificate

SSL certificate verification is disabled by default. Enable verification when ClearPass uses a trusted certificate.

ClearPass Policy Visualiser v1.6.0 uses direct PostgreSQL access for endpoint profiling. Unlike earlier versions, there is no profiling-source selection during Initial Setup. PostgreSQL access is required and the Visualiser does not fall back to REST API endpoint profiling. ClearPass provides the built-in appexternal account for external PostgreSQL access. The password for this account is configured in ClearPass under:

Administration > Server Manager > Server Configuration > Cluster-Wide Parameters > Database

PostgreSQL Endpoint Profiling

ClearPass PostgreSQL credentials

PostgreSQL access is required for endpoint profiling in the ClearPass Policy Visualiser.

The **appexternal** account password is configured in ClearPass under:

Administration > Server Manager > Server Configuration > Cluster-Wide Parameters > Database

Use the External PostgreSQL Password configured on the Database tab.

PostgreSQL Host

Defaults to the RADIUS server. This can be changed if PostgreSQL uses a different host.

Port	Database	Username
5432	tipsdb	appexternal

Password

Confirm Password

Review ClearPass Changes

Save and Continue

Because automatic ClearPass configuration is selected, click Review ClearPass Changes. The Visualiser validates connectivity, REST API authentication and PostgreSQL connectivity before displaying the provisioning preview.

Configuration Validation

- ✓ ClearPass REST API authentication successful.
- ✓ ClearPass server reachable.
- ✓ PostgreSQL connection successful.

ClearPass Provisioning Preview

✓ **Visualiser-Admin**
Matching ClearPass role already exists.

+ **vis-admin**
ClearPass local user is missing and would be created.

✓ **Visualiser Admin access**
Matching Enforcement Profile already exists.

✓ **Visualiser Access Policy**
Matching Enforcement Policy already exists.

✓ **Visualiser-Helpdesk**
Matching ClearPass role already exists.

+ **vis-helpdesk**
ClearPass local user is missing and would be created.

✓ **Visualiser Helpdesk access**
Matching Enforcement Profile already exists.

+ **Policy Visualiser**
ClearPass Service is missing and would be created enabled.

↓ **Review complete**
Objects marked with a + will be created. Complete any required user passwords, then select **Save and Continue** at the bottom of the page.

When you scroll to the bottom of the page, the “Save and Continue” button becomes active.

Review ClearPass Changes

Save and Continue

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Once the required settings have been entered and the ClearPass change review has completed successfully, select Save and Continue.

The Visualiser performs configuration validation before completing Initial Setup. If validation succeeds, the configuration is saved and the Initial Setup Complete page is displayed.

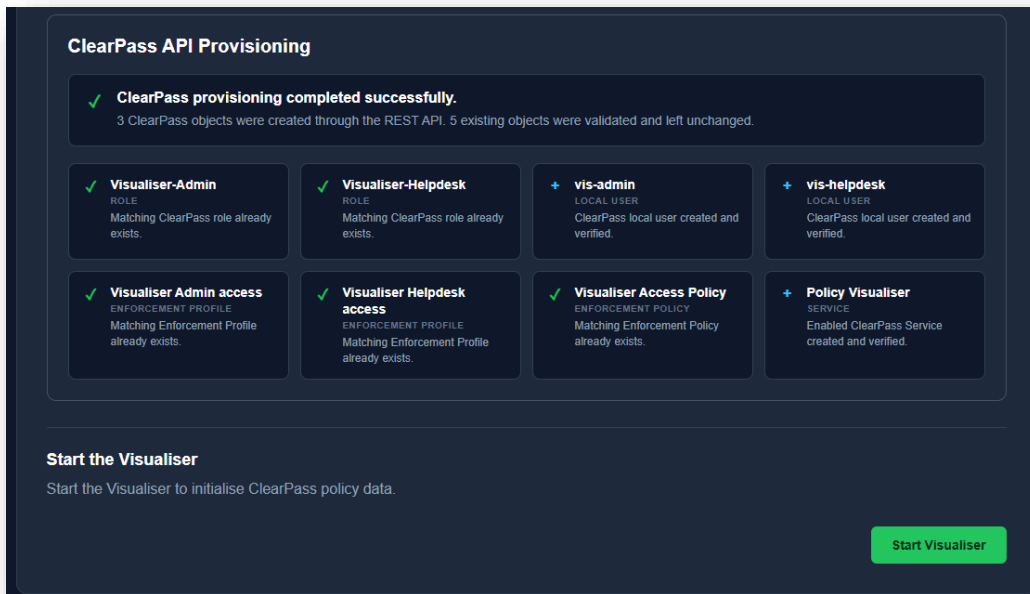
Configuration validated and saved successfully.

Initial Setup Complete

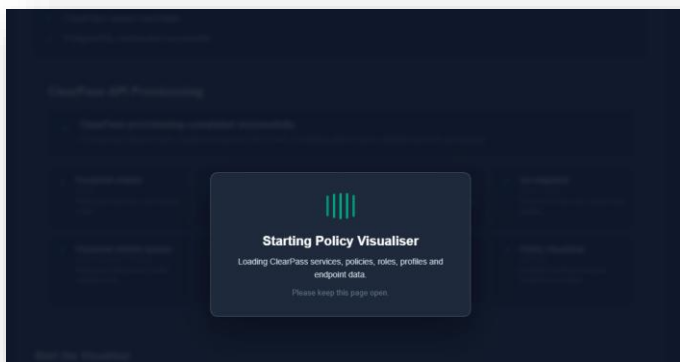
The ClearPass Policy Visualiser has loaded the new configuration successfully.

Configuration Validation

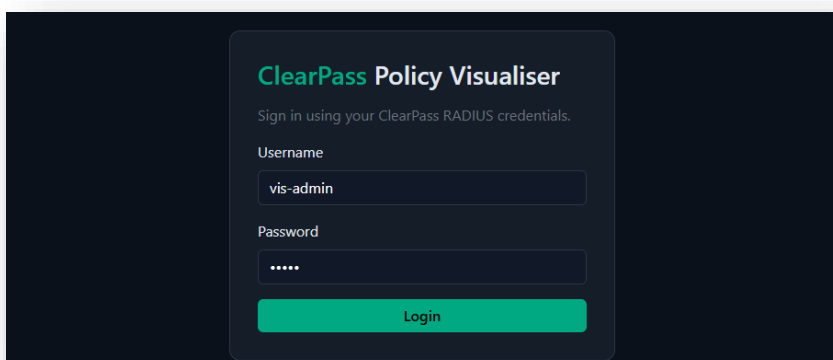
- ✓ ClearPass REST API authentication successful.
- ✓ ClearPass server reachable.
- ✓ PostgreSQL connection successful.



Now, we are at the stage that we can start the Visualiser by clicking on that button which will display the loading progress window shown below.



Once initialisation is complete, the Visualiser displays the login page. In this example, the vis-admin and vis-helpdesk users were created during Initial Setup, using the passwords entered earlier.



After successfully logging in as vis-admin, the Visualiser dashboard is displayed.

ClearPass Policy Visualizer
v1.6.0

Logged in as **vis-admin** (Admin) [Logout](#)
Last Refresh: 12-09-2026 08:41:04
[Refresh Services](#)

Total Services
41
26 Enabled

TACACS Services
4

MAC Authentication
9

802.1X Wired
8

802.1X Wireless
5

Application Services
8

WebAuth Services
4

Unused Objects
Click for details
Enf Profiles: 13 / 113
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Roles: 14 / 43

Impact Analysis Lookup

Object Type

Object Name

All Types

Search Impact Analysis objects...

Open Impact Analysis

Enter at least two characters, then select an object. Reports open in a new tab.

ClearPass Connectivity

Connected

Server cp1-611.arubatechs.com
API Authentication OK
Reachability OK
Service API OK
Response Time 1009 ms

4.3 ClearPass Validation

Now that the Visualiser has been configured and started, let’s use ClearPass to validate the authentication and confirm the configuration created during Initial Setup.

First, open Access Tracker in ClearPass and locate the authentication request generated when logging in to ClearPass Policy Visualiser.

In this example, the vis-admin authentication is accepted and processed by the Policy Visualiser Service. The returned Visualiser-Admin role results in the Visualiser Admin access Enforcement Profile being applied.

Access Tracker
Aug 17, 2026 20:14:15 AEST

Auto Refresh

The Access Tracker page provides a real-time display of per-session access activity on the selected server or domain.

[All Requests]

default (2 servers)

Last 2 days before Today

Edit

Filter: Request ID
contains

Go
Clear Filter

Show 50 records

#	NAS IP Address	Server Name	Source	Username	Service	Login Status	Enforcement Profiles	Request Timestamp
1.	192.168.1.144	CP1-611	RADIUS	vis-admin	Policy Visualiser	ACCEPT	Visualiser Admin access	2026/08/17 20:11:11

Summary	Input	Output
Login Status:		ACCEPT
Session Identifier:		R0000000e-05-6a82de3f
Date and Time:		Aug 17, 2026 20:11:11 AEST
End-Host Identifier:		-
End-Host Profile:		-
End-Host Status:		
Username:		vis-admin
Access Device IP (Port):		192.168.1.144
Access Device Name:		clearpass-policy-visualiser
System Posture Status:		UNKNOWN (100)
Policies Used -		
Service:		Policy Visualiser
Authentication Method:		PAP
Authentication Source:		Local:localhost
Authorization Source:		[Local User Repository]
Roles:		Visualiser-Admin, [User Authenticated]
Enforcement Profiles:		Visualiser Admin access
Service Monitor Mode:		Disabled
Online Status:		Not Available

Summary	Input	Output
Username:		vis-admin
End-Host Identifier:		-
Access Device IP (Port):		192.168.1.144
Access Device Name:		clearpass-policy-visualiser
RADIUS Request		
Radius:IETF:NAS-Identifier		clearpass-policy-visualiser
Radius:IETF:User-Name		vis-admin
Computed Attributes		

Summary	Input	Output
Enforcement Profiles:		Visualiser Admin access
System Posture Status:		UNKNOWN (100)
Audit Posture Status:		UNKNOWN (100)
RADIUS Response		
Radius:Aruba:Aruba-User-Role		Admin

The RADIUS request also shows the NAS-Identifier sent by the Visualiser. In this example, the value is clearpass-policy-visualiser, which matches the NAS Identifier configured during Initial Setup.

Next, open the ClearPass Audit Viewer. If API-assisted configuration was selected during Initial Setup, the Audit Viewer provides a record of the configuration changes performed by the Visualiser.

Monitoring » Audit Viewer

Audit Viewer

The Audit Viewer provides a dynamic report on actions, device name, category of ClearPass component, user, and timestamp.

Filter: Action contains Show 20 records

#	Action	Name	Category	User	Timestamp
1.	MODIFY	ClearPass Policy Visualise	Network Device	admin	Aug 17, 2026 20:10:54 AEST
2.	ADD	Policy Visualiser	Radius Enforcement Service	oauth2:mcpapi	Aug 17, 2026 19:54:52 AEST
3.	ADD	vis-helpdesk	Local User	oauth2:mcpapi	Aug 17, 2026 19:54:50 AEST
4.	ADD	vis-admin	Local User	oauth2:mcpapi	Aug 17, 2026 19:54:49 AEST

The example below shows the audit details associated with creation of the Policy Visualiser Service.

Audit Row Details

Service - Policy Visualiser

Service Details

Name	Policy Visualiser
Description	
Type	RADIUS
Template	802.1X Wired
Precedence Order	45
Status	Enabled
Monitor Mode	Disabled
Service Rule	((Radius:IETF:User-Name BELONGS_TO vis-admin, vis-helpdesk) AND (Radius:IETF:NAS-Identifier EQUALS clearpass-policy-visualiser)) AND (Connection:Protocol EQUALS RADIUS)

Authentication

We can also review the Service created by the Visualiser. The newly provisioned Service is added to ClearPass without changing the order of existing Services.

Services - Policy Visualiser

Summary Service Authentication Roles Enforcement

Name: Policy Visualiser

Description:

Type: 802.1X Wired

Status: Enabled

Monitor Mode: ☐ Enable to monitor network access without enforcement

More Options: ☐ Authorization ☐ Posture Compliance ☐ Audit End-hosts ☐ Profile Endpoints ☐ Accounting Proxy

Service Rule

Matches ☐ ANY or ☒ ALL of the following conditions:

Type	Name	Operator	Value
1.	Radius:IETF User-Name	BELONGS_TO	vis-admin, vis-helpdesk
2.	Radius:IETF NAS-Identifier	EQUALS	clearpass-policy-visualiser

Summary	Service	Authentication	Roles	Enforcement
Authentication Methods:				
		[PAP]	Move Up ↑ Move Down ↓ Remove View Details Modify	
		--Select to Add--		
Authentication Sources:				
		[Local User Repository] [Local SQL DB]		

Summary	Service	Authentication	Roles	Enforcement
Use Cached Results: ☐ Use cached Roles and Posture attributes from previous sessions				
Enforcement Policy:		Visualiser Access Policy	Modify	
Enforcement Policy Details				
Description:				
Default Profile:		[Deny Access Profile]		
Rules Evaluation Algorithm:		evaluate-all		
Conditions		Enforcement Profiles		
1.	(Tips:Role EQUALS Visualiser-Helpdesk)	Visualiser Helpdesk access		
2.	(Tips:Role EQUALS Visualiser-Admin)	Visualiser Admin access		

The important thing is that this service matches on the NAS-Identifier being equal to “clearpass-policy-visualiser”.

PostgreSQL endpoint-profiling connectivity has already been validated as part of Initial Setup. A successful Configuration Validation confirms that the Visualiser can establish the PostgreSQL connection before the configuration is saved.

4.4 ClearPass Policy Visualiser Configuration

ClearPass Policy Visualiser stores the configuration created during Initial Setup in persistent Docker storage. The Docker Compose deployment uses the named volume clearpass-visualiser-data, which is mounted at /data inside the Visualiser container.

The **.visualiser.env** configuration file and the automatically generated **.flask_secret** file are stored in this persistent location rather than in the cloned project directory. This separates the application configuration from the container image and allows the configuration to remain available when the application container is recreated.

The **.visualiser.env** file contains the ClearPass REST API, RADIUS authentication and PostgreSQL endpoint profiling configuration entered during Initial Setup. Because this configuration includes sensitive connection credentials, it should be treated as sensitive application data.

```
# ClearPass Policy Visualiser
# Generated by Initial Setup

# ClearPass REST API
CLEARPASS_API_URL=https://clearpass.example.com/api
CLEARPASS_CLIENT_ID=visualiser-api
CLEARPASS_CLIENT_SECRET=<client-secret>
CLEARPASS_VERIFY_SSL=false

# RADIUS Authentication
RADIUS_SERVER=clearpass.example.com
RADIUS_AUTH_PORT=1812
RADIUS_SECRET=<radius-shared-secret>
RADIUS_NAS_IDENTIFIER=clearpass-policy-visualiser

# PostgreSQL Endpoint Profiling
CP_SQL_HOST=clearpass.example.com
```

```
CP_SQL_PORT=5432
CP_SQL_DATABASE=tipsdb
CP_SQL_USERNAME=appexternal
CP_SQL_PASSWORD=<external-postgresql-password>
CP_SQL_SSLMODE=prefer
CP_SQL_QUERY_FILE=sql/endpoint_profiles.sql
```

The **.flask_secret** file contains the Flask session secret generated automatically by the Visualiser. Both files are owned by the Visualiser container user and are created with owner-only read/write permissions. The persisted configuration can be verified without displaying its contents by listing the /data directory inside the running container:

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker exec clearpass-policy-visualiser ls -la /data

total 16
drwxr-xr-x 2 visualiser visualiser 4096 Sep 12 08:39 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root      root      4096 Sep 12 06:34 ..
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser  64 Sep 12 06:34 .flask_secret
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser 641 Sep 12 08:40 .visualiser.env

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

Docker retains the named volume independently of the Visualiser container. This means the application can be stopped and the container recreated without repeating Initial Setup. On subsequent starts, the Visualiser uses the existing configuration and proceeds directly with normal ClearPass data and cache initialisation.

Note that the clearpass-visualiser-data volume contains the persisted Visualiser configuration. Removing this volume removes the application's persisted configuration and may require Initial Setup to be completed again.

Also, any changes to the Visualiser configuration take effect after the application is restarted.

Stopping and Starting the Visualiser

When ClearPass Policy Visualiser is started using “docker compose up”, Docker Compose remains attached to the application and displays the Visualiser console output. To stop an attached Visualiser, press Ctrl+C in the terminal running Docker Compose. If you also want to remove the stopped container and its Compose network, run docker compose down as shown below.

```
Gracefully Stopping... press Ctrl+C again to force
Container clearpass-policy-visualiser Stopping
Container clearpass-policy-visualiser Stopped nable Watch    d Detach

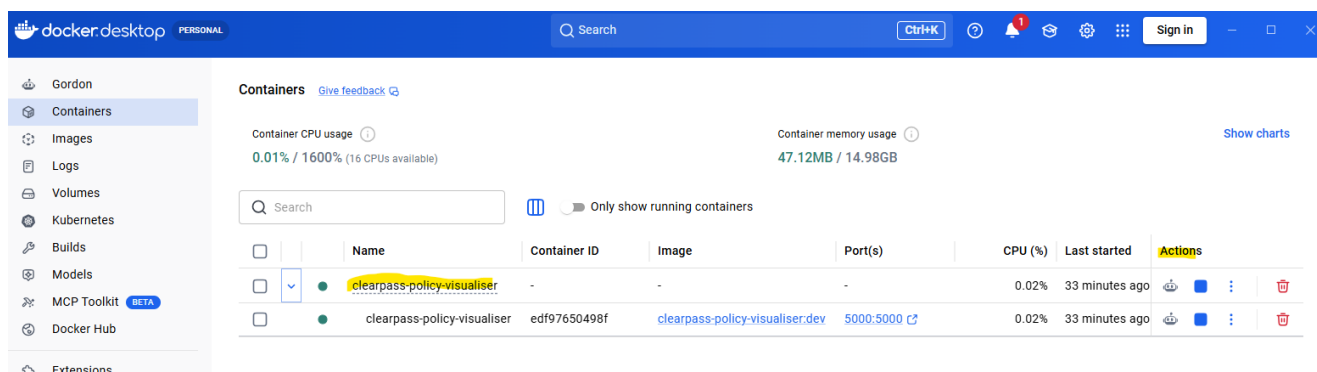
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker compose down
[+] down 2/2
✓ Container clearpass-policy-visualiser      Removed          0.1s
✓ Network clearpass-policy-visualiser_default Removed          0.2s

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

Then to start the Visualiser again, from the ClearPass Policy Visualiser project directory run “docker compose up”.

The existing configuration stored in the clearpass-visualiser-data volume is reused when the Visualiser starts again, so Initial Setup does not need to be repeated.

You can also stop and start the ClearPass Policy Visualiser container from Docker Desktop, as shown below.



4.5 Modifying ClearPass Policy Visualiser Configuration

Initial Setup creates and validates the ClearPass Policy Visualiser configuration during the first deployment. There may be occasions where you need to change an existing setting later, for example after changing a ClearPass server address or rotating a REST API Client Secret, RADIUS shared secret or PostgreSQL password.

For Docker deployments, the active Visualiser configuration is stored in /data/.visualiser.env within the persistent clearpass-visualiser-data volume. Before making any changes, I recommend creating a backup of the current configuration.

Before modifying the configuration, stop the Visualiser and make a copy of the existing .visualiser.env file. The configuration contains credentials and should be handled as sensitive data.

List the existing files.

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker exec clearpass-policy-visualiser ls -la /data
total 16
drwxr-xr-x 2 visualiser visualiser 4096 Sep 12 10:02 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root      root      4096 Sep 13 13:49 ..
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser   64 Sep 11 13:26 .flask_secret
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser  725 Sep 12 10:01 .visualiser.env

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

Back up the existing configuration

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker exec -u 0 clearpass-policy-visualiser cp -p /data/.visualiser.env /data/.visualiser.env.bak

C:\scripts\ClearPass-visual>docker exec clearpass-policy-visualiser ls -la /data
total 20
drwxr-xr-x 2 visualiser visualiser 4096 Sep 13 13:51 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root      root      4096 Sep 13 13:49 ..
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser   64 Sep 11 13:26 .flask_secret
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser  725 Sep 12 10:01 .visualiser.env
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser  725 Sep 12 10:01 .visualiser.env.bak

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

Copy the configuration to Windows current directory

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker cp clearpass-policy-visualiser:/data/.visualiser.env .visualiser.env.edit
Successfully copied 725B (transferred 2.56kB) to C:\scripts\ClearPass-pyclearpass\ClearPass-visual\.visualiser.env.edit

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>dir .vis*
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is ACB8-58FF

Directory of C:\scripts\ClearPass-visual>

09/12/2026  10:01 AM                725 .visualiser.env.edit
             2 File(s)                1,389 bytes
             0 Dir(s)  157,562,146,816 bytes free

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

Open .visualiser.env.edit using a text editor and modify only the settings that need to change. Because the file contains ClearPass connection credentials, treat it as sensitive configuration data.

Now I edited the .visualiser.env.edit file and added an extra “#” and then copying it back to docker.

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker cp .visualiser.env.edit clearpass-policy-visualiser:/data/.visualiser.env
```

```
Successfully copied 727B (transferred 2.56kB) to clearpass-policy-visualiser:/data/.visualiser.env
```

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker exec clearpass-policy-visualiser ls -la /data
total 20
drwxr-xr-x 2 visualiser visualiser 4096 Sep 13 14:01 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root      root      4096 Sep 13 14:01 ..
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser  64 Sep 11 13:26 .flask_secret
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root      root      727 Sep 13 14:01 .visualiser.env
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser 725 Sep 12 10:01 .visualiser.env.bak

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

After copying the configuration back into the container, restore the Visualiser ownership and restrictive file permissions before restarting the application.

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker exec -u 0 clearpass-policy-visualiser chown visualiser:visualiser /data/.visualiser.env

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker exec -u 0 clearpass-policy-visualiser chmod 600 /data/.visualiser.env

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker exec clearpass-policy-visualiser ls -la /data
total 20
drwxr-xr-x 2 visualiser visualiser 4096 Sep 13 14:01 .
drwxr-xr-x 1 root      root      4096 Sep 13 14:01 ..
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser  64 Sep 11 13:26 .flask_secret
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser 727 Sep 13 14:01 .visualiser.env
-rw----- 1 visualiser visualiser 725 Sep 12 10:01 .visualiser.env.bak

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

And finally delete the temporary file we copied in windows directory.

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>del .visualiser.env.edit
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>dir .visualiser.env.edit
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is ACB8-58FF

Directory of C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser

File Not Found

C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
```

Now we need to restart the Visualiser for the updated configuration to take effect. If Docker Compose is running in attached mode, press Ctrl+C to stop the Visualiser and then run:

```
docker compose up
```

Then watch the console during startup and confirm that ClearPass connectivity, PostgreSQL endpoint profiling and cache initialisation complete successfully.

4.6 ClearPass Policy Visualiser Console

When ClearPass Policy Visualiser is started using Docker Compose in attached mode, the console displays timestamped operational messages as the application starts and builds its ClearPass data caches.

The console provides a useful operational view of the Visualiser startup process. Messages show the progress and outcome of ClearPass Service retrieval, health validation, PostgreSQL endpoint profiling, Role caching, policy-reference analysis, unused-object analysis and Impact Analysis lookup cache generation.

Counts and execution times provide additional diagnostic context and make it easier to confirm that each startup stage has completed successfully. Once cache initialisation is complete, the Visualiser starts the web server and displays the browser address.

To start the Visualiser and display the console output directly in the terminal, run the following command from the ClearPass Policy Visualiser project directory:

```
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>
C:\PythonScriptingPostman\clearpass-policy-visualiser>docker compose up
[+] up 2/2
✓ Network clearpass-policy-visualiser_default Created 0.0s
✓ Container clearpass-policy-visualiser Created 0.1s
Attaching to clearpass-policy-visualiser
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:45 INFO RADIUS_SERVER=cp1-611.arubatechs.com
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:45 INFO
=====
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:45 INFO ClearPass Policy Visualiser v1.6.0 Starting
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:45 INFO
=====
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:45 INFO Loading ClearPass services...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:47 INFO Services cached: 45
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:47 INFO Running initial health check...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:47 INFO Running health check...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:49 INFO Pre-loading endpoint data...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:49 INFO Pre-loading endpoint profiling data using
PostgreSQL...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:49 INFO Endpoint profiling SQL load complete: 378
rows in 0.104s
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:49 INFO Endpoint pre-load complete using
PostgreSQL: 378 fingerprint entries in 0.105s
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:49 INFO Building Role Cache...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:49 INFO Roles cached: 67
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:49 INFO Building Enforcement Profile Reference
Cache...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:52 INFO Retrieved 40 Enforcement Policies from
ClearPass
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:22 INFO Enforcement profile reference cache built:
133 profiles, 40 total policies, 37 Service-assigned policies in 32.322s
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:22 INFO Building Role Mapping Reference Cache...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:23 INFO Building Role Reference Cache...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:40 INFO Retrieved 40 Enforcement Policies from
ClearPass
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:42 INFO Role reference cache built: 52 referenced
Roles in 18.786s
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:42 INFO Role references cached: 52
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:42 INFO Building Unused Objects Cache...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:49 INFO Building Impact Analysis Lookup Cache...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:51 INFO Retrieved 161 Enforcement Profiles from
ClearPass
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:51 INFO Retrieved 40 Enforcement Policies from
ClearPass
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:52 INFO Impact Analysis lookup objects cached: 288
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:52 INFO Cache initialisation complete.
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:52 INFO Services: 45
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:52 INFO Role Mapping Policies: 16
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:52 INFO Enforcement Profiles: 133
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:52 INFO Impact Analysis lookup objects: 288
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:52 INFO Last Refresh: 12-09-2026 10:55:45
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:52 INFO Starting ClearPass Policy Visualiser web
server.
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:56:52 INFO Open http://127.0.0.1:5000 in your browser.
```

The startup messages are displayed in the order in which the Visualiser prepares its working data. In this example, all startup stages complete successfully before the web server is started.

- Loading ClearPass services retrieves the configured ClearPass Services and populates the Service cache used by the Visualiser. The console reports the number of Services cached when this stage completes.

```
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:45 INFO Loading ClearPass services...
clearpass-policy-visualiser | 12-09-2026 10:55:47 INFO Services cached: 45
```

- Running initial health check verifies the configured ClearPass connectivity before the remaining caches are built.
- Endpoint profiling data is loaded directly from ClearPass PostgreSQL. The console shows when the PostgreSQL profiling load begins, the number of endpoint fingerprint records returned and the time required to populate the endpoint profiling cache.

```
Endpoint profiling SQL load complete: 378 rows in 0.104s
Endpoint pre-load complete using PostgreSQL: 378 fingerprint entries in 0.105s
```

In this example, 378 endpoint profiling records were loaded successfully using PostgreSQL. The number of records and load time will vary between ClearPass environments.

- The Visualiser builds several additional caches used for policy visualisation, dependency analysis and object lookups. These include the Role Cache, Enforcement Profile Reference Cache, Role Mapping Reference Cache and Role Reference Cache.
- Building Unused Objects Cache prepares the relationship information used by the Unused Objects capability described later in this technote.
- Building Impact Analysis Lookup Cache prepares the object index used by the dashboard Impact Analysis Lookup. The console reports the number of lookup objects cached when this stage completes.
- Cache initialisation complete. confirms that the startup cache-building sequence has finished. The console then displays summary counts and starts the ClearPass Policy Visualiser web server.
- When startup completes successfully, the console displays the browser address for the Visualiser.

With the Visualiser installed, configured and successfully initialised, we can now move on to its operational capabilities and explore the dashboard, dependency graphs, Impact Analysis, endpoint matching and unused-object analysis.

5 ClearPass Policy Visualiser Operation

This section introduces the main operational capabilities of ClearPass Policy Visualiser. It explains how to use the dashboard, explore interactive dependency graphs, search for policy objects, perform Impact Analysis, inspect matching endpoints and identify unused configuration objects.

The examples demonstrate how administrators can trace policy relationships, validate processing logic and investigate the potential scope of configuration changes from a single interface.

5.1 Dashboard

When you log in using vis-admin or vis-helpdesk account, the dashboard provides an immediate overview of the ClearPass environment. At the top of the dashboard, you can see the total number of configured Services, how many are enabled, and a breakdown by Service type. The summary includes TACACS, MAC Authentication, wired and wireless 802.1X, Application and WebAuth Services. The Unused Objects card is also displayed in this area.

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Logged in as vis-admin (Admin) Logout

Last Refresh: 22-08-2026 11:27:22

Refresh Services

Total Services
41
26 Enabled

TACACS Services
4

MAC Authentication
9

802.1X Wired
8

802.1X Wireless
5

Application Services
8

WebAuth Services
4

Unused Objects
Click for details
Enf Profiles: 13 / 113
Enf Policies: 2 / 32
Role Maps: 4 / 18
Roles: 14 / 43

Impact Analysis Lookup

Object Type: All Types

Object Name: Search profiles, enforcement policies and role mapping policies...

Open Impact Analysis

Enter at least two characters, then select an object. Reports open in a new tab.

ClearPass Connectivity

Connected

Server: cp1-611.arubatechs.com

API Authentication: OK

Reachability: OK

Service API: OK

Response Time: 1125 ms

The dashboard also displays the current ClearPass connectivity status, including API authentication, reachability, Service API status and response time. In my lab environment, the API response time is more than one second, but this will vary depending on the ClearPass deployment, network path and available resources.

The Impact Analysis Lookup provides a quick way to find an Enforcement Profile, Enforcement Policy or Role Mapping Policy. You can search across all supported object types or filter the results by object type. Once you select an object, you can open its Impact Analysis report in a new browser tab.

The Refresh Services button forces ClearPass Policy Visualiser to retrieve the latest ClearPass data and rebuild its caches. This is useful after making configuration changes in ClearPass. The refresh includes Services, Roles, policy references, unused-object analysis, endpoint profiling data and the Impact Analysis lookup index.

As you move down the page you should see all the configured services.

Configured Services			
Order	Name	Type	Action
1	SYSTEM [Policy Manager Admin Network Login Service]	TACACS	Visualise
2	SYSTEM [AirGroup Authorization Service]	RADIUS	Visualise
3	SYSTEM [Aruba Device Access Service]	TACACS	Visualise
4	SYSTEM [Guest Operator Logins]	Application	Visualise
5	SYSTEM [Insight Operator Logins]	Application	Visualise
6	SYSTEM [Device Registration Disconnect]	WEBAUTH	Visualise
7	Policy Visualiser orig Disabled	RADIUS	Visualise
8	API OAuth2 API User Access Enabled	Application	Visualise
9	Entra ClearPass Admin SSO Login (SAML SP Service) Enabled	Application	Visualise
10	org Policy Manager Admin Network Login Service Enabled	TACACS	Visualise

The Configured Services table lists each discovered Service, its type, enabled or disabled state, and a Visualise button for opening the interactive dependency graph.

You can use the Service search field to filter the list quickly. In the example below, I've searched for wireless, which displays each Service containing that word in its name.

Configured Services			
wireless			
Order	Name	Type	Action
16	CATEGORY -----Guest -Mac Auth Wireless Services-----	RADIUS	N/A
22	CATEGORY -----dot1x Wireless Services-----	RADIUS	N/A
23	Basic Aruba Wireless dot1x Disabled	RADIUS	Visualise
24	Basic Aruba Wireless dot1x-TLS Enabled	RADIUS	Visualise
26	Wireless dot1x Disabled	RADIUS	Visualise
44	MPSK Aruba Wireless with MPSK Enabled	RADIUS	Visualise

If, like me, you use names beginning with several hyphens to create visual categories in the ClearPass Service list, the Visualiser recognises them as category entries. These entries are labelled CATEGORY and are not presented as Services that can be visualised.

5.2 Visualisation and Interactive Dependency Graph

Let's search for a Service and open its interactive dependency graph.

The Configured Services table lists each discovered Service, its type, enabled or disabled state, and a Visualise button. You can use the search field to filter the list quickly. For this walkthrough, I'll search for my Azure-related Service and select Visualise.

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Logged in as vis-admin (Admin) Logout

Last Refresh: 22-08-2026 11:27:22

Refresh Services

Total Services
41
26 Enabled

TACACS Services
4

MAC Authentication
9

802.1X Wired
8

802.1X Wireless
5

Application Services
8

WebAuth Services
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Unused Objects
Click for details
Enf Profiles: 13 / 113
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Role Maps: 4 / 18
Roles: 14 / 43

Impact Analysis Lookup

Object Type

All Types

Object Name

Search profiles, enforcement policies and role mapping policies...

Open Impact Analysis

Enter at least two characters, then select an object. Reports open in a new tab.

ClearPass Connectivity

Connected

Server cp1-611.arubatechs.com

API Authentication OK

Reachability OK

Service API OK

Response Time 1125 ms

Configured Services

azu

Order	Name	Type	Action
25	basic dot1x with Azure Ad authz Disabled	RADIUS	Visualise

The Service page opens with a summary of the selected configuration. This includes the Service type, template, enabled or disabled state, authentication methods, authentication and authorisation sources, Role Mapping Policy and Enforcement Policy.

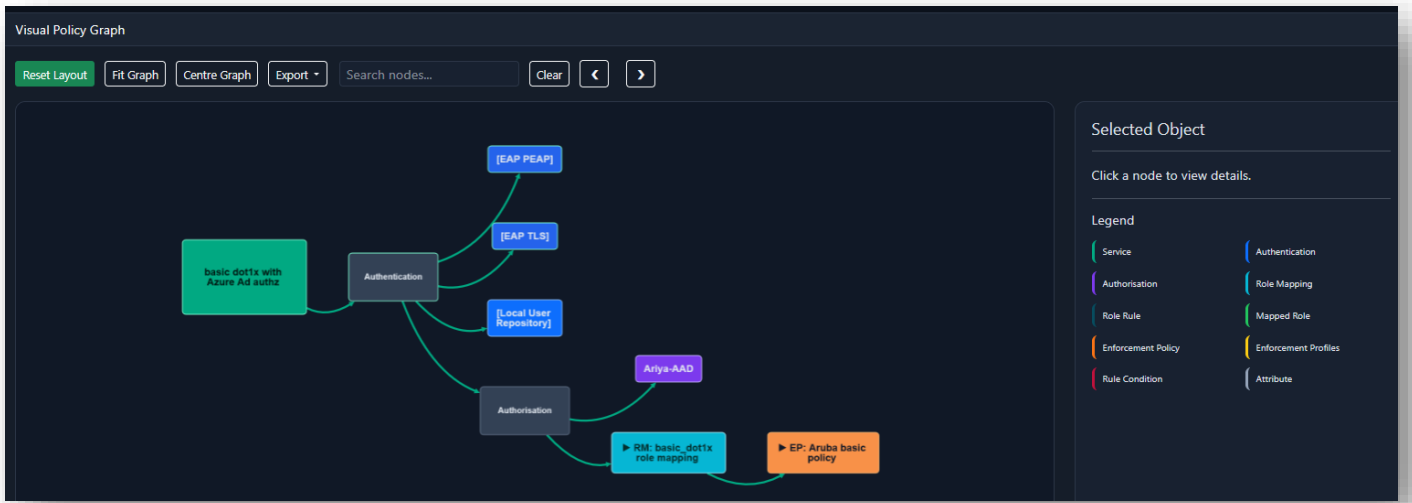
This summary provides a quick way to confirm that the expected policy components are associated with the Service before exploring the graph.

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basic dot1x with Azure Ad authz

TYPE RADIUS	TEMPLATE 802.1X Wireless	STATUS • Disabled	HIT COUNT 0
AUTHENTICATION METHODS [EAP PEAP], [EAP TLS]	AUTHENTICATION SOURCES [Local User Repository]	AUTHORIZATION SOURCES Aruba-AAD	ROLE MAPPING POLICY basic_dot1x role mapping
ENFORCEMENT POLICY Aruba basic policy	POSTURE POLICIES —	AUDIT SERVERS —	ACCOUNTING PROXY TARGETS —

The Visual Policy Graph appears below the Service summary. The initial view presents the main authentication, authorisation, Role Mapping and Enforcement relationships without displaying every underlying rule and profile. The graph includes controls for resetting the layout, fitting and centring the graph, exporting the current view, and searching for individual nodes. Selecting a node displays its details in the Selected Object panel on the right.



The interactive graph provides:

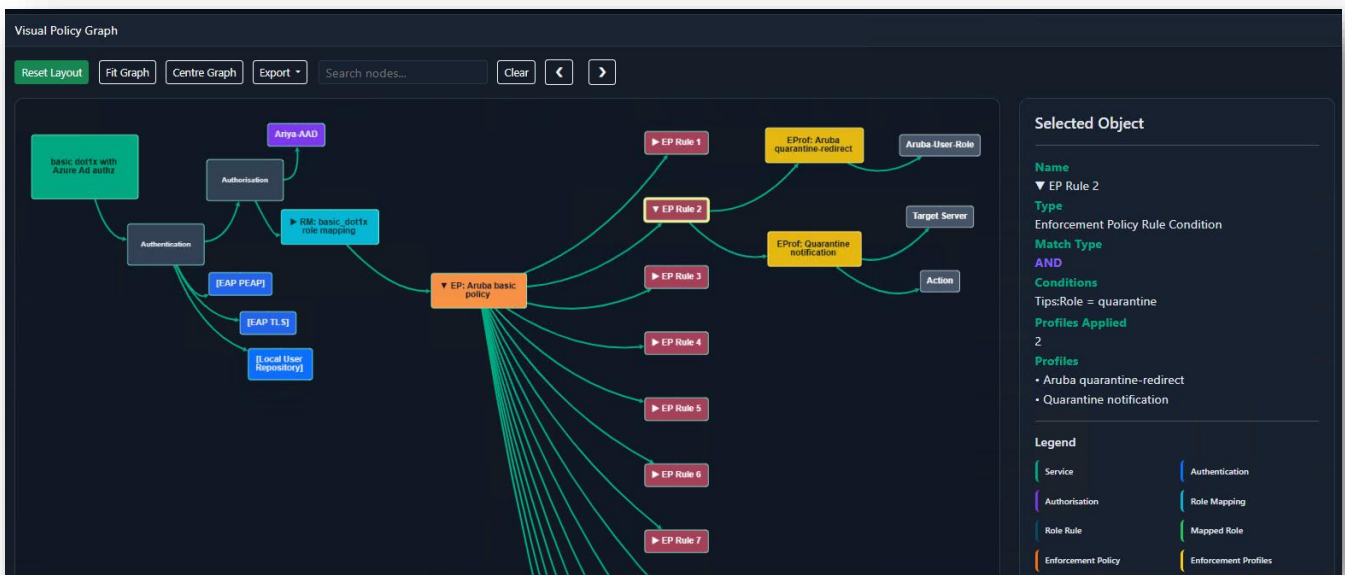
- Expandable and collapsible policy branches
 - Automatic graph layout and node positioning
 - Dynamic node sizing based on object names
 - Zoom, fit-to-screen and centring controls
 - Search with previous and next result navigation
- Contextual details for the selected object
 - Direct Impact Analysis links for supported policy objects
 - PNG, JPG and SVG export
 - Visual highlighting when hovering over nodes and relationships

RM (Role Mapping) Policies and EP (Enforcement Policies) can be expanded progressively, allowing you to inspect only the level of detail you need.

In the example below, I’ve selected and expanded the basic_dot1x role mapping policy. The graph displays its mapping rules, the Roles assigned by those rules, and the configured default Role. The Selected Object panel shows additional information about the policy, including its evaluation algorithm, default Role, rule count, usage summary and Impact Analysis link.



You can expand the Enforcement Policy in the same way. In the example below, I've expanded Aruba basic policy to display its policy rules, conditions, Enforcement Profiles and Enforcement Attributes. Selecting a rule or profile updates the Selected Object panel with the corresponding condition, match type, applied profiles, attributes and other available details.



Complex Services may contain many rules, conditions, profiles and attributes. Progressive branch expansion keeps the graph readable by allowing you to start with the high-level workflow and reveal additional detail only when required. This makes it easier to investigate how authentication decisions are made without displaying the entire policy structure at once.

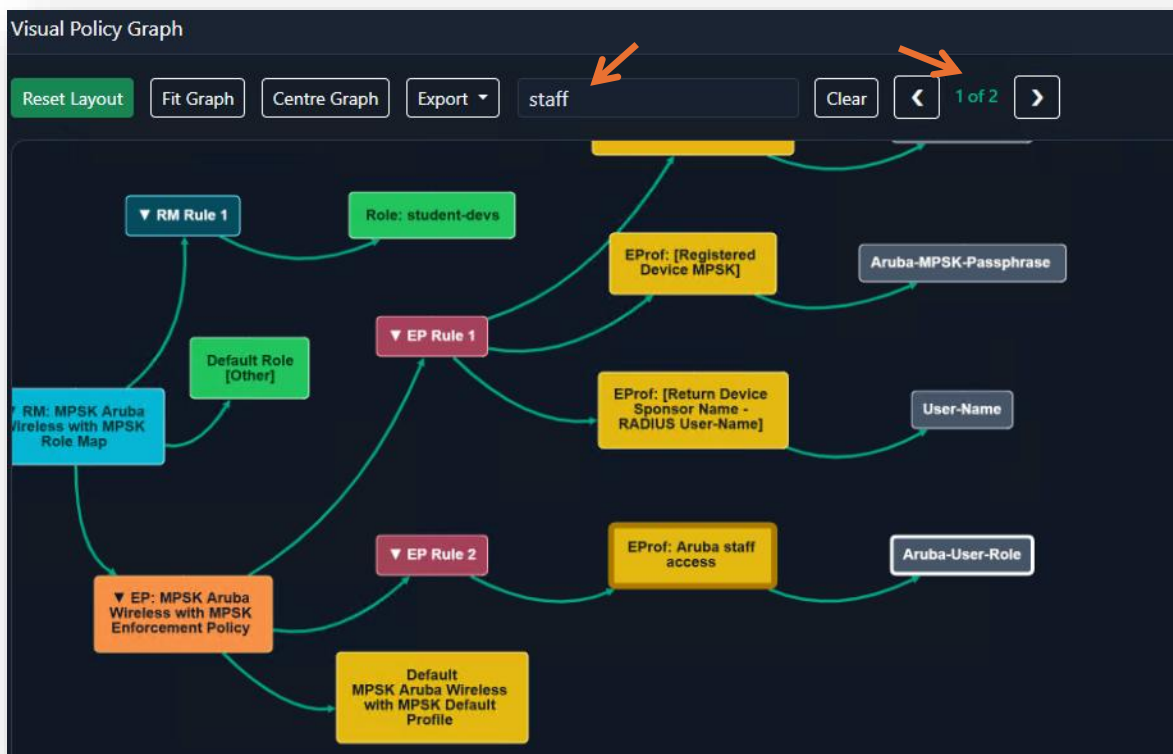
5.3 Advanced Search

The Visual Policy Graph includes an advanced search function that helps you locate objects and values within the current Service graph. You can search for information such as:

- Role names
- Enforcement profile names
- Enforcement policy names
- Authentication & Authorisation sources
- Attribute names and values
- Default roles and profiles
- Conditions and actions

As you enter a search term, the Visualiser automatically expands any collapsed branches containing a match. Matching nodes are highlighted, and the result counter shows the current result and the total number of matches.

In the example below, I've searched for staff. The Visualiser has found two matching nodes and highlighted the first result. You can use the previous and next controls beside the search field to move between the matches.



Search functionality includes:

- Automatic expansion of matching policy branches
- Highlighting of matching nodes and related paths
- Result counting
- Previous and next result navigation
- Active-result tracking
- A Clear option for resetting the search

This is particularly useful when working with a large Service graph containing many Role Mapping rules, Enforcement Policy rules, Roles, profiles and attributes.

The graph can also be exported for documentation, design reviews or operational records. From the Export menu, you can download the current visible graph in PNG, JPG or SVG format.



The exported graph reflects the current visible state, including the branches you have expanded. Collapsed branches remain excluded, which allows you to export only the level of detail required for the document or review.

5.4 Impact Analysis

One of the most useful features in ClearPass Policy Visualiser is the ability to see where a policy object is referenced and understand what may be affected if that object is changed.

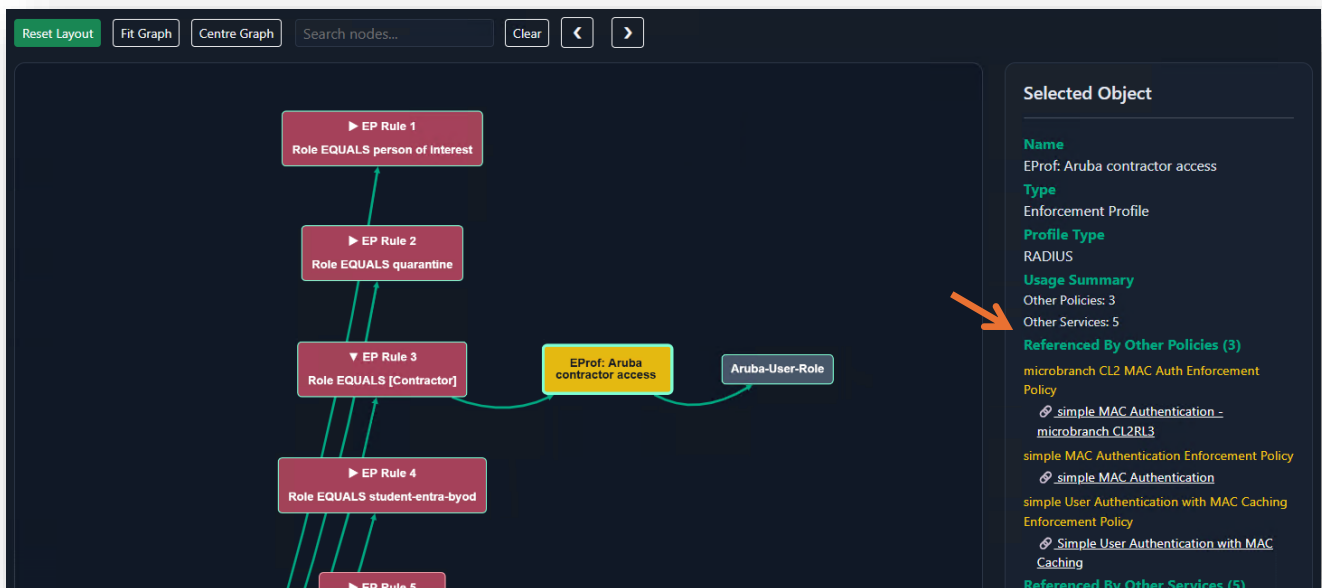
You can access Impact Analysis directly from supported nodes in the Visual Policy Graph. When you select an Enforcement Profile, Enforcement Policy or Role Mapping Policy, the Selected Object panel displays the information available for that object, together with a View Impact Analysis link.

In the example below, I've selected an Enforcement Profile. The Selected Object panel shows the profile type, usage summary, action, attributes, other referencing policies and other affected Services.



The  links displayed beside referenced Services allow you to open the corresponding Service graph. The View Impact Analysis link opens the full report in a new browser tab, which preserves the current graph layout, expanded branches and selected object.

ClearPass Policy Visualiser also identifies when an Enforcement Profile is shared by other Enforcement Policies. In the example below, the selected profile is referenced by three policies. Where those policies are assigned to Services, the associated Services are also displayed.



This information helps you understand whether a profile is isolated to one workflow or shared across multiple policies and Services before you modify it. Impact Analysis is available for the following ClearPass objects:

- Enforcement Profiles
- Enforcement Policies
- Role Mapping Policies

For a Role Mapping Policy, the graph shows the mapping rules, the Roles assigned by those rules and the configured default Role. Selecting the Role Mapping Policy also provides direct access to its Impact Analysis report.



For an Enforcement Policy, the graph shows the policy rules, associated Enforcement Profiles, Enforcement Attributes and the configured default Enforcement Profile. Selecting the Enforcement Policy provides direct access to the corresponding Impact Analysis report.



Enforcement Policy Impact Analysis

The detailed Impact Analysis report provides a structured view of the selected object and its dependencies. In the example below, the summary shows that the Enforcement Policy is assigned to one Service, contains three policy rules and references four dependent Enforcement Profiles.

The Selected Object section displays the policy ID, evaluation algorithm, default Enforcement Profile, condition count and description. The Analysis Observations section summarises the discovered policy scope and highlights how changes may influence enforcement decisions for the assigned Service.

ClearPass Policy Visualiser

Impact Analysis

Enforcement Policy: AP305-505H E1-E4 MAC auth wired

USAGE STATUS

Assigned

AFFECTED SERVICES

1

POLICY RULES

3

DEPENDENT PROFILES

4

Selected Object

Name

AP305-505H E1-E4 MAC auth wired

Object Type

Enforcement Policy

Object ID

3029

Rules Evaluation Algorithm

First Applicable

Default Enforcement Profile

AP-605H-wired-quarantine

Conditions

3

Description

Not configured

Analysis Observations

The Enforcement Policy is assigned to one ClearPass Service.

The Enforcement Policy contains 3 policy rules.

3 structured rule conditions were found across the policy rules.

The Enforcement Policy references 4 unique Enforcement Profiles.

A default Enforcement Profile is configured for unmatched policy outcomes.

Changes to this Enforcement Policy can influence enforcement decisions for the assigned Service, including when the listed Enforcement Profiles are applied.

Further down the report, the Affected Services section identifies every discovered Service that uses the selected Enforcement Policy. You can select a Service name to open its dependency graph. The Dependent Enforcement Profiles section lists each unique Enforcement Profile referenced by the policy. Each profile card shows available information such as:

- Profile ID and Type
- Enforcement action

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- Whether the profile is rule-applied or configured as the default
- The rule numbers that apply the profile
- Total referencing policies and Total associated Services
- Usage outside the selected policy and Service

A profile used by several rules is shown once in this inventory, with all applicable rule numbers retained. You can also select a profile name to open its Enforcement Profile Impact Analysis report.

Affected Services

AP-305-505H-605H E1-E4 MAC Auth Wired
 Service ID: 3033
 MAC-based Authentication Service

Dependent Enforcement Profiles

AP-605H-wired-camera
 Profile ID: 3086
 Profile Type: RADIUS
 Action: Accept
Rule Applied
 Applied by Rule: 3
 Shared Usage

1

Referencing Policies

1

Associated Services

 0 other policies · 0 other Services

AP-605H-wired-Corp-Dev
 Profile ID: 3084
 Profile Type: RADIUS
 Action: Accept
Rule Applied
 Applied by Rule: 2
 Shared Usage

1

Referencing Policies

1

Associated Services

 0 other policies · 0 other Services

AP-605H-wired-MAC-Spoof-CP
 Profile ID: 3085
 Profile Type: RADIUS
 Action: Accept
Rule Applied
 Applied by Rule: 1
 Shared Usage

1

Referencing Policies

1

Associated Services

 0 other policies · 0 other Services

AP-605H-wired-quarantine
 Profile ID: 3087
 Profile Type: RADIUS
 Action: Accept
Default Profile
 Shared Usage

1

Referencing Policies

1

Associated Services

 0 other policies · 0 other Services

The Policy Rules and Conditions section presents the processing logic in rule order. Each rule card displays its match type, structured conditions and applied Enforcement Profiles. Where a supported repository condition has matching results, the count is displayed as a link to Repository Search. A positive result includes a search icon and can be opened to inspect the matching endpoints. A confirmed count of zero is shown without a link, because there are no matching endpoints to inspect. Where a match count cannot be determined from the configured data source, the report displays that the count is not available. The final Default Outcome card shows the Enforcement Profile applied when none of the policy rules match.

Policy Rules and Conditions

Rule 1

AND

Conditions
 Authorization:[Endpoints Repository]:Conflict = true Matching Endpoints: 0

Applied Enforcement Profiles
 AP-605H-wired-MAC-Spoof-CP

Rule 2

AND

Conditions
 Tips:Role = School-Asset Match count not available

Applied Enforcement Profiles
 AP-605H-wired-Corp-Dev

Rule 3

AND

Conditions
 Authorization:[Endpoints Repository]:Category = Network Camera Matching Endpoints: 3

Applied Enforcement Profiles
 AP-605H-wired-camera

Default Outcome

DEFAULT

Condition
 Applied when none of the Enforcement Policy rules match.

Applied Enforcement Profile
 AP-605H-wired-quarantine

5.5 Endpoint Matching

Another useful feature of ClearPass Policy Visualiser is endpoint matching. Where a supported Role Mapping or Enforcement Policy condition references endpoint data, the Visualiser can display how many endpoints currently match that condition.

In the example below, I've selected Rule 4 from a Role Mapping Policy. The Selected Object panel shows two conditions:

- Device Insight Tags = [Computing Systems], matching 307 endpoints
- Authorization:[Endpoints Repository]:OS Family = Raspberry Pi, matching 2 endpoints

Because the rule uses an AND match type, the Visualiser also evaluates the conditions together. In this example, one endpoint matches the complete rule.



Where a condition has one or more matching endpoints, the match count includes a search icon. Select the link to open Repository Search for that specific condition.

The Repository Search page lists the matching endpoints and displays available information such as:

- MAC address
- Status
- Hostname
- Device name
- Operating system family
- Device category
- Insight Tags
- Description

You can also use the search field to filter the returned results.

Repository Search

Source

Endpoint

Condition

Device Insight Tags = [Computing Systems]

Result

309 Matching Endpoints

Search results...

MAC Address	Status	Hostname	Device Name	OS Family	Device Category	Insight Tags	Description
2C-1F-23-D0-2E-48	Unknown	AriyaiPodtouch	Apple 5th Gen iPod	Apple	Portable Media Player	[Computing Systems]	
18-60-24-68-FC-2B	Unknown	HP68FC2A	HP Printer	HP	Printer	[Computing Systems], [Printers], ml-IoT	
16-2E-A8-A3-84-D0	Unknown	Galaxy-S24-Ultra	Android	Android	Operating System	[Computing Systems]	

Select an endpoint to open the Endpoint Details page. This page displays the available endpoint and profiling attributes, including the MAC address, hostname, device category, device type, vendor, IP address and Insight Tags. The raw endpoint JSON is also available when deeper inspection is required.

Endpoint Details

Opened From

Matching Endpoints309

Condition

Endpoint: Device Insight Tags = [Computing Systems]

Endpoint Information

MAC Address18-60-24-68-FC-2B

StatusUnknown

HostnameHP68FC2A

OS FamilyHP

Device TypeHP

MAC VendorHewlett Packard

AddedFeb 05, 2025 13:16:16 AEDT

Endpoint ID3289

Randomised MACFalse

Device NameHP Printer

Device CategoryPrinter

Expanded Device TypeHP Printer

IPv4 Address-

Last UpdatedJul 31, 2026 09:15:05 AEST

Device Insight Tags

[Computing Systems]

[Printers]

ml-IoT

Raw Endpoint JSON

Endpoint matching is also available for supported conditions in Enforcement Policies. In the example below, Rule 3 contains the condition: Authorization:[Endpoints Repository]:Category = Network Camera

The condition currently matches three endpoints, as shown in the Selected Object panel.

Visual Policy Graph

Reset Layout

Fit Graph

Centre Graph

Export

Search nodes...

Clear

Selected Object

Name

▼ EP Rule 3

Type

Enforcement Policy Rule Condition

Match Type

AND

Conditions

Authorization:[Endpoints Repository]:Category = Network Camera

Matching Endpoints: 3

Profiles Applied

1

Profiles

• AP-605H-wired-camera

Legend

Service

Authentication

Authorization

Role Mapping

Role Rule

Mapped Role

Selecting the match-count link opens Repository Search and displays the three matching camera endpoints.

Repository Search

SourceAuthorization:[Endpoints Repository]

ConditionCategory = Network Camera

Result3 Matching Endpoints

Search results...

MAC Address	Status	Hostname	Device Name	OS Family	Device Category	Insight Tags	Description
F4-B1-C2-E9-C2-1C	Unknown	9G0579ASEA01971	Dahua Camera	Dahua	Network Camera	[Facilities & Building Automation], [Network Infrastructure], ml-IoT	
FC-5F-49-C4-16-08	Unknown		Dahua Camera	Dahua	Network Camera	[Facilities & Building Automation], [Network Infrastructure], ml-IoT	
3C-1B-F8-0D-EA-C5	Unknown		Hikvision Camera	Hikvision	Network Camera	[Facilities & Building Automation], [Network Infrastructure], ml-IoT	

The Visualiser distinguishes between the following endpoint-count states:

- A positive count is displayed as a link to Repository Search.
- A confirmed count of zero is displayed without a link because there are no matching endpoints to inspect.
- Match count not available, indicates that a count could not be determined from the configured repository or profiling data source.

For rules containing multiple conditions, the individual condition counts show how many endpoints match each condition. Where available, the Rule Match Summary shows how many endpoints satisfy the complete rule after its AND or OR logic is applied. This makes endpoint matching useful when validating policy conditions, investigating unexpected authentication outcomes, and confirming whether a proposed rule is likely to affect existing endpoints.

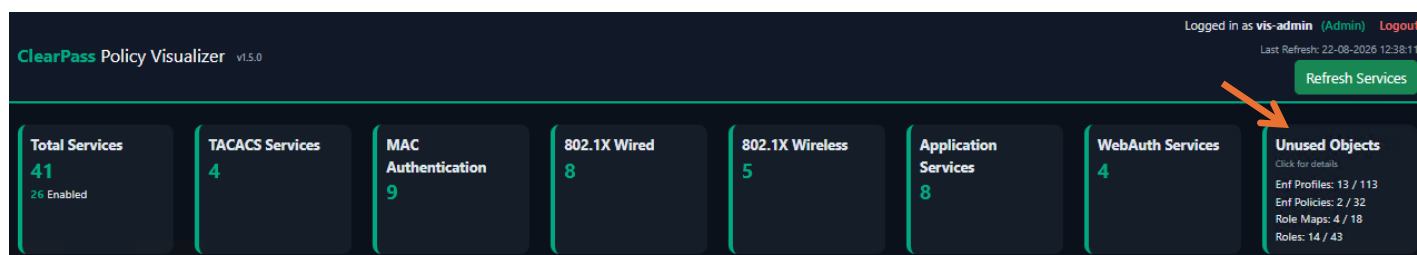
5.6 Unused Objects

The Unused Objects capability helps you identify ClearPass configuration objects that may no longer be required. Rather than relying on naming conventions, ClearPass Policy Visualiser analyses relationships across Services, policy rules, assigned and default Roles, Enforcement Policies, Enforcement Profiles and built-in mappings. The results provide practical candidates for configuration review and cleanup.

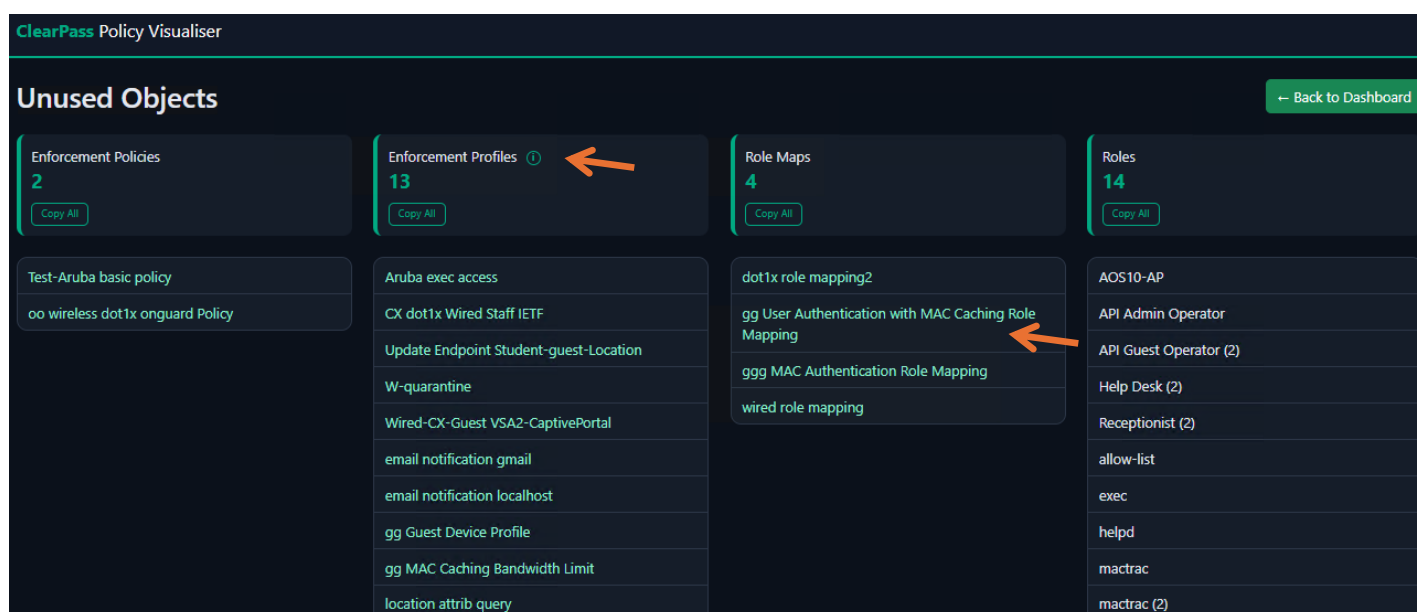
The Visualiser can identify unused:

- Enforcement Policies
- Enforcement Profiles
- Role Mapping Policies
- Roles

The Unused Objects card on the dashboard provides a summary for each object type. The figures show the number of unused objects compared with the total number discovered in that category. Select the card to open the detailed Unused Objects page.



The detailed page groups the results by object type and displays the unused count for each category. You can use Copy All to copy the complete list from a category for review or documentation. The results are intended as review candidates. ClearPass Policy Visualiser does not delete or modify any ClearPass configuration.



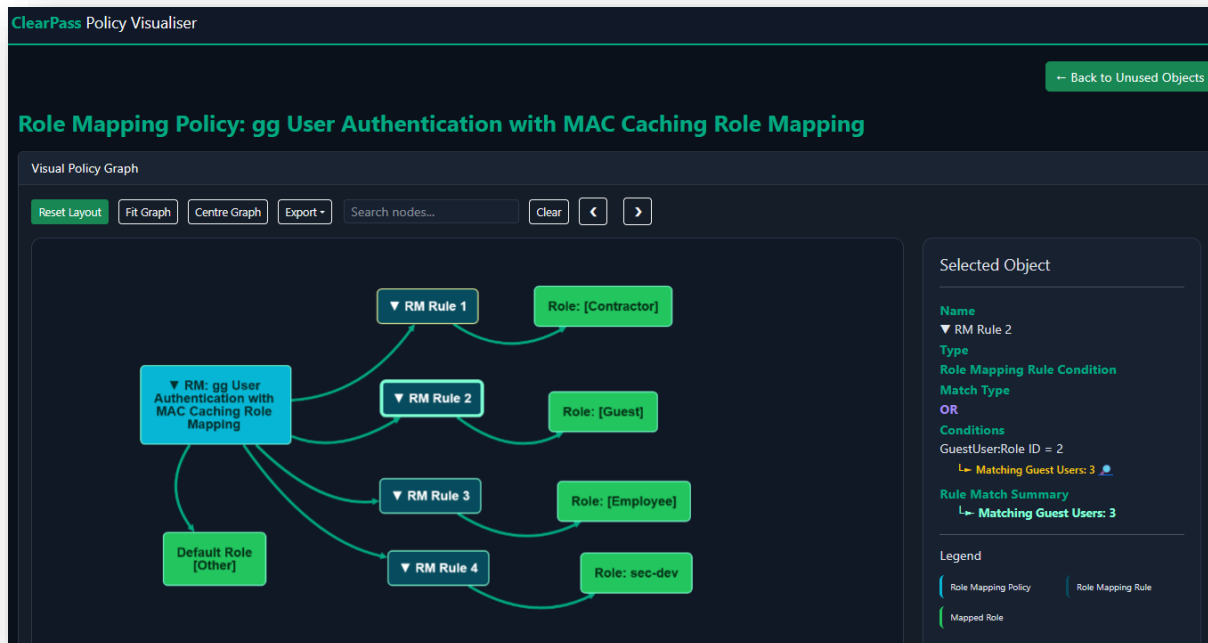
There is an important distinction for Enforcement Profiles. A profile is counted as unused only when no Enforcement Policy references it. If a profile is referenced by an Enforcement Policy that is not currently assigned to a Service, the

profile is excluded from the unused count because a policy dependency still exists. The information icon beside Enforcement Profiles explains this classification.

You can also inspect supported unused objects directly from this page:

- Select an unused Enforcement Policy to open its standalone policy graph.
- Select an unused Role Mapping Policy to open its standalone policy graph.
- Select an unused Enforcement Profile to review its profile details.
- Unused Roles are listed for review and can be copied with the category list.

In the example below, I've selected the gg User Authentication with MAC Caching Role Mapping policy. The standalone graph shows the Role Mapping rules, mapped Roles and configured default Role without requiring the policy to be associated with a Service.



You can progressively expand the policy branches, select individual nodes and review the available information in the Selected Object panel. The standalone graph also supports search, layout controls and graph export.

For unused Enforcement Policies and Role Mapping Policies, the View Impact Analysis link provides an additional verification step. The report confirms that the policy is not assigned to a discovered Service while still showing its rules, conditions, dependent Enforcement Profiles or mapped Roles, and configured default outcome.

By combining unused-object detection with standalone graphs and Impact Analysis, the Visualiser helps reduce configuration clutter while ensuring that each reported object is reviewed in context rather than removed automatically.