

DHCP for WLANs

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Information About Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

You can configure WLANs to use the same or different Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) servers or no DHCP server. Two types of DHCP servers are available—internal and external.

Internal DHCP Servers

The device contains an internal DHCP server. This server is typically used in branch offices that do not have a DHCP server.

The internal server provides DHCP addresses to wireless clients, direct-connect APs, and DHCP requests that are relayed from APs. Only lightweight APs are supported. If you want to use the internal DHCP server, ensure that you configure SVI for the client VLAN, and set the IP address as DHCP server IP address.

DHCP option 43 is not supported on the internal server. Therefore, the APs must use an alternative method to locate the management interface IP address of the device, such as local subnet broadcast, Domain Name System (DNS), or priming.

When clients use the internal DHCP server of the device, IP addresses are not preserved across reboots. As a result, multiple clients can be assigned to the same IP address. To resolve any IP address conflicts, clients must release their existing IP address and request a new one.



Note

- VRF is supported in the internal DHCP servers.
- DHCPv6 is not supported in the internal DHCP servers.

General Guidelines

- Internal DHCP server serves both wireless client and wired client (wired client includes AP).
- To serve wireless client with internal DHCP server, an unicast DHCP server IP address must be configured for wireless client. Internal DHCP server IP address must be configured under the server facing interface, which can be loopback interface, SVI interface, or L3 physical interface.
- To use internal DHCP server for both wireless and wired client VLAN, an IP address must be configured under client VLAN SVI interface.
- For wireless client, in DHCP helper address configuration, the IP address of the internal DHCP server must be different from address of wireless client VLAN SVI interface.
- For wireless client with internal DHCP server support, the internal DHCP server can be configured using global configuration command, under the client VLAN SVI interface or under the wireless policy profile.
- An internal DHCP server pool can also serve clients of other controllers .

External DHCP Servers

The operating system is designed to appear as a DHCP relay to the network and as a DHCP server to clients with industry-standard external DHCP servers that support DHCP Relay, which means that each controller appears as a DHCP relay agent to the DHCP server, and as a DHCP server in the virtual IP address to wireless clients.

Because the controller captures the client IP address that is obtained from a DHCP server, it maintains the same IP address for that client during intra controller, inter controller, and inter-subnet client roaming.



Note

External DHCP servers support DHCPv6.

DHCP Assignments

You can configure DHCP on a per-interface or per-WLAN basis. We recommend that you use the primary DHCP server address that is assigned to a particular interface.

You can assign DHCP servers for individual interfaces. You can configure the management interface, AP manager interface, and dynamic interface for a primary and secondary DHCP server, and configure the service-port interface to enable or disable DHCP servers. You can also define a DHCP server on a WLAN (in this case, the server overrides the DHCP server address on the interface assigned to the WLAN).

Security Considerations

For enhanced security, we recommend that you ask all clients to obtain their IP addresses from a DHCP server. To enforce this requirement, you can configure all the WLANs with a DHCP Address. Assignment Required setting, which disallows client static IP addresses. If DHCP Address Assignment Required is selected, clients must obtain an IP address through DHCP. Any client with a static IP address is not allowed on the network. The controller monitors DHCP traffic because it acts as a DHCP proxy for the clients.



Note

- WLANs that support management over wireless must allow management (device-servicing) clients to obtain an IP address from a DHCP server.
- The operating system is designed to appear as a DHCP relay to the network and as a DHCP server to clients with industry-standard external DHCP servers that support DHCP relay. This means that each controller appears as a DHCP relay to the DHCP server and as a DHCP server at the virtual IP address to wireless clients.

You can create WLANs with DHCP Address Assignment Required disabled. If you do this, clients have the option of using a static IP address or obtaining an IP address from a designated DHCP server. However, note that this might compromise security.



Note

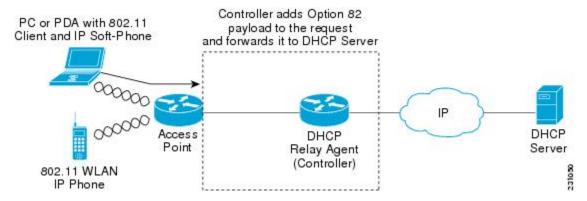
DHCP Address Assignment Required is not supported for wired guest LANs.

You can create separate WLANs with DHCP Address Assignment Required configured as disabled. This is applicable only if DHCP proxy is enabled for the controller. You must not define the primary or secondary configuration DHCP server instead you should disable the DHCP proxy. These WLANs drop all the DHCP requests and force clients to use a static IP address. These WLANs do not support management over wireless connections.

DHCP Option 82

DHCP option 82 provides additional security when DHCP is used to allocate network addresses. It enables the controller to act as a DHCP relay agent to prevent DHCP client requests from untrusted sources. You can configure the controller to add option 82 information to DHCP requests from clients before forwarding the requests to the DHCP server.

Figure 1: DHCP Option 82



The AP forwards all the DHCP requests from a client to the controller. The controller adds the DHCP option 82 payload and forwards the request to the DHCP server. The payload can contain the MAC address or the MAC address and SSID of the AP, depending on how you configure this option.



Note

DHCP packets that already include a relay agent option are dropped at the controller.

For DHCP option 82 to operate correctly, DHCP proxy must be enabled.

Restrictions for Configuring DHCP for WLANs

- If you override the DHCP server in a WLAN, you must ensure that you configure the underlying Cisco IOS configuration to make sure that the DHCP server is reachable.
- WLAN DHCP override works only if DHCP service is enabled on the controller.

You can configure DHCP service in either of the following ways:

- Configuring the DHCP pool on the controller.
- Configuring a DHCP relay agent on the SVI. Note that the VLAN of the SVI must be mapped to the WLAN where DHCP override is configured.

Guidelines for DHCP Relay Configuration

Relay Agent Source IP

- If you configure source interface VLAN in the SVI interface, the IP address of the VLAN interface configured as source is used.
- If the Relay Agent source IP is not mentioned, the IP address of the SVI interface created for the corresponding client's VLAN is used.
- If the Relay Agent source IP is not mentioned, the source address specified at the global level is used.



Note

- The DHCP packets are sourced from the IP address of the Wireless Management Interface (WMI), if VLAN is not configured in the policy profile and AAA override.
- The SVI interface configuration is mandatory to achieve the DHCP relay functionality in central DHCP or local switching.
- Even though many interface options are available in the ip dhcp relay source-interface <> command, only VLAN interface is applicable.

DHCP Server

• If the DHCP server address is configured in the wireless policy profile, the server address configured in the policy profile takes precedence.

• If the DHCP server address is not configured in the policy profile, the server address configured in SVI takes precedence.



Note

You can configure two server addresses in the SVI. In this case, the DHCP packets from the client are sent to both the servers.

The Option 82 configured in policy profile, SVI, and globally is considered and honored together.

How to Configure DHCP for WLANs

assigned by the DHCP scope.

them to the list.

Configuring DHCP Scopes (GUI)

Step 14

Step 15

Procedure

Step 1	Choose Administration > DHCP Pools.	
Step 2	In the Pools section, click Add to add a new DHCP pool.	
	The Create DHCP Pool dialog box is displayed.	
Step 3	In the DHCP Pool Name field, enter a name for the new DHCP pool.	
Step 4	From the IP Type drop-down list, choose the IP address type.	
Step 5	In the Network field, enter the network served by this DHCP scope. This IP address is used by the management interface with netmask applied, as configured in the Interfaces window.	
Step 6	In the Subnet Mask field, enter the subnet mask assigned to all the wireless clients.	
Step 7	In the Starting ip field, enter the starting IP address.	
Step 8	In the Ending ip field, enter the trailing IP address.	
Step 9	In the Reserved Only field, enable or disable it.	
Step 10	From the Lease drop-down list, choose the lease type as either User Defined or Never Expires . If you choose User Defined, you can enter the amount of time that an IP address is granted to a client.	
Step 11	To perform advanced configuration for DHCP scope, click Advanced .	
Step 12	Check the Enable DNS Proxy check box to enable DNS proxy.	
Step 13	In the Default Router(s) field, enter the IP address of the optional router or routers that connect to the device and click the + icon to add them to the list. Each router must include a DHCP forwarding agent that enables a single device to serve the clients of multiple devices.	

In the **DNS Server(s)** field, enter the IP address of the optional DNS server or servers and click the + icon to add them to the list. Each DNS server must be able to update a client's DNS entry to match the IP address

In the **NetBios Name Server(s)** field, enter the IP address of the optional Microsoft NetBIOS name server or servers, such as Microsoft Windows Internet Naming Service (WINS) server, and click the + icon to add

- **Step 16** In the **Domain** field, enter the optional domain name of the DHCP scope for use with one or more DNS servers
- Step 17 To add DHCP options, click Add in the DHCP Options List section. DHCP provides an internal framework for passing configuration parameters and other control information, such as DHCP options, to the clients on your network. DHCP options carry parameters as tagged data stored within protocol messages exchanged between the DHCP server and its clients.
- **Step 18** Enter the **DHCP** option that you want to add.
- Step 19 Click Save & Apply to Device.

Configuring DHCP Scopes (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	ip dhcp pool pool-name	Configures the DHCP pool address.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip dhcp pool test-pool	
Step 3	network network-name mask-address	Specifies the network number in dotted-decimal
	Example:	notation and the mask address.
	Device(dhcp-config)# network 209.165.200.224 255.255.255.0	
Step 4	dns-server hostname	Specifies the DNS name server. You can specify
	Example:	an IP address or a hostname.
	Device(dhcp-config)# dns-server example.com	
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(dhcp-config)# end	

Configuring the Internal DHCP Server

Configuring the Internal DHCP Server Under Client VLAN SVI (GUI)

Procedure

- $\textbf{Step 1} \qquad \text{Choose } \textbf{Configuration} > \textbf{Layer2} > \textbf{VLAN} > \textbf{SVI}.$
- Step 2 Click an SVI.
- Step 3 Click the Advanced tab.
- Step 4 Under DHCP Relay settings, enter the IPV4 Helper Address.
- Step 5 Click Update & Apply to Device.

Configuring the Internal DHCP Server Under Client VLAN SVI (CLI)

Before you begin

- For wireless clients, only two DHCP servers are supported.
- To use the internal DHCP server for both wireless and wired client VLAN, an IP address must be configured under the client VLAN SVI.
- For wireless clients, the IP address of the internal DHCP server must be different from the address of the wireless client VLAN SVI (in the DHCP helper address configuration).
- For wireless clients, the internal DHCP server can be configured under the client VLAN SVI or under the wireless policy profile.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	interface loopback interface-number	Creates a loopback interface and enters
	Example:	interface configuration mode.
	Device(config)# interface Loopback0	
Step 3	ip address ip-address	Configures the IP address for the interface.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.1 255.255.255.255	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 5	interface vlan vlan-id	Configures the VLAN ID.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# interface vlan 32	
Step 6	ip address ip-address	Configures the IP address for the interface.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# ip address 192.168.32.100 255.255.255.0	
Step 7	ip helper-address ip-address	Configures the destination address for UDP
	Example:	broadcasts.
	Device(config-if)# ip helper-address 10.10.10.1	Note If the IP address used in the ip helper-address command is an internal address of the controller an internal DHCP server is used. Otherwise, the external DHCP server is used.
Step 8	no mop enabled	Disables the Maintenance Operation Protocol
	Example:	(MOP) for an interface.
	Device(config-if)# no mop enabled	
Step 9	no mop sysid	Disables the task of sending MOP periodic
	Example:	system ID messages.
	Device(config-if)# no mop sysid	
Step 10	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 11	ip dhcp excluded-address ip-address	Specifies the IP address that the DHCP server
	Example:	should not assign to DHCP clients.
	Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.32.1	
Step 12	ip dhcp excluded-address ip-address	Specifies the IP addresses that the DHCP
	Example:	server should not assign to DHCP clients.
	Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.32.100	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 13	ip dhcp pool pool-name	Configures the DHCP pool address.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip dhcp pool pool-vlan32	
Step 14	network network-name mask-address Example: Device (dhcp-config) # network 192.168.32.0 255.255.255.0	Specifies the network number in dotted-decimal notation, along with the mask address.
Step 15	<pre>default-router ip-address Example: Device(dhcp-config) # default-router 192.168.32.1</pre>	Specifies the IP address of the default router for a DHCP client.
Step 16	<pre>exit Example: Device(dhcp-config) # exit</pre>	Exits DHCP configuration mode.
Step 17	wireless profile policy profile-policy Example: Device(config) # wireless profile policy default-policy-profile	Configures the WLAN policy profile and enters wireless policy configuration mode.
Step 18	<pre>central association Example: Device(config-wireless-policy)# central association</pre>	Configures central association for locally switched clients.
Step 19	<pre>central dhcp Example: Device(config-wireless-policy)# central dhcp</pre>	Configures the central DHCP for locally switched clients.
Step 20	<pre>central switching Example: Device(config-wireless-policy) # central switching</pre>	Configures WLAN for central switching.
Step 21	<pre>description policy-proile-name Example: Device(config-wireless-policy) # description "default policy profile"</pre>	Adds a description for the policy profile
Step 22	<pre>vlan vlan-name Example: Device(config-wireless-policy)# vlan 32</pre>	Assigns the profile policy to the VLAN.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 23	no shutdown	Enables the wireless profile policy.
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# no shutdown	

Configuring the Internal DHCP Server Under a Wireless Policy Profile (GUI)

Procedure

- **Step 1** Choose **Configuration** > **Tags & Profiles** > **Policy**.
- Step 2 Click a policy name.
- Step 3 Click the Advanced tab.
- Step 4 Under DHCP settings, check or uncheck the IPv4 DHCP Required check box and enter the DHCP Server IP Address.
- Step 5 Click Update & Apply to Device.

Configuring the Internal DHCP Server Under a Wireless Policy Profile

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example: Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	<pre>interface loopback interface-number Example: Device(config)# interface Loopback0</pre>	Creates a loopback interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 3	<pre>ip address ip-address Example: Device(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.1 255.255.255.255</pre>	Configures the IP address for the interface
Step 4	<pre>exit Example: Device(config-if)# exit</pre>	Exits interface configuration mode.
Step 5	interface vlan vlan-id Example:	Configures the VLAN ID.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config)# interface vlan 32	
Step 6	ip address ip-address	Configures the IP address for the interface.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# ip address 192.168.32.100 255.255.255.0	
Step 7	no mop enabled	Disables the Maintenance Operation Protocol
	Example:	(MOP) for an interface.
	Device(config-if)# no mop enabled	
Step 8	no mop sysid	Disables the task of sending MOP periodic
	Example:	system ID messages.
	Device(config-if)# no mop sysid	
Step 9	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 10	ip dhcp excluded-address ip-address	Specifies the IP address that the DHCP server
	Example:	should not assign to DHCP clients.
	Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.32.100	
Step 11	ip dhcp pool pool-name	Configures the DHCP pool address.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip dhcp pool pool-vlan32	
Step 12	network network-name mask-address	Specifies the network number in
	Example:	dotted-decimal notation along with the mask address.
	Device(dhcp-config) # network 192.168.32.0 255.255.255.0	address.
Step 13	default-router ip-address	Specifies the IP address of the default router
	Example:	for a DHCP client.
	Device(dhcp-config)# default-router 192.168.32.1	
Step 14	exit	Exits DHCP configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(dhcp-config)# exit	
Step 15	wireless profile policy profile-policy	Configures a WLAN policy profile and enters
	Example:	wireless policy configuration mode.
	Device(config) # wireless profile policy default-policy-profile	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 16	central association	Configures central association for locally
	Example:	switched clients.
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# central association	
Step 17	central switching	Configures local switching.
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# central switching	
Step 18	description policy-proile-name	Adds a description for the policy profile.
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# description "default policy profile"	
Step 19	ipv4 dhcp opt82	Enables DHCP Option 82 for the wireless
	Example:	clients.
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# ipv4 dhcp opt82	
Step 20	ipv4 dhcp opt82 ascii	Enables ASCII on DHCP Option 82.
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# ipv4 dhcp opt82 ascii	
Step 21	ipv4 dhcp opt82 format vlan_id	Enables VLAN ID.
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# ipv4 dhcp opt82 format vlan32	
Step 22	ipv4 dhcp opt82 rid vlan_id	Supports the addition of Cisco 2-byte Remote
	Example:	ID (RID) for DHCP Option 82.
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# ipv4 dhcp opt82 rid	
Step 23	ipv4 dhcp server ip-address	Configures the WLAN's IPv4 DHCP server.
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# ipv4 dhcp server 10.10.10.1	
Step 24	vlan vlan-name	Assigns the profile policy to the VLAN.
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# vlan 32	
Step 25	no shutdown	Enables the wireless profile policy.
	Example:	

Command or Action	Purpose
Device(config-wireless-policy)# no shutdown	

Configuring the Internal DHCP Server Globally (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1 Step 2	Choose Administration > DHCP Pools > Pools. Click Add.
	The Create DHCP Pool window is displayed.
Step 3	Enter the DHCP Pool Name, Network, Starting ip, and Ending ip.
Step 4	From the IP Type, Subnet Mask, and Lease drop-down lists, choose a value.
Step 5	Click the Reserved Only toggle button.

Configuring the Internal DHCP Server Globally (CLI)

Procedure

Click Apply to Device.

Step 6

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 2	interface loopback interface-num	Creates a loopback interface and enters
	Example:	interface configuration mode.
	Device(config)# interface Loopback0	
Step 3	ip address ip-address	Configures the IP address for the interface
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# ip address 10.10.10.1 255.255.255.255	
Step 4	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 5	interface vlanvlan-id	Configures the VLAN ID.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# interface vlan 32	

	Command or Action	Purpose		
Step 6	ip address ip-address	Configures the IP address for the interface.		
	Example:			
	Device(config-if)# ip address 192.168.32.100 255.255.255.0			
Step 7	no mop enabled	Disables the Maintenance Operation Protocol		
	Example:	(MOP) for an interface.		
	Device(config-if)# no mop enabled			
Step 8	no mop sysid	Disables the task of sending the MOP periodic system ID messages.		
	Example:			
	Device(config-if)# no mop sysid			
Step 9	exit	Exits the interface configuration mode.		
	Example:			
	Device(config-if)# exit			
Step 10	ip dhcp-server ip-address	Specifies the target DHCP server parameters.		
	Example:			
	Device(config)# ip dhcp-server 10.10.10.1			
Step 11	ip dhcp excluded-address ip-address	Specifies the IP address that the DHCP server		
	Example:	should not assign to DHCP clients.		
	Device(config) # ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.32.100	5		
Step 12	ip dhcp pool pool-name	Configures the DHCP pool address.		
	Example:			
	Device(config)# ip dhcp pool pool-vlan32			
Step 13	network network-name mask-address	Specifies the network number in dotted-decimal notation along with the mask address.		
	Example:			
	Device(dhcp-config)# network 192.168.32.0 255.255.255.0			
Step 14	default-router ip-address	Specifies the IP address of the default router		
	Example:	for a DHCP client.		
	Device(dhcp-config)# default-router 192.168.32.1			
Step 15	exit	Exits DHCP configuration mode.		
	Example:			
	Device(dhcp-config)# exit			

	Command or Action	Purpose		
Step 16	wireless profile policy profile-policy	Configures a WLAN policy profile and enter wireless policy configuration mode.		
	Example:			
	Device(config) # wireless profile policy default-policy-profile			
Step 17	central association	Configures central association for locally		
	Example:	switched clients.		
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# central association			
Step 18	central dhcp	Configures central DHCP for locally switched		
	Example:	clients.		
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# central dhcp			
Step 19	central switching	Configures local switching.		
	Example:			
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# central switching			
Step 20	description policy-proile-name	Adds a description for the policy profile.		
	Example:			
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# description "default policy profile"			
Step 21	vlan vlan-name	Assigns the profile policy to the VLAN.		
	Example:			
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# vlan 32			
Step 22	no shutdown	Enables the profile policy.		
	Example:			
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# no shutdown			

Configuring IP Reservations in the Internal DHCP Server (CLI)

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	

	Command or Action	Purpose		
Step 2	ip dhcp pool pool-name	Configures the DHCP pool address.		
	Example:			
	Device(config)# ip dhcp pool dhcp-pool-add			
Step 3	network network-name mask-address	Specifies the network number in dotted-decima notation along with the mask address.		
	Example:			
	Device(dhcp-config)# network 192.168.32.0 255.255.255.0			
Step 4	address ip-address {client-id client-id hardware-address client-mac-id}	Configures a reserved address using either the client ID or the MAC address.		
	Example: Device (dhcp-config) # address 209.165.200.224 client-id dhcp-client-id	Note The IP reservation is contingent on the type of identifier, be it the client ID or the MAC address that the client provides. If the client sends its DHCP DISCOVER or REQUEST using the client ID, set your IP reservation using the client ID and not the hardware address.		

Verifying Internal DHCP Configuration

To verify client binding, use the following command:

Device# show ip dhcp binding

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Bindings from all pools not associated with VRF:

IP address Client-ID/ Lease expiration Type State

Interface

Hardware address/
User name

192.168.32.3 0130.b49e.491a.53 Mar 23 2018 06:42 PM Automatic Active

Loopback0
```

To verify the DHCP relay statistics for a wireless client, use the following command:

Device# show wireless dhcp relay statistics

DHCP Relay Statistics

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DHCPDECLINE : 0
DHCPRELEASE : 0
DHCPINFORM : 82

Tx/Rx Time :
------
LastTxTime : 18:42:18
LastRxTime : 00:00:00

Drop Counter :
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TxDropCount : 0
```

To verify the DHCP packet punt statistics in CPP, use the following command:

Device# show platform hardware chassis active qfp feature wireless punt statistics

CPP Wireless Punt stats:

App Tag	Packet Count
CAPWAP PKT TYPE DOT11 PROBE REQ	14442
CAPWAP PKT TYPE DOT11 MGMT	50
CAPWAP PKT TYPE DOT11 IAPP	9447
CAPWAP PKT TYPE DOT11 RFID	0
CAPWAP PKT TYPE DOT11 RRM	0
CAPWAP PKT TYPE DOT11 DOT1X	0
CAPWAP PKT TYPE CAPWAP KEEPALIVE	2191
CAPWAP PKT TYPE MOBILITY KEEPALIVE	0
CAPWAP PKT TYPE CAPWAP CNTRL	7034
CAPWAP PKT TYPE CAPWAP DATA	0
CAPWAP PKT TYPE MOBILITY CNTRL	0
WLS SMD WEBAUTH	0
SISF PKT TYPE ARP	5292
SISF_PKT_TYPE_DHCP	140
SISF_PKT_TYPE_DHCP6	1213
SISF_PKT_TYPE_IPV6_ND	350
SISF_PKT_TYPE_DATA_GLEAN	44
SISF_PKT_TYPE_DATA_GLEAN_V6	51
SISF_PKT_TYPE_DHCP_RELAY	122
CAPWAP_PKT_TYPE_CAPWAP_RESERVED	0

Configuring DHCP-Required for FlexConnect

Information About FlexConnect DHCP-Required

The DHCP-Required knob on a policy profile forces a connected wireless client to get the IP address from DHCP. When the client completes the DHCP process and acquires an IP address, this IP address is learnt by the controller and only then the client traffic is switched on to the network. The DHCP-Required feature is already supported in central switching.

In Cisco IOS XE Amsterdam 17.2.1, the feature is supported on FlexConnect local switching clients. Prior to Release 17.2.1, DHCP-Required was not enforced on FlexConnect local switching clients. The IP address learnt by the AP or the controller for the wireless client is tracked to create an IP-MAC binding. As part of this feature, when a FlexConnect local switching client roams from one AP to another, the client need not do

the DHCP again in the same L2 network, because the controller tracks the IP address and pushes the binding to the newly roaming AP.

The FlexConnect DHCP-Required feature can be configured from open configuration models, CLI, and from the GUI. The CLI and GUI configurations are described in this chapter. For more information about the open configuration modes, see the https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/ios-xml/ios/prog/configuration/172/b_ programmability cg.html.

Restrictions and Limitations for FlexConnect DHCP-Required

The following are the restrictions and limitations for the FlexConnect DHCP-Required feature:

- The DHCP-Required feature is applicable for IPv4 addresses only.
- The IP-MAC binding can be pushed to other APs only through the custom policy profile. IP-MAC binding is not available in the default policy. The mapping is propagated to all the APs in the same custom policy profile.
- The DHCP-Required feature works on IP-MAC binding basis and is not supported with third party workgroup bridge (WGB), where WGB wired client information is not shared to AP by the WGB.
- Cisco Wave 2 APs take 180 seconds to remove a client entry with static IP, when DHCP-required is enabled.

Configuring FlexConnect DHCP-Required (GUI)

Perform the steps given below to configure the FlexConnect DHCP-Required feature through the GUI:

Procedure

- **Step 1** Choose Configuration > Tags & Profiles > Policy.
- **Step 2** On the **Policy** window, click the name of the corresponding Policy Profile.

The Edit Policy Profile window is displayed.

- Step 3 Click the Advanced tab.
- Step 4 In the DHCP section, check the IPv4 DHCP Required check box to enable the feature.
- Step 5 Click Update & Apply to Device.

Configuring FlexConnect DHCP-Required (CLI)

Perform the procedure given below to configure FlexConnect DHCP-Required through the CLI:

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		

	Command or Action	Purpose		
	Device#configure terminal			
Step 2	wireless profile policy profile-policy	Configures WLAN policy profile and enters the wireless policy configuration mode.		
	Example:			
	Device#wireless profile policy rr-xyz-policy-1			
Step 3	ipv4 dhcp required	Enables the FlexConnect DHCP-Required feature.		
	Example:			
	Device(config-wireless-policy)#ipv4 dhcp required			
Step 4	no shutdown	Saves the configuration.		
	Example:			
	Device(config-wireless-policy) #no shutdown			

Verifying FlexConnect DHCP-Required

• To verify the IP address learnt for a client on an IP DHCP-Required policy-enabled WLAN, use the **show wireless client summary** command:



Note

The controller or AP does not learn the IP address through other means such as ARP or data gleaning, when IPv4 DHCP-Required is enabled.

Device# show wireless client summary Number of Clients: 1						
MAC Address Role	AP Name	Туре	ID	State	Protocol	Method
1cXX.bXXX.59XX Local	APXXXX.7XXX.4XXX	WLAN	3	IP Learn	11ac	Dot1x

• This example shows that the client IP is in the **Run** state, indicating that the client has received the IP address from DHCP:

Device# show wireless client summary							
Number of Clients: 1							
MAC Address	AP Name	Type	ID	State	Protocol		
Method Role							
						-	
5XXX.37XX.c3XX	APXXXX.4XXX.4XXX	WLAN	3	Run	11n(5)		
None Loca	1						

Verifying FlexConnect DHCP-Required