

### **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 not 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

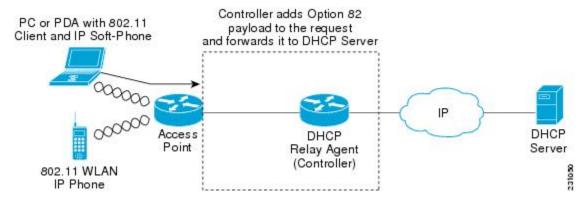
DHCP Address Assignment Required is not supported for wired guest LANs.

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.

Check the **Enable DNS Proxy** check box to enable DNS proxy.

 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.

# **How to Configure DHCP for WLANs**

## **Configuring DHCP Scopes (GUI)**

#### **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. In the **Network** field, enter the network served by this DHCP scope. This IP address is used by the management Step 5 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. From the Lease drop-down list, choose the lease type as either User Defined or Never Expires. If you choose Step 10 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

- 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 assigned by the DHCP scope.
- 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 them to the list.
- **Step 16** In the **Domain** field, enter the optional domain name of the DHCP scope for use with one or more DNS servers.
- 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:	Example:	an IP address or a hostname.
	<pre>Device(dhcp-config)# dns-server example.com</pre>	
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**

- Step 1 Choose Configuration > Layer2 > VLAN > 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  Example:	Creates a loopback interface and enters 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
exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
Example:	
Device(config-if)# exit	
interface vlan vlan-id	Configures the VLAN ID.
Example:	
Device(config)# interface vlan 32	
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	
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.
no mop enabled	Disables the Maintenance Operation Protocol
Example:	(MOP) for an interface.
Device(config-if)# no mop enabled	
no mop sysid	Disables the task of sending MOP periodic
Example:	system ID messages.
Device(config-if)# no mop sysid	
exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
Example:	
Device(config-if)# exit	
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	
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	
	exit  Example: Device(config-if)# exit  interface vlan vlan-id  Example: Device(config)# interface vlan 32  ip address ip-address  Example: Device(config-if)# ip address 192.168.32.100 255.255.255.0  ip helper-address ip-address  Example: Device(config-if)# ip helper-address 10.10.10.1  no mop enabled  Example: Device(config-if)# no mop enabled  no mop sysid  Example: Device(config-if)# no mop sysid  exit  Example: Device(config-if)# exit  ip dhcp excluded-address ip-address Example: Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address 192.168.32.1  ip dhcp excluded-address ip-address Example: Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address Example: Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address Example: Device(config)# ip dhcp excluded-address

	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	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 15	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 16	exit	Exits DHCP configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(dhcp-config)# exit	
Step 17	wireless profile policy profile-policy	Configures the WLAN policy profile and
	Example:	enters wireless policy configuration mode.
	Device(config) # wireless profile policy default-policy-profile	,
Step 18	central association	Configures central association for locally
	Example:	switched clients.
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# central association	
Step 19	central dhcp	Configures the central DHCP for locally
	Example:	switched clients.
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# central dhcp	
Step 20	central switching	Configures WLAN for central switching.
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# central switching	
Step 21	description policy-proile-name	Adds a description for the policy profile
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# description "default policy profile"	
Step 22	vlan vlan-name	Assigns the profile policy to the VLAN.
	Example:	
	Device(config-wireless-policy)# vlan 32	

	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**

<b>Step 1</b> Choose <b>Configuration</b> >	> Tags & Profiles > Policy.
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**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	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	
Step 4	exit	Exits interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-if)# exit	
Step 5	interface vlan vlan-id	Configures the VLAN ID.
	Example:	

	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	3
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	autiess.
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:	
	<pre>Device(config-wireless-policy)# central   switching</pre>	
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.

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

## **Configuring the Internal DHCP Server Globally (GUI)**

#### **Procedure**

- **Step 1** Choose **Administration** > **DHCP Pools** > **Pools**.
- Step 2 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.
- Step 6 Click Apply to Device.

## **Configuring the Internal DHCP Server Globally (CLI)**

	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
	Example:	system ID messages.
	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	
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 mas address.
	Example:	
	Device(dhcp-config)# network 192.168.32.0 255.255.255.0	audicss.
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 enters			
	Example:	wireless policy configuration mode.			
	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 clients.			
	Example:				
	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				

# **Verifying Internal DHCP Configuration**

To verify client binding, use the following command:

Device# show ip dhcp binding

Bindings from all pools not associated with  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{VRF}}$ :

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

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DHCP Relay Statistics
_____
DHCP Server IP : 10.10.10.1
                  Count
Message
DHCPDISCOVER : 1
BOOTP FORWARD : 137
BOOTP REPLY
             : 0
               : 0
DHCPOFFER
DHCPREQUEST
DHCPACK
DHCPNAK
DHCPDECLINE
DHCPRELEASE
             : 0
DHCPINFORM
                : 82
{\tt Tx/Rx} Time :
LastTxTime : 18:42:18
LastRxTime : 00:00:00
Drop Counter :
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
	5292
SISF_PKT_TYPE_ARP	
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\_172\_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:

- **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:

#### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose		
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.		
	Example:			
	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		
	Example:	feature.		
	Device(config-wireless-policy)#ipv4 dhcprequired			
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# <b>show wi</b> :	reless client su : 1	mmary	•			
MAC Address Role	AP Name	Туре	ID	State	Protocol	Method
1cXX.bXXX.59XX	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

MAC Address Method R	AP Name	Type	ID	State	Protocol
5XXX.37XX.c3X	X APXXXX.4XXX.4XXX	X WLAN	3	Run	11n(5)
None L	ocal				