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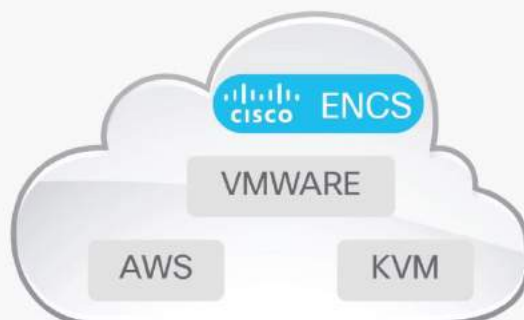
Built from the ground up for intent-based networking

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Product Overview

Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller for Cloud



Built from the ground-up for the Intent-based networking and Cisco DNA, Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers are Cisco IOS® XE based and integrate the RF excellence of Cisco Aironet® access points creating the best-in-class wireless experience for your evolving and growing organization. The Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers are built on an open and programmable architecture with built-in security, streaming telemetry and rich analytics.

The Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers are built on the three pillars of network excellence—always on, secure, and deployed anywhere—which strengthen the network by providing the best wireless experience without compromise, while saving time and money.

The Cisco® Catalyst® 9800-CL is the next generation of enterprise-class wireless controllers for cloud, with seamless software updates for distributed branches and midsize campuses to large enterprises and service providers.

The Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Controller is feature rich and enterprise ready to power your business-critical operations and transform end-customer experiences:

- High availability and seamless software updates, enabled by hot and cold patching, keep your clients and services **always on** in planned and unplanned events.
- **Secure** air, devices, and users with the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL. Wireless infrastructure becomes the strongest first line of defense with Cisco Encrypted Traffic Analytics (ETA) and Software-Defined Access (SD-Access). The controller comes with built-in security: runtime defenses, image signing and integrity verification.
- **Deploy anywhere** to enable wireless connectivity everywhere. Whether in a public or private cloud, the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL best meets your organization's needs.
- Built on a modular operating system, the 9800-CL features open and programmable APIs that enable **automation** of day-0 to day-N network operations. Model-driven streaming telemetry provides deep insights into the **health of your network and clients**.

Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL for Private Cloud

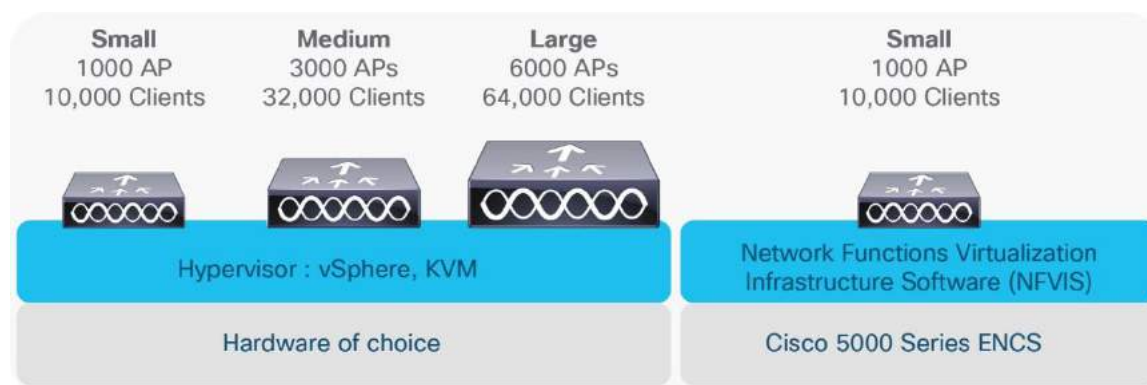


Figure 1.
Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL for private cloud

Key highlights

- Multiple scale templates (small, medium, and large)
- VMware ESXi, KVM, and Cisco NFVIS (on ENCS) supported
- Supports centralized, Cisco FlexConnect®, and fabric (SD-Access) deployment
- Multiple scale options with a single deployment package to best meet your organization's needs.
 - **Small:** Designed for distributed branches and small campuses supporting up to 1000 Access Points (APs) and 10,000 clients
 - **Medium:** Designed for medium-sized campuses supporting up to 3000 APs and 32,000 clients
 - **Large:** Designed for large enterprises and service providers supporting up to 6000 APs and 64,000 clients
- Supports up to 2.5 Gbps of throughput in a centralized wireless deployment
- One deployment package for all the scale templates. Pick the deployment size when you instantiate the Virtual Machine (VM)
- An intuitive bootstrap wizard is available during the VM instantiation to boot the wireless controller with recommended parameters
- Optimize your branch by deploying the 9800-CL as a virtual machine on the Cisco 5000 Series Enterprise Network Compute System (ENCS) running Cisco NFVIS

Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL for Public Cloud

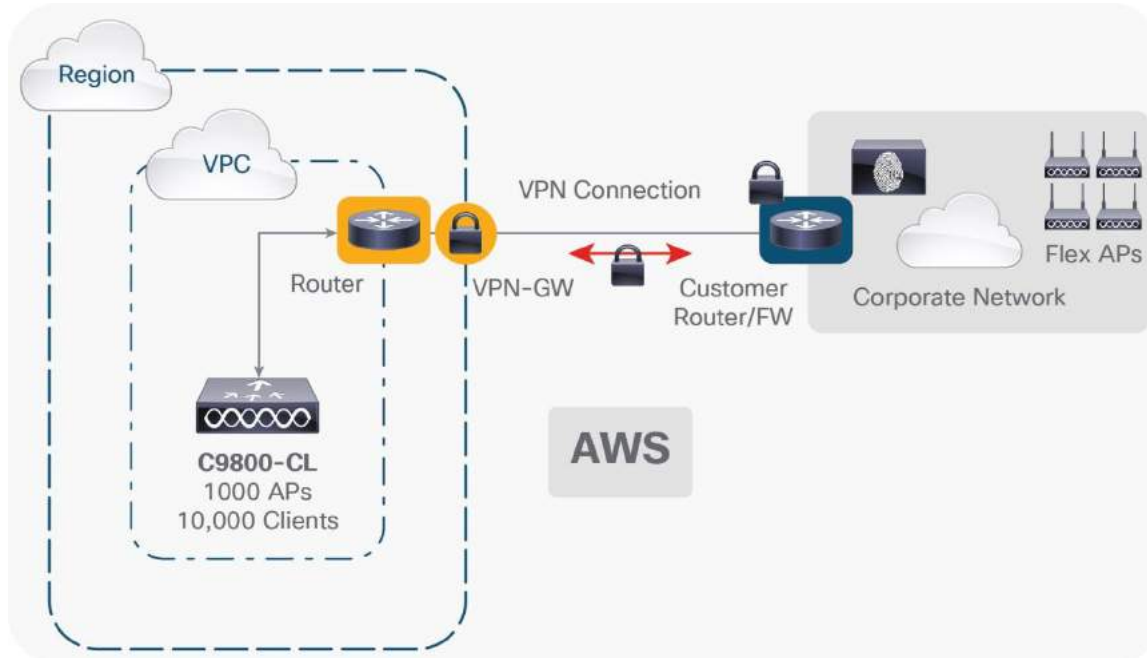


Figure 2.
Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL for public cloud

Key highlights

- IaaS solutions available in the AWS Marketplace
- Supported only with managed VPN
- Cisco FlexConnect central authentication and local switching
- Available on AWS GovCloud
- Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL is available in the AWS Marketplace.
- Supports up to 1000 access points and 10,000 clients.
- The 9800-CL should be instantiated within a Virtual Private Cloud (VPC).
- A VPN tunnel has to be established from the customer site to AWS to enable communication between the Cisco access point and 9800-CL wireless controller.
- Deploy a wireless controller instance in AWS using cloud-formation templates provided by Cisco (recommended) or by manually using the EC2 console.

Features

Table 1. Key features

Metric	Value
Maximum number of access points	Up to 6000
Maximum number of clients	64,000
Maximum throughput	Up to 2.5 Gbps
Maximum WLANs	4096
Maximum VLANs	4096
Deployment modes	Centralized, Cisco FlexConnect, and Fabric Wireless (SD-Access)
License	Smart License enabled
Operating system	Cisco IOS XE Software
Management	Cisco DNA Center™ 1.2.8, Cisco Prime® Infrastructure 3.5, integrated WebUI, and third party (open standards APIs)
Interoperability	AireOS-based controllers with 8.8 MR2, 8.5 MR4, and 8.5 MR3 special
Policy engine	Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4
Cisco Connected Mobile Experiences (CMX)	CMX 10.5.1
Access points	Aironet 802.11ac Wave 1 and Wave 2 access points

Always on

Seamless software updates enable faster resolution of critical issues, introduction of new access points with zero downtime, and flexible software upgrades. Stateful switchover (SSO) with 1:1 active standby and N+1 redundancy keeps your network, services, and clients always on, even in unplanned events.

Secure

Secure air, devices, and users with the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL. Wireless infrastructure becomes the strongest first line of defense with ETA and SD-Access. The controllers come with built-in security: runtime defenses, image signing and integrity verification.

Deploy anywhere

Whether in a public or private cloud, the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL wireless controllers can be deployed anywhere for wireless everywhere. The 9800-CL meets the needs of your branch and campus network deployments.

Open and programmable

The controllers are built on the Cisco IOS XE operating system, which offers a rich set of open standards-based programmable APIs and model-driven telemetry that provide an easy way to automate day-0 to day-N network operations.

Key Specifications

Table 2. Key specifications

Metric	Private cloud			Public cloud
	Small	Medium	Large	
Deployment modes supported	Centralized, Cisco FlexConnect, Fabric(SD-Access)	Centralized, Cisco FlexConnect, Fabric (SD-Access)	Cisco FlexConnect,Fabric (SD-Access)	Cisco FlexConnect (local switching only)
vCPUs Required	4	6	10	4
RAM required (GB)	8	16	32	8
Hypervisors and cloud providers supported	ESXi 6.0/6.5, KVM, NFVIS	ESXi 6.0/6.5, KVM, NFVIS	ESXi 6.0/6.5, KVM, NFVIS	AWS
Maximum number of access points	1000	3000	6000	1000
Maximum number of clients	10,000	32,000	64,000	10,000
Maximum throughput	2.5 Gbps	2.5 Gbps	Locally switched	(All traffic will be locally switched)
Maximum WLANs	4096	4096	4096	4096
Maximum VLANs	4096	4096	4096	4096
Maximum site tags	1000	3000	6000	1000
Maximum APs per site	100	100	100	100
Maximum policy tags	1000	3000	6000	1000
Maximum RF tags	1000	3000	6000	1000
Maximum RF profiles	2000	6000	12,000	2000
Maximum policy profiles	1000	1000	1000	1000
Maximum Flex profiles	1000	3000	6000	1000
vNIC adapters	ESXi: VXNET3, E1000E, E1000 KVM: VIRTIO	ESXi: VXNET3, E1000E, E1000 KVM: VIRTIO	ESXi: VXNET3, E1000E, E1000 KVM: VIRTIO	–

Metric	Private cloud			Public cloud
	ESXi: vSwitch KVM: OVS Linux Bridge(brctl)	ESXi: vSwitch KVM: OVS Linux Bridge(brctl)	ESXi: vSwitch KVM: OVS Linux Bridge(brctl)	
Virtual switch				–
High availability	SSO, N+1	SSO, N+1	SSO, N+1	N+1
Cisco DNA™ support	Automation, Assurance	Automation, Assurance	Automation, Assurance	–
Guest anchor	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
Client IPv6 support	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Infrastructure IPv6 support	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Benefits

Cisco IOS XE opens a completely new paradigm in network configuration, operation, and monitoring through network automation. Cisco's automation solution is open, standards-based, and extensible across the entire lifecycle of a network device. The various mechanisms that bring about network automation are outlined below, based on a device lifecycle.

- **Automated device provisioning:** This is the ability to automate the process of upgrading software images and installing configuration files on Cisco access points when they are being deployed in the network for the first time. Cisco provides turnkey solutions such as Plug and Play (PnP) that enable an effortless and automated deployment.
- **API-driven configuration:** Modern wireless controllers such the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller for Cloud support a wide range of automation features and provide robust open APIs over Network Configuration Protocol (NETCONF) using YANG data models for external tools, both off-the-shelf and custom built, to automatically provision network resources.
- **Granular visibility:** Model-driven telemetry provides a mechanism to stream data from a wireless controller to a destination. The data to be streamed is driven through subscription to a data set in a YANG model. The subscribed data set is streamed out to the destination at configured intervals. Additionally, Cisco IOS XE enables the push model, which provides near-real-time monitoring of the network, leading to quick detection and rectification of failures.
- **Seamless software upgrades and patching:** To enhance OS resilience, Cisco IOS XE supports patching, which provides fixes for critical bugs and security vulnerabilities between regular maintenance releases. This support allows customers to add patches without having to wait for the next maintenance release.

Always on

- **High availability:** Stateful switchover with a 1:1 active standby and N+1 redundancy keeps your network, services, and clients always on, even in unplanned events.
- **Software Maintenance Upgrades (SMUs) with hot and cold patching:** Patching allows for a patch to be installed as a bug fix without bringing down the entire network and eliminates the need to requalify an entire software image. The SMU is a package that can be installed on a system to provide a patch fix or security resolution to a released image. SMUs allow you to address the network issue quickly while reducing the time and scope of the testing required. The Cisco IOS XE platform internally validates the SMU compatibility and does not allow you to install incompatible SMUs. All SMUs are integrated into the subsequent Cisco IOS XE Software maintenance releases.
- **Intelligent rolling access point upgrades and seamless multisite upgrades:** The Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller for Cloud comes equipped with intelligent rolling access point upgrades to simplify network operations. Multisite upgrades can now be done in stages, and access points can be upgraded intelligently without restarting the entire network.

Security

- **Encrypted Traffic Analytics (ETA):** ETA is a unique capability for identifying malware in encrypted traffic coming from the access layer. Since more and more traffic is being encrypted, the visibility this feature provides related to threat detection is critical for keeping your network secure at different layers.
- **Trustworthy systems:** Cisco Trust Anchor Technologies provide a highly secure foundation for Cisco products. With the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL, these trustworthy systems help assure software authenticity for supply chain trust and strong mitigation against man-in-the-middle attacks on software and firmware. Trust Anchor capabilities include:
 - **Image signing:** Cryptographically signed images provide assurance that the firmware, BIOS, and other software are authentic and unmodified. As the system boots, its software signatures are checked for integrity.

Flexible netFlow

- **Flexible NetFlow (FNF):** Cisco IOS FNF is the next generation in flow visibility technology, allowing optimization of the network infrastructure, reducing operating costs, and improving capacity planning and security incident detection with increased flexibility and scalability.

Application visibility and control

- **Next-Generation Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR2):** NBAR2 enables advanced application classification techniques, with up to 1400 predefined and well-known application signatures and up to 150 encrypted applications on the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL. Some of the most popular applications included are Skype, Office 365, Microsoft Lync, Cisco Webex®, and Facebook. Many others are already predefined and easy to configure. NBAR2 provides the network administrator with an important tool to identify, control, and monitor end-user application usage while helping ensure a quality user experience and securing the network from malicious attacks. It uses FNF to report application performance and activities within the network to any supported NetFlow collector, such as Cisco Prime, Stealthwatch®, or any compliant third-party tool.

Quality of service

- **Superior Quality of Service (QoS):** QoS technologies are tools and techniques for managing network resources and are considered the key enabling technologies for the transparent convergence of voice, video, and data networks. QoS on the Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL consists of classification of traffic based on packet data as well as application recognition

and traffic control actions such as dropping, marking and policing. A modular QoS command-line framework provides consistent platform-independent and flexible configuration behavior. The 9800-CL also supports policies at two levels of target: BSSID as well as client. Policy assignment can be granular down to the client level.

Smart operation

- **WebUI:** WebUI is an embedded GUI-based device-management tool that provides the ability to provision the device, simplifying device deployment and manageability and enhancing the user experience. WebUI comes with the default image. There is no need to enable anything or install any license on the device. You can use WebUI to build a day-0 and day-1 configuration and from then on monitor and troubleshoot the device without having to know how to use the CLI.

Specifications

Table 3. Specifications

Item	Specification	
Wireless standards	IEEE 802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, 802.11d, WMM/802.11e, 802.11h, 802.11n, 802.11k, 802.11r, 802.11u, 802.11w, 802.11ac Wave 1 and Wave 2	
Wired, switching, and routing standards	IEEE 802.3 10BASE-T, IEEE 802.3u 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T, 1000BASE-SX, 1000BASE-LH, IEEE 802.1Q VLAN tagging, IEEE 802.1AX Link Aggregation	
Data standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFC 768 User Datagram Protocol (UDP) • RFC 791 IP • RFC 2460 IPv6 • RFC 792 Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) • RFC 793 TCP • RFC 826 Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) • RFC 1122 Requirements for Internet Hosts • RFC 1519 Classless Interdomain Routing (CIDR) • RFC 1542 Bootstrap Protocol (BOOTP) • RFC 2131 Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) • RFC 5415 Control and Provisioning of Wireless Access Points (CAPWAP) Protocol • RFC 5416 CAPWAP Binding for 802.11 	

Item	Specification	
Security standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) • IEEE 802.11i (WPA2, RSN) • RFC 1321 MD5 Message-Digest Algorithm • RFC 1851 Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) Triple DES (3DES) Transform • RFC 2104 HMAC: Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication • RFC 2246 TLS Protocol Version 1.0 • RFC 3280 Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile • RFC 4347 Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) • RFC 5246 TLS Protocol Version 1.2 	
Encryption standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) RC4 40, 104 and 128 bits • Advanced Encryption Standard (AES): Cipher Block Chaining (CBC), Counter with CBC-MAC (CCM), Counter with CBC Message Authentication Code Protocol (CCMP) • Data Encryption Standard (DES): DES-CBC, 3DES • Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS): RC4 128-bit and RSA 1024- and 2048-bit • DTLS: AES-CBC • IPsec: DES-CBC, 3DES, AES-CBC • 802.1AE MACsec encryption 	
Authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEEE 802.1X • RFC 2548 Microsoft Vendor-Specific RADIUS Attributes • RFC 2716 Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)-TLS • RFC 2865 RADIUS Authentication • RFC 2866 RADIUS Accounting • RFC 2867 RADIUS Tunnel Accounting • RFC 2869 RADIUS Extensions • RFC 3576 Dynamic Authorization Extensions to RADIUS • RFC 5176 Dynamic Authorization Extensions to RADIUS • RFC 3579 RADIUS Support for EAP • RFC 3580 IEEE 802.1X RADIUS Guidelines • RFC 3748 Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) • Web-based authentication • TACACS support for management users 	
Management standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) v1, v2c, v3 • RFC 854 Telnet • RFC 1155 Management Information for TCP/IP-based Internets • RFC 1156 MIB • RFC 1157 SNMP • RFC 1213 SNMP MIB II • RFC 1350 Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) • RFC 1643 Ethernet MIB • RFC 2030 Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP) • RFC 2616 HTTP • RFC 2665 Ethernet-Like Interface Types MIB • RFC 2674 Definitions of Managed Objects for Bridges with Traffic Classes, Multicast Filtering, and Virtual Extensions • RFC 2819 Remote Monitoring (RMON) MIB • RFC 2863 Interfaces Group MIB • RFC 3164 Syslog 	

Item	Specification	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFC 3414 User-Based Security Model (USM) for SNMPv3 • RFC 3418 MIB for SNMP • RFC 3636 Definitions of Managed Objects for IEEE 802.3 MAUs • RFC 4741 Base NETCONF protocol • RFC 4742 NETCONF over SSH • RFC 6241 NETCONF • RFC 6242 NETCONF over SSH • RFC 5277 NETCONF event notifications • RFC 5717 Partial Lock Remote Procedure Call • RFC 6243 With-Defaults capability for NETCONF • RFC 6020 YANG • Cisco private MIBs 	
Management interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web-based: HTTP/HTTPS • Command-line interface: Telnet, Secure Shell (SSH) Protocol, serial port • SNMP • NETCONF 	

Software Requirements

The Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller for Cloud runs on Cisco IOS XE Software version 16.10.1 or later. This software release includes all the features listed earlier in the Platform Benefits section.

Table 4. Minimum software requirements

Model	Description	Minimum software requirement
C9800-CL-K9	Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller for Cloud	Cisco IOS XE Software Release 16.10.1

Licensing

The Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers require mandatory Smart Licensing. This provides ease of use for Cisco DNA license management, consumption, and tracking.

No licenses are required to boot up a **Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller**. However, in order to connect any access points to the **controller**, Cisco DNA licenses are required. Every access point connecting to Catalyst 9800 requires a Cisco DNA™ subscription license to be entitled to connect to the controller. See Figure 2.

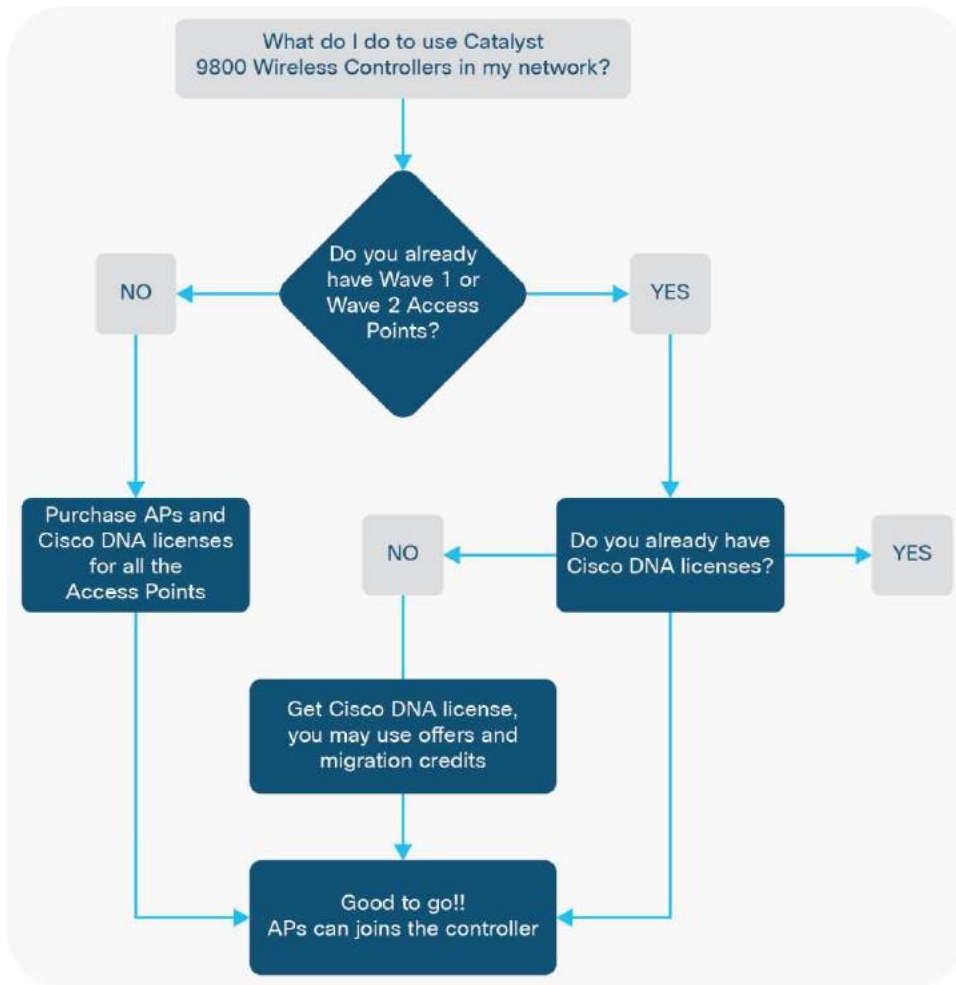
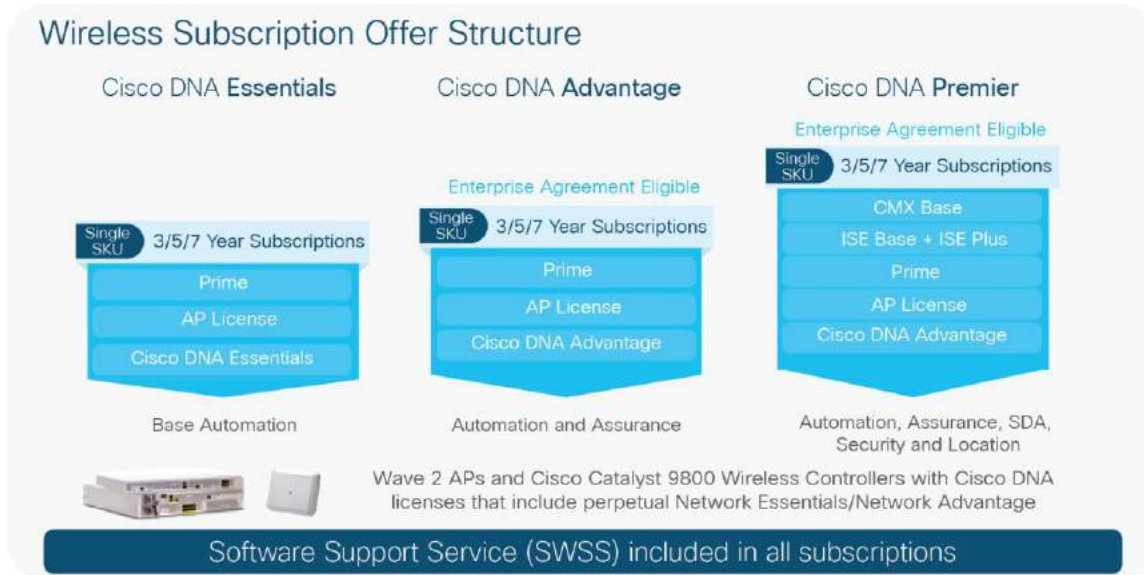


Figure 3.
The APs connecting to Catalyst 9800 has a new and simplified licensing package

They can support 3 types of Cisco DNA license: Cisco DNA Essentials, Cisco DNA Advantage and Cisco DNA Premier:

The Cisco DNA licenses provide Cisco innovations on the AP. The Cisco DNA license also includes the Network Essentials and Network Advantage licensing options which cover wireless fundamentals such as 802.1x authentication, QoS, PnP etc, telemetry and visibility, SSO, as well as security controls. These Network essentials and Network advantage components are perpetual and is valid till the life of the AP. Cisco DNA subscription licenses have to be purchased for a 3-, 5-, or 7-year subscription term. However, upon expiry of Cisco DNA license, Cisco DNA features will expire, whereas network essentials and network advantage features will remain.

Here is a brief description of what each base and add-on package includes:



Catalyst 9800 Wireless Controller- Advantage vs. Essentials

C9800-40/C9800-80/C9800-CL

Advantage		Essentials	
Cisco DNA Advantage (inclusive of Cisco DNA Essentials) 3,5,7 Year Terms		Cisco DNA Essentials 3,5,7 Year Terms	
Advanced Automation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SD-Access Location Plug and Play Automated ISE integration for guest Third Party API integration 	Assurance and Analytics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided Remediation Apple iOS Insights Proactive Issue Detection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aironet Active Sensor Tests Intelligent capture Client Location Heatmaps Spectrum Analyzer Application performance (Packet Loss, Latency and Jitter) App 360, AP 360, Client 360 and WLC 360 Custom Reports* 	Basic Automation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhP Application Network Site Design and Device Provisioning 	Element Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software Image Management Discovery, Network Topology AVC
Enhanced Security & IoT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encrypted Traffic Analytics Advanced WIPS* 	Element Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Path Lifecycle Management 	Telemetry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible Netflow 	Basic Assurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health dashboard (Network, Client and Application) AP Floorplan and Coverage map Pre-defined Reports
Policy Based Workflows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EasyQoS configuration EasyQoS monitoring Policy-based Automation 		Base Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic WIPS* 	
Network Advantage (inclusive of Network Essentials) Perpetual		Network Essentials Perpetual	
High Availability and Resiliency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISSU, Process Restart Rolling AP Upgrades Patching (CLI) AP service pack/AP device pack 	Essential Wireless Capabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 802.1x authentications, Guest access, device onboarding, Infra and client IPv6, ACLs, QoS, Videostream, Smart defaults, RRM, Spectrum intelligence, BLE, Zigbee, USB, TrustSec SXP, SSO, Dynamic QoS, Analytics, ADP, OpenDNS, IPSec, Rogue Management and Detection, Mobility 	DevOps Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhP Agent NETCONF, RESTCONF*, gNMI* Yang Data Models GuestShell (On-Box Python)* 	Telemetry and Visibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model-driven Telemetry NETCONF dial-in, gRPC dial out*
Flexible Network Segmentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VXLAN 	Optimized RF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRA, Client link, Clear Air Advanced NG-HDX, Predictive/Proactive RRM 	Federal Certifications* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIPS, CC, UCAPL, USGV6 	
IoT Optimized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify PSK, Enhanced Device profilers 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cat 9800 controller includes the Perpetual Network Stack - Network Essentials or Network Advantage Mandatory to attach Cisco DNA License for every AP joining the controller Cisco DNA License includes Wireless and Cisco DNA Center Features 			

Note: It is not required to deploy Cisco DNA Center just to use one of the above packages.

The following table shows the features included in the Network Advantage and Network Essentials package.

Table 5. Features included in the Network Advantage and Network Essentials packages

Features	Network Essentials	Network Advantage
Essential capabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 802.1x authentications, Guest access, device onboarding, Infra and client IPv6, ACLs, QoS, Videostream, Smart defaults, RRM, Spectrum intelligence, BLE, Zigbee, USB, TrustSec SXP, SSO, Dynamic QoS, Analytics, ADP, OpenDNS, mDNS, IPSec, Rogue Management and Detection, Mobility 	✓	✓
Optimized RF	✓	✓

Features	Network Essentials	Network Advantage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRA, Client link, ClearAir Advanced, NG-HDX, Predictive/Proactive RRM 		
Internet of Things (IoT) optimized Identity pre-shared keys (PSK), enhanced device profilers	✓	✓
DevOPS integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PnP Agent NETCONF, RESTCONF*, gNMI* Yang Data Models GuestShell (On-Box Python)* 	✓	✓
Federal Certifications Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), CC, UCAPL, USGV6	✓	✓
Telemetry and visibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model-driven Telemetry NETCONF dial-in, gRPC dial out* 	✓	✓
High availability and resiliency (advanced) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISSU, Process Restart, Rolling AP Upgrades, Patching (CLI) AP service pack/AP device pack 	X	✓
Flexible Network Segmentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VXLAN 	X	✓

The following table shows the features included in the Cisco DNA Advantage and Cisco DNA Essentials packages.

Table 6. Features included in the Cisco DNA Advantage and Cisco DNA Essentials packages

Features	Cisco DNA Essentials	Cisco DNA Advantage/Premier
Base Automation Plug and Play, network site design and device provisioning	✓	✓
Element management Image management, network topology and discovery, AVC	✓	✓
Base Assurance Health dashboard (network, client, and application), AP floor map and coverage map, predefined reports	✓	✓
Telemetry Flexible NetFlow	✓	✓

Features	Cisco DNA Essentials	Cisco DNA Advantage/Premier
Base security Basic wireless IPS	✓	✓
Advanced Automation SD-Access Location Plug and Play Automated ISE integration for guest 3 rd party API integration	X	✓
Assurance and Analytics Guided Remediation Apple iOS Insights Proactive issue Detection Aironet Active Sensor Tests Intelligent capture Client Location Heatmaps Spectrum Analyzer Application performance (Packet Loss, Latency and Jitter) App 360, AP 360, Client 360 and WLC 360 Custom Reports*	X	✓
Enhanced security and IoT Encrypted Traffic Analytics, Advanced WIPS	X	✓
Policy-based workflow EasyQoS configuration, EasyQoS monitoring, Policy based Automation	X	✓
Element Management Patch Lifecycle Management	X	✓

Two modes of licensing are available:

- SL: Smart Licensing simplifies and adds flexibility to licensing. It is:
 - Simple: Procure, deploy, and manage licenses easily. Devices self-register, removing the need for product activation keys (PAKs).
 - Flexible: Pool license entitlements in a single account. Move licenses freely through the network, wherever you need them.
 - Smart: Manage your license deployments with real-time visibility of ownership and consumption.

- SLR mode
 - Specific License Reservation (SLR) is a feature used in highly secure networks. It provides a method for customers to deploy a software license on a device (Product Instance) without communicating usage information to Cisco. There will be no communication with Cisco or a satellite. The licenses will be reserved for every controller. It will be node-based licensing.

Four levels of license are supported on the **Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers**. The controllers can be configured to function at any one of the four levels.

- Cisco DNA E: At this level the Cisco DNA Essentials features set will be supported.
- Cisco DNA A: At this level the Cisco DNA Advantage feature set will be supported.
- NE: At this level the Network Essentials feature set will be supported.
- NA: At this level the Network Advantage feature set will be supported.
 - For customers who purchase Cisco Essentials, Network Essentials will be supported and will continue to function even after term expiration. And for customers who purchase Cisco DNA Advantage, Network Advantage will be supported and will continue to function even after term expiration.
 - Initial bootup of the controller will be at the Cisco DNA A level.

For more information on licensing, click [here](#).

For questions, contact the Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers Licensing mailer group at ask-catalyst9800licensing.

Managing licenses with smart accounts

Creating Smart Accounts by using the Cisco Smart Software Manager (CSSM) enables you to order devices and licensing packages and also manage your software licenses from a centralized website. You can set up the Smart Account to receive daily email alerts and to be notified of expiring add-on licenses that you want to renew. A Smart Account is mandatory for Catalyst 9800 controller. For more information on Smart Account refer to <https://www.cisco.com/go/smartaccounts>.

Warranty

Find warranty information on Cisco.com at the [Product Warranties](#) page.

Your embedded software is subject to the Cisco EULA (link available below) and/or any SEULA or specific software warranty terms for additional software products loaded on the device.

Ordering Information

Table 7. Ordering information

Type	Product ID	Description
Controller	C9800-CL-K9	Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller for Cloud
	LIC-C9800-DTLS-K9	Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controller DTLS license

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- Purchase the above SKU for software download and Cisco TAC support.
 - The 9800-CL private cloud image for VMware ESXi, KVM, and **Cisco NFVIS on ENCS** can be downloaded from software.cisco.com.
 - The 9800-CL public cloud image for AWS can be subscribed and deployed from the AWS Marketplace.

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