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Wireless CleanAir Deployment Guide

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The Purpose of this Document

This **Wireless Deployment Guide** introduces the **Cisco Clean Air** solution.

It explains the requirements that were considered when building the Cisco Smart Business Architecture (SBA) for Government design and introduces each of the products that were selected.

Who Should Read This Guide

This guide is intended for the reader with any or all of the following:

- Wants a general understanding of radio resource management.
- Understands the challenges of unlicensed radio spectrum
- Is looking for a wireless network management solution
- Needs guidance on how to add wireless network management
- Wants a network that can react to wireless network interference.

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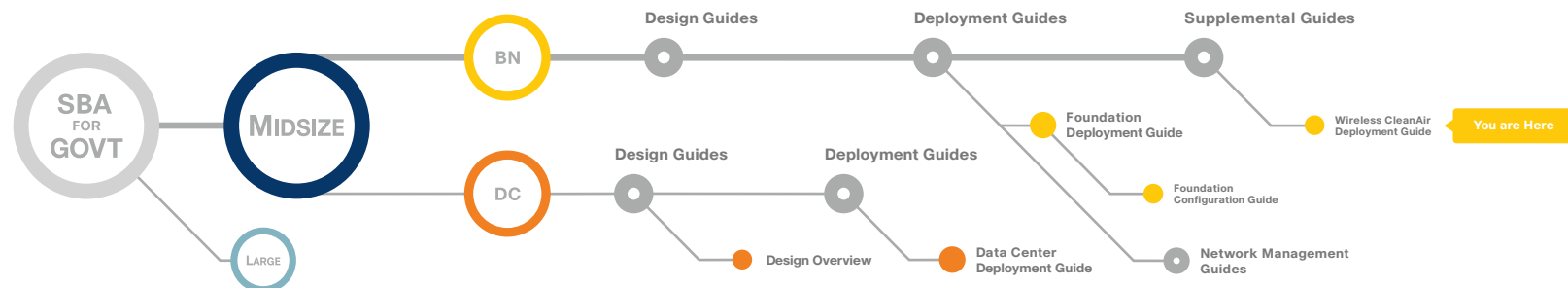


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Introduction

The Cisco® SBA for Midsize Agencies is a comprehensive design for networks with up to 1000 users. This out-of-the-box design is simple, fast, affordable, scalable, and flexible.

The Cisco SBA for Midsize Agencies incorporates LAN, WAN, wireless, security, WAN optimization, and unified communication technologies tested together as a solution. This solution-level approach simplifies the system integration normally associated with multiple technologies, allowing you to select the modules that solve your agency's problems rather than worrying about the technical details.

We have designed the Cisco SBA to be easy to configure, deploy, and manage. This architecture:

- Provides a solid network foundation
- Makes deployment fast and easy
- Accelerates ability to easily deploy additional services
- Avoids the need for re-engineering of the core network

By deploying the Cisco SBA, your agency can gain:

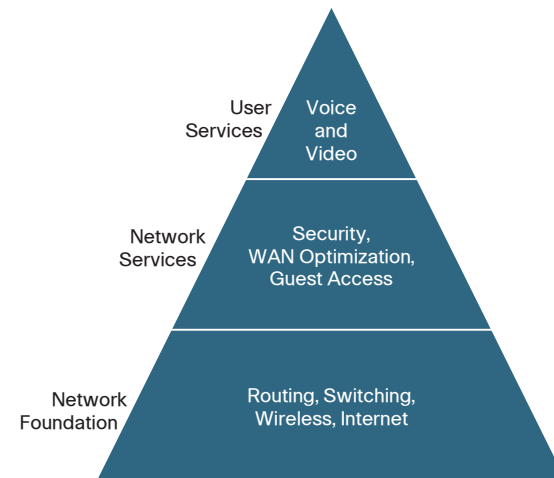
- A standardized design, tested and supported by Cisco
- Optimized architecture for midsize agencies with up to 1000 users and up to 20 branches
- Flexible architecture to help ensure easy migration as the agency grows
- Seamless support for quick deployment of wired and wireless network access for data, voice, teleworker, and wireless guest
- Security and high availability for agency information resources, servers, and Internet-facing applications
- Improved WAN performance and cost reduction through the use of WAN optimization
- Simplified deployment and operation by IT workers with CCNA® certification or equivalent experience
- Cisco enterprise-class reliability in products designed for midsize agencies

Guiding Principles

We divided the deployment process into modules according to the following principles:

- **Ease of use:** A top requirement of Cisco SBA was to develop a design that could be deployed with the minimal amount of configuration and day-two management.
- **Cost-effective:** Another critical requirement as we selected products was to meet the budget guidelines for midsize agencies.
- **Flexibility and scalability:** As the agency grows, so too must its infrastructure. Products selected must have the ability to grow or be repurposed within the architecture.
- **Reuse:** We strived, when possible, to reuse the same products throughout the various modules to minimize the number of products required for spares.

Figure 1. SBA Model



The Cisco SBA can be broken down into the following three primary, modular yet interdependent components for the midsize agency.

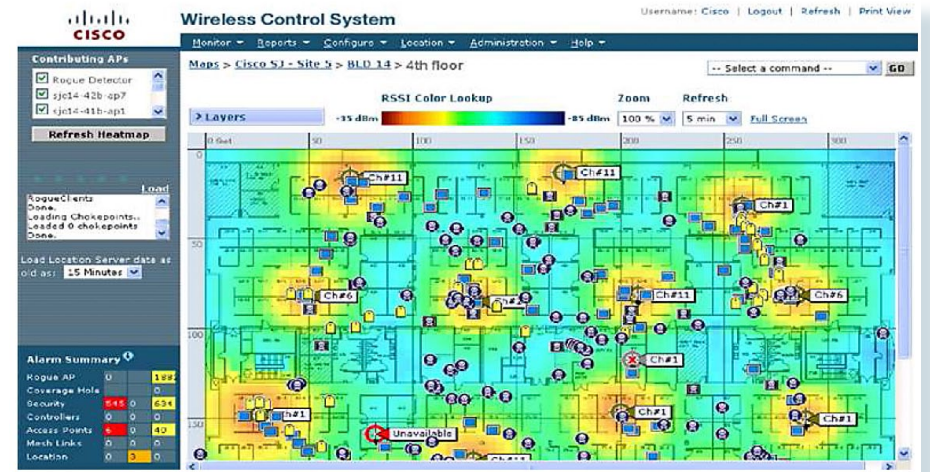
- **Network Foundation:** A network that supports the architecture
- **Network Services:** Features that operate in the background to improve and enable the user experience without direct user awareness
- **User Services:** Applications with which a user interacts directly

Agency Overview

The challenges of running a wired data network are beyond the expectations of most other jobs. The challenges go beyond simply adding a machine and handing it over to the desktop IT department or to the end user to leverage as they desire. With the numerous challenges that arise with any application, the network is always the easiest entity to blame for failure. Now add a wireless data network to the picture and the challenges and skill set required to maintain and troubleshoot the net-work triple. Wireless networking brings a new set of unknowns that a wired net-work never had to address.

The Cisco Wireless Control System (WCS) with CleanAir Technology allow the net-work administration IT staff to visually see how well their network is performing, troubleshoot client connectivity remotely, manage wireless network resources, and analyze interference devices from anywhere in the world and more. The real power of Cisco WCS with CleanAir combined with CleanAir access points is the ability to visually represent the radio environment to the network administrator to better manage and troubleshoot issues before they become issues.

Figure 2. WCS Heat Map



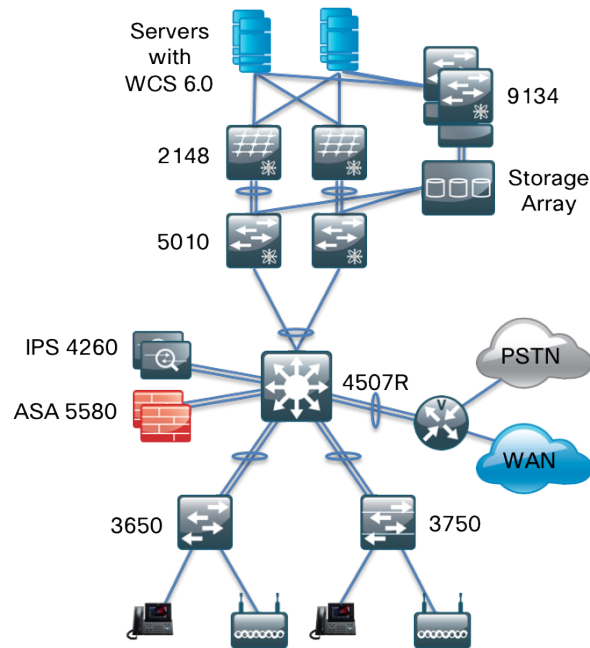
Radio is the manipulation of the magnetic field which is invisible to the naked eye. Without running expensive site surveys with a spectrum expert every hour and minute of every day, the network administrator cannot tell what is happening in the user space. The Cisco WCS collects the data from all the Wireless LAN Controllers (WLC) in the network, while each CleanAir access point does a spectrum sweep of the environment and alerts the administrator of any potentially negative issue before a user creates a call ticket in the network call center.

The CleanAir Access Point

Unlicensed bands need to be proactively managed. Wi-Fi is no longer a convenience technology used for casual web surfing or simple connectivity from conference rooms. With 802.11n, wireless performance is now on par with wired networks where agencies such as hospitals rely on the wireless network for mission-critical and patient-critical applications. With limited IT resources, lack of tools, and lack of RF expertise, the CleanAir access point with Integrated Spectrum hardware can fill the RF expertise gap and limit or eliminate network downtime.

With Event Driven Radio Resource Management (RRM), an issue within the wireless radio network can be identified and mitigated without any user interaction. Alerts can be sent out via email as well as syslog to make the network IT staff aware of the mitigated issue and alert them to watch for other issues or enforce the agency radio policy or do both.

Figure 3. Simplified Network Diagram



Technology Overview

Cisco CleanAir Technology

Cisco CleanAir is the integration of Cisco Spectrum Expert technology with a Cisco Access point. Before Cisco CleanAir, operators had to walk around with an instrument to detect chosen signals and physically locate the device. Cisco CleanAir helps to automate these tasks within the system management function by adding additional intelligence over Spectrum Expert, and thereby augmenting the overall experience in proactively reclaiming control over the radio spectrum.

The components of a basic Cisco CleanAir technology are the Wireless LAN Controller and the Cisco 3500 Series Access Points. To take advantage of the entire CleanAir feature, the Cisco WCS can display in real time the data retrieved from CleanAir. Adding the Mobility Services Engine (which is addressed in a separate guide) further enhances the available features and provides the history and location of specific interference devices.

Wireless Control System

Cisco WCS enables you to configure and monitor one or more controllers and associated access points, to monitor and troubleshoot radio technology, and to visually display CleanAir data to the network administrator. Cisco WCS includes the same configuration, performance monitoring, security, fault management, and accounting options used at the controller level and adds a graphical view of multiple controllers and managed access points.

Cisco WCS runs on Windows 2003/SP2, Windows 2003 R2/SP2 32-bit installations, and Red Hat Linux Enterprise Server 5.0 32-bit installations. On both Windows and Linux, Cisco WCS runs as a service, which runs continuously and resumes running after a reboot. The configuration in this guide runs the Windows 2003 Operating System within a virtual machine leveraging VMware ESXi 4.0 within the data center, as illustrated in Figure 3.

Mobility Services Engine (optional component)

The Mobility Service Engine (MSE) can run multiple related or independent services such as location and wireless IDS/IPS services, the CleanAir database functionality, as well as future services. The MSE is an independent appliance and is leveraged by Cisco WCS. The MSE and the services it supports are discussed in another supplemental guide.

Location or Context Aware

The Cisco location service solution (also referred to as the context-aware service) provides the capability to determine the physical location of a tracked entity in the network and additional contextual information such as the serial number of the tracked entity. The tracked entity can be a wireless endpoint, a wired endpoint (a phone or PC), a wired switch, or a wireless controller. Location information is critical for wired endpoints. For example, a phone in the lobby of an office building can have different policies from a phone in a conference room or in an employee office. Today the policies are statically administered based on the MAC address of an end-point and not based on the location of the endpoint itself. Knowing the location of a wired entity provides additional intelligence to push the right set of policies to tracked devices based not only on the user's credentials and MAC address, but also on the location of the device. This document does not cover the location service solution; this information is presented in a different supplemental guide.

Configuration Details

This Cisco WCS requires having Windows Server 2003 loaded, and within the SBA architecture, we have loaded Windows Server 2003 on a VMware ESXi 4.0 platform. This document leverages the standard server configuration that supports up to 2,000 Cisco Aironet lightweight access points, 1,000 standalone access points, and 450 Cisco wireless LAN controllers. A low-end server can support up to 500 Cisco Aironet lightweight access points, 200 standalone access points, and 125 Cisco wire-less LAN controllers. This information can help you determine your network needs and future growth. No matter what your agency requires, the same Cisco WCS software runs on different hardware, as describe in the product Release Notes.

Notes

Installation of WCS

Process

1. Create Windows 2003 Virtual Machine
2. Install Cisco Wireless Control System

Procedure 1 Create Windows 2003 Virtual Machine

The owner of the VMware server should create a virtual machine and install Windows Server 2003 on the newly created virtual machine.

Procedure 2 Install Cisco Wireless Control System

The installation steps outlined here are typical for most applications and perhaps intuitive to most users. With every installation, knowing up front what you need to have ready is essential for a quick and easy installation experience. With the Cisco Wireless Control System, planning the hostname ahead of time when building the machine makes for a logical and easy to troubleshoot network. For the actual installation of the Cisco WCS service, keep the following information handy for a smooth installation process.

- 1) HTTP, HTTPS and health monitor port information
 - a. We use the default ports, however, consult your security policy to be sure your agency policy is to use default ports
- 2) Root password
- 3) FTP file folder on local machine
- 4) TFTP file folder on local machine

- 5) Installation folder (a default folder will be chosen under Program Files)

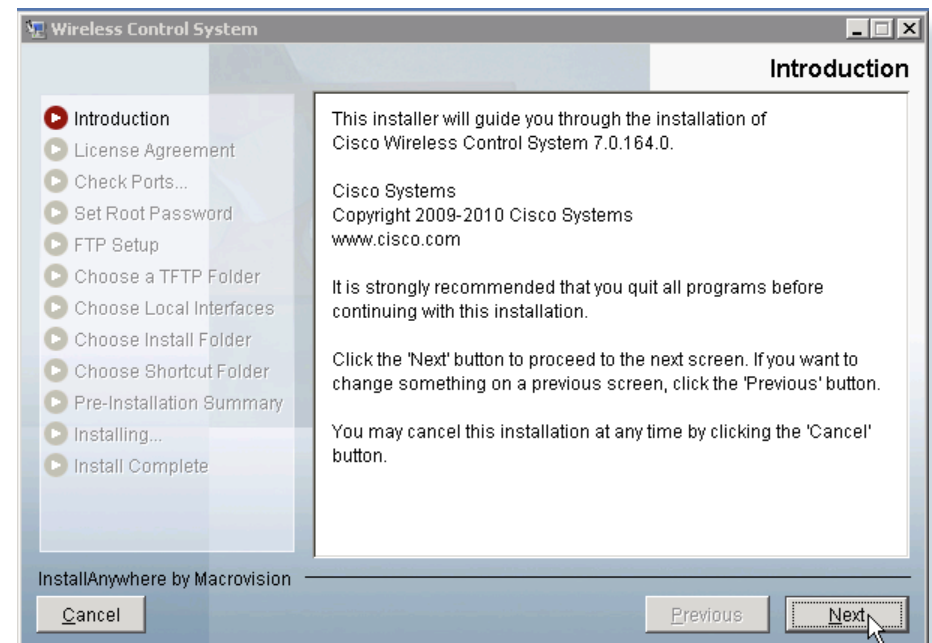
Step 1: Run Application

Double-click the Cisco WCS application that you downloaded from Cisco.com. It should have a name similar to the following:

WCS-STANDARD-K9-7.0.164.0.exe

You see the introductory screen as shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4. WCS Initial Configuration

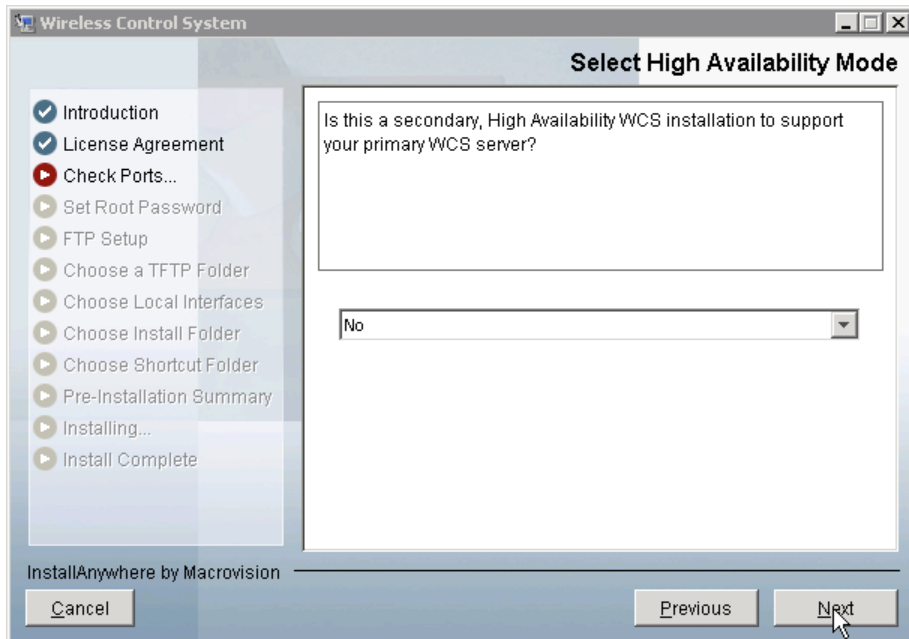


The introduction summarizes the application you downloaded and prompts you to move to the next screen. You must accept the license agreement and click **Next**.

Step 2: Select High Availability Mode

The installer checks for any previous installations. It asks if this installation is for High Availability or is being built as a secondary WCS. We do not set up a secondary or High Availability installation in this guide; however, you can do this simply by repeating this installation and selecting Yes. Select **No** as illustrated in Figure 5.

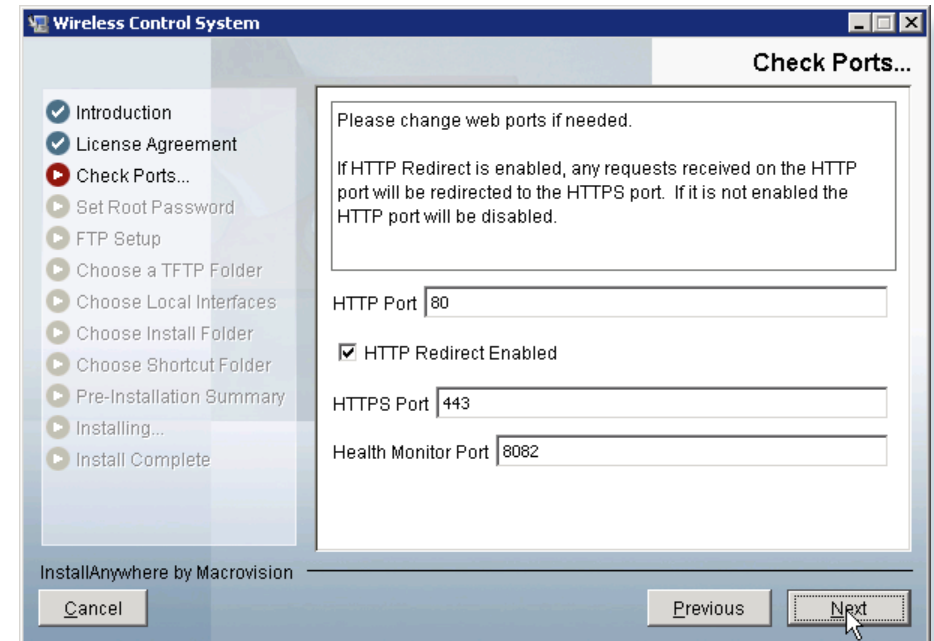
Figure 5. High Availability Mode Selection



Step 3: Define Management Ports

The next two screens prompt you to either accept the default ports or assign alternative ports for access services on your Cisco WCS. Unless your security policy specifies something different, click **Next**.

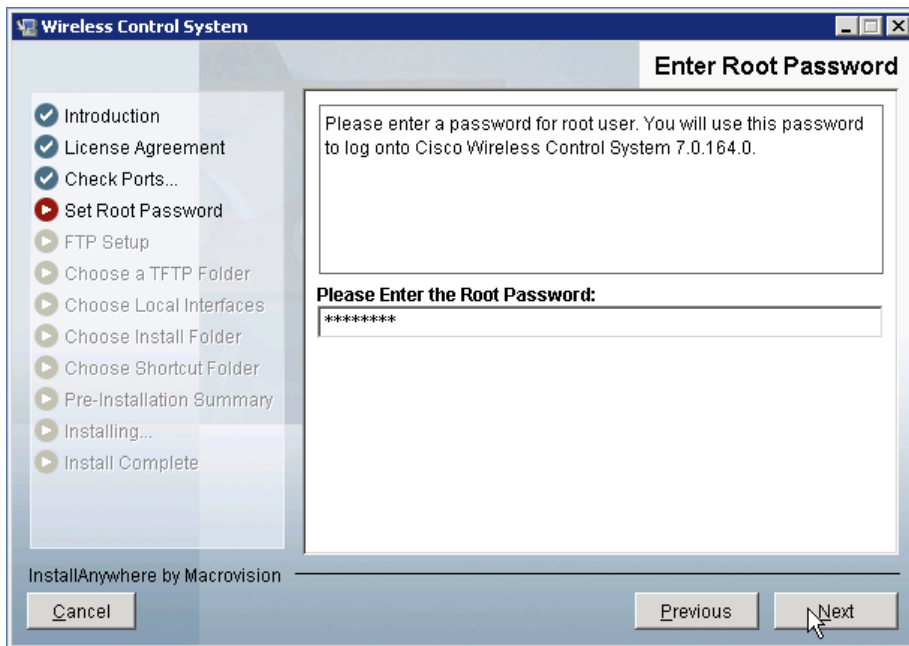
Figure 6. Port Configuration



Step 4: Create Root password

You must define the root password next. This password is the locally defined administration password. The password will be checked for strength; however, password strength should follow your security policy. The root password is only used for the local administrator.

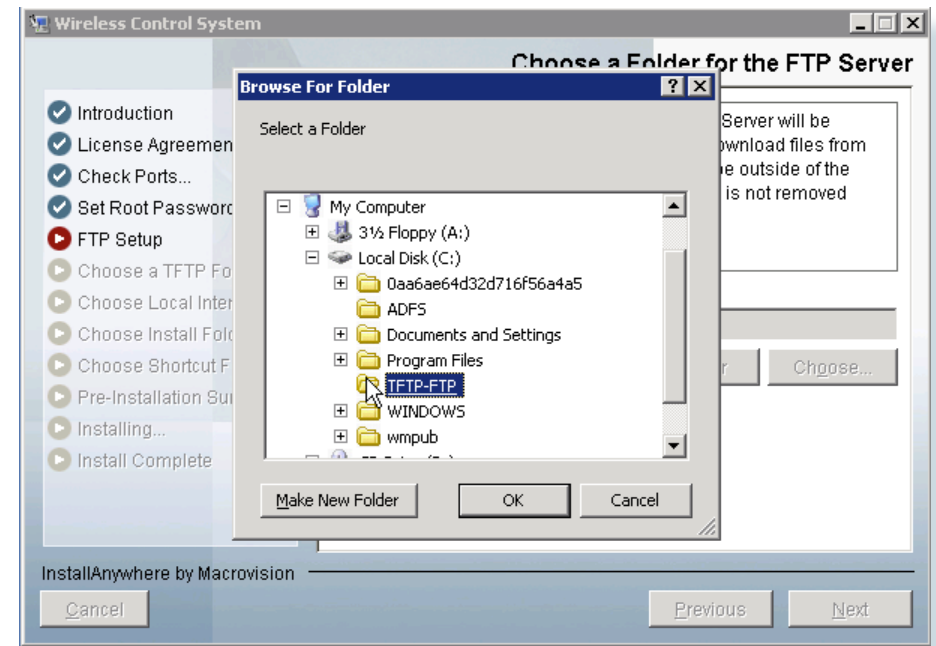
Figure 7. Root Password



Step 5: Choose TFTP and FTP folders

Choose your FTP folder, TFTP folder, and the installation folder on the local machine for WCS. As a pre-check, we created an FTP folder and a separate TFTP folder for this function and allowed the default folder for the Cisco WCS installation. Select folder and click **Next** through each screen.

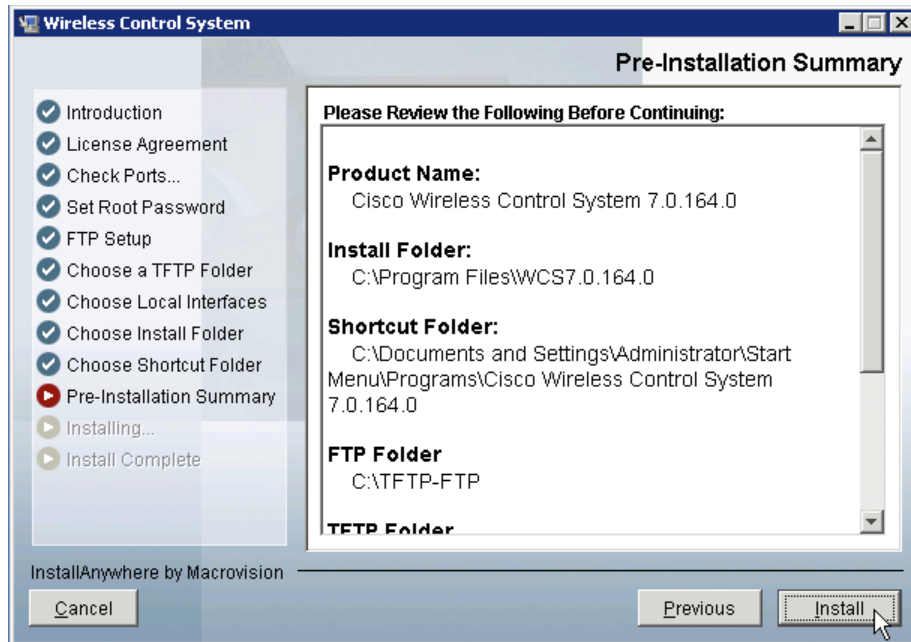
Figure 8. File Folder Selection



Step 6: Verify Configuration Settings

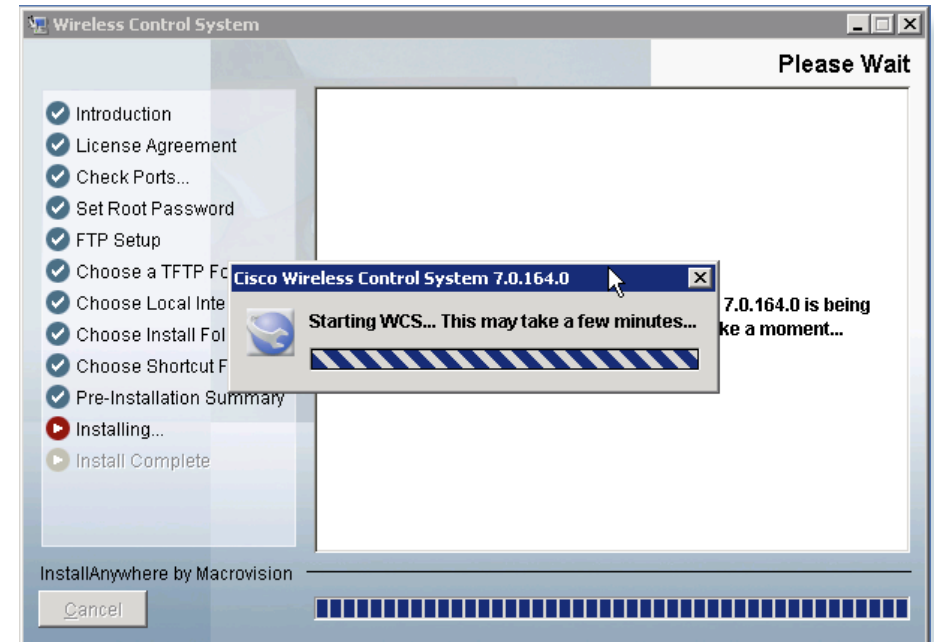
The Pre-Installation Summary will review all your decision without any password information. Review this summary and select **Install** to begin installation.

Figure 9. Installation Summary



After the installation completes, you can start Cisco WCS services.

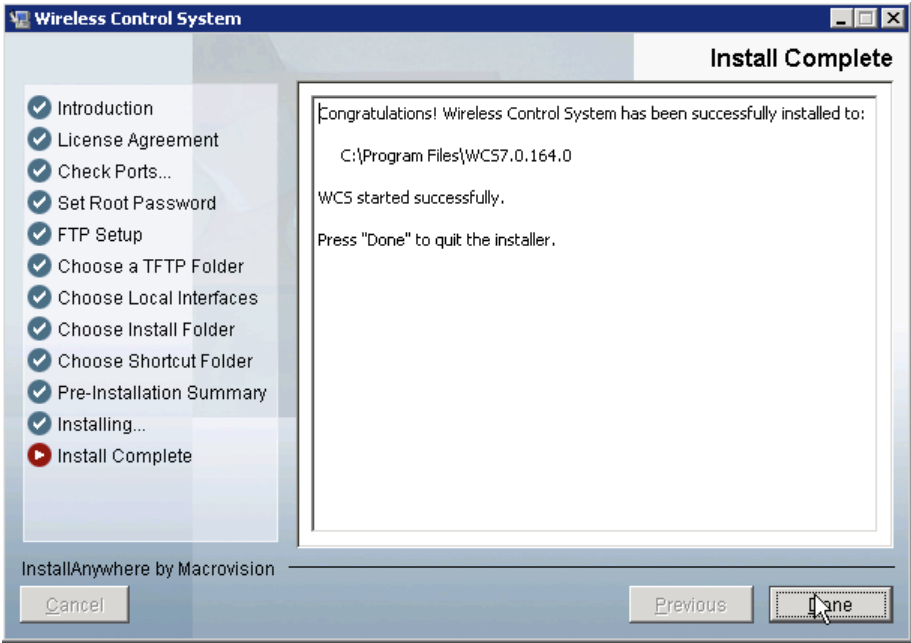
Figure 10. Starting WCS for the first time



Step 7: Finish Installation

Click **Done** to close the installation application and startup WCS for the first time. You are now running Cisco WCS.

Figure 11. Installation Complete



Notes

Installation of WCS

Process

License

1. Request Wireless Control System License
2. Log Into WCS as Administrator and Install License

Procedure 1 Request Wireless Control System License

Cisco WCS is licensed by the number of access points and services you desire. For this guide, we upload a license that includes Spectrum Intelligence as a service and 250 access points.

If you have not already received the licensing files, you must perform this procedure.

Step 1: Determine the WCS hostname and number of access points.

Step 2: Email licensing@cisco.com with the WCS hostname and number of access points.

You will receive the license files in an email from Cisco.

Procedure 2 Log Into WCS and Install License File

Step 1: Save License File

Save the license file (.lic) to a temporary directory on your hard drive. (You will receive an email from Cisco with an attached license file.)

Step 2: Connect to Wireless Control System

Open a browser and in the location or address field, enter the following URL, and replace the IP address with the IP address or host name of the Cisco

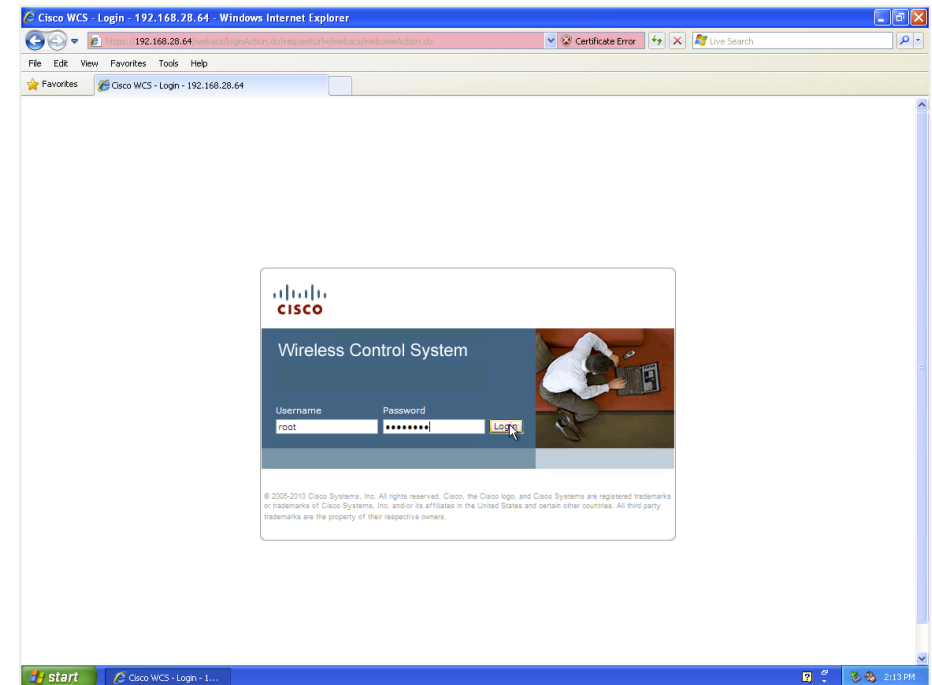
WCS server: `https:// <IP address>`. In our example we have Cisco WCS installed at 192.168.28.64

`https:// 192.168.28.64`

Step 3: Log into WCS as Administrator

Log in to the Cisco WCS server as the system administrator. (Be aware that usernames and passwords are case sensitive.)

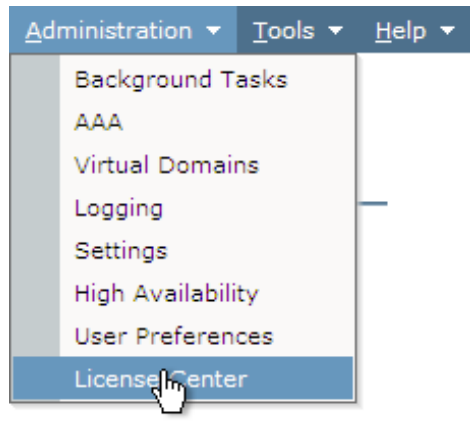
Figure 12. WCS Login Screen



Step 4: Go to the License Center

From the Administration menu select **License Center**.

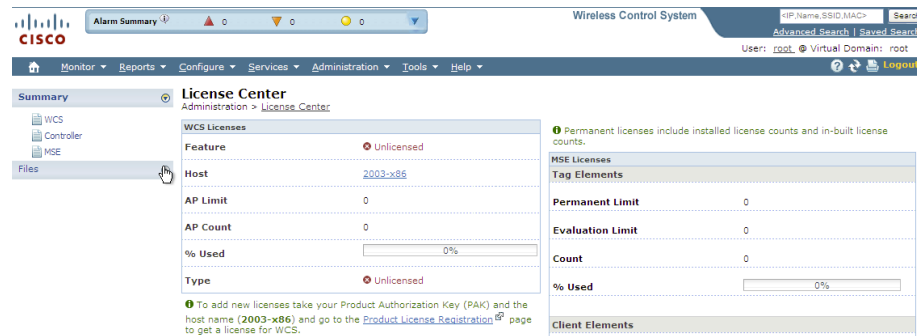
Figure 13. Navigate to License Center



Step 5: Go to WCS Files

On the right, select **Files** and then select **WCS Files**.

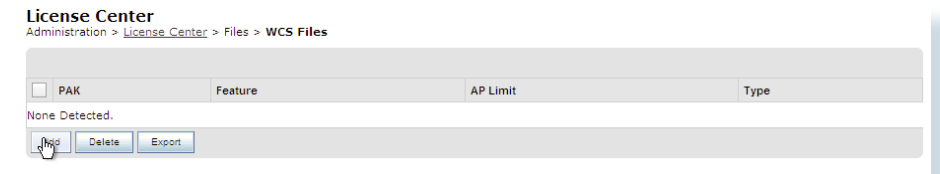
Figure 14. License Center, Add PAK



Step 6: Add License

Under PAK, select **Add**, and click **Choose File** to navigate to the location where you saved the .lic file.

Figure 15. Add New PAK



Click **Upload**. The Cisco WCS server then imports the license.

Repeat this step for each additional license you have received.

Figure 16. Importing License Files

License Center
Administration > License Center > Files > WCS Files

<input type="checkbox"/> PAK	Feature	AP Limit	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> 20100520224156242	Plus	100	Permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> 20100520224206890	Plus	100	Permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> 20100520224236076	Plus	100	Permanent

When you have completed importing licenses, all your license files should appear as shown in Figure 16. To verify that your license files do indeed provide the access point count and the services you ordered, return to the **Administration** menu and select **License Center**. We uploaded both Spectrum Intelligence as a service and as a single 100AP license as show in Figure 17.

Figure 17. License Summary

Wireless Control System

Alarm Summary 0 0 0

Monitor Reports Configure Services Administration Tools Help

User: root Virtual Domain: root

License Center
Administration > License Center > Summary > WCS

WCS Licenses	
Feature	Plus
Host	2003-x86
AP Limit	300
AP Count	0
% Used	0%
Type	Permanent

To add new licenses take your Product Authorization Key (PAK) and the host name (2003-x86) and go to the [Product License Registration](#) page to get a license for WCS.

Notes

Add Wireless LAN

Controllers to Cisco WCS

Each controller must be added to Cisco WCS so the network can be monitored and centrally managed. This process is very simple but necessary.

Process

1. Login to the Wireless Control System
2. Add each controller to WCS

Procedure 1 Login to the Wireless Control System

Step 1: Connect to Wireless Control System

Open a browser and in the location or address field, enter the following URL, and replace the IP address with the IP address or host name of the Cisco WCS server: `https:// <IP address>`. In our example we have Cisco WCS installed at 192.168.28.64

`https:// 192.168.28.64`

Step 2: Log into WCS as Administrator

Log in to the Cisco WCS server as the system administrator. (Be aware that usernames and passwords are case-sensitive.)

Procedure 2 Add Each Controller to WCS

Step 1: Go to Controllers

Navigate to Configure and then to Controllers, which should bring you to an empty list of controllers as shown in Figure 16 - Add Controllers.

Figure 18. Add Controllers

The screenshot shows the 'Add Controllers' page in the Cisco Wireless Control System (WCS) interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Monitor', 'Reports', 'Configure', 'Services', 'Administration', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below this, the 'Add Controllers' section is active, showing a breadcrumb trail: 'Configure > Controllers > Add Controllers'. The page is divided into three main sections: 'General Parameters', 'SNMP Parameters', and 'Telnet/SSH Parameters'. In the 'General Parameters' section, 'Add Format Type' is set to 'Device Info', 'IP Addresses' is '192.168.31.64', 'Network Mask' is '255.255.255.0', and 'Verify Telnet/SSH Capabilities' is unchecked. The 'SNMP Parameters' section shows 'Version' as 'v2c', 'Retries' as '2', 'Timeout' as '10' seconds, and 'Community' as 'private'. The 'Telnet/SSH Parameters' section shows 'User Name' as 'admin', 'Password' and 'Confirm Password' as masked, 'Retries' as '3', and 'Timeout' as '60' seconds. At the bottom left, there are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Step 2: Add All Controllers

From the drop-down list on the right, select **Add Controllers** and click **Go**. You are prompted to enter the Controller IP address. Use the default settings for all other parameters including the Telnet/SSH password.

Tech Tip

You may enter each controller IP address separated by a comma, or you can select a comma-delimited (CSV) spreadsheet with the IP Addresses of all controllers. In the example, we selected a single controller by IP address to allow for clarification.

Click **OK**, which tests for connectivity to each controller you have specified and provides you with a list of your controllers, their hostname and an indication if they are reachable as shown in Figure 19.

Figure 19. List of Controllers

IP Address	Controller Name	Type	Location	Software Version	Mobility Group Name	Reachability Status	Audit Status
192.168.31.64	HQ-WLC	5500		7.0.98.0	SBA	Reachable	Not Available

Controller(s) added successfully.

Footnotes:
1. 'Reachability Status' is updated based on the last execution information of 'Device Status' background task. For updating the current status, use 'Execute Now' command of Administration > Background Tasks.
2. 'Audit Status' is updated based on the last execution information of either 'Configuration Sync' background task or 'Audit Now' command option in Controllers page. To get the current status, either use 'Execute Now' command of Administration > Background Tasks or 'Audit Now' command option in Controllers page.

To Audit the Controller immediately, select the hyperlink next to your controller labeled **Not Available** and then click **Audit Now**.

Notes

Adding Buildings and Floor Plans

The real advantage to any management system is the presentation of the information which you can then use to make informed decisions. The Cisco WCS brings visibility to the radio spectrum, which allows the administrator to see the coverage that is provided to the users. Including the building and floor maps in Cisco WCS creates the visibility to this otherwise unknown or convoluted data that the network provides.

Process

1. Adding the First Campus and Building
2. Placing Access Points

Procedure 1 Adding the First Campus and Building

Every organizational method starts by categorizing the approach; with the Cisco WCS, the approach is familiar. Even though you may only have one building today, you may end up with another building, or perhaps each Campus is a single building today, but could have more buildings tomorrow. The Campus, Building, Floor approach makes it easy to understand as you dig for more in-formation and peel away the layers to find what you are looking for.

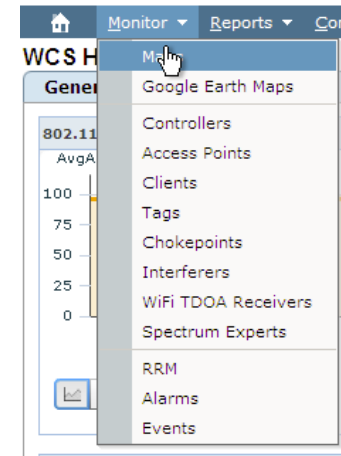
Tech Tip

You need to know the dimension of the campus picture you are bringing into the system so that you can scale the drawing appropriately as each building and floor are added.

Step 1: Log in to the Cisco WCS.

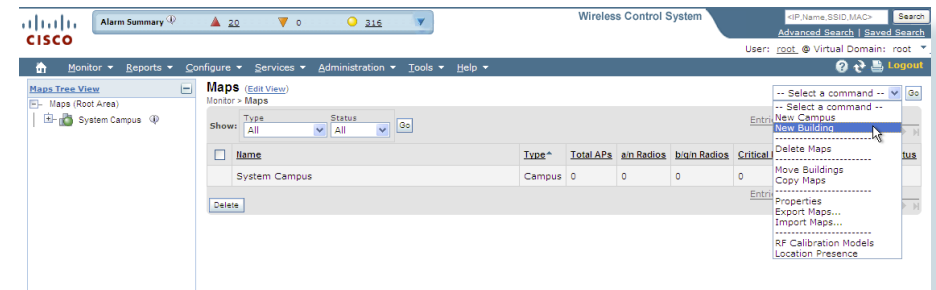
Step 2: Navigate to **Monitor > Maps**.

Figure 20. Finding Building Maps



Step 3: From the drop-down list, select **New Building** and click **Go**.

Figure 21. New Building



Step 4: Create name, contact name, and characteristics of the building:

Building Name: SBA-Headquarters

Contact: Albert Gudgin

Number of floors: 1

Number of Basements: 0

Horizontal Span (feet): 500

Vertical Span (feet): 300

Figure 22. Building Details

The screenshot shows the 'New Building' configuration page in the Cisco Wireless Control System. The form contains the following fields:

- Building Name: SBA-Campus
- Contact: Albert Gudgin
- Number of Floors: 1
- Number of Basements: 0
- Dimensions (feet):
 - Horizontal Span: 500
 - Vertical Span: 300

At the bottom of the form, there are 'Go' and 'Cancel' buttons. The 'Go' button is highlighted with a mouse cursor.

Step 5: Select your generated campus.

Figure 23. Select New Campus

The screenshot shows the 'Maps' page in the Cisco Wireless Control System. The 'Maps (Edit View)' section displays a table with the following data:

Name	Type	Total APs	a/n Radios	b/n Radios	Critical Radio Alarms	Clients	Status
System Campus	Campus	0	0	0	0	0	1
System Campus > SBA-Campus	Building	0	0	0	0	0	1

Below the table, there is a 'Delete' button. The 'SBA-Campus' entry is highlighted with a mouse cursor.

Step 6: Select New Floor Area from the drop-down menu and click Go.

Figure 24. New Floor Area

The screenshot shows the 'Building View' page in the Cisco Wireless Control System. The 'Building View' section displays a dropdown menu with the following options:

- Select a command --
- New Floor Area
- Edit Building
- Delete Building
- Copy Building ...
- Edit Location Presence Info...

The 'New Floor Area' option is highlighted with a mouse cursor. The 'None detected' message is visible below the dropdown menu.

Step 7: Create a floor name, contact name, floor number, description of the area, and the floor plan image, and click **Next**:

Floor Area Name: SBA-Headquarters

Contact: Albert Gudgin

Floor: 1 (selected from drop-down list)

Floor Type (RF Model): Cubes And Walled Offices (selected from drop-down)

Floor Height (feet): 10.0

Image or CAD File: C:\Documents and Settings\
SBA-Headquarters.png

Convert CAD File to: PNG (Leave the default drop-down selection)

Figure 25. New Floor Details and Image Upload

The screenshot shows the 'New Floor Area' configuration page in the Cisco Wireless Control System (WCS) interface. The page is divided into two main sections: 'New Floor Area' and 'Image Upload'. The 'New Floor Area' section contains the following fields: 'Floor Area Name' (SBA-Headquarters), 'Contact' (Albert Gudgin), 'Floor' (1), 'Floor Type (RF Model)' (Cubes And Walled Offices), and 'Floor Height (feet)' (10.0). The 'Image Upload' section shows a file path (C:\Documents and Settings\daveh\My Desktop\ICS\SBA) and a 'Browse' button. The 'Convert CAD File to' dropdown is set to 'PNG'. The 'Next' button is highlighted.

Step 8: Verify your new floor area details and image, and click **OK**.

Figure 26. Verify New Floor Details

The screenshot shows the 'New Floor Area' configuration page in the Cisco Wireless Control System (WCS) interface, specifically the 'Verify New Floor Details' step. The page displays the same fields as Figure 25, but the 'Image File' field now shows 'SBA-Headquarters.PNG'. The 'Dimensions (feet)' section shows 'Horizontal Span' (428.3) and 'Vertical Span' (281.6). The 'Coordinates of top left corner (feet)' section shows 'Horizontal Position' (0) and 'Vertical Position' (0). The 'Total Floor Area Size (sq. feet)' is 120647.2. The 'Launch Map Editor after floor creation' checkbox is checked. The 'OK' button is highlighted.

Procedure 2

Placing Access Points

The final piece of the puzzle is to place the access points at the proper location on your individual floor plans. The Wireless LAN Controllers that work in conjunction with the Cisco WCS give an accurate view and device location, if you take the time to place your access points where they actually are located.

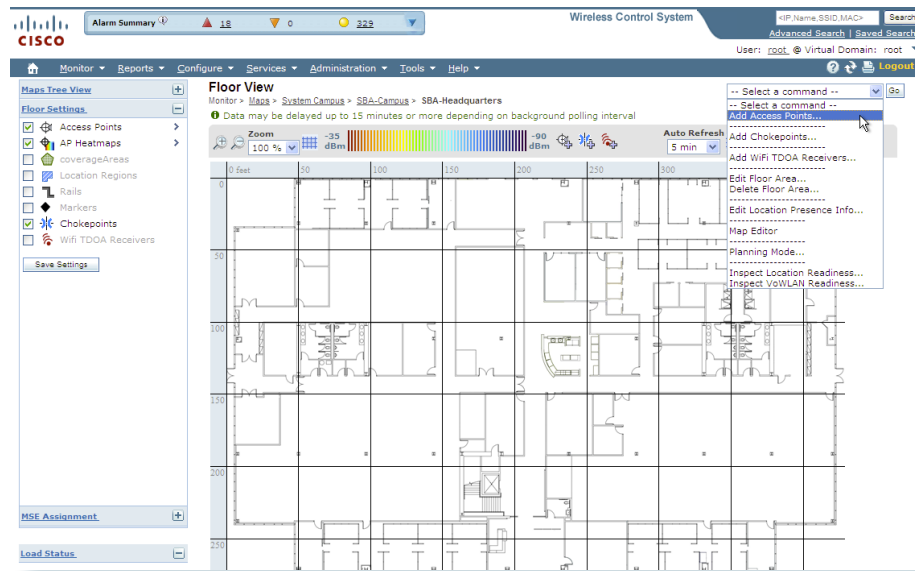
Step 1: Log in to Cisco WCS.

Step 2: Navigate to **Monitor > Maps**.

Step 3: Select your new Floor plan, SBA-Headquarters.

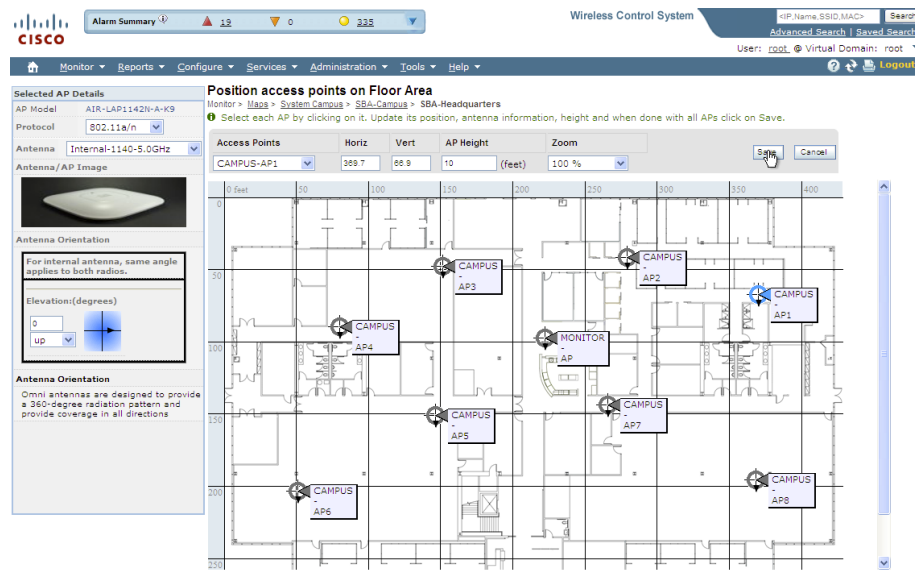
Step 4: From the right drop-down list, select **Add Access Points** and click **Go**.

Figure 27. Floor View



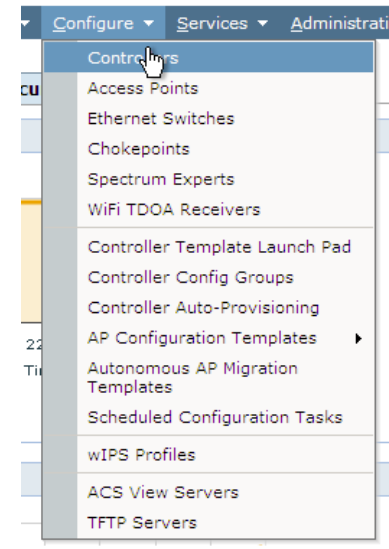
Step 5: Select access points that are registered with the system and not yet placed for the headquarters building.

Figure 28. Select APs to Place on a New Floor



Step 6: Carefully place each access point as close to its real position in the building as possible and click **Save**.

Figure 29. AP Placement



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Tech Tip

You must now wait while the system calculates the heat maps from the placement and floor plan area.

Configuring CleanAir

With the Cisco WCS in the network, all management can be handled at the Cisco WCS. Management can be done at each controller, but we do not recommend this. With the CleanAir access point operating from the wireless LAN Controller, we log into the Cisco WCS and configure our controller to support CleanAir.

Event Driven Radio Resource Management

Event Driven RRM (EDRRM) is a feature that allows an access point that is in distress to bypass normal RRM intervals and immediately change channels. A CleanAir access point always monitors AirQuality (AQ), and reports on AQ in 15 second intervals. AirQuality is a better metric than relying on normal Wi-Fi chip noise measurements because AQ only reports on classified interference devices. That makes AQ a reliable metric in that we know what is reported is not because of Wi-Fi energy (and hence is not a transient normal spike).

The key benefit of the EDRRM feature is very fast action time (30 seconds). If an interferer is operating on an active channel and is causing enough AQ degradation that it triggers EDRRM, then no clients will be able to use that access point or channel. The only thing to do is get the access point off that channel. The EDRRM feature is not enabled by default and must be enabled.

The Wireless LAN controller with the Cisco AIR-CAP3500 access points connected is immediately CleanAir capable. The Wireless LAN controller can give you immediate information about your environment. Where the WCS takes a network view, the WLC displays only the data retrieved from the locally connected CleanAir access points.

Process

1. Enable CleanAir
2. Placing Access Points

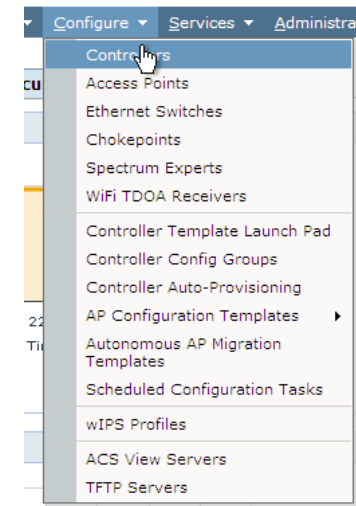
Procedure 1

Enable CleanAir

Step 1: Log in to Cisco WCS.

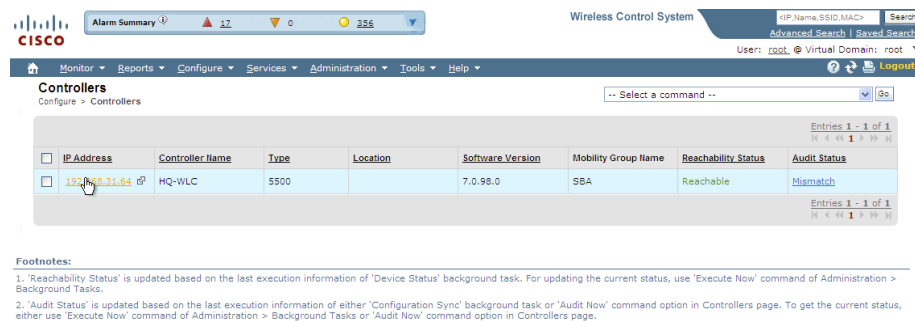
Step 2: Navigate to **Configure > Controllers**.

Figure 30. Configure Controllers



Step 3: Select your Wireless LAN Controller.

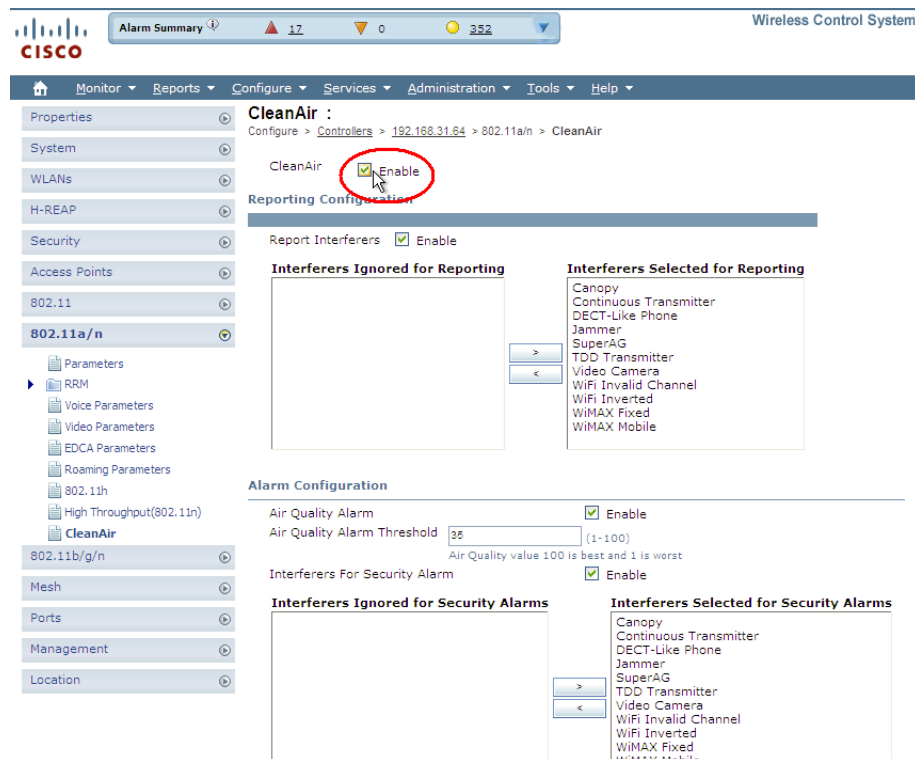
Figure 31. Select HQ-WLC



Step 4: From the left-side menu, navigate to 802.11a/n > CleanAir.

Step 5: Check the CleanAir Enable checkbox and then select Interferers that you want the system to react to. Click **Save**.

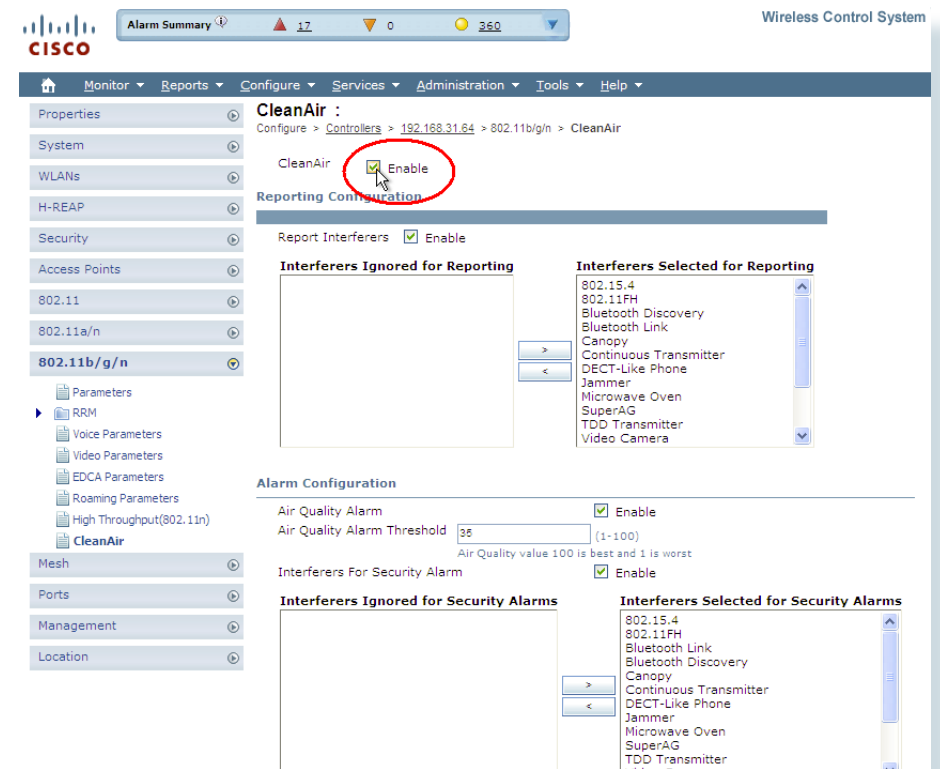
Figure 32. Enable CleanAir and Configure Interferers for 802.11a/n.



Step 6: From the left-side menu, navigate to 802.11b/g/n > CleanAir.

Step 7: Check the CleanAir Enable checkbox and select the interferers that you want the system to react to. Click **Save**.

Figure 33. Enable CleanAir and Configure Interferers for 802.11b/g/n



Procedure 2

Enable Event Driven RRM

Step 1: Continuing in Cisco WCS, from the left-side menu, navigate to 802.11a/n > RRM > DCA.

Figure 34. DCA Parameters for 802.11a/n

Dynamic Channel Assignment Algorithm

Template Applied

Assignment Mode: Automatic

Update Interval: 600 (secs)

Avoid Foreign AP Interference: ☒ Enable

Avoid Cisco AP load: ☐ Enable

Avoid non 802.11 Noise: ☒ Enable

Avoid Persistent Non-WiFi Interference: ☒ Enable

Signal Strength Contribution: ☒ Enable

Outdoor AP DCA: ☐ Enable

Channel Width: 20 MHz

DCA List Channels

Selected DCA channels: 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 64, 149, 153, 157, 161

Select	Channel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	36
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	44
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	48
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	52
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	56

Step 2: Check the checkbox for Event Driven RRM and click **Save**.

Figure 35. Enable Event Driven RRM for 802.11a/n

Dynamic Channel Assignment Algorithm

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Avoid Cisco AP load: ☐ Enable

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Event Driven RRM

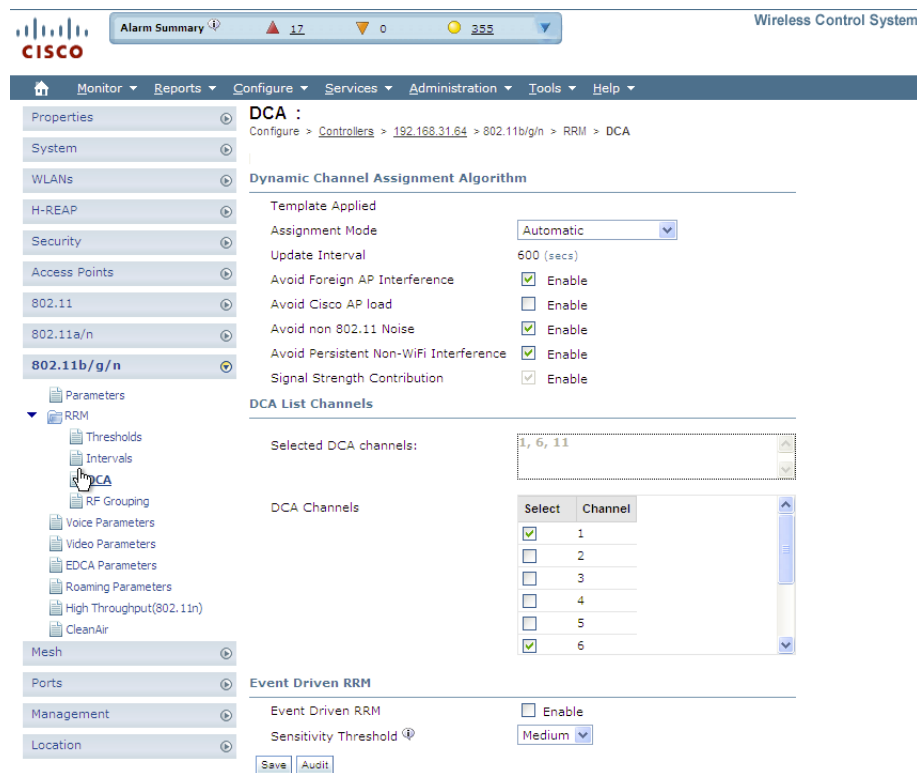
Event Driven RRM: ☒ Enable

Sensitivity Threshold: Medium

Save **Audit**

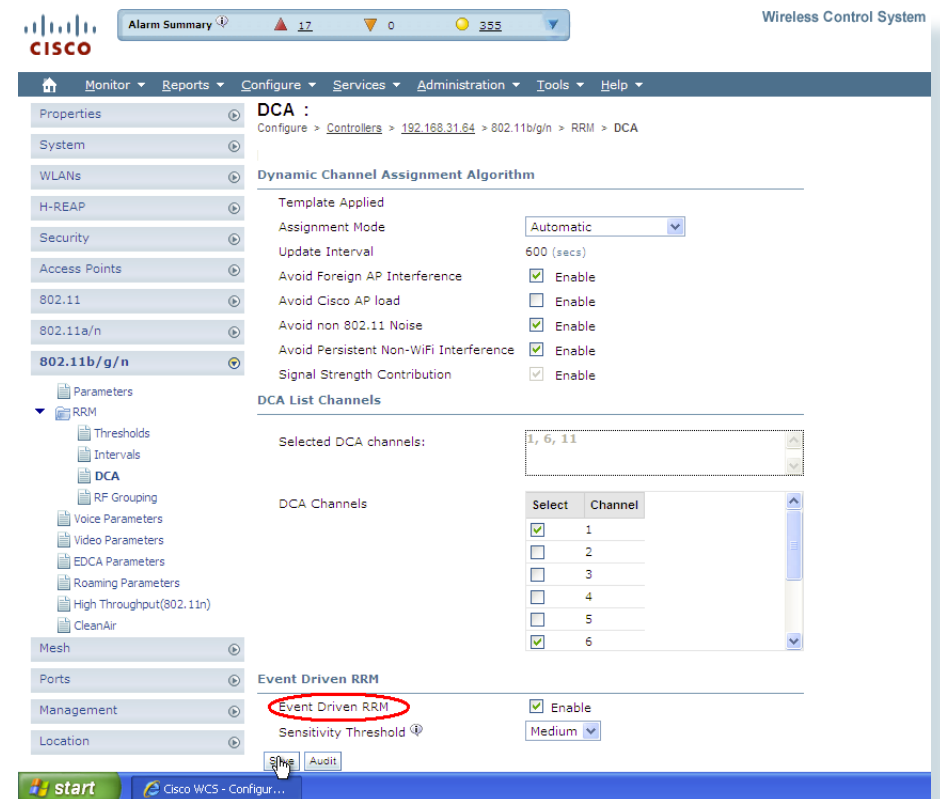
Step 3: From the left-side menu, navigate to 802.11b/g/n > RRM > DCA.

Figure 36. DCA Parameters for 802.11b/g/n



Step 4: Check the checkbox for Event Drive RRM and click Save.

Figure 37. Enabled Event Driven RRM for 802.11b/g/n



Troubleshooting with CleanAir

The real power of CleanAir is that a network administrator can be on one continent while the Wi-Fi spectrum in another office on the other side of the planet can be analyzed directly. The Cisco 3500 Series Access Points can be put in SE-Connect mode and used as a virtual remote interface for the knowledgeable engineer, no matter where this valuable human resource is located. By changing the role of your CleanAir access point and connecting the Spectrum Expert 4.0 software, the Wi-Fi network administrator can now view the environment directly. There is no longer a need to fly expensive personnel onsite to trouble-shoot physical layer issues that are unknown and challenging and too often, intermittent issues.

Accessing Remote CleanAir for Spectrum Connect

When the call for assistance arrives, it is almost certainly to be in a location that does not have the knowledgeable human resources to troubleshoot, identify, and fix the issue. Wi-Fi radios are designed to send and receive Wi-Fi signals, but they do not have the capability to identify non-Wi-Fi radio interferers such as microwave ovens, DECT phones, analog wireless cameras or even radio jammers. The specialized radios in the CleanAir radio, can identify and with triangulation, can locate where these devices are located.

When the call comes in, it is always important to identify as many facts about the issue to make informed decisions. The information can be the location of the problem (for example, "the street side of the building does not have connectivity") and time of day (for example, "the issue is pronounced at lunch time"). With as much information as possible from the end user, look at the radio environment because the system shows that clients are connecting and Cisco WCS has indicates AirQuality has dropped.

Process

1. Configure Spectrum Connect

Procedure 1

Configure Spectrum Connect

The CleanAir capable access point must be changed from either Monitor Mode or Local Mode of operation to Spectrum Connect Mode.

Step 1: Log in to the Wireless LAN Controller

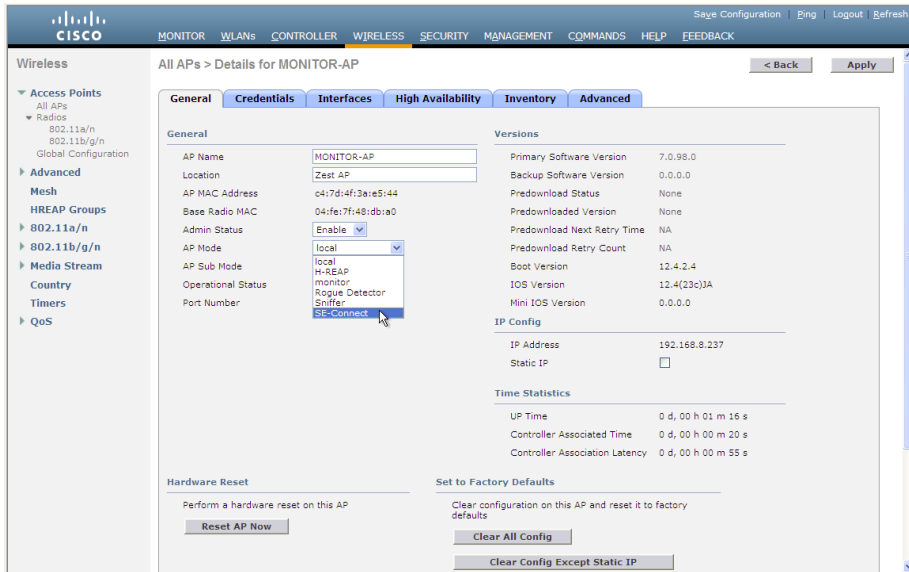
Step 2: Navigate to **WIRELESS**.

Step 3: Select the CleanAir access point that is closest to the suspected issue.

Step 4: From the drop-down menu next to **AP Mode**, change to **SE-Connect**.

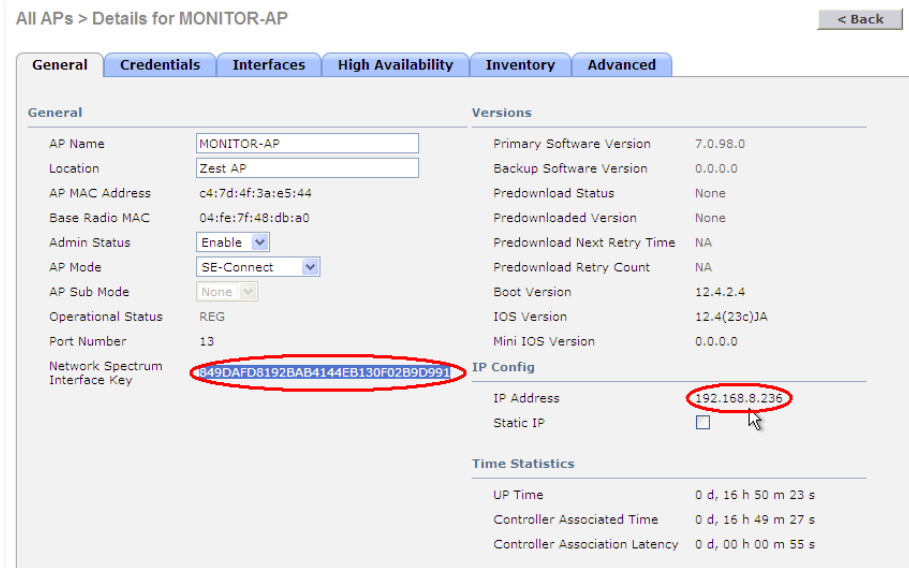
Step 5: Click **Apply** and wait for the access point to reboot and reconnect to the Wireless LAN Controller.

Figure 38. Change Mode



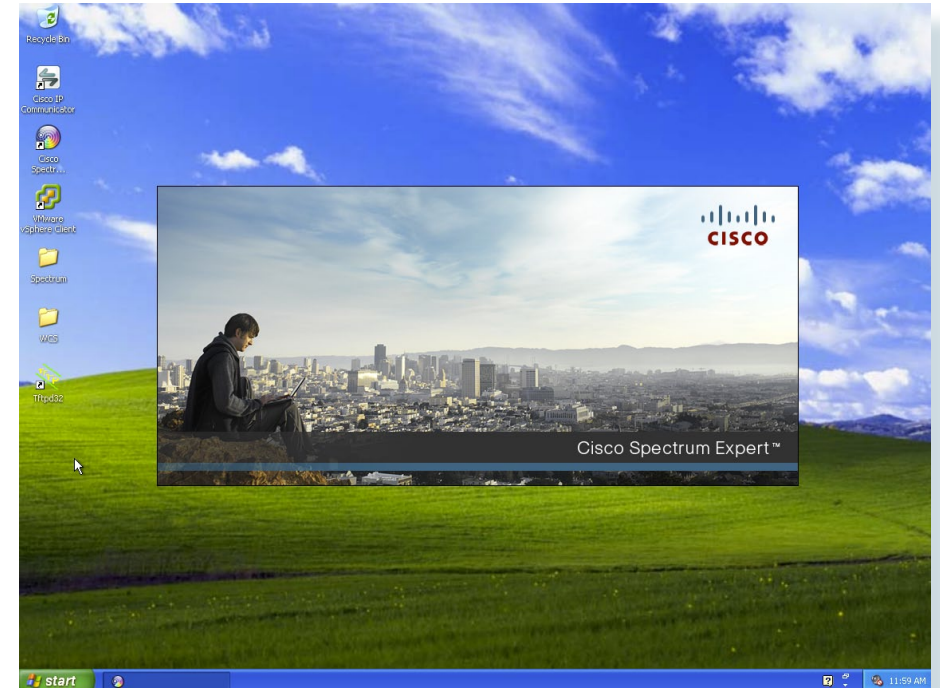
Step 6: Copy the Network Spectrum Interface Key and the CleanAir access point IP address.

Figure 39. Capture Network Key and IP Address



Step 7: On a Supported Windows platform with Cisco Spectrum Expert Connect (4.0 or greater) installed, launch Spectrum Expert.

Figure 40. Launch Spectrum Expert



Step 9: Select the Remote Sensor radio button.

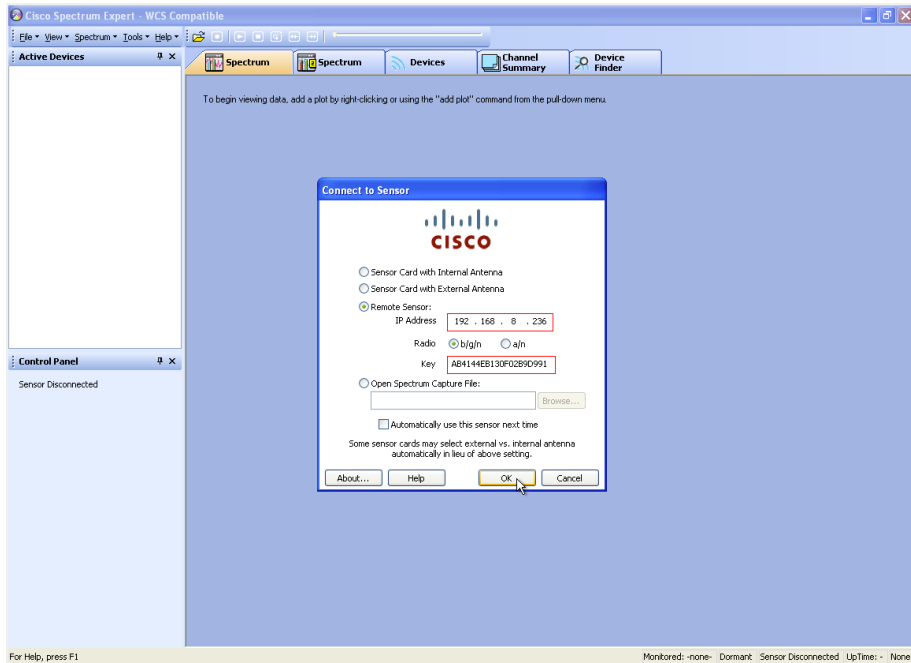
Step 10: Enter the IP address of the CleanAir access point

Step 11: Enter the Network Spectrum Interface Key of the CleanAir access point.

Step 12: Select either 2.4Ghz by selecting the b/g/n radio button or the 5Ghz by selecting the a/n radio button.

Step 13: Click OK.

Figure 41. Enter Remote CleanAir Details



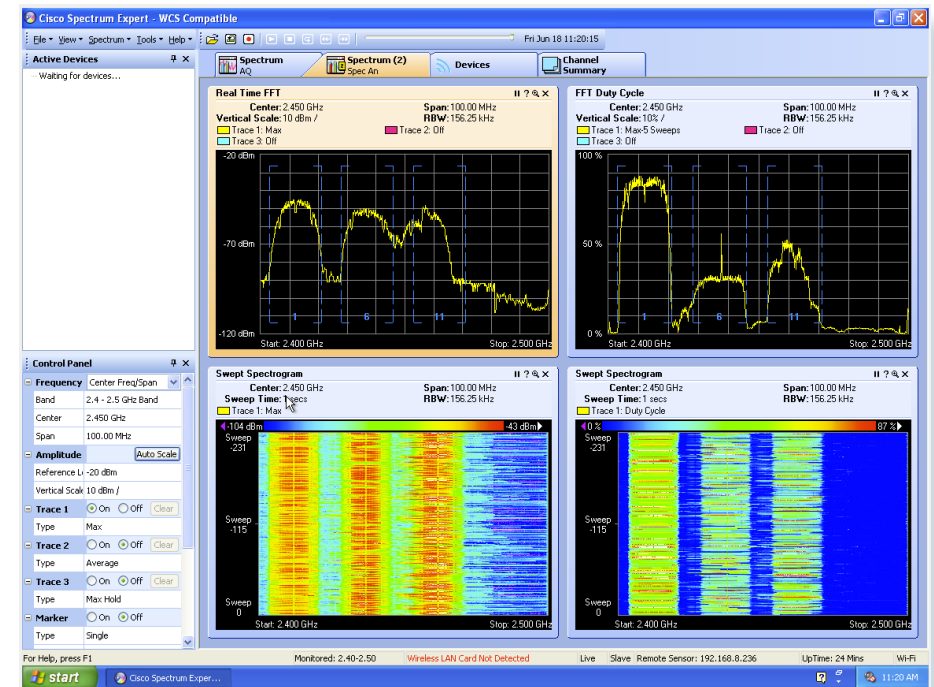
The connected Windows machine now connects to the remote CleanAir access point on UDP port 37540 if you selected b/g or on UDP port 37550 if you selected a/n during preceding setup. If connection problems occur, verify that you can ping the CleanAir access point and that there are no port blocking network devices that may be blocking the necessary UDP port information.

Remote Spectrum

The remote sensor capability is the ability to get real time physical layer spectrum data without having to drive or fly onsite.

Figure 42 shows this capability in a Wi-Fi only environment, and gives you an understanding of what is really happening in your remote environment.

Figure 42. 2.4 GHz Spectrum Using the CleanAir Access Point as the Remote Sensor

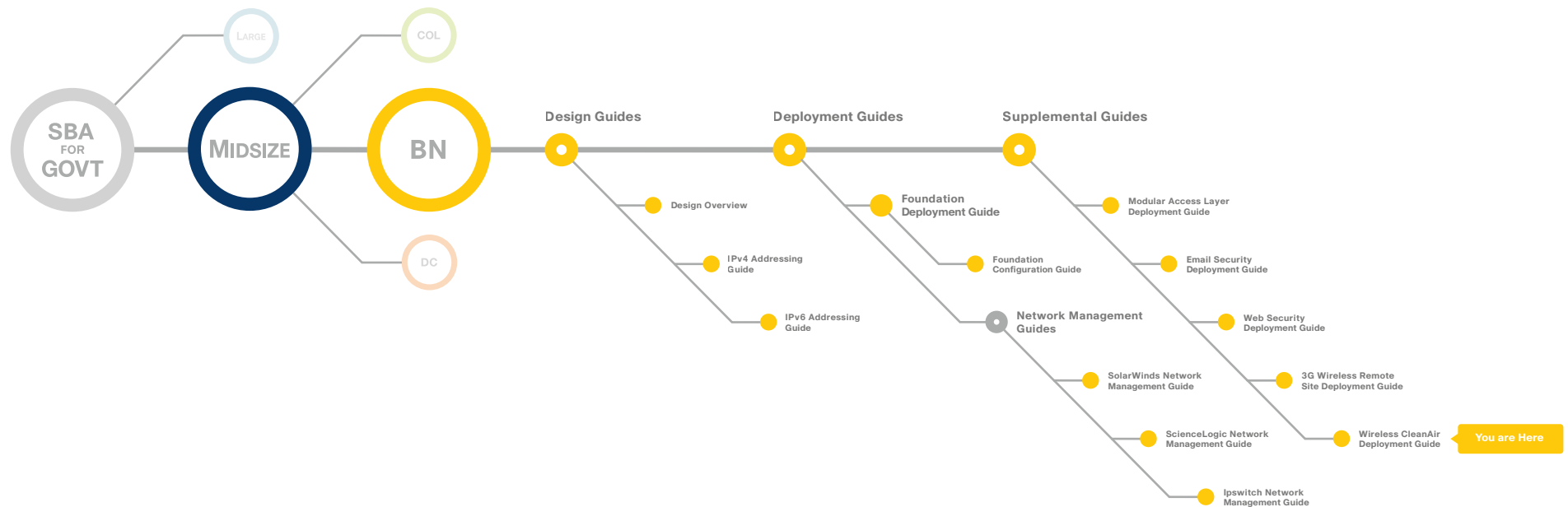


NOTE: Observe in Figure 42 that the Windows XP Spectrum Expert device does not detect a Wireless LAN card and that the remote sensor is at 192.168.8.236.

Appendix A: Parts List

Functional Area	Product	Part Number	Software Version
Headquarters	Cisco WCS	WCS-STANDARD-K9 WCS-APBASE-100 WCS-ADV-SI-SE-10= (optional)	7.0.164.0
	Cisco Wireless LAN Controller	AIR-CT5508-100-K9	7.0.98.0
	Cisco Access Point	AIR-CAP3502E-A-K9	7.0.98.0
	Cisco Access Point	AIR-CAP3502I-A-K9	7.0.98.0
	Cisco Access Point	AIR-LAP1142-A-K9	7.0.98.0
	Cisco Spectrum Expert	AIR-CSCO-SE-WIFI-C	4.0.60

Appendix B: SBA for Midsize Agencies Document System





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