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# MobileFirst Dynamic Segmentation

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# Agenda

- Introduction to colorless ports
- Port Based Tunneling
- User Based Tunneling
- How does it work
- Speeds and Feeds
- Demonstration

# Introduction to colorless ports

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# Understanding Connectivity Options

Customers want to **manage**  
what devices connect



**Only some** support .1X  
supplicants



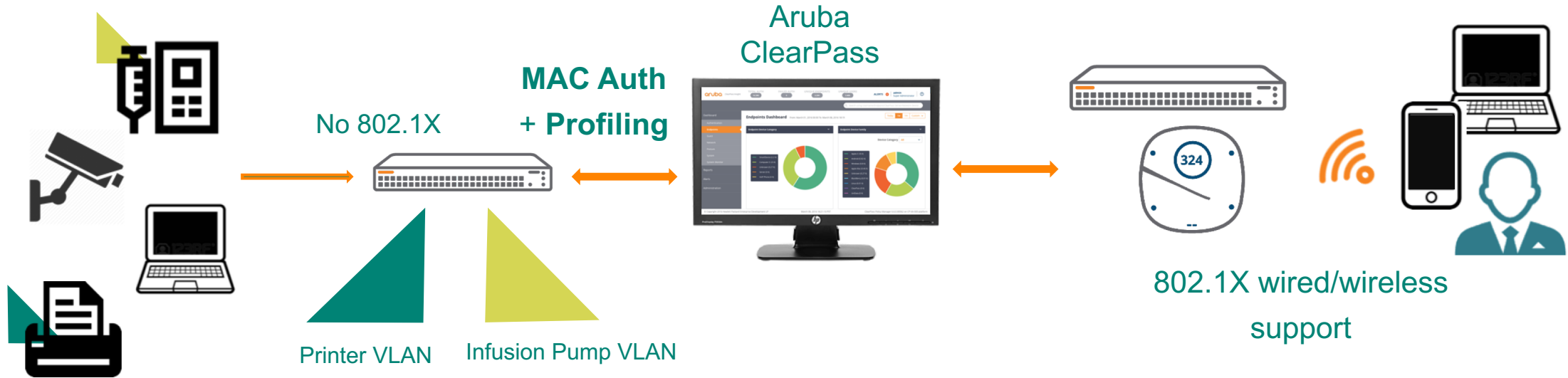
**50%** of IoT may be  
wired



- ClearPass supports any customer Infrastructure and need



# 802.1X + MAC Auth + Profiling => Colorless ports



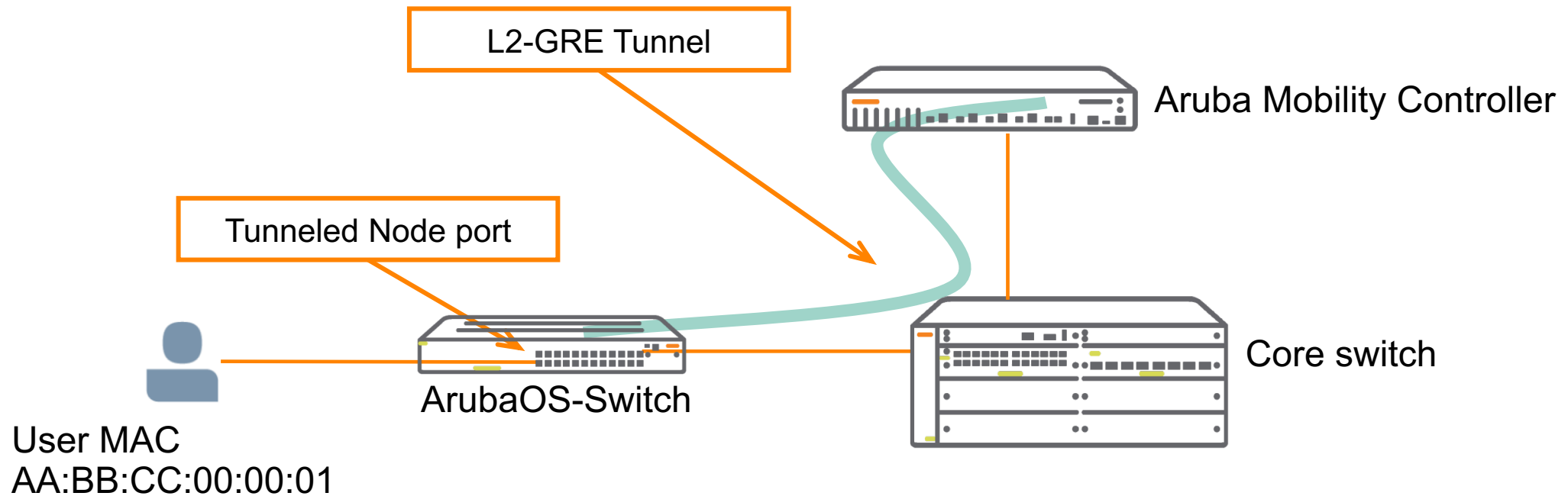
- Use 802.1X whenever possible
- Fallback to MAC authentication for non 802.1X capable devices
- Leverages ClearPass profiling for wired/wireless - IoT, laptops, mobile phones.

# Port Based Tunneling

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# Port Based Tunnel: What is it?

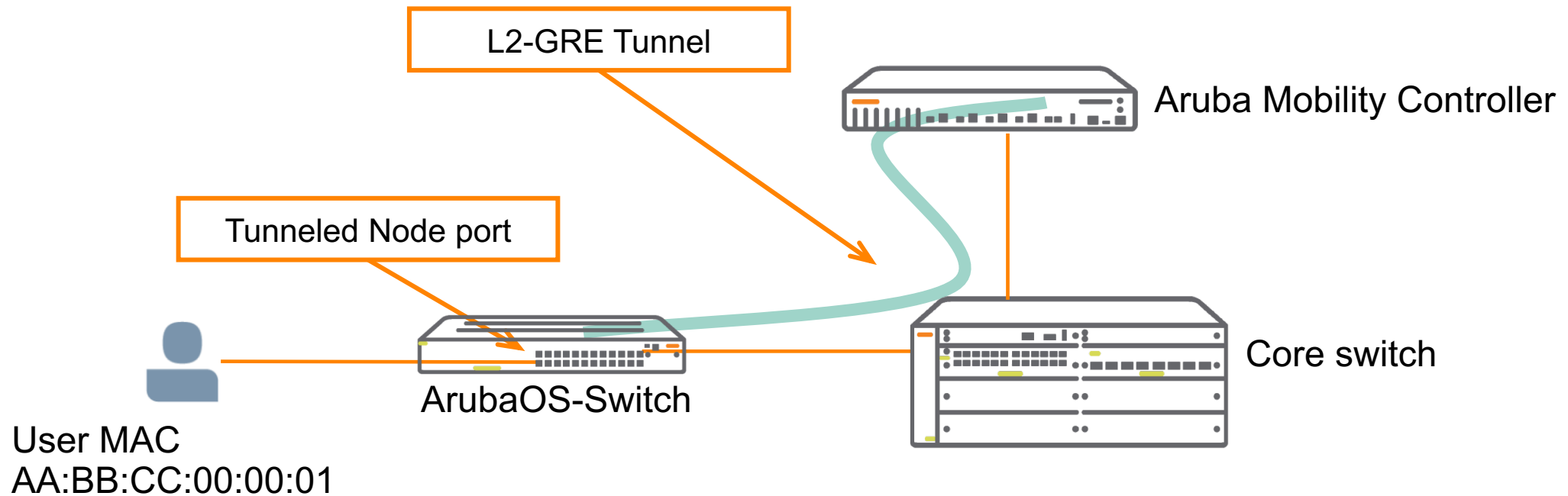
- Traffic on wired switch port is handled by central Aruba Mobility Controller
- It's a tunnel, therefore MAC address table size relief on the intermediate devices





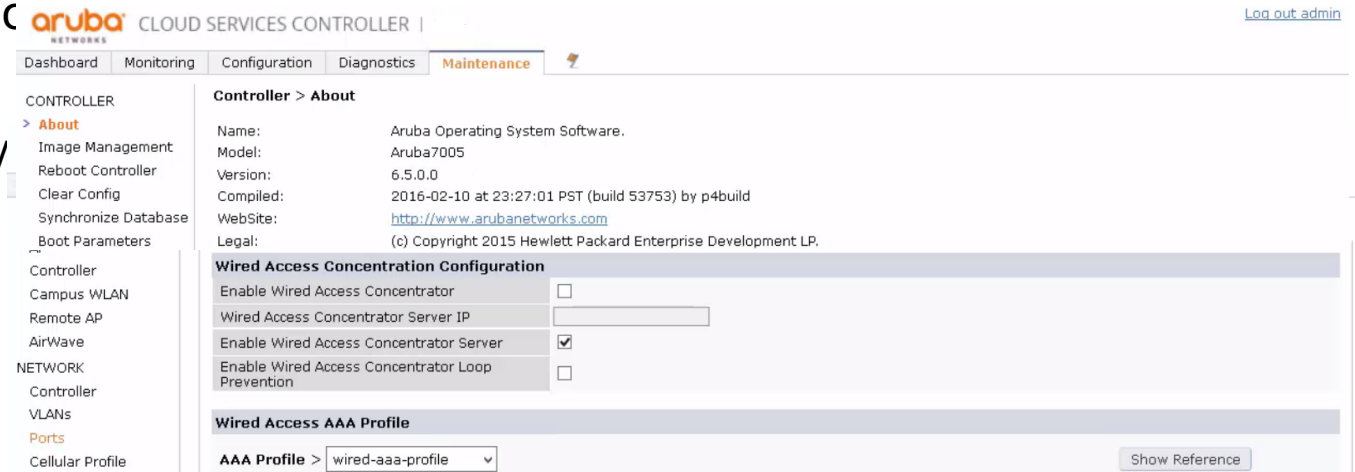
# Port Based Tunnel: Advantages

- Advanced Aruba controller features available for wired access
    - Device authentication (Captive portal, 802.1X, MAC authentication)
    - Device fingerprinting
    - Firewall
    - Deep packet inspection
- } Wired and wireless centralized Control

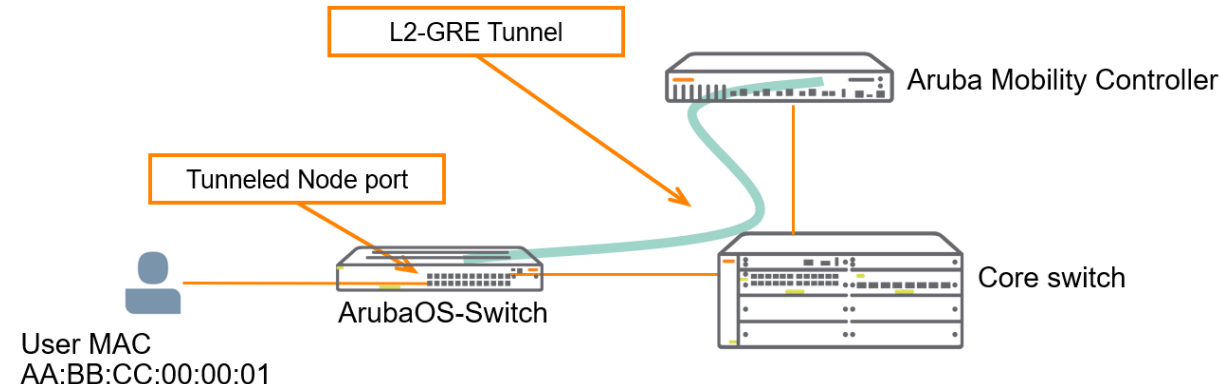


# Port Based Tunnel: How does it work?

- On the mobility controller:
  - Ensure that the MC runs version AOS 6.5 or later
  - Enable Wired Access Concentrator server (c
  - Set the appropriate AAA profile
  - Ensure that the switch VLAN exists on the M
  - Switch port that is connected to the MC has
- On the switch:
  - Configure the tunnel node server, this is the
  - Enable tunneled-node on the access port



```
access(config)# interface controller-1.2.3.4
access(eth-2)# tunneled-node-server
```



# Port Based Tunnel: Considerations

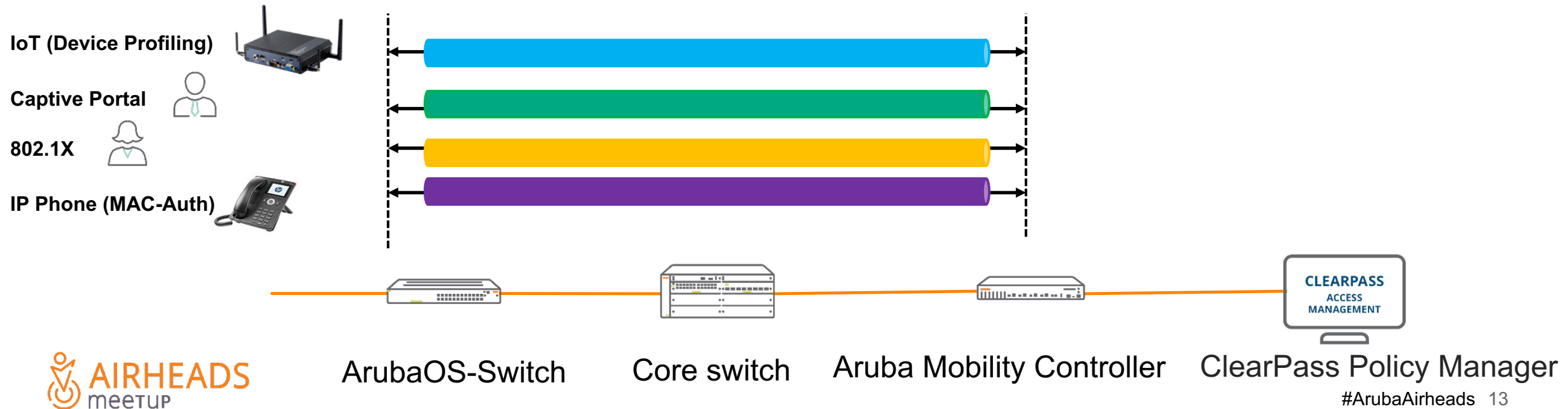
- Avoid plugging access points into wired tunneled-node ports
  - This creates a “tunnel within a tunnel”, which can impact performance
  - Instead, set aside physical ports to use solely for access points and wired tunneled node ports (i.e. one block of ports for AP’s, one for wired tunneled node ports)
  - New option in 16.05 allows device profiles to have a “no allow-tunneled-node” setting that prevents this
- Ensure that the wireless controller can handle the necessary bandwidth and number of tunnels
- Ensure that the Tunneled-Node VLAN is present and enabled on both the controller and switch
- The VLAN on the access switch must not have an IP address (Layer 2 only)
- Required licenses on the Mobility Controller: AP (one per tunnel)
- Optional Licenses on the Mobility Controller: Policy Enforcement Firewall (one per tunnel)

# User Based Tunneling

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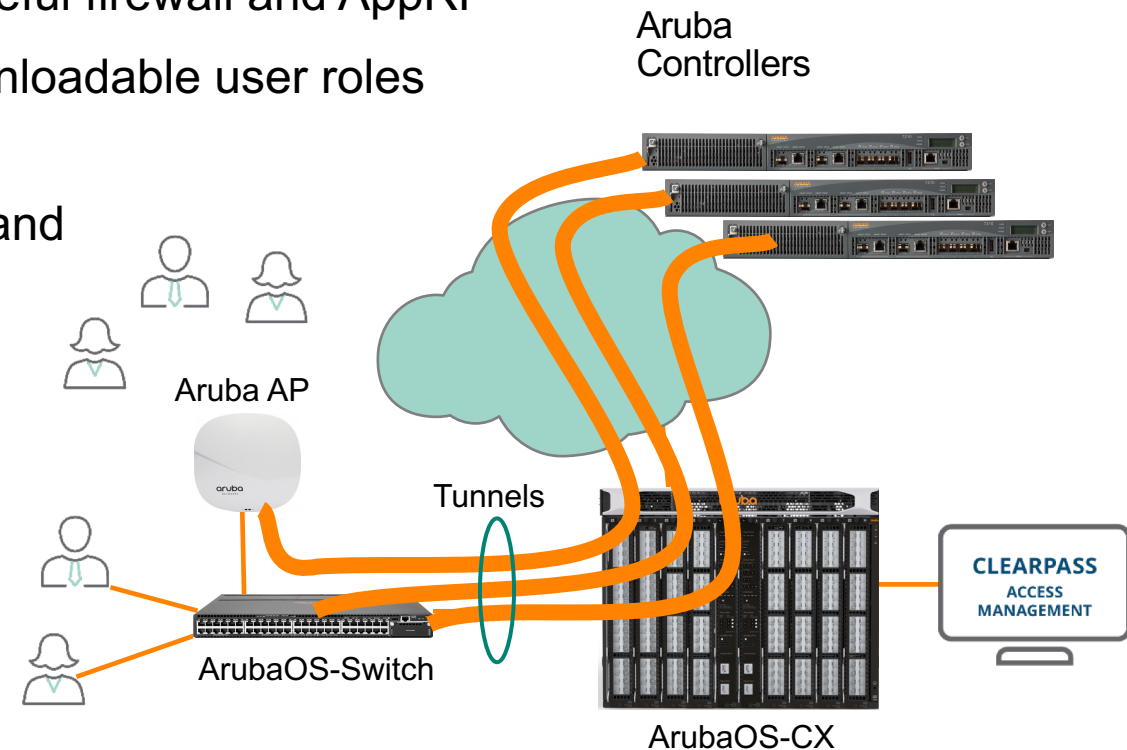
# User Based Tunnel: What is it?

- UBT uses the concept of a colorless access port
- It doesn't matter what you connect to the port
  - Roles and policies are assigned per device
- Authentication takes place at the access port level
  - Successful authentication enforces VLAN and ACL assignments
  - Successful authentication creates a per user tunnel to the Mobility Controller
  - Mobility Controller can enforce additional security



# User Based Tunnel

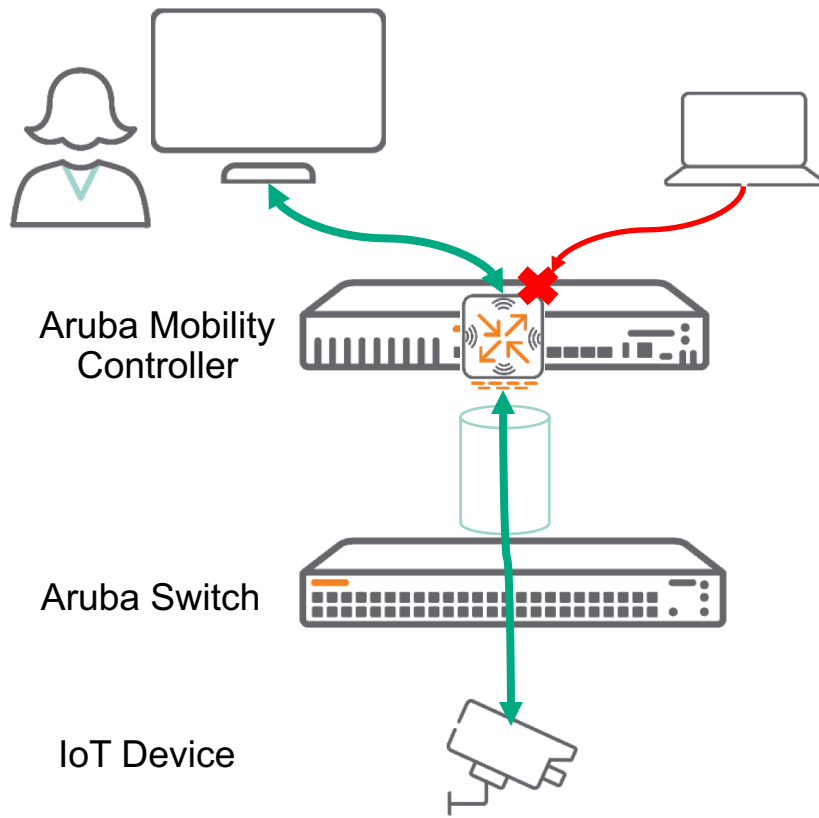
- Secured and flexible control of access layer
  - With ClearPass or switch configuration, only traffic from a specific user/device role is sent to the Mobility Controller
  - Policies (e.g., QoS, ACL, rate-limit) can be enforced at Tunneled Node ports or at the controller
- Access to Controller's applications
  - Users can access Controller's applications such as stateful firewall and AppRF
- Policy enforcement is achieved by local user roles or downloadable user roles
  - Local user roles are configured on the switch
  - Downloadable user roles are configured on ClearPass and pushed to the switch
- High availability and scalability
  - Load balance to multiple controllers for high scalability
  - Stateful failover to standby mobility controller
- Supported on 5400R/v3, 3810M, and 2930F/M
- Requires AOS 8.1 or later on the Mobility Controllers



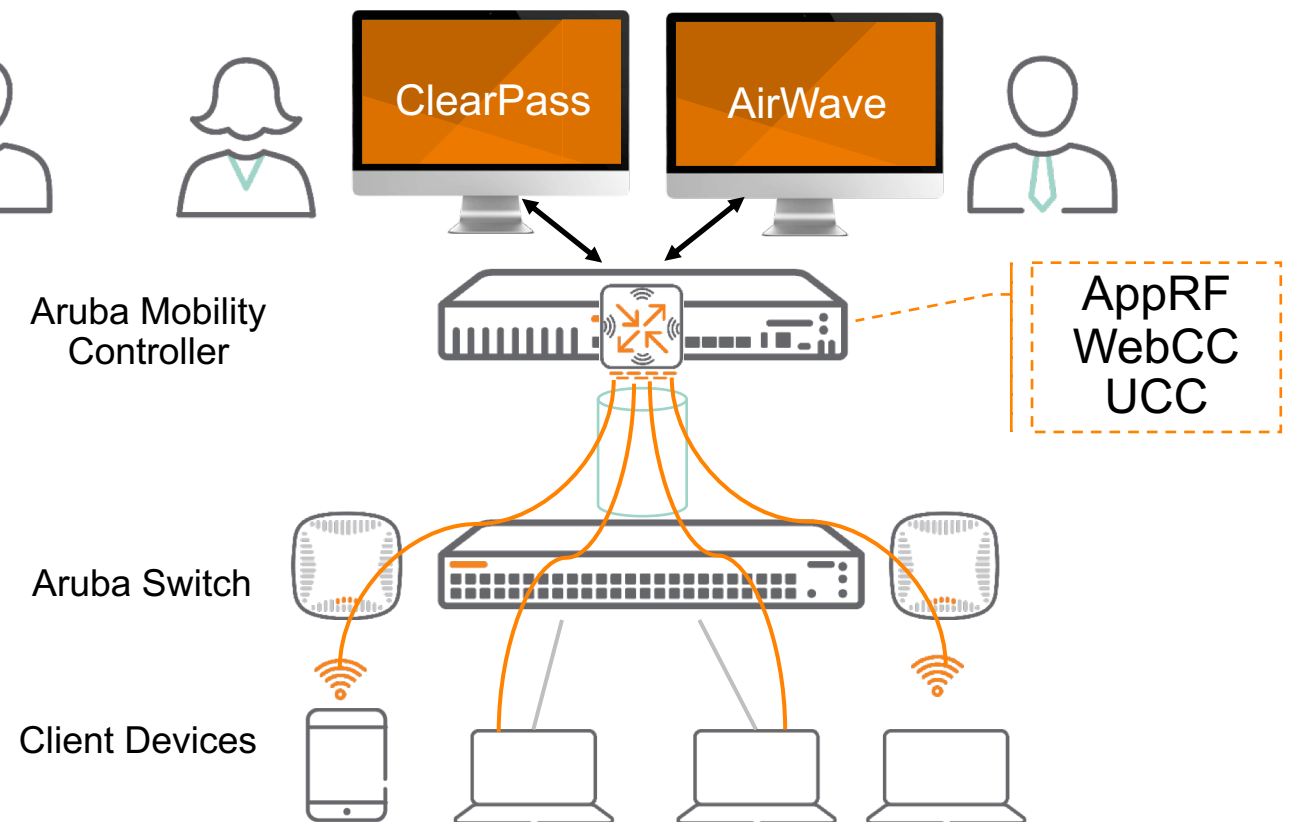


# User Based Tunnel use cases

## Critical client protection



## Unified policy and visibility



# Downloadable roles (ArubaOS 16.05)

- Starting ArubaOS 16.05, Downloadable user roles are supported with ClearPass 6.7.0+
- This feature allow you to define the role content in ClearPass instead of locally on the switch
- ArubaOS for wireless supports Downloadable roles for a while already
- Pro's for central defined roles (ClearPass):  
No need to go in each switch/controller if roles need to be defined, or changed.
- Pro's for local defined roles:  
Easier to make role content location specific (example: floor VLAN, location VLANs)  
Less moving parts
- You have both options available in your toolkit

Policy/role  
Content

ClearPass

Local switch

Mobility controller

Switch (local) /  
Controller  
(tunneled)

# User Based Tunnel: Terminology

- Tunneled Node Switch: The switch on which the tunnel profile is configured
- Tunneled Node Profile: Set of parameters required to be set (controller IP, backup controller IP, etc)
- Tunneled Node Interface: Interface on which the tunnel is configured.
- Client Device: Edge device connected to a tunneled port which is authenticated by credentials like Username/Password or mac authentication.
- Primary controller: Aruba Mobility Controller working as a tunnel server
- Back-up controller: Aruba back-up Mobility Controller working as backup tunnel server
- Radius server: ClearPass
- User Anchor Controller: Mobility Controller that functions as tunnel server for the clients
- Switch Anchor Controller: Mobility Controller that is used to provide services information to the switch

# User Based Tunnel: How does it work with local user roles

- Switch Configuration:

## Tunneled node server config:

```
tunneled-node-server  
controller-ip 10.1.1.254  
mode role-based
```

## VLAN and secondary-role config:

```
aaa authorization user-role enable  
aaa authorization user-role name "employee-role"  
vlan-id 30  
tunneled-node-server-redirect secondary-role "MC-role"  
exit
```

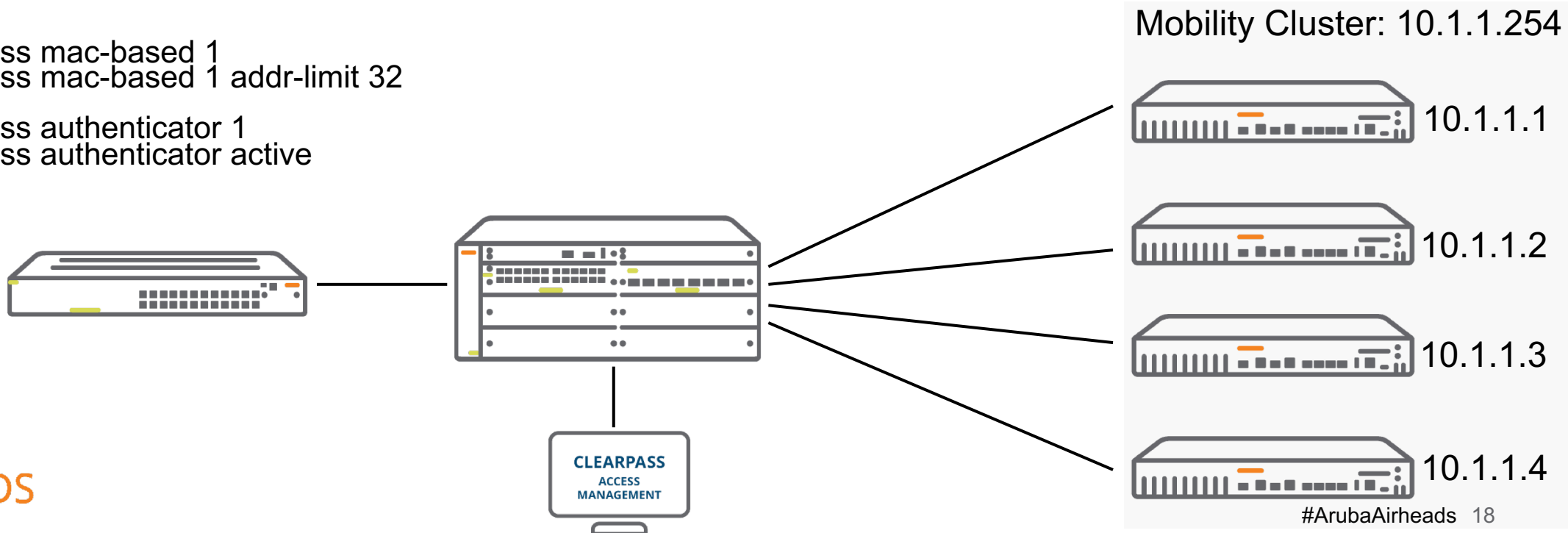
## MAC Auth:

```
aaa port-access mac-based 1  
aaa port-access mac-based 1 addr-limit 32
```

## Dot1X:

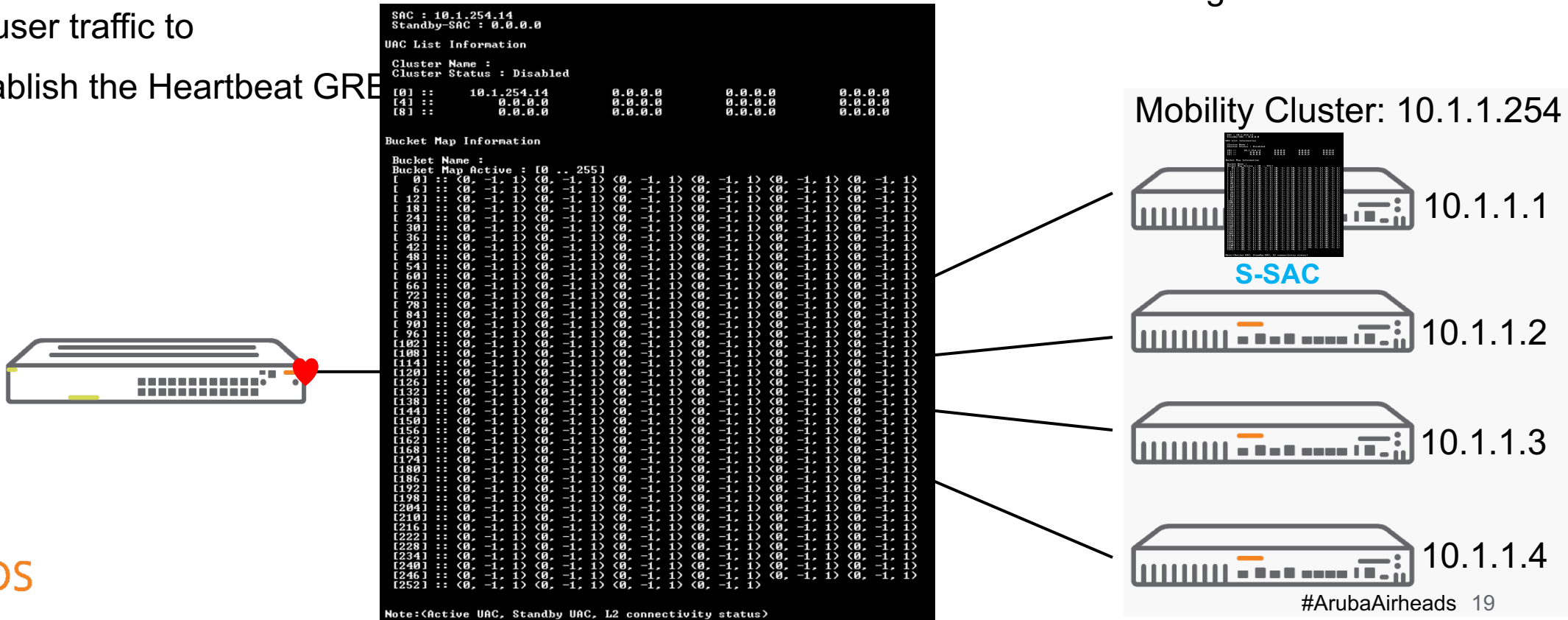
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aaa port-access authenticator 1  
aaa port-access authenticator active
```

After successful authentication,  
this rule is sent to the Mobility Controller  
for enforcement on the Mobility Controller



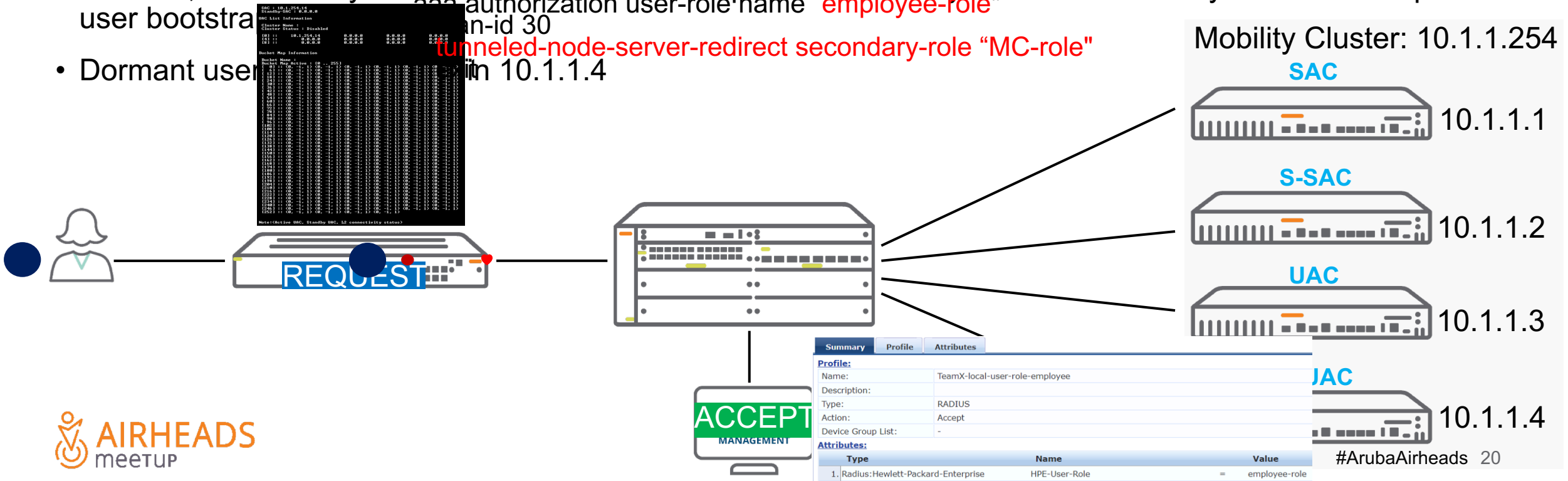
# User Based Tunnel: How does it work with local user roles

- Switch and Mobility Cluster (10.1.1.254) negotiate feature support (per user or per port)
- Switch establish the Heartbeat GRE tunnel with the Switch Anchor Controller (10.1.1.1) GRE tunnel
- 10.1.1.1 acknowledges the request with cluster information including Secondary-SAC (backup: 10.1.1.2), node list and bucket map. The bucket map is an array of 256 entries with each entry containing the active and standby User Anchor Controller to use. A user's mac address is hashed into this table to get the controller to tunnel the user traffic to
- Switch establish the Heartbeat GRE



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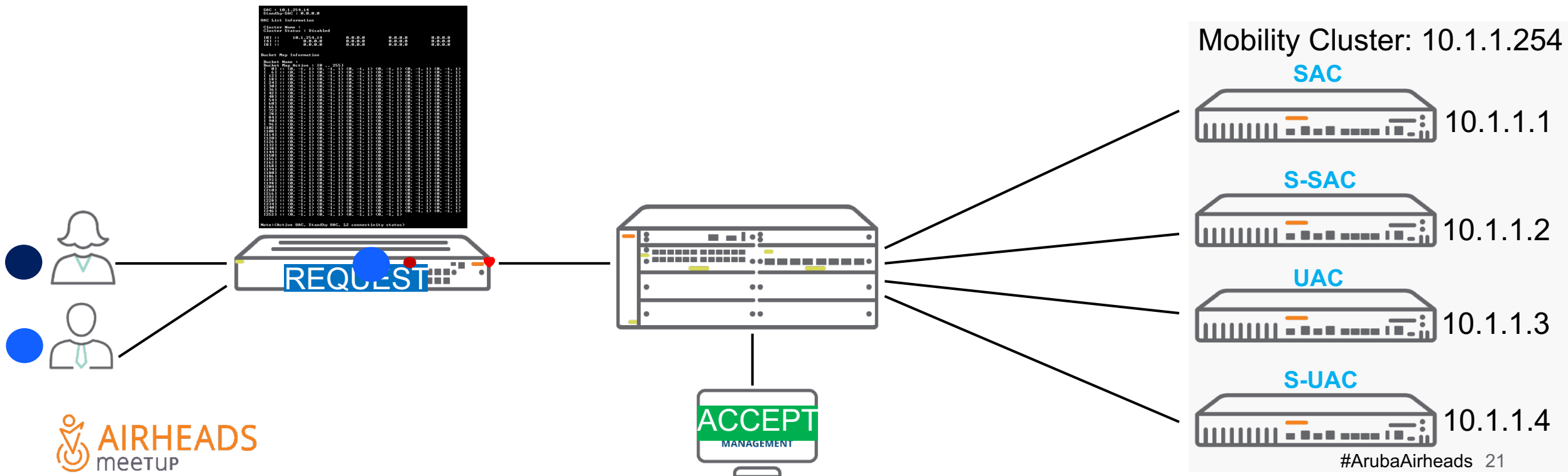
- Client connects to secure port 1
  - Authentication takes place and ClearPass returns the local configured user role VSA
  - Switch checks the bucket map to find the UAC information. Bucket map says that the UAC for the client is 10.1.1.3 and the Secondary UAC is 10.1.1.4
  - Switch establishes a UAC GRE tunnel by sending the user bootstrap to 10.1.1.3, this is acknowledged by 10.1.1.3, a user entry is created in the bucket map. The secondary user role is sent by the switch as part of user bootstrap
  - Dormant user in 10.1.1.4
- The screenshot shows a network switch configuration. The 'UAC List Information' section displays 'Cluster Name: 10.1.1.3' and 'Cluster Status: Disabled'. The 'Bucket Map Information' section shows 'Bucket Name: 1' and 'Bucket Map: 10.1.1.3'. The 'Secondary UAC' is listed as '10.1.1.4'.
- authorization user-role name "employee-role"  
 an-id 30  
 tunneled-node-server-redirect secondary-role "MC-role"
- Mobility Cluster: 10.1.1.2  
 SAC





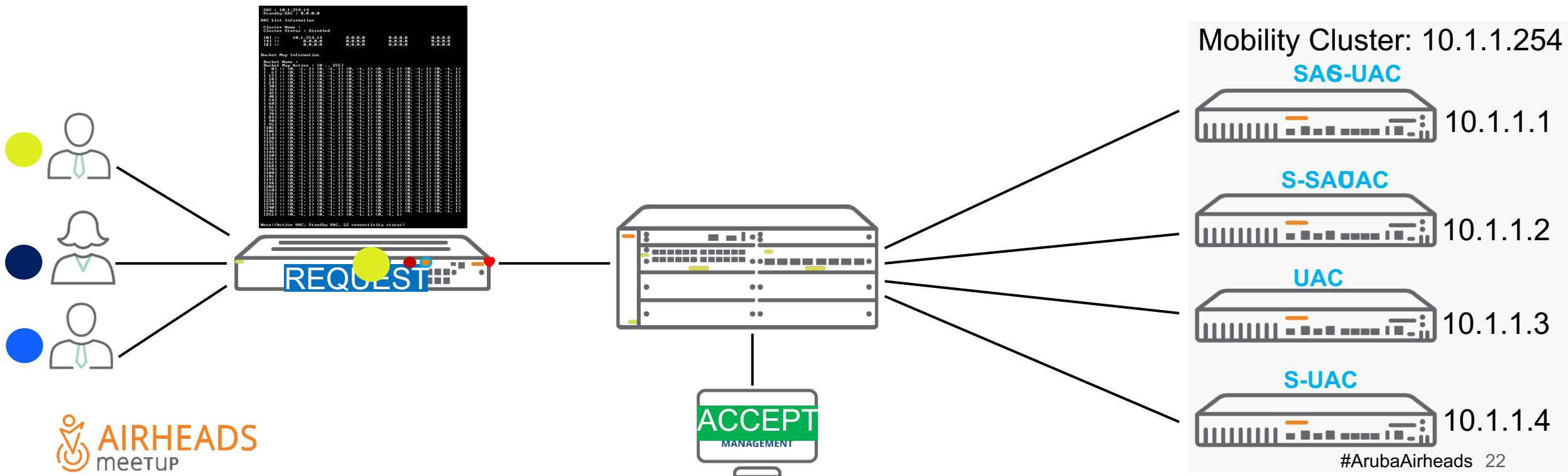
# User Based Tunnel: How does it work with local user roles

- Another client connects to secure port 1, authenticated with ClearPass and same user-role is applied
- The bucket map is queried and switch establishes a GRE tunnel to 10.1.1.3 and the secondary user role is applied
- Dormant entry is added to 10.1.1.4
- The second client uses the same GRE tunnel as the first client because the tunnel is already present



# User Based Tunnel: How does it work with local user roles

- Another client connects to secure port 2, authenticated with ClearPass and same user-role is applied
- The bucket map is queried (UAC can be a different controller) and switch establishes a GRE tunnel to 10.1.1.2 and the secondary user role is applied
- Dormant entry is added to 10.1.1.1 (S-UAC can be a different controller)
- The second client created a new GRE tunnel because the edge device termination is on a different port



# User Based Tunnel: What about downloadable user roles

- The process is very much the same, instead of having the user role configured on the edge switch, it is configured on ClearPass and sent to the edge switch after successful authentication
- The method for sending the user role is through REST API using an SSL connection
- This means that a HTTPS certificate has to be installed on the edge switch
- In addition, a username/password has to be configured to authenticate the switch with ClearPass
- Let's have a look how this is done

# User Based Tunnel: What about downloadable user roles

- First, ensure that ClearPass has obtained a valid HTTPS certificate
- Export the root certificate that is located on ClearPass and install it on the switch
- On ClearPass, create a read only admin user that will be used by the switch for authentication
- On the switch, create the user entry for the read only user and enable downloadable user roles
- And configure the downloadable user roles profiles

- Assign the profiles to a policy and the policy to a service

Configuration » Enforcement » Profiles » Edit Enforcement Profile - TeamX-dur-employee

Enforcement Profiles - TeamX-dur-employee

Summary Profile Attributes		
Type	Name	Value
1. Radius:Hewlett-Packard-Enterprise	HPE-CPPM-Role	<pre>class ipv4 "employee-class-dur" 10 match ip 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255 20 match tcp 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255 exit policy user "employee-policy-dur" 10 class ipv4 "employee-class-dur" action permit exit aaa authorization user-role name "employee-dur" policy "employee-policy-dur" vlan-id 10 tunneled-node-server-redirect secondary-role "authenticated" exit</pre>
2. Click to add...		

# User Based Tunnel: What about downloadable user roles

- Check out what is happening on the switch

```
0000:00:09:06.56 UMIB m802xCtrl:Port added connection detected dc4a3e-d02939 for new client port 1.
0000:00:09:16.33 RADB m802xCtrl:ACCESS REQ:ID 2289, packet-id 25412, session: 6, access method: PORT-
ACCESS, User Name PSE User, 802CA01g, 64d34a3e2939, 1A6-Port, 10.1.254.101.
0000:00:09:16.35 RADG m802xCtrl:ACCESS ACCEP:Time 2A, from dc4a3e-d02939 for port 1
0000:00:09:17.69 UNTB m802xCtrl:Backend 192 initialized downloadable user role vsa for client with request-id 6 and assigned
0000:00:09:17.70 TeamX_dur_employee-3012-2
0000:00:09:17.71 TeamX_dur_employee-3012-2 entering user TNodeTCAMDecapReserveResources
0000:00:09:17.82 UNTB m802xCtrl:New user is created dc4a3e-d02939 added to table user role TeamX_dur_employee-3012-2
0000:00:09:17.87 UNTB m802xCtrl:DCR:CAE Bootstrap node 6 is added to 4 waiting queue for downloadable user role
TeamX_dur_employee-3012-2 User NOT Auth state
0000:00:09:17.87 TNodeSendUACBStrapReq: Packet Sent Successfully
0000:00:09:17.96 UNTB m802xCtrl:Task Download dc4a3e-d02939 TeamX_dur_employee-3012-2 is success
0000:00:09:18.02 RADB m802xCtrl:ACCESS REQ:ID 2289, packet-id 25412, request-id 6
0000:00:09:18.13 RADm802xCtrl:Port 1, RADIUS REQUEST side 20 from dc4a3e-d02939, User user1.
0000:00:09:18.24 UNTB m802xCtrl:Create parameter for download dc4a3e-d02939 used ext TeamX_dur_employee-3012-2
0000:00:09:18.35 TMT m802xCtrl:User MAC 64d34a3e2939 RADIUS Attribute 56, vid: 10.
0000:00:09:18.39 TLOG mdcaCtrl:Tunnel Status Up for dca client dc4a3e-d02939 for port 1.
```

# User Based Tunnel: What about downloadable user roles

- Check out what is happening on the switch (this is for an 802.1X authenticated user)

```
Port Access Client Status Detail

Client Base Details :
  Port          : 1
  Client Status : authenticated
  Client name   : user1
  MAC Address   : dc4a3e-d02939
  IP            : n/a
  Authentication Type : 802.1x
  Session Time   : 262 seconds
  Session Timeout : 0 seconds

Downloaded user roles are preceded by *

User Role Information

  Name          : *TeamX_dur_employee-3012-4
  Type          : downloaded
  Reauthentication Period (seconds) : 0
  Untagged VLAN : 10
  Tagged VLANs  :

  Captive Portal Profile :
  Policy         : emp-policy-dur_TeamX_dur_employee-3012-4

Statements for policy "emp-policy-dur_TeamX_dur_employee-3012-4"
policy user "emp-policy-dur_TeamX_dur_employee-3012-4"
  10 class ipv4 "emp-class-dur_TeamX_dur_employee-3012-4" action rate-limit
  kbps 1000 action priority 2 action permit
  exit

Statements for class IPv4 "emp-class-dur_TeamX_dur_employee-3012-4"
class ipv4 "emp-class-dur_TeamX_dur_employee-3012-4"
  10 match ip 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255
  20 match tcp 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255
  exit

  Tunnelednode Server Redirect : Enabled
  Secondary Role Name          : authenticated
```



# User Based Tunnel: Captive Portal

- Captive Portal is also supported. ClearPass captive portal configuration process is the same as regular captive portal. In the MAC Auth profile and Web Auth profile a Downloadable User Role has to be configured
- The authentication process consists of three steps:
- MAC Authentication (Allow All MAC), can be a tunnel, but can also be locally switched
- Web Authentication (if successful, then the access port)

0000:00:06:59:25 RAD

0000:00:06:59:33 RAD



MAC Auth



```
Port Access Client Status Detail
Client Base Details :
Port : 1
Client Status : authenticated
Client Name : dc4a3ed02939
MAC Address : dc4a3e-d02939
IP : n/a
Authentication Type : mac-based
Session Time : 402 seconds
Session Timeout : 0 seconds
Downloaded user roles are preceded by *
Port Access Client Status Detail
Client Base Details :
Port : 1
Client Status : authenticated
Client Name : dc4a3ed02939
MAC Address : dc4a3e-d02939
IP : n/a
Authentication Type : mac-based
Session Time : -3128 seconds
Session Timeout : 0 seconds
Downloaded user roles are preceded by *
User Role Information
Name : *TeamX_dur_MacAuth-3015-5
Type : downloaded
Reauthentication Period (seconds) : 0
Untagged ULAN : 11
Tagged ULANs :
Captive Portal Profile :
0000:00:14:38:20 1X m8021xCtrl:Port 1: sent ReqId #7 to 0180c2-000003.
Policy : guest-policy-dur_TeamX_dur_MacAuth-3015-5
Statements for policy "guest-policy-dur_TeamX_dur_MacAuth-3015-5"
policy user "guest-policy-dur_TeamX_dur_MacAuth-3015-5"
10 class ipv4 "guest-class-dur_TeamX_dur_MacAuth-3015-5" action rate-limit
kbps 1000 action priority 2 action permit
exit
Statements for class IPv4 "guest-class-dur_TeamX_dur_MacAuth-3015-5"
class ipv4 "guest-class-dur_TeamX_dur_MacAuth-3015-5"
10 match ip 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255
20 match tcp 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255 0.0.0.0 255.255.255.255
exit
Tunnelednode Server Redirect : Enabled
Secondary Role Name : authenticated
Secondary Role Name :
```

the access port)

10.1.254.12 received.  
54.12 sent. Mobility Cluster: 10.1.1.254

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10.1.1.1

S-SAC



10.1.1.2



10.1.1.3



10.1.1.4

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# Speeds and Feeds

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# User Based Tunnel: Speeds and feeds

Controller	Maximum supported tunnels
7280	34816
7240 /7240XM	34816
7220	17408
7210	8704
7205	4352
7030	1088
7024	544
7010	544
7008	272
7005	272

Switch or stack	Maximum Supported User Tunnels per Switch or Stack	Maximum Supported User Tunnels per port
5400R	1024	32
3810M	1024	32
2930M	1024	32
2930F	1024	32

# User Based Tunnel: Speeds and feeds

- Mutually exclusive with User Based Tunneling:
  - Port Based Tunnel
  - Meshing
  - QinQ
- Not configurable on a tunneled user port:
  - ARP Protect, DHCP Relay, DHCP Server, DHCP Snooping, IGMP, MLD, mDNS, OpenFlow, Portal commands, sFlow, RA Guard
- VLAN's that are used for User Based Tunneling have to be configured on the switch
  - No dynamic VLAN creation when pushing the user role
  - These VLAN's don't have IP addresses assigned
- Jumbo frames preferred to be enabled on the switches forming the path to the controller
  - GRE adds 46 byte header, which makes maximum payload size 1454 bytes

# Demonstration

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