



# Network Admission Control – Part I (NAC Appliance)



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# Agenda

- NAC Design & Deployment
  - Building Blocks & Deployment Options
  - Mapping Policy into User Roles and Security Requirements
  - Managing Non-PC Devices & Guest Users
- Q&A

# The Need for Differentiated Network Access

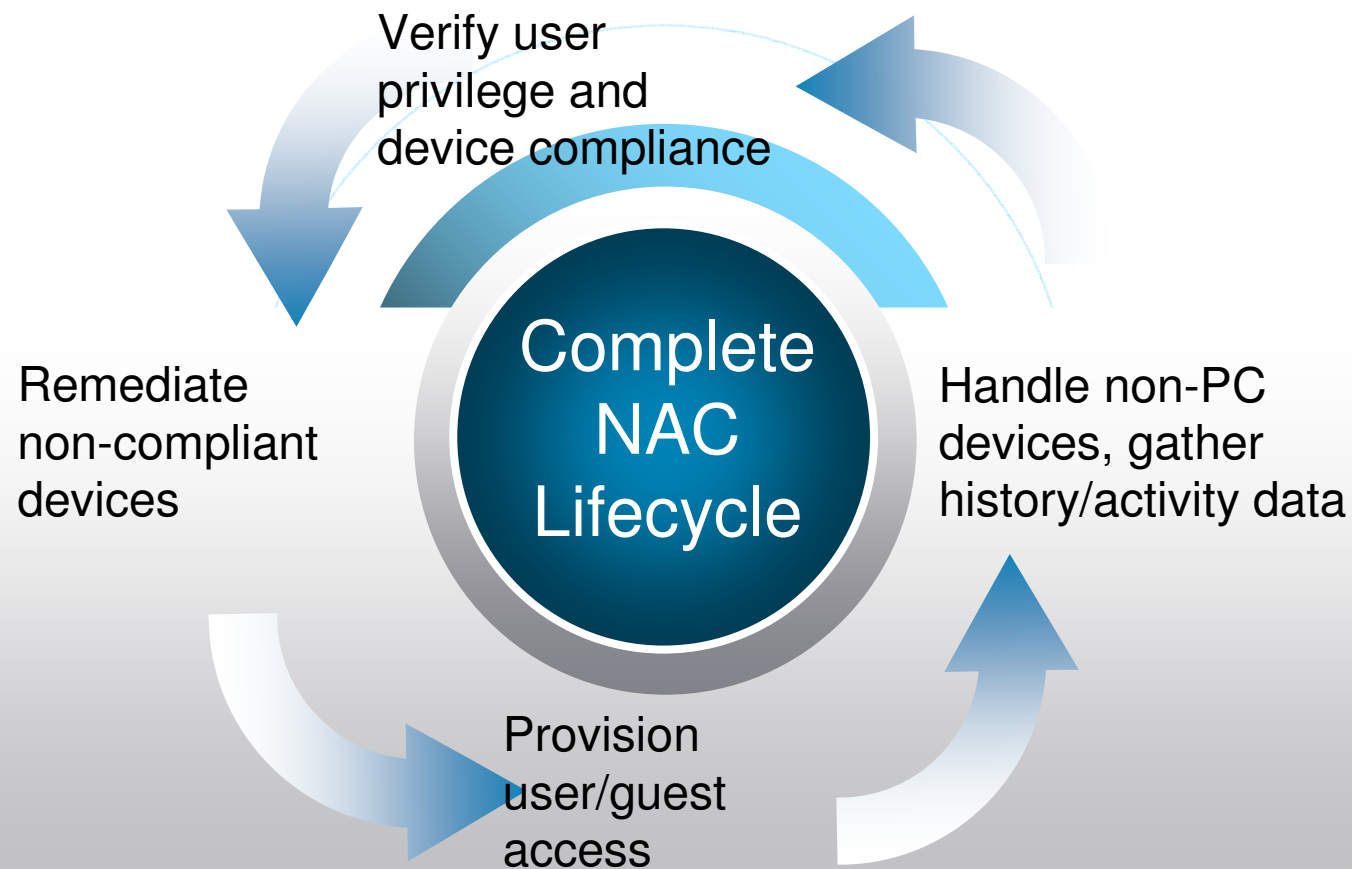
Corporate Employees	Contractors/ Consultants	Guests Users
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need internal network access</li><li>• User identities are usually known</li><li>• Device support</li><li>• May be further divided in separate internal groups</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need restricted internal access<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Printers</li><li>File shares</li><li>Specific applications</li></ul></li><li>• Internet access</li><li>• Possible Device support</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internet access only</li><li>• No need to access internal systems</li><li>• Segment access completely</li><li>• Unsupported devices</li></ul>

**One solution to control all user types**



# NAC Functions Defined

Ensuring role-based access and endpoint security policy compliance



# Cisco NAC Key Components

## NAC Manager and Server (Required)



### NAC Manager

Centralized management, configuration, reporting, and policy store



### NAC Server

Posture, services and enforcement



### Ruleset Updates

Scheduled automatic rulesets for anti-virus, Microsoft hot-fixes and other applications

## NAC Profiler, Guest Server and ACS (Optional)



### NAC Profiler

Profiles unmanaged devices



### NAC Guest Server

Full-featured guest provisioning server



### ACS Server

Access policy system for 802.1x termination

## Endpoint Components (Optional)



### NAC Agent

No-cost client: Persistent, dissolvable, or web




### 802.1x Supplicant

CSSC or Vista embedded supplicant

# Agent Options: Web and Persistent




Cisco NAC Web Agent

 Cisco NAC Web Agent

**Host is compliant with network security policy**

Your device does not conform to all security policies suggested by the network administrator. Network access has been granted. However, it is recommended that you upgrade your device to conform to all security policies suggested by the network administrator.  
Please select "Continue" by 12:48:27 AM, Fri Oct 05, 2007 to gain access to network.


**Security Compliance Summary**

Result	Security Requirement	Remediation Suggestion
	CorporateAssetCheck	Only Corporate Assets Allowed
	McAfee AV Check	
	McAfee-AV-Running	

Cisco NAC Web Agent Version 4.1.3.1 - Report Generated 12:33:34

00:14:06 Remaining Re-Scan

Cisco Clean Access Agent

 Clean Access Agent

Please enter your user name and password:

User Name :

Password :

☐ Remember Me

Please select your authentication provider:

Local DB

Login

# Automated Rulesets

**Automated Cisco rulesets** simplify management for over 350+ partner applications

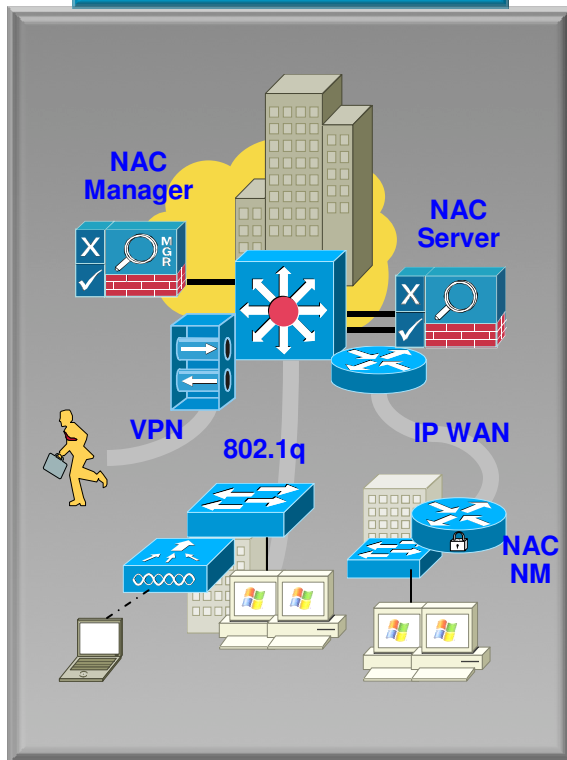


**Cisco NAC  
Appliance Manager**



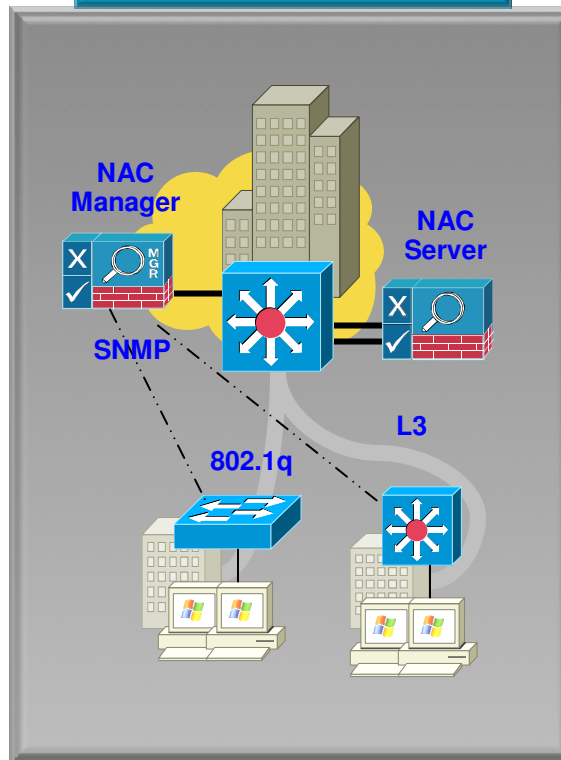
# Flexible Deployment Options

## In Band



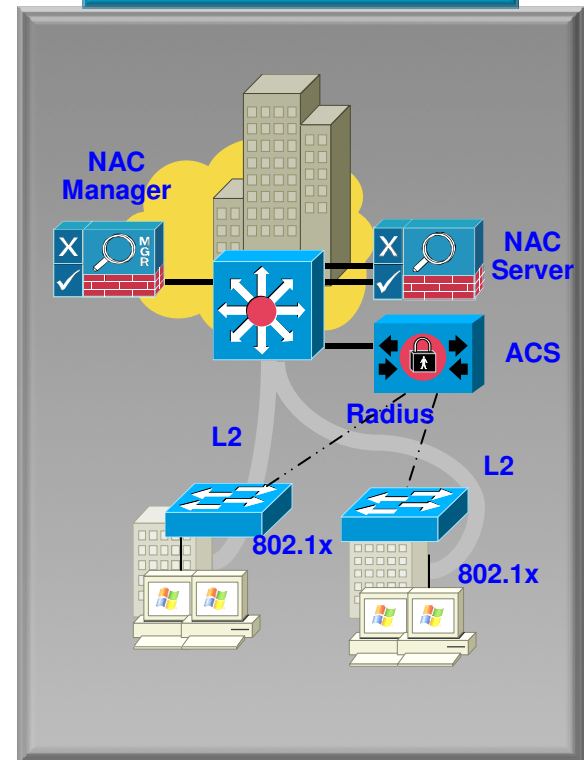
- VPN, wireless, campus, and remote LANs
- Enforcement via Appliance

## Out of Band



- Optimized for Cisco campus LANs (L2, L3)
- SNMP as control plane

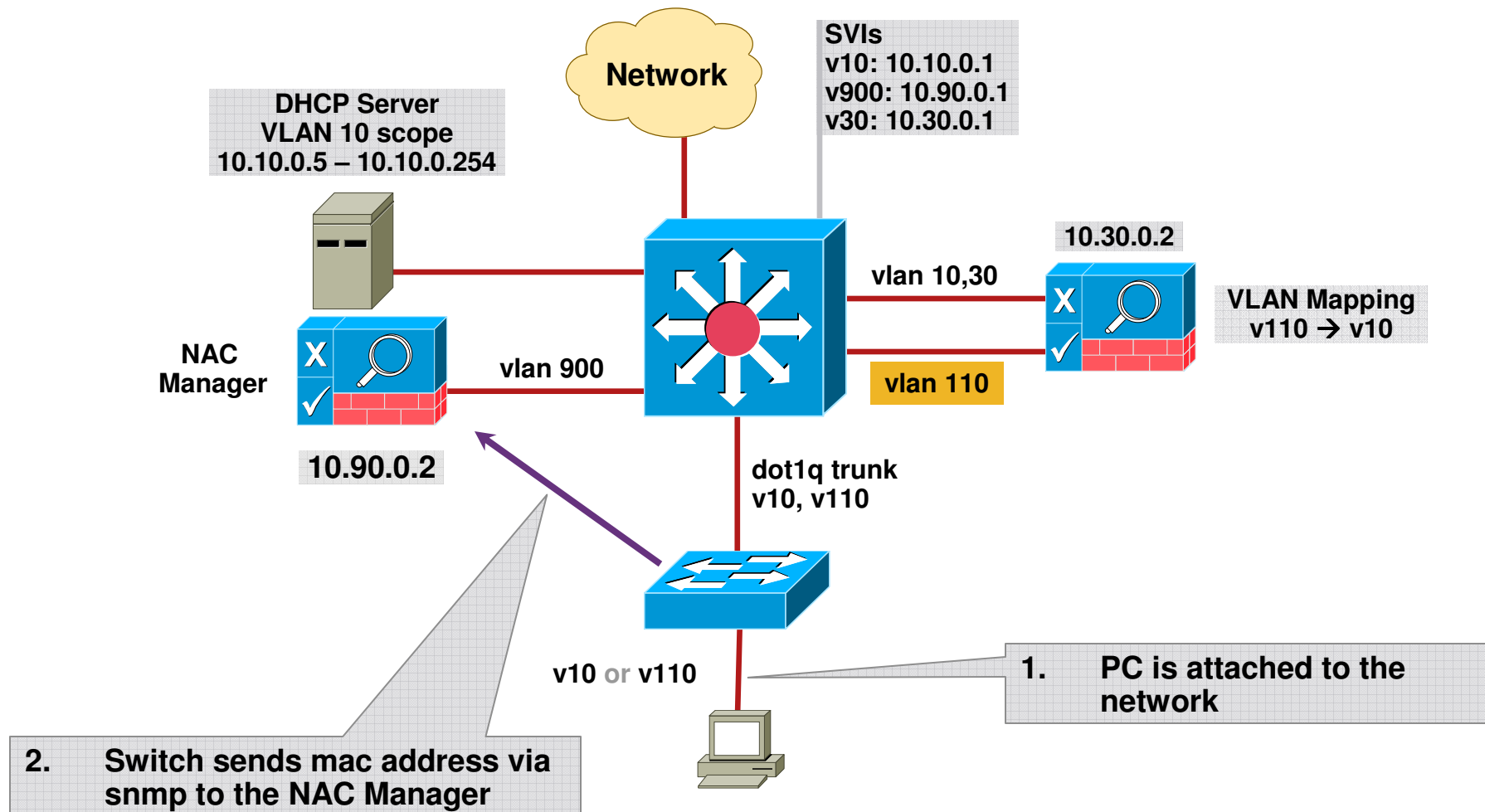
## RADIUS



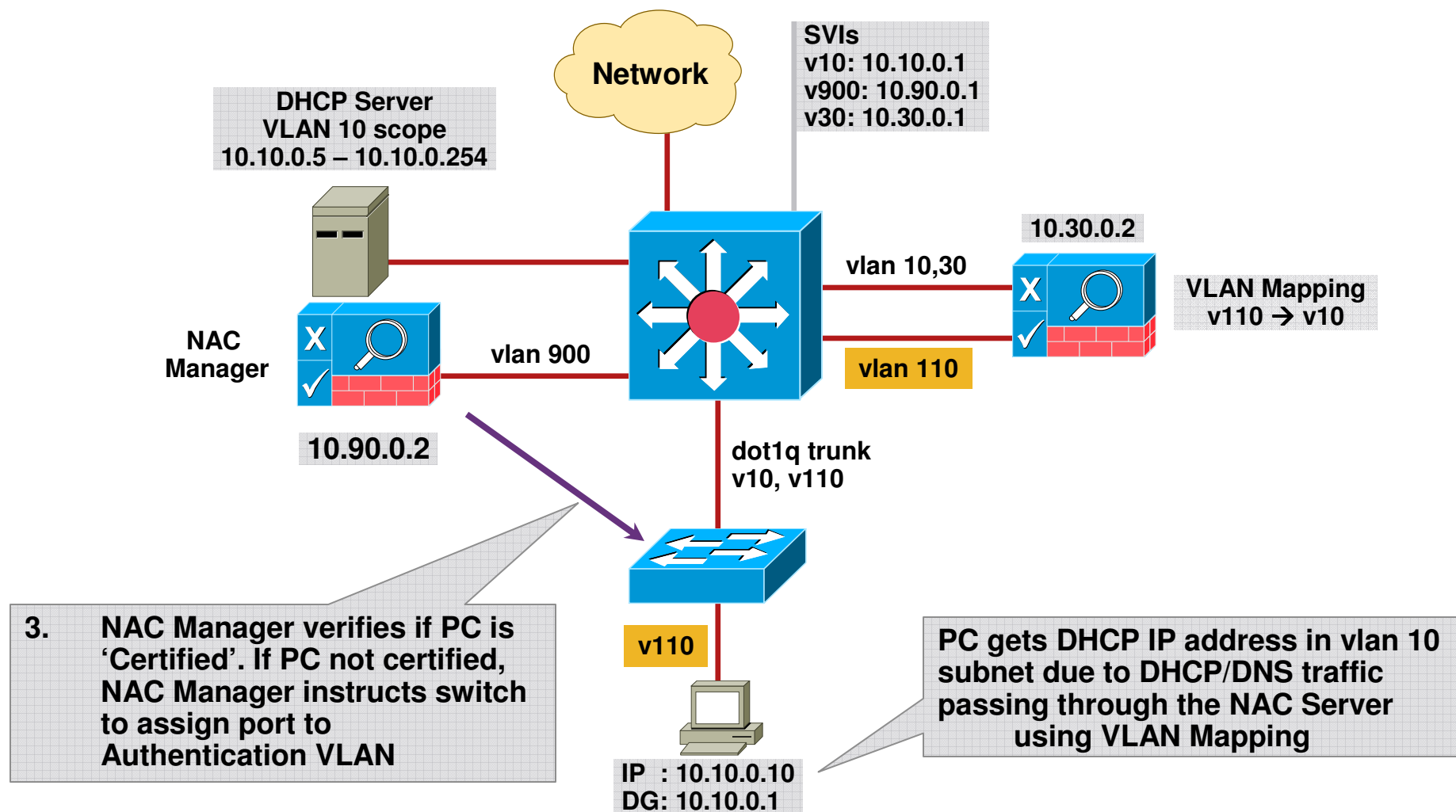
- Optimized for Cisco campus LANs (802.1x)
- RADIUS as control plane



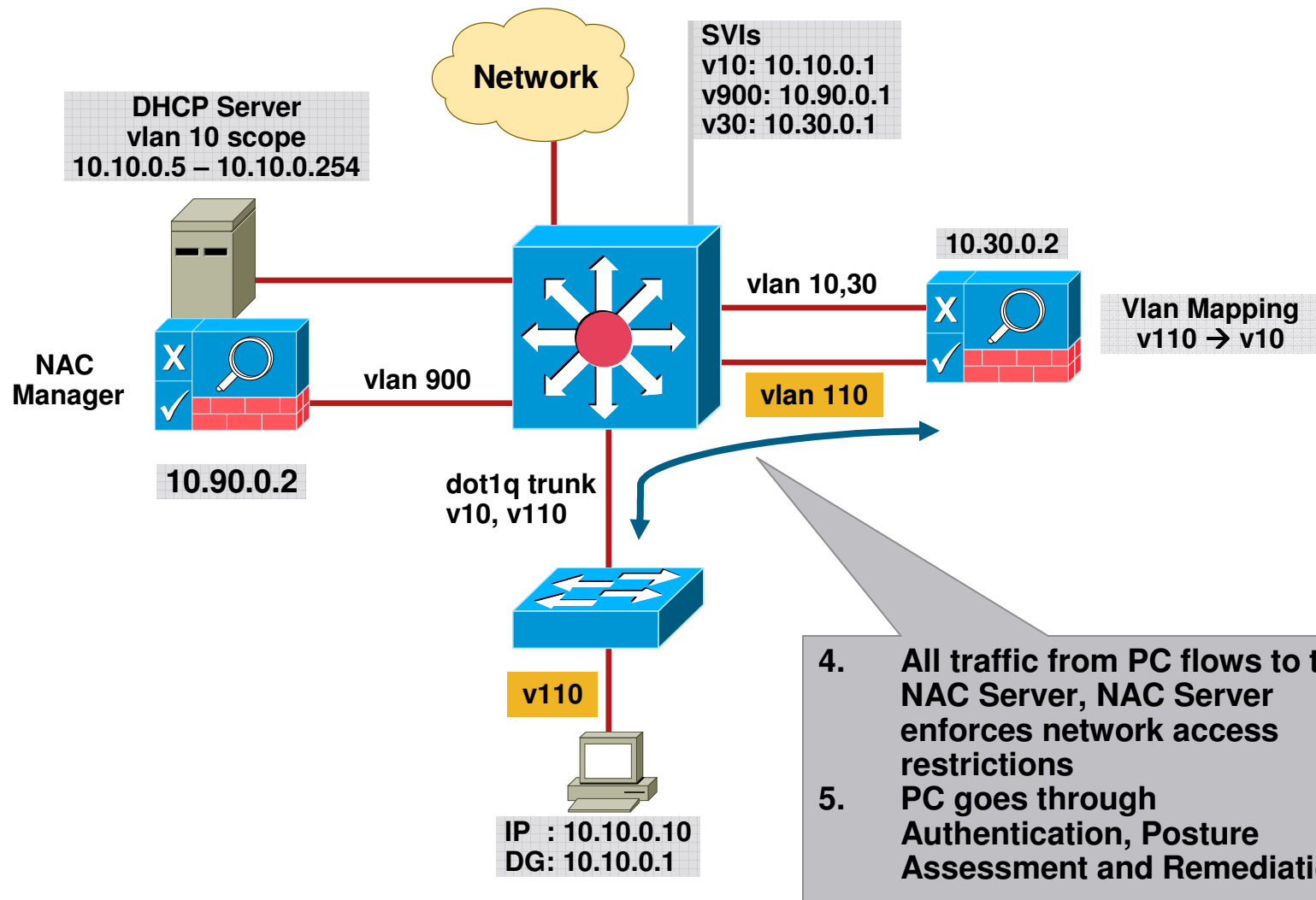
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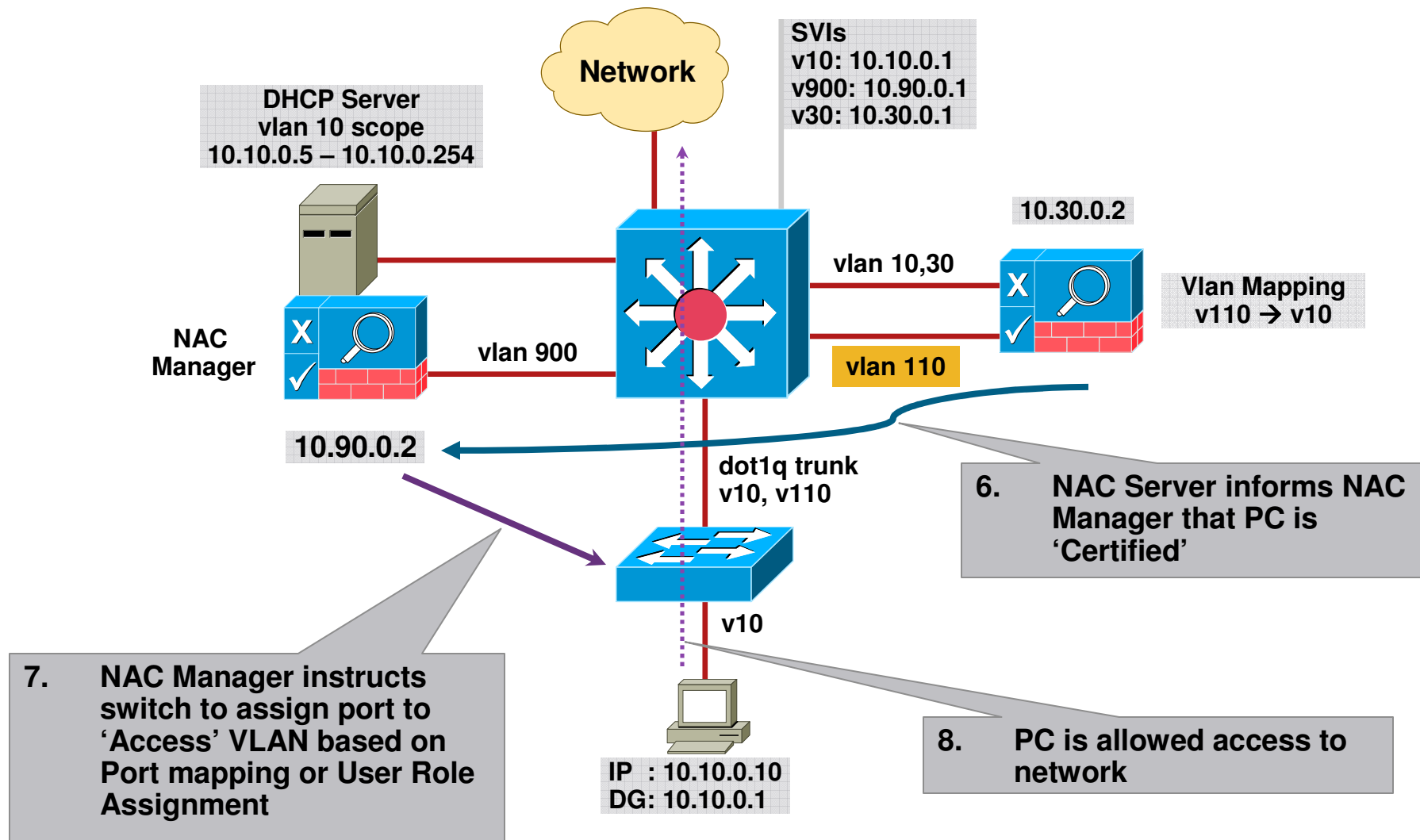
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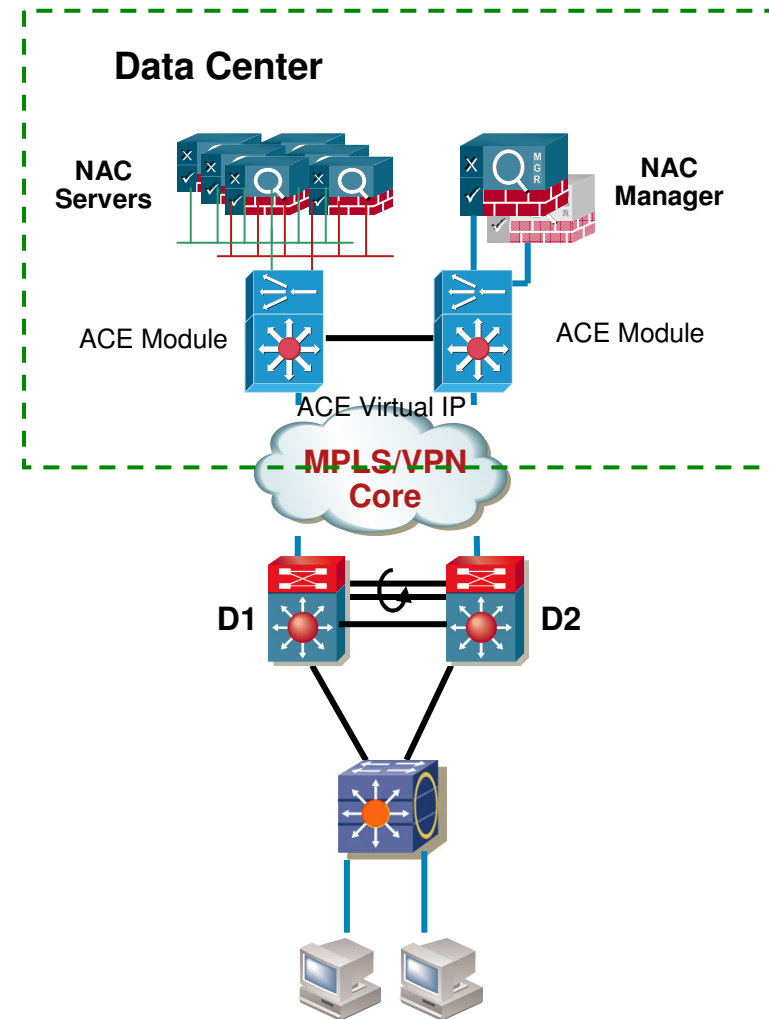


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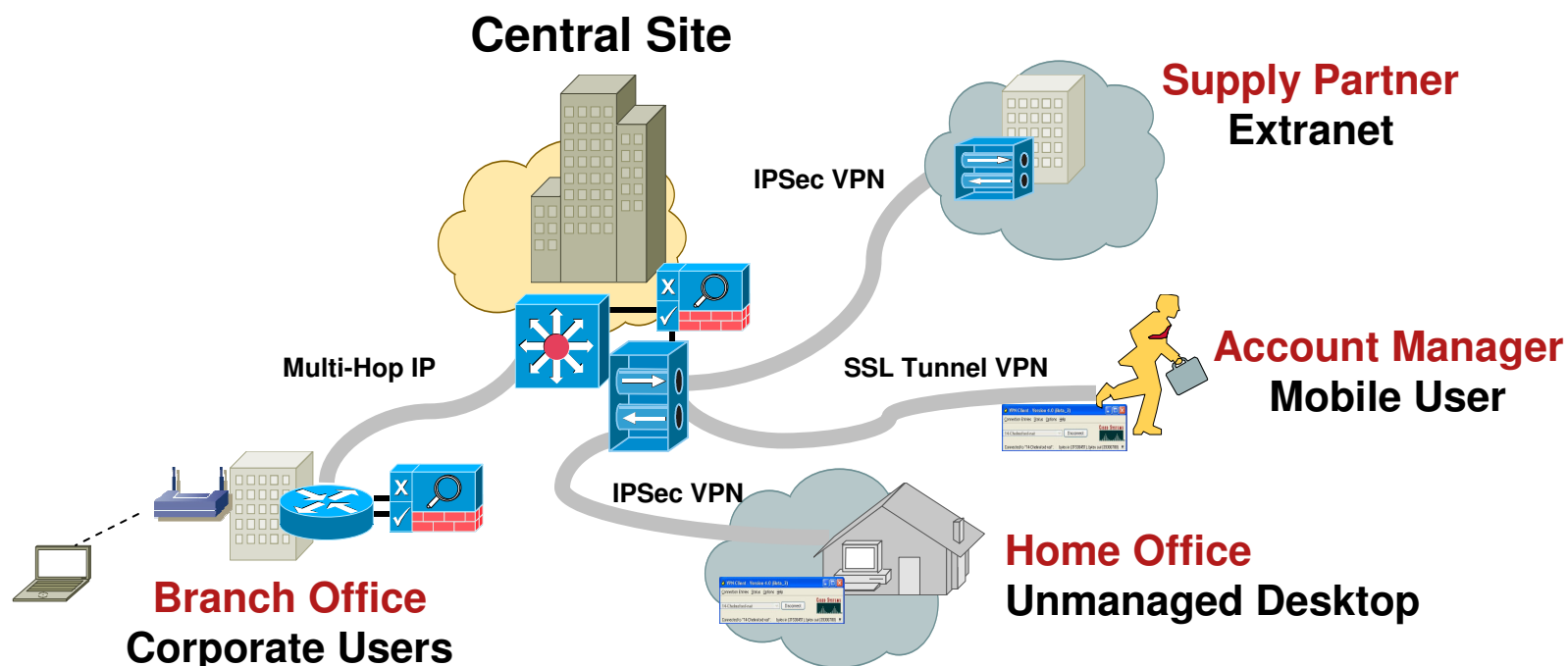


# Virtualization using Load-Balanced Design

- All devices accessing the network must be checked for compliance before full network access is granted
- **MPLS VPN for NAC Authentication networks**
  - Allows NAC Authentication networks distributed across campus to all be isolated back to central NAC Server Farm
- Traffic from client in Auth VLAN can be sent to directed to ACE Virtual IP using
  - MPLS VPN
  - PBRs
  - VRF Lite
  - Discovery Host (Agent only)
- **Cisco Application Control Engine (ACE) Module**
  - Perform intelligent load-balancing and scaling of centralized NAC design

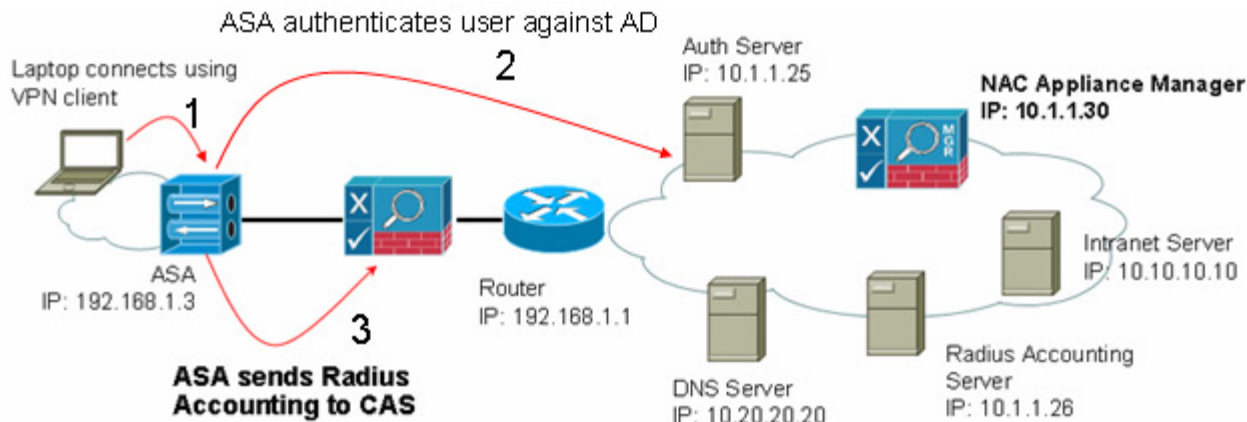


# NAC Appliance for Remote Users



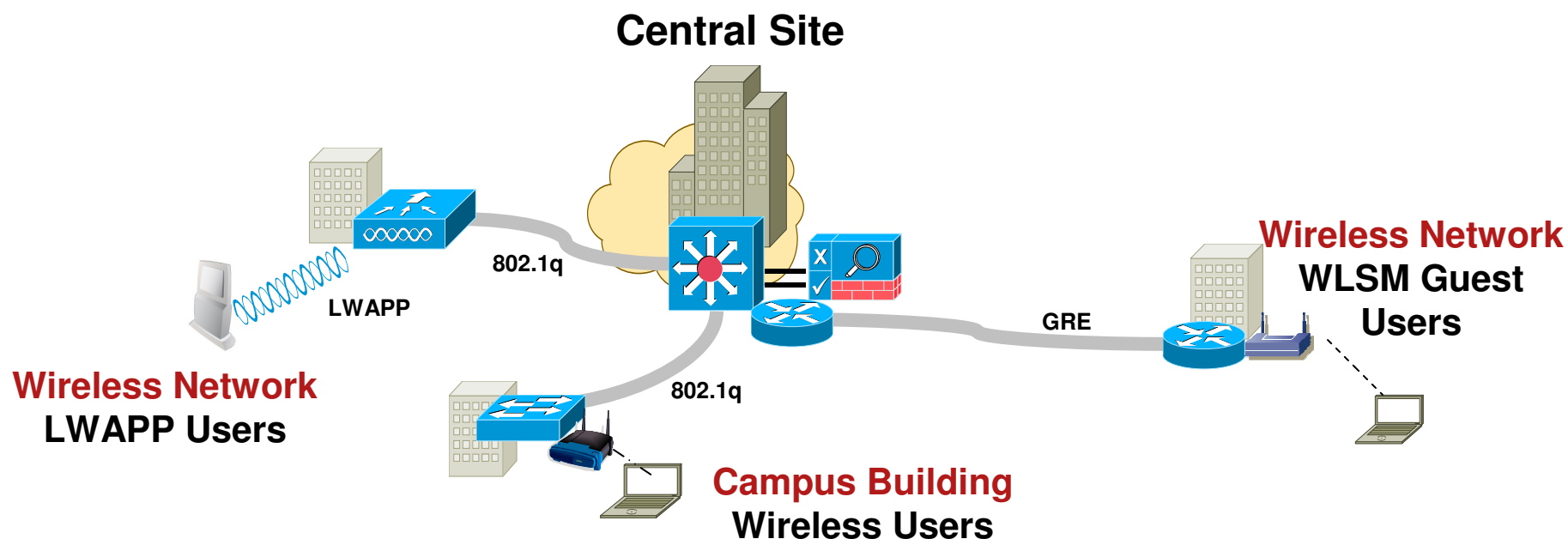
Features	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports IPSec and SSL Tunnel VPNs</li> <li>Supports site-to-site VPNs</li> <li>Supports VPN user sign-on</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends policy enforcement and compliance to remote access and VPN users</li> <li>Extends enforcement to site-to-site VPN partners</li> <li>Leverages VPN sign-on for single-sign-on</li> </ul>

# Deploy VPN with Single Sign On (SSO)



- User logs in using IPSEC or SSL VPN client.
- VPN server sends Radius Accounting packet to NAC Server
- NAC Server performs SSO for that user based on the Accounting packet
- NAC Server can optionally be configured to forward that Accounting packet to another Radius server

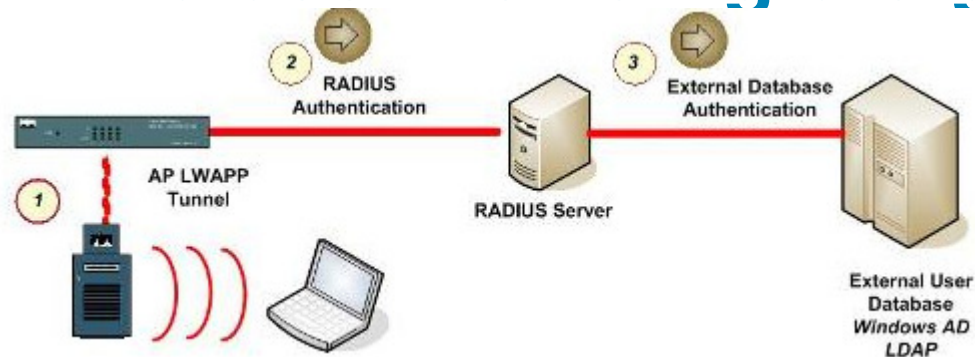
# Cisco NAC for Wireless Users



Features	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Supports 802.1q trunking</li><li>▪ Supports thin or thick wireless 802.11 APs</li><li>▪ Supports Wireless user single-sign-on</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Enables central deployment mode</li><li>▪ Extends enforcement to any wireless networks</li><li>▪ End user devices can be several hops away</li><li>▪ Leverages 802.1x sign-on for single-sign-on</li></ul>

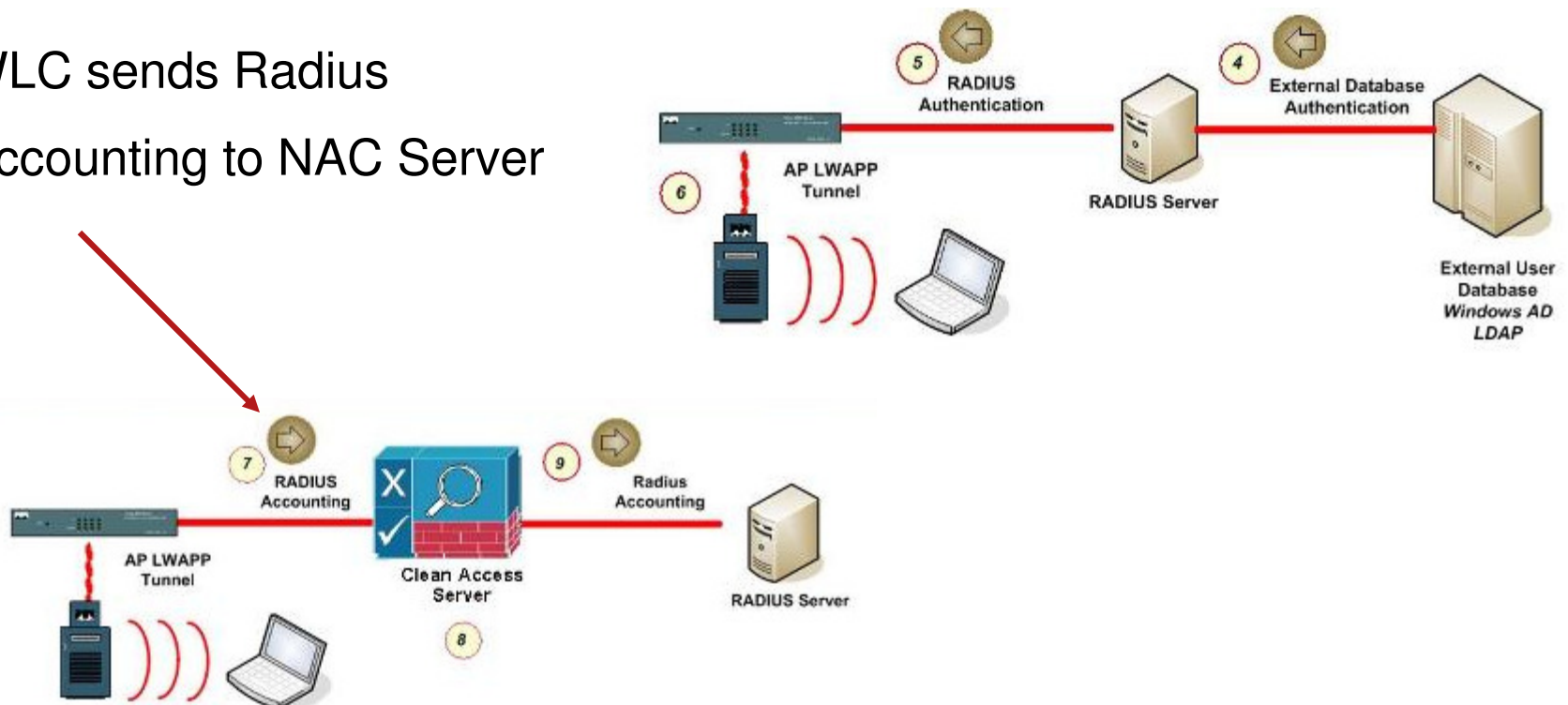


# Wireless with Single Sign On (SSO)



WLC performs Authentication

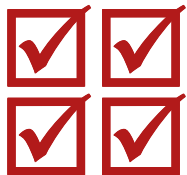
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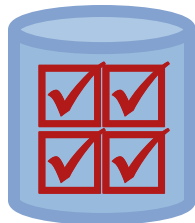
# Clean Access Manager: Checks, Rules, and Roles

Clean Access posture validation is a hierarchical process with either pre-loaded or custom profiles

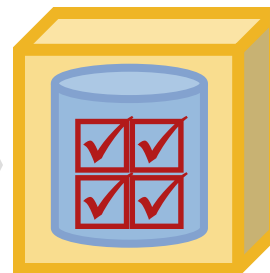
**CHECKS**  
assess the  
state of a file,  
application,  
service, or  
registry key



**RULES**  
contain  
single or  
multiple  
**Checks**



**REQUIREMENTS**  
contain single or  
multiple **Rules**



**ROLES**  
have one or more  
**Requirements**



# Clean Access Manager: Checks, Rules, and Roles

## Registry Key check for a Windows Hotfix

The screenshot displays the Cisco Clean Access Manager web interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with the Cisco Systems logo at the top. The sidebar contains several sections: Device Management (with links to CCA Servers, Filters, Roaming, and Clean Access), Switch Management (with links to Profiles and Devices), User Management (with links to User Roles, Auth Servers, and Local Users), Monitoring (with links to Summary, Online Users, Event Logs, and SNMP), and Administration (with links to CCA Manager, User Pages, Admin Users, and Backup). The 'Clean Access' link is highlighted in red.

The main content area has a header bar with the title 'Cisco Clean Access Manager' and 'Version 3.6.2'. Below the header, the breadcrumb 'Device Management > Clean Access' is shown. A secondary navigation bar includes tabs for Certified Devices, General Setup, Network Scanner, and Clean Access Agent. Under 'General Setup', there are sub-tabs: Distribution, Rules (which is active), Requirements, Role-Requirements, Reports, and Updates. Below these are further links: Check List, View Check (active), Rule List, New Rule, New AV Rule, New AS Rule, and AV/AS Support Info.

The configuration form for the 'View Check' page includes the following fields:

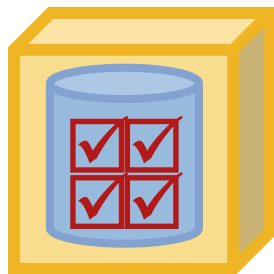
- Check Category: Registry Check (dropdown)
- Check Type: Registry Key (dropdown)
- Check Name: pc\_HotFix888113\_9x
- Registry Key: HKLM \ Software\Microsoft\Active Setup\Installed Components
- Operator: exists (dropdown)
- Check Description: Critical Update 888113
- Operating System: ☐ Windows All, ☐ Windows XP, ☐ Windows 2000, ☒ Windows ME, ☒ Windows 98
- ☐ Automatically create rule based on this check

A note at the bottom states: '\* Cisco created checks cannot be edited. Create a copy of the check if you intend to change it.'

# Clean Access Manager: Checks, Rules, and Roles

## REQUIREMENTS

tie remediation actions directly to a rule



## ROLES

determine which rules apply and what security filters are applied



### Remediation methods include:

- File Distribution (“[Download antispyware.exe](#)”)
- Link Distribution (“[windowsupdate.com](#)”)
- Local Check ([text instructions or messages](#))
- Definition Update ([direct launch of supported AV or AS](#))
- Launch WSUS and change its settings
- Launch Patch management software ([SMS, Altiris etc](#))

Option to dynamically assign VLANs

Apply individual URL redirection per role, as well as Acceptable Usage Policies, User Pages, and more

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# Identity Based Access Control (Device)



MAC Filter Addresses 1-11 of 11 | First | Previous | Next | Last |















MAC Address	IP Address	Clean Access Server	Description	Access Type	Priority	Edit	
00:12:00:4A:FA:9A	10.99.33.185	GLOBAL	IP Phone [ <a href="#">Profiler</a> ]	IGNORE	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
00:12:00:4D:C8:2D	10.99.33.13	GLOBAL	IP Phone [ <a href="#">Profiler</a> ]	IGNORE	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
00:12:00:7E:1E:1A	10.99.33.38	GLOBAL	IP Phone [ <a href="#">Profiler</a> ]	IGNORE	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
00:C0:B7:09:E4:BD	10.15.33.89	GLOBAL	APC UPS [ <a href="#">Profiler</a> ]	ROLE: UPS	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
00:C0:B7:45:7B:B3	10.13.20.127	GLOBAL	APC UPS [ <a href="#">Profiler</a> ]	ROLE: UPS	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
00:C0:B7:4F:B1:35	10.12.20.63	GLOBAL	APC UPS [ <a href="#">Profiler</a> ]	ROLE: UPS	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
00:C0:B7:5A:7E:F3	10.15.20.9	GLOBAL	APC UPS [ <a href="#">Profiler</a> ]	ROLE: UPS	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
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00:C0:B7:9F:83:E8	10.15.20.129	GLOBAL	APC UPS [ <a href="#">Profiler</a> ]	ROLE: UPS	0		<input type="checkbox"/>
00:C0:B7:D5:18:E5	10.11.20.31	GLOBAL	APC UPS [ <a href="#">Profiler</a> ]	ROLE: UPS	0		<input type="checkbox"/>

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# Cisco NAC Profiler: Secure Automation



Cisco NAC  
Profiler

PCs	Non-PCs			
	UPS	Phone	Printer	AP
				
				
				

Discovery

## Endpoint Profiling

Discover all network endpoints by type and location

Maintain real time and historical contextual data for all endpoints

Monitoring

## Behavior Monitoring

Monitor the state of the network endpoints

Detect events such as MAC spoofing, port swapping, etc.

Automated process populates devices into the NAC Manager; and subsequently, into appropriate NAC policy

# Cisco NAC Profiler Components



## NAC Profiler Server

Aggregates and classifies data from Collectors and manages database of endpoint information. Updates the Cisco NAC Manager (CAM) list to place end points into appropriate access Roles.



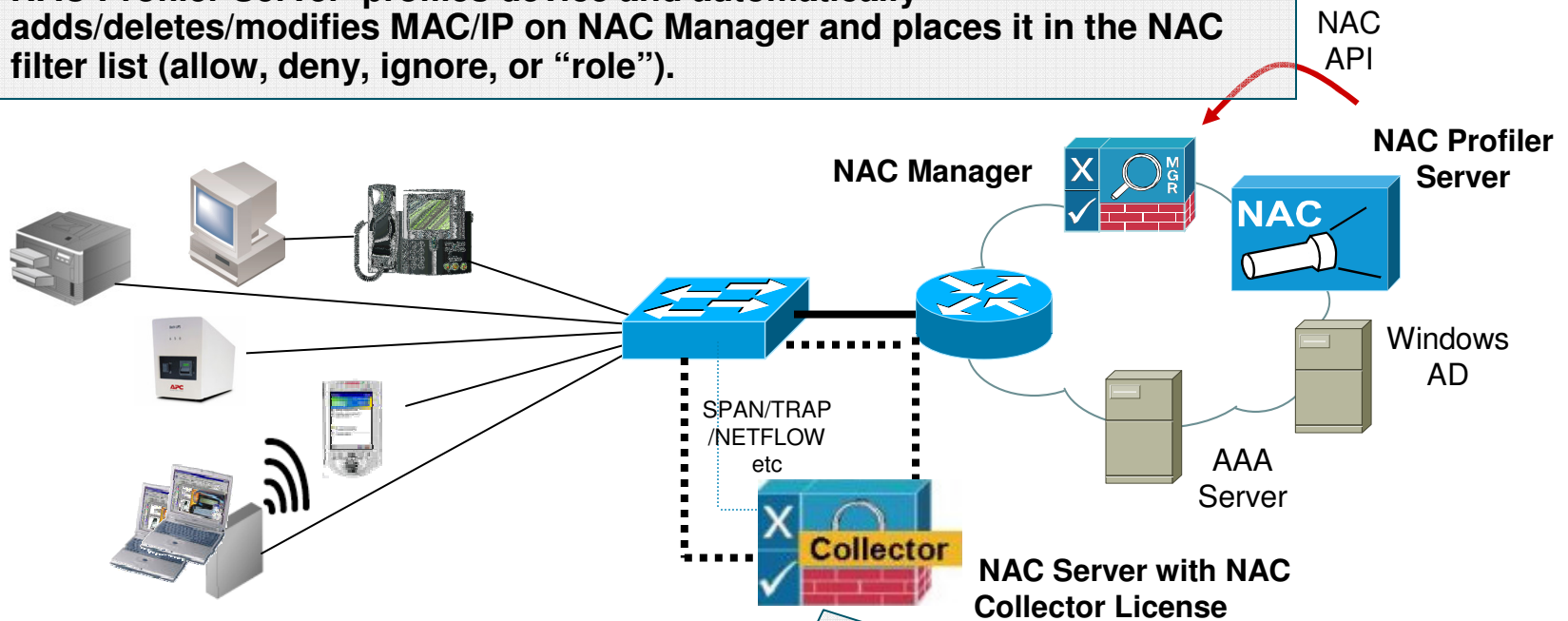
## NAC Collector

Gathers information about endpoints using SNMP, Netflow, DHCP, and active profiling




# How It Works - NAC Profiler

3. **NAC Profiler Server profiles device and automatically adds/deletes/modifies MAC/IP on NAC Manager and places it in the NAC filter list (allow, deny, ignore, or “role”).**



1. **NAC Collector aggregates collection of relevant data (e.g. phones, printers, badge reader, modalities) and send to NAC Profiler Server**
2. **NAC Collector continuously monitor behavior of profiled devices (spoofing behavior) and updates Profiler Server**

# Guest/Unmanaged Users



**Cisco Systems Network Authentication**

Username


Password

[Continue](#)

Please provide your visitor credentials to access this network.

[Guest Access](#)  
[Help](#)

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# Cisco NAC Guest Access

## Key Components



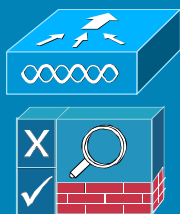
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The visitor who needs network access (usually internet only)



### SPONSOR

The internal user who wants to be able to provide internet access to her guest



### NETWORK ENFORCEMENT DEVICE

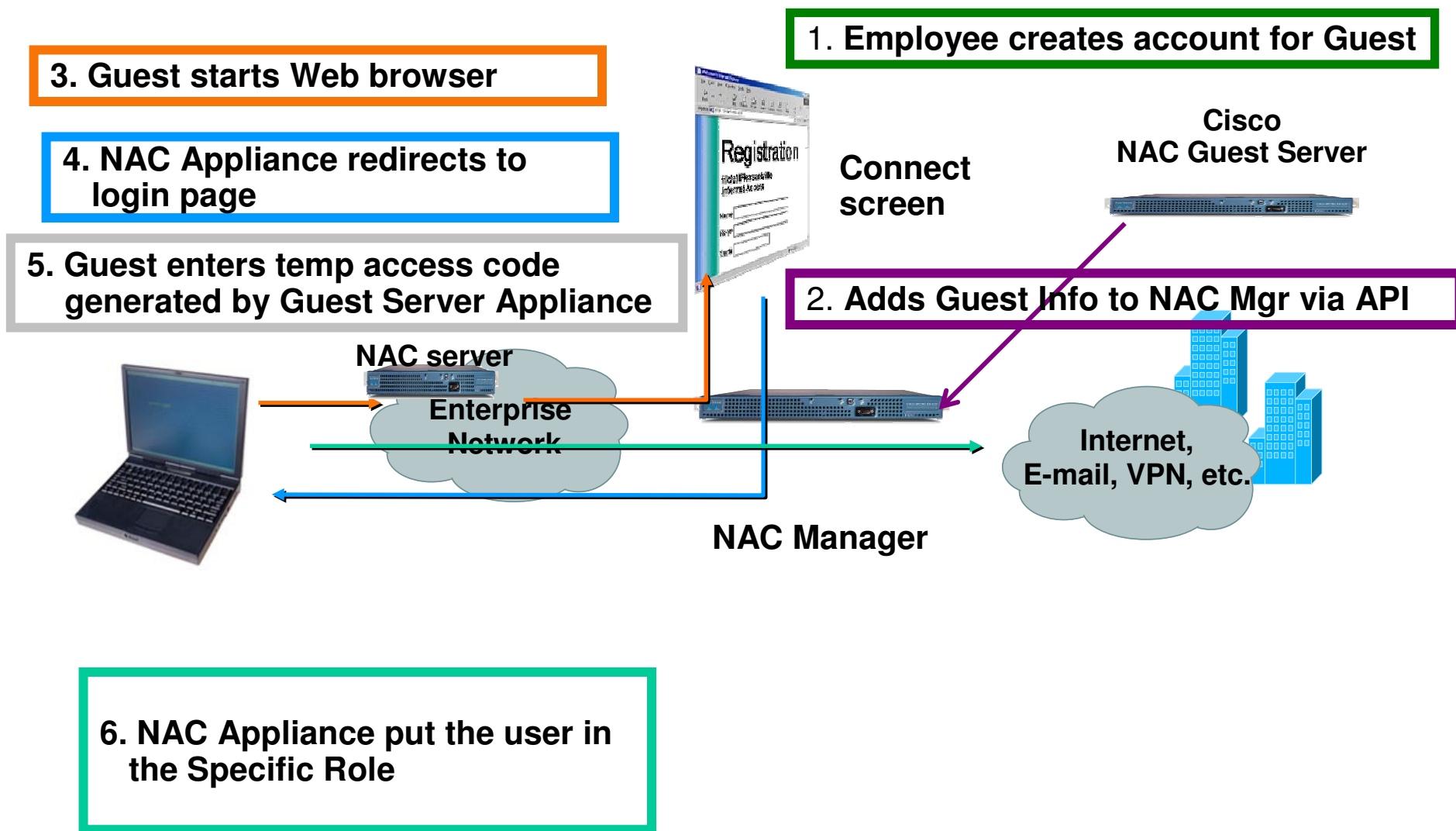
The device that authenticates the guest and grants network access



### NAC GUEST SERVER

Enables sponsor to create guest account; audits; provisions account on network enforcement device

# How It Works with – NAC Guest Access



# NAC Best Practices Strategy

Recommended best practices for success

Aligned with business' pain points in order of priority

“Bite-sized” stages for rolling out NAC

Establish best practices for NAC deployment, then deepening NAC functions

