

Cisco SD-Access Implementation

Cisco SD-Access Implementation is a structured engagement designed to transition networks from manual VLAN operations to an automated, identity-based fabric. Majentai guides teams through readiness, design, implementation, and Day 2 handoff using Cisco Catalyst Center (DNA Center) and Cisco ISE to deliver consistent segmentation and a scalable Zero Trust model.

Overview

This Cisco SD-Access Implementation is a guided deployment engagement designed to deliver an automated campus fabric with governance and operational readiness, with a clear path to expand across additional sites. It aligns networking and security teams around intent-based policy, validating a repeatable migration approach that reduces complexity and improves control.

- SDA readiness and lighthouse site strategy
- Fabric underlay/overlay and transit blueprint
- Virtual Networks and SGT-based policy model
- Catalyst Center provisioning and automation
- ISE integration and Day 2 handoff

Business Outcomes

This engagement reduces operational and security risk by replacing manual VLAN and ACL workflows with identity-based automation and a repeatable fabric operating model. Majentai delivers centralized policy, improved visibility, and a practical Day 2 foundation that accelerates expansion while improving troubleshooting and control.

- Consistent segmentation across wired and wireless
- Faster changes through intent-based policy
- Improved visibility via assurance telemetry
- Reduced troubleshooting time and complexity

Engagement Phases

Phase 1: Strategy and Discovery

Assess infrastructure and licensing readiness, define the identity strategy between Active Directory and Cisco ISE, and select a lighthouse site to confirm scope, success criteria, and a repeatable migration approach.

Phase 2: Solution Design and Planning

Design the fabric architecture and high availability model, define Virtual Networks for macro-segmentation, and build the group-based policy matrix using SGTs and SGACLs to establish intent-based access rules.

Phase 3: Build, Implement and Validate

Configure Catalyst Center hierarchy and automation, orchestrate pxGrid integration with ISE for identity propagation, and onboard hosts using Dot1x/MAB while transitioning ports and users into the SDA fabric with minimal disruption.

Phase 4: Operations & Recommendations

Enable assurance dashboards and health telemetry, refine policies using endpoint analytics for unknown devices, complete operational handoff with runbooks and knowledge transfer, and provide a prioritized roadmap for fabric expansion.

At a Glance

Objectives

- Establish an SDA architecture aligned to business outcomes
- Define identity-based segmentation using VNs and SGTs
- Deploy and migrate users with minimal disruption

Scope

- Pilot lighthouse site selection and migration methodology
- Catalyst Center + ISE integration for identity-to-fabric exchange
- Wired and wireless onboarding using Dot1x/MAB and policy

Deliverables

- SDA fabric blueprint and design package
- Group-based policy matrix (SGTs/SGACLs)
- Integration guide and operational runbooks

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