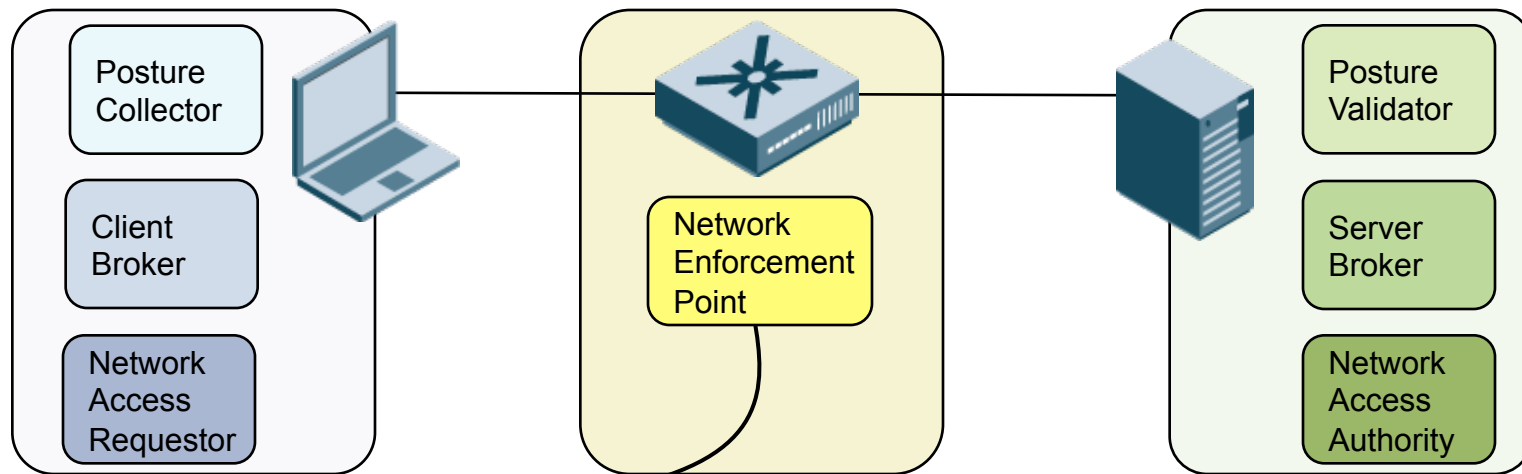


InteropLabs Network Access Control Architecture Alphabet Soup

What is it?	TCG TNC	Microsoft NAP	IETF NEA
Posture Collector Third-party software that runs on the client and collects information on security status and applications, such as 'is A/V enabled and up-to-date?'	Integrity Measurement Collector	System Health Agent	Posture Collector
Client Broker "Middleware" that runs on the client and talks to the Posture Collectors, collecting their data, and passing it down to Network Access Requestor. In product form, this is generally bundled with the Network Access Requestor.	TNC Client	NAP Agent	Posture Broker Client
Network Access Requestor Software that connects the client to network. Examples might be 802.1X supplicant or IPSec VPN client. Used to authenticate the user, but also as a conduit for Posture Collector data to make it to the other side.	Network Access Requestor	NAP Enforcement Client	Posture Transport Client



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Network Enforcement Point Component within the network that enforces policy, typically an 802.1X-capable switch or WLAN, VPN gateway, or firewall.	Policy Enforcement Point	NAP Enforcement Server	Intermediary Devices
Posture Validator Third-party software that receives status information from Posture Collectors on clients and validates the status information against stated network policy, returning a status to the Server Broker.	Integrity Measurement Verifier	System Health Validator	Posture Validator
Server Broker "Middleware" acting as an interface between multiple Posture Validators and the Network Access Authority.	TNC Server	NAP Administration Server	Posture Broker Server
Network Access Authority A server responsible for validating authentication and posture information and passing policy information back to the Network Enforcement Point.	Network Access Authority	Network Policy Server	Posture Transport Server