



Configuring Secure Storage

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Information About Secure Storage

Secure Storage feature allows you to secure critical configuration information by encrypting it. It encrypts asymmetric key-pairs, pre-shared secrets, the type 6 password encryption key and certain credentials. An instance-unique encryption key is stored in the hardware trust anchor to prevent it from being compromised.

By default, this feature is enabled on devices that come with a hardware trust anchor. This feature is not supported on devices that do not have hardware trust anchor.

Enabling Secure Storage

Before you begin

By default, this feature is enabled. Perform this procedure only after disabling secure storage on the device.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `configure terminal`
2. `service private-config-encryption`
3. `end`
4. `write memory`

DETAILED STEPS

| | Command or Action | Purpose |
|--------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Step 1 | <code>configure terminal</code> Example: | Enters the global configuration mode. |

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| | Device# <code>configure terminal</code> | |
| Step 2 | service private-config-encryption Example: Device(config)# <code>service private-config-encryption</code> | Enables the Secure Storage feature on your device. |
| Step 3 | end Example: Device(config)# <code>end</code> | Returns to privileged EXEC mode. |
| Step 4 | write memory Example: Device# <code>write memory</code> | Encrypts the private-config file and saves the file in an encrypted format. |

Disabling Secure Storage

Before you begin

To disable Secure Storage feature on a device, perform this task:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `configure terminal`
2. `no service private-config-encryption`
3. `end`
4. `write memory`

DETAILED STEPS

| | Command or Action | Purpose |
|---------------|---|--|
| Step 1 | configure terminal Example: Device# <code>configure terminal</code> | Enters the global configuration mode. |
| Step 2 | no service private-config-encryption Example: Device(config)# <code>no service private-config-encryption</code> | Disables the Secure Storage feature on your device. When secure storage is disabled, all the user data is stored in plain text in the NVRAM. |
| Step 3 | end Example: Device(config)# <code>end</code> | Returns to privileged EXEC mode. |

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| Step 4 | write memory Example: Device# write memory | Decrypts the private-config file and saves the file in plane format. |

Verifying the Status of Encryption

Use the **show parser encrypt file status** command to verify the status of encryption. The following command output indicates that the feature is available but the file is not encrypted. The file is in 'plain text' format.

```
Device#show parser encrypt file status
Feature: Enabled
File Format: Plain Text
Encryption Version: Ver1
```

Feature Information for Secure Storage

This table provides release and related information for features explained in this module.

These features are available on all releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

| Release | Feature | Feature Information |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---|
| Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.6.1 | Secure Storage | Secure Storage feature allows you to secure critical configuration information by encrypting it. It encrypts asymmetric key-pairs, pre-shared secrets, the type 6 password encryption key and certain credentials. An instance-unique encryption key is stored in the hardware trust anchor to prevent it from being compromised. |

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