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New and Changed Information

This chapter lists the information that is new or was changed in this document for the current release, and where it is located.

Feature	Description	Changed in release	Where Documented
VSD	Virtual service domains (VSDs) allow you to classify and separate traffic for network services.	4.0(4)SV1(2)	Chapter 3, “Configuring VSD”
DHCP Snooping	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) snooping acts like a firewall between untrusted hosts and trusted DHCP servers.	4.0(4)SV1(2)	Chapter 12, “Configuring DHCP Snooping”
Dynamic ARP Inspection (DAI)	Dynamic ARP inspection (DAI) provides IP communication within a Layer 2 broadcast domain by mapping an IP address to a MAC address.	4.0(4)SV1(2)	Chapter 13, “Configuring Dynamic ARP Inspection”
IP Source Guard	IP Source Guard is a per-interface traffic permit filter for IP and MAC addresses.	4.0(4)SV1(2)	Chapter 14, “Configuring IP Source Guard”

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Preface

This document, *Cisco Nexus 1000V Security Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*, provides procedures for configuring security.

This preface includes the following topics:

- [Audience, page xv](#)
- [Document Organization, page xv](#)
- [Document Conventions, page xvi](#)
- [Related Documentation, page xvii](#)

Audience

This guide is for experienced network system users.

Document Organization

This document is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter and Title	Description
Chapter 1, “Security Overview”	Describes the security features.
Chapter 2, “Managing User Accounts”	Describes how to configure user accounts.
Chapter 3, “Configuring VSD”	Describes how to configure VSD.
Chapter 4, “Configuring AAA”	Describes how to configure AAA.
Chapter 5, “Configuring RADIUS”	Describes how to configure RADIUS.
Chapter 6, “Configuring TACACS+”	Describes how to configure TACACS+.
Chapter 7, “Configuring SSH”	Describes how to configure SSH.
Chapter 8, “Configuring Telnet”	Describes how to configure Telnet.
Chapter 9, “Configuring an IP ACL”	Describes how to configure IP access control lists (ACLs) for filtering traffic.
Chapter 10, “Configuring a MAC ACL”	Describes how to configure MAC access control lists (ACLs) for filtering traffic.

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Chapter and Title	Description
Chapter 11, “Configuring Port Security”	Describes how to configure port security.
Chapter 12, “Configuring DHCP Snooping”	Describes how to configure DHCP snooping.
Chapter 13, “Configuring Dynamic ARP Inspection”	Describes how to configure Dynamic ARP Inspection.
Chapter 14, “Configuring IP Source Guard”	Describes how to configure IP Source Guard.
Chapter 15, “Security Configuration Limits”	Describes configuration limits for security features.

Document Conventions

Command descriptions use these conventions:

boldface font	Commands and keywords are in boldface.
<i>italic font</i>	Arguments for which you supply values are in italics.
{ }	Elements in braces are required choices.
[]	Elements in square brackets are optional.
x y z	Alternative, mutually exclusive elements are separated by vertical bars.
string	A nonquoted set of characters. Do not use quotation marks around the string or the string will include the quotation marks.

Screen examples use these conventions:

screen font	Terminal sessions and information the device displays are in screen font.
boldface screen font	Information you must enter is in boldface screen font.
<i>italic screen font</i>	Arguments for which you supply values are in italic screen font.
< >	Nonprinting characters, such as passwords, are in angle brackets.
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This document uses the following conventions for notes and cautions:



Note

Means reader *take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to material not covered in the manual.



Caution

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Cisco Nexus 1000V Release Notes, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Compatibility Information, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Install and Upgrade

Cisco Nexus 1000V Software Installation Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Virtual Ethernet Module Software Installation Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Software Upgrade Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Configuration Guides

Cisco Nexus 1000V License Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Interface Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Layer 2 Switching Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Port Profile Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Quality of Service Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Security Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V System Management Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V High Availability and Redundancy Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V XML API User Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Programming Guide

Cisco Nexus 1000V XML API User Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Reference Guides

Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V MIB Quick Reference

Troubleshooting and Alerts

Cisco Nexus 1000V Troubleshooting Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)

Cisco Nexus 1000V Password Recovery Guide

Cisco NX-OS System Messages Reference

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CHAPTER 1

Security Overview

This chapter provides an overview of the following security features used with the Cisco Nexus 1000V:

- [User Accounts](#), page 1-1
- [Virtual Service Domain](#), page 1-1
- [Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting \(AAA\)](#), page 1-2
- [RADIUS Security Protocol](#), page 1-2
- [TACACS+ Security Protocol](#), page 1-2
- [SSH](#), page 1-3
- [Telnet](#), page 1-3
- [Access Control Lists \(ACLs\)](#), page 1-3
- [Port Security](#), page 1-3
- [DHCP Snooping](#), page 1-3
- [Dynamic ARP Inspection](#), page 1-4
- [IP Source Guard](#), page 1-4

User Accounts

Access to the Cisco Nexus 1000V is accomplished by setting up user accounts that define the specific actions permitted by each user. You can create up to 256 user accounts. For each user account, you define a role, user name, password, and expiration date. For information about configuring and managing user accounts, see [Chapter 2, “Managing User Accounts.”](#)

Virtual Service Domain

A virtual service domain (VSD) allows you to classify and separate traffic for network services, such as firewalls, traffic monitoring, and those in support of compliance goals such as Sarbanes Oxley. For information about configuring and managing VSD, see [Chapter 3, “Configuring VSD.”](#)

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Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA)

AAA, called Triple A, is an architectural framework for configuring a set of three independent, consistent, and modular security functions.

- **Authentication**—Provides the method of identifying users, including login and password dialog, challenge and response, messaging support, and, depending on the security protocol that you select, encryption. Authentication is the way a user is identified prior to being allowed access to the network and network services. You configure AAA authentication by defining a named list of authentication methods and then applying that list to various interfaces.
- **Authorization**—Provides the method for remote access control, including one-time authorization or authorization for each service, per-user account list and profile, user group support, and support of IP, IPX, ARA, and Telnet.

Remote security servers, such as RADIUS and TACACS+, authorize users for specific rights by associating attribute-value (AV) pairs, which define those rights, with the appropriate user. AAA authorization works by assembling a set of attributes that describe what the user is authorized to perform. These attributes are compared with the information contained in a database for a given user, and the result is returned to AAA to determine the user's actual capabilities and restrictions.

- **Accounting**—Provides the method for collecting and sending security server information used for billing, auditing, and reporting, such as user identities, start and stop times, executed commands (such as PPP), number of packets, and number of bytes. Accounting enables you to track the services that users are accessing, as well as the amount of network resources that they are consuming.



Note

You can configure authentication outside of AAA. However, you must configure AAA if you want to use RADIUS or TACACS+, or if you want to configure a backup authentication method.

For information about configuring AAA, see [Chapter 4, “Configuring AAA.”](#)

RADIUS Security Protocol

AAA establishes communication between your network access server and your RADIUS security server.

RADIUS is a distributed client/server system implemented through AAA that secures networks against unauthorized access. In the Cisco implementation, RADIUS clients run on Cisco routers and send authentication requests to a central RADIUS server that contains all user authentication and network service access information.

For information about configuring RADIUS, see [Chapter 5, “Configuring RADIUS.”](#)

TACACS+ Security Protocol

AAA establishes communication between your network access server and your TACACS+ security server.

TACACS+ is a security application implemented through AAA that provides a centralized validation of users who are attempting to gain access to a router or network access server. TACACS+ services are maintained in a database on a TACACS+ daemon that usually runs on a UNIX or Windows NT workstation. TACACS+ provides separate and modular authentication, authorization, and accounting facilities.

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For information about configuring TACACS+, see [Chapter 6, “Configuring TACACS+.”](#)

SSH

You can use the Secure Shell (SSH) server to enable an SSH client to make a secure, encrypted connection to a device. SSH uses strong encryption for authentication. The SSH server can operate with publicly and commercially available SSH clients.

The SSH client works with publicly and commercially available SSH servers.

For information, see the [Chapter 7, “Configuring SSH.”](#)

Telnet

You can use the Telnet protocol to set up TCP/IP connections to a host. Telnet allows a person at one site to establish a TCP connection to a login server at another site and then passes the keystrokes from one device to the other. Telnet can accept either an IP address or a domain name as the remote device address. For information, see the [Chapter 8, “Configuring Telnet.”](#)

Access Control Lists (ACLs)

An ACL is an ordered set of rules for filtering traffic. When the device determines that an ACL applies to a packet, it tests the packet against the rules. The first matching rule determines whether the packet is permitted or denied. If there is no match, the device applies a default rule. The device processes packets that are permitted and drops packets that are denied.

ACLs protect networks and specific hosts from unnecessary or unwanted traffic. For example, ACLs can disallow HTTP traffic from a high-security network to the Internet. ACLs also allow HTTP traffic but only to specific sites, using the IP address of the site to identify it in an IP ACL.

For more information, see the following:

- [Chapter 9, “Configuring an IP ACL”](#)
- [Chapter 10, “Configuring a MAC ACL”](#)

Port Security

Port security lets you configure Layer 2 interfaces permitting inbound traffic from a restricted and secured set of MAC addresses. Traffic from a secured MAC address is not allowed on another interface within the same VLAN. The number of MAC addresses that can be secured is configured per interface.

For more information, see [Chapter 11, “Configuring Port Security.”](#)

DHCP Snooping

DHCP snooping provides a mechanism to prevent a malicious host masquerading as a DHCP server from assigning IP addresses (and related configuration) to DHCP clients. In addition, DHCP snooping prevents certain denial of service attacks on the DHCP server.

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DHCP snooping requires you to configure a trust setting for ports, which is used to differentiate between trusted and untrusted DHCP servers.

In addition, DHCP snooping learns IP addresses assigned by the DHCP server, so that other security features (for example, Dynamic ARP inspection and IP source guard) can function when DHCP is used to assign IP addresses to interfaces.

For more information, see [Chapter 12, “Configuring DHCP Snooping.”](#)

Dynamic ARP Inspection

Dynamic ARP Inspection (DAI) ensures that only valid ARP requests and responses are relayed by intercepting all ARP requests and responses on untrusted ports and verifying that each of these intercepted packets has a valid IP-to-MAC address binding before updating the local ARP cache or before forwarding the packet to the appropriate destination. When this feature is enabled, invalid ARP packets are dropped.

For more information, see [Chapter 13, “Configuring Dynamic ARP Inspection.”](#)

IP Source Guard

IP Source Guard is a per-interface traffic filter that permits IP traffic only when the packet IP address and MAC address match one of the following:

- The IP address and MAC address in the DHCP snooping binding
- The static IP source entries that you configure

For more information, see [Chapter 14, “Configuring IP Source Guard.”](#)



CHAPTER 2

Managing User Accounts

This chapter describes how to configure user accounts and includes the following topics:

- [Information About User Accounts, page 2-1](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 2-4](#)
- [Configuring User Access, page 2-4](#)
- [Example Configuration, page 2-15](#)
- [Default Settings, page 2-16](#)
- [Additional References, page 2-16](#)
- [Feature History for User Accounts, page 2-17](#)

Information About User Accounts

Access to the Cisco Nexus 1000V is accomplished by setting up user accounts that define the specific actions permitted by each user. You can create up to 256 user accounts. Each user account includes the following criteria:

- [Role, page 2-1](#)
- [User Name, page 2-3](#)
- [Password, page 2-3](#)
- [Expiration Date, page 2-4](#)

Role

A role is a collection of rules that define the specific actions that can be shared by a group of users. The following broadly defined roles, for example, can be assigned to user accounts. These roles are predefined in the Cisco Nexus 1000V and cannot be modified:

```
role: network-admin
  description: Predefined network admin role has access to all commands
  on the switch
-----
Rule      Perm   Type      Scope      Entity
-----
1         permit read-write

role: network-operator
```

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description: Predefined network operator role has access to all read commands on the switch

```
-----
Rule      Perm    Type    Scope    Entity
-----
1         permit read
```

You can create an additional 64 roles that define access for users.

Each user account must be assigned at least one role and can be assigned up to 64 roles.

You can create roles that, by default, permit access to the following commands only. You must add rules to allow users to configure features.

- **show**
- **exit**
- **end**
- **configure terminal**

Table 2-1 describes the components that make up a role.

Table 2-1 Role Components

Component	Description
Rule	<p>One of the defined role criteria, such as a command that is permitted or denied. You can add up to 256 rules to each role.</p> <p>The following are the rules for the predefined roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • role: network-admin <pre>----- Rule Perm Type Scope Entity ----- 1 permit read-write</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • role: network-operator <pre>----- Rule Perm Type Scope Entity ----- 1 permit read-only</pre>
Feature	An individual feature, such as syslog or TACACS+, whose access can be defined in a rule. To see a list of available features, use the show role feature command.
Feature Group	A grouping of features whose access can be defined in a rule. You can create up to 64 such groupings. To see a list of available feature groups, use the show role feature-group command.
Command	<p>A single command, or group of commands collected in a regular expression, whose access can be defined in a rule.</p> <p>A role permitting access to a command takes precedence over a role that denies access to the command. For example, if a user is assigned a role that denies access to the configuration command, but is also assigned a role that permits access to this command, then access is permitted.</p>

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User Name

A user name identifies an individual user by a unique character string, such as daveGreen. User names are case sensitive and can consist of up to 28 alphanumeric characters. A user name consisting of all numerals is not allowed. If an all numeric user name exists on an AAA server and is entered during login, the user is not logged in.

Password

A password is a case-sensitive character string that enables access by a specific user and helps prevent unauthorized access. You can add a user without a password, but they may not be able to access the device. Passwords should be strong so that they cannot be easily guessed for unauthorized access.

The following characters are not permitted in clear text passwords:

- dollar signs (\$)
- spaces

The following special characters are not permitted at the beginning of the password:

- quotation marks (" or ')
- vertical bars (|)
- right angle brackets (>)

Table 2-2 lists the characteristics of strong passwords.

Table 2-2 **Characteristics of strong passwords**

Strong passwords have:	Strong passwords do not have:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least eight characters • Uppercase letters • Lowercase letters • Numbers • Special characters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consecutive characters, such as “abcd” • Repeating characters, such as “aaabbb” • Dictionary words • Proper names

The following are examples of strong passwords:

- If2CoM18
- 2004AsdfLkj30
- Cb1955S21

Check of Password Strength

The device checks password strength automatically by default. When you add a user name and password, the strength of the password is evaluated. If it is a weak password, then the error message below displays to notify you.

```
n1000v# config t
n1000v(config)# username daveGreen password davey
password is weak
Password should contain characters from at least three of the classes:
```

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lower case letters, upper case letters, digits, and special characters

Password strength-checking can be disabled.

Expiration Date

By default, a user account does not expire. You can, however, explicitly configure an expiration date on which the account will be disabled.

Guidelines and Limitations

User access has the following configuration guidelines and limitations:

- You can create up to 64 roles in addition to the two predefined user roles.
- You can create up to 256 rules in a user role.
- You can create up to 64 feature groups.
- You can add up to 256 users.
- You can assign a maximum of 64 user roles to a user account.
- If you have a user account that has the same name as a remote user account on an AAA server, the user roles for the local user account are applied to the remote user, not the user roles configured on the AAA server.

Configuring User Access

This section includes the following topics:

- [Enabling the Check of Password Strength, page 2-4](#)
- [Disabling the Check of Password Strength, page 2-5](#)
- [Creating a User Account, page 2-6](#)
- [Creating a Role, page 2-8](#)
- [Creating a Feature Group, page 2-10](#)
- [Configuring Interface Access, page 2-12](#)
- [Configuring VLAN Access, page 2-13](#)

Enabling the Check of Password Strength

Use this procedure to enable the Cisco Nexus 1000V to check the strength of passwords to avoid creating weak passwords for user accounts.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following.

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

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- Checking password strength is enabled by default. This procedure can be used to enable it again should it become disabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **password strength-check**
3. **show password strength-check**
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	password strength-check Example: n1000v(config)# password strength-check	Enables password-strength checking. The default is enabled. You can disable the checking of password strength by using the no form of this command.
Step 3	show password strength-check Example: n1000v# show password strength-check Password strength check enabled n1000v(config)#	(Optional) Displays the configuration for checking password strength.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Disabling the Check of Password Strength

Use this procedure to disable the check of password strength.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following.

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Checking password strength is enabled by default. This procedure can be used to disable it.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **no password strength-check**
3. **show password strength-check**

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	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	no password strength-check Example: n1000v(config)# no password strength-check n1000v(config)#	Disables password-strength checking. The default is enabled.
Step 3	show password strength-check Example: n1000v# show password strength-check Password strength check not enabled n1000v(config)#	(Optional) Displays the configuration for checking password strength.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Creating a User Account

Use this procedure to create and configure a user account, defining access to the Cisco Nexus 1000V.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following.

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You can add up to 256 user accounts.
- Changes to user accounts do not take effect until the user logs in and creates a new session.
- Do not use the following words in user accounts. These words are reserved for other purposes.

adm	gdm	mtsuser	rpcuser
bin	gopher	news	shutdown
daemon	haltip	nobody	sync
ftp	mail	nsd	sys
ftuser	mailnull	operator	uucp
games	man	rpc	xf

- You can add a user password as either clear text or encrypted.
 - Clear text passwords are encrypted before they are saved to the running configuration.
 - Encrypted passwords are saved to the running configuration without further encryption.

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- A user account can have up to 64 roles, but must have at least one role. For more information about roles, see the [“Role” section on page 2-1](#).
- If you do not specify a password, the user might not be able to log in.
- For information about using SSH public keys instead of passwords, see the [“Configuring a User Account with a Public Key” section on page 7-5](#).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `show role`
3. `username user-name [password [0 | 5]password] [expire date] [role role-name]`
4. `show user-account user-name`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	show role Example: n1000v(config)# show role	(Optional) Displays the available roles that can be assigned to users. You can create a new user role with the “Creating a Role” procedure on page 2-8)

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	<p>username <i>name</i> [password [0 5] <i>password</i>] [<i>expire date</i>] [<i>role role-name</i>]</p> <p>Example: n1000v(config)# username NewUser password 4Ty18Rnt</p>	<p>Creates a user account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name: A case-sensitive, alphanumeric character string of up to 28 characters in length. • password: The default password is undefined. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 0 = (the default) Specifies that the password you are entering is in clear text. The Cisco Nexus 1000V encrypts the clear text password before saving it in the running configuration. <p>In the example shown, the password 4Ty18Rnt is encrypted in your running configuration in password 5 format.</p> – 5 = Specifies that the password you are entering is already in encrypted format. The Cisco Nexus 1000V does not encrypt the password before saving it in the running configuration. <p>User passwords are not displayed in the configuration files.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expire date: YYYY-MM-DD. The default is no expiration date. • role: You must assign at least one role. You can assign up to 64 roles. The default role is network-operator.
Step 4	<p>show user-account <i>username</i></p> <p>Example: n1000v(config)# show user-account NewUser user:NewUser this user account has no expiry date roles:network-operator network-admin n1000v(config)#</p>	<p>Displays the new user account configuration.</p>
Step 5	<p>copy running-config startup-config</p> <p>Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config</p>	<p>(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.</p>

Creating a Role

Use this procedure to create a role defining a set of specific actions that are permitted or denied. This role will be assigned to users whose access requirements match the actions defined.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You can configure up to 64 user roles.

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- You can configure up to up to 256 rules for each role.
- You can assign a single role to more that one user.
- The rule number specifies the order in which it is applied, in descending order. For example, if a role has three rules, rule 3 is applied first, rule 2 is applied next, and rule 1 is applied last.
- By default, the user roles that you create allow access only to the **show**, **exit**, **end**, and **configure terminal** commands. You must add rules to allow users to configure features.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **role name** *role-name*
3. (Optional) **description** *string*
4. **rule number** {deny | permit} **command** *command-string*
rule number {deny | permit} {read | read-write}
rule number {deny | permit} {read | read-write} **feature** *feature-name*
rule number {deny | permit} {read | read-write} **feature-group** *group-name*
5. Repeat 4 to create all needed rules for this role.
6. **show role**
7. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	role name <i>role-name</i> Example: n1000v(config)# role name UserA n1000v(config-role)#	Names a user role and places you in Role Configuration mode for that role. The name is a case-sensitive, alphanumeric string of up to 16 characters.
Step 3	description <i>description-string</i> Example: n1000v(config-role)# description Prohibits use of clear commands	(Optional) Configures the role description, which can include spaces.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 4	<pre>rule number {deny permit} command command-string</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-role)# rule 1 deny command clear users</p>	<p>Creates a rule to permit or deny a specific command.</p> <p>The command you specify can contain spaces and regular expressions. For example, “interface ethernet *” permits/denies access to all Ethernet interfaces.</p> <p>This example rule denies access to the clear users command.</p>
	<pre>rule number {deny permit} {read read-write}</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-role)# rule 2 deny read-write</p>	<p>Creates a blanket rule to permit or deny all operations.</p> <p>This example rule permits read-only access for any operation.</p>
	<pre>rule number {deny permit} {read read-write} feature feature-name</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-role)# rule 3 permit read feature eth-port-sec</p>	<p>Creates a rule for feature access.</p> <p>Use the show role feature command to display a list of available features.</p> <p>This example rule permits users read-only access to the Ethernet port security feature.</p>
	<pre>rule number {deny permit} {read read-write} feature-group group-name</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-role)# rule 4 deny read-write feature-group eth-port-sec</p>	<p>Creates a rule for feature group access.</p> <p>Use the show role feature-group command to display a list of feature groups.</p> <p>This example configures a rule denying access to a feature group.</p>
Step 5	Repeat Step 4 to create all needed rules for the specified role.	
Step 6	<pre>show role</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config)# show role</p>	(Optional) Displays the user role configuration.
Step 7	<pre>copy running-config startup-config</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config</p>	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Creating a Feature Group

Use this procedure to create and configure a feature group.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You can create up to 64 custom feature groups.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `role feature-group name group-name`
3. `show role feature`
4. `feature feature-name`
5. Repeat 4 for all features to be added to the feature group.
6. `show role feature-group`
7. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	role feature-group name <i>group-name</i> Example: n1000v(config)# role feature-group name GroupA n1000v(config-role-featuregrp)#	Places you into the Role Feature Group Configuration mode for the named group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • group-name: A case-sensitive, alphanumeric string of up to 32 characters in length.
Step 3	show role feature Example: n1000v(config-role-featuregrp)# show role feature feature: aaa feature: access-list feature: cdp feature: install . . . n1000v(config-role-featuregrp)#	Displays a list of available features for use in defining the feature group.
Step 4	feature <i>feature-name</i> Example: n1000v(config-role-featuregrp)# feature syslog n1000v(config-role-featuregrp)#	Adds a feature to the feature group.
Step 5	Repeat Step 6 for all features to be added to the feature group.	

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	Command	Purpose
Step 6	show role feature-group Example: n1000v(config-role-featuregrp)# show role feature-group feature group: GroupA feature: syslog feature: snmp feature: ping n1000v(config-role-featuregrp)#	(Optional) Displays the feature group configuration.
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-role-featuregrp)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Configuring Interface Access

Use this procedure to configure interface access for a specific role.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already created one or more user roles using the “[Creating a Role](#)” procedure on page 2-8. In this procedure, you will be modifying a role you have already created.
- By default, a role allows access to all interfaces. In this procedure you will, first, deny access to all interfaces and then permit access to selected interfaces.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **role name** *role-name*
3. **interface policy deny**
4. **permit interface** *interface-list*
5. **show role**
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	role name <i>role-name</i> Example: n1000v(config)# role name network-observer n1000v(config-role)#	Specifies a user role and enters Role Configuration mode for the named role.
Step 3	interface policy deny Example: n1000v(config-role)# interface policy deny n1000v(config-role-interface)#	Enters the Interface Configuration mode, and denies all interface access for the role. Access to any interface must now be explicitly defined for this role using the permit interface command.
Step 4	permit interface <i>interface-list</i> Example: n1000v(config-role-interface)# permit interface ethernet 2/1-4	Specifies the interface(s) that users assigned to this role can access. Repeat this command to specify all interface lists that users assigned to this role are permitted to access.
Step 5	show role <i>role-name</i> Example: n1000v(config-role-interface)# show role name network-observer role: network-observer description: temp Vlan policy: permit (default) Interface policy: deny Permitted interfaces: Ethernet2/1-4	(Optional) Displays the role configuration.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-role-featuregrp)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Configuring VLAN Access

Use this procedure to define the VLAN access for a role.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already created one or more user roles using the [“Creating a Role” procedure on page 2-8](#). In this procedure, you will be modifying a role you have already created.

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- By default, access is allowed to all VLANs. In this procedure you will, first, deny access to all VLANs and then permit access to selected VLANs.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `role name role-name`
3. `vlan policy deny`
4. `permit vlan vlan-range`
5. `exit`
6. `show role`
7. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# <code>config t</code> n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>role name role-name</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>role name network-observer</code> n1000v(config-role)#	Specifies a user role and enters role configuration mode.
Step 3	<code>vlan policy deny</code> Example: n1000v(config-role)# <code>vlan policy deny</code> n1000v(config-role-vlan)#	Enters the VLAN Configuration mode, and denies all VLAN access for the role. Access to any VLAN must now be explicitly defined for this role using the permit vlan command.
Step 4	<code>permit vlan vlan-list</code> Example: n1000v(config-role-vlan)# <code>permit vlan 1-4</code>	Specifies the VLAN(s) that users assigned to this role can access. Repeat this command to specify all VLANs that users assigned to this role are permitted to access.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 5	show role <i>role-name</i> Example: n1000v(config-role)# show role network-observer role: network-observer description: temp Vlan policy: deny Permitted vlans: vlan 1-4 Interface policy: deny Permitted interfaces: Ethernet2/1-4	(Optional) Displays the role configuration.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-role)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Verifying the User Access Configuration

To display user account and RBAC configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
show role	Displays the available user roles and their rules.
show role feature	Displays a list of available features.
show role feature-group	Displays a list of available feature groups.
show startup-config security	Displays the user account configuration in the startup configuration.
show running-config security [all]	Displays the user account configuration in the running configuration. The all keyword displays the default values for the user accounts.
show user-account	Displays user account information.

Example Configuration

The following example shows how to configure a role:

```
role name UserA
  rule 3 permit read feature snmp
  rule 2 permit read feature dot1x
  rule 1 deny command clear *
```

The following example shows how to configure a feature group:

```
role feature-group name Security-features
  feature radius
  feature tacacs
  feature dot1x
  feature aaa
  feature snmp
  feature acl
  feature access-list
```

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Default Settings

Table 2-3 lists the default settings for user access.

Table 2-3 User Access Defaults

Parameters	Default
User account password	Undefined
User account expiration date.	None
User account role	Network-operator
Interface policy	All interfaces are accessible.
VLAN policy	All VLANs are accessible.

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing RBAC, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 2-16](#)
- [Standards, page 2-16](#)
- [MIBs, page 2-17](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
User access commands	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>
Managing users on the switch	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

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MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
<ul style="list-style-type: none">CISCO-COMMON-MGMT-MIB	To locate and download MIBs, go to the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/netmgmt/cmtk/mibs.shtml

Feature History for User Accounts

This section provides the user accounts release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
User Accounts	4.0	This feature was introduced.

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CHAPTER 3

Configuring VSD

This chapter describes how to configure VSD and includes the following topics:

- [Information About Virtual Service Domain, page 3-1](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 3-3](#)
- [Configuring VSD, page 3-3](#)
- [Verifying the Configuration, page 3-8](#)
- [Configuration Example, page 3-9](#)
- [Additional References, page 3-9](#)
- [Feature History, page 3-10](#)

Information About Virtual Service Domain

A virtual service domain (VSD) allows you to classify and separate traffic for network services, such as firewalls, traffic monitoring, and those in support of compliance goals such as Sarbanes Oxley.

Service Virtual Machine

A service VM (SVM) provides the specialized service like firewall, deep packet inspection (application aware networking), or monitoring. Each Service VM has three virtual interfaces:

Interface	Description
Management	A regular interface that manages the SVM Should have Layer 2 or Layer 3 connectivity, depending on its use.
Incoming	Guards the traffic coming into the VSD Any packet coming into the VSD must go through this interface.
Outgoing	Guards the traffic going out of the VSD. Any packet that originates in the VSD and goes out must go through the SVM and out through the outgoing interface.

There is no source MAC learning on these interfaces. Each SVM creates a secure VSD. Interfaces within the VSD are shielded by the SVM.

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Port Profiles

A VSD is the collection of interfaces that are guarded by the SVM providing the security service. Any traffic coming into the VSD or going out of the VSD has to go through the SVM.

Traffic that both originates and terminates within the same VSD need not be routed through the SVM as it is considered to be safe.

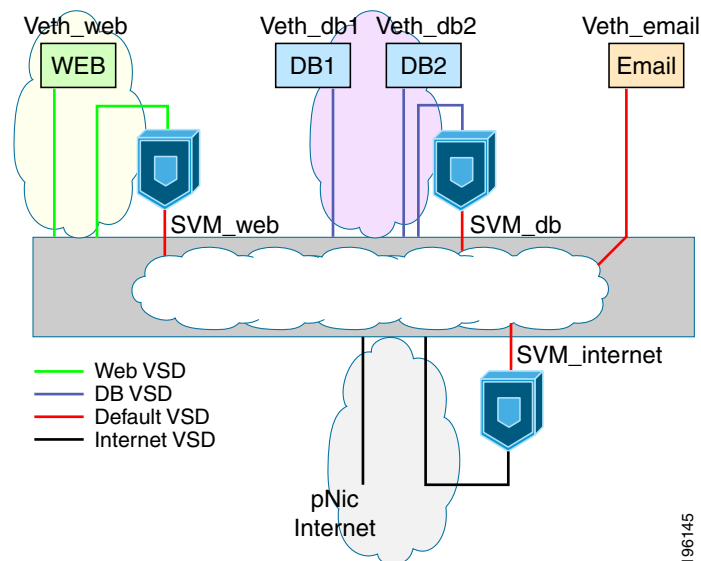
A VSD is formed by creating the following port profiles:

Port Profile	Description
Inside	Traffic originating from a VSD member goes into the service VM (SVM) through the inside port and comes out of the outside port before it is forwarded to its destination.
Outside	Traffic destined for a VSD member goes into the SVM through the outside port and comes out of the inside port before it is forwarded to its destination.
Member	Location for individual inside VMs.

In [Figure 3-1](#), a single VEM takes the place of vswitches; the SVMs define the following VSDs:

VSD	SVM (guard)	Inside Port Profile	Outside Port Profile	Member Port Profile(s)
DB VSD	SVM_db	SVM_db_inside	SVM_db_outside	vEth_db1 vEth_db2
Web VSD	SVM_web	SVM_web_inside	SVM_web_outside	vEth_web
Internet VSD	SVM_Internet	SVM_internet_inside	SVM_internet_outside	
Default		SVM VSD		vEth Email

Figure 3-1 Virtual Service Domain (VSD) Example



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Guidelines and Limitations

Virtual Service Domain has the following configuration guidelines and limitations:

- To prevent traffic latency, VSD should only be used for securing traffic.
- Up to 6 VSDs can be configured per host and up to 64 on the VSM.
- Up to 214 interfaces per VSD are supported on a single host, and 2048 interfaces on the VSM.
- Vmotion is not supported for the SVM and should be disabled.
- To avoid network loops following a VSM reload or a network disruption, control and packet VLANs must be disabled in all port profiles of the Service VMs.
- If a port profile without a service port is configured on an SVM, it will flood the network with packets.
- When configuring a port profile on an SVM, first bring the SVM down. This prevents a port-profile that is mistakenly configured without a service port from flooding the network with packets. The SVM can be returned to service after the configuration is complete and verified.

Configuring VSD

This section includes the following procedures:

- [Configuring an Inside or Outside VSD Port Profile, page 3-3](#)
- [Configuring a Member VSD Port Profile, page 3-6](#)

Configuring an Inside or Outside VSD Port Profile

Use this procedure to configure the port-profiles that define the connections going into and out of the SVM.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have taken the SVM out of service to prevent any configuration errors from flooding the network. Once the configuration is complete and verified, you can bring the SVM back into service.
- If you do not configure a service-port, the SVM will come up as a regular VM, flooding the network with packets.
- Selected VLAN filtering is not supported in this configuration. The default should be used instead, which allows all VLANs on the port.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **port-profile *name***
3. **switchport mode trunk**
4. **switchport trunk allowed vlan *vlanID***


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5. **virtual-service-domain** *name*
6. **no shut**
7. **vmware port-group** *pg-name*
8. **service-port** {inside | outside} [default-action {drop | forward}]
9. **state enabled**
10. **show virtual-service-domain** *name*
11. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	port-profile <i>name</i> Example: n1000v(config)# port-profile webserver-inside n1000v(config-port-profile)#	Creates a port profile and places you into Port Profile Configuration mode for the named port profile. The port profile name can be up to 80 characters and must be unique for each port profile on the Cisco Nexus 1000V.
Step 3	switchport mode trunk Example: n1000v(config-port-profile)# switchport mode trunk n1000v(config-port-profile)#	Designates that the interfaces are switch trunk ports.
Step 4	switchport trunk allowed vlan <i>vlanID</i> Example: n1000v(config-port-profile)# switchport trunk allowed vlan all n1000v(config-port-profile)#	Allows all VLANs on the port.
Step 5	virtual-service-domain <i>name</i> Example: n1000v(config-port-profile)# virtual-service-domain vsdl-webserver n1000v(config-port-profile)#	Adds a VSD name to this port profile.
Step 6	no shutdown Example: n1000v(config-port-prof)# no shutdown n1000v(config-port-prof)#	Administratively enables all ports in the profile.

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	Command	Purpose												
Step 7	vmware port-group <i>pg-name</i> Example: <pre>n1000v(config-port-prof)# vmware port-group webservers-inside-protected n1000v(config-port-prof)#</pre>	Designates the port-profile as a VMware port-group. The port profile is mapped to a VMware port group of the same name. When a vCenter Server connection is established, the port group created in Cisco Nexus 1000V is then distributed to the virtual switch on the vCenter Server. name: Port group name. If you do not specify a <i>pg-name</i> , then the port group name will be the same as the port profile name. If you want to map the port profile to a different port group name, use the <i>pg-name</i> option followed by the alternate name.												
Step 8	service-port {inside outside} [default-action {drop forward}] Example: <pre>n1000v(config-port-prof)# service-port inside default-action forward n1000v(config-port-prof)#</pre>	Configures the interface as either inside or outside and designates (default-action) whether packets should be forwarded or dropped if the service port is down. If you do not specify a default-action, then the forward setting is used by default.  Caution If you do not configure a service-port, the SVM will come up as a regular VM, flooding the network with packets.												
	Example: <pre>n1000v(config-port-prof)# service-port inside default-action forward n1000v(config-port-prof)#</pre>	This example configures an inside VSD that forwards packets if the service port is down.												
	Example: <pre>n1000v(config-port-prof)# service-port outside default-action forward n1000v(config-port-prof)#</pre>	This example configures an outside VSD that forwards packets if the service port is down.												
Step 9	state enabled Example: <pre>n1000v(config-port-prof)# state enabled n1000v(config-port-prof)#</pre>	Enables the VSD port profile. The configuration for this port profile is applied to the assigned ports, and the port group is created in the VMware vSwitch on the vCenter Server.												
Step 10	show virtual-service-domain <i>name</i> Example: <pre>n1000v(config-port-prof)# show virtual-service-domain vsd1-webserver Default Action: forward</pre> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Interface</th> <th>Type</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Vethernet1</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vethernet2</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vethernet3</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vethernet7</td> <td>Inside</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vethernet8</td> <td>Outside</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <pre>n1000v(config-port-prof)#</pre>	Interface	Type	Vethernet1	Member	Vethernet2	Member	Vethernet3	Member	Vethernet7	Inside	Vethernet8	Outside	(Optional) Displays the configuration for this VSD port profile. Use this to verify that the port-profile was configured as expected.
Interface	Type													
Vethernet1	Member													
Vethernet2	Member													
Vethernet3	Member													
Vethernet7	Inside													
Vethernet8	Outside													

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	Command	Purpose
Step 11	copy running-config startup-config Example: <pre>n1000v(config-port-prof)# copy running-config startup-config [##### #] 100% n1000v(config-port-prof)#</pre>	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Configuring a Member VSD Port Profile

Use this procedure to configure the VSD port profile where individual members reside.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Do not configure a member VSD port profile on an SVM.

A member VSD port profile does not have a service port, and will flood the network with packets if configured on an SVM.

SUMMARY STEPS

- config t**
- port-profile** *name*
- switchport access vlan** *vlanID*
- switchport trunk allowed vlan** *vlanID*
- virtual-service-domain** *name*
- no shut**
- state enabled**
- show virtual-service-domain** *name*
- copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: <pre>n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#</pre>	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.

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	Command	Purpose														
Step 1	port-profile <i>name</i> Example: n1000v(config)# port-profile vsd1-member n1000v(config-port-profile)#	Creates a port profile and places you into Port Profile Configuration mode for the named port profile. The port profile name can be up to 80 characters and must be unique for each port profile on the Cisco Nexus 1000V.														
Step 2	switchport access vlan <i>vlanID</i> Example: n1000v(config-port-profile)# switchport access vlan 315 n1000v(config-port-profile)#	Assigns a VLAN ID to the access port for this port profile.														
Step 3	virtual-service-domain <i>name</i> Example: n1000v(config-port-profile)# virtual-service-domain vsd1-webserver n1000v(config-port-profile)#	Assigns a VSD name to this port profile.														
Step 4	no shutdown Example: n1000v(config-port-prof)# no shutdown n1000v(config-port-prof)#	Administratively enables all ports in the profile.														
Step 5	state enabled Example: n1000v(config-port-prof)# state enabled n1000v(config-port-prof)#	Enables the VSD port profile. The configuration for this port profile is applied to the assigned ports, and the port group is created in the VMware vSwitch on the vCenter Server.														
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Vethernet7	Inside															
Vethernet8	Outside															
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-port-prof)# copy running-config startup-config [##### #] 100% n1000v(config-port-prof)#	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.														

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Verifying the Configuration

To display the VSD configuration, use the following commands:

Command	Purpose
<code>show virtual-service-domain name vsd-name</code>	Displays a specific VSD configuration.
<code>module vem module_number execute vemcmd show vsd</code>	Displays the VEM VSD configuration by sending the command to the VEM from the remote Cisco Nexus 1000V.
<code>show virtual-service-domain brief</code>	Displays a summary of all VSD configurations.
<code>show virtual-service-domain interface</code>	Displays the interface configuration for all VSDs.

For detailed information about command output for these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Example 3-1 show vsd

```
n1000v# module vem 3 execute vemcmd show vsd
  ID  Def_Act  ILTL  OLTL  NMLTL  State  Member  LTLs
   1   DROP    48    49    4      ENA    54,52,55,53
   2   FRWD    50    51    0      ENA
vsim-cp# module vem 3 execute vemcmd show vsd ports
  LTL  IfIndex  VSD_ID  VSD_PORT_TYPE
   48  1b020000  1      INSIDE
   49  1b020010  1      OUTSIDE
   50  1b020020  2      INSIDE
   51  1b020030  2      OUTSIDE
   52  1b020040  1      REGULAR
   53  1b020050  1      REGULAR
   54  1b020060  1      REGULAR
   55  1b020070  1      REGULAR
n1000v#
```

Example 3-2 show virtual-service-domain brief

```
n1000v# show virtual-service-domain brief
Name          default action  in-ports  out-ports  mem-ports
vsd1          drop            1          1           4
vsd2          forward         1          1           0
vsim-cp# sho virtual-service-domain interface
-----
Name          Interface          Type          Status
-----
vsd1          Vethernet1        Member        Active
vsd1          Vethernet2        Member        Active
vsd1          Vethernet3        Member        Active
vsd1          Vethernet6        Member        Active
vsd1          Vethernet7        Inside        Active
vsd1          Vethernet8        Outside       Active
vsd2          Vethernet9        Inside        Active
vsd2          Vethernet10       Outside       Active
vsim-cp# show virtual-service-domain name vsd1
Default Action: drop
-----
Interface          Type
```


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Vethernet1	Member
Vethernet2	Member
Vethernet3	Member
Vethernet6	Member
Vethernet7	Inside
Vethernet8	Outside

n1000v#

Configuration Example

The following example shows how to configure VSD.

```
port-profile vsd1_member
  vmware port-group
  switchport access vlan 315
  virtual-service-domain vsd1
  no shutdown
  state enabled
port-profile svm_vsd1_in
  vmware port-group
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 310-319
  virtual-service-domain vsd1
  service-port inside default-action drop
  no shutdown
  state enabled
port-profile svm_vsd1_out
  vmware port-group
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 310-319
  virtual-service-domain vsd1
  service-port outside default-action drop
  no shutdown
```

Default Setting

The following table lists the default setting for Telnet.

Parameters	Default
service-port default-action	Forward.
switchport trunk allowed vlan	All

Additional References

For additional information related to VSD configuration, see the following:

- [Related Documents, page 3-10](#)
- [Standards, page 3-10](#)

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Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Port Profiles	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Port Profile Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>
CLI	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i> <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

Feature History

This section provides the VSD release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
VSD	4.0(4)SV1(2)	This feature was introduced.



CHAPTER 4

Configuring AAA

This chapter describes how to configure authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) and includes the following sections:

- [Information About AAA, page 4-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for AAA, page 4-4](#)
- [AAA Guidelines and Limitations, page 4-4](#)
- [Configuring AAA, page 4-4](#)
- [Additional References, page 4-9](#)
- [Feature History for AAA, page 4-10](#)

Information About AAA

This section includes the following topics:

- [AAA Security Services, page 4-1](#)
- [AAA Server Groups, page 4-4](#)

AAA Security Services

Based on a user ID and password combination, AAA is used to authenticate and authorize users. A key secures communication with AAA servers.

In many circumstances, AAA uses protocols such as RADIUS or TACACS+, to administer its security functions. If your router or access server is acting as a network access server, AAA is the means through which you establish communication between your network access server and your RADIUS or TACACS+, security server.

Although AAA is the primary (and recommended) method for access control, additional features for simple access control are available outside the scope of AAA, such as local username authentication, line password authentication, and enable password authentication. However, these features do not provide the same degree of access control that is possible by using AAA.

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Separate AAA configurations are made for the following services:

- User Telnet or Secure Shell (SSH) login authentication
- Console login authentication
- User management session accounting

Table 4-1 shows the related CLI command for configuring an AAA service.

Table 4-1 AAA Service Configuration Commands

AAA Service Configuration Option	Related Command
Telnet or SSH login	aaa authentication login default
Console login	aaa authentication login console

AAA secures the following:

- [Authentication, page 4-2](#)
- [Authorization, page 4-3](#)
- [Accounting, page 4-3](#)

Authentication

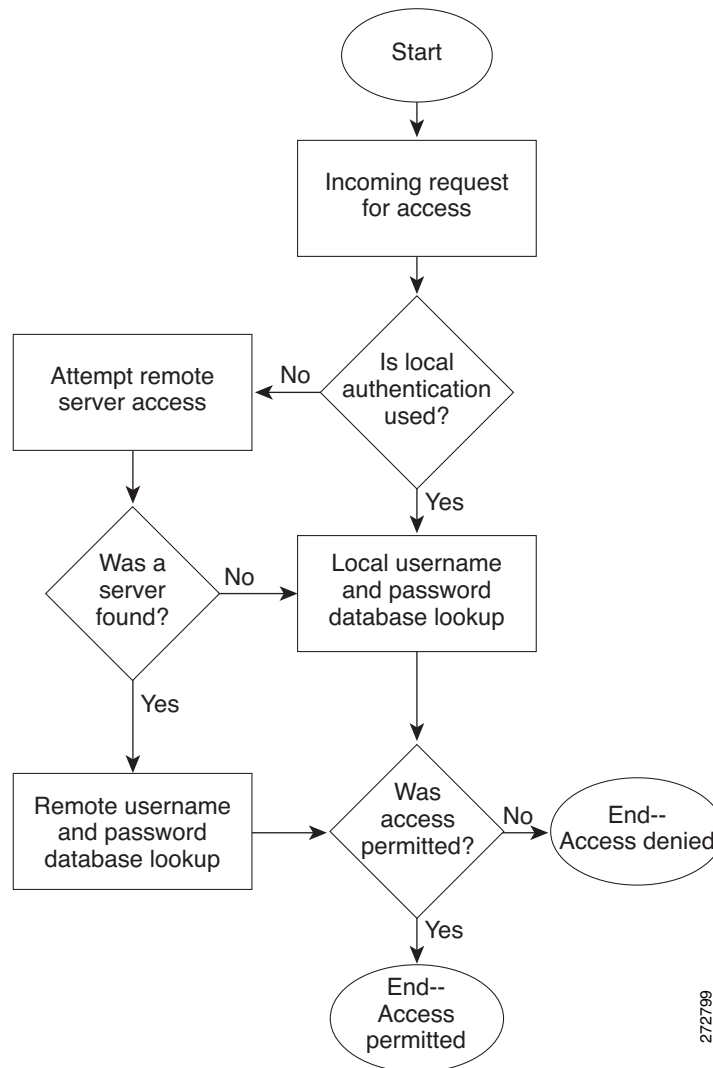
Authentication identifies users with a login and password, messaging, and encryption.

Authentication is accomplished as follows:

Authentication Method	Description
Local database	Authenticates the following with a local lookup database of user names or passwords. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Console login authentication • User login authentication • User management session accounting
Remote RADIUS or TACACS+ server	Authenticates the following using a remote server lookup database of user names and passwords. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Console login authentication • User login authentication • User management session accounting
None	Authenticates the following with only a username. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Console login authentication • User login authentication • User management session accounting

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Figure 4-1 **Authenticating User Log In**



Authorization

Authorization restricts the actions that a user is allowed to perform.

Accounting

Accounting tracks and maintains a log of every SVS management session. You can use this information to generate reports for troubleshooting and auditing purposes. You can store accounting logs locally or send them to remote AAA servers.

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AAA Server Groups

Remote AAA server groups can provide fail-over in case one remote AAA server fails to respond. If the first server in the group fails, the next server in the group is tried until a server responds. Multiple server groups can provide fail-over for each other in this same way.

If all remote server groups fail, the local database is used for authentication.

Prerequisites for AAA

Authentication using remote AAA servers requires that the following be in place:

- At least one TACACS+ server is IP reachable
See the [“Configuring a TACACS+ Server Host”](#) section on page 6-11.
- The SVS is configured as an AAA server client.
- A shared secret key is configured on the SVS and the remote AAA server.
See the [“Configuring Shared Keys”](#) procedure on page 6-9.

AAA Guidelines and Limitations

The Cisco Nexus 1000V does not support user names made up of all numeric characters and does not create local user names made up of all numeric characters. If a username made up of all numeric characters exists on an AAA server and is entered during login, the SVS does authenticate the user.

Configuring AAA

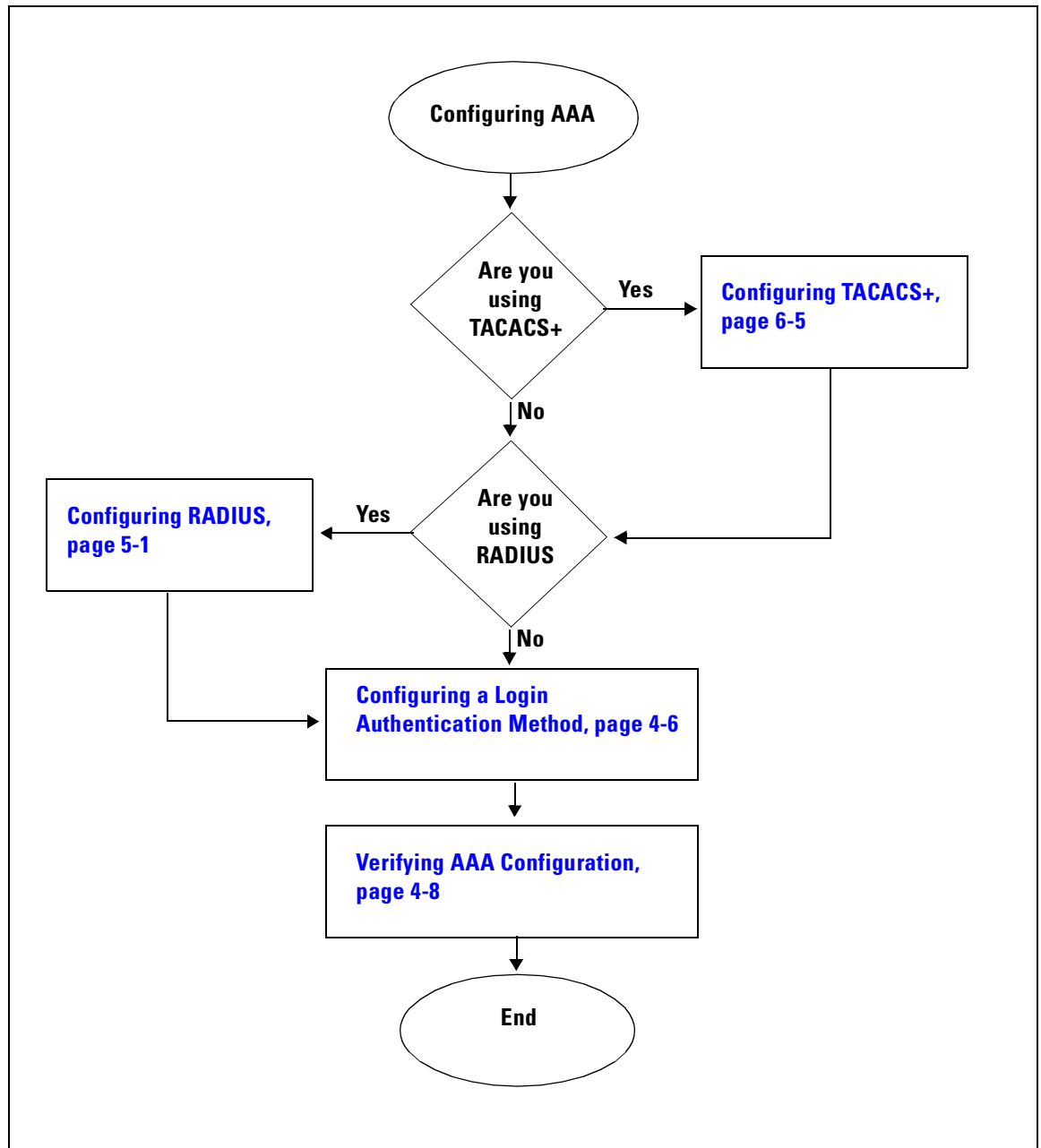
This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring a Login Authentication Method](#), page 4-6
- [Enabling Login Authentication Failure Messages](#), page 4-7
- [Verifying AAA Configuration](#), page 4-8
- [Verifying AAA Configuration](#), page 4-8
- [Example AAA Configuration](#), page 4-9
- [Default Settings](#), page 4-9

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Use the following flow chart to configure AAA.

Flow Chart: Configuring AAA



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Configuring a Login Authentication Method

Use this procedure to configure the login authentication method.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- If authentication is to be done with TACACS+ server group(s), you have already added the group(s). For more information, see [Configuring a TACACS+ Server Group, page 6-12](#).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **aaa authentication login {console | default} {group *group-list* [none] | local | none}**
3. **exit**
4. **show aaa authentication**
5. **copy running-config start-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	aaa authentication login {console default} {group <i>group-list</i> [none] local none} Example: n1000v(config)# aaa authentication login console group tacgroup	Configures the console or default login authentication method. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • group: Authentication is done by server group(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – group-list: List server group names separated by spaces; or none for no authentication. • local: The local database is used for authentication. <p>Note Local is the default and is used when no methods are configured or when all the configured methods fail to respond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none: Authentication is done by username.
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 4	show aaa authentication Example: n1000v# show aaa authentication default: group tacgroup console: group tacgroup n1000v#	(Optional) Displays the configured login authentication method.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Enabling Login Authentication Failure Messages

Use this procedure to enable the login authentication failure message to displays if the remote AAA servers do not respond.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The following is the Login Authentication Failure message:

```
Remote AAA servers unreachable; local authentication done.
Remote AAA servers unreachable; local authentication failed.
```

SUMMARY STEPS

- config t**
- aaa authentication login error-enable**
- exit**
- show aaa authentication login error-enable**
- copy running-config start-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	aaa authentication login error-enable Example: n1000v(config)# aaa authentication login error-enable n1000v(config)#	Enables login authentication failure messages. The default is disabled.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 4	show aaa authentication login error-enable Example: n1000v# show aaa authentication login error-enable enabled n1000v#	(Optional) Displays the login failure message configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Verifying AAA Configuration

To display AAA configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
show aaa authentication [login {error-enable mschap}]	Displays AAA authentication information. See Example 4-1 on page 4-8
show aaa groups	Displays the AAA server group configuration.
show running-config aaa [all]	Displays the AAA configuration in the running configuration. See Example 4-2 on page 4-8
show startup-config aaa	Displays the AAA configuration in the startup configuration. See Example 4-3 on page 4-9

Example 4-1 show aaa authentication

```
n1000v# show aaa authentication login error-enable
disabled
```

Example 4-2 show running config aaa

```
n1000v# show running-config aaa all
version 4.0(1)
aaa authentication login default local
aaa accounting default local
no aaa authentication login error-enable
no aaa authentication login mschap enable
no radius-server directed-request
no snmp-server enable traps aaa server-state-change
```

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```
no tacacs-server directed-request
n1000v#
```

Example 4-3 show startup-config aaa

```
n1000v# show startup-config aaa
version 4.0(1)svs#
```

Example AAA Configuration

The following is an AAA configuration example:

```
aaa authentication login default group tacacs
aaa authentication login console group tacacs
```

Default Settings

The following table lists the AAA defaults.

Parameters	Default
Console authentication method	local
Default authentication method	local
Login authentication failure messages	Disabled

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing AAA, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 4-9](#)
- [Standards, page 4-10](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
System Management	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V System Management Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>
CLI	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>
TACACS+ Security protocol	Chapter 6, “Configuring TACACS+”

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Standards

Standards	Title
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Feature History for AAA

This section provides the AAA release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
AAA	4.0	This feature was introduced.



CHAPTER 5

Configuring RADIUS

This chapter describes how to configure RADIUS protocol on Cisco NX-OS devices.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About RADIUS, page 5-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for RADIUS, page 5-4](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 5-4](#)
- [Configuring RADIUS Servers, page 5-4](#)
- [Verifying RADIUS Configuration, page 5-21](#)
- [Displaying RADIUS Server Statistics, page 5-22](#)
- [Example RADIUS Configuration, page 5-22](#)
- [Default Settings, page 5-22](#)
- [Additional References, page 5-23](#)
- [Feature History for RADIUS, page 5-23](#)

Information About RADIUS

The RADIUS distributed client/server system allows you to secure networks against unauthorized access. In the Cisco implementation, RADIUS clients run on Cisco NX-OS devices and send authentication and accounting requests to a central RADIUS server that contains all user authentication and network service access information.

This section includes the following topics:

- [RADIUS Network Environments, page 5-1](#)
- [RADIUS Operation, page 5-2](#)
- [Vendor-Specific Attributes, page 5-3](#)

RADIUS Network Environments

RADIUS can be implemented in a variety of network environments that require high levels of security while maintaining network access for remote users.

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You can use RADIUS in the following network environments that require access security:

- Networks with multiple-vendor network devices, each supporting RADIUS. For example, network devices from several vendors can use a single RADIUS server-based security database.
- Networks already using RADIUS. You can add a Cisco NX-OS device with RADIUS to the network. This action might be the first step when you make a transition to a AAA server.
- Networks that require resource accounting. You can use RADIUS accounting independent of RADIUS authentication or authorization. The RADIUS accounting functions allow data to be sent at the start and end of services, indicating the amount of resources (such as time, packets, bytes, and so on) used during the session. An Internet service provider (ISP) might use a freeware-based version of the RADIUS access control and accounting software to meet special security and billing needs.
- Networks that support authentication profiles. Using the RADIUS server in your network, you can configure AAA authentication and set up per-user profiles. Per-user profiles enable the NX-OS device to better manage ports using their existing RADIUS solutions and to efficiently manage shared resources to offer different service-level agreements.

RADIUS Operation

When a user attempts to log in to the and authenticate to an NX-OS device using RADIUS, the following happens:

1. The user is prompted for and enters a username and password.
2. The username and encrypted password are sent over the network to the RADIUS server.
3. The user receives one of the following responses from the RADIUS server:
 - ACCEPT—The user is authenticated.
 - REJECT—The user is not authenticated and is prompted to reenter the username and password, or access is denied.
 - CHALLENGE—A challenge is issued by the RADIUS server. The challenge collects additional data from the user.
 - CHANGE PASSWORD—A request is issued by the RADIUS server, asking the user to select a new password.

The ACCEPT or REJECT response is bundled with additional data that is used for EXEC or network authorization. You must first complete RADIUS authentication before using RADIUS authorization. The additional data included with the ACCEPT or REJECT packets consists of the following:

- Services that the user can access, including Telnet, rlogin, or local-area transport (LAT) connections, and Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP), Serial Line Internet Protocol (SLIP), or EXEC services.
- Connection parameters, including the host or client IPv4 address, access list, and user timeouts.

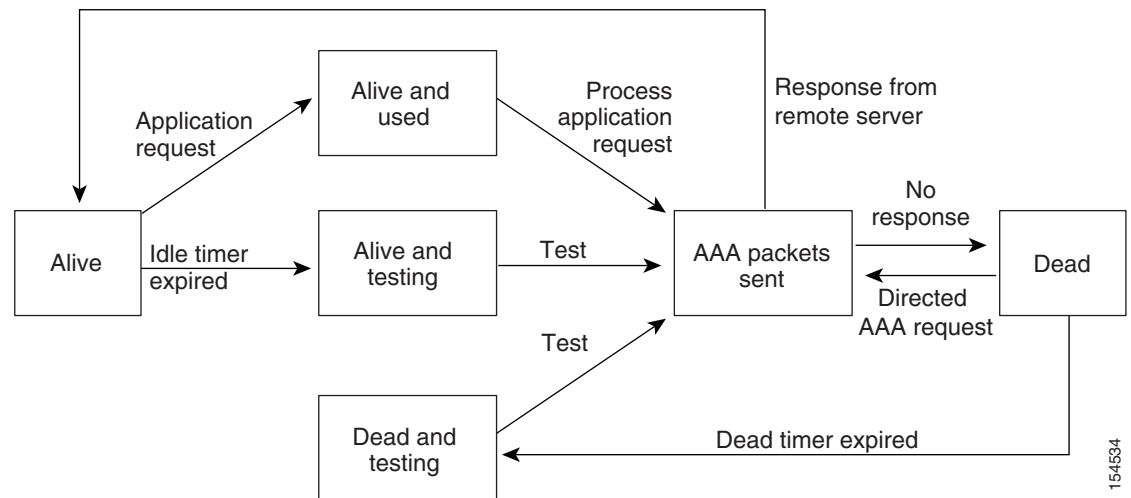
RADIUS Server Monitoring

An unresponsive RADIUS server can cause a delay in processing AAA requests. You can periodically monitor a RADIUS server to check whether it is responding (or alive) to save time in processing AAA requests. Unresponsive RADIUS servers are marked as dead and are not sent AAA requests. Dead RADIUS servers are periodically monitored and returned to the alive state once they respond. This monitoring process verifies that a RADIUS server is in a working state before real AAA requests are

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sent its way. Whenever a RADIUS server changes to the dead or alive state, a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) trap is generated and an error message is displayed indicating that a failure is taking place. See [Figure 5-1](#).

Figure 5-1 RADIUS Server States



Note

The monitoring interval for alive servers and dead servers are different and can be configured by the user. The RADIUS server monitoring is performed by sending a test authentication request to the RADIUS server.

Vendor-Specific Attributes

The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) draft standard specifies a method for communicating VSAs between the network access server and the RADIUS server. The IETF uses attribute 26. VSAs allow vendors to support their own extended attributes that are not suitable for general use. The Cisco RADIUS implementation supports one vendor-specific option using the format recommended in the specification. The Cisco vendor ID is 9, and the supported option is vendor type 1, which is named `cisco-av-pair`. The value is a string with the following format:

```
protocol : attribute separator value *
```

The protocol is a Cisco attribute for a particular type of authorization, separator is = (equal sign) for mandatory attributes, and * (asterisk) indicates optional attributes.

When you use RADIUS servers for authentication, the RADIUS protocol directs the RADIUS server to return user attributes, such as authorization information, along with authentication results. This authorization information is specified through VSAs.

The following are supported VSA protocol options:

- Shell—Protocol used in access-accept packets to provide user profile information.
- Accounting—Protocol used in accounting-request packets. If a value contains any white spaces, you should enclose the value within double quotation marks.

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The following are supported attributes:

- **roles**—Lists all the roles to which the user belongs. The value field is a string that lists the role names delimited by white space. For example, if the user belongs to roles `network-operator` and `vdc-admin`, the value field would be `"network-operator vdc-admin."` This attribute, which the RADIUS server sends in the VSA portion of the Access-Accept frames, can only be used with the shell protocol value. The following examples show the roles attribute as supported by Cisco ACS:

```
shell:roles="network-operator vdc-admin"
```

```
shell:roles*"network-operator vdc-admin"
```

The following examples show the roles attribute as supported by FreeRADIUS:

```
Cisco-AVPair = "shell:roles=\"network-operator vdc-admin\""
```

```
Cisco-AVPair = "shell:roles*\"network-operator vdc-admin\""
```



Note

When you specify a VSA as `shell:roles*"network-operator vdc-admin"` or `"shell:roles*\"network-operator vdc-admin\""`, this VSA is flagged as an optional attribute and other Cisco devices ignore this attribute.

- **accountinginfo**—Stores accounting information in addition to the attributes covered by a standard RADIUS accounting protocol. This attribute is sent only in the VSA portion of the Account-Request frames from the RADIUS client on the switch. It can be used only with the accounting protocol data units (PDUs).

Prerequisites for RADIUS

RADIUS has the following prerequisites:

- You already know the RADIUS server IP addresses or hostnames.
- You already know the key(s) used to secure RADIUS communication in your network.
- The device is already configured as a RADIUS client of the AAA servers.

Guidelines and Limitations

RADIUS has the following guidelines and limitations:

- You can configure a maximum of 64 RADIUS servers.

Configuring RADIUS Servers

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring RADIUS Server Hosts, page 5-5](#)
- [Configuring the Global RADIUS Key, page 5-6](#)
- [Configuring a RADIUS Server Key, page 5-7](#)
- [Configuring RADIUS Server Groups, page 5-8](#)

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- [Enabling RADIUS Server Directed Requests, page 5-10](#)
- [Setting the Global Timeout for All RADIUS Servers, page 5-11](#)
- [Configuring a Global Retry Count for All RADIUS Servers, page 5-12](#)
- [Setting the Timeout Interval for a Single RADIUS Server, page 5-13](#)
- [Configuring Retries for a Single RADIUS Server, page 5-14](#)
- [Configuring a RADIUS Accounting Server, page 5-15](#)
- [Configuring a RADIUS Authentication Server, page 5-16](#)
- [Configuring Periodic RADIUS Server Monitoring, page 5-18](#)
- [Configuring the Global Dead-Time Interval, page 5-19](#)
- [Manually Monitoring RADIUS Servers or Groups, page 5-20](#)

**Note**

Be aware that the Cisco NX-OS commands for this feature may differ from those used in Cisco IOS.

Configuring RADIUS Server Hosts

Use this procedure to configure the IP address or the hostname for each RADIUS server to be used for authentication.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You can configure up to 64 RADIUS servers.
- All RADIUS server hosts are automatically added to the default RADIUS server group.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **radius-server host { ipv4-address | host-name }**
3. **exit**
4. **show radius-server**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server host { <i>ipv4-address</i> <i>host-name</i> } Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server host 10.10.1.1	Defines the IP address or hostname for the RADIUS server.
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 4	show radius-server Example: n1000v# show radius-server	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Deleting a RADIUS Server Host

You can delete a RADIUS server host from a server group.

Configuring the Global RADIUS Key

Use this procedure to configure the key that is used by all RADIUS servers to authenticate with the Cisco Nexus 1000V.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You know the global key that is used for RADIUS server authentication.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **radius-server key** [0 | 7] *key-value*
3. **exit**

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4. `show radius-server`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

To configure a global preshared key, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>radius-server key [0 7] key-value</code> Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server key 0 QsEfThUkO	Specifies a preshared key for all RADIUS servers. You can specify a clear text (0) or encrypted (7) preshared key. The default format is clear text. The maximum length is 63 characters. By default, no preshared key is configured.
Step 3	<code>exit</code> Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 4	<code>show radius-server</code> Example: n1000v# show radius-server	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration. Note The preshared keys are saved in encrypted form in the running configuration. Use the show running-config command to display the encrypted preshared keys.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring a RADIUS Server Key

Use this procedure to configure a key for a single RADIUS server host.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have the key to be used for the remote RADIUS host.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `radius-server host {ipv4-address | host-name} key key-value`
3. `exit`

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4. `show radius-server`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# <code>config t</code> n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>radius-server host {ipv4-address host-name} key [0 7] key-value</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>radius-server host 10.10.1.1 key 0 PlIjUhYg</code>	Specifies a preshared key for a specific RADIUS server. You can specify a clear text (0) or encrypted (7) preshared key. The default format is clear text. The maximum length is 63 characters. This preshared key is used instead of the global preshared key.
Step 3	<code>exit</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>exit</code> n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 4	<code>show radius-server</code> Example: n1000v# <code>show radius-server</code>	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration. Note The preshared keys are saved in encrypted form in the running configuration. Use the show running-config command to display the encrypted preshared keys.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring RADIUS Server Groups

Use this procedure to configure a RADIUS server group whose member servers share authentication functions.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- All servers in a RADIUS server group must belong to the RADIUS protocol.
- The servers in the group are tried in the same order in which you configure them.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `aaa group server radius group-name`
3. `server {ipv4-address | server-name}`
4. `deadtime minutes`
5. `use-vrf vrf-name`
6. `exit`
7. `show radius-server groups [group-name]`
8. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>aaa group server radius group-name</code> Example: n1000v(config)# aaa group server radius RadServer n1000v(config-radius)#	Creates a RADIUS server group and enters the RADIUS server group configuration submenu for that group. The <i>group-name</i> argument is a case-sensitive alphanumeric string with a maximum length of 127 characters.
Step 3	<code>server {ipv4-address server-name}</code> Example: n1000v(config-radius)# server 10.10.1.1	Configures the RADIUS server as a member of the RADIUS server group. Tip If the specified RADIUS server is not found, configure it using the radius-server host command and retry this command.
Step 4	<code>deadtime minutes</code> Example: n1000v(config-radius)# deadtime 30	(Optional) Configures the monitoring dead time. The default is 0 minutes. The range is from 1 through 1440. Note If the dead-time interval for a RADIUS server group is greater than zero (0), that value takes precedence over the global dead-time value (see the “ Configuring the Global Dead-Time Interval ” section on page 5-19).
Step 5	<code>use-vrf vrf-name</code> Example: n1000v(config-radius)# use-vrf vrf1	(Optional) Specifies the VRF to use to contact the servers in the server group.
Step 6	<code>exit</code> Example: n1000v(config-radius)# exit n1000v(config)#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 7	show radius-server groups [<i>group-name</i>] Example: n1000v(config)# show radius-server group	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server group configuration.
Step 8	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Enabling RADIUS Server Directed Requests

Use this procedure to let users designate the RADIUS server to send their authentication request to. This is called a directed-request.

If you enable this option, a user can log in as *username@vrfname:hostname*, where *vrfname* is the VRF to use and *hostname* is the name of a configured RADIUS server.



Note

User-specified logins are supported only for Telnet sessions.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Directed requests are disabled by default.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **radius-server directed-request**
3. **exit**
4. **show radius-server directed-request**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	n1000v(config)# radius-server directed-request Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server directed-request	Enables directed requests. The default is disabled.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 4	show radius-server directed-request Example: n1000v# show radius-server directed-request	(Optional) Displays the directed request configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Setting the Global Timeout for All RADIUS Servers

Use this procedure to configure the global timeout interval specifying how long to wait for a response from a RADIUS server before declaring a timeout failure.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The timeout specified in the [“Setting the Timeout Interval for a Single RADIUS Server”](#) procedure on page 5-13 overrides the global RADIUS timeout.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **radius-server timeout** *seconds*
3. **exit**
4. **show radius-server**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server timeout <i>seconds</i> Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server timeout 10	Specifies the transmission timeout interval for RADIUS servers. The default timeout interval is 5 seconds and the allowable range is from 1 to 60 seconds.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 4	show radius-server Example: n1000v# show radius-server	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring a Global Retry Count for All RADIUS Servers

Use this procedure to configure the maximum number of times to retry transmitting to a RADIUS server before reverting to local authentication. This setting is applied to all RADIUS servers.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, retransmission to a RADIUS server is only tried once before reverting to local authentication.
- You can increase the number of retries up to a maximum of five.
- The retry count specified for a single RADIUS server in the [“Configuring Retries for a Single RADIUS Server” procedure on page 5-14](#), overrides this global setting.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **radius-server retransmission *count***
3. **radius-server timeout *seconds***
4. **exit**
5. **show radius-server**
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server retransmit count Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server retransmit 3	Defines the number of retransmits allowed before reverting to local authentication. This is a global setting that applies to all RADIUS servers. The default number of retransmits is 1 and the range is from 0 to 5.
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 4	show radius-server Example: n1000v# show radius-server	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Setting the Timeout Interval for a Single RADIUS Server

Use this procedure to configure how long to wait for a response from a RADIUS server before declaring a timeout failure.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The timeout specified for a single RADIUS server overrides the timeout defined in the [“Setting the Global Timeout for All RADIUS Servers” procedure on page 5-11](#).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **radius-server host {ipv4-address | host-name} timeout seconds**
3. **exit**
4. **show radius-server**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server host { <i>ipv4-address</i> <i>host-name</i> } timeout <i>seconds</i> Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server host server1 timeout 10	Specifies the timeout interval for the specified server. The default timeout interval is 5 seconds and the allowable range is from 1 to 60 seconds. Note The timeout specified for a single RADIUS server overrides the global RADIUS timeout.
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 4	show radius-server Example: n1000v# show radius-server	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring Retries for a Single RADIUS Server

Use this procedure to configure the maximum number of times to retry transmitting to a RADIUS server before reverting to local authentication. This setting is applied to a single RADIUS server and takes precedence over the global retry count.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, retransmission to a RADIUS server is only tried once before reverting to local authentication.
- You can increase the number of retries up to a maximum of five.
- The retry count specified for a single RADIUS server overrides the global setting made for all RADIUS servers.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **radius-server host** {*ipv4-address* | *host-name*} **retransmit** *count*
3. **exit**

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4. `show radius-server`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# <code>config t</code> n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>radius-server host {ipv4-address host-name} retransmit count</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>radius-server host server1 retransmit 3</code>	Specifies the retransmission count for a specific server. The default is the global value. Note This retransmit count for a single RADIUS server overrides the global setting for all RADIUS servers.
Step 3	<code>exit</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>exit</code> n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 4	<code>show radius-server</code> Example: n1000v# <code>show radius-server</code>	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring a RADIUS Accounting Server

Use this procedure to configure a server to perform accounting functions.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, RADIUS servers are used for both accounting and authentication.
- You know the destination UDP port number for RADIUS accounting messages.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `radius-server host {ipv4-address | host-name} acct-port udp-port`
3. `radius-server host {ipv4-address | host-name} accounting`
4. `exit`

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5. `show radius-server`
6. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

To configure the authentication and accounting attributes for RADIUS servers, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# <code>config t</code> n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>radius-server host {ipv4-address host-name} acct-port udp-port</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>radius-server host 10.10.1.1 acct-port 2004</code>	(Optional) Associates a specific host with the UDP port that receives RADIUS accounting messages. The default UDP port is 1812. The range is from 0 to 65535.
Step 3	<code>radius-server host {ipv4-address host-name} accounting</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>radius-server host 10.10.1.1 accounting</code>	(Optional) Designates the specific RADIUS host as an accounting server. The default is both accounting and authentication.
Step 4	<code>exit</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>exit</code> n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 5	<code>show radius-server</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>show radius-server</code>	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration.
Step 6	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring a RADIUS Authentication Server

Use this procedure to configure a server to perform authentication functions.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, RADIUS servers are used for both accounting and authentication.
- You know the destination UDP port number for RADIUS authentication messages.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **radius-server host {ipv4-address | host-name} auth-port udp-port**
3. **radius-server host {ipv4-address | host-name} authentication**
4. **exit**
5. **show radius-server**
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

To configure the authentication and accounting attributes for RADIUS servers, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server host {ipv4-address host-name} auth-port udp-port Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server host 10.10.2.2 auth-port 2005	(Optional) Associates a specific host with the UDP port that receives RADIUS authentication messages. The default UDP port is 1812. The range is from 0 to 65535.
Step 3	radius-server host {ipv4-address host-name} authentication Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server host 10.10.2.2 authentication	(Optional) Designates the specific RADIUS host as an authentication server. The default is both accounting and authentication.
Step 4	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 5	show radius-server Example: n1000v(config)# show radius-server	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

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Configuring Periodic RADIUS Server Monitoring

Use this procedure to configure the monitoring of RADIUS servers.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The test idle timer specifies the interval of time that elapses before a test packet is sent to a nonresponsive RADIUS server.



Note

For security reasons, do not configure a username that is in the RADIUS database as a test username.



Note

The default idle timer value is 0 minutes. When the idle time interval is 0 minutes, the NX-OS device does not perform periodic RADIUS server monitoring.

SUMMARY STEPS

- `config t`
- `radius-server host {ipv4-address | host-name} test {idle-time minutes | password password [idle-time minutes] | username name [password password [idle-time minutes]]}`
- `radius-server dead-time minutes`
- `exit`
- `show radius-server`
- `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>config t</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#</pre>	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<pre>radius-server host {ipv4-address host-name} test {idle-time minutes password password [idle-time minutes] username name [password password [idle-time minutes]]}</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v(config)# radius-server host 10.10.1.1 test username user1 password Ur2Gd2BH idle-time 3</pre>	<p>Specifies parameters for server monitoring. The default username is test and the default password is test. The default value for the idle timer is 0 minutes. The valid range is 0 to 1440 minutes.</p> <p>Note For periodic RADIUS server monitoring, you must set the idle timer to a value greater than 0.</p>

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	radius-server dead-time <i>minutes</i> Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server dead-time 5	Specifies the number of minutes to wait before sending a test packet to a RADIUS server that was declared dead. The default value is 0 minutes. The valid range is 1 to 1440 minutes.
Step 4	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 5	show radius-server Example: n1000v# show radius-server	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring the Global Dead-Time Interval

Use this procedure to configure the dead-time interval for all RADIUS servers. The dead-time interval specifies the time to wait after declaring a RADIUS server dead, before sending out a test packet to determine if the server is now alive. The default value is 0 minutes.



Note

When the dead-time interval is 0 minutes, RADIUS servers are not marked as dead even if they are not responding. You can configure the dead-time interval for a RADIUS server group (see the “[Configuring RADIUS Server Groups](#)” section on page 5-8).

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

- config t**
- radius-server deadtime** *minutes*
- exit**
- show radius-server**
- copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

To configure the RADIUS dead-time interval, follow these steps:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	n1000v(config)# radius-server deadtime <i>minutes</i> Example: n1000v(config)# radius-server deadtime 5	Configures the dead-time interval. The default value is 0 minutes. The range is from 1 to 1440 minutes.
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Returns you to the CLI EXEC mode.
Step 4	show radius-server Example: n1000v# show radius-server	(Optional) Displays the RADIUS server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves this change in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Manually Monitoring RADIUS Servers or Groups

Use this procedure to manually send a test message to a RADIUS server or to a server group.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

- test aaa server radius** {*ipv4-address* | *host-name*} [**vrf** *vrf-name*] *username password*
- test aaa group** *group-name username password*

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>test aaa server radius {ipv4-address server-name} [vrf vrf-name] username password</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# test aaa server radius 10.10.1.1 user1 Ur2Gd2BH</p>	Sends a test message to a RADIUS server to confirm availability.
Step 1	<pre>test aaa group group-name username password</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# test aaa group RadGroup user2 As3He3CI</p>	Sends a test message to a RADIUS server group to confirm availability.

Deleting a RADIUS Server Host

Use this procedure to delete a RADIUS server host from a RADIUS server group.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have added one or more RADIUS server hosts using the [“Configuring RADIUS Server Hosts” section on page 5-5](#).

Verifying RADIUS Configuration

Use the following commands to display RADIUS configuration information:

Command	Purpose
<code>show running-config radius [all]</code>	Displays the RADIUS configuration in the running configuration.
<code>show startup-config radius</code>	Displays the RADIUS configuration in the startup configuration.
<code>show radius-server [server-name ipv4-address] [directed-request groups sorted statistics]</code>	Displays all configured RADIUS server parameters.

For detailed information about the fields in the output from this command, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

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Displaying RADIUS Server Statistics

Use this procedure to display the statistics that the NX-OS device maintains for RADIUS server activity.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

- `show radius-server statistics {hostname | ipv4-address }`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>n1000v# show radius-server statistics {hostname ipv4-address}</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v# show radius-server statistics 10.10.1.1</pre>	Displays the RADIUS statistics.

For detailed information about the fields in the output from this command, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Example RADIUS Configuration

The following example shows how to configure RADIUS:

```
radius-server key 7 "ToIkLhPpG"
radius-server host 10.10.1.1 key 7 "ShMoMhTl" authentication accounting
aaa group server radius RadServer
    server 10.10.1.1
```

Default Settings

Table 5-1 lists the RADIUS default settings.

Table 5-1 Default RADIUS Parameters

Parameters	Default
Server roles	Authentication and accounting
Dead timer interval	0 minutes
Retransmission count	1
Retransmission timer interval	5 seconds

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Table 5-1 Default RADIUS Parameters (continued)

Parameters	Default
Idle timer interval	0 minutes
Periodic server monitoring username	test
Periodic server monitoring password	test

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing RADIUS, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 5-23](#)
- [Standards, page 5-23](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Command reference	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

Feature History for RADIUS

This section provides the RADIUS release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
RADIUS	4.0	This feature was introduced.

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CHAPTER 6

Configuring TACACS+

This chapter describes how to configure the Terminal Access Controller Access Control System Plus (TACACS+) protocol for the Cisco Nexus 1000V.

You can use TACACS+ to provide centralized validation of users attempting to gain access to a device. TACACS+ services are maintained in a database on a TACACS+ daemon running, typically, on a UNIX or Windows NT workstation. You must have access to and must configure a TACACS+ server before the configured TACACS+ features on your device are available.



Note

The logging level for TACACS + must be set to 5. Use the command-line interface (CLI) to set the logging level.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About TACACS+, page 6-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for TACACS+, page 6-4](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 6-4](#)
- [Configuring TACACS+, page 6-5](#)
- [Displaying Statistics for a TACACS+ Host, page 6-22](#)
- [Example TACACS+ Configuration, page 6-23](#)
- [Default Settings, page 6-24](#)
- [Additional References, page 6-25](#)
- [Feature History for TACACS+, page 6-24](#)

Information About TACACS+

The TACACS+ security protocol provides centralized validation of users attempting to gain access to a device. TACACS+ services are maintained in a database on a TACACS+ daemon running, typically, on a UNIX or Windows NT workstation. You must have access to and must configure a TACACS+ server before the configured TACACS+ features on your device are available.

TACACS+ provides for separate authentication, authorization, and accounting services. The TACACS+ daemon provides each service independently. Each service can be tied into its own database to take advantage of other services available on that server or on the network, depending on the capabilities of the daemon.

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The TACACS+ client/server protocol uses TCP (TCP port 49) for transport requirements. Centralized authentication is provided using the TACACS+ protocol.

This section includes the following topics:

- [TACACS+ Operation for User Login, page 6-2](#)
- [Default TACACS+ Server Encryption Type and Preshared Key, page 6-3](#)
- [TACACS+ Server Monitoring, page 6-3](#)
- [Vendor-Specific Attributes, page 6-3](#)

TACACS+ Operation for User Login

The following sequence of events take place when you attempt to login to a TACACS+ server using Password Authentication Protocol (PAP):

1. When a connection is established, the TACACS+ daemon is contacted to obtain the username and password.



Note TACACS+ allows an arbitrary conversation between the daemon and the user until the daemon receives enough information to authenticate the user. This action is usually done by prompting for a username and password combination, but may include prompts for additional information, such as mother's maiden name.

2. The TACACS+ daemon provides one of the following responses:
 - a. **ACCEPT**—User authentication succeeds and service begins. If user authorization is needed, authorization begins.
 - b. **REJECT**—User authentication failed. The TACACS+ daemon either denies further access to the user or prompts the user to retry the login sequence.
 - c. **ERROR**—An error occurred at some time during authentication either at the daemon or in the network connection. If an **ERROR** response is received, the device tries to use an alternative method for authenticating the user.

If further authorization is required after authentication, the user also undergoes an additional authorization phase. Users must first successfully complete TACACS+ authentication before proceeding to TACACS+ authorization.

3. If TACACS+ authorization is required, the TACACS+ daemon is contacted and it returns an **ACCEPT** or **REJECT** authorization response. An **ACCEPT** response contains attributes that are used to direct the **EXEC** or **NETWORK** session for that user and determines the services that the user can access.

Services include the following:

- Telnet, rlogin, Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP), Serial Line Internet Protocol (SLIP), or EXEC services
- Connection parameters, including the host or client IP address, access list, and user timeouts

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Default TACACS+ Server Encryption Type and Preshared Key

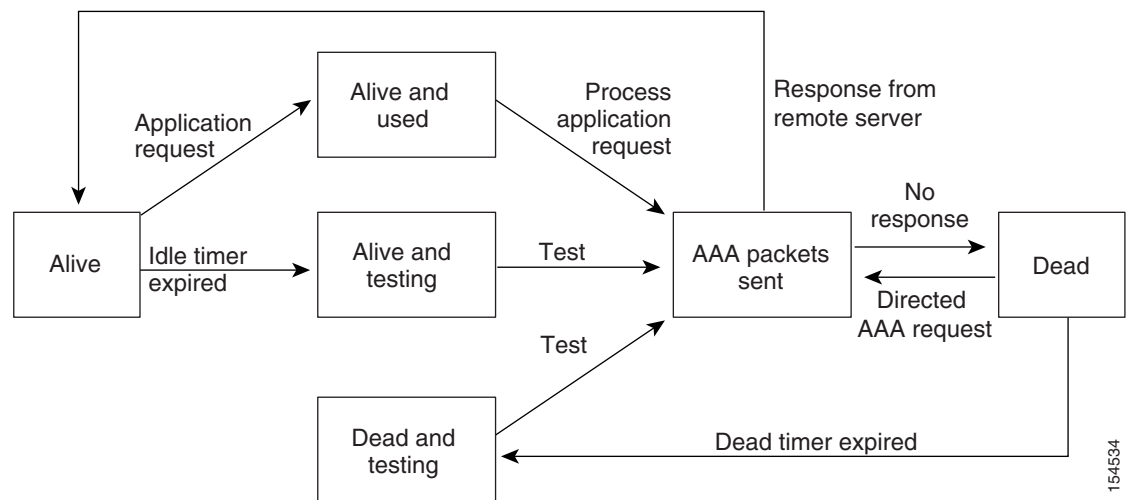
You must configure the TACACS+ preshared key to authenticate to the TACACS+ server. A preshared key is a secret text string shared between the device and the TACACS+ server host. The length of the key is restricted to 63 characters and can include any printable ASCII characters (white spaces are not allowed). You can configure a global preshared secret key for all TACACS+ server configurations.

You can override the global preshared key assignment by explicitly using the **key** option when configuring and individual TACACS+ server.

TACACS+ Server Monitoring

Unresponsive TACACS+ servers are marked as dead and are not sent AAA requests. Dead TACACS+ servers are periodically monitored and brought back alive once they respond. This process confirms that a TACACS+ server is in a working state before real AAA requests are sent its way. The following figure shows how a TACACS+ server state change generates a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) trap and an error message showing the failure before it impacts performance.

Figure 6-1 TACACS+ Server States



Note

The monitoring interval for alive servers and dead servers are different and can be configured by the user. The TACACS+ server monitoring is performed by sending a test authentication request to the TACACS+ server.

Vendor-Specific Attributes

The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) draft standard specifies a method for communicating vendor-specific attributes (VSAs) between the network access server and the TACACS+ server. The IETF uses attribute 26. VSAs allow vendors to support their own extended attributes that are not suitable for general use.

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Cisco VSA Format

The Cisco TACACS+ implementation supports one vendor-specific option using the format recommended in the IETF specification. The Cisco vendor ID is 9, and the supported option is vendor type 1, which is named `cisco-av-pair`. The value is a string with the following format:

```
protocol : attribute separator value *
```

The protocol is a Cisco attribute for a particular type of authorization, separator is = (equal sign) for mandatory attributes, and * (asterisk) indicates optional attributes.

When you use TACACS+ servers for authentication, the TACACS+ protocol directs the TACACS+ server to return user attributes, such as authorization information, along with authentication results. This authorization information is specified through VSAs.

The following are supported VSA protocol options:

- Shell—Protocol used in access-accept packets to provide user profile information.
- Accounting—Protocol used in accounting-request packets. If a value contains any white spaces, you should enclose the value within double quotation marks.

The following are other supported attributes:

- roles—Lists all the roles to which the user belongs. The value consists of a string listing the role names delimited by white space. This subattribute, which the TACACS+ server sends in the VSA portion of the Access-Accept frames, can only be used with the shell protocol value.
- accountinginfo—Stores accounting information in addition to the attributes covered by a standard TACACS+ accounting protocol. This attribute is sent only in the VSA portion of the Account-Request frames from the TACACS+ client on the switch. It can be used only with the accounting protocol data units (PDUs).

Prerequisites for TACACS+

TACACS+ has the following prerequisites:

- Obtain the IP addresses or hostnames for the TACACS+ servers.
- Obtain the preshared keys from the TACACS+ servers, if any.
- Ensure that the Cisco Nexus 1000V is configured as a TACACS+ client of the AAA servers.
- You have already configured AAA, including remote TACACS+ authentication using the following procedures:
 - [Configuring a Login Authentication Method, page 4-6](#)
 - [Configuring AAA, page 4-4](#)

Guidelines and Limitations

TACACS+ has the following guidelines and limitations:

- You can configure a maximum of 64 TACACS+ servers.

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Configuring TACACS+

This section includes the following topics:

- [Flow Chart: Configuring TACACS+, page 6-6](#)
- [Configuring a TACACS+ Server Host, page 6-11](#)
- [Configuring a TACACS+ Server Host, page 6-11](#)
- [Configuring Shared Keys, page 6-9](#)
- [Configuring a TACACS+ Server Group, page 6-12](#)
- [Enabling TACACS+ Server Directed Requests, page 6-14](#)
- [Setting the TACACS+ Global Timeout Interval, page 6-16](#)
- [Setting a Timeout Interval for an Individual TACACS+ Host, page 6-17](#)
- [Configuring theTCP Port for a TACACS+ Host, page 6-18](#)
- [Configuring Monitoring for a TACACS+ Host, page 6-20](#)
- [Configuring the TACACS+ Global Dead-Time Interval, page 6-21](#)



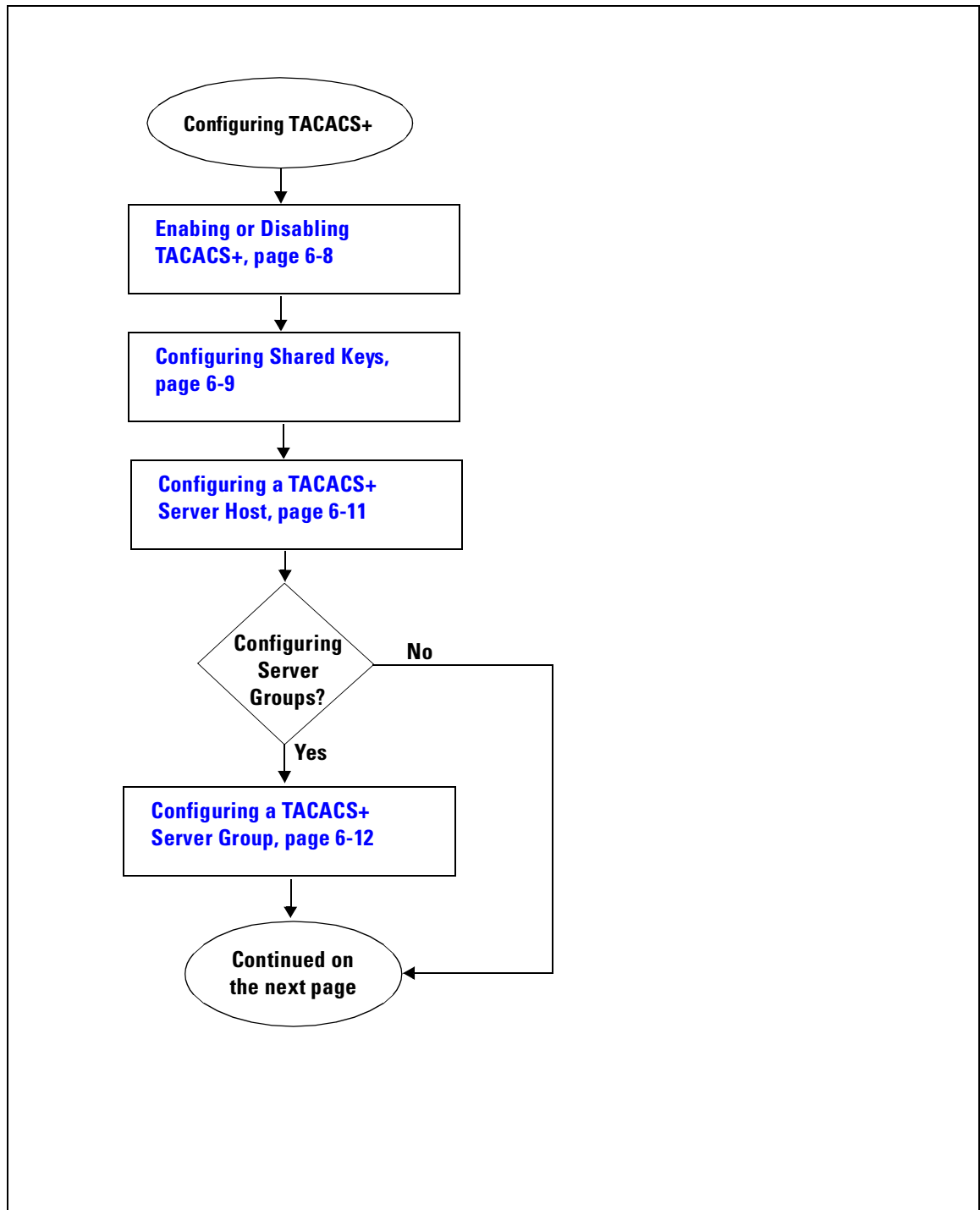
Note

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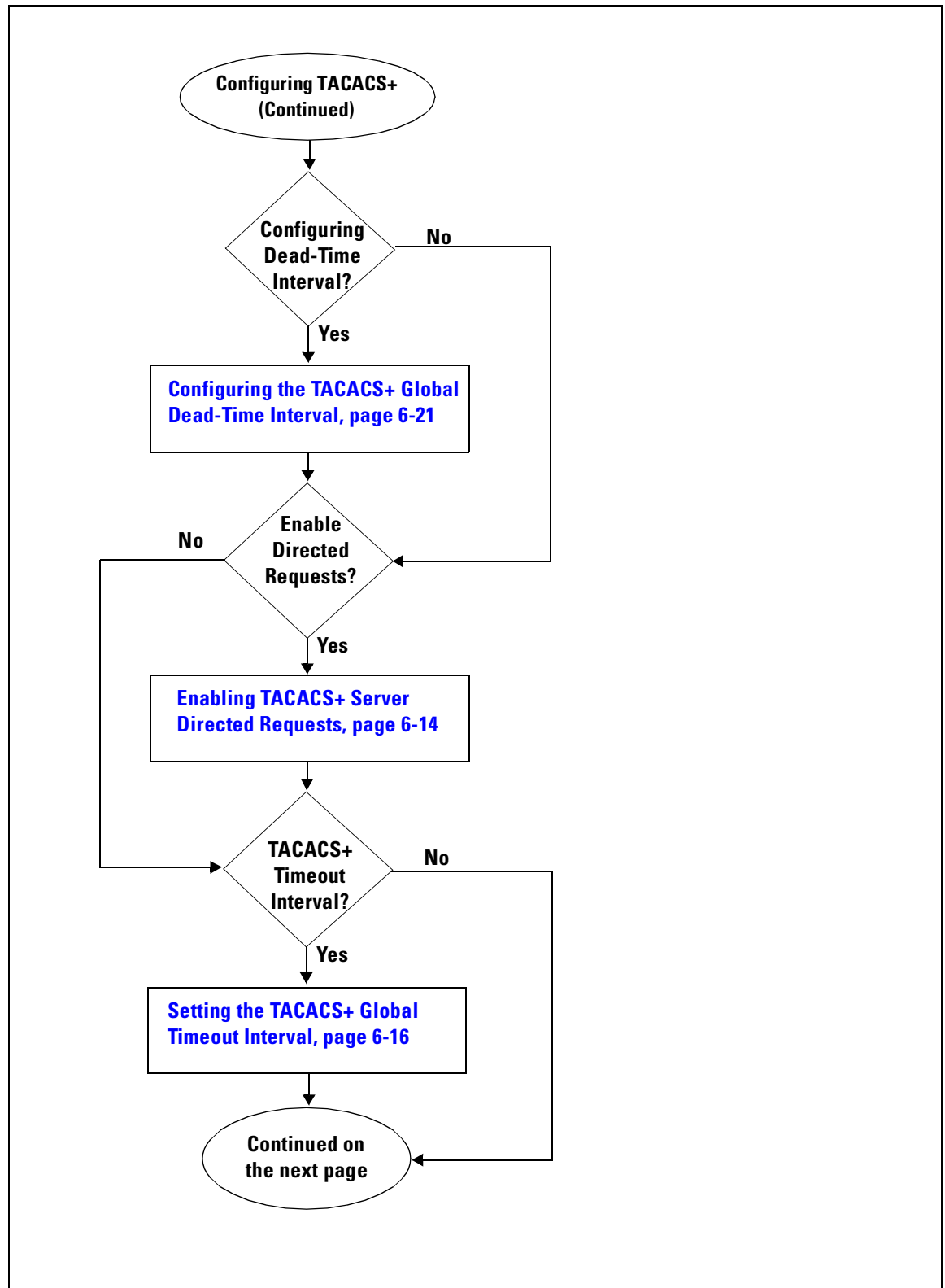
Use the following flow chart to configure TACACS+.

Flow Chart: Configuring TACACS+



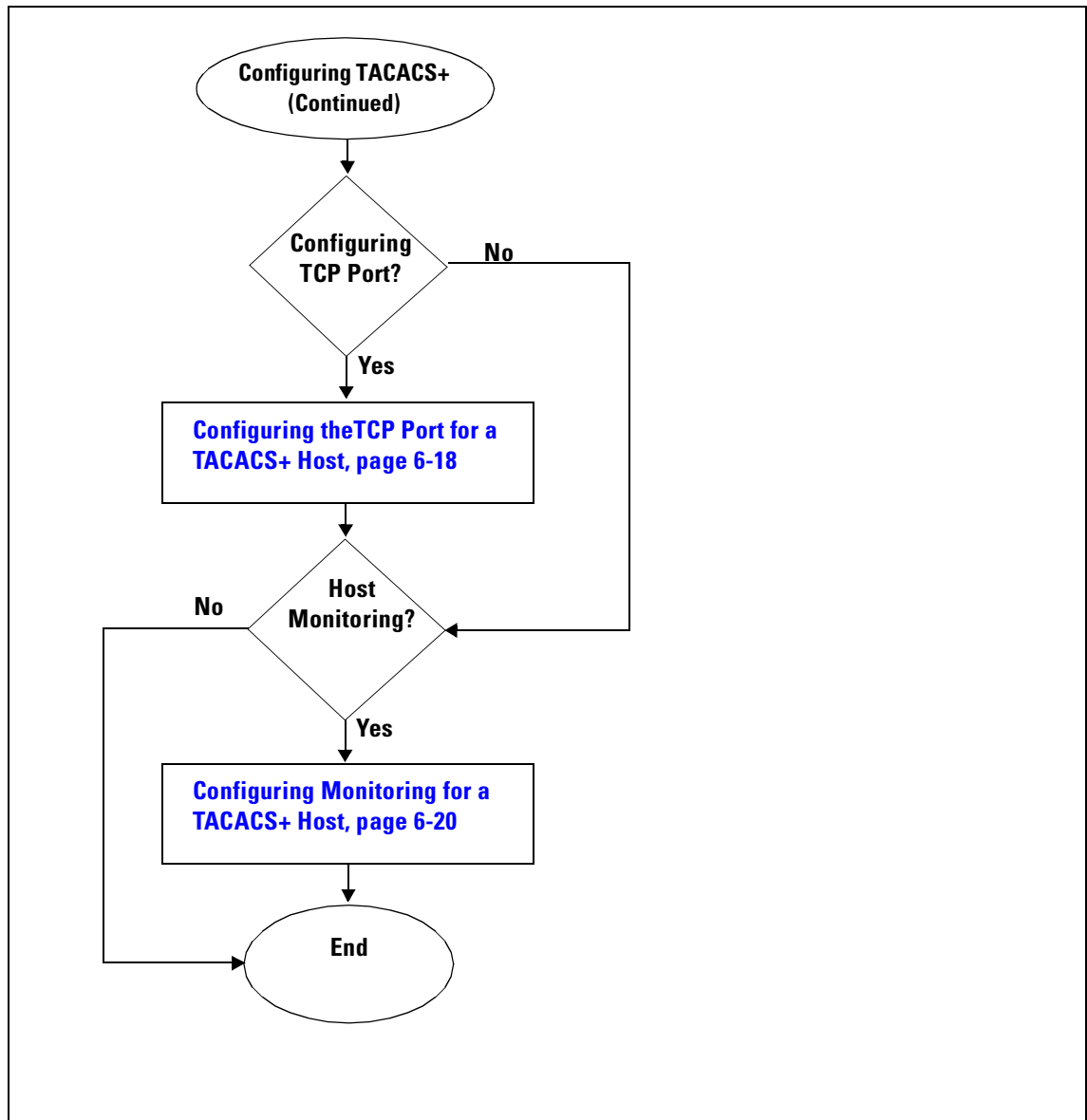
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Flow Chart: Configuring TACACS+ (Continued)



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Flow Chart: Configuring TACACS+ (Continued)



Enabling or Disabling TACACS+

Use this procedure to either enable or disable TACACS+.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following.

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, TACACS+ is disabled. You must explicitly enable the TACACS+ feature to access the configuration and verification commands that support TACACS+ authentication.

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**Caution**

When you disable TACACS+, all related configurations are automatically discarded.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `[no] tacacs+ enable`
3. `exit`
4. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	[no] tacacs+ enable Example: n1000v(config)# tacacs+ enable n1000v(config)# Example: n1000v(config)# no tacacs+ enable n1000v(config)#	Enables or disables TACACS+.
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the changes you made to the startup configuration.

Configuring Shared Keys

Use this procedure to configure the following:

- The global key, or a secret text string shared between the Cisco Nexus 1000V and all TACACS+ server hosts
- The key, or secret text string shared between the Cisco Nexus 1000V and a single TACACS+ server host

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication.
See the “[Enabling or Disabling TACACS+](#)” procedure on page 6-8.
- You know the key for the TACACS+ server host(s).
- By default, no global key is configured.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **tacacs-server key [0 | 7] global_key**
3. **exit**
4. **show tacacs-server**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	Do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To configure a global key for all TACACS+ server hosts, continue with the next step. • To configure a key for a single TACACS+ server host, go to Step 5. 	
Step 3	tacacs-server key [0 7] global_key Example: n1000v(config)# tacacs-server key 0 QsEFtkI# n1000v(config)#	Designates the global key shared between the Cisco Nexus 1000V and the TACACS+ server hosts. 0: Specifies a clear text string (key) to follow. [the default] 7: Specifies an encrypted string (key) to follow. global_key: A string of up to 63 characters. By default, no global key is configured.
Step 4	Go to Step 6 .	
Step 5	tacacs-server host {ipv4-address host-name} key [0 7] shared_key Example: n1000v(config)# tacacs-server host 10.10.1.1 key 0 PlIjUhYg n1000v(config)#	Designates the key shared between the Cisco Nexus 1000V and this specific TACACS+ server host. 0: Specifies a clear text string (key) to follow. [the default] 7: Specifies an encrypted string (key) to follow. global_key: A string of up to 63 characters. This shared key is used instead of the global shared key.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 6	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 7	show tacacs-server Example: n1000v# show tacacs-server Global TACACS+ shared secret:***** timeout value:5 deadtime value:0 total number of servers:1 following TACACS+ servers are configured: 10.10.2.2: available on port:49	(Optional) Displays the TACACS+ server configuration. Note The global shared key is saved in encrypted form in the running configuration. To display the key, use the show running-config command.
Step 8	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies these changes in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring a TACACS+ Server Host

Use this procedure to configure a TACACS+ server as a TACACS+ host.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication.
See the “[Enabling or Disabling TACACS+](#)” procedure on page 6-8.
- You have already configured the shared key, using the following:
“[Configuring Shared Keys](#)” procedure on page 6-9
- You know the IP addresses or the hostnames for the remote TACACS+ server hosts.
- All TACACS+ server hosts are added to the default TACACS+ server group.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **tacacs-server host {ipv4-address | host-name}**
3. **exit**
4. **show tacacs-server**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	tacacs-server host { <i>ipv4-address</i> <i>host-name</i> } Example: n1000v(config)# tacacs-server host 10.10.2.2	Configures the server IP address or hostname as a TACACS+ server host.
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 4	show tacacs-server Example: n1000v# show tacacs-server timeout value:5 deadtime value:0 total number of servers:1 following TACACS+ servers are configured: 10.10.2.2: available on port:49 n1000v#	(Optional) Displays the TACACS+ server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies these changes in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring a TACACS+ Server Group

Use this procedure to configure a TACACS+ server group whose member servers share authentication functions.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- All servers added to a TACACS+ server group must use the TACACS+ protocol.
- Once the TACACS+ server group is configured, the server members are tried in the same order in which you configured them.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication.
See the [“Enabling or Disabling TACACS+” procedure on page 6-8](#).

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- You have already configured the preshared keys, using the following:
[“Configuring Shared Keys” procedure on page 6-9](#)
- A TACACS+ server group can provide fail-over in case one server fails to respond. If the first server in the group fails, the next server in the group is tried until a server responds. Multiple server groups can provide fail-over for each other in this same way.

SUMMARY STEPS

- `config t`
- `aaa group server tacacs+ group-name`
- `server { ipv4-address | host-name }`
- `deadtime minutes`
- `use-vrf vrf-name`
- `exit`
- `show tacacs-server groups`
- `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	aaa group server tacacs+ group-name Example: n1000v(config)# aaa group server tacacs+ TacServer n1000v(config-tacacs)#	Creates a TACACS+ server group with the specified name and paces you into the TACACS+ configuration mode for that group.
Step 3	server { ipv4-address host-name } Example: n1000v(config-tacacs)# server 10.10.2.2 n1000v(config-tacacs)#	Configures the TACACS+ server host-name or IP address as a member of the TACACS+ server group. Tip If the specified TACACS+ server is not found, configure it using the tacacs-server host command and retry this command.
Step 4	deadtime minutes Example: n1000v(config-tacacs)# deadtime 30 n1000v(config-tacacs)#	(Optional) Configures the monitoring dead time for this TACACS+ group. The default is 0 minutes. The range is from 0 through 1440. Note If the dead-time interval for a TACACS+ server group is greater than zero (0), that value takes precedence over the global dead-time value (see the “Configuring the TACACS+ Global Dead-Time Interval” procedure on page 6-21).

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	Command	Purpose
Step 5	use-vrf <i>vrf-name</i> Example: n1000v(config-tacacs+)# use-vrf management n1000v(config-tacacs+)#	(Optional) Specifies the virtual routing and forwarding instance (VRF) to use to contact this server group.
Step 6	exit Example: n1000v(config-tacacs+)# exit n1000v(config)#	Exits the TACACS+ Configuration mode and returns you to Global Configuration mode.
Step 7	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits the Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 8	show tacacs-server groups Example: n1000v# show tacacs-server groups total number of groups:1 following TACACS+ server groups are configured: group TacServer: server 10.10.2.2 on port 49 deadtime is 30 vrf is management n1000v#	(Optional) Displays the TACACS+ server group configuration.
Step 9	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies these changes made in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

```

Example:
n1000v(config)# aaa group server tacacs+ TacServer
n1000v(config-tacacs+)# server 10.10.2.2
n1000v(config-tacacs+)# deadtime 30
n1000v(config-tacacs+)# use-vrf management
n1000v(config-tacacs+)# exit
n1000v(config)# exit
n1000v# show tacacs-server groups
total number of groups:1

following TACACS+ server groups are configured:
    group TacServer:
        server 10.10.2.2 on port 49
        deadtime is 30
        vrf is management
n1000v#

```

Enabling TACACS+ Server Directed Requests

Use this procedure to let users designate the TACACS+ server to send their authentication request to. This is called a directed-request.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication.
See the “[Enabling or Disabling TACACS+](#)” procedure on page 6-8.



Note

User-specified logins are only supported for Telnet sessions.

- When directed requests are enabled, the user can log in as *username@vrfname:hostname*, where *vrfname* is the VRF to use and *hostname* is the name of a configured TACACS+ server.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **tacacs-server directed-request**
3. **exit**
4. **show tacacs-server directed-request**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	tacacs-server directed-request Example: n1000v(config)# tacacs-server directed-request n1000v(config)#	Enables use of directed requests for specifying the TACACS+ server to send an authentication request to when logging in. The default is disabled.
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 4	show tacacs-server directed-request Example: n1000v# show tacacs-server directed-request enabled n1000v#	(Optional) Displays the TACACS+ directed request configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

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Setting the TACACS+ Global Timeout Interval

Use this procedure to set the interval in seconds that the Cisco Nexus 1000V waits for a response from any TACACS+ server before declaring a timeout.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication.
See the [“Enabling or Disabling TACACS+” procedure on page 6-8](#).
- The timeout specified for an individual TACACS+ server overrides the global timeout interval. To set the timeout for an individual server, see the [“Setting a Timeout Interval for an Individual TACACS+ Host” procedure on page 6-17](#).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `tacacs-server timeout seconds`
3. `exit`
4. `show tacacs-server`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# <code>config t</code> n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>tacacs-server timeout seconds</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>tacacs-server timeout 10</code>	Specifies the interval in seconds that the Cisco Nexus 1000V waits for a response from a server. The default timeout interval is 5 seconds. The range is from 1 to 60 seconds.
Step 3	<code>exit</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>exit</code> n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 4	show tacacs-server Example: <pre>n1000v# show tacacs-server Global TACACS+ shared secret:***** timeout value:10 deadtime value:0 total number of servers:1 following TACACS+ servers are configured: 10.10.2.2: available on port:49 n1000v#</pre>	(Optional) Displays the TACACS+ server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: <pre>n1000v# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	(Optional) Copies these changes made in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Setting a Timeout Interval for an Individual TACACS+ Host

Use this procedure to set the interval in seconds that the Cisco Nexus 1000V waits for a response from a specific TACACS+ server before declaring a timeout. This setting is configured per TACACS+ host.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication.
See the [“Enabling or Disabling TACACS+” procedure on page 6-8](#).
- The timeout setting for an individual TACACS+ server overrides the global timeout interval.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **tacacs-server host {ipv4-address | host-name} timeout seconds**
3. **exit**
4. **show tacacs-server**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	tacacs-server host { <i>ipv4-address</i> <i>host-name</i> } timeout <i>seconds</i> Example: n1000v(config)# tacacs-server host 10.10.2.2 timeout 10 n1000v(config)#	Specifies the timeout interval for a specific server. The default is the global timeout interval. For more information, see the “Setting the TACACS+ Global Timeout Interval” procedure on page 6-16 .
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 4	show tacacs-server Example: n1000v# show tacacs-server Global TACACS+ shared secret:***** timeout value:10 deadtime value:0 total number of servers:1 following TACACS+ servers are configured: 10.10.2.2: available on port:49 timeout:10 n1000v#	(Optional) Displays the TACACS+ server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies these changes made in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring the TCP Port for a TACACS+ Host

Use this procedure to configure a TCP port other than port 49 (the default for TACACS+ requests).

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication. See the [“Enabling or Disabling TACACS+” procedure on page 6-8](#).
- You have configured the TACACS+ server using the [“Configuring a TACACS+ Server Host” procedure on page 6-11](#).

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **tacacs-server host** {*ipv4-address* | *host-name*} **port** *tcp-port*
3. **exit**
4. **show tacacs-server**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	tacacs-server host { <i>ipv4-address</i> <i>host-name</i> } port <i>tcp-port</i> Example: n1000v(config)# tacacs-server host 10.10.2.2 port 2 n1000v(config)#	Specifies the TCP port to use. allowable range: 1 to 65535 default: 49
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 4	show tacacs-server Example: n1000v# show tacacs-server Global TACACS+ shared secret:***** timeout value:10 deadtime value:0 total number of servers:1 following TACACS+ servers are configured: 10.10.2.2: available on port:2 timeout:10 n1000v#	(Optional) Displays the TACACS+ server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

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Configuring Monitoring for a TACACS+ Host

Use this procedure to configure periodic monitoring of a TACACS+ host.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before starting this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication.
See the “[Enabling or Disabling TACACS+](#)” procedure on page 6-8.
- You have configured the TACACS+ server.
See the “[Configuring a TACACS+ Server Host](#)” procedure on page 6-11.
- The idle timer specifies how long a TACACS+ server should remain idle (receiving no requests) before sending it a test packet.
- The default idle timer value is 0 minutes. When the idle time interval is 0 minutes, periodic TACACS+ server monitoring is not done.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **tacacs-server host** {*ipv4-address* | *host-name*} **test** {*idle-time minutes* | **password** *password* [*idle-time minutes*] | **username** *name* [**password** *password* [*idle-time minutes*]]}
3. **tacacs-server dead-time** *minutes*
4. **exit**
5. **show tacacs-server**
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	tacacs-server host { <i>ipv4-address</i> <i>host-name</i> } test { <i>idle-time minutes</i> password <i>password</i> [<i>idle-time minutes</i>] username <i>name</i> [password <i>password</i> [<i>idle-time minutes</i>]]} Example: n1000v(config)# tacacs-server host 10.10.2.2 test username pvk2 password a3z9yjz7 idle-time 3	Configures server monitoring. username: The default is test. Note To protect network security, we recommend assigning a username that is not already in the TACACS+ database. password: The default is test. idle-time: The default is 0 minutes. The valid range is from 0 to 1440 minutes. Note For periodic TACACS+ server monitoring, the idle timer value must be greater than 0.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	tacacs-server dead-time <i>minutes</i> Example: n1000v(config)# tacacs-server dead-time 5	Specifies the duration of time in minutes before checking a TACACS+ server that was previously unresponsive. The default value is 0 minutes and the valid range is from 0 to 1440 minutes.
Step 4	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 5	show tacacs-server Example: n1000v# show tacacs-server Global TACACS+ shared secret:***** timeout value:10 deadtime value:0 total number of servers:1 following TACACS+ servers are configured: 10.10.2.2: available on port:2 timeout:10 n1000v#	(Optional) Displays the TACACS+ server configuration.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies these changes made to the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring the TACACS+ Global Dead-Time Interval

Use this procedure to configure the interval to wait before sending a test packet to a previously unresponsive server.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before starting this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication.
See the [“Enabling or Disabling TACACS+” procedure on page 6-8](#).
- You have configured the TACACS+ server.
See the [“Configuring a TACACS+ Server Host” procedure on page 6-11](#).
- When the dead-timer interval is 0 minutes, TACACS+ servers are not marked as dead even if they are not responding. You can configure the dead-timer per group (see the [“Configuring a TACACS+ Server Group” procedure on page 6-12](#)).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **tacacs-server deadtime** *minutes*
3. **exit**

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4. `show tacacs-server`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# <code>config t</code> n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>tacacs-server deadtime minutes</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>tacacs-server deadtime 5</code>	Configures the global dead-time interval. The default value is 0 minutes. The range is from 1 to 1440 minutes
Step 3	<code>exit</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>exit</code> n1000v#	Exits the CLI Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 4	<code>show tacacs-server</code> Example: n1000v# <code>show tacacs-server</code>	(Optional) Displays the TACACS+ server configuration.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Displaying Statistics for a TACACS+ Host

Use this procedure to display the statistics for TACACS+ host.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before starting this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already enabled TACACS+ for authentication.
See the [“Enabling or Disabling TACACS+” procedure on page 6-8](#).
- You have configured the TACACS+ server.
See the [“Configuring a TACACS+ Server Host” procedure on page 6-11](#).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `show tacacs-server statistics {hostname | ipv4-address}`

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>show tacacs-server statistics {hostname ipv4-address}</code>	Displays statistics for a TACACS+ host.

Example:

```
n1000v# show tacacs-server statistics 10.10.1.1
Server is not monitored
```

```
Authentication Statistics
  failed transactions: 9
  sucessfull transactions: 2
  requests sent: 2
  requests timed out: 0
  responses with no matching requests: 0
  responses not processed: 0
  responses containing errors: 0
```

```
Authorization Statistics
  failed transactions: 1
  sucessfull transactions: 0
  requests sent: 0
  requests timed out: 0
  responses with no matching requests: 0
  responses not processed: 0
  responses containing errors: 0
```

```
Accounting Statistics
  failed transactions: 0
  sucessfull transactions: 0
  requests sent: 0
  requests timed out: 0
  responses with no matching requests: 0
  responses not processed: 0
  responses containing errors: 0
```

Example TACACS+ Configuration

The following example shows a TACACS+ configuration:

```
feature tacacs+
tacacs-server key 7 "ToIkLhPpG"
tacacs-server host 10.10.2.2 key 7 "ShMoMhTl"
aaa group server tacacs+ TacServer
  server 10.10.2.2
```

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Default Settings

The following table lists the default settings for TACACS+ parameters.

Parameters	Default
TACACS+	Disabled
Dead timer interval	0 minutes
Timeout interval	5 seconds
Idle timer interval	0 minutes
Periodic server monitoring username	test
Periodic server monitoring password	test

Feature History for TACACS+

This section provides the TACACS+ release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
TACACS+	4.0	This feature was introduced.

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Additional References

For additional information related to implementing TACACS+, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 6-25](#)
- [Standards, page 6-25](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
CLI	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>
System Management	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V System Management Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

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CHAPTER 7

Configuring SSH

This chapter describes how to configure Secure Shell Protocol (SSH).

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About SSH, page 7-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for SSH, page 7-2](#)
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Information About SSH

This section includes the following topics:

- [SSH Server, page 7-1](#)
- [SSH Client, page 7-2](#)
- [SSH Server Keys, page 7-2](#)

SSH Server

You can use the SSH server to enable an SSH client to make a secure, encrypted connection. SSH uses strong encryption for authentication. The SSH server can operate with publicly and commercially available SSH clients.

TACACS+ user authentication and locally stored user names and passwords is supported for SSH.

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SSH Client

The SSH client feature is an application that runs over the SSH protocol to provide device authentication and encryption. The SSH client enables a secure, encrypted connection to any device that runs the SSH server. This connection provides an encrypted outbound connection. With authentication and encryption, the SSH client produces secure communication over an insecure network.

The SSH client works with publicly and commercially available SSH servers.

SSH Server Keys

SSH requires server keys for secure communication. You can use SSH server keys for the following SSH options:

- SSH version 2 using Rivest, Shamir, and Adelman (RSA) public-key cryptography
- SSH version 2 using the Digital System Algorithm (DSA)

Be sure to have an SSH server key-pair with the correct version before enabling the SSH service. Generate the SSH server key-pair according to the SSH client version used. The SSH service accepts two types of key-pairs for use by SSH version 2:

- The **dsa** option generates the DSA key-pair for the SSH version 2 protocol.
- The **rsa** option generates the RSA key-pair for the SSH version 2 protocol.

By default, an RSA key using 1024 bits is generated.

SSH supports the following public key formats:

- OpenSSH
- IETF Secure Shell (SECSH)
- Public Key Certificate in Privacy-Enhanced Mail (PEM)



Caution

If you delete all of the SSH keys, you cannot start the SSH services.

Prerequisites for SSH

SSH has the following prerequisite:

- You have configured IP on a Layer 3 interface, out-of-band on the mgmt 0 interface, or inband on an Ethernet interface.
- Before enabling the SSH server, obtain the SSH key.

Guidelines and Limitations

- Only SSH version 2 (SSHv2) is supported.
- SSH is enabled by default.



Note

Be aware that the Cisco NX-OS commands might differ from the Cisco IOS commands.

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Configuring SSH

This section includes the following topics:

- [Generating SSH Server Keys, page 7-3](#)
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- [Starting SSH Sessions, page 7-8](#)
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- [Deleting SSH Server Keys, page 7-10](#)
- [Clearing SSH Sessions, page 7-12](#)

Generating SSH Server Keys

Use this procedure to generate an SSH server key based on your security requirements.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The default SSH server key is an RSA key that is generated using 1024 bits.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **no ssh server enable**
3. **ssh key {dsa [force] | rsa [bits [force]]}**
4. **ssh server enable**
5. **exit**
6. **show ssh key**
7. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	no ssh server enable Example: n1000v(config)# no ssh server enable	Disables SSH.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	<pre>ssh key {dsa [force] rsa [bits [force]]}</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config)# ssh key dsa force</p>	<p>Generates the SSH server key.</p> <p>The <i>bits</i> argument is the number of bits used to generate the key. The range is from 768 to 2048 and the default value is 1024.</p> <p>Use the force keyword to replace an existing key.</p>
Step 4	<pre>ssh server enable</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config)# ssh server enable</p>	Enables SSH.
Step 5	<pre>exit</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#</p>	Exits Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 6	<pre>show ssh key</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# show ssh key</p>	(Optional) Displays the SSH server keys.
Step 7	<pre>copy running-config startup-config</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config</p>	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example:

```
n1000v# config t
n1000v(config)# no ssh server enable
XML interface to system may become unavailable since ssh is disabled
n1000v(config)# ssh key dsa force
generating dsa key(1024 bits).....
.
generated dsa key
n1000v(config)# exit
n1000v# show ssh key
*****
rsa Keys generated:Sun Jul 27 15:18:46 2008

ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAQEAyKcb7Nv9Ki100Id9/tDHHa/ngQujlvK5mXyL/n+DeOXX
fVhHbX2a+V0cm7CCLUkBh+BvZRmpmOVTmU/5awfVhVxMKXMiPOPbc+A6/n3FVroyRwupMki6mWoM6Uwa
GID5gsVPqFjFNSgMwtbhjo97XVKhgjFW+wOVt8QoAcrEtnwEfsnQk1EIr/0XIP1mqTsrqTsmjZ2vLk+f
FzTGYAxMvYZI+BrN47aoH2yws7CpnODjCDXJuDYSPbc3PA8t0ghU/60m9R+s6AZPuljVQbGfxPrahEu4
GVc6sMJNU1JxmQDJkdhMARObB4Umzj7E3Rdby/ZWx/clTYiXQR1X1VfhQ==

bitcount:2048
fingerprint:
fd:ca:48:73:b9:ee:e7:86:9e:1e:40:46:f1:50:1d:44
*****
dsa Keys generated:Sun Jul 27 15:20:12 2008

ssh-dss AAAAB3NzaC1kc3MAAACBALpdXlJXNS/jcCNY+F1QZV9HegxBEB0DMUmQ9bSq2N+KAcvH1lEh
GnaiHqgar0lcEKqhLbIbuqtKTCvfa+Y1hBIAhWVjg1UR3/M22jqxnfhnxL5YRc1Q7FcesFax0myayAIU
nXrk05iww9XHTu+EIInRc4kJ0XrG9SxtLmDe/fi2ZAAAAFQDbRabAjZa6GfDpwjXw5smRhrElJwAAIEA
r50yi3hHawNnb5qgYLXhN+KA8XJF753eCWHtMw7NR8fz6fjQ1R2J97UjjGuQ8DvwpGeNQ5S+AuIo0rGg
svdg7TTecBcbgBOnR7Fs2+W5HiSVEGbvjlxaeK8fkNE6kaJumBB343b8Rgj0G97MP/os1GfkEqmX9glB
0IOM2mgHHyoAAACAFrir27hHy+fw8Cxp1sK0R6cFhxYyd/qYYogXFKYIOPxpLoYrjqODEOfThU7TJuBz
aS97eXiruzbfHwzUGfXgmQT5o9IMZRTCLWPA/5Ju409YABYHccUghf0W+QtgGOT6FOSvBh8uOV0kcHC
GMJAP8omphauZJlc+wgFxnkyh4=
```

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```
bitcount:1024
fingerprint:
44:91:32:1f:7a:d1:83:3c:f3:5e:db:53:0a:2d:ce:69
*****
```

Configuring a User Account with a Public Key

Use this procedure to configure an SSH public key to log in using the SSH client without being prompted for a password. You can specify the SSH public key in one of three different formats:

- OpenSSH format
- IETF SECSH format
- Public Key Certificate in PEM format

Configuring an OpenSSH Key

Use this procedure to specify the SSH public keys in OpenSSH format for user accounts.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already generated an SSH public key in OpenSSH format.
- The user account already exists.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **username *username* sshkey *ssh-key***
3. **exit**
4. **show user-account**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	username <i>username</i> sshkey <i>ssh-key</i>	Configures the SSH public key in OpenSSH format with an existing user account. To create a user account use the following command: username <i>name</i> password <i>pwd</i>

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	Command	Purpose
	<p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v(config)# username user1 sshkey ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEAYKcb7Nv9Ki100Id9/tdHhA/ngQujlvK5mXyL/n+DeOXKfVhHbX2a+V0cm7CCLUkBh+BvZRmpmOVTmU/5awfVhVxMKXMiPOPbc+A6/n3FVroyRwupMki6mWoM6UwaGID5gsVPqFjFNSgMwtbhjo97XVKhgjFW+wOVt8QoAcrEtnwEfsnQk1EIr/0XIP1mqTsrqTsmjZ2vLk+fFzTGYAxMvYZI+BrN47aoH2ywS7CpnODjCDXJuDYSPbc3PA8t0ghU/60m9R+s6AZPuljVQbGfxPrahEu4GVc6sMJNU1JxmQDJkdhMARObB4Umzj7E3Rdby/ZWx/clTYiXQR1X1VfhQ==</pre>	
Step 3	<p>exit</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#</pre>	Exits Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 4	<p>show user-account</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v# show user-account user:admin this user account has no expiry date roles:network-admin user:user1 this user account has no expiry date roles:network-operator ssh public key: ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEAYKcb7Nv9Ki100Id9/tDHhA/ngQujlvK5mXyL/n+DeOXKfVhHbX2a+V0cm7CCLUkBh+BvZRmpmOVTmU/5awfVhVxMKXMiPOPbc+A6/n3FVroyRwupMki6mWoM6UwaGID5gsVPqFjFNSgMwtbhjo97XVKhgjFW+wOVt8QoAcrEtnwEfsnQk1EIr/0XIP1mqTsrqTsmjZ2vLk+fFzTGYAxMvYZI+BrN47aoH2ywS7CpnODjCDXJuDYSPbc3PA8t0ghU/60m9R+s6AZPuljVQbGfxPrahEu4GVc6sMJNU1JxmQDJkdhMARObB4Umzj7E3Rdby/ZWx/clTYiXQR1X1VfhQ==</pre>	(Optional) Displays the user account configuration.
Step 5	<p>copy running-config startup-config</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring IETF or PEM Keys

Use this procedure to specify the SSH public keys in IETF SECSH or PEM format for user accounts.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already generated an SSH public key in one of the following formats:
 - IETF SECSH format
 - Public Key Certificate in PEM format

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **copy** *server-file* **bootflash:***filename*
2. **config t**
3. **username** *username* **sshkey file bootflash:***filename*
4. **exit**

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5. `show user-account`
6. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>copy server-file bootflash:filename</code> Example: n1000v# <code>copy tftp://10.78.1.10/secsh_file.pub bootflash:secsh_file.pub vrf management</code> Trying to connect to tftp server..... Connection to server Established. TFTP get operation was successful n1000v#	Downloads the file containing the SSH key from a server. The server can be FTP, secure copy (SCP), secure FTP (SFTP), or TFTP.
Step 2	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# <code>config t</code> n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 3	<code>username username sshkey file bootflash:filename</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>username User1 sshkey file bootflash:secsh_file.pub</code>	Configures the SSH public key.
Step 4	<code>exit</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>exit</code> n1000v#	Exits Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 5	<code>show user-account</code> Example: n1000v# <code>show user-account</code> user:admin this user account has no expiry date roles:network-admin user:user2 this user account has no expiry date roles:network-operator ssh public key: ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEAyKcb7Nv9Kil00Id9/tDHHa/ngQujlvK5mXyL/n+DeOXXKfVhHbX2a+V0cm7CC LUkBh+BvZRmpmOVTmU/5awfVhVxMKXMiPOPbc+A6/n3FVroyRwupMki6 mWoM6UwaGID5gsVPqFjFNSgMWtbhjo97XVKhgjFW+wOVt8QoAcrEtnwEfsnQk1EIr/0XIP1mqTsrqTsmjZ2vLk+f FzTGYAxMvYZI+BrN47aoH2ywS7CpnODjCDXJuDYSPbc3PA8t0ghU/60m9R+s6AZPuljVQbGfxPrahEu4GVc6sMJN U1JxmQDJkodhMARObB4Umzj7E3Rdby/ZWx/clTYiXQR1X1VfhQ==	(Optional) Displays the user account configuration.
Step 6	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

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Starting SSH Sessions

Use this procedure to start SSH sessions using IP to connect to remote devices.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have already obtained the hostname and, if needed, the username, for the remote device.
- The SSH server is already enabled on the remote device.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `ssh [username@]{hostname | username@hostname} [vrf vrf-name]`
`ssh6 [username@]{hostname | username@hostname} [vrf vrf-name]`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>ssh [root@]{ip address hostname} [vrf vrf-name]</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v(config)# ssh root@172.28.30.77 root@172.28.30.77's password: Last login: Sat Jul 26 11:07:23 2008 from 171.70.209.64</pre>	Creates an SSH IP session to a remote device using IP. The default VRF is the default VRF.

Clearing SSH Hosts

Use this procedure to clear from your account the list of trusted SSH servers that were added when you downloaded a file from a server using SCP or SFTP, or when you started an SSH session to a remote host.

BSUMMARY STEPS

1. `clear ssh hosts`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>clear ssh hosts</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v# clear ssh hosts</pre>	Clears the SSH host sessions.

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Disabling the SSH Server

Use this procedure to disable the SSH server to prevent SSH access to the switch. By default, the SSH server is enabled.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- If you disable SSH, to enable it again you must first generate an SSH server key.
See the “[Generating SSH Server Keys](#)” procedure on page 7-3.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **no ssh server enable**
3. **exit**
4. **show ssh server**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	no ssh server enable Example: n1000v(config)# no ssh server enable XML interface to system may become unavailable since ssh is disabled n1000v#	Disables the SSH server. The default is enabled.
Step 3	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 4	show ssh server Example: n1000v# show ssh server ssh is not enabled n1000v#	(Optional) Displays the SSH server configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Deleting SSH Server Keys

Use this procedure to delete SSH server keys after you disable the SSH server.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- If you disable SSH, to enable it again you must first generate an SSH server key.
See the “[Generating SSH Server Keys](#)” procedure on page 7-3.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **no ssh server enable**
3. **no ssh key [dsa | rsa]**
4. **exit**
5. **show ssh key**
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you in the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	no ssh server enable Example: n1000v(config)# no ssh server enable	Disables the SSH server.
Step 3	no ssh key [dsa rsa] Example: n1000v(config)# no ssh key rsa	Deletes the SSH server key. The default is to delete all the SSH keys.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 4	exit Example: n1000v(config)# exit n1000v#	Exits Global Configuration mode and returns you to EXEC mode.
Step 5	show ssh key Example: n1000v# show ssh key	(Optional) Displays the SSH server key configuration.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Example:

```
n1000v# config t
n1000v(config)# no ssh server enable
n1000v(config)# no ssh key rsa
n1000v(config)# exit
n1000v# show ssh key
*****
rsa Keys generated:Sun Jul 27 15:18:46 2008

ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEAyKcb7Nv9Ki100Id9/tDHha/ngQujlvK5mXyL/n+DeOXX
fVhHbX2a+V0cm7CCLUkBh+BvZRmpmOVtmU/5awfVhVxMKXMiPOPbc+A6/n3FVroyRwupMki6mWoM6Uwa
GID5gsVPqFjFNSgmWtbhjo97XVKhgjFW+wOVt8QoAcrEtnwEfsnQk1EIr/0XIP1mqTsrqTsmjZ2vLk+f
FzTGYAxMvYZI+BrN47aoH2ywS7CpnODjCDXJuDYSpb3PA8t0ghU/60m9R+s6AZPuljVQbGfxPrahEu4
Gvc6sMJNU1JxmQDJk0dhMARObB4Umzj7E3Rdby/ZWx/clTYiXQR1X1VfhQ==

bitcount:2048
fingerprint:
fd:ca:48:73:b9:ee:e7:86:9e:1e:40:46:f1:50:1d:44
*****
dsa Keys generated:Sun Jul 27 15:20:12 2008

ssh-dss AAAAB3NzaC1kc3MAAACBALpdxLjXNS/jcCNY+F1QZV9HegxBEB0DMUm9bSg2N+KAcvH1lEh
GnaiHhgarOlcEKqhlBibuqtKTCvfa+YlhBIAhWVjglUR3/M22jqxnfhnxL5YRc1Q7fcesFax0myayAIU
nXrk05iww9XHTu+EIInRc4kJOXrG9SxtLmDe/fi2ZAAAFQDbRabAjZa6GfDpwjXw5smRhrElJwAAIEA
r50yi3hHawNnb5ggYLXhN+KA8XJF753eCWhTmW7NR8fz6fjQ1R2J97UjjGuQ8DvwpGeNQ5S+AuIo0rGq
svdg7TTecBcbgB0nr7Fs2+W5HiSVEgbvj1xaeK8fkNE6kaJumBB343b8Rgj0G97MP/os1GfkeqmX9glB
0IOM2mgHHyoAAACAFRir27hHy+fw8Cxp1sK0R6cPhxYyd/qYYogXFKYIOPxpLoYrjqOdeOFThU7TJuBz
aS97eXiruzbfbHwzUGfXgmQT5o9IMZRTClWPA/5Ju4O9YABYHccUghf0W+QtgGOT6FOSvBh8uOV0kcHC
GMJAP8omphauZJlc+wgFxnkyh4=

bitcount:1024
fingerprint:
44:91:32:1f:7a:d1:83:3c:f3:5e:db:53:0a:2d:ce:69
*****
mcs-srvr43(config)# no ssh key rsa
mcs-srvr43(config)# show ssh key
*****
could not retrieve rsa key information
*****
dsa Keys generated:Sun Jul 27 15:20:12 2008

ssh-dss AAAAB3NzaC1kc3MAAACBALpdxLjXNS/jcCNY+F1QZV9HegxBEB0DMUm9bSg2N+KAcvH1lEh
GnaiHhgarOlcEKqhlBibuqtKTCvfa+YlhBIAhWVjglUR3/M22jqxnfhnxL5YRc1Q7fcesFax0myayAIU
nXrk05iww9XHTu+EIInRc4kJOXrG9SxtLmDe/fi2ZAAAFQDbRabAjZa6GfDpwjXw5smRhrElJwAAIEA
r50yi3hHawNnb5ggYLXhN+KA8XJF753eCWhTmW7NR8fz6fjQ1R2J97UjjGuQ8DvwpGeNQ5S+AuIo0rGq
```

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```
svdg7TTecBcbgBOnR7Fs2+W5HiSVEGbvj1xaeK8fkNE6kaJumBB343b8Rgj0G97MP/os1GfkEqmX9glB
0IOM2mgHHyoAAACafrir27hHy+fw8CxPlsK0R6cFhxYyd/qYYogXFKYIOPxpLoYrjq0DeOfThU7TJuBz
aS97eXiruzbffHwzUGfXgmQT5o9IMZRTClWPA/5Ju409YABYHccUghf0W+QtgGOT6FOSvBh8uOV0kcHC
GMJAP8omphauZJlc+wgFxnkyh4=
```

```
bitcount:1024
fingerprint:
44:91:32:1f:7a:d1:83:3c:f3:5e:db:53:0a:2d:ce:69
*****
mcs-srvr43(config)# no ssh key dsa
mcs-srvr43(config)# show ssh key
*****
could not retrieve rsa key information
*****
could not retrieve dsa key information
*****
no ssh keys present. you will have to generate them
*****
n1000v#
```

Clearing SSH Sessions

Use this procedure to clear SSH sessions from the device.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

- show users
- clear line *vtty-line*
- show users

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>show users</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# show users</p>	Displays user session information.
Step 2	<pre>clear line vty-line</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# clear line 0</p>	Clears a user SSH session.
Step 3	<pre>show users</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# show users</p>	Displays user session information.

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```

Example:
n1000v# show users
NAME      LINE      TIME      IDLE      PID COMMENT
admin     tty1      Jul 25 19:13  old      2867
admin     pts/0     Jul 28 09:49  00:02    28556 (10.21.148.122)
admin     pts/1     Jul 28 09:46  .        28437 (::ffff:10.21.148.122)*
n1000v# clear line 0
n1000v# show users
NAME      LINE      TIME      IDLE      PID COMMENT
admin     tty1      Jul 25 19:13  old      2867
admin     pts/1     Jul 28 09:46  .        28437 (::ffff:10.21.148.122)*
mcs-srvr43(config)#

```

Verifying the SSH Configuration

To display the SSH configuration information, use one of the following commands:

Command	Purpose
<code>show ssh key [dsa rsa]</code>	Displays SSH server key-pair information.
<code>show running-config security [all]</code>	Displays the SSH and user account configuration in the running configuration. The all keyword displays the default values for the SSH and user accounts.
<code>show ssh server</code>	Displays the SSH server configuration.

```

Example:
n1000v# show ssh key rsa
*****
rsa Keys generated:Mon Jul 28 09:49:18 2008

ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAGEAv0a4p6VulQMW4AMgoPfApB2KegF3QTojCzed51iVQnEkNglnM7A/oEIZAt1VLVY
k/PEzt+ED71Pa1/8pomaqjgRxHSeK2gw1cJKSDBCyH5na8uox1Hr50eK0q2+ZfvMqV

bitcount:768
fingerprint:
76:6c:a0:5c:79:a6:ae:3d:cb:27:a1:86:62:fa:09:df
*****

```

SSH Example Configuration

To configure SSH with an OpenSSH key, follow these steps:

-
- Step 1** Disable the SSH server.
- ```

n1000v# config t
n1000v(config)# no ssh server enable

```
- Step 2** Generate an SSH server key.
- ```

n1000v(config)# ssh key rsa
generating rsa key(1024 bits).....
.generated rsa key

```

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Step 3 Enable the SSH server.

```
n1000v(config)# ssh server enable
```

Step 4 Display the SSH server key.

```
n1000v(config)# show ssh key
rsa Keys generated:Sat Sep 29 00:10:39 2007
```

```
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAIEAvWhEBSF55oaPHNDBnpXOTw6+/OdHoLJZKr+MZm99n2U0
ChzZG4svRWmHuJY4PeDWl0e5yE3g3EO3pJDmt923siNiv5aSga60K361r39HmXL6VgpRVn1XQFiBwn4
na+H1d3Q0hDt+uWEA0tka2uOtXlDhliEmn4HVXOjGhFhoNE=
```

```
bitcount:1024
fingerprint:
51:6d:de:1c:c3:29:50:88:df:cc:95:f0:15:5d:9a:df
*****
could not retrieve dsa key information
*****
```

Step 5 Specify the SSH public key in OpenSSH format.

```
n1000v(config)# username User1 sshkey ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAIEAy19oF6QaZl9G+3f1XswK30iW4H7YyUyuA50rv7gsEPjhOBYmsi6PAVKui1nIf/
DQhum+1JNqJP/eLowb7ubO+1VKRXYF/G+1JNIQW3g9igG30c6k6+XVn+NjnI1B7ihvpVh7dLddMOXwOnXHYshXmsiH
3UD/vKyziEh5S4Tplx8=
```

Step 6 Save the configuration.

```
n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config
```

Example:

```
n1000v# config t
n1000v(config)# no ssh server enable
n1000v(config)# ssh key rsa
generating rsa key(1024 bits)....
n1000v(config)# ssh server enable
n1000v(config)# show ssh key
rsa Keys generated:Sat Sep 29 00:10:39 2007
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAIEAvWhEBSF55oaPHNDBnpXOTw6+/OdHoLJZKr+MZm99n2U0
ChzZG4svRWmHuJY4PeDWl0e5yE3g3EO3pJDmt923siNiv5aSga60K361r39HmXL6VgpRVn1XQFiBwn4
na+H1d3Q0hDt+uWEA0tka2uOtXlDhliEmn4HVXOjGhFhoNE=
bitcount:1024
fingerprint:
51:6d:de:1c:c3:29:50:88:df:cc:95:f0:15:5d:9a:df
*****
could not retrieve dsa key information
*****

n1000v(config)# username User1 sshkey ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAIEAy19oF6QaZl9G+3f1XswK30iW4H7YyUyuA50rv7gsEPjhOBYmsi6PAVKui1nIf/
DQhum+1JNqJP/eLowb7ubO+1VKRXYF/G+1JNIQW3g9igG30c6k6+XVn+NjnI1B7ihvpVh7dLddMOXwOnXHYshXmsiH
3UD/vKyziEh5S4Tplx8=
n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config
[#####] 100%
n1000v(config)#
```

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Default Settings

The following table lists the default settings for SSH.

Parameters	Default
SSH server	Enabled.
SSH server key	RSA key generated with 1024 bits.
RSA key bits for generation	1024.

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing RBAC, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 7-15](#)
- [Standards, page 7-15](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
CLI	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>
Telnet	Chapter 8, “Configuring Telnet”

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

Feature History for SSH

This section provides the SSH release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
SSH	4.0	This feature was introduced.

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CHAPTER 8

Configuring Telnet

This chapter describes how to configure Telnet and includes the following topics:

- [Information About the Telnet Server, page 8-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for Telnet, page 8-1](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 8-2](#)
- [Configuring Telnet, page 8-2](#)
- [Verifying the Telnet Configuration, page 8-5](#)
- [Default Setting, page 8-5](#)
- [Additional References, page 8-5](#)
- [Feature History for Telnet, page 8-6](#)

Information About the Telnet Server

The Telnet protocol enables you to set up TCP/IP connections to a host. Telnet allows a person at one site to establish a TCP connection to a login server at another site and then passes the keystrokes from one device to the other. Telnet can accept either an IP address or a domain name as the remote device address.



Note

The Telnet server is enabled by default.

Prerequisites for Telnet

Telnet has the following prerequisites:

- You have configured IP on a Layer 3 interface, out-of-band on the mgmt 0 interface, or inband on an Ethernet interface.

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Guidelines and Limitations

- By default, the Telnet server is enabled.

**Note**

Be aware that the Cisco NX-OS commands might differ from the Cisco IOS commands.

Configuring Telnet

This section includes the following topics:

- [Enabling the Telnet Server, page 8-2](#)
- [Starting an IP Telnet Session to a Remote Device, page 8-3](#)
- [Clearing Telnet Sessions, page 8-4](#)

Enabling the Telnet Server

Use this procedure to enable the Telnet server. The Telnet server is enabled by default, but you can use this procedure to re-enable it if necessary.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, the Telnet server is enabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `telnet server enable`
3. `exit`
4. `show telnet server`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	telnet server enable Example: n1000v(config)# telnet server enable n1000v(config)#	Enables the Telnet server.
Step 3	show telnet server Example: n1000v(config)# show telnet server telnet service enabled n1000v(config)#	(Optional) Displays the Telnet server configuration.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies these changes made in the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Starting an IP Telnet Session to a Remote Device

Use this procedure to start a Telnet session to a remote device.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following.

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You have verified that the Telnet server is enabled on the remote device.
- You have already obtained the hostname for the remote device and, if needed, the username on the remote device.
- You have already verified that the Telnet server is enabled. If not you have enabled it using the [“Enabling the Telnet Server” procedure on page 8-2](#). By default, the Telnet server is enabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **telnet** { *ip address | hostname* } [*port-number*] [**vrf** *vrf-name*]

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>telnet {ip address host-name} [port-number] [vrf vrf-name]</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# telnet 10.10.1.1</p>	<p>Creates an IP Telnet session to the specified destination.</p> <p>port-number: The port number, from 1 to 65535, to use for this session. The default port number is 23.</p> <p>vrf-name: The default VRF is the default VRF.</p>

Clearing Telnet Sessions

Use this procedure to clear Telnet sessions.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following.

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

- show users
- clear line *vtty-line*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>show users</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# show users</p>	Displays user session information.
Step 2	<pre>clear line vty-line</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# clear line 1</p>	Clears a user Telnet session.
Step 3	<pre>show users</pre> <p>Example: n1000v# show users</p>	Displays user session information.

Example:

```
n1000v# show users
NAME      LINE      TIME          IDLE          PID COMMENT
admin     tty1      Jul 25 19:13  old          2867
admin     pts/1     Jul 28 14:04  .            31453 (::ffff:171.70.209.8)
admin     pts/2     Jul 28 14:04  .            31475 (171.70.209.8)*
n1000v# clear line 1
n1000v# show users
NAME      LINE      TIME          IDLE          PID COMMENT
admin     tty1      Jul 25 19:13  old          2867
admin     pts/2     Jul 28 14:04  .            31475 (171.70.209.8)*
n1000v#
```

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Verifying the Telnet Configuration

To display the Telnet configuration information, use one of the following commands:

Command	Purpose
<code>show running-config security [all]</code>	Displays the user account configuration in the running configuration. The all keyword displays the default values for the user accounts.
<code>show telnet server</code>	Displays the telnet server configuration.
<code>show hosts</code>	Displays the configuration details for current hosts.
<code>show tcp connection</code>	Displays connection information.

Example:

```
n1000v# show running-config security all
version 4.0(1)
username admin password 5 $1$xMw2Q/1S$ZEWrvyAxAJAFV0weuSPvg1 role network-admin
username user2 password 5 $1$byNNnnSP$xfXVKje5UEScvriwX3Kyj0 role network-operator
username user2 sshkey ssh-rsa
AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEAYKcb7Nv9Ki100Id9/tDHHa/ngQujlvK5mXyL/n+DeOXXfVhHbX2a+V0cm7CCLU
kBh+BvZRmpmOVTmU/5awfVhVxMKXMiPOPbc+A6/n3FVroyRwupMki6mW
oM6UwaGID5gsVPqFjFNSgMwtbhjo97XVKhgjFW+wOVt8QoAcrEtnwEfsnQk1EIr/0XIP1mqTsrqTsmjZ2vLk+fFzTG
YAxMvYZI+BrN47aoh2yws7CpnODjCDXJuDYSPbc3PA8t0ghU/60m9R+s6AZPuljVQbGfxPrahEu4GVc6sMJNU1
JxmQDJkdhMArObB4Umzj7E3Rdby/ZWx/clTYiXQR1X1VfhQ==
telnet server enable

banner motd # User Access Verification #

ssh key rsa 1024 force
no ssh key dsa force
ssh server enable
```

Default Setting

The following table lists the default setting for Telnet.

Parameters	Default
Telnet server	Disabled.

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing Telnet, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 8-6](#)
- [Standards, page 8-6](#)

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Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
SSH	Chapter 7, “Configuring SSH”
CLI	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Getting Started Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

Feature History for Telnet

This section provides the Telnet release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Telnet	4.0	This feature was introduced.



CHAPTER 9

Configuring an IP ACL

This chapter describes how to configure IP access control lists (ACLs).

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About ACLs, page 9-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for IP ACLs, page 9-5](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 9-5](#)
- [Configuring IP ACLs, page 9-5](#)
- [Verifying IP ACL Configurations, page 9-11](#)
- [Displaying and Clearing IP ACL Statistics, page 9-12](#)
- [Example Configuration for IP ACLs, page 9-12](#)
- [Default Settings, page 9-12](#)
- [Additional References, page 9-13](#)
- [Feature History for IP ACL, page 9-13](#)

Information About ACLs

An ACL is an ordered set of rules for filtering traffic. When the device determines that an ACL applies to a packet, it tests the packet against the rules. The first matching rule determines whether the packet is permitted or denied. If there is no match, the device applies a default rule. The device processes packets that are permitted and drops packets that are denied. For more information, see the [“Implicit Rules” section on page 9-3](#).

You can use ACLs to protect networks and specific hosts from unnecessary or unwanted traffic. For example, you could use ACLs to disallow HTTP traffic from a high-security network to the Internet. You could also use ACLs to allow HTTP traffic but only to specific sites, using the IP address of the site to identify it in an IP ACL.

This section includes the following topics:

- [ACL Types and Applications, page 9-2](#)
- [Order of ACL Application, page 9-2](#)
- [About Rules, page 9-2](#)
- [Statistics, page 9-4](#)

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ACL Types and Applications

When a port ACL is applied to a trunk port, the ACL filters traffic on all VLANs on the trunk port.

The following types of port ACLs are supported for filtering Layer 2 traffic:

- IP ACLs—The device applies IPv4 ACLs only to IP traffic.
- MAC ACLs—The device applies MAC ACLs only to non-IP traffic.

Order of ACL Application

ACLs are applied in the following order:

1. Incoming Port ACL
2. Outgoing Port ACL

About Rules

Rules are what you create, modify, and remove when you configure how an ACL filters network traffic. Rules appear in the running configuration. When you apply an ACL to an interface or change a rule within an ACL that is already applied to an interface, the supervisor module creates ACL entries from the rules in the running configuration and sends those ACL entries to the applicable I/O module.

You can create rules in ACLs in access-list configuration mode by using the **permit** or **deny** command. The device allows traffic that matches the criteria in a permit rule and blocks traffic that matches the criteria in a deny rule. You have many options for configuring the criteria that traffic must meet in order to match the rule.

This section describes some of the options that you can use when you configure a rule. For information about every option, see the applicable **permit** and **deny** commands in the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Source and Destination, page 9-2](#)
- [Protocols, page 9-3](#)
- [Implicit Rules, page 9-3](#)
- [Additional Filtering Options, page 9-3](#)
- [Sequence Numbers, page 9-4](#)
- [Statistics, page 9-4](#)
- [Statistics, page 9-4](#)

Source and Destination

In each rule, you specify the source and the destination of the traffic that matches the rule. You can specify both the source and destination as a specific host, a network or group of hosts, or any host. How you specify the source and destination depends on whether you are configuring IP or MAC ACLs. For information about specifying source and destination, see the applicable **permit** and **deny** commands in the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

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Protocols

IP and MAC ACLs let you to identify traffic by protocol. You can specify some protocols by name. For example, in an IP ACL, you can specify ICMP by name.

You can specify any protocol by number. In MAC ACLs, you can specify protocols by the Ethertype number of the protocol, which is a hexadecimal number. For example, you can use 0x0800 to specify IP traffic in a MAC ACL rule.

In IP ACLs, you can specify protocols by the integer that represents the Internet protocol number. For example, you can use 115 to specify Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol (L2TP) traffic.

For a list of the protocols that each type of ACL supports by name, see the applicable **permit** and **deny** commands in the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Implicit Rules

IP and MAC ACLs have implicit rules, which means that although these rules do not appear in the running configuration, the device applies them to traffic when no other rules in an ACL match. When you configure the device to maintain per-rule statistics for an ACL, the device does not maintain statistics for implicit rules.

All IP ACLs include the following implicit rule that denies unmatched IP traffic:

```
deny ip any any
```

All MAC ACLs include the following implicit rule:

```
deny any any
```

This implicit rule ensures that unmatched traffic is denied, regardless of the protocol specified in the Layer 2 header of the traffic.

Additional Filtering Options

You can identify traffic by using additional options. These options differ by ACL type. The following list includes most but not all additional filtering options:

- IP ACLs support the following additional filtering options:
 - Layer 4 protocol
 - TCP and UDP ports
 - ICMP types and codes
 - IGMP types
 - Precedence level
 - Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) value
 - TCP packets with the ACK, FIN, PSH, RST, SYN, or URG bit set
- MAC ACLs support the following additional filtering options:
 - Layer 3 protocol
 - VLAN ID
 - Class of Service (CoS)

For information about all filtering options available in rules, see the applicable **permit** and **deny** commands in the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

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Sequence Numbers

The device supports sequence numbers for rules. Every rule that you enter receives a sequence number, either assigned by you or assigned automatically by the device. Sequence numbers simplify the following ACL tasks:

- Adding new rules between existing rules—By specifying the sequence number, you specify where in the ACL a new rule should be positioned. For example, if you need to insert a rule between rules numbered 100 and 110, you could assign a sequence number of 105 to the new rule.
- Removing a rule—Without using a sequence number, removing a rule requires that you enter the whole rule, as follows:

```
n1000v(config-acl)# no permit tcp 10.0.0.0/8 any
```

However, if the same rule had a sequence number of 101, removing the rule requires only the following command:

```
n1000v(config-acl)# no 101
```

- Moving a rule—With sequence numbers, if you need to move a rule to a different position within an ACL, you can add a second instance of the rule using the sequence number that positions it correctly, and then you can remove the original instance of the rule. This action allows you to move the rule without disrupting traffic.

If you enter a rule without a sequence number, the device adds the rule to the end of the ACL and assigns a sequence number that is 10 greater than the sequence number of the preceding rule to the rule. For example, if the last rule in an ACL has a sequence number of 225 and you add a rule without a sequence number, the device assigns the sequence number 235 to the new rule.

In addition, you can reassign sequence numbers to rules in an ACL. Resequencing is useful when an ACL has rules numbered contiguously, such as 100 and 101, and you need to insert one or more rules between those rules.

Statistics

The device can maintain global statistics for each rule that you configure in IPv4 and MAC ACLs. If an ACL is applied to multiple interfaces, the maintained rule statistics are the sum of packet matches (hits) on all the interfaces on which that ACL is applied.



Note

The device does not support interface-level ACL statistics.

For each ACL that you configure, you can specify whether the device maintains statistics for that ACL, which allows you to turn ACL statistics on or off as needed to monitor traffic filtered by an ACL or to help troubleshoot the configuration of an ACL.

The device does not maintain statistics for implicit rules in an ACL. For example, the device does not maintain a count of packets that match the implicit **deny ip any any** rule at the end of all IPv4 ACLs. If you want to maintain statistics for implicit rules, you must explicitly configure the ACL with rules that are identical to the implicit rules. For more information, see the [“Implicit Rules” section on page 9-3](#).

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Prerequisites for IP ACLs

IP ACLs have the following prerequisites:

- You must be familiar with IP addressing and protocols to configure IP ACLs.
- You must be familiar with the interface types that you want to configure with ACLs.

Guidelines and Limitations

IP ACLs have the following configuration guidelines and limitations:

- In most cases, ACL processing for IP packets are processed on the I/O modules. Management interface traffic is always processed on the supervisor module, which is slower.

Configuring IP ACLs

This section includes the following topics:

- [Creating an IP ACL, page 9-5](#)
- [Changing an IP ACL, page 9-6](#)
- [Removing an IP ACL, page 9-8](#)
- [Changing Sequence Numbers in an IP ACL, page 9-9](#)
- [Applying an IP ACL as a Port ACL, page 9-10](#)

Creating an IP ACL

You can create an IPv4 ACL on the device and add rules to it.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **ip access-list *name***
3. **[*sequence-number*] {permit | deny} protocol source destination**
4. **statistics per-entry**
5. **show ip access-lists *name***
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	ip access-list name Example: n1000v(config)# ip access-list acl-01 n1000v(config-acl)#	Creates the IP ACL and enters IP ACL configuration mode. The <i>name</i> argument can be up to 64 characters.
Step 3	<i>[sequence-number] {permit deny} protocol source destination</i> Example: n1000v(config-acl)# permit ip 192.168.2.0/24 any	Creates a rule in the IP ACL. You can create many rules. The <i>sequence-number</i> argument can be a whole number between 1 and 4294967295. The permit and deny commands support many ways of identifying traffic. For more information, see the <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i> .
Step 4	statistics per-entry Example: n1000v(config-acl)# statistics per-entry	(Optional) Specifies that the device maintains global statistics for packets that match the rules in the ACL.
Step 5	show ip access-lists name Example: n1000v(config-acl)# show ip access-lists acl-01	(Optional) Displays the IP ACL configuration.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-acl)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Changing an IP ACL

You can add and remove rules in an existing IPv4 ACL. You cannot change existing rules. Instead, to change a rule, you can remove it and recreate it with the desired changes.

If you need to add more rules between existing rules than the current sequence numbering allows, you can use the **resequence** command to reassign sequence numbers. For more information, see the [“Changing Sequence Numbers in an IP ACL”](#) section on page 9-9.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `ip access-list name`
3. `[sequence-number] {permit | deny} protocol source destination`
4. `no {sequence-number | {permit | deny} protocol source destination}`
5. `[no] statistics per-entry`
6. `show ip access-list name`
7. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>ip access-list name</code> Example: n1000v(config)# ip access-list acl-01 n1000v(config-acl)#	Places you into IP ACL configuration mode for the specified ACL.
Step 3	<code>[sequence-number] {permit deny} protocol source destination</code> Example: n1000v(config-acl)# 100 permit ip 192.168.2.0/24 any	(Optional) Creates a rule in the IP ACL. Using a sequence number allows you to specify a position for the rule in the ACL. Without a sequence number, the rule is added to the end of the rules. The <i>sequence-number</i> argument can be a whole number between 1 and 4294967295. The permit and deny commands support many ways of identifying traffic. For more information, see the <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i> .
Step 4	<code>no {sequence-number {permit deny} protocol source destination}</code> Example: n1000v(config-acl)# no 80	(Optional) Removes the rule that you specified from the IP ACL. The permit and deny commands support many ways of identifying traffic. For more information, see the <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i> .
Step 5	<code>[no] statistics per-entry</code> Example: n1000v(config-acl)# statistics per-entry	(Optional) Specifies that the device maintains global statistics for packets that match the rules in the ACL. The no option stops the device from maintaining global statistics for the ACL.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 6	show ip access-lists <i>name</i> Example: n1000v(config-acl)# show ip access-lists acl-01	(Optional) Displays the IP ACL configuration.
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-acl)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Removing an IP ACL

You can remove an IP ACL from the device.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Make sure that you know whether the ACL is applied to an interface.
- Removing an ACL does not affect the configuration of the interfaces where applied. Instead, the device considers the removed ACL to be empty.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **no ip access-list** *name*
3. **show ip access-list** *name* **summary**
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	no ip access-list name Example: n1000v(config)# no ip access-list acl-01	Removes the IP ACL that you specified by name from the running configuration.
Step 3	show ip access-list name summary Example: n1000v(config)# show ip access-lists acl-01 summary	(Optional) Displays the IP ACL configuration. If the ACL remains applied to an interface, the command lists the interfaces.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Changing Sequence Numbers in an IP ACL

You can change all the sequence numbers assigned to the rules in an IP ACL.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

- config t**
- resequence ip access-list name starting-sequence-number increment**
- show ip access-lists name**
- copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	resequence ip access-list name <i>starting-sequence-number increment</i> Example: n1000v(config)# resequence access-list ip acl-01 100 10	Assigns sequence numbers to the rules contained in the ACL, where the first rule receives the starting sequence number that you specify. Each subsequent rule receives a number larger than the preceding rule. The difference in numbers is determined by the increment that you specify. The <i>starting-sequence-number</i> argument and the <i>increment</i> argument can be a whole number between 1 and 4294967295.
Step 3	show ip access-lists name Example: n1000v(config)# show ip access-lists acl-01	(Optional) Displays the IP ACL configuration.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Applying an IP ACL as a Port ACL

Use this procedure to configure a port ACL by applying an IPv4 or ACL to a Layer 2 interface physical port.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You can apply one port ACL to an interface.
- Make sure that the ACL you want to apply exists and that it is configured to filter traffic in the manner that you need for this application. For more information, see the [“Creating an IP ACL” section on page 9-5](#) or the [“Changing an IP ACL” section on page 9-6](#).
- An IP ACL can also be configured in a port profile. For more information, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Port Profile Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface vethernet port**

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3. `ip port access-group access-list [in | out]`
4. `show running-config aclmgr`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>interface vethernet port</code> Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 40 n1000v(config-if)#	Places you into Interface Configuration mode for the specified vEthernet interface.
Step 3	<code>ip port access-group access-list [in out]</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# ip port access-group acl-12-marketing-group in	Applies an inbound or outbound IPv4 ACL to the interface. You can apply one port ACL to an interface.
Step 4	<code>show running-config aclmgr</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config aclmgr	(Optional) Displays the ACL configuration.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Verifying IP ACL Configurations

To display IP ACL configuration information, use the following commands:

Command	Purpose
<code>show running-config aclmgr</code>	Displays the ACL configuration, including IP ACL configuration and interfaces that IP ACLs are applied to.
<code>show ip access-lists</code>	Displays the IPv4 ACL configuration.
<code>show running-config interface</code>	Displays the configuration of an interface to which you have applied an ACL.

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For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Displaying and Clearing IP ACL Statistics

To display or clear IP ACL statistics, use one of the following commands:

Command	Purpose
<code>show ip access-lists</code>	Displays IPv4 ACL configuration. If the IPv4 ACL includes the statistics per-entry command, then the <code>show ip access-lists</code> command output includes the number of packets that have matched each rule.
<code>clear ip access-list counters</code>	Clears statistics for all IPv4 ACLs or for a specific IPv4 ACL.

For detailed information about these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Example Configuration for IP ACLs

The following example shows how to create an IPv4 ACL named `acl-01` and apply it as a port ACL to vEthernet interface 40:

```
ip access-list acl-01
  permit ip 192.168.2.0/24 any
interface vethernet 40
ip port access-group acl-01 in
```

Default Settings

[Table 9-1](#) lists the default settings for IP ACL parameters.

Table 9-1 Default IP ACL Parameters

Parameters	Default
IP ACLs	No IP ACLs exist by default
ACL rules	Implicit rules apply to all ACLs (see the “Implicit Rules” section on page 9-3)

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Additional References

For additional information related to implementing IP ACLs, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 9-13](#)
- [Standards, page 9-13](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Concepts about MAC ACLs	<i>Information About MAC ACLs, page 10-1</i>
Port Profiles	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Port Profile Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

Feature History for IP ACL

This section provides the IP ACL release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IP ACL	4.0	This feature was introduced.

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CHAPTER 10

Configuring a MAC ACL

This chapter describes how to configure MAC access lists (ACLs) on NX-OS devices.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About MAC ACLs, page 10-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for MAC ACLs, page 10-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for MAC ACLs, page 10-1\](#)
- [Configuring MAC ACLs, page 10-1](#)
- [Verifying MAC ACL Configurations, page 10-7](#)
- [Displaying and Clearing MAC ACL Statistics, page 10-8](#)
- [Example Configuration for MAC ACLs, page 10-8](#)
- [Default Settings, page 10-9](#)
- [Additional References, page 10-9](#)
- [Feature History for MAC ACL, page 10-9](#)

Information About MAC ACLs

MAC ACLs are ACLs that filter traffic using information in the Layer 2 header of each packet.

Prerequisites for MAC ACLs

MAC ACLs have the following prerequisites:

- You are familiar with MAC addressing and non-IP protocols to configure MAC ACLs.
- You are familiar with the concepts in the [“Information About ACLs” section on page 9-1](#).

Configuring MAC ACLs

This section includes the following topics:

- [Creating a MAC ACL, page 10-2](#)
- [Changing a MAC ACL, page 10-3](#)

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- Removing a MAC ACL, page 10-4
- Changing Sequence Numbers in a MAC ACL, page 10-5
- Applying a MAC ACL as a Port ACL, page 10-6

Creating a MAC ACL

Use this procedure to create a MAC ACL and add rules to it.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **mac access-list *name***
3. **{permit | deny} *source destination protocol***
4. **statistics per-entry**
5. **show mac access-lists *name***
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	mac access-list <i>name</i> Example: n1000v(config)# mac access-list acl-mac-01 n1000v(config-mac-acl)#	Creates the MAC ACL and enters ACL configuration mode.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	<pre>{permit deny} source destination protocol</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-mac-acl)# permit 00c0.4f00.0000 0000.00ff.ffff any </p>	<p>Creates a rule in the MAC ACL.</p> <p>The permit and deny commands support many ways of identifying traffic. For more information, see the <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>.</p>
Step 4	<pre>statistics per-entry</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-mac-acl)# statistics per-entry </p>	<p>(Optional) Specifies that the device maintains global statistics for packets that match the rules in the ACL.</p>
Step 5	<pre>show mac access-lists name</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-mac-acl)# show mac access-lists acl-mac-01 </p>	<p>(Optional) Displays the MAC ACL configuration.</p>
Step 6	<pre>copy running-config startup-config</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-mac-acl)# copy running-config startup-config </p>	<p>(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.</p>

Changing a MAC ACL

Use this procedure to change an existing MAC ACL such as adding and removing rules.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- In an existing MAC ACL, you cannot change existing rules.
- In an existing MAC ACL, you can add and remove rules.
- Use the **resequence** command to reassign sequence numbers, such as when adding rules between existing sequence numbers.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **mac access-list name**
3. *[sequence-number] {permit | deny} source destination protocol*
4. **no {sequence-number | {permit | deny} source destination protocol}**
5. **[no] statistics per-entry**
6. **show mac access-lists name**
7. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	mac access-list name Example: n1000v(config)# mac access-list acl-mac-01 n1000v(config-mac-acl)#	Places you in ACL configuration mode for the ACL that you specify by name.
Step 3	<i>[sequence-number] {permit deny} source destination protocol</i> Example: n1000v(config-mac-acl)# 100 permit mac 00c0.4f00.00 0000.00ff.ffff any	(Optional) Creates a rule in the MAC ACL. Using a sequence number allows you to specify a position for the rule in the ACL. Without a sequence number, the rule is added to the end of the rules. The permit and deny commands support many ways of identifying traffic. For more information, see the <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i> .
Step 4	no {sequence-number {permit deny} source destination protocol} Example: n1000v(config-mac-acl)# no 80	(Optional) Removes the rule that you specify from the MAC ACL. The permit and deny commands support many ways of identifying traffic. For more information, see the <i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i> .
Step 5	[no] statistics per-entry Example: n1000v(config-mac-acl)# statistics per-entry	(Optional) Specifies that the device maintains global statistics for packets that match the rules in the ACL. The no option stops the device from maintaining global statistics for the ACL.
Step 6	show mac access-lists name Example: n1000v(config-mac-acl)# show mac access-lists acl-mac-01	(Optional) Displays the MAC ACL configuration.
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-mac-acl)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Removing a MAC ACL

Use this procedure to remove a MAC ACL.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Make sure that you know whether the ACL is applied to an interface.
- You can remove ACLs that are currently applied. Removing an ACL does not affect the configuration of interfaces where you have applied the ACL. Instead, removed ACLs are considered empty.
- To find the interfaces that a MAC ACL is configured on, use the **show mac access-lists** command with the **summary** keyword.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **no mac access-list** *name*
3. **show mac access-lists** *name* **summary**
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	no mac access-list <i>name</i> Example: n1000v(config)# no mac access-list acl-mac-01 n1000v(config)#	Removes the specified MAC ACL from the running configuration.
Step 3	show mac access-lists <i>name</i> summary Example: n1000v(config)# show mac access-lists acl-mac-01 summary	(Optional) Displays the MAC ACL configuration. If the ACL remains applied to an interface, the command lists the interfaces.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Changing Sequence Numbers in a MAC ACL

Use this procedure to change sequence numbers assigned to rules in a MAC ACL. Resequencing is useful when you need to insert rules into an ACL and there are not enough available sequence numbers. For more information, see the [“Changing Sequence Numbers in a MAC ACL”](#) section on page 10-5.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **resequence mac access-list *name* *starting-sequence-number* *increment***
3. **show mac access-lists *name***
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	resequence mac access-list <i>name</i> <i>starting-sequence-number</i> <i>increment</i> Example: n1000v(config)# resequence mac access-list acl-mac-01 100 10	Assigns sequence numbers to the rules contained in the ACL, where the first rule receives the number specified by the starting-sequence number that you specify. Each subsequent rule receives a number larger than the preceding rule. The difference in numbers is determined by the increment number that you specify.
Step 3	show mac access-lists <i>name</i> Example: n1000v(config)# show mac access-lists acl-mac-01	(Optional) Displays the MAC ACL configuration.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Applying a MAC ACL as a Port ACL

Use this procedure to apply a MAC ACL as a port ACL.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Make sure that the ACL that you want to apply exists and is configured to filter traffic in the manner that you need for this application. For more information about configuring MAC ACLs, see the [“Configuring MAC ACLs” section on page 10-1](#).

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- A MAC ACL can also be applied to a port using a port profile. For more information, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Port Profile Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `interface vethernet port`
3. `mac port access-group access-list [in | out]`
4. `show running-config aclmgr`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>interface vethernet port</code> Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 35 n1000v(config-if)#	Places you into Interface Configuration mode for the specified interface.
Step 3	<code>mac port access-group access-list [in out]</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# mac port access-group acl-01 in	Applies a MAC ACL to the interface.
Step 4	<code>show running-config aclmgr</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config aclmgr	(Optional) Displays ACL configuration.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Verifying MAC ACL Configurations

To display MAC ACL configuration information, use one of the following commands:

Command	Purpose
<code>show mac access-lists</code>	Displays the MAC ACL configuration

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Command	Purpose
<code>show running-config aclmgr</code>	Displays the ACL configuration, including MAC ACLs and the interfaces that ACLs are applied to.
<code>show running-config interface</code>	Displays the configuration of the interface to which you applied the ACL

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the *Cisco NX-OS Security Command Reference*.

Displaying and Clearing MAC ACL Statistics

Use the following commands to display or clear statistics about a MAC ACL, including the number of packets that have matched each rule.

Command	Purpose
<code>show mac access-lists</code>	Displays the MAC ACL configuration. If the MAC ACL includes the statistics per-entry command, the <code>show mac access-lists</code> command output includes the number of packets that have matched each rule.
<code>clear mac access-list counters</code>	Clears statistics for all MAC ACLs or for a specific MAC ACL.

For detailed information about these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Example Configuration for MAC ACLs

The following example shows how to create a MAC ACL named `acl-mac-01` and apply it to Ethernet interface `2/1`, which is a Layer 2 interface in this example:

```
mac access-list acl-mac-01
  permit 00c0.4f00.0000 0000.00ff.ffff any
interface vethernet 35
  mac port access-group acl-mac-01 in
```

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Default Settings

Table 10-1 lists the default settings for MAC ACL parameters.

Table 10-1 **Default MAC ACLs Parameters**

Parameters	Default
MAC ACLs	No MAC ACLs exist by default
ACL rules	Implicit rules apply to all ACLs (see the “ Implicit Rules ” section on page 9-3)

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing MAC ACLs, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 10-9](#)
- [Standards, page 10-9](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Concepts about ACLs	Information About ACLs, page 9-1

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

Feature History for MAC ACL

This section provides the MAC ACL release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
MAC ACL	4.0	This feature was introduced.

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CHAPTER 11

Configuring Port Security

This chapter describes how to configure port security and includes the following sections:

- [Information About Port Security, page 11-1](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 11-5](#)
- [Configuring Port Security, page 11-6](#)
- [Verifying the Port Security Configuration, page 11-16](#)
- [Displaying Secure MAC Addresses, page 11-16](#)
- [Example Configuration for Port Security, page 11-17](#)
- [Default Settings, page 11-17](#)
- [Additional References, page 11-17](#)
- [Feature History for Port Security, page 11-18](#)

Information About Port Security

Port security lets you configure Layer 2 interfaces permitting inbound traffic from a restricted, secured set of MAC addresses. Traffic from secured MAC addresses is not allowed on another interface within the same VLAN. The number of MAC addresses that can be secured is configured per interface.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Secure MAC Address Learning, page 11-1](#)
- [Dynamic Address Aging, page 11-2](#)
- [Secure MAC Address Maximums, page 11-3](#)
- [Security Violations and Actions, page 11-4](#)
- [Port Security and Port Types, page 11-5](#)

Secure MAC Address Learning

The process of securing a MAC address is called learning. The number of addresses that can be learned is restricted, as described in the [“Secure MAC Address Maximums” section on page 11-3](#). Address learning can be accomplished using the following methods on any interface where port security is enabled:

- [Static Method, page 11-2](#)

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- [Dynamic Method, page 11-2](#) (the default method)
- [Sticky Method, page 11-2](#)

Static Method

The static learning method lets you manually add or remove secure MAC addresses in the configuration of an interface.

A static secure MAC address entry remains in the configuration of an interface until you explicitly remove it. For more information, see the [“Removing a Static or a Sticky Secure MAC Address from an Interface” section on page 11-10](#).

Adding secure addresses by the static method is not affected by whether dynamic or sticky address learning is enabled.

Dynamic Method

By default, when you enable port security on an interface, you enable the dynamic learning method. With this method, the device secures MAC addresses as ingress traffic passes through the interface. If the address is not yet secured and the device has not reached any applicable maximum, it secures the address and allows the traffic.

Dynamic addresses are aged and dropped once the age limit is reached, as described in the [“Dynamic Address Aging” section on page 11-2](#).

Dynamic addresses do not persist through restarts.

To remove a specific address learned by the dynamic method or to remove all addresses learned by the dynamic method on a specific interface, see the [“Removing a Dynamic Secure MAC Address” section on page 11-11](#).

Sticky Method

If you enable the sticky method, the device secures MAC addresses in the same manner as dynamic address learning. These addresses can be made persistent through a reboot by copying the running-configuration to the startup-configuration, **copy run start**.

Dynamic and sticky address learning are mutually exclusive. When you enable sticky learning on an interface, dynamic learning is stopped and sticky learning is used instead. If you disable sticky learning, dynamic learning is resumed.

Sticky secure MAC addresses are not aged.

To remove a specific address learned by the sticky method, see the [“Removing a Static or a Sticky Secure MAC Address from an Interface” section on page 11-10](#).

Dynamic Address Aging

MAC addresses learned by the dynamic method are aged and dropped when reaching the age limit. You can configure the age limit on each interface. The range is from 0 to 1440 minutes, where 0 disables aging.

There are two methods of determining address age:

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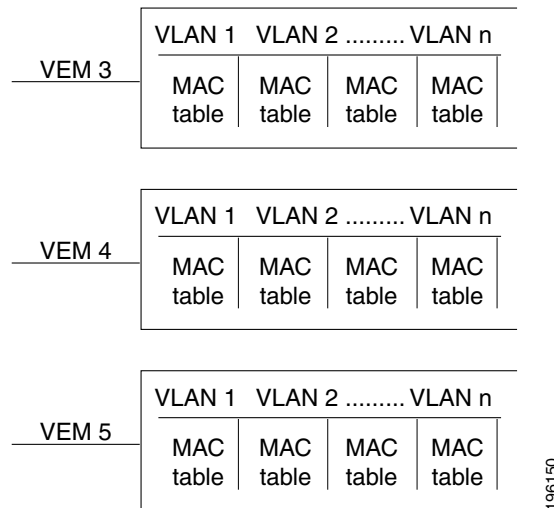
- Inactivity—The length of time after the device last received a packet from the address on the applicable interface.
- Absolute—The length of time after the device learned the address. This is the default aging method; however, the default aging time is 0 minutes, which disables aging.

Secure MAC Address Maximums

The secure MAC addresses on a secure port are inserted in the same MAC address table as other regular MACs. If a MAC table has reached its limit, then it will not learn any new secure MACs for that VLAN.

Figure 11-1 shows that each VLAN in a VEM has a forwarding table that can store a maximum number of secure MAC addresses. For current MAC address maximums, see [Security Configuration Limits, page 15-1](#).

Figure 11-1 Secure MAC Addresses per VEM



Interface Secure MAC Addresses

By default, an interface can have only one secure MAC address. You can configure the maximum number of MAC addresses permitted per interface or per VLAN on an interface. Maximums apply to secure MAC addresses learned by any method: dynamic, sticky, or static.



Tip

To make use of the full bandwidth of the port, set the maximum number of addresses to one and configure the MAC address of the attached device.

The following limits can determine how many secure MAC address are permitted on an interface:

- Device maximum—The device has a nonconfigurable limit of 8192 secure MAC addresses. If learning a new address would violate the device maximum, the device does not permit the new address to be learned, even if the interface or VLAN maximum has not been reached.

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- **Interface maximum**—You can configure a maximum number of secure MAC addresses for each interface protected by port security. The default interface maximum is one address. Interface maximums cannot exceed the device maximum.
- **VLAN maximum**—You can configure the maximum number of secure MAC addresses per VLAN for each interface protected by port security. A VLAN maximum cannot exceed the interface maximum. VLAN maximums are useful only for trunk ports. There are no default VLAN maximums.

For an example of how VLAN and interface maximums interact, see the “[Security Violations and Actions](#)” section on page 11-4.

You can configure VLAN and interface maximums per interface, as needed; however, when the new limit is less than the applicable number of secure addresses, you must reduce the number of secure MAC addresses first. To remove dynamically learned addresses, see the “[Removing a Dynamic Secure MAC Address](#)” section on page 11-11. To remove addresses learned by the sticky or static methods, see the “[Removing a Static or a Sticky Secure MAC Address from an Interface](#)” section on page 11-10.

Security Violations and Actions

Port security triggers a security violation when either of the following occurs:

- Ingress traffic arrives at an interface from a nonsecure MAC address and learning the address would exceed the applicable maximum number of secure MAC addresses.

When an interface has both a VLAN maximum and an interface maximum configured, a violation occurs when either maximum is exceeded. For example, consider the following on a single interface configured with port security:

- VLAN 1 has a maximum of 5 addresses
- The interface has a maximum of 10 addresses

A violation is detected when either of the following occurs:

- Five addresses are learned for VLAN 1 and inbound traffic from a sixth address arrives at the interface in VLAN 1.
- Ten addresses are learned on the interface and inbound traffic from an 11th address arrives at the interface.
- Ingress traffic from a secure MAC address arrives at a different interface in the same VLAN as the interface on which the address is secured.



Note After a secure MAC address is configured or learned on one secure port, the sequence of events that occurs when port security detects that secure MAC address on a different port in the same VLAN is known as a MAC move violation.

When a security violation occurs on an interface, the action specified in its port security configuration is applied. The possible actions that the device can take are as follows:

- **Shutdown**—Shuts down the interface that received the packet triggering the violation. The interface is error disabled. This action is the default. After you reenables the interface, it retains its port security configuration, including its secure MAC addresses.

You can use the **errdisable** global configuration command to configure the device to reenables the interface automatically if a shutdown occurs, or you can manually reenables the interface by entering the **shutdown** and **no shut down** interface configuration commands.

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Example:

```
n1000v(config)# errdisable recovery cause psecure-violation
n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config (Optional)
```

- **Protect**—Prevents violations from occurring. Address learning continues until the maximum number of MAC addresses on the interface is reached, after which the device disables learning on the interface and drops all ingress traffic from nonsecure MAC addresses.

If a violation occurs because ingress traffic from a secure MAC address arrives at a different interface than the interface on which the address is secure, the action is applied on the interface that received the traffic. A MAC Move Violation is triggered on the port seeing the MAC which is already secured on another interface.

Port Security and Port Types

You can configure port security only on Layer 2 interfaces. Details about port security and different types of interfaces or ports are as follows:

- **Access ports**—You can configure port security on interfaces that you have configured as Layer 2 access ports. On an access port, port security applies only to the access VLAN.
- **Trunk ports**—You can configure port security on interfaces that you have configured as Layer 2 trunk ports. VLAN maximums are not useful for access ports. The device allows VLAN maximums only for VLANs associated with the trunk port.
- **SPAN ports**—You can configure port security on SPAN source ports but not on SPAN destination ports.
- **Ethernet Port Channels**—Port security is not supported on Ethernet port channels.

Result of Changing an Access Port to a Trunk Port

When you change an access port to a trunk port on a Layer 2 interface configured with port security, all secure addresses learned by the dynamic method are dropped. The device moves the addresses learned by the static or sticky method to the native trunk VLAN.

Result of Changing a Trunk Port to an Access Port

When you change a trunk port to an access port on a Layer 2 interface configured with port security, all secure addresses learned by the dynamic method are dropped. All configured and sticky MAC addresses are dropped if they are not on the native trunk VLAN and do not match the access VLAN configured for the access port they are moving to.

Guidelines and Limitations

When configuring port security, follow these guidelines:

- Port security does not support the following:
 - Ethernet port-channel interfaces

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- Switched port analyzer (SPAN) destination ports
- Port security does not depend upon other features.
- Port security does not support 802.1X.
- Port Security cannot be configured on interfaces with existing static MACs.
- Port Security cannot be enabled on interfaces whose VLANs have an existing static MAC even if it is programmed on a different interface.

Configuring Port Security

This section includes the following topics:

- [Enabling or Disabling Port Security on a Layer 2 Interface, page 11-6](#)
- [Enabling or Disabling Sticky MAC Address Learning, page 11-7](#)
- [Adding a Static Secure MAC Address on an Interface, page 11-8](#)
- [Removing a Static or a Sticky Secure MAC Address from an Interface, page 11-10](#)
- [Removing a Dynamic Secure MAC Address, page 11-11](#)
- [Configuring a Maximum Number of MAC Addresses, page 11-12](#)
- [Configuring an Address Aging Type and Time, page 11-14](#)
- [Configuring a Security Violation Action, page 11-15](#)

Enabling or Disabling Port Security on a Layer 2 Interface

Use this procedure to enable or disable port security on a Layer 2 interface. For more information about dynamic learning of MAC addresses, see the “[Secure MAC Address Learning](#)” section on page 11-1.



Note

You cannot enable port security on a routed interface.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, port security is disabled on all interfaces.
- Enabling port security on an interface also enables dynamic MAC address learning. If you want to enable sticky MAC address learning, you must also complete the steps in the “[Enabling or Disabling Sticky MAC Address Learning](#)” section on page 11-7.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface** *type number*
3. **[no] switchport port-security**
4. **show running-config port-security**

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5. copy running-config startup-config

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	interface type number Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 36 n1000v(config-if)#	Places you into Interface Configuration mode for the specified interface.
Step 3	[no] switchport port-security Example: n1000v(config-if)# switchport port-security	Enables port security on the interface. Using the no option disables port security on the interface.
Step 4	show running-config port-security Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config port-security	Displays the port security configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Enabling or Disabling Sticky MAC Address Learning

Use this procedure to disable or enable sticky MAC address learning on an interface.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Dynamic MAC address learning is the default on an interface.
- By default, sticky MAC address learning is disabled.
- Make sure that port security is enabled on the interface that you are configuring.
 - To verify the configuration, see the [“Verifying the Port Security Configuration”](#) section on page 11-16.
 - To enable port security on the interface, see the [“Enabling or Disabling Port Security on a Layer 2 Interface”](#) section on page 11-6.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface** *type number*
3. **[no] switchport port-security mac-address sticky**
4. **show running-config port-security**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	interface <i>type number</i> Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 36 n1000v(config-if)#	Places you into Interface Configuration mode for the specified interface.
Step 3	[no] switchport port-security mac-address sticky Example: n1000v(config-if)# switchport port-security mac-address sticky	Enables sticky MAC address learning on the interface. Using the no option disables sticky MAC address learning.
Step 4	show running-config port-security Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config port-security	Displays the port security configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Adding a Static Secure MAC Address on an Interface

Use this procedure to add a static secure MAC address on a Layer 2 interface.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, no static secure MAC addresses are configured on an interface.
- Determine if the interface maximum has been reached for secure MAC addresses (use the **show port-security** command).
- If needed, you can remove a secure MAC address. See one of the following:

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- “Removing a Static or a Sticky Secure MAC Address from an Interface” section on page 11-10
- “Removing a Dynamic Secure MAC Address” section on page 11-11)
- “Configuring a Maximum Number of MAC Addresses” section on page 11-12).
- Make sure that port security is enabled on the interface that you are configuring.
 - To verify the configuration, see the “Verifying the Port Security Configuration” section on page 11-16.
 - To enable port security on the interface, see the “Enabling or Disabling Port Security on a Layer 2 Interface” section on page 11-6.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface** *type number*
3. **[no] switchport port-security mac-address** *address* [**vlan** *vlan-ID*]
4. **show running-config port-security**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	interface <i>type number</i> Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 36 n1000v(config-if)#	Places you into Interface Configuration mode for the specified interface.
Step 3	[no] switchport port-security mac-address <i>address</i> [vlan <i>vlan-ID</i>] Example: n1000v(config-if)# switchport port-security mac-address 0019.D2D0.00AE	Configures a static MAC address for port security on the current interface. Use the vlan keyword if you want to specify the VLAN that traffic from the address is allowed on.
Step 4	show running-config port-security Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config port-security	Displays the port security configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

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Removing a Static or a Sticky Secure MAC Address from an Interface

Use this procedure to remove a static or a sticky secure MAC address from a Layer 2 interface.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Make sure that port security is enabled on the interface that you are configuring.
 - To verify the configuration, see the “[Verifying the Port Security Configuration](#)” section on [page 11-16](#).
 - To enable port security on the interface, see the “[Enabling or Disabling Port Security on a Layer 2 Interface](#)” section on [page 11-6](#).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface** *type number*
3. **no switchport port-security mac-address** *address [vlan vlan-ID]*
4. **show running-config port-security**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 2	interface <i>type number</i> Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 36 n1000v(config-if)#	Places you into Interface Configuration mode for the specified interface.
Step 3	no switchport port-security mac-address <i>address</i> Example: n1000v(config-if)# no switchport port-security mac-address 0019.D2D0.00AE	Removes the MAC address from port security on the current interface.
Step 4	show running-config port-security Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config port-security	Displays the port security configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Removing a Dynamic Secure MAC Address

Use this procedure to remove a dynamically learned, secure MAC address.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

- config t**
- clear port-security dynamic** {**interface vethernet** *number* | **address** *address*} [**vlan** *vlan-ID*]
- show port-security address**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>config t</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#</pre>	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<pre>clear port-security dynamic {interface vethernet number address address} [vlan vlan-ID]</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v(config)# clear port-security dynamic interface vethernet 36</pre>	<p>Removes dynamically learned, secure MAC addresses, as specified.</p> <p>If you use the interface keyword, you remove all dynamically learned addresses on the interface that you specify.</p> <p>If you use the address keyword, you remove the single, dynamically learned address that you specify.</p> <p>Use the vlan keyword if you want to further limit the command to removing an address or addresses on a particular VLAN.</p>
Step 3	<pre>show port-security address</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>n1000v(config)# show port-security address</pre>	Displays secure MAC addresses.

Configuring a Maximum Number of MAC Addresses

Use this procedure to configure the maximum number of MAC addresses that can be learned or statically configured on a Layer 2 interface. You can also configure a maximum number of MAC addresses per VLAN on a Layer 2 interface. The largest maximum number of addresses that you can configure is 4096 addresses.



Note

When you specify a maximum number of addresses that is less than the number of addresses already learned or statically configured on the interface, the command is rejected.

To reduce the number of addresses learned by the sticky or static methods, see the [“Removing a Static or a Sticky Secure MAC Address from an Interface”](#) section on page 11-10.

To remove all addresses learned by the dynamic method, use the **shutdown** and **no shutdown** commands to restart the interface.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The Secure MACs share the L2 Forwarding Table (L2FT). The forwarding table for each VLAN can hold up to 1024 entries.
- By default, an interface has a maximum of one secure MAC address.

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- VLANs have no default maximum number of secure MAC addresses.
- Make sure that port security is enabled on the interface that you are configuring.
 - To verify the configuration, see the “[Verifying the Port Security Configuration](#)” section on page 11-16.
 - To enable port security on the interface, see the “[Enabling or Disabling Port Security on a Layer 2 Interface](#)” section on page 11-6.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface *type number***
3. **[no] switchport port-security maximum *number* [vlan *vlan-ID*]**
4. **show running-config port-security**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	interface <i>type number</i> Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 36 n1000v(config-if)#	Places you into Interface Configuration mode for the specified interface.
Step 3	[no] switchport port-security maximum <i>number</i> [vlan <i>vlan-ID</i>] Example: n1000v(config-if)# switchport port-security maximum 425	Configures the maximum number of MAC addresses that can be learned or statically configured for the current interface. The highest valid <i>number</i> is 4096. The no option resets the maximum number of MAC addresses to the default, which is 1. If you want to specify the VLAN that the maximum applies to, use the vlan keyword.
Step 4	show running-config port-security Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config port-security	Displays the port security configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

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Configuring an Address Aging Type and Time

Use this procedure to configure the MAC address aging type and the length of time used to determine when MAC addresses learned by the dynamic method have reached their age limit.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, the aging time is 0 minutes, which disables aging.
- Absolute aging is the default aging type.
- Make sure that port security is enabled on the interface that you are configuring.
 - To verify the configuration, see the “[Verifying the Port Security Configuration](#)” section on [page 11-16](#).
 - To enable port security on the interface, see the “[Enabling or Disabling Port Security on a Layer 2 Interface](#)” section on [page 11-6](#).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface *type number***
3. **[no] switchport port-security aging type {absolute | inactivity}**
4. **[no] switchport port-security aging time *minutes***
5. **show running-config port-security**
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	interface <i>type number</i> Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 36 n1000v(config-if)#	Places you into Interface Configuration mode for the specified interface.
Step 3	[no] switchport port-security aging type {absolute inactivity} Example: n1000v(config-if)# switchport port-security aging type inactivity	Configures the type of aging that the device applies to dynamically learned MAC addresses. The no option resets the aging type to the default, which is absolute aging.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 4	<pre>[no] switchport port-security aging time minutes</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-if)# switchport port-security aging time 120</p>	Configures the number of minutes that a dynamically learned MAC address must age before the address is dropped. The maximum valid <i>minutes</i> is 1440. The no option resets the aging time to the default, which is 0 minutes (no aging).
Step 5	<pre>show running-config port-security</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config port-security</p>	Displays the port security configuration.
Step 6	<pre>copy running-config startup-config</pre> <p>Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config</p>	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configuring a Security Violation Action

Use this procedure to configure how an interface responds to a security violation.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- The default security action is to shut down the port on which the security violation occurs.
- Make sure that port security is enabled on the interface that you are configuring.
 - To verify the configuration, see the “[Verifying the Port Security Configuration](#)” section on [page 11-16](#).
 - To enable port security on the interface, see the “[Enabling or Disabling Port Security on a Layer 2 Interface](#)” section on [page 11-6](#).

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface** *type number*
3. **[no] switchport port-security violation {protect | shutdown}**
4. **show running-config port-security**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Places you into CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>interface type number</code> Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 36 n1000v(config-if)#	Places you into Interface Configuration mode for the specified interface.
Step 3	<code>[no] switchport port-security violation {protect shutdown}</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# switchport port-security violation protect	Configures the security violation action for port security on the current interface. The no option resets the violation action to the default, which is to shut down the interface.
Step 4	<code>show running-config port-security</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config port-security	Displays the port security configuration.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Verifying the Port Security Configuration

Use the following commands to display the port security configuration information:

Command	Purpose
<code>show running-config port-security</code>	Displays the port security configuration
<code>show port-security</code>	Displays the port security status.

For detailed information about the fields in the output from this command, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Displaying Secure MAC Addresses

Use the `show port-security address` command to display secure MAC addresses. For detailed information about the fields in the output from this command, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

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Example Configuration for Port Security

The following example shows a port security configuration for VEthernet 36 interface with VLAN and interface maximums for secure addresses. In this example, the interface is a trunk port. Additionally, the violation action is set to Protect.

```
interface vethernet 36
switchport port-security
  switchport port-security maximum 10
  switchport port-security maximum 7 vlan 10
  switchport port-security maximum 3 vlan 20
  switchport port-security violation protect
```

Default Settings

Table 11-1 lists the default settings for port security parameters.

Table 11-1 **Default Port Security Parameters**

Parameters	Default
Interface	Disabled
MAC address learning method	Dynamic
Interface maximum number of secure MAC addresses	1
Security violation action	Shutdown

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing port security, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 11-17](#)
- [Standards, page 11-18](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Layer 2 switching	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Layer 2 Switching Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>
Port security commands: complete command syntax, command modes, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

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Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

Feature History for Port Security

This section provides the port security feature release history.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Port Security	4.0	This feature was introduced.



CHAPTER 12

Configuring DHCP Snooping

This chapter describes how to configure Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) snooping, and includes the following sections:

- [Information About DHCP Snooping, page 12-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for DHCP Snooping, page 12-3](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 12-3](#)
- [Configuring DHCP Snooping, page 12-3](#)
- [Verifying DHCP Snooping Configuration, page 12-12](#)
- [Monitoring DHCP Snooping, page 12-12](#)
- [Example Configuration for DHCP Snooping, page 12-12](#)
- [Default Settings, page 12-13](#)
- [Additional References, page 12-13](#)
- [Feature History for DHCP Snooping, page 12-14](#)

Information About DHCP Snooping

DHCP snooping acts like a firewall between untrusted hosts and trusted DHCP servers by doing the following:

- Validates DHCP messages received from untrusted sources and filters out invalid response messages from DHCP servers.
- Builds and maintains the DHCP snooping binding database, which contains information about untrusted hosts with leased IP addresses.
- Uses the DHCP snooping binding database to validate subsequent requests from untrusted hosts.

Dynamic ARP inspection (DAI) and IP Source Guard also use information stored in the DHCP snooping binding database. For more information about these features, see [Chapter 13, “Configuring Dynamic ARP Inspection”](#) and [Chapter 14, “Configuring IP Source Guard.”](#)

DHCP snooping is enabled on a per-VLAN basis. By default, the feature is inactive on all VLANs. You can enable the feature on a single VLAN or a range of VLANs.

This section includes the following topics:

- [Trusted and Untrusted Sources, page 12-2](#)
- [DHCP Snooping Binding Database, page 12-2](#)

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Trusted and Untrusted Sources

DHCP snooping identifies ports as trusted or untrusted. When the feature is enabled, by default all vEthernet ports are untrusted and all ethernet ports (uplinks), port channels, special vEthernet ports (used by other features, such as VSD, for their operation) are trusted. You can configure whether DHCP trusts traffic sources.

In an enterprise network, a trusted source is a device that is under your administrative control. Any device beyond the firewall or outside the network is an untrusted source. Generally, host ports are treated as untrusted sources.

In a service provider environment, any device that is not in the service provider network is an untrusted source (such as a customer switch). Host ports are untrusted sources.

In the Cisco Nexus 1000V, you indicate that a source is trusted by configuring the trust state of its connecting interface. Uplink ports, as defined with the uplink capability on port profiles, are trusted and cannot be configured to be untrusted. This restriction prevents the uplink from being shut down for not conforming to rate limits or DHCP responses.

You can also configure other interfaces as trusted if they connect to devices (such as switches or routers) inside your network or if the administrator is running the DHCP server in a VM. You usually do not configure host port interfaces as trusted.



Note

For DHCP snooping to function properly, all DHCP servers must be connected to the device through trusted interfaces.

DHCP Snooping Binding Database

Using information extracted from intercepted DHCP messages, DHCP snooping dynamically builds and maintains a database on each VEM. The database contains an entry for each untrusted host with a leased IP address if the host is associated with a VLAN that has DHCP snooping enabled. The database does not contain entries for hosts connected through trusted interfaces.



Note

The DHCP snooping binding database is also referred to as the DHCP snooping binding table.

DHCP snooping updates the database when the device receives specific DHCP messages. For example, the feature adds an entry to the database when the device receives a DHCPACK message from the server. The feature removes the entry in the database when the IP address lease expires or the device receives a DHCPRELEASE or DHCP DECLINE from the DHCP client or a DHCPNACK from the DHCP server.

Each entry in the DHCP snooping binding database includes the MAC address of the host, the leased IP address, the lease time, the binding type, and the VLAN number and interface information associated with the host.

You can remove dynamically added entries from the binding database by using the **clear ip dhcp snooping binding** command. For more information, see the [“Clearing the DHCP Snooping Binding Database” section on page 12-11](#).

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High Availability

The DHCP snooping binding table and all database entries created on the VEM are exported to the VSM and are persistent across VSM reboots.

Prerequisites for DHCP Snooping

DHCP snooping has the following prerequisites:

- You must be familiar with DHCP to configure DHCP snooping.

Guidelines and Limitations

DHCP snooping has the following configuration guidelines and limitations:

- A DHCP snooping database is stored on each VEM and can contain up to 1024 bindings.
- For seamless DHCP snooping, Virtual Service Domain (VSD) service VM ports are trusted ports by default. If you configure these ports as untrusted, this setting is ignored.
- If the VSM uses the VEM for connectivity (that is, the VSM has its VSM AIPC, management, and inband ports on a particular VEM), these virtual Ethernet interfaces must be configured as trusted interfaces.
- The connecting interfaces on a device upstream from the Cisco Nexus 1000V must be configured as trusted if DHCP snooping is enabled on the device.

Configuring DHCP Snooping

This section includes the following topics:

- [Minimum DHCP Snooping Configuration, page 12-3](#)
- [Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping Globally, page 12-4](#)
- [Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping on a VLAN, page 12-5](#)
- [Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping MAC Address Verification, page 12-6](#)
- [Configuring an Interface as Trusted or Untrusted, page 12-7](#)
- [Configuring the Rate Limit for DHCP Packets, page 12-8](#)
- [Enabling or Disabling DHCP Error-Disabled Detection, page 12-9](#)
- [Enabling or Disabling DHCP Error-Disabled Recovery, page 12-10](#)
- [Clearing the DHCP Snooping Binding Database, page 12-11](#)
- [Verifying DHCP Snooping Configuration, page 12-12](#)

Minimum DHCP Snooping Configuration

The minimum configuration for DHCP snooping is as follows:

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- Step 1** Enable DHCP snooping globally. For more information, see the “[Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping Globally](#)” section on page 12-4.
- Step 2** Enable DHCP snooping on at least one VLAN. For more information, see the “[Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping on a VLAN](#)” section on page 12-5.
- By default, DHCP snooping is disabled on all VLANs.
- Step 3** Ensure that the DHCP server is connected to the device using a trusted interface. For more information, see the “[Configuring an Interface as Trusted or Untrusted](#)” section on page 12-7.
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Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping Globally

Use this procedure to globally enable or disable the DHCP snooping.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, DHCP snooping is globally disabled.
- If DHCP snooping is globally disabled, all DHCP snooping stops and no DHCP messages are relayed.
- If you configure DHCP snooping and then globally disable it, the remaining configuration is preserved.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **[no] ip dhcp snooping**
3. **show running-config dhcp**
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	[no] ip dhcp snooping Example: n1000v(config)# ip dhcp snooping	Enables DHCP snooping globally. The no option disables DHCP snooping but preserves an existing DHCP snooping configuration.
Step 3	show running-config dhcp Example: n1000v(config)# show running-config dhcp	Shows the DHCP snooping configuration.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping on a VLAN

Use this procedure to enable or disable DHCP snooping on one or more VLANs.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, DHCP snooping is disabled on all VLANs.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **[no] ip dhcp snooping vlan *vlan-list***
3. **show running-config dhcp**
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	[no] ip dhcp snooping vlan <i>vlan-list</i> Example: n1000v(config)# ip dhcp snooping vlan 100,200,250-252	Enables DHCP snooping on the VLANs specified by <i>vlan-list</i> . The no option disables DHCP snooping on the VLANs specified.
Step 3	show running-config dhcp Example: n1000v(config)# show running-config dhcp	Shows the DHCP snooping configuration.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping MAC Address Verification

Use this procedure to enable or disable DHCP snooping MAC address verification. If the device receives a packet on an untrusted interface and the source MAC address and the DHCP client hardware address do not match, address verification causes the device to drop the packet.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- MAC address verification is enabled by default.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. [no] **ip dhcp snooping verify mac-address**
3. **show running-config dhcp**
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>[no] ip dhcp snooping verify mac-address</code> Example: n1000v(config)# ip dhcp snooping verify mac-address	Enables DHCP snooping MAC address verification. The no option disables MAC address verification.
Step 3	<code>show running-config dhcp</code> Example: n1000v(config)# show running-config dhcp	Shows the DHCP snooping configuration.
Step 4	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Configuring an Interface as Trusted or Untrusted

Use this procedure to configure whether a virtual interface is a trusted or untrusted source of DHCP messages. You can configure DHCP trust on the following:

- Layer 2 vEthernet interfaces
- Port Profiles for Layer 2 vEthernet interfaces

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, vEthernet interfaces are untrusted. The only exception is the special vEthernet ports used by other features such as VSD which are trusted
- Ensure that the vEthernet interface is configured as a Layer 2 interface.
- DAI, and IP Source Guard, Virtual Service Domain (VSD) service VM ports are trusted ports by default. If you configure these ports as untrusted, this setting is ignored.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `interface vethernet interface-number`
`port-profile profilename`
3. `[no] ip dhcp snooping trust`
4. `show running-config dhcp`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	interface vethernet <i>interface-number</i> Example: n1000v(config)# interface vethernet 3 n1000v(config-if)# port-profile <i>profilename</i> Example: n1000v(config)# port-profile vm-data n1000v(config-port-prof)#	Enters interface configuration mode, where <i>interface-number</i> is the vEthernet interface that you want to configure as trusted or untrusted for DHCP snooping. Enters port profile configuration mode for the specified port profile, where <i>profilename</i> is a unique name of up to 80 characters.
Step 3	[no] ip dhcp snooping trust Example: n1000v(config-if)# ip dhcp snooping trust	Configures the interface as a trusted interface for DHCP snooping. The no option configures the port as an untrusted interface.
Step 4	show running-config dhcp Example: n1000v(config-if)# show running-config dhcp	Shows the DHCP snooping configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: n1000v(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Configuring the Rate Limit for DHCP Packets

Use this procedure to configure a rate limit for DHCP packets received on each port.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Ports that exceed the rate limit you configure here are put into an errdisable state.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface vethernet** *interface-number*
port-profile *profilename*
3. **[no] ip dhcp snooping limit rate** *rate*
4. **show running-config dhcp**

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5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# <code>config t</code> n1000v(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>interface vethernet interface-number</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>interface vethernet 3</code> n1000v(config-if)# <code>port-profile profilename</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>port-profile vm-data</code> n1000v(config-port-prof)#	Enters interface configuration mode, where <i>interface-number</i> is the vEthernet interface that you want to configure as trusted or untrusted for DHCP snooping.
Step 3	<code>[no] ip dhcp snooping limit rate rate</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# <code>ip dhcp snooping limit rate 30</code>	Configures the DHCP limit rate. The no option removes this configuration.
Step 4	<code>show running-config dhcp</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# <code>show running-config dhcp</code>	Shows the DHCP snooping configuration.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v(config-if)# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Enabling or Disabling DHCP Error-Disabled Detection

Use this procedure to enable or disable error-disabled detection for ports exceeding the DHCP rate limit.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedures, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Ports that exceed the configured rate limit are put into an errdisable state.
- You must enter the **shutdown** command and then the **no shutdown** command to recover an interface manually from the error-disabled state.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `[no] errdisable detect cause dhcp-rate-limit`

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3. `show running-config dhcp`
4. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# <code>config t</code> n1000v(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>[no] errdisable detect cause dhcp-rate-limit</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>errdisable detect cause dhcp-rate-limit</code>	Enables DHCP error-disabled detection. The no option disables DHCP error-disabled detection.
Step 3	<code>show running-config dhcp</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>show running-config dhcp</code>	Shows the DHCP snooping configuration.
Step 4	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v(config)# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Enabling or Disabling DHCP Error-Disabled Recovery

Use this procedure to enable or disable error-disabled recovery for ports exceeding the DHCP rate limit.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedures, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Ports that exceed the configured rate limit are put into an errdisable state.
- You must enter the **shutdown** command and then the **no shutdown** command to recover an interface manually from the error-disabled state.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `[no] errdisable recovery cause dhcp-rate-limit`
3. `errdisable recovery interval timer-interval`
4. `show running-config dhcp`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: n1000v# config t n1000v(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>[no] errdisable recovery cause dhcp-rate-limit</code> Example: n1000v(config)# errdisable detect cause dhcp-rate-limit	Enables DHCP error-disabled recovery. The no option disables DHCP error-recovery.
Step 3	<code>errdisable recovery interval timer-interval</code> Example: n1000v(config)# errdisable recovery interval 30	Sets the DHCP error-disabled recovery interval, where <i>timer-interval</i> is the number of seconds (30-65535).
Step 4	<code>show running-config dhcp</code> Example: n1000v(config)# show running-config dhcp	Shows the DHCP snooping configuration.
Step 5	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: n1000v(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Clearing the DHCP Snooping Binding Database

Use this procedure to remove all entries from the DHCP snooping binding database.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedures, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

- `clear ip dhcp snooping binding`
- `show ip dhcp snooping binding`

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	clear ip dhcp snooping binding Example: n1000v# clear ip dhcp snooping binding	Clears dynamically added entries from the DHCP snooping binding database.
Step 2	show ip dhcp snooping binding Example: n1000v# show ip dhcp snooping binding	Displays the DHCP snooping binding database.

Verifying DHCP Snooping Configuration

To display DHCP snooping configuration information, use the following commands:

Command	Purpose
show running-config dhcp	Displays the DHCP snooping configuration
show ip dhcp snooping	Displays general information about DHCP snooping.
show ip dhcp snooping binding	Displays the DHCP snooping binding database.

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Monitoring DHCP Snooping

Use the **show ip dhcp snooping statistics** command to display DHCP snooping statistics. For detailed information about the fields in the output from this command, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Example Configuration for DHCP Snooping

This example shows how to enable DHCP snooping on two VLANs, with vEthernet interface 5 trusted because the DHCP server is connected to that interface:

```
ip dhcp snooping

interface vethernet 5
  ip dhcp snooping trust
ip dhcp snooping vlan 1
ip dhcp snooping vlan 50
```

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Default Settings

Table 12-1 lists the defaults for DHCP snooping.

Table 12-1 **Default DHCP Snooping Parameters**

Parameters	Default
DHCP snooping globally enabled	No
DHCP snooping VLAN	Disabled
DHCP snooping MAC address verification	Enabled
DHCP snooping trust	Trusted for Ethernet interfaces, vEthernet interfaces, and port channels, in the VSD feature. Untrusted for vEthernet interfaces not participating in the VSD feature.

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing DHCP snooping, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 12-13](#)
- [Standards, page 12-13](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
IP Source Guard	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Security Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i> , Chapter 14, “Configuring IP Source Guard”
Dynamic ARP Inspection	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Security Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i> , Chapter 13, “Configuring Dynamic ARP Inspection”
DHCP snooping commands: complete command syntax, command modes, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
RFC-2131	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2131)

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Feature History for DHCP Snooping

Table 12-2 lists the release history for this feature.

Table 12-2 *Feature History for DHCP Snooping*

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
DHCP snooping	4.0(4)SV1(2)	This feature was introduced.



CHAPTER 13

Configuring Dynamic ARP Inspection

This chapter describes how to configure dynamic Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) inspection (DAI).

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About DAI, page 13-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for DAI, page 13-4](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 13-4](#)
- [Configuring DAI, page 13-5](#)
- [Verifying the DAI Configuration, page 13-11](#)
- [Displaying and Clearing DAI Statistics, page 13-12](#)
- [Example DAI Configuration, page 13-12](#)
- [Default Settings, page 13-14](#)
- [Additional References, page 13-14](#)
- [Feature History for DAI, page 13-15](#)

Information About DAI

This section includes the following topics:

- [About ARP, page 13-1](#)
- [About ARP Spoofing Attacks, page 13-2](#)
- [About DAI and ARP Spoofing, page 13-2](#)
- [Interface Trust and Network Security, page 13-3](#)

About ARP

ARP provides IP communication within a Layer 2 broadcast domain by mapping an IP address to a MAC address. For example, host B wants to send information to host A but does not have the MAC address of host A in its ARP cache. In ARP terms, host B is the sender and host A is the target.

To get the MAC address of host A, host B generates a broadcast message for all hosts within the broadcast domain to obtain the MAC address associated with the IP address of host A. All hosts within the broadcast domain receive the ARP request, and host A responds with its MAC address.

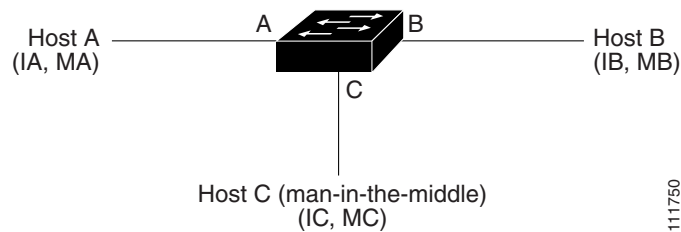
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About ARP Spoofing Attacks

In an ARP spoofing attack, a host allows an unsolicited ARP response to update its cache so that traffic is directed through the attacker until it is discovered and the information in the ARP cache is corrected.

An ARP spoofing attack can affect hosts, switches, and routers connected to your Layer 2 network by sending false information to their ARP caches. [Figure 13-1](#) shows an example of ARP cache poisoning.

Figure 13-1 ARP Cache Poisoning



In [Figure 13-1](#), hosts A, B, and C are connected to the device on interfaces A, B, and C, all of which are on the same subnet. Their IP and MAC addresses are shown in parentheses. For example, host A uses IP address IA and MAC address MA.

When host A needs to send IP data to host B, it broadcasts an ARP request for the MAC address associated with IP address IB. When the device and host B receive the ARP request, they add a binding to their ARP caches for a host with the IP address IA and a MAC address MA.

When host B responds, the device and host A update their ARP caches with a binding for a host with the IP address IB and the MAC address MB.

Host C can spoof host A and B by broadcasting the following forged ARP responses:

- one for a host with an IP address of IA and a MAC address of MC
- one for a host with the IP address of IB and a MAC address of MC.

Host B then uses MC as the destination MAC address for traffic that was intended for IA, which means that host C intercepts that traffic. Likewise, host A and the device use MC as the destination MAC address for traffic intended for IB.

Because host C knows the authentic MAC addresses for IA and IB, it can forward the intercepted traffic.

About DAI and ARP Spoofing

DAI is used to validate ARP requests and responses as follows:

- Intercepts all ARP requests and responses on untrusted ports.
- Verifies that a packet has a valid IP-to-MAC address binding before updating the ARP cache or forwarding the packet.
- Drops invalid ARP packets.

DAI can determine the validity of an ARP packet based on valid IP-to-MAC address bindings stored in a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) snooping binding database. This database is built by DHCP snooping when it is enabled on the VLANs and on the device. It may also contain static entries that you have created.

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If an ARP packet is received on a trusted interface, the device forwards the packet without any checks. On untrusted interfaces, the device forwards the packet only if it is valid. For more information about trusted interfaces, see the [Interface Trust and Network Security](#), page 13-3.

You can enable or disable validation of ARP packets for destination MAC address, source MAC address, and IP address. For more information, see the [“Validating ARP Packets”](#) section on page 13-10.

Interface Trust and Network Security

DAI identifies interfaces as trusted or untrusted.

In a typical network, interfaces are configured as follows:

- Untrusted—Interfaces that are connected to hosts
Packets are validated by DAI.
- Trusted—Interfaces that are connected to devices
Packets bypass all DAI validation checks.

With this configuration, all ARP packets that enter the network from a device bypass the security check. No other validation is needed at any other place in the VLAN or in the network. For information about configuring a trusted interface, see the [“Configuring a Trusted vEthernet Interface”](#) section on page 13-6.

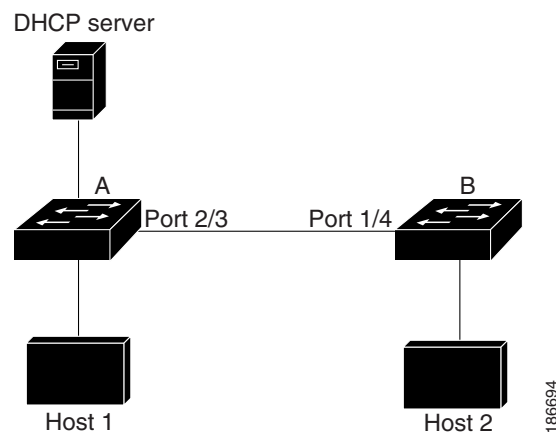


Caution

Use the trust state configuration carefully. Configuring interfaces as untrusted when they should be trusted can result in a loss of connectivity.

In [Figure 13-2](#), assume that both device A and device B are running DAI on the VLAN that includes host 1 and host 2. If host 1 and host 2 acquire their IP addresses from the DHCP server connected to device A, only device A binds the IP-to-MAC address of host 1. If the interface between device A and device B is untrusted, the ARP packets from host 1 are dropped by device B and connectivity between host 1 and host 2 is lost.

Figure 13-2 ARP Packet Validation on a VLAN Enabled for DAI



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If you configure interfaces as trusted when they should be untrusted, you may open a security hole in a network. If device A is not running DAI, host 1 can easily poison the ARP cache of device B (and host 2, if you configured the link between the devices as trusted). This condition can occur even though device B is running DAI.

DAI ensures that hosts (on untrusted interfaces) connected to a device that runs DAI do not poison the ARP caches of other hosts in the network; however, DAI does not prevent hosts in other portions of the network from poisoning the caches of the hosts that are connected to a device that runs DAI.

**Note**

Depending on your network setup, you may not be able to validate a given ARP packet on all devices in the VLAN.

Prerequisites for DAI

The following are prerequisite to configuring DAI.

- You are familiar with the following:

- ARP

For more information, see IETF Standard RFC-826, *An Ethernet Address Resolution Protocol* (<http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc826>).

- DHCP Snooping

For more information, see [Configuring DHCP Snooping, page 12-1](#).

- The software running on your Cisco Nexus 1000V supports DAI.
- The VEM feature level is updated to a release that supports DAI.

For more information about setting the VEM feature level, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Software Upgrade Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Guidelines and Limitations

DAI has the following configuration guidelines and limitations:

- DAI is an ingress security feature and does not perform any egress checking.
- DAI is not effective when the host is connected to a device that does not support DAI or that does not have DAI enabled. To prevent attacks that are limited to a single Layer 2 broadcast domain, you should separate a domain with DAI from those without DAI. This separation secures the ARP caches of hosts in the domain with DAI.
- DAI verifies IP-to-MAC address bindings in incoming ARP requests and ARP responses. If you have not configured static entries, then DHCP snooping must be enabled on the same VLANs on which you configure DAI. For more information, see the [“Configuring DHCP Snooping” section on page 12-3](#).

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- DAI is supported on vEthernet interfaces and private VLAN ports.
- If you want DAI to use dynamic IP-MAC address bindings to determine if ARP packets are valid, ensure that DHCP snooping is configured. For more information, see the “[Configuring DHCP Snooping](#)” section on page 12-3).
- Virtual Service Domain (VSD) service VM ports are trusted ports by default. Even if you configure VSD ports as untrusted, they still appear as trusted ports to DAI.

Configuring DAI

This section includes the following topics:

- [Configuring a VLAN for DAI](#), page 13-5
- [Configuring a Trusted vEthernet Interface](#), page 13-6
- [Verifying the DAI Configuration](#), page 13-11
- [Detecting and Recovering Error-Disabled Interfaces](#), page 13-9
- [Validating ARP Packets](#), page 13-10
- [Verifying the DAI Configuration](#), page 13-11

Configuring a VLAN for DAI

Use this procedure to configure a VLAN or a list of VLANs for DAI.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, VLANs are not configured for DAI.
- You have already enabled DHCP snooping. For more information, see the “[Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping Globally](#)” section on page 12-4.
- You know which VLANs you want to configure for DAI and they have already been created.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **[no] ip arp inspection vlan *list***
3. **show ip arp inspection vlan *list***
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	ip arp inspection vlan list Example: switch(config)# ip arp inspection vlan 13	Configures the specified VLAN or list of VLANs for DAI.
Step 3	show ip arp inspection vlan list Example: switch(config)# show ip arp inspection vlan 13	(Optional) Shows the DAI status for the specified list of VLANs.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Configuring a Trusted vEthernet Interface

Use this procedure to configure a trusted vEthernet interface.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, vEthernet interfaces are untrusted, unless they are part of a VSD.
- If an interface is untrusted, all ARP requests and responses are verified for a valid IP-MAC address binding before the local cache is updated and the packet forwarded. If a packet has an invalid IP-MAC address binding, it is dropped.
- ARP packets received on a trusted interface are forwarded but not checked.
- You can configure a trusted interface on either of the following:
 - the interface, itself
 - the existing port profile that the interface is assigned to

If configuring a trusted interface on the port profile, it has already been created and you know its name.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface vethernet** *interface-number*
port-profile *profilename*
3. **[no] ip arp inspection trust**

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4. `show ip arp inspection interface type slot/number`
`show port-profile profilename`
5. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	interface vethernet interface-number Example: switch(config)# interface vethernet 3 switch(config-if)#	Places you into the CLI Interface Configuration mode, for the specified vEthernet interface.
	port-profile profilename Example: switch(config)# port-profile vm-data switch(config-port-prof)#	Places you into the CLI Port Profile Configuration mode for the specified port profile.
Step 3	ip arp inspection trust Example: switch(config-if)# ip arp inspection trust	Configures the interface as a trusted ARP interface.
	ip arp inspection trust Example: switch(config-port-prof)# ip arp inspection trust	Configures the interfaces assigned to the port profile as trusted ARP interfaces.
Step 4	show ip arp inspection interface vethernet interface-number Example: switch(config-if)# show ip arp inspection interface vethernet 2	(Optional) Displays the trusted state and the ARP packet rate for the specified interface.
	show port-profile profilename Example: switch(config)# show port-profile vm-data	(Optional) Displays the port profile configuration including the ARP trusted state.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

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Configuring DAI Rate Limits

Use this procedure to set the rate limit of ARP requests and responses.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- Because of their aggregation, trunk ports should be configured with higher rate limit.
- Once the rate of incoming packets exceeds the configured rate, the interface is automatically put into an errdisable state.
- The default DAI rate limits are as follows:
 - Untrusted interfaces = 15 packets per second
 - Trusted interfaces = unlimited
 - Burst interval = 1 second
- You can configure the rate limits for an interface on either of the following:
 - the interface, itself
 - the existing port profile that the interface is assigned to

If configuring the port profile, it has already been created and you know its name.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface vethernet** *interface-number*
port-profile *profilename*
3. **ip arp inspection limit** {rate *pps* [burst interval *bin*] | none }
4. **show running-config dhcp**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	interface vethernet <i>interface-number</i> Example: switch(config)# interface vethernet 3 switch(config-if)#	Places you into the CLI Interface Configuration mode, for the specified vEthernet interface.
	port-profile <i>profilename</i> Example: switch(config)# port-profile vm-data switch(config-port-prof)#	Places you into the CLI Port Profile configuration mode for the specified port profile.

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	Command	Purpose
Step 3	ip arp inspection limit {rate <i>pps</i> [burst interval <i>bin</i>] none} Example: <pre>switch(config-if)# ip arp inspection limit rate 30</pre> Example: <pre>switch(config-port-prof)# ip arp inspection limit rate 30</pre>	Configures the specified ARP inspection limit on the interface or the port profile as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rate: allowable values are between 1 and 2048 packets per second (pps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Untrusted interface default = 15 packets per second – Trusted interface default = unlimited • burst interval: allowable values are between 1 and 15 seconds (default = 1 second). • none: unlimited number of packets per second
Step 4	show running-config dhcp Example: <pre>switch(config)# show running-config dhcp</pre>	(Optional) Displays the DHCP snooping configuration, including the DAI configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: <pre>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Detecting and Recovering Error-Disabled Interfaces

Use this procedure to configure the detection and recovery of error-disabled interfaces.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedures, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- By default, interfaces are not configured for DAI error-disabled recovery.
- To manually recover an interface from the error-disabled state, use the following command sequence.
 1. **shutdown**
 2. **no shutdown**

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **[no] errdisable detect cause arp-inspection**
3. **[no] errdisable recovery cause arp-inspection**
4. **errdisable recovery interval *timer-interval***
5. **show running-config | include errdisable**
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

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DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	errdisable detect cause arp-inspection Example: switch(config)# errdisable detect cause arp-inspection	Configures the detection of interfaces that have been error-disabled by ARP inspection. The no option disables the detection.
Step 3	errdisable recovery cause arp-inspection Example: switch(config)# errdisable recovery cause arp-inspection	Configures the recovery of interfaces that have been error-disabled by ARP inspection.
Step 4	errdisable recovery interval timer-interval Example: switch(config)# errdisable recovery interval 30	Configures the recovery interval for interfaces that have been error-disabled by ARP inspection. timer-interval: allowable values are between 30 and 65535 seconds.
Step 5	show running-config include errdisable Example: switch(config)# show running-config include errdisable	(Optional) Displays the errdisable configuration.
Step 6	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Validating ARP Packets

Use this procedure to configure the validation of ARP packets.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- You are logged in to the CLI in EXEC mode.
- You can enable validation of the following, which are disabled by default:

- Destination MAC address

Checks the destination MAC address in the Ethernet header against the target MAC address in the ARP body, and drops packets with an invalid MAC address.

- IP address

Checks the ARP body for invalid and unexpected IP addresses, including 0.0.0.0, 255.255.255.255, and any IP multicast address. Sender IP addresses are checked in both ARP requests and responses. Target IP addresses are checked only in ARP responses.

- Source MAC address

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Checks the source MAC address in the Ethernet header against the sender MAC address in the ARP body for ARP requests and responses, and drops packets with invalid MAC addresses.

- Whenever you configure a validation, any previous validation configuration is overwritten.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `config t`
2. `[no] ip arp inspection validate {[src-mac] [dst-mac] [ip]}`
3. `show running-config dhcp`
4. `copy running-config startup-config`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	<code>config t</code> Example: <code>switch# config t</code> <code>switch(config)#</code>	Places you into the CLI Global Configuration mode.
Step 2	<code>ip arp inspection validate {[src-mac] [dst-mac] [ip]}</code> Example: <code>switch(config)# ip arp inspection validate src-mac dst-mac ip</code>	Enables the specified validation and overwrites any existing validation that was previously saved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source MAC • Destination MAC • IP <p>You can specify all three of these validations but you must specify at least one.</p> <p>Use the no option to disable a validation.</p>
Step 3	<code>show running-config dhcp</code> Example: <code>switch(config)# show running-config dhcp</code>	(Optional) Displays the DHCP snooping configuration, including the DAI configuration.
Step 4	<code>copy running-config startup-config</code> Example: <code>switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves the running configuration persistently through reboots and restarts by copying it to the startup configuration.

Verifying the DAI Configuration

To display and verify the DAI configuration, use the following commands:

Command	Purpose
<code>show running-config dhcp</code>	Displays the DAI configuration.
<code>show ip arp inspection</code>	Displays the status of DAI.

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Command	Purpose
show ip arp inspection interface vethernet <i>interface-number</i>	Displays the trust state and ARP packet rate for a specific interface.
show ip arp inspection vlan <i>vlan-ID</i>	Displays the DAI configuration for a specific VLAN.

For detailed information about command output, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Displaying and Clearing DAI Statistics

To display and clear DAI statistics, use the following commands:

Command	Purpose
show ip arp inspection statistics	Displays DAI statistics.
show ip arp inspection statistics vlan	Displays DAI statistics for the specified VLAN.
clear ip arp inspection statistics	Clears DAI statistics.

For more information about these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*.

Example DAI Configuration

This example shows how to configure DAI in a network with two VEMs:

- One VEM is hosting an authentic web server and a DHCP server.
- The other VEM is hosting a client virtual machine (VM 1) and a virtual machine (VM 2) with a rogue web server. VM 1 is connected to vEthernet interface 3, which is untrusted by default, and belongs to VLAN 1. VM 2 is connected to vEthernet 10 and VLAN 1.

Without DAI enabled, VM 2 can spoof the ARP cache in VM 1 by sending a packet even though an ARP request was not generated. In this case, the packet directs VM 1 to send its traffic to the VM 2 web server instead of the authentic web server.

If DAI is enabled when VM2 attempts to spoof the ARP cache in VM1, the unsolicited ARP packet sent by VM 2 is dropped because DAI detects the invalid IP-to-MAC address binding. The attempt to spoof the ARP cache fails, and VM 1 connects to the authentic web server.



Note

DAI depends on the DHCP snooping database to verify IP-to-MAC address bindings in incoming ARP requests and ARP responses. Make sure to enable DHCP snooping to permit ARP packets that have dynamically-assigned IP addresses. For configuration information, see [Chapter 12, “Configuring DHCP Snooping.”](#)

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The following steps are used to configure DAI for this example:

Step 1 Enable DAI on VLAN 1 and verify the configuration.

```
n1000v# config t
n1000v(config)# ip arp inspection vlan 1
n1000v(config)# show ip arp inspection vlan 1

Source Mac Validation      : Disabled
Destination Mac Validation : Disabled
IP Address Validation      : Disabled

Vlan : 1
-----
Configuration      : Enabled
Operation State     : Active
n1000v(config)#
```

Step 2 Check the statistics before and after DAI processes any packets.

```
n1000v# show ip arp inspection statistics vlan 1

Vlan : 1
-----
ARP Req Forwarded = 0
ARP Res Forwarded = 0
ARP Req Dropped   = 0
ARP Res Dropped   = 0
DHCP Drops        = 0
DHCP Permits      = 0
SMAC Fails-ARP Req = 0
SMAC Fails-ARP Res = 0
DMAC Fails-ARP Res = 0
IP Fails-ARP Req   = 0
IP Fails-ARP Res   = 0
n1000v#
```

If VM 1 sends out two ARP requests with an IP address of 10.0.0.1 and a MAC address of 0002.0002.0002, both requests are permitted, as shown in the following command output:

```
n1000v# show ip arp inspection statistics vlan 1

Vlan : 1
-----
ARP Req Forwarded = 2
ARP Res Forwarded = 0
ARP Req Dropped   = 0
ARP Res Dropped   = 0
DHCP Drops        = 0
DHCP Permits      = 2
SMAC Fails-ARP Req = 0
SMAC Fails-ARP Res = 0
DMAC Fails-ARP Res = 0
IP Fails-ARP Req   = 0
IP Fails-ARP Res   = 0
```

If VM 2 tries to send an ARP request with an IP address of 10.0.0.3, the packet is dropped and an error message is logged.

```
00:12:08: %SW_DAI-4-DHCP_SNOOPING_DENY: 2 Invalid ARPs (Req) on vEthernet3, vlan
1. ([0002.0002.0002/10.0.0.3/0000.0000.0000/0.0.0.0/02:42:35 UTC Fri Jul 13 2008])
```

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The statistics display as follows:

```
n1000v# show ip arp inspection statistics vlan 1
n1000v#

Vlan : 1
-----
ARP Req Forwarded   = 2
ARP Res Forwarded   = 0
ARP Req Dropped     = 2
ARP Res Dropped     = 0
DHCP Drops          = 2
DHCP Permits        = 2
SMAC Fails-ARP Req  = 0
SMAC Fails-ARP Res  = 0
DMAC Fails-ARP Res  = 0
IP Fails-ARP Req    = 0
IP Fails-ARP Res    = 0
n1000v#
```

Default Settings

Table 13-1 lists the DAI default settings.

Table 13-1 **Default DAI Settings**

Parameters	Default
VLAN	VLANs are not configured for DAI.
Trust state of vEthernet interfaces not in a VSD	Untrusted
Trust state of vEthernet Interfaces in a VSD	Trusted
Trust state of Ethernet port channels	Trusted
Incoming ARP packet rate limit for untrusted interfaces	15 packets per second (pps)
Incoming ARP packet rate limit for trusted interfaces	Unlimited
Rate limit burst interval	1 second
Detecting and Recovering DAI error-disabled interfaces	Error-disabled detection and recovery is not configured.
Validation checks	No checks are performed.
VLAN statistics	ARP request and response statistics.

Additional References

For additional information related to implementing DAI, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 13-15](#)
- [Standards, page 13-15](#)

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Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
DHCP snooping	Configuring DHCP Snooping, page 12-1
DAI and DHCP commands: complete command syntax, command modes, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
RFC-826	An Ethernet Address Resolution Protocol (http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc826)

Feature History for DAI

Table 13-2 lists the release history for the DAI feature.

Table 13-2 Feature History for DAI

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
DAI	4.0(4)SV1(2)	This feature was introduced.

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CHAPTER 14

Configuring IP Source Guard

This chapter describes how to configure IP Source Guard on Cisco Nexus 1000Vs.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Information About IP Source Guard, page 14-1](#)
- [Prerequisites for IP Source Guard, page 14-2](#)
- [Guidelines and Limitations, page 14-2](#)
- [Configuring IP Source Guard, page 14-2](#)
- [Verifying the IP Source Guard Configuration, page 14-5](#)
- [Displaying IP Source Guard Bindings, page 14-5](#)
- [Example Configuration for IP Source Guard, page 14-5](#)
- [Default Settings, page 14-5](#)
- [Additional References, page 14-6](#)
- [Feature History for IP Source Guard, page 14-6](#)

Information About IP Source Guard

IP Source Guard is a per-interface traffic filter that permits IP traffic only when the IP address and MAC address of each packet matches the IP and MAC address bindings of dynamic or static IP source entries in the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) snooping binding table.

You can enable IP Source Guard on Layer 2 interfaces that are not trusted by DHCP snooping. IP Source Guard supports interfaces that are configured to operate in access mode and trunk mode. When you initially enable IP Source Guard, all inbound IP traffic on the interface is blocked except for the following:

- DHCP packets, which DHCP snooping inspects and then forwards or drops, depending upon the results of inspecting the packet.
- IP traffic from static IP source entries that you have configured in the Cisco Nexus 1000V.

The device permits the IP traffic when DHCP snooping adds a binding table entry for the IP address and MAC address of an IP packet or when you have configured a static IP source entry.

The device drops IP packets when the IP address and MAC address of the packet do not have a binding table entry or a static IP source entry. For example, assume that the **show ip dhcp snooping binding** command displays the following binding table entry:

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MacAddress	IpAddress	LeaseSec	Type	VLAN	Interface
00:02:B3:3F:3B:99	10.5.5.2	6943	dhcp-snooping	10	vEthernet3

If the device receives an IP packet with an IP address of 10.5.5.2, IP Source Guard forward the packet only if the MAC address of the packet is 00:02:B3:3F:3B:99.

Prerequisites for IP Source Guard

IP Source Guard has the following prerequisites:

- You should be familiar with DHCP snooping before you configure IP Source Guard.
- DHCP snooping is enabled (see the [“Configuring DHCP Snooping”](#) section on page 12-3).

Guidelines and Limitations

IP Source Guard has the following configuration guidelines and limitations:

- IP Source Guard limits IP traffic on an interface to only those sources that have an IP-MAC address binding table entry or static IP source entry. When you first enable IP Source Guard on an interface, you may experience disruption in IP traffic until the hosts on the interface receive a new IP address from a DHCP server.
- IP Source Guard is dependent upon DHCP snooping to build and maintain the IP-MAC address binding table or upon manual maintenance of static IP source entries. For more information on DHCP snooping, see [Chapter 12, “Configuring DHCP Snooping.”](#)
- For seamless IP Source Guard, Virtual Service Domain (VSD) service VM ports are trusted ports by default. If you configure these ports as untrusted, this setting is ignored.

Configuring IP Source Guard

This section includes the following topics:

- [Enabling or Disabling IP Source Guard on a Layer 2 Interface, page 14-2](#)
- [Adding or Removing a Static IP Source Entry, page 14-3](#)

Enabling or Disabling IP Source Guard on a Layer 2 Interface

Use this procedure to enable or disable IP Source Guard on a Layer 2 interface.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- Ensure that the VSM and all VEMs are running a software release that supports this feature, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2) or higher, and that the VEM feature level has been updated (see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Software Upgrade Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*).
- By default, IP Source Guard is disabled on all interfaces.

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- Ensure that DHCP snooping is enabled. For more information, see the “Enabling or Disabling DHCP Snooping Globally” section on page 12-4.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **interface vethernet** *interface-number*
port-profile *profilename*
3. **[no] ip verify source dhcp-snooping-vlan**
4. **show running-config dhcp**
5. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	interface vethernet <i>interface-number</i> Example: switch(config)# interface vethernet 3 switch(config-if)# port-profile <i>profilename</i> Example: switch(config)# port-profile vm-data switch(config-port-prof)#	Enters interface configuration mode, where <i>interface-number</i> is the vEthernet interface that you want to configure as trusted or untrusted for DHCP snooping. Enters port profile configuration mode for the specified port profile, where <i>profilename</i> is a unique name of up to 80 characters.
Step 3	[no] ip verify source dhcp-snooping-vlan Example: switch(config-if)# ip verify source dhcp-snooping vlan	Enables IP Source Guard on the interface. The no option disables IP Source Guard on the interface.
Step 4	show running-config dhcp Example: switch(config-if)# show running-config dhcp	(Optional) Displays the running configuration for DHCP snooping, including the IP Source Guard configuration.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Adding or Removing a Static IP Source Entry

Use this procedure to add or remove a static IP source entry on a device.

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before beginning this procedure, you must know or do the following:

- Ensure that the VSM and all VEMs are running a software release that supports this feature, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2) or higher, and that the VEM feature level has been updated (see the *Cisco Nexus 1000V Software Upgrade Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)*).
- By default, there are no static IP source entries on a device.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **config t**
2. **[no] ip source binding** *IP-address MAC-address* **vlan** *vlan-ID* **interface vethernet** *interface-number*
3. **show ip dhcp snooping binding** [**interface vethernet** *interface-number*]
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	config t Example: switch# config t switch(config)#	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	[no] ip source binding <i>IP-address MAC-address</i> vlan <i>vlan-ID</i> interface vethernet <i>interface-number</i> Example: switch(config)# ip source binding 10.5.22.17 001f.28bd.0013 vlan 100 interface ethernet 3	Creates a static IP source entry for the current interface, or if you use the no option, removes a static IP source entry.
Step 3	show ip dhcp snooping binding [interface vethernet <i>interface-number</i>] Example: switch(config)# show ip dhcp snooping binding interface ethernet 3	(Optional) Displays IP-MAC address bindings for the interface specified, including static IP source entries. Static entries appear with the term “static” in the Type column.
Step 4	copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

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Verifying the IP Source Guard Configuration

To display IP Source Guard configuration information, use one of the following commands:

Command	Purpose
<code>show running-config dhcp</code>	Displays DHCP snooping configuration, including the IP Source Guard configuration.
<code>show ip verify source</code>	Displays IP-MAC address bindings.

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the *Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Security Command Reference, Release 4.0*.

Displaying IP Source Guard Bindings

Use the `show ip verify source` command to display IP-MAC address bindings.

Example Configuration for IP Source Guard

The following example shows how to create a static IP source entry and then how to enable IP Source Guard on an interface:

```
ip source binding 10.5.22.17 001f.28bd.0013 vlan 100 interface vethernet 3
interface ethernet 2/3
  no shutdown
  ip verify source dhcp-snooping-vlan
```

Default Settings

[Table 14-1](#) lists the default settings for IP Source Guard parameters.

Table 14-1 Default IP Source Guard Parameters

Parameters	Default
IP Source Guard	Disabled on each interface.
IP source entries	None. No static or default IP source entries exist by default.

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Additional References

For additional information related to implementing IP Source Guard, see the following sections:

- [Related Documents, page 14-6](#)
- [Standards, page 14-6](#)

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Information About DHCP Snooping, page 12-1	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Security Configuration Guide, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2), Chapter 12, “Configuring DHCP Snooping”</i>
IP Source Guard commands: complete command syntax, command modes, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>
DHCP snooping commands: complete command syntax, command modes, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	<i>Cisco Nexus 1000V Command Reference, Release 4.0(4)SV1(2)</i>

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

Feature History for IP Source Guard

[Table 14-2](#) lists the release history for this feature.

Table 14-2 Feature History for IP Source Guard

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IP Source Guard	4.0(4)SV1(2)	This feature was introduced.



CHAPTER 15

Security Configuration Limits

Table 15-1 shows the maximum configuration limits for Security features.

Table 15-1 Security Maximum Configuration Limits

Security Feature	Maximum Limit	
Active VLANs across all VEMs	512	
MAC addresses per VLAN within a VEM	1024 (1K)	
ACLs	128	
ACEs per ACL	128	
	Per DVS	Per Host
ACL Interfaces	2048	256
NetFlow Policies	32	8
NetFlow Interfaces	256	32
SPAN/ERSPAN Sessions	64	4
Port Security	2K	216
Multicast Groups	512	64
Virtual Service Domains (VSD)	64	6
VSD Interfaces	2048	214

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