

# **MACsec Encryption**

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# **Finding Feature Information**

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# **Information About MACsec Encryption**

MACsec is the IEEE 802.1AE standard for authenticating and encrypting packets between two MACsec-capable devices. These Catalyst switches support 802.1AE encryption with MACsec Key Agreement (MKA) on downlink ports for encryption between the switch and host device. The switch also supports MACsec encryption for switch-to-switch (inter-network device) security using both Cisco TrustSec Network Device Admission Control (NDAC), Security Association Protocol (SAP) and MKA-based key exchange protocol. Link layer security can include both packet authentication between switches and MACsec encryption between switches (encryption is optional).



Note

MACsec is not supported with the NPE license or the LAN Base service image.

Table 1: MACsec Support on Switch Ports

Interface	Connections	MACsec support
Downlink ports	Switch-to-host	MACsec MKA encryption
Uplink ports	Switch-to-switch	MACsec MKA encryption
		Cisco TrustSec NDAC MACsec

Cisco TrustSec and Cisco SAP are meant only for switch-to-switch links and are not supported on switch ports connected to end hosts, such as PCs or IP phones. MKA is supported on switch-to-host facing links (downlink) as well as switch-to-switch links (uplink). Host-facing links typically use flexible authentication ordering for handling heterogeneous devices with or without IEEE 802.1x, and can optionally use MKA-based MACsec encryption. Cisco NDAC and SAP are mutually exclusive with Network Edge Access Topology (NEAT), which is used for compact switches to extend security outside the wiring closet.

## Media Access Control Security and MACsec Key Agreement

MACsec, defined in 802.1AE, provides MAC-layer encryption over wired networks by using out-of-band methods for encryption keying. The MACsec Key Agreement (MKA) Protocol provides the required session keys and manages the required encryption keys. MKA and MACsec are implemented after successful authentication using the 802.1x Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP-TLS) or Pre Shared Key (PSK) framework.

A switch using MACsec accepts either MACsec or non-MACsec frames, depending on the policy associated with the MKA peer. MACsec frames are encrypted and protected with an integrity check value (ICV). When the switch receives frames from the MKA peer, it decrypts them and calculates the correct ICV by using session keys provided by MKA. The switch compares that ICV to the ICV within the frame. If they are not identical, the frame is dropped. The switch also encrypts and adds an ICV to any frames sent over the secured port (the access point used to provide the secure MAC service to a MKA peer) using the current session key.

The MKA Protocol manages the encryption keys used by the underlying MACsec protocol. The basic requirements of MKA are defined in 802.1x-REV. The MKA Protocol extends 802.1x to allow peer discovery with confirmation of mutual authentication and sharing of MACsec secret keys to protect data exchanged by the peers.

The EAP framework implements MKA as a newly defined EAP-over-LAN (EAPOL) packet. EAP authentication produces a master session key (MSK) shared by both partners in the data exchange. Entering the EAP session ID generates a secure connectivity association key name (CKN). The switch acts as the authenticator for both uplink and downlink; and acts as the key server for downlink. It generates a random secure association key (SAK), which is sent to the client partner. The client is never a key server and can only interact with a single MKA entity, the key server. After key derivation and generation, the switch sends periodic transports to the partner at a default interval of 2 seconds.

The packet body in an EAPOL Protocol Data Unit (PDU) is referred to as a MACsec Key Agreement PDU (MKPDU). MKA sessions and participants are deleted when the MKA lifetime (6 seconds) passes with no MKPDU received from a participant. For example, if a MKA peer disconnects, the participant on the switch continues to operate MKA until 6 seconds have elapsed after the last MKPDU is received from the MKA peer.



Note

Integrity check value (ICV) indicator in MKPDU is optional. ICV is not optional when the traffic is encrypted.

EAPoL Announcements indicate the use of the type of keying material. The announcements can be used to announce the capability of the supplicant as well as the authenticator. Based on the capability of each side, the largest common denominator of the keying material could be used.

Prior to Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a, should-secure was supported for MKA and SAP. With should-secure enabled, if the peer is configured for MACsec, the data traffic is encrypted, otherwise it is sent in clear text. Starting with Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a, must-secure support is enabled on both the ingress and the egress. Must-secure is supported for MKA and SAP. With must-secure enabled, only EAPoL traffic will not be encrypted. The rest of the traffic will be encrypted. Unencrypted packets are dropped.



Note

Must-secure mode is enabled by default.

### **MKA Policies**

To enable MKA on an interface, a defined MKA policy should be applied to the interface. You can configure these options:

- Policy name, not to exceed 16 ASCII characters.
- Confidentiality (encryption) offset of 0, 30, or 50 bytes for each physical interface

### **Virtual Ports**

Use virtual ports for multiple secured connectivity associations on a single physical port. Each connectivity association (pair) represents a virtual port. In uplink, you can have only one virtual port per physical port. In downlink, you can have a maximum of two virtual ports per physical port, of which one virtual port can be part of a data VLAN; the other must externally tag its packets for the voice VLAN. You cannot simultaneously host secured and unsecured sessions in the same VLAN on the same port. Because of this limitation, 802.1x multiple authentication mode is not supported.

The exception to this limitation is in multiple-host mode when the first MACsec supplicant is successfully authenticated and connected to a hub that is connected to the switch. A non-MACsec host connected to the hub can send traffic without authentication because it is in multiple-host mode. We do not recommend using multi-host mode because after the first successful client, authentication is not required for other clients.

Virtual ports represent an arbitrary identifier for a connectivity association and have no meaning outside the MKA Protocol. A virtual port corresponds to a separate logical port ID. Valid port IDs for a virtual port are 0x0002 to 0xFFFF. Each virtual port receives a unique secure channel identifier (SCI) based on the MAC address of the physical interface concatenated with a 16-bit port ID.

### MACsec and Stacking

A switch stack master running MACsec maintains the configuration files that show which ports on a member switch support MACsec. The stack master performs these functions:

- Processes secure channel and secure association creation and deletion
- Sends secure association service requests to the stack members.

- Processes packet number and replay-window information from local or remote ports and notifies the key management protocol.
- Sends MACsec initialization requests with the globally configured options to new switches that are added to the stack.
- Sends any per-port configuration to the member switches.

A member switch performs these functions:

- Processes MACsec initialization requests from the stack master.
- Processes MACsec service requests sent by the stack master.
- Sends information about local ports to the stack master.

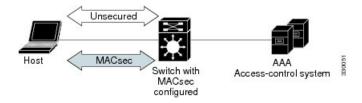
### MACsec, MKA and 802.1x Host Modes

You can use MACsec and the MKA Protocol with 802.1x single-host mode, multi-host mode, or Multi Domain Authentication (MDA) mode. Multiple authentication mode is not supported.

### **Single-Host Mode**

The figure shows how a single EAP authenticated session is secured by MACsec by using MKA

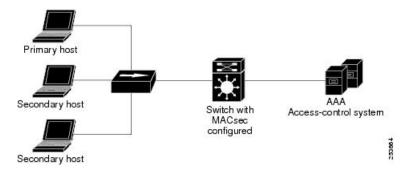
Figure 1: MACsec in Single-Host Mode with a Secured Data Session



#### **Multiple Host Mode**

In standard (not 802.1x REV) 802.1x multiple-host mode, a port is open or closed based on a single authentication. If one user, the primary secured client services client host, is authenticated, the same level of network access is provided to any host connected to the same port. If a secondary host is a MACsec supplicant, it cannot be authenticated and traffic would not flow. A secondary host that is a non-MACsec host can send traffic to the network without authentication because it is in multiple-host mode. The figure shows MACsec in Standard Multiple-Host Unsecure Mode.

Figure 2: MACsec in Multiple-Host Mode - Unsecured





Note

Multi-host mode is not recommended because after the first successful client, authentication is not required for other clients, which is not secure.

In standard (not 802.1x REV) 802.1x multiple-domain mode, a port is open or closed based on a single authentication. If the primary user, a PC on data domain, is authenticated, the same level of network access is provided to any domain connected to the same port. If a secondary user is a MACsec supplicant, it cannot be authenticated and traffic would no flow. A secondary user, an IP phone on voice domain, that is a non-MACsec host, can send traffic to the network without authentication because it is in multiple-domain mode.

#### **MKA Statistics**

Some MKA counters are aggregated globally, while others are updated both globally and per session. You can also obtain information about the status of MKA sessions.

This is an example of the show mka statistics command output:

#### Switch# show mka sessions

```
Total MKA Sessions..... 1
Secured Sessions... 1
Pending Sessions... 0
```

Interface Port-ID	Local-TxSCI Peer-RxSCI	Policy-Name MACsec-Peers	Inherited Status	Key-Server CKN	
Gi1/0/1	204c.9e85.ede4/	002b p2	NO	YES	
43	c800.8459.e764/	002a 1	Secured		
0100000000000	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	000000000000000		

Switch#show mka sessions interface G1/0/1

Summary of All Currently Active MKA Sessions on Interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1...

Interface Port-ID	Local-TxSCI Peer-RxSCI	Policy-Name MACsec-Peers	Inherited Status	Key-Server CKN
Gi1/0/1	204c.9e85.ede4/	 002b p2	NO	 YES
43	c800.8459.e764/	002a 1	Secured	
010000000000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	0000000000000000	

Switch#show mka sessions interface G1/0/1 de

Interface MAC Address.... 204c.9e85.ede4
MKA Port Identifier..... 43
Interface Name....... GigabitEthernet1/0/1

Audit Session ID.....

Member Identifier (MI)... D46CBEC05D5D67594543CEAE

Message Number (MN)..... 89567 EAP Role...................... NA

```
Key Server..... YES
MKA Cipher Suite..... AES-128-CMAC
Latest SAK Status..... Rx & Tx
Latest SAK AN..... 0
Latest SAK KI (KN)..... D46CBEC05D5D67594543CEAE00000001 (1)
Old SAK Status..... FIRST-SAK
Old SAK AN..... 0
Old SAK KI (KN)..... FIRST-SAK (0)
SAK Transmit Wait Time... Os (Not waiting for any peers to respond)
SAK Retire Time..... Os (No Old SAK to retire)
MKA Policy Name..... p2
Key Server Priority..... 2
Delay Protection..... NO
Replay Protection..... YES
Replay Window Size..... 0
Confidentiality Offset... 0
Algorithm Agility..... 80C201
Send Secure Announcement.. DISABLED
SAK Cipher Suite...... 0080C20001000001 (GCM-AES-128)
MACsec Capability...... 3 (MACsec Integrity, Confidentiality, & Offset)
MACsec Desired..... YES
# of MACsec Capable Live Peers..... 1
# of MACsec Capable Live Peers Responded.. 1
Live Peers List:
                     MN
                               Rx-SCI (Peer)
                                               KS Priority
 MΙ
 ______
 38046BA37D7DA77E06D006A9 89555
                              c800.8459.e764/002a 10
Potential Peers List:
                     MN
                           Rx-SCI (Peer)
                                             KS Priority
Dormant Peers List:
                     MN
                               Rx-SCI (Peer)
                                               KS Priority
 ______
Switch#show mka sessions de
Switch#show mka sessions detail
MKA Detailed Status for MKA Session
Status: SECURED - Secured MKA Session with MACsec
Local Tx-SCI...... 204c.9e85.ede4/002b
Interface MAC Address.... 204c.9e85.ede4
MKA Port Identifier..... 43
Interface Name..... GigabitEthernet1/0/1
Audit Session ID.....
Member Identifier (MI)... D46CBEC05D5D67594543CEAE
Message Number (MN)..... 89572
EAP Role..... NA
Key Server..... YES
MKA Cipher Suite..... AES-128-CMAC
Latest SAK Status..... Rx & Tx
Latest SAK AN..... 0
Latest SAK KI (KN)..... D46CBEC05D5D67594543CEAE00000001 (1)
Old SAK Status..... FIRST-SAK
```

```
Old SAK AN..... 0
Old SAK KI (KN)..... FIRST-SAK (0)
SAK Transmit Wait Time... Os (Not waiting for any peers to respond)
SAK Retire Time..... Os (No Old SAK to retire)
MKA Policy Name..... p2
Key Server Priority..... 2
Delay Protection..... NO
Replay Protection..... YES
Replay Window Size..... 0
Confidentiality Offset... 0
Algorithm Agility..... 80C201
SAK Cipher Suite...... 0080C20001000001 (GCM-AES-128)
MACsec Capability...... 3 (MACsec Integrity, Confidentiality, & Offset)
MACsec Desired..... YES
# of MACsec Capable Live Peers..... 1
# of MACsec Capable Live Peers Responded.. 1
Live Peers List:
                               Rx-SCI (Peer) KS Priority
                     MN
 ______
 38046BA37D7DA77E06D006A9 89560 c800.8459.e764/002a 10
Potential Peers List:
 MΤ
                     MN Rx-SCI (Peer) KS Priority
Dormant Peers List:
                     MN
                              Rx-SCI (Peer) KS Priority
 ______
Switch#sh mka pol
MKA Policy Summary...
                                                        Interfaces
                    Delay Replay Window Conf Cipher
Policy
              Priority Protect Protect Size Offset Suite(s)
Name
                                                          Applied
*DEFAULT POLICY* 0
                    FALSE TRUE
                                 0
                                             GCM-AES-128
              1 FALSE TRUE
                                       0 GCM-AES-128
р1
                                 0
              2 FALSE TRUE 0 0 GCM-AES-128 Gi1/0/1
p2
Switch#sh mka poli
Switch#sh mka policy p2
Switch#sh mka policy p2 ?
 detail Detailed configuration/information for MKA Policy
 sessions Summary of all active MKA Sessions with policy applied
        Output modifiers
 <cr>
Switch#sh mka policy p2 de
MKA Policy Configuration ("p2")
_____
MKA Policy Name..... p2
Key Server Priority.... 2
Confidentiality Offset. 0
Send Secure Announcement..DISABLED
Cipher Suite(s)..... GCM-AES-128
```

```
Applied Interfaces...
 GigabitEthernet1/0/1
Switch#sh mka policy p2
MKA Policy Summary...
Policy
                          Delay
                                Replay Window Conf
                                                       Cipher
                                                                       Interfaces
                 Priority Protect Protect Size Offset Suite(s)
                                                                       Applied
Name
p2
                          FALSE TRUE
                                       0
                                              0
                                                       GCM-AES-128
                                                                       Gi1/0/1
Switch#sh mka se?
sessions
Switch#sh mka ?
 default-policy MKA Default Policy details
 keychains MKA Pre-Shared-Key Key-Chains
 policy
                 MKA Policy configuration information
 presharedkeys MKA Preshared Keys
 sessions
                 MKA Sessions summary
                Global MKA statistics
 statistics
               MKA Sessions summary & global statistics
 summary
Switch#sh mka statis
Switch#sh mka statistics ?
 interface Statistics for a MKA Session on an interface
 local-sci Statistics for a MKA Session identified by its Local Tx-SCI
            Output modifiers
 <cr>
Switch#sh mka statistics inter
Switch#show mka statistics interface G1/0/1
MKA Statistics for Session
Reauthentication Attempts.. 0
CA Statistics
  Pairwise CAKs Derived... 0
  Pairwise CAK Rekeys.... 0
  Group CAKs Generated.... 0
  Group CAKs Received.... 0
SA Statistics
  SAKs Generated..... 1
   SAKs Rekeyed..... 0
   SAKs Received..... 0
  SAK Responses Received.. 1
MKPDU Statistics
  MKPDUs Validated & Rx... 89585
      "Distributed SAK".. 0
      "Distributed CAK".. 0
  MKPDUs Transmitted..... 89596
     "Distributed SAK".. 1
     "Distributed CAK".. 0
Switch#show mka ?
 default-policy MKA Default Policy details
                MKA Pre-Shared-Key Key-Chains
  keychains
```

policy MKA Policy configuration information presharedkeys MKA Preshared Keys sessions MKA Sessions summary statistics Global MKA statistics summary MKA Sessions summary & global statistics

Switch#show mka summ

Switch#show mka summary

Total MKA Sessions..... 1
Secured Sessions... 1
Pending Sessions... 0

Interface Local-TxSCI Policy-Name Inherited Key-Server Port-ID MACsec-Peers Peer-RxSCI Status CKN 204c.9e85.ede4/002b p2 Gi1/0/1 NO YES 43 c800.8459.e764/002a 1 Secured 

MKA Global Statistics

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MKA Session Totals	
Secured	1
Reauthentication Attem	
Deleted (Secured)	0
Keepalive Timeouts	
Reepairve limeoucs	0
CA Statistics	
Pairwise CAKs Derived.	0
Pairwise CAK Rekeys	
Group CAKs Generated	
Group CAKs Received	
Group CARS Received	0
SA Statistics	
SAKs Generated	1
SAKs Rekeyed	
SAKs Received	
SAK Responses Received	
MKPDU Statistics	
MKPDUs Validated & Rx.	20520
"Distributed SAK"	
"Distributed CAK"	
MKPDUs Transmitted	
"Distributed SAK"	
"Distributed CAK"	0
MKA Error Counter Totals	
Session Failures	
Bring-up Failures	0
Reauthentication Failu	
Duplicate Auth-Mgr Han	dle0
<u>.</u>	
SAK Failures	
SAK Generation	0
Hash Key Generation	

	SAK Cipher Mismatch	0
CA	Failures	
	Group CAK Generation	0
	Group CAK Encryption/Wrap	0
	Group CAK Decryption/Unwrap	0
	Pairwise CAK Derivation	0
	CKN Derivation	0
	ICK Derivation	0
	KEK Derivation	0
	Invalid Peer MACsec Capability	0
MAG	Csec Failures	
	Rx SC Creation	
	Tx SC Creation	
	Rx SA Installation	
	Tx SA Installation	0
MKI	PDU Failures	
1.11(1	MKPDU Tx	Λ
	MKPDU Rx Validation	
	MKPDU Rx Bad Peer MN	
	MKPDU Rx Non-recent Peerlist MN	
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Switch#

# **Configuring MKA and MACsec**

## **Default MACsec MKA Configuration**

MACsec is disabled. No MKA policies are configured.

## **Configuring an MKA Policy**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	mka policy policy name	Identify an MKA policy, and enter MKA policy configuration mode. The maximum policy name length is 16 characters.
		The default MACsec cipher suite in the MKA policy will always be "GCM-AES-128". If the device supports both "GCM-AES-128" and "GCM-AES-256" ciphers, it is highly recommended to define and use a user defined MKA policy to include both 128 and 256 bits ciphers or only 256 bits cipher, as may be required.

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 3	send-secure-announcements	Enabled secure announcements.	
		<b>Note</b> By default, secure announcements are disabled.	
Step 4	key-server priority	Configure MKA key server options and set priority (between 0-255).	
		When value of key server priority is set to 255, the peer can not become the key server. The key server priority value is valid only for MKA PSK; and not for MKA EAPTLS.	
Step 5	include-icv-indicator	Enables the ICV indicator in MKPDU. Use the <b>no</b> form of this command to disable the ICV indicator — <b>no include-icv-indicator</b> .	
Step 6	macsec-cipher-suite gcm-aes-128	Configures cipher suite for deriving SAK wit 128-bit encryption.	
Step 7	confidentiality-offset Offset value	Set the Confidentiality (encryption) offset for each physical interface	
		Note Offset Value can be 0, 30 or 50. If you are using Anyconnect on the client, it is recommended to use Offset 0.	
Step 8	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.	
Step 9	show mka policy	Verify your entries.	

### **Example**

This example configures the MKA policy:

```
Switch(config) # mka policy mka_policy
Switch(config-mka-policy) # key-server priority 200
Switch(config-mka-policy) # macsec-cipher-suite gcm-aes-128
Switch(config-mka-policy) # confidentiality-offset 30
Switch(config-mka-policy) # end
```

## **Configuring MACsec on an Interface**

Follow these steps to configure MACsec on an interface with one MACsec session for voice and one for data:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter the
	Example:	password if prompted.
	Switch> <b>enable</b>	
Step 2	configureterminal	Enters the global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Switch>configure terminal	
Step 3	interface interface-id	Identify the MACsec interface, and enter interface configuration mode. The interface must be a physical interface.
Step 4	switchport access vlanvlan-id	Configure the access VLAN for the port.
Step 5	switchport mode access	Configure the interface as an access port.
Step 6	macsec	Enable 802.1ae MACsec on the interface. The macsec command enables MKA MACsec on switch-to-host links (downlink ports) only.
Step 7	authentication event linksec fail action authorize vlan vlan-id	(Optional) Specify that the switch processes authentication link-security failures resulting from unrecognized user credentials by authorizing a restricted VLAN on the port after a failed authentication attempt.
Step 8	authentication host-mode multi-domain	Configure authentication manager mode on the port to allow both a host and a voice device to be authenticated on the 802.1x-authorized port. If not configured, the default host mode is single.
Step 9	authentication linksec policy must-secure	Set the LinkSec security policy to secure the session with MACsec if the peer is available. If not set, the default is <i>should secure</i> .
Step 10	authentication port-control auto	Enable 802.1x authentication on the port. The port changes to the authorized or unauthorized state based on the authentication exchange between the switch and the client.
Step 11	authentication periodic	Enable or Disable Reauthentication for this port .
Step 12	authentication timer reauthenticate	Enter a value between 1 and 65535 (in seconds). Obtains re-authentication timeout value from the server. Default re-authentication time is 3600 seconds.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 13	authentication violation protect	Configure the port to drop unexpected incoming MAC addresses when a new device connects to a port or when a device connects to a port after the maximum number of devices are connected to that port. If not configured, the default is to shut down the port.
Step 14	mka policy policy name	Apply an existing MKA protocol policy to the interface, and enable MKA on the interface. If no MKA policy was configured (by entering the <b>mka policy</b> global configuration command).
Step 15	dot1x pae authenticator	Configure the port as an 802.1x port access entity (PAE) authenticator.
Step 16	spanning-tree portfast	Enable spanning tree Port Fast on the interface in all its associated VLANs. When Port Fast feature is enabled, the interface changes directly from a blocking state to a forwarding state without making the intermediate spanning-tree state changes
Step 17	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Switch(config)#end	
Step 18	show authentication session interface interface-id	Verify the authorized session security status.
Step 19	show authentication session interface interface-id details	Verify the details of the security status of the authorized session.
Step 20	show macsec interface interface-id	Verify MacSec status on the interface.
Step 21	show mka sessions	Verify the established mka sessions.
Step 22	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.
	Switch#copy running-config startup-config	

# **Configuring MACsec MKA using PSK**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 2	key chain key-chain-name macsec	Configures a key chain and enters the key chain configuration mode.	
Step 3	key hex-string	Configures a unique identifier for each key in the keychain and enters the keychain's key configuration mode.	
		Note For 128-bit encryption, use 32 hex digit key-string. For 256-bit encryption, use 64 hex digit key-string.	
Step 4	cryptographic-algorithm {gcm-aes-128   gcm-aes-256}	Set cryptographic authentication algorithm with 128-bit or 256-bit encryption.	
Step 5	<b>key-string</b> { [0 6 7] pwd-string   pwd-string}	Sets the password for a key string. Only hex characters must be entered.	
Step 6	lifetime local [start timestamp {hh::mm::ss   day   month   year}] [duration seconds   end timestamp {hh::mm::ss   day   month   year}]	Sets the lifetime of the pre shared key.	
Step 7	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.	

### **Example**

Following is an indicative example:

```
Switch(config)# Key chain keychain1 macsec
Switch(config-key-chain)# key 1000
Switch(config-keychain-key)# cryptographic-algorithm gcm-aes-128
Switch(config-keychain-key)# key-string 12345678901234567890123456789012
Switch(config-keychain-key)# lifetime local 12:12:00 July 28 2016 12:19:00 July 28 2016
Switch(config-keychain-key)# end
```

## Configuring MACsec MKA on an Interface using PSK



Note

To avoid traffic drop across sessions, the **mka policy** command must be configured before the **mka pre-shared-key key-chain** command.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	interface interface-id	Enters interface configuration mode.
Step 3	macsec network-link	Enables MACsec on the interface.
Step 4	mka policy policy-name	Configures an MKA policy.
Step 5	mka pre-shared-key key-chain key-chain name	Configures an MKA pre-shared-key key-chain name.  Note The MKA pre-shared key can be configured on either physical interface or sub-interfaces and not on both.
Step 6	macsec replay-protection window-size frame number	Sets the MACsec window size for replay protection.
Step 7	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

#### Example

Following is an indicative example:

```
Switch(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Switch(config-if)# mka policy mka_policy
Switch(config-if)# mka pre-shared-key key-chain key-chain-name
Switch(config-if)# macsec replay-protection window-size 10
Switch(config-if)# end
```

#### What to do next

It is not recommended to change the MKA policy on an interface with MKA PSK configured when the session is running. However, if a change is required, you must reconfigure the policy as follows:

- 1. Disable the existing session by removing macsec network-link configuration on each of the participating node using the **no macsec network-link** command
- 2. Configure the MKA policy on the interface on each of the participating node using the **mka policy policy-name** command.
- 3. Enable the new session on each of the participating node by using the macsec network-link command.

## Information About MACsec MKA using EAP-TLS

MACsec MKA is supported on switch-to-switch links. Using IEE 802.1X Port-based Authentication with Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP-TLS), you can configure MACsec MKA between device uplink ports. EAP-TLS allows mutual authentication and obtains an MSK (master session key) from which the connectivity association key (CAK) is derived for MKA operations. Device certificates are carried, using EAP-TLS, for authentication to the AAA server.

### Prerequisites for MACsec MKA using EAP-TLS

- Ensure that you have a Certificate Authority (CA) server configured for your network.
- Generate a CA certificate.
- Ensure that you have configured Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) Release 2.0.
- Ensure that both the participating devices, the CA server, and Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) are synchronized using Network Time Protocol (NTP). If time is not synchronized on all your devices, certificates will not be validated.
- Ensure that 802.1x authentication and AAA are configured on your device.

### **Limitations for MACsec MKA using EAP-TLS**

- MKA is not supported on port-channels.
- MKA is not supported with High Availability and local authentication.
- MKA/EAPTLS is not supported for promiscuous PVLAN Primary port.
- While configuring MACsec MKA using EAP-TLS, MACsec secure channels encrypt counters does not increment before first Rekey.

.

## **Configuring MACsec MKA using EAP-TLS**

To configure MACsec with MKA on point-to-point links, perform these tasks:

- Configure Certificate Enrollment
  - · Generate Key Pairs
  - Configure SCEP Enrollment
  - · Configure Certificates Manually
- Configure an Authentication Policy
- Configure EAP-TLS Profiles and IEEE 802.1x Credentials
- Configure MKA MACsec using EAP-TLS on Interfaces

## **Remote Authentication**

### **Generating Key Pairs**

#### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	crypto key generate rsa label label-name general-keys modulus size	Generates a RSA key pair for signing and encryption.
		You can also assign a label to each key pair using the label keyword. The label is referenced by the trustpoint that uses the key pair. If you do not assign a label, the key pair is automatically labeled <default-rsa-key>.</default-rsa-key>
		If you do not use additional keywords this command generates one general purpose RSA key pair. If the modulus is not specified, the default key modulus of 1024 is used. You can specify other modulus sizes with the modulus keyword.
Step 3	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 4	show authentication session interface interface-id	Verifies the authorized session security status.
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

## **Configuring Enrollment using SCEP**

Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP) is a Cisco-developed enrollment protocol that uses HTTP to communicate with the certificate authority (CA) or registration authority (RA). SCEP is the most commonly used method for sending and receiving requests and certificates.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	crypto pki trustpoint server name	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 3	enrollment url url name pem	Specifies the URL of the CA on which your device should send certificate requests.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		An IPv6 address can be added in the URL enclosed in brackets. For example: http:// [2001:DB8:1:1::1]:80.
		The pem keyword adds privacy-enhanced mail (PEM) boundaries to the certificate request.
Step 4	rsakeypair label	Specifies which key pair to associate with the certificate.
		Note The rsakeypair name must match the trust-point name.
Step 5	serial-number none	The <b>none</b> keyword specifies that a serial number will not be included in the certificate request.
Step 6	ip-address none	The <b>none</b> keyword specifies that no IP address should be included in the certificate request.
Step 7	revocation-check crl	Specifies CRL as the method to ensure that the certificate of a peer has not been revoked.
Step 8	auto-enroll percent regenerate	Enables auto-enrollment, allowing the client to automatically request a rollover certificate from the CA.
		If auto-enrollment is not enabled, the client must be manually re-enrolled in your PKI upon certificate expiration.
		By default, only the Domain Name System (DNS) name of the device is included in the certificate.
		Use the percent argument to specify that a new certificate will be requested after the percentage of the lifetime of the current certificate is reached.
		Use the regenerate keyword to generate a new key for the certificate even if a named key already exists.
		If the key pair being rolled over is exportable, the new key pair will also be exportable. The following comment will appear in the trustpoint configuration to indicate whether the key pair is exportable: "! RSA key pair associated with trustpoint is exportable."
		It is recommended that a new key pair be generated for security reasons.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	crypto pki authenticate name	Retrieves the CA certificate and authenticates it.
Step 10	exit	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 11	show crypto pki certificate trustpoint name	Displays information about the certificate for the trust point.

## **Configuring Enrollment Manually**

If your CA does not support SCEP or if a network connection between the router and CA is not possible. Perform the following task to set up manual certificate enrollment:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enter global configuration mode.
Step 2	crypto pki trustpoint server name	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 3	enrollment url url name pem	Specifies the URL of the CA on which your device should send certificate requests.
		An IPv6 address can be added in the URL enclosed in brackets. For example: http:// [2001:DB8:1:1::1]:80.
		The pem keyword adds privacy-enhanced mail (PEM) boundaries to the certificate request.
Step 4	rsakeypair label	Specifies which key pair to associate with the certificate.
Step 5	serial-number none	The <b>none</b> keyword specifies that a serial number will not be included in the certificate request.
Step 6	ip-address none	The <b>none</b> keyword specifies that no IP address should be included in the certificate request.
Step 7	revocation-check crl	Specifies CRL as the method to ensure that the certificate of a peer has not been revoked.
Step 8	exit	Exits Global Configuration mode.
Step 9	crypto pki authenticate name	Retrieves the CA certificate and authenticates it.
Step 10	crypto pki enroll name	Generates certificate request and displays the request for copying and pasting into the certificate server.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		Enter enrollment information when you are prompted. For example, specify whether to include the device FQDN and IP address in the certificate request.
		You are also given the choice about displaying the certificate request to the console terminal.
		The base-64 encoded certificate with or without PEM headers as requested is displayed.
Step 11	crypto pki import name certificate	Imports a certificate via TFTP at the console terminal, which retrieves the granted certificate.
		The device attempts to retrieve the granted certificate via TFTP using the same filename used to send the request, except the extension is changed from ".req" to ".crt". For usage key certificates, the extensions "-sign.crt" and "-encr.crt" are used.
		The device parses the received files, verifies the certificates, and inserts the certificates into the internal certificate database on the switch.
		Note Some CAs ignore the usage key information in the certificate request and issue general purpose usage certificates. If your CA ignores the usage key information in the certificate request, only import the general purpose certificate. The router will not use one of the two key pairs generated.
Step 12	exit	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 13	show crypto pki certificate trustpoint name	Displays information about the certificate for the trust point.
Step 14	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

## **Enabling 802.1x Authentication and Configuring AAA**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	aaa new-model	Enables AAA.
Step 4	dot1x system-auth-control	Enables 802.1X on your device.
Step 5	radius server name	Specifies the name of the RADIUS server configuration for Protected Access Credential (PAC) provisioning and enters RADIUS server configuration mode.
Step 6	address ip-address auth-port port-number acct-port port-number	Configures the IPv4 address for the RADIUS server accounting and authentication parameters.
Step 7	automate-tester username username	Enables the automated testing feature for the RADIUS server.
		With this practice, the device sends periodic test authentication messages to the RADIUS server. It looks for a RADIUS response from the server. A success message is not necessary - a failed authentication suffices, because it shows that the server is alive.
Step 8	key string	Configures the authentication and encryption key for all RADIUS communications between the device and the RADIUS server.
Step 9	radius-server deadtime minutes	Improves RADIUS response time when some servers might be unavailable and skips unavailable servers immediately.
Step 10	exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 11	aaa group server radius group-name	Groups different RADIUS server hosts into distinct lists and distinct methods, and enters server group configuration mode.
Step 12	server name	Assigns the RADIUS server name.
Step 13	exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 14	aaa authentication dot1x default group group-name	Sets the default authentication server group for IEEE 802.1x.
Step 15	aaa authorization network default group group-name	Sets the network authorization default group.

### **Configuring EAP-TLS Profile and 802.1x Credentials**

### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		• Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	eap profile profile-name	Configures EAP profile and enters EAP profile configuration mode.
Step 4	method tls	Enables EAP-TLS method on the device.
Step 5	pki-trustpoint name	Sets the default PKI trustpoint.
Step 6	exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	dot1x credentials profile-name	Configures 802.1x credentials profile and enters dot1x credentials configuration mode.
Step 8	username username	Sets the authentication user ID.
Step 9	pki-trustpoint name	Sets the default PKI trustpoint.
Step 10	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

### Applying the 802.1x MACsec MKA Configuration on Interfaces

To apply MACsec MKA using EAP-TLS to interfaces, perform the following task:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	interface interface-id	Identifies the MACsec interface, and enter interface configuration mode. The interface must be a physical interface.
Step 3	macsec network-link	Enables MACsec on the interface.
Step 4	authentication periodic	Enables reauthentication for this port.
Step 5	authentication timer reauthenticate interval	Sets the reauthentication interval.
Step 6	access-session host-mode multi-domain	Allows hosts to gain access to the interface.
Step 7	access-session closed	Prevents preauthentication access on the interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	access-session port-control auto	Sets the authorization state of a port.
Step 9	dot1x pae both	Configures the port as an 802.1X port access entity (PAE) supplicant and authenticator.
Step 10	dot1x credentials profile	Assigns a 802.1x credentials profile to the interface.
Step 11	dot1x supplicant eap profile name	Assigns the EAP-TLS profile to the interface.
Step 12	service-policy type control subscriber control-policy name	Applies a subscriber control policy to the interface.
Step 13	exit	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 14	show macsec interface	Displays MACsec details for the interface.
Step 15	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

## **Local Authentication**

## **Configuring the EAP Credentials using Local Authentication**

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.	
		• Enter your password if prompted.	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
Step 3	aaa new-model	Enables AAA.	
Step 4	aaa local authentication default authorization default	Sets the default local authentication and default local authorization method.	
Step 5	aaa authentication dot1x default local	Sets the default local username authentication list for IEEE 802.1x.	
Step 6	aaa authorization network default local	Sets an authorization method list for local user.	
Step 7	aaa authorization credential-download default local	Sets an authorization method list for use of local credentials.	
Step 8	exit	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.	

### **Configuring the Local EAP-TLS Authentication and Authorization Profile**

### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		• Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	aaa new-model	Enables AAA.
Step 4	dot1x credentials profile-name  Configures the dot1x credentials profile enters dot1x credentials configurate	
Step 5	5 <b>username</b> name <b>password</b> password Sets the authentication user ID	
Step 6	exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	aaa attribute list list-name  (Optional) Sets the AAA attribute list definition and enters attribute list con mode.	
Step 8	aaa attribute type linksec-policy (Optional) Specifies the AAA attribute-secure	
Step 9	exit	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 10	username name aaa attribute list name	(Optional) Specifies the AAA attribute list for the user ID.
Step 11	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

### **Configuring Enrollment using SCEP**

Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP) is a Cisco-developed enrollment protocol that uses HTTP to communicate with the certificate authority (CA) or registration authority (RA). SCEP is the most commonly used method for sending and receiving requests and certificates.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	crypto pki trustpoint server name	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	enrollment url url name pem	Specifies the URL of the CA on which your device should send certificate requests.
		An IPv6 address can be added in the URL enclosed in brackets. For example: http:// [2001:DB8:1:1::1]:80.
		The pem keyword adds privacy-enhanced mail (PEM) boundaries to the certificate request.
Step 5	rsakeypair label	Specifies which key pair to associate with the certificate.
		Note The rsakeypair name must match the trust-point name.
Step 6	serial-number none	The <b>none</b> keyword specifies that a serial number will not be included in the certificate request.
Step 7	ip-address none	The <b>none</b> keyword specifies that no IP address should be included in the certificate request.
Step 8	revocation-check crl	Specifies CRL as the method to ensure that the certificate of a peer has not been revoked.
Step 9	auto-enroll percent regenerate	Enables auto-enrollment, allowing the client to automatically request a rollover certificate from the CA.
		If auto-enrollment is not enabled, the client must be manually re-enrolled in your PKI upon certificate expiration.
		By default, only the Domain Name System (DNS) name of the device is included in the certificate.
		Use the percent argument to specify that a new certificate will be requested after the percentage of the lifetime of the current certificate is reached.
		Use the regenerate keyword to generate a new key for the certificate even if a named key already exists.
		If the key pair being rolled over is exportable, the new key pair will also be exportable. The following comment will appear in the trustpoint configuration to indicate whether the key pair is exportable: "! RSA key pair associated with trustpoint is exportable."

	Command or Action	Purpose	
		It is recommended that a new key pair be generated for security reasons.	
Step 10	crypto pki authenticate name	Retrieves the CA certificate and authenticates it.	
Step 11	exit	Exits global configuration mode.	
Step 12	show crypto pki certificate trustpoint name	Displays information about the certificate for the trust point.	

### **Configuring Enrollment Manually**

If your CA does not support SCEP or if a network connection between the router and CA is not possible. Perform the following task to set up manual certificate enrollment:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		• Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	crypto pki trustpoint server name	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 4	enrollment url url name pem	Specifies the URL of the CA on which your device should send certificate requests.
		An IPv6 address can be added in the URL enclosed in brackets. For example: http:// [2001:DB8:1:1::1]:80.
		The pem keyword adds privacy-enhanced mail (PEM) boundaries to the certificate request.
Step 5	rsakeypair label	Specifies which key pair to associate with the certificate.
Step 6	serial-number none	The <b>none</b> keyword specifies that a serial number will not be included in the certificate request.
Step 7	ip-address none	The <b>none</b> keyword specifies that no IP address should be included in the certificate request.
Step 8	revocation-check crl	Specifies CRL as the method to ensure that the certificate of a peer has not been revoked.
Step 9	exit	Exits Global Configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 10	crypto pki authenticate name	Retrieves the CA certificate and authenticates it.	
Step 11	crypto pki enroll name	Generates certificate request and displays the request for copying and pasting into the certificate server.	
		Enter enrollment information when you are prompted. For example, specify whether to include the device FQDN and IP address in the certificate request.	
		You are also given the choice about displaying the certificate request to the console terminal.	
		The base-64 encoded certificate with or without PEM headers as requested is displayed.	
Step 12	crypto pki import name certificate	Imports a certificate via TFTP at the console terminal, which retrieves the granted certificate.	
		The device attempts to retrieve the granted certificate via TFTP using the same filename used to send the request, except the extension is changed from ".req" to ".crt". For usage key certificates, the extensions "-sign.crt" and "-encr.crt" are used.	
		The device parses the received files, verifies the certificates, and inserts the certificates into the internal certificate database on the switch.	
		Note Some CAs ignore the usage key information in the certificate request and issue general purpose usage certificates. If your CA ignores the usage key information in the certificate request, only import the general purpose certificate. The router will not use one of the two key pairs generated.	
Step 13	exit	Exits Global Configuration mode.	
Step 14	show crypto pki certificate trustpoint name	Displays information about the certificate for the trust point.	
Step 15	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.	

### **Configuring EAP-TLS Profile and 802.1x Credentials**

### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.	
		• Enter your password if prompted.	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
Step 3	eap profile profile-name	Configures EAP profile and enters EAP profile configuration mode.	
Step 4	method tls	Enables EAP-TLS method on the device.	
Step 5	pki-trustpoint name	Sets the default PKI trustpoint.	
Step 6	exit	Returns to global configuration mode.	
Step 7	dot1x credentials profile-name	Configures 802.1x credentials profile and enters dot1x credentials configuration mode.	
Step 8	username username	Sets the authentication user ID.	
Step 9	pki-trustpoint name	Sets the default PKI trustpoint.	
Step 10	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.	

### **Applying the 802.1x MKA MACsec Configuration on Interfaces**

To apply MKA MACsec using EAP-TLS to interfaces, perform the following task:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
		Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface interface-id	Identifies the MACsec interface, and enter interface configuration mode. The interface must be a physical interface.
Step 4	macsec	Enables MACsec on the interface.
Step 5	authentication periodic	Enables reauthentication for this port.
Step 6	authentication timer reauthenticate interval	Sets the reauthentication interval.

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 7	access-session host-mode multi-domain	Allows hosts to gain access to the interface.	
Step 8	access-session closed	Prevents preauthentication access on the interface.	
Step 9	9 access-session port-control auto Sets the authorization state of		
Step 10	dot1x pae both	Configures the port as an 802.1X port access entity (PAE) supplicant and authenticator.	
Step 11	dot1x credentials profile	Assigns a 802.1x credentials profile to the interface.	
Step 12	dot1x authenticator eap profile name	Assigns the EAP-TLS authenticator profile t the interface.	
Step 13	dot1x supplicant eap profile name  Assigns the EAP-TLS supplicant profile interface.		
Step 14	service-policy type control subscriber control-policy name	Applies a subscriber control policy to the interface.	
Step 15	exit	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.	
Step 16	show macsec interface	Displays MACsec details for the interface.	
Step 17	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.	

## **Verifying MACsec MKA using EAP-TLS**

Use the following **show** commands to verify the configuration of MACsec MKA using EAP-TLS. Given below are the sample outputs of the **show** commands.

The **show mka sessions** command displays a summary of active MACsec Key Agreement (MKA) Protocol sessions.

#### Device# show mka sessions

```
Total MKA Sessions..... 1
Secured Sessions... 1
Pending Sessions... 0
```

Interface	Local-TxSCI	Policy-Name	Inherited	Key-Server
Port-ID	Peer-RxSCI	MACsec-Peers	Status	CKN
Te0/1/3	74a2.e625.4413/0013	*DEFAULT POLICY*	NO	YES
19	74a2.e625.4c22/0012		Secured	

The **show macsec status interface** *interface-id* displays MACsec status information for the given interface.

#### Device# show macsec status interface te0/1/2

```
Capabilities:
 Ciphers Supported:
                          GCM-AES-128 GCM-AES-256
 Cipher:
                           GCM-AES-128
 Confidentiality Offset: 0
 Replay Window:
                          64
 Delay Protect Enable:
                          FALSE
 Access Control:
                          must-secure
Transmit SC:
                          74A2E6254C220012
 SCI:
 Transmitting:
                          TRUE
Transmit SA:
 Next PN:
                           412
 Delay Protect AN/nextPN: 99/0
Receive SC:
 SCI:
                           74A2E62544130013
 Receiving:
                           TRUE
Receive SA:
                           64
 Next PN:
 AN:
 Delay Protect AN/LPN:
                           0/0
```

The **show access-session interface** *interface-id* **details** displays detailed information about the access session for the given interface.

#### Device# show access-session interface te1/0/1 details

```
Interface: TenGigabitEthernet1/0/1
               IIF-ID: 0x17298FCD
          MAC Address: f8a5.c592.13e4
         IPv6 Address: Unknown
         IPv4 Address: Unknown
            User-Name: DOT1XCRED Status: Authorized
               Domain: DATA
       Oper host mode: multi-host
     Oper control dir: both
    Session timeout: N/A
Common Session ID: 00000000000000BB72E8AFA
      Acct Session ID: Unknown
              Handle: 0xc3000001
       Current Policy: MUSTS_1
Local Policies:
Security Policy: Must Secure
      Security Status: Link Secured
Server Policies:
Method status list:
      Method
                        State
                      Authc Success
Authc Success
     dot1xSup
        dot1x
```

## **Cisco TrustSec Overview**

The table below lists the TrustSec features to be eventually implemented on TrustSec-enabled Cisco switches. Successive general availability releases of TrustSec will expand the number of switches supported and the number of TrustSec features supported per switch.

Cisco TrustSec Feature	Description
802.1AE Tagging (MACsec)	Protocol for IEEE 802.1AE-based wire-rate hop-to-hop Layer 2 encryption.
	Between MACsec-capable devices, packets are encrypted on egress from the transmitting device, decrypted on ingress to the receiving device, and in the clear within the devices.
	This feature is only available between TrustSec hardware-capable devices.
Endpoint Admission Control (EAC)	EAC is an authentication process for an endpoint user or a device connecting to the TrustSec domain. Usually EAC takes place at the access level switch. Successful authentication and authorization in the EAC process results in Security Group Tag assignment for the user or device. Currently EAC can be 802.1X, MAC Authentication Bypass (MAB), and Web Authentication Proxy (WebAuth).
Network Device Admission Control (NDAC)	NDAC is an authentication process where each network device in the TrustSec domain can verify the credentials and trustworthiness of its peer device. NDAC utilizes an authentication framework based on IEEE 802.1X port-based authentication and uses EAP-FAST as its EAP method. Successful authentication and authorization in NDAC process results in Security Association Protocol negotiation for IEEE 802.1AE encryption.
Security Association Protocol (SAP)	After NDAC authentication, the Security Association Protocol (SAP) automatically negotiates keys and the cipher suite for subsequent MACSec link encryption between TrustSec peers. SAP is defined in IEEE 802.11i.
Security Group Tag (SGT)	An SGT is a 16-bit single label indicating the security classification of a source in the TrustSec domain. It is appended to an Ethernet frame or an IP packet.

Cisco TrustSec Feature	Description
SGT Exchange Protocol (SXP)	Security Group Tag Exchange Protocol (SXP). With SXP, devices that are not TrustSec-hardware-capable can receive SGT attributes for authenticated users and devices from the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) or the Cisco Secure Access Control System (ACS). The devices can then forward a sourceIP-to-SGT binding to a TrustSec-hardware-capable device will tag the source traffic for SGACL enforcement.

When both ends of a link support 802.1AE MACsec, SAP negotiation occurs. An EAPOL-key exchange occurs between the supplicant and the authenticator to negotiate a cipher suite, exchange security parameters, and manage keys. Successful completion of these tasks results in the establishment of a security association (SA).

Depending on your software version and licensing and link hardware support, SAP negotiation can use one of these modes of operation:

- Galois Counter Mode (GCM)—authentication and encryption
- GCM authentication (GMAC)— GCM authentication, no encryption
- No Encapsulation—no encapsulation (clear text)
- Null—encapsulation, no authentication or encryption

# **Configuring Cisco TrustSec MACsec**

### Configuring Cisco TrustSec Switch-to-Switch Link Security in Manual Mode

### Before you begin

When manually configuring Cisco TrustSec on an interface, consider these usage guidelines and restrictions:

- If no SAP parameters are defined, Cisco TrustSec encapsulation or encryption is not performed.
- If you select GCM as the SAP operating mode, you must have a MACsec Encryption software license from Cisco. If you select GCM without the required license, the interface is forced to a link-down state.
- These protection levels are supported when you configure SAP pairwise master key (sap pmk):
  - SAP is not configured—no protection.
  - sap mode-list gcm-encrypt gmac no-encap—protection desirable but not mandatory.
  - sap mode-list gcm-encrypt gmac—confidentiality preferred and integrity required. The protection is selected by the supplicant according to supplicant preference.
  - sap mode-list gmac—integrity only.
  - sap mode-list gcm-encrypt—confidentiality required.
  - sap mode-list gmac gcm-encrypt—integrity required and preferred, confidentiality optional.

- When CTS is configured on an interface and the System MTU is set to a value greater than 9191, the resulting packet size is limited to 9190.
- Before changing the configuration from MKA to Cisco TrustSec SAP and vice versa, we recommend that you remove the interface configuration.

Beginning in privileged EXEC mode, follow these steps to manually configure Cisco TrustSec on an interface to another Cisco TrustSec device:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Switch# configure terminal	
Step 2	interface interface-id	<b>Note</b> Enters interface configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>Switch(config)# interface tengigabitethernet 1/1/2</pre>	
Step 3	cts manual	Enters Cisco TrustSec manual configuration
	Example:	mode.
	Switch(config-if)# cts manual	
Step 4	sap pmk key [mode-list mode1 [mode2 [mode3 [mode4]]]]	(Optional) Configures the SAP pairwise master key (PMK) and operation mode. SAP is
	Example:	disabled by default in Cisco TrustSec manual mode.
	Switch(config-if-cts-manual)# sap pmk 1234abcdef mode-list gcm-encrypt null no-encap	
		The SAP operation mode options:
		• gcm-encrypt—Authentication and encryption
		Note Select this mode for MACsec authentication and encryption if your software license supports MACsec encryption.
		• gmac—Authentication, no encryption
		• no-encap—No encapsulation
		• null—Encapsulation, no authentication or encryption

	Command or Action	Purpose
		Note If the interface is not capable of data link encryption, no-encap is the default and the only available SAP operating mode. SGT is not supported.
Step 5	<pre>no propagate sgt Example: Switch(config-if-cts-manual) # no propagate sgt</pre>	Use the <b>no</b> form of this command when the peer is incapable of processing a SGT. The <b>no propagate sgt</b> command prevents the interface from transmitting the SGT to the peer.
Step 6	<pre>exit  Example: Switch(config-if-cts-manual)# exit</pre>	Exits Cisco TrustSec 802.1x interface configuration mode.
Step 7	<pre>end Example: Switch(config-if)# end</pre>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 8	show cts interface [interface-id   brief   summary]	(Optional) Verify the configuration by displaying TrustSec-related interface characteristics.

### **Example**

This example shows how to configure Cisco TrustSec authentication in manual mode on an interface:

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config) # interface tengigabitethernet 1/1/2
Switch(config-if) # cts manual
Switch(config-if-cts-manual) # sap pmk 1234abcdef mode-list gcm-encrypt null no-encap
Switch(config-if-cts-manual) # no propagate sgt
Switch(config-if-cts-manual) # exit
Switch(config-if) # end
```

# **Configuration Examples**

## **Configuring MACsec on an Interface**

Follow these steps to configure MACsec on an interface with one MACsec session for voice and one for data:

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter the
	Example:	password if prompted.
	Switch>enable	
Step 2	configureterminal	Enters the global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Switch>configure terminal	
Step 3	interface interface-id	Identify the MACsec interface, and enter interface configuration mode. The interface must be a physical interface.
Step 4	switchport access vlanvlan-id	Configure the access VLAN for the port.
Step 5	switchport mode access	Configure the interface as an access port.
Step 6	macsec	Enable 802.1ae MACsec on the interface. The macsec command enables MKA MACsec on switch-to-host links (downlink ports) only.
Step 7	authentication event linksec fail action authorize vlan vlan-id	(Optional) Specify that the switch processes authentication link-security failures resulting from unrecognized user credentials by authorizing a restricted VLAN on the port after a failed authentication attempt.
Step 8	authentication host-mode multi-domain	Configure authentication manager mode on the port to allow both a host and a voice device to be authenticated on the 802.1x-authorized port. If not configured, the default host mode is single.
Step 9	authentication linksec policy must-secure	Set the LinkSec security policy to secure the session with MACsec if the peer is available. If not set, the default is <i>should secure</i> .
Step 10	authentication port-control auto	Enable 802.1x authentication on the port. The port changes to the authorized or unauthorized state based on the authentication exchange between the switch and the client.
Step 11	authentication periodic	Enable or Disable Reauthentication for this port .
Step 12	authentication timer reauthenticate	Enter a value between 1 and 65535 (in seconds). Obtains re-authentication timeout value from the server. Default re-authentication time is 3600 seconds.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 13	authentication violation protect	Configure the port to drop unexpected incoming MAC addresses when a new device connects to a port or when a device connects to a port after the maximum number of devices are connected to that port. If not configured, the default is to shut down the port.
Step 14	mka policy policy name	Apply an existing MKA protocol policy to the interface, and enable MKA on the interface. If no MKA policy was configured (by entering the <b>mka policy</b> global configuration command).
Step 15	dot1x pae authenticator	Configure the port as an 802.1x port access entity (PAE) authenticator.
Step 16	spanning-tree portfast	Enable spanning tree Port Fast on the interface in all its associated VLANs. When Port Fast feature is enabled, the interface changes directly from a blocking state to a forwarding state without making the intermediate spanning-tree state changes
Step 17	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Switch (config) #end	
Step 18	show authentication session interface interface-id	Verify the authorized session security status.
Step 19	show authentication session interface interface-id details	Verify the details of the security status of the authorized session.
Step 20	show macsec interface interface-id	Verify MacSec status on the interface.
Step 21	show mka sessions	Verify the established mka sessions.
Step 22	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
·	Example:	configuration file.
	Switch#copy running-config startup-config	

## **Configuration Examples for MACsec MKA using EAP-TLS**

### **Example: Enrolling the Certificate**

Configure Crypto PKI Trustpoint:

crypto pki trustpoint POLESTAR-IOS-CA
enrollment terminal

```
subject-name CN=ASR1000x1@polestar.com, C=IN, ST=KA, OU=ENG,O=Polestar
revocation-check none
rsakeypair mkaioscarsa
storage nvram:
!
Manual Installation of Root CA certificate:
crypto pki authenticate POLESTAR-IOS-CA
```

### **Example: Enabling 802.1x Authentication and AAA Configuration**

```
aaa new-model

dot1x system-auth-control
radius server ISE
address ipv4 <ISE ipv4 address> auth-port 1645 acct-port 1646
automate-tester username dummy
key dummy123
radius-server deadtime 2
!
aaa group server radius ISEGRP
server name ISE
!
aaa authentication dot1x default group ISEGRP
aaa authorization network default group ISEGRP
```

### **Example: Configuring EAP-TLS Profile and 802.1X Credentials**

```
eap profile EAPTLS-PROF-IOSCA
method tls
pki-trustpoint POLESTAR-IOS-CA
!

dot1x credentials EAPTLSCRED-IOSCA
username asr1000@polestar.company.com
pki-trustpoint POLESTAR-IOS-CA
!
```

### **Example: Applying 802.1X, PKI, and MACsec Configuration on the Interface**

```
interface TenGigabitEthernet0/1
macsec network-link
authentication periodic
authentication timer reauthenticate <reauthentication interval>
access-session host-mode multi-host
access-session closed
access-session port-control auto
dot1x pae both
dot1x credentials EAPTLSCRED-IOSCA
dot1x supplicant eap profile EAPTLS-PROF-IOSCA
service-policy type control subscriber DOT1X_POLICY_RADIUS
```

### **Example: Cisco TrustSec Switch-to-Switch Link Security Configuration**

This example shows the configuration necessary for a seed and non-seed device for Cisco TrustSec switch-to-switch security. You must configure the AAA and RADIUS for link security. In this example, ACS-1 through ACS-3 can be any server names and cts-radius is the Cisco TrustSec server.

Seed Device Configuration:

```
Switch (config) #aaa new-model
Switch (config) #radius server ACS-1
Switch (config-radius-server) #address ipv4 10.5.120.12 auth-port 1812 acct-port
 1813
Switch(config-radius-server) *pac key cisco123
Switch (config-radius-server) #exit
Switch (config) #radius server ACS-2
Switch (config-radius-server) #address ipv4 10.5.120.14 auth-port 1812 acct-port
 1813
Switch (config-radius-server) #pac key cisco123
Switch (config-radius-server) #exit
Switch (config) #radius server ACS-3
Switch (config-radius-server) #address ipv4 10.5.120.15 auth-port 1812 acct-port
Switch (config-radius-server) #pac key cisco123
Switch (config-radius-server) #exit
Switch (config) #aaa group server radius cts-radius
Switch (config-sg-radius) #server name ACS-1
Switch (config-sg-radius) #server name ACS-2
Switch (config-sg-radius) #server name ACS-3
Switch (config-sg-radius) #exit
Switch(config) #aaa authentication login default none
Switch (config) #aaa authentication dotlx default group cts-radius
Switch (config) #aaa authorization network cts-radius group cts-radius
Switch (config) #aaa session-id common
Switch (config) #cts authorization list cts-radius
Switch(config)#dot1x system-auth-control
Switch (config) #interface gi1/1/2
Switch(config-if) #switchport mode trunk
Switch (config-if) #cts manual
Switch (config-if-cts-manual) #sap pmk 0 abcd mode-list gcm-encrypt gmac
Switch (config-if-cts-manual) #exit
Switch (config-if) #exit
Switch (config) #interface gi1/1/4
Switch(config-if) #switchport mode trunk
Switch (config-if) #cts manual
Switch (config-if-cts-manual) #sap pmk 033445AABBCCDDEEFF mode-list gcm-encrypt
Switch (config-if-cts-manual) #no propagate sgt
Switch (config-if-cts-manual) #exit
Switch (config-if) #exit
```

```
Switch(config) #radius-server vsa send authentication
Switch (config) #end
Switch#cts credentials id cts-36 password trustsec123
Non-Seed Device:
Switch (config) #aaa new-model
Switch(config) #aaa session-id common
Switch(config)#dot1x system-auth-control
Switch (config) #interface gi1/1/2
Switch(config-if)#switchport mode trunk
Switch (config-if) #shutdown
Switch(config-if) #cts manual
Switch (config-if-cts-manual) #sap pmk 0 abcd mode-list gcm-encrypt gmac
Switch (config-if-cts-manual) #exit
Switch(config-if) #exit
Switch(config) #interface gi1/1/4
Switch(config-if) #switchport mode trunk
Switch (config-if) #shutdown
Switch(config-if) #cts manual
Switch(config-if-cts-manual) #sap pmk 033445AABBCCDDEEFF mode-list gcm-encrypt
gmac
Switch(config-if-cts-manual) #no propagate sgt
Switch (config-if-cts-manual) #exit
Switch(config-if)#exit
Switch(config) #radius-server vsa send authentication
Switch (config) #cts credentials id cts-72 password trustsec123
Switch (config) #end
```

**Example: Cisco TrustSec Switch-to-Switch Link Security Configuration**