Public Key Infrastructure Configuration Guide, Cisco IOS XE Release 2

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Cisco IOS XE public key infrastructure (PKI) provides certificate management to support security protocols such as IP Security (IPSec), secure shell (SSH), and secure socket layer (SSL).

This module identifies and describes concepts that are needed to understand, plan for, and implement a PKI.

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Information About Cisco IOS XE PKI

What Is Cisco IOS XE PKI

A PKI is composed of the following entities:

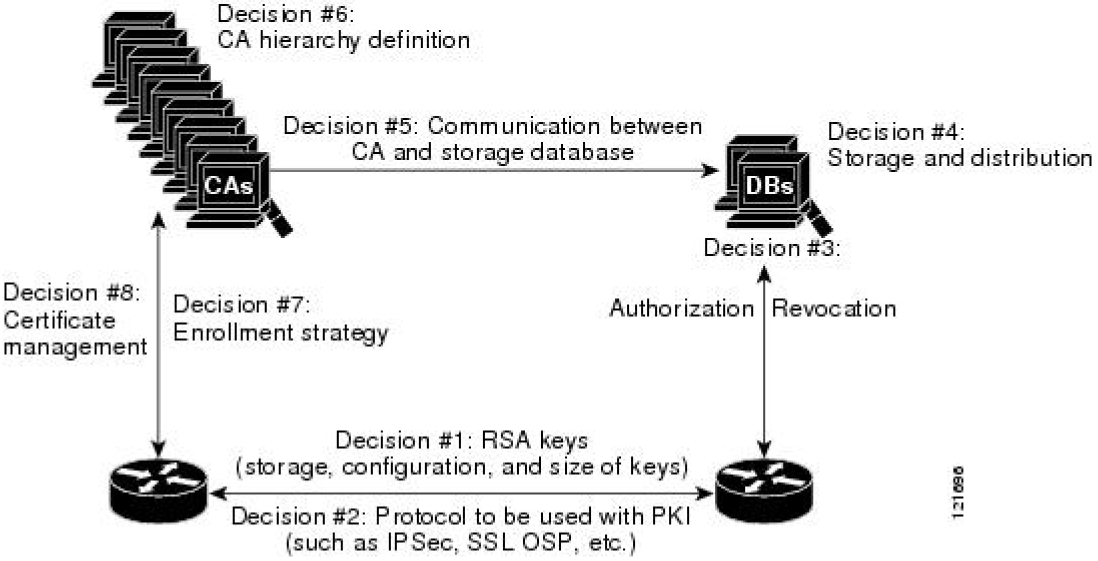
- Peers communicating on a secure network
- At least one certification authority (CA) that grants and maintains certificates
- Digital certificates, which contain information such as the certificate validity period, peer identity information, encryptions keys that are used for secure communications, and the signature of the issuing CA
- An optional registration authority (RA) to offload the CA by processing enrollment requests
- A distribution mechanism (such as Lightweight Directory Access Protocol [LDAP] or HTTP) for certificate revocation lists (CRLs)

PKI provides customers with a scalable, secure mechanism for distributing, managing, and revoking encryption and identity information in a secured data network. Every entity (a person or a device) participating in the secured communicated is enrolled in the PKI in a process where the entity generates an Rivest, Shamir, and Adelman (RSA) key pair (one private key and one public key) and has their identity validated by a trusted entity (also known as a CA or trustpoint).

After each entity enrolls in a PKI, every peer (also known as an end host) in a PKI is granted a digital certificate that has been issued by a CA. When peers must negotiate a secured communication session, they exchange digital certificates. Based on the information in the certificate, a peer can validate the identity of another peer and establish an encrypted session with the public keys contained in the certificate.

Although you can plan for and set up your PKI in a number of different ways, the figure below shows the major components that make up a PKI and suggests an order in which each decision within a PKI can be made. The figure is a suggested approach; you can choose to set up your PKI from a different perspective.

Figure 1 Deciding How to Set Up Your PKI



RSA Keys Overview

An RSA key pair consists of a public key and a private key. When setting up your PKI, you must include the public key in the certificate enrollment request. After the certificate has been granted, the public key will be included in the certificate so that peers can use it to encrypt data that is sent to the router. The private key is kept on the router and used both to decrypt the data sent by peers and to digitally sign transactions when negotiating with peers.

RSA key pairs contain a key modulus value. The modulus determines the size of the RSA key. The larger the modulus, the more secure the RSA key. However, keys with large modulus values take longer to generate, and encryption and decryption operations take longer with larger keys.

What Are CAs

A CA, also known as a trustpoint, manages certificate requests and issues certificates to participating network devices. These services (managing certificate requests and issuing certificates) provide centralized key management for the participating devices and are explicitly trusted by the receiver to validate identities and to create digital certificates. Before any PKI operations can begin, the CA generates its own public key pair and creates a self-signed CA certificate; thereafter, the CA can sign certificate requests and begin peer enrollment for the PKI.

You can use a CA provided by a third-party CA vendor, or you can use an "internal" CA, which is the Cisco IOS XE Certificate Server.

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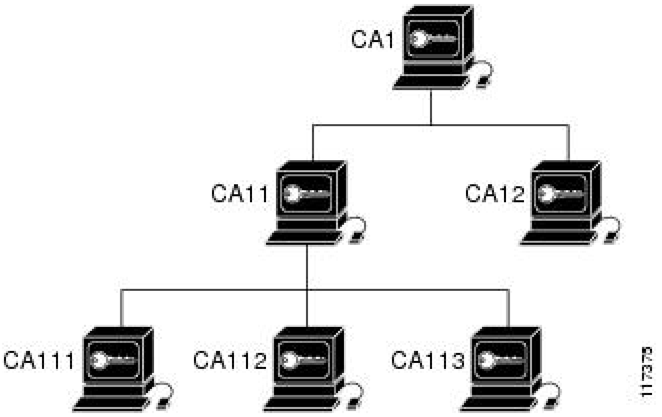
Hierarchical PKI Multiple CAs

PKI can be set up in a hierarchical framework to support multiple CAs. At the top of the hierarchy is a root CA, which holds a self-signed certificate. The trust within the entire hierarchy is derived from the RSA key pair of the root CA. The subordinate CAs within the hierarchy can be enrolled with either the root CA or with another subordinate CA. These enrollment options are how multiple tiers of CAs are configured. Within a hierarchical PKI, all enrolled peers, can validate the certificate of one another if the peers share a trusted root CA certificate or a common subordinate CA.

The figure below shows the enrollment relationships among CAs within a three-tiered hierarchy.

Figure 2 Three-Tiered CA Hierarchy Sample Topology



Each CA corresponds to a trustpoint. For example, CA11 and CA12 are subordinate CAs, holding CA certificates that have been issued by CA1; CA111, CA112, and CA113 are also subordinate CAs, but their CA certificates have been issued by CA11.

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When to Use Multiple CAs

Multiple CAs provide users with added flexibility and reliability. For example, subordinate CAs can be placed in branch offices while the root CA is at the office headquarters. Also, different granting policies can be implemented per CA, so you can set up one CA to automatically grant certificate requests while another CA within the hierarchy requires each certificate request to be manually granted.

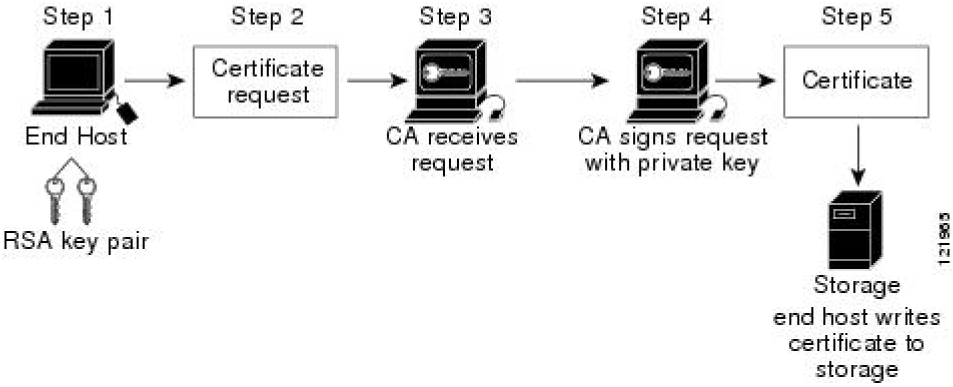
Scenarios in which at least a two-tier CA is recommended are as follows:

- Large and very active networks in which a large number of certificates are revoked and reissued. A multiple tier CA helps to control the size of the CRLs.
- When online enrollment protocols are used, the root CA can be kept offline with the exception of issuing subordinate CA certificates. This scenario provides added security for the root CA.

Certificate Enrollment How It Works

Certificate enrollment is the process of obtaining a certificate from a CA. Each end host that wants to participate in the PKI must obtain a certificate. Certificate enrollment occurs between the end host requesting the certificate and the CA. The table below and the following steps describe the certificate enrollment process.

Figure 3 Certificate Enrollment Process



1 The end host generates an RSA key pair.

2 The end host generates a certificate request and forwards it to the CA (or the RA, if applicable).

3 The CA receives the certificate enrollment request, and, depending on your network configuration, one of the following options occurs:

  a Manual intervention is required to approve the request.

  b The end host is configured to automatically request a certificate from the CA. Thus, operator intervention is no longer required at the time the enrollment request is sent to the CA server.

Note If you configure the end host to automatically request certificates from the CA, you should have an additional authorization mechanism.

1 After the request is approved, the CA signs the request with its private key and returns the completed certificate to the end host.

2 The end host writes the certificate to a storage area such as NVRAM.

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Certificate Enrollment Via Secure Device Provisioning

Secure Device Provisioning (SDP) is a web-based certificate enrollment interface that can be used to easily deploy PKI between two end devices, such as a Cisco IOS XE client and a Cisco IOS XE certificate server.

SDP (also refer red to as Trusted Transitive Introduction [TTI]) is a communication protocol that provides a bidirectional introduction between two end entities, such as a new network device and a Virtual Private Network (VPN). SDP involves the following three entities:

- Introducer--A mutually trusted device that introduces the petitioner to the registrar. The introducer can be a device user, such as a system administrator.
- Petitioner--A new device that is joined to the secure domain.
- Registrar--A certificate server or other server that authorizes the petitioner.

SDP is implemented over a web browser in three phases--welcome, introduction, and completion. Each phase is shown to the user via a web page.

Certificate Revocation Why It Occurs

After each participant has successfully enrolled in the PKI, the peers are ready to begin negotiations for a secure connection with each other. Thus, the peers present their certificates for validation followed by a revocation check. After the peer verifies that the other peer’s certificate was issued by an authenticated CA, the CRL or Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) server is checked to ensure that the certificate has not been revoked by the issuing CA. The certificate usually contains a certificate distribution point (CDP) in the form of a URL. Cisco IOS software uses the CDP to locate and retrieve the CRL. If the CDP server does not respond, the Cisco IOS software reports an error, which may result in the peer’s certificate being rejected.

Planning for a PKI

Planning for a PKI requires evaluating the requirements and expected use for each of the PKI components shown in Planning for a PKI, page 5. It is recommended that you (or the network administrator) thoroughly plan the PKI before beginning any PKI configuration.

Although there are a number of approaches to consider when planning the PKI, this document begins with peer-to-peer communication and proceeds as shown in Planning for a PKI, page 5. However you or the network administrator choose to plan the PKI, understand that certain decisions influence other decisions within the PKI. For example, the enrollment and deployment strategy could influence the planned CA hierarchy. Thus, it is important to understand how each component functions within the PKI and how certain component options are dependent upon decisions made earlier in the planning process.

Where to Go Next

As suggested in Where to Go Next, page 5, you begin to configure a PKI by setting up and deploying RSA keys. For more information, see the “ Deploying RSA Keys Within a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS XE Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity* .

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to Cisco IOS XE PKI.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
PKI commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	*Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*
Certificate enrollment: supported methods, enrollment profiles, configuration tasks	“ Configuring Certificate Enrollment for a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS XE Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity*
Certificate revocation and authorization: configuration tasks	“ Configuring Revocation and Authorization of Certificates in a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS XE Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity*
Setting up and deploying RSA keys	“ Deploying RSA Keys Within a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS XE Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity*
Storing RSA keys	“ Storing PKI Credentials ” module in the *Cisco IOS XE Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity*

Standards

Standards	Title
None	--

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFCs	Title
RFC 2459	*Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and CRL Profile*

RFCs	Title
RFC 2511	*Internet X.509 Certificate Request Message Format*
RFC 2527	*Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Policy and Certification Practices Framework*
RFC 2528	*Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure*
RFC 2559	*Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Operational Protocols - LDAPv2*
RFC 2560	*X.509 Internet Public Key Infrastructure Online Certificate Status Protocol - OCSP*
RFC 2585	*Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Operational Protocols: FTP and HTTP*
RFC 2587	*Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure LDAPv2 Schema*
RFC 2875	*Diffie-Hellman Proof-of-Possession Algorithms*
RFC 3029	*Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Data Validation and Certification Server Protocols*

Technical Assistance

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Glossary

CDP --certificate distribution point. Field within a digital certificate containing information that describes how to retrieve the CRL for the certificate. The most common CDPs are HTTP and LDAP URLs. A CDP may also contain other types of URLs or an LDAP directory specification. Each CDP contains one URL or directory specification.

certificates --Electronic documents that bind a user’s or device’s name to its public key. Certificates are commonly used to validate a digital signature.

CRL --certificate revocation list. Electronic document that contains a list of revoked certificates. The CRL is created and digitally signed by the CA that originally issued the certificates. The CRL contains dates for when the certificate was issued and when it expires. A new CRL is issued when the current CRL expires.

CA --certification authority. Service responsible for managing certificate requests and issuing certificates to participating IPSec network devices. This service provides centralized key management for the participating devices and is explicitly trusted by the receiver to validate identities and to create digital certificates.

peer certificate --Certificate presented by a peer, which contains the peer’s public key and is signed by the trustpoint CA.

PKI --public key infrastructure. System that manages encryption keys and identity information for components of a network that participate in secured communications.

RA --registration authority. Server that acts as a proxy for the CA so that CA functions can continue when the CA is offline. Although the RA is often part of the CA server, the RA could also be an additional application, requiring an additional device to run it.

RSA keys --Public key cryptographic system developed by Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman. An RSA key pair (a public and a private key) is required before you can obtain a certificate for your router.

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Deploying RSA Keys Within a PKI

This module explains how to set up and depl oy Rivest, Shamir, and Adelman (RSA) ke ys within a public key infrastructure (PKI). An RSA key pair (a public and a private key) is required before you can obtain a certificate for your router; that is, the end host must generate a pair of RSA keys and exchange the public key with the certification authority (CA) to obtain a certificate and enroll in a PKI

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Prerequisites for Configuring RSA Keys for a PKI

- Before setting up and deploying RSA keys for a PKI, you should be familiar with the module “Cisco IOS XE PKI Overview: Understanding and Planning a PKI.”
- All commands that begin as “crypto ca” have been changed to begin as “crypto pki.” Although the router will still accept crypto ca commands, all output will be read back as crypto pki.

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RSA Keys Overview

An RSA key pair consists of a public key and a private key. When setting up your PKI, you must include the public key in the certificate enrollment request. After the certificate has been granted, the public key will be included in the certificate so that peers can use it to encrypt data that is sent to the router. The private key is kept on the router and used both to decrypt the data sent by peers and to digitally sign transactions when negotiating with peers.

RSA key pairs contain a key modulus value. The modulus determines the size of the RSA key. The larger the modulus, the more secure the RSA key. However, keys with large modulus values take longer to generate, and encryption and decryption operations take longer with larger keys.

If you want a modulus value between 512 and 1024, enter an integer value that is a multiple of 64. If you want a value higher than 1024, enter 1536 or 2048. If you enter a value greater than 512, key generation may take a minute or longer.

Note Peer *public* RSA key modulus values up to 4096 bits are automatically supported. The largest private RSA key modulus is 4096 bits. Therefore, the largest RSA private key a router may generate or import is 4096 bits. However, RFC 2409 restricts the private key size to 2048 bits or less for RSA encryption. The recommended modulus value for a CA is 2048 bits; the recommended modulus value for a client is 1024 bits.

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Usage RSA Keys Versus General-Purpose RSA Keys

There are two mutually exclusive types of RSA key pairs--usage keys and general-purpose keys. When you generate RSA key pairs (via the **crypto key generate rsa** command), you will be prompted to select either usage keys or general-purpose keys.

Usage RSA Keys

Usage keys consist of two RSA key pairs--one RSA key pair is generated and used for encryption and one RSA key pair is generated and used for signatures. With usage keys, each key is not unnecessarily exposed. (Without usage keys, one key is used for both authentication methods, increasing the exposure of that key.)

General-Purpose RSA Keys

General-purpose keys consist of only one RSA key pair that used for both encryption and signatures. General-purpose key pairs are used more frequently than usage key pairs.

Reasons to Store Multiple RSA Keys on a Router

Configuring multiple RSA key pairs allows the Cisco IOS software to maintain a different key pair for each CA with which it is dealing or the software can maintain multiple key pairs and certificates with the same CA. As a result, the Cisco IOS software can match policy requirements for each CA without compromising the requirements specified by the other CAs, such as key length, key lifetime, and general-purpose versus usage keys.

Named key pairs (which are specified via the **label** *key-label* option) allow you to have multiple RSA key pairs, enabling the Cisco IOS software to maintain a different key pair for each identity certificate.

Benefits of Exportable RSA Keys

Caution Exportable RSA keys should be carefully evaluated before use because using exportable RSA keys introduces the risk that these keys might be exposed. Any existing RSA keys are not exportable. New keys are generated as nonexportable by default. It is not possible to convert an existing nonexportable key to an exportable key.

Users can share the private RSA key pair of a router with standby routers, therefore transferring the security credentials between networking devices. The key pair that is shared between two routers will allow one router to immediately and transparently take over the functionality of the other router. If the main router were to fail, the standby router could be dropped into the network to replace the failed router without the need to regenerate keys, reenroll with the CA, or manually redistribute keys.

Exporting and importing an RSA key pair also enables users to place the same RSA key pair on multiple routers so that all management stations using Secure Shell (SSH) can be configured with a single public RSA key.

Exportable RSA Keys in PEM-Formatted Files

Using privacy-enhanced mail (PEM)-formatted files to import or export RSA keys can be helpful for customers who are using secure socket layer (SSL) or secure shell (SSH) applications to manually generate RSA key pairs and import the keys back into their PKI applications. PEM-formatted files allow customers to directly use existing RSA key pairs on their Cisco IOS XE routers instead of generating new keys.

Passphrase Protection While Importing and Exporting RSA Keys

You have to include a passphrase to encrypt the PKCS12 file or the PEM file that will be exported, and when the PKCS12 or PEM file is imported, the same passphrase has to be entered to decrypt it. Encrypting the PKCS12 or PEM file when it is being exported, deleted, or imported protects the file from unauthorized access and use while it is being transported or stored on an external device.

The passphrase can be any phrase that is at least eight characters in length; it can include spaces and punctuation, excluding the question mark (?), which has special meaning to the Cisco IOS parser.

How to Convert an Exportable RSA Key Pair to a Nonexportable RSA Key Pair

Passphrase protection protects the external PKCS12 or PEM file from unauthorized access and use. To prevent an RSA key pair from being exported, it must be labeled “nonexportable.” To convert an exportable RSA key pair into a nonexportable key pair, the key pair must be exported and then reimported without specifying the “exportable” keyword.

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Generating an RSA Key Pair

Perform this task to manually generate an RSA key pair.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto key generate rsa** {**general-keys** | **usage-keys**} [**label** *key-label*] [**modulus** *modulus-size*] [**exportable**
4. **exit**
5. **show crypto key mypubkey rsa**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto key generate rsa** {**general-keys** | **usage-keys**} [**label** *key-label*] [**modulus** *modulus-size*] [**exportable** **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto key generate rsa general-keys modulus 360`	Generates RSA key pairs. • If a *key-label* argument is not specified, the default value, which is the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the router, is used.
Step 4	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**show crypto key mypubkey rsa** **Example:** `Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa`	(Optional) Displays the RSA public keys of your router. This step allows you to verify that the RSA key pair has been successfully generated.

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What to Do Next

After you have successfully generated an RSA key pair, you can proceed to any of the additional tasks in this module to generate additional RSA key pairs, perform export and import of RSA key pairs, or configure additional security parameters for the RSA key pair (such as encrypting or locking the private key).

Generating and Storing Multiple RSA Key Pairs

Perform this task to configure the router to generate and store multiple RSA key pairs and associate the key pairs with a trustpoint.

A trustpoint (also known as a CA) manages certificate requests and issues certificates to participating network devices. These services provide centralized key management for the participating devices and are explicitly trusted by the receiver to validate identities and to create digital certificates. Before any PKI operations can begin, the CA generates its own public key pair and creates a self-signed CA certificate; thereafter, the CA can sign certificate requests and begin peer enrollment for the PKI.

You must have already generated an RSA key pair as shown in the task "Generating an RSA Key Pair, page 12."

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
2. **rsakeypair** *key-label* [*key-size* [*encryption-key-size*]]
3. **exit**
4. **exit**
5. **show crypto key mypubkey rsa**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint fancy-ca`	Creates a trustpoint and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**rsakeypair** *key-label* [*key-size* [*encryption-key-size*]] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# rsakeypair fancy-keys`	Specifies the key pair that is to be used with the trustpoint. • Specify the *key-size* argument for generating the key and specify the *encryption-key-size* argument to request separate encryption, signature keys, and certificates.

Step 3	**exit**
	Example:
	`Router`
	`(ca-trustpoint)#`
	`exit`
		Exits ca-trustpoint configuration mode.

Step 4	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 5	**show crypto key mypubkey rsa** **Example:** `Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa`	(Optional) Displays the RSA public keys of your router. This step allows you to verify that the RSA key pair has been successfully generated.

Exporting and Importing RSA Keys

This section contains the following tasks that can be used for exporting and importing RSA keys. Whether you are using PKCS12 files or PEM files, exportable RSA keys allow you to use existing RSA keys on Cisco IOS routers instead of having to generate new RSA keys if the main router were to fail.

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Exporting and Importing RSA Keys in PKCS12 Files

Exporting and importing RSA key pairs enables users to transfer security credentials between devices. The key pair that is shared between two devices allows one device to immediately and transparently take over the functionality of the other router.

You must generate an RSA key pair and mark it “exportable” as specified in the task “Generating an RSA Key Pair, page 12.”

Note

- When you import a PKCS12 file that was generated by a third-party application, the PKCS12 file must include a CA certificate.
- If you have to reexport an RSA key pair after you have already exported the key pair and imported the key pair to a target router, you must specify the **exportable** keyword when you are importing the RSA key pair.
- The largest RSA key a router may import is 2048-bits.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
2. **rsakeypair** *key-label* [*key-size* [*encryption-key-size*]]
3. **exit**
4. **crypto pki export** *trustpointname* **pkcs12** *destination-url passphrase*
5. **crypto pki import** *trustpointname* **pkcs12** *source-url passphrase*
6. **exit**
7. **show crypto key mypubkey rsa**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint my-ca`	Creates the trustpoint name that is to be associated with the RSA key pair and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 2	**rsakeypair** *key-label* [*key-size* [*encryption-key-size*]] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# rsakeypair my-keys`	Specifies the key pair that is to be used with the trustpoint.
Step 3	**exit** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# exit`	Exits ca-trustpoint configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 4	**crypto pki export** *trustpointname* **pkcs12** *destination-url passphrase*
	Example:
	`Router(config)# crypto pki export my-ca pkcs12`
	`tftp://tftpserver/my-keys`
	`PASSWORD`
		Exports the RSA keys via the trustpoint name.
		Note You can export the trustpoint using any of the following file system types: flash, FTP, null, NVRAM, remote file copying (RCP), SCP, system, TFTP, Webflash, Xmodem, or Ymodem.

Step 5	**crypto pki import** *trustpointname* **pkcs12** *source-url passphrase*
	Example:
	`Router(config)# crypto pki import my-ca`
	`pkcs12`
	`tftp://tftpserver/my-keys`
	`PASSWORD`
		Imports the RSA keys to the target router.

Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 7	**show crypto key mypubkey rsa** **Example:** `Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa`	(Optional) Displays the RSA public keys of your router.

Exporting and Importing RSA Keys in PEM-Formatted Files

Perform this task to export or import RSA key pairs in PEM files.

You must generate an RSA key pair and mark it "exportable" as specified in the task "Generating an RSA Key Pair, page 12."

Note

- The largest RSA key a router may import is 2048 bits.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. **crypto key generate rsa** {**usage-keys** | **general-keys**} **label** *key-label* [**exportable**
2. **crypto key export rsa** *key-label* **pem** {**terminal** | **url** *url*} {**3des**| **des**} *passphrase*
3. **crypto key import rsa** *key-label* **pem** [usage-keys] {**terminal** | **url** *url*} [**exportable**] *passphrase*
4. **exit**
5. **show crypto key mypubkey rsa**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**crypto key generate rsa** {**usage-keys** | **general-keys**} **label** *key-label* [**exportable** **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto key generate rsa general-keys label mykey exportable`	Generates RSA key pairs. To use PEM files, the RSA key pair must be labeled exportable.
Step 2	**crypto key export rsa** *key-label* **pem** {**terminal** | **url** *url*} {**3des**| **des**} *passphrase* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto key export rsa mycs pem url nvram: 3des PASSWORD`	Exports the generated RSA key pair. **Tip** Be sure to keep the PEM file safe. For example, you may want to store it on another backup router.
Step 3	**crypto key import rsa** *key-label* **pem** [usage-keys] {**terminal** | **url** *url*} [**exportable**] *passphrase* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto key import rsa mycs2 pem url nvram: PASSWORD`	Imports the generated RSA key pair. **Note** If you do not want the key to be exportable from your CA, import it back to the CA after it has been exported as a nonexportable key pair. Thus, the key cannot be taken off again.
Step 4	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 5	**show crypto key mypubkey rsa** **Example:** `Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa`	(Optional) Displays the RSA public keys of your router.

Encrypting and Locking Private Keys on a Router

Digital signatures are used to authenticate one device to another device. To use digital signatures, private information (the private key) must be stored on the device that is providing the signature. The stored private information may aid an attacker who steals the hardware device that contains the private key; for example, a thief might be able to use the stolen router to initiate a secure connection to another site by using the RSA private keys stored in the router.

Note RSA keys are lost during password recovery operations. If you lose your password, the RSA keys will be deleted when you perform the password recovery operation. (This function prevents an attacker from performing password recovery and then using the keys.)

To protect the private RSA key from an attacker, a user can encrypt the private key that is stored in NVRAM via a passphrase. Users can also “lock” the private key, which blocks new connection attempts from a running router and protects the key in the router if the router is stolen by an attempted attacker.

Perform this task to encrypt and lock the private key that is saved to NVRAM.

Before encrypting or locking a private key, you should perform the following tasks:

- Generate an RSA key pair as shown in the task “Generating an RSA Key Pair, page 12.”
- Optionally, you can authenticate and enroll each router with the CA server.

Note The RSA keys must be unlocked while enrolling the CA. The keys can be locked while authenticating the router with the CA because the private key of the router is not used during authentication.

Note **Interaction with Applications**

An encrypted key is not effective after the router boots up until you manually unlock the key (via the **crypto key unlock rsa** command). Depending on which key pairs are encrypted, this functionality may adversely affect applications such as IP security (IPsec), SSH, and SSL; that is, management of the router over a secure channel may not be possible until the necessary key pair is unlocked.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. **crypto key encrypt** [**write**] **rsa** [**name key-name**] **passphrase** *passphrase*
2. **exit**
3. **show crypto key mypubkey rsa**
4. **crypto key lock rsa name** *key-name*] **passphrase** *passphrase*
5. **show crypto key mypubkey rsa**
6. **crypto key unlock rsa** [**name** *key-name*] **passphrase** *passphrase*
7. **configure terminal**
8. **crypto key decrypt** [**write**] **rsa** [**name** *key-name*] **passphrase** *passphrase*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**crypto key encrypt** [**write**] **rsa** [**name key-name**] **passphrase** *passphrase* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto key encrypt write rsa name pki.company.com passphrase password`	Encrypts the RSA keys. After this command is issued, the router can continue to use the key; the key remains unlocked. **Note** If the **write** keyword is not issued, the configuration must be manually written to NVRAM; otherwise, the encrypted key will be lost next time the router is reloaded.
Step 2	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 3	**show crypto key mypubkey rsa** **Example:** `Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa`	(Optional) Shows that the private key is encrypted (protected) and unlocked. **Note** You can also use this command to verify that applications such as Internet Key Exchange (IKE) and SSH are properly working after the key has been encrypted.
Step 4	**crypto key lock rsa name** *key-name*] **passphrase** *passphrase* **Example:** `Router# crypto key lock rsa name pki.company.com passphrase password`	(Optional) Locks the encrypted private key on a running router. **Note** After the key is locked, it cannot be used to authenticate the router to a peer device. This behavior disables any IPSec or SSL connections that use the locked key. Any existing IPSec tunnels created on the basis of the locked key will be closed. If all RSA keys are locked, SSH will automatically be disabled.
Step 5	**show crypto key mypubkey rsa** **Example:** `Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa`	(Optional) Shows that the private key is protected and locked. The output will also show failed connection attempts via applications such as IKE, SSH, and SSL.
Step 6	**crypto key unlock rsa** [**name** *key-name*] **passphrase** *passphrase* **Example:** `Router# crypto key unlock rsa name pki.company.com passphrase password`	(Optional) Unlocks the private key. **Note** After this command is issued, you can continue to establish IKE tunnels.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 8	**crypto key decrypt** [**write**] **rsa** [**name** *key-name*] **passphrase** *passphrase* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto key decrypt write rsa name pki.company.com passphrase password`	(Optional) Deletes the encrypted key and leaves only the unencrypted key. **Note** The **write** keyword immediately saves the unencrypted key to NVRAM. If the **write** keyword is not issued, the configuration must be manually written to NVRAM; otherwise, the key will remain encrypted the next time the router is reloaded.

Removing RSA Key Pair Settings

You might want to remove an RSA key pair for one of the following reasons:

- During manual PKI operations and maintenance, old RSA keys can be removed and replaced with new keys.
- An existing CA is replaced and the new CA requires newly generated keys; for example, the required key size might have changed in an organization so that you would have to delete the old 1024-bit keys and generate new 2048-bit keys.

Perform this task to remove all RSA keys or the specified RSA key pair that has been generated by your router.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto key zeroize rsa** *key-pair-label*
4. **exit**
5. **show crypto key mypubkey rsa**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto key zeroize rsa** *key-pair-label* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto key zeroize rsa fancy-keys`	Deletes RSA key pairs from your router. • If the *key-pair-label* argument is not specified, all RSA keys that have been generated by your router will be deleted.
Step 4	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 5	**show crypto key mypubkey rsa** **Example:** `Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa`	(Optional) Displays the RSA public keys of your router. This step allows you to verify that the RSA key pair has been successfully generated.

Configuration Examples for RSA Key Pair Deployment

Generating and Specifying RSA Keys Example

The following example is a sample trustpoint configuration that shows how to generate and specify the RSA key pair “exampleCAkeys”:

```
crypto key generate rsa general-purpose exampleCAkeys
crypto ca trustpoint exampleCAkeys
 enroll url http://exampleCAkeys/certsrv/mscep/mscep.dll
 rsakeypair exampleCAkeys 1024 1024
```

Exporting and Importing RSA Keys Examples

This section contains the following configuration examples:

Exporting and Importing RSA Keys in PKCS12 Files Example

In the following example, an RSA key pair “mynewkp” is generated on Router A, and a trustpoint name “mynewtp” is created and associated with the RSA key pair. The trustpoint is exported to a TFTP server, so that it can be imported on Router B. By importing the trustpoint “mynewtp” to Router B, the user has imported the RSA key pair “mynewkp” to Router B.

Router A

```
crypto key generate rsa general label mykeys exportable
! The name for the keys will be:mynewkp
Choose the size of the key modulus in the range of 360 to 2048 for your
General Purpose Keys. Choosing a key modulus greater than 512 may take
a few minutes.
How many bits in the modulus [512]:
% Generating 512 bit RSA keys ...[OK]
!
crypto pki trustpoint mynewtp
 rsakeypair mykeys
 exit
crypto pki export mytp pkcs12 flash:myexport password mypassword123
Destination filename [myexport]?
Writing pkcs12 file to tftp:/mytftpserver/myexport
CRYPTO_PKI:Exported PKCS12 file successfully.
Verifying checksum... OK (0x3307)
!
July 8 17:30:09 GMT:%CRYPTO-6-PKCS12EXPORT_SUCCESS:PKCS #12 Successfully Exported.
```

Router B

```
crypto pki import mynewtp pkcs12 flash:myexport password mypassword123
Source filename [myexport]?
CRYPTO_PKI:Imported PKCS12 file successfully.
!
July 8 18:07:50 GMT:%CRYPTO-6-PKCS12IMPORT_SUCCESS:PKCS #12 Successfully Imported.
```

Exporting and Importing and RSA Keys in PEM Files Example

The following example shows the generation, exportation, and importation fo the RSA key pair "mytp", and verifies its status:

```
! Generate the key pair
!
Router(config)# crypto key generate rsa general-purpose label mytp exportable

The name for the keys will be: mytp
Choose the size of the key modulus in the range of 360 to 2048 for your
General Purpose Keys. Choosing a key modulus greater than 512 may take a few minutes.
How many bits in the modulus [512]: 1024
% Generating 1024 bit RSA keys ...[OK]
!
! Archive the key pair to a remote location, and use a good password.
!
Router(config)# crypto pki export mytp pem url nvram:mytp 3des password mypassword123

% Key name:mytp
Usage:General Purpose Key
Exporting public key...
Destination filename [mytp.pub]?
Writing file to nvram:mytp.pub
Exporting private key...
Destination filename [mytp.prv]?
Writing file to nvram:mytp.prv
!
! Import the key as a different name.
!
Router(config)# crypto pki import mytp2 pem url nvram:mytp2 password mypassword123

% Importing public key or certificate PEM file...
Source filename [mytp2.pub]?
```

```
Reading file from nvram:mytp2.pub
% Importing private key PEM file...
Source filename [mytp2.prv]?
Reading file from nvram:mytp2.prv% Key pair import succeeded.
!
! After the key has been imported, it is no longer exportable.
!
! Verify the status of the key.
!
Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa

% Key pair was generated at:18:04:56 GMT Jun 6 2011
Key name:mycs
Usage:General Purpose Key
Key is exportable.
Key Data:
30819F30 0D06092A 864886F7 0D010101 05000381 8D003081 89028181 00E65253
9C30C12E 295AB73F B1DF9FAD 86F88192 7D4FA4D2 8BA7FB49 9045BAB9 373A31CB
A6B1B8F4 329F2E7E 8A50997E AADBCFAA 23C29E19 C45F4F05 DBB2FA51 4B7E9F79
A1095115 759D6BC3 5DFB5D7F BCF655BF 6317DB12 A8287795 7D8DC6A3 D31B2486
C9C96D2C 2F70B50D 3B4CDDAE F661041A 445AE11D 002EEF08 F2A627A0 5B020301 0001
% Key pair was generated at:18:17:25 GMT Jun 6 2011
Key name:mycs2
Usage:General Purpose Key
Key is not exportable.
Key Data:
30819F30 0D06092A 864886F7 0D010101 05000381 8D003081 89028181 00E65253
9C30C12E 295AB73F B1DF9FAD 86F88192 7D4FA4D2 8BA7FB49 9045BAB9 373A31CB
A6B1B8F4 329F2E7E 8A50997E AADBCFAA 23C29E19 C45F4F05 DBB2FA51 4B7E9F79
A1095115 759D6BC3 5DFB5D7F BCF655BF 6317DB12 A8287795 7D8DC6A3 D31B2486
C9C96D2C 2F70B50D 3B4CDDAE F661041A 445AE11D 002EEF08 F2A627A0 5B020301 0001
```

Exporting Router RSA Key Pairs and Certificates from PEM Files Example

The following example shows how to generate and export the RSA key pair “aaa” and certificates of the router in PEM files that are associated with the trustpoint “mycs.” This example also shows PEM-formatted files, which include PEM boundaries before and after the base64-encoded data, that are used by other SSL and SSH applications.

```
Router(config)# crypto key generate rsa general-keys label aaa exportable

The name for the keys will be:aaa
Choose the size of the key modulus in the range of 360 to 2048 for your General Purpose
Keys. Choosing a key modulus greater than 512 may take a few minutes.
!
How many bits in the modulus [512]:
% Generating 512 bit RSA keys ...[OK]
!
Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint mycs

Router(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment url http://mycs

Router(ca-trustpoint)#
rsakeypair aaa

Router(ca-trustpoint)# exit

Router(config)# crypto pki authenticate mycs

Certificate has the following attributes:
Fingerprint:C21514AC 12815946 09F635ED FBB6CF31
% Do you accept this certificate? [yes/no]: y
Trustpoint CA certificate accepted.
!
Router(config)# crypto pki enroll mycs

%
% Start certificate enrollment ..
% Create a challenge password. You will need to verbally provide this password to the CA
Administrator in order to revoke your certificate.
```

```
For security reasons your password will not be saved in the configuration.
Please make a note of it.
Password:
Re-enter password:
% The fully-qualified domain name in the certificate will be: Router
% The subject name in the certificate will be:host.company.com
% Include the router serial number in the subject name? [yes/no]: n
% Include an IP address in the subject name? [no]: n
Request certificate from CA? [yes/no]: y
% Certificate request sent to Certificate Authority
% The certificate request fingerprint will be displayed.
% The 'show crypto ca certificate' command will also show the fingerprint.
Router(config)# Fingerprint:8DA777BC 08477073 A5BE2403 812DD157
00:29:11:%CRYPTO-6-CERTRET:Certificate received from Certificate Authority
Router(config)# crypto ca export aaa pem terminal 3des password

% CA certificate:
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIICAzCCAa2gAwIBAgIBATANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADBOMQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzES
<snip>
waDeNOSI3WlDa0AWq5DkVBkxwgn0TqIJXJOCttjHnWHK1LMcMVGn
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
% Key name:aaa
Usage:General Purpose Key
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
Proc-Type:4,ENCRYPTED
DEK-Info:DES-EDE3-CBC,ED6B210B626BC81A
Urguv0jnjwOgowWVUQ2XR5nbzzYHI2vGLunpH/IxIsJuNjRVjbAAUpGk7VnPCT87
<snip>
kLCOtxzEv7JHc72gMku9uUlrLSnFH5slzAtoC0czfU4=
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
% Certificate:
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIICTjCCAfigAwIBAgICIQUwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEFBQAwTjELMAkGA1UEBhMCVVMx
<snip>
6xlBaIsuMxnHmr89KkKkYlU6
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Importing Router RSA Key Pairs and Certificate from PEM Files Example

The following example shows how to import the RSA key pairs and certificate to the trustpoint “ggg” from PEM files via TFTP:

```
Router(config)# crypto pki import ggg pem url tftp://10.1.1.2/username/msca password

% Importing CA certificate...
Address or name of remote host [10.1.1.2]?
Destination filename [username/msca.ca]?
Reading file from tftp://10.1.1.2/username/msca.ca
Loading username/msca.ca from 10.1.1.2 (via FastEthernet0):!
[OK - 1082 bytes]
% Importing private key PEM file...
Address or name of remote host [10.1.1.2]?
Destination filename [username/msca.prv]?
Reading file from tftp://10.1.1.2/username/msca.prv
Loading username/msca.prv from 10.1.1.2 (via FastEthernet0):!
[OK - 573 bytes]
% Importing certificate PEM file...
Address or name of remote host [10.1.1.2]?
Destination filename [username/msca.crt]?
Reading file from tftp://10.1.1.2/username/msca.crt
Loading username/msca.crt from 10.1.1.2 (via FastEthernet0):!
[OK - 1289 bytes]
% PEM files import succeeded.
Router(config)#
```

Encrypting and Locking Private Keys on a Router Examples

This section contains the following configuration examples:

Configuring and Verifying an Encrypted Key Example

The following example shows how to encrypt the RSA key “pki-123.company.com.” Thereafter, the **show crypto key mypubkey rsa** command is issued to verify that the RSA key is encrypted (protected) and unlocked.

```
Router(config)# crypto key encrypt rsa name pki-123.company.com passphrase password
Router(config)# exit
Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa
```

```
% Key pair was generated at:00:15:32 GMT Jun 25 2003
Key name:pki-123.company.com
Usage:General Purpose Key
*** The key is protected and UNLOCKED. ***
Key is not exportable.
Key Data:
305C300D 06092A86 4886F70D 01010105 00034B00 30480241 00E0CC9A 1D23B52C
CD00910C ABD392AE BA6D0E3F FC47A0EF 8AFEE340 0EC1E62B D40E7DCC
23C4D09E
03018B98 E0C07B42 3CFD1A32 2A3A13C0 1FF919C5 8DE9565F 1F020301 0001
% Key pair was generated at:00:15:33 GMT Jun 25 2003
Key name:pki-123.company.com.server
Usage:Encryption Key
Key is exportable.
Key Data:
307C300D 06092A86 4886F70D 01010105 00036B00 30680261 00D3491E 2A21D383
854D7DA8 58AFBDAC 4E11A7DD E6C40AC6 66473A9F 0C845120 7C0C6EC8 1FFF5757
3A41CE04 FDCB40A4 B9C68B4F BC7D624B 470339A3 DE739D3E F7DDB549 91CD4DA4
DF190D26 7033958C 8A61787B D40D28B8 29BCD0ED 4E6275C0 6D020301 0001
```

```
Router#
```

Configuring and Verifying a Locked Key Example

The following example shows how to lock the key “pki-123.company.com.” Thereafter, the **show crypto key mypubkey rsa** command is issued to verify that the key is protected (encrypted) and locked.

```
Router# crypto key lock rsa name pki-123.company.com passphrase password
!
Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa

% Key pair was generated at:20:29:41 GMT Jun 20 2003
Key name:pki-123.company.com
Usage:General Purpose Key
*** The key is protected and LOCKED. ***
Key is exportable.
Key Data:
305C300D 06092A86 4886F70D 01010105 00034B00 30480241 00D7808D C5FF14AC
```

```
0D2B55AC 5D199F2F 7CB4B355 C555E07B 6D0DECBE 4519B1F0 75B12D6F 902D6E9F
B6FDAD8D 654EF851 5701D5D7 EDA047ED 9A2A619D 5639DF18 EB020301 0001
```

Where to Go Next

After you have generated an RSA key pair, you should set up the trustpoint. If you have already set up the trustpoint, you should authenticate and enroll the routers in a PKI. For information on enrollment, see the module "Configuring Certificate Enrollment for a PKI."

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to configuring RSA keys for a PKI.

- Related Documents, page 26
- Technical Assistance, page 26

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Overview of PKI, including RSA keys, certificate enrollment, and CAs	Cisco IOS XE PKI Overview: Understanding and Planning a PKI
PKI commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	*Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/techsupport

Feature Information for Deploying RSA Keys Within a PKI

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 1 Feature Information for Deploying RSA Keys Within a PKI

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE 4096-Bit Peer Public Key Support	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.4	This feature introduces Cisco IOS XE 4096-bit peer public key support. The following section provides information about this feature: • RSA Keys Overview
Exporting and Importing RSA Keys	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows you to transfer security credentials between devices by exporting and importing RSA keys. The key pair that is shared between two devices will allow one device to immediately and transparently take over the functionality of the other router. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Benefits of Exportable RSA Keys • Exporting and Importing RSA Keys in PKCS12 Files The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **crypto ca export pkcs12**, **crypto ca import pkcs12**, **crypto key generate rsa (IKE)**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Import of RSA Key Pair and Certificates in PEM Format	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows customers to use PEM-formatted files to import or export RSA key pairs. PEM-formatted files allow customers to directly use existing RSA key pairs on their Cisco IOS XE routers instead of generating new keys. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Benefits of Exportable RSA Keys • Exporting_and_Importing_RSA_Keys_in_PEM-Formatted_Files The following commands were introduced by this feature: **crypto ca export pem**, **crypto ca import pem**, **crypto key export pem**, **crypto key import pem**
Multiple RSA Key Pair Support	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows a user to configure a router to have multiple RSA key pairs. Thus, the Cisco IOS XE software can maintain a different key pair for each identity certificate. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Reasons_to_Store_Multiple_RSA_Keys_on_a_Router_1055232. • Generating_and_Storing_Multiple_RSA_Key_Pairs The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **crypto key generate rsa**, **crypto key zeroize rsa**, **rsakeypair**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Protected Private Key Storage	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows a user to encrypt and lock the RSA private keys that are used on a Cisco IOS XE router, thereby, preventing unauthorized use of the private keys. The following section provides information about this feature: • Encrypting_and_Locking_Private_Keys_on_a_Router The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature : **crypto key decrypt rsa**, **crypto key encrypt rsa**, **crypto key lock rsa**, **crypto key unlock rsa**, **show crypto key mypubkey rsa**

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Configuring Authorization and Revocation of Certificates in a PKI

This module describes how to configure authorization and revocation of certificates in a public key infrastructure (PKI).

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Prerequisites for Authorization and Revocation of Certificates

Plan Your PKI Strategy

Tip It is strongly recommended that you plan your entire PKI strategy before you begin to deploy actual certificates.

Authorization and revocation can occur only after you or a network administrator have completed the following tasks:

- Configured the certification authority (CA).
- Enrolled peer devices with the CA.

- Identified and configured the protocol (such as IP Security [IPsec] or secure socket layer [SSL]) that is to be used for peer-to-peer communication.

You should decide which authorization and revocation strategy you are going to configure before enrolling peer devices because the peer device certificates might have to contain authorization and revocation-specific information.

"crypto ca" to "crypto pki" CLI Change

All commands that begin as "crypto ca" have been changed to begin as "crypto pki." Although the router will still accept crypto ca commands, all output will be read back as crypto pki.

Information About Authorization and Revocation of Certificates

PKI Authorization

PKI authentication does not provide authorization. Current solutions for authorization are specific to the router that is being configured, although a centrally managed solution is often required.

There is not a standard mechanism by which certificates are defined as authorized for some tasks and not for others. This authorization information can be captured in the certificate itself if the application is aware of the certificate-based authorization information. But this solution does not provide a simple mechanism for real-time updates to the authorization information and forces each application to be aware of the specific authorization information embedded in the certificate.

When the certificate-based ACL mechanism is configured as part of the trustpoint authentication, the application is no longer responsible for determining this authorization information, and it is no longer possible to specify for which application the certificate is authorized. In some cases, the certificate-based ACL on the router gets so large that it cannot be managed. Additionally, it is beneficial to retrieve certificate-based ACL indications from an external server. (For more information on using certificate-based ACLs for authentication, see the section "When to Use Certificate-Based ACLs for Authorization or Revocation, page 36.")

Current solutions to the real-time authorization problem involve specifying a new protocol and building a new server (with associated tasks, such as management and data distribution).

PKI and AAA Server Integration for Certificate Status

Integrating your PKI with an authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) server provides an alternative online certificate status solution that leverages the existing AAA infrastructure. Certificates can be listed in the AAA database with appropriate levels of authorization. For components that do not explicitly support PKI-AAA, a default label of "all" from the AAA server provides authorization. Likewise, a label of “none” from the AAA database indicates that the specified certificate is not valid. (The absence of any application label is equivalent, but “none” is included for completeness and clarity). If the application component does support PKI-AAA, the component may be specified directly; for example, the application component could be “ipsec,” “ssl,” or “osp.” (ipsec=IP Security, ssl=Secure Sockets Layer, and osp=Open Settlement Protocol.)

Note Currently, no application component supports specification of the application label.

- There may be a time delay when accessing the AAA server. If the AAA server is not available, the authorization fails.

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- Attribute-Value Pairs for PKI and AAA Server Integration, page 33

RADIUS or TACACS+ Choosing a AAA Server Protocol

The AAA server can be configured to work with either the RADIUS or TACACS+ protocol. When you are configuring the AAA server for the PKI integration, you must set the RADIUS or TACACS attributes that are required for authorization.

If the RADIUS protocol is used, the password that is configured for the username in the AAA server should be set to “cisco,” which is acceptable because the certificate validation provides authentication and the AAA database is only being used for authorization. When the TACACS protocol is used, the password that is configured for the username in the AAA server is irrelevant because TACACS supports authorization without requiring authentication (the password is used for authentication).

In addition, if you are using TACACS, you must add a PKI service to the AAA server. The custom attribute “cert-application=all” is added under the PKI service for the particular user or usergroup to authorize the specific username.

Attribute-Value Pairs for PKI and AAA Server Integration

The table below lists the attribute-value (AV) pairs that are to be used when setting up PKI integration with a AAA server. (Note the values shown in the table are possible values.) The AV pairs must match the client configuration. If they do not match, the peer certificate is not authorized.

Note Users can sometimes have AV pairs that are different from those of every other user. As a result, a unique username is required for each user. The **all** parameter (within the **authorization username** command) specifies that the entire subject name of the certificate will be used as the authorization username.

Table 2 AV Pairs That Must Match

AV Pair	Value
cisco-avpair=pki:cert-application=all	Valid values are “all” and “none.”

AV Pair	Value
cisco-avpair=pki:cert-trustpoint=msca	The value is a Cisco IOS XE command-line interface (CLI) configuration trustpoint label. **Note** The cert-trustpoint AV pair is normally optional. If it is specified, the Cisco IOS XE router query must be coming from a certificate trustpoint that has a matching label, and the certificate that is authenticated must have the specified certificate serial number.
cisco-avpair=pki:cert-serial=16318DB7000100001671	The value is a certificate serial number. **Note** The cert-serial AV pair is normally optional. If it is specified, the Cisco IOS XE router query must be coming from a certificate trustpoint that has a matching label, and the certificate that is authenticated must have the specified certificate serial number.
cisco-avpair=pki:cert-lifetime-end=1:00 jan 1, 2003	The cert-lifetime-end AV pair is available to artificially extend a certificate lifetime beyond the time period that is indicated in the certificate itself. If the cert-lifetime-end AV pair is used, the cert-trustpoint and cert-serial AV pairs must also be specified. The value must match the following form: hours:minutes month day, year. **Note** Only the first three characters of a month are used: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec. If more than three characters are entered for the month, the remaining characters are ignored (for example Janxxxx).

CRLs or OCSP Server Choosing a Certificate Revocation Mechanism

After a certificate is validated as a properly signed certificate, a certificate revocation method is performed to ensure that the certificate has not been revoked by the issuing CA. Cisco IOS software supports two revocation mechanisms--certificate revocation lists (CRLs) and Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP). Cisco IOS software also supports AAA integration for certificate checking; however, additional authorization functionality is included. For more information on PKI and AAA certificate authorization and status check, see the PKI and AAA Server Integration for Certificate Status section.

The following sections explain how each revocation mechanism works:

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What Is a CRL

A certificate revocation list (CRL) is a list of revoked certificates. The CRL is created and digitally signed by the CA that originally issued the certificates. The CRL contains dates for when each certificate was issued and when it expires.

CAs publish new CRLs periodically or when a certificate for which the CA is responsible has been revoked. By default, a new CRL is downloaded after the currently cached CRL expires. An administrator may also configure the duration for which CRLs are cached in router memory or disable CRL caching completely. The CRL caching configuration applies to all CRLs associated with a trustpoint.

When the CRL expires, the router deletes it from its cache. A new CRL is downloaded when a certificate is presented for verification; however, if a newer version of the CRL that lists the certificate under examination is on the server but the router is still using the CRL in its cache, the router does not know that the certificate has been revoked. The certificate passes the revocation check even though it should have been denied.

When a CA issues a certificate, the CA can include in the certificate the CRL distribution point (CDP) for that certificate. Cisco IOS client devices use CDPs to locate and load the correct CRL. The Cisco IOS client supports multiple CDPs, but the Cisco IOS CA currently supports only one CDP; however, third-party vendor CAs may support multiple CDPs or different CDPs per certificate. If a CDP is not specified in the certificate, the client device uses the default Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP) method to retrieve the CRL. (The CDP location can be specified through the **cdp-url**command.)

When implementing CRLs, you should consider the following design considerations:

- CRL lifetimes and the security association (SA) and Internet Key Exchange (IKE) lifetimes.
- The CRL lifetime determines the length of time between CA-issued updates to the CRL. The default CRL lifetime value, which is 168 hours [1 week], can be changed through the **lifetime crl** command.
- The method of the CDP determines how the CRL is retrieved; some possible choices include HTTP, Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), SCEP, or TFTP. HTTP, TFTP, and LDAP are the most commonly used methods. Although Cisco IOS software defaults to SCEP, an HTTP CDP is recommended for large installations using CRLs because HTTP can be made highly scalable.
- The location of the CDP determines from where the CRL is retrieved; for example, you can specify the server and file path from which to retrieve the CRL.

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Querying All CDPs During Revocation Check

When a CDP server does not respond to a request, the Cisco IOS XE software reports an error, which may result in the peer’s certificate being rejected. To prevent a possible certificate rejection and if there are multiple CDPs in a certificate, the Cisco IOS XE software will attempt to use the CDPs in the order in which they appear in the certificate. The router will attempt to retrieve a CRL using each CDP URL or directory specification. If an error occurs using a CDP, an attempt will be made using the next CDP.

Tip Although the Cisco IOS XE software will make every attempt to obtain the CRL from one of the indicated CDPs, it is recommended that you use an HTTP CDP server with high-speed redundant HTTP servers to avoid application timeouts because of slow CDP responses.

What Is OCSP

OCSP is an online mechanism that is used to determine certificate validity and provides the following flexibility as a revocation mechanism:

- OCSP can provide real-time certificate status checking.
- OCSP allows the network administrator to specify a central OCSP server, which can service all devices within a network.
- OCSP also allows the network administrator the flexibility to specify multiple OCSP servers, either per client certificate or per group of client certificates.
- OCSP server validation is usually based on the root CA certificate or a valid subordinate CA certificate, but may also be configured so that external CA certificates or self-signed certificates may be used. Using external CA certificates or self-signed certificates allows the OCSP servers certificate to be issued and validated from an alternative PKI hierarchy.

A network administrator can configure an OCSP server to collect and update CRLs from different CA servers. The devices within the network can rely on the OCSP server to check the certificate status without retrieving and caching each CRL for every peer. When peers have to check the revocation status of a certificate, they send a query to the OCSP server that includes the serial number of the certificate in question and an optional unique identifier for the OCSP request, or a nonce. The OCSP server holds a copy of the CRL to determine if the CA has listed the certificate as being revoked; the server then responds to the peer including the nonce. If the nonce in the response from the OCSP server does not match the original nonce sent by the peer, the response is considered invalid and certificate verification fails. The dialog between the OCSP server and the peer consumes less bandwidth than most CRL downloads.

If the OCSP server is using a CRL, CRL time limitations will be applicable; that is, a CRL that is still valid might be used by the OCSP server although a new CRL has been issued by the CRL containing additional certificate revocation information. Because fewer devices are downloading the CRL information on a regular basis, you can decrease the CRL lifetime value or configure the OCSP server not to cache the CRL. For more information, check your OCSP server documentation.

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When to Use an OCSP Server

OCSP may be more appropriate than CRLs if your PKI has any of the following characteristics:

- Real-time certificate revocation status is necessary. CRLs are updated only periodically and the latest CRL may not always be cached by the client device. For example, if a client does not yet have the latest CRL cached and a newly revoked certificate is being checked, that revoked certificate will successfully pass the revocation check.
- There are a large number of revoked certificates or multiple CRLs. Caching a large CRL consumes large portions of Cisco IOS XE memory and may reduce resources available to other processes.
- CRLs expire frequently, causing the CDP to handle a larger load of CRLs.

Note An administrator may configure CRL caching, either by disabling CRL caching completely or setting a maximum lifetime for a cached CRL per trustpoint.

When to Use Certificate-Based ACLs for Authorization or Revocation

Certificates contain several fields that are used to determine whether a device or user is authorized to perform a specified action.

Because certificate-based ACLs are configured on the device, they do not scale well for large numbers of ACLs; however, certificate-based ACLs do provide very granular control of specific device behavior. Certificate-based ACLs are also leveraged by additional features to help determine when PKI components such as revocation, authorization, or a trustpoint should be used. They provide a general mechanism allowing users to select a specific certificate or a group of certificates that are being validated for either authorization or additional processing.

Certificate-based ACLs specify one or more fields within the certificate and an acceptable value for each specified field. You can specify which fields within a certificate should be checked and which values those fields may or may not have.

There are six logical tests for comparing the field with the value--equal, not equal, contains, does not contain, less than, and greater than or equal. If more than one field is specified within a single certificate-based ACL, the tests of all of the fields within the ACL must succeed to match the ACL. The same field may be specified multiple times within the same ACL. More than one ACL may be specified, and ACL will be processed in turn until a match is found or all of the ACLs have been processed.

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Ignore Revocation Checks Using a Certificate-Based ACL

Certificate-based ACLs can be configured to instruct your router to ignore the revocation check and expired certificates of a valid peer. Thus, a certificate that meets the specified criteria can be accepted regardless of the validity period of the certificate, or if the certificate meets the specified criteria, revocation checking does not have to be performed. You can also use a certificate-based ACL to ignore the revocation check when the communication with a AAA server is protected with a certificate.

Ignoring Revocation Lists

To allow a trustpoint to enforce CRLs except for specific certificates, enter the **match certificate**command with the **skip revocation-check** keyword. This type of enforcement is most useful in a hub-and-spoke configuration in which you also want to allow direct spoke-to-spoke connections. In pure hub-and-spoke configurations, all spokes connect only to the hub, so CRL checking is necessary only on the hub. For one spoke to communicate directly with another spoke, the **match certificate**command with the **skip revocation-check** keyword can be used for neighboring peer certificates instead of requiring a CRL on each spoke.

Ignoring Expired Certificates

To configure your router to ignore expired certificates, enter the **match certificate** command with the **allow expired-certificate** keyword. This command has the following purposes:

- If the certificate of a peer has expired, this command may be used to “allow” the expired certificate until the peer can obtain a new certificate.
- If your router clock has not yet been set to the correct time, the certificate of a peer will appear to be not yet valid until the clock is set. This command may be used to allow the certificate of the peer even though your router clock is not set.

Note If Network Time Protocol (NTP) is available only via the IPSec connection (usually via the hub in a hub-and-spoke configuration), the router clock can never be set. The tunnel to the hub cannot be “brought up” because the certificate of the hub is not yet valid.

- “Expired” is a generic term for a certificate that is expired or that is not yet valid. The certificate has a start and end time. An expired certificate, for purposes of the ACL, is one for which the current time of the router is outside the start and end times specified in the certificate.

Skipping the AAA Check of the Certificate

If the communication with an AAA server is protected with a certificate, and you want to skip the AAA check of the certificate, use the **match certificate** command with the **skip authorization-check** keyword. For example, if a virtual private network (VPN) tunnel is configured so that all AAA traffic goes over that tunnel, and the tunnel is protected with a certificate, you can use the **match certificate** command with the **skip authorization-check** keyword to skip the certificate check so that the tunnel can be established.

The **match certificate**command and the **skip authorization-check** keyword should be configured after PKI integration with an AAA server is configured.

Note If the AAA server is available only via an IPSec connection, the AAA server cannot be contacted until after the IPSec connection is established. The IPSec connection cannot be “brought up” because the certificate of the AAA server is not yet valid.

PKI Certificate Chain Validation

A certificate chain establishes a sequence of trusted certificates --from a peer certificate to the root CA certificate. Within a PKI hierarchy, all enrolled peers can validate the certificate of one another if the peers share a trusted root CA certificate or a common subordinate CA. Each CA corresponds to a trustpoint.

When a certificate chain is received from a peer, the default processing of a certificate chain path continues until the first trusted certificate, or trustpoint, is reached. In Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1 and later releases, an administrator may configure the level to which a certificate chain is processed on all certificates including subordinate CA certificates.

Configuring the level to which a certificate chain is processed allows for the reauthentication of trusted certificates, the extension of a trusted certificate chain, and the completion of a certificate chain that contains a gap.

Reauthentication of Trusted Certificates

The default behavior is for the router to remove any trusted certificates from the certificate chain sent by the peer before the chain is validated. An administrator may configure certificate chain path processing so that the router does not remove CA certificates that are already trusted before chain validation, so that all certificates in the chain are re-authenticated for the current session.

Extending the Trusted Certificate Chain

The default behavior is for the router to use its trusted certificates to extend the certificate chain if there are any missing certificates in the certificate chain sent by the peer. The router will validate only certificates in the chain sent by the peer. An administrator may configure certificate chain path processing so that the certificates in the peer’s certificate chain and the router’s trusted certificates are validated to a specified point.

Completing Gaps in a Certificate Chain

An administrator may configure certificate chain processing so that if there is a gap in the configured Cisco IOS XE trustpoint hierarchy, certificates sent by the peer can be used to complete the set of certificates to be validated.

Note If the trustpoint is configured to require parent validation and the peer does not provide the full certificate chain, the gap cannot be completed and the certificate chain is rejected and invalid.

Note It is a configuration error if the trustpoint is configured to require parent validation and there is no parent trustpoint configured. The resulting certificate chain gap cannot be completed and the subordinate CA certificate cannot be validated. The certificate chain is invalid.

PKI High Availability Support

High Availability (HA) support is provided for the client-side PKI only. There is no CA server support. Route processor to route processor redundancy and Stateful Switchover (SSO) are supported.

In Service Software Upgrade (ISSU) and box-to-box HA are not supported.

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Configuring PKI Integration with a AAA Server

Perform this task to generate a AAA username from the certificate presented by the peer and specify which fields within a certificate should be used to build the AAA database username.

Note The following restrictions should be considered when using the **all** keyword as the subject name for the **authorization username** command:

- Some AAA servers limit the length of the username (for example, to 64 characters). As a result, the entire certificate subject name cannot be longer than the limitation of the server.
- Some AAA servers limit the available character set that may be used for the username (for example, a space [ ] and an equal sign [=] may not be acceptable). You cannot use the **all** keyword for a AAA server having such a character-set limitation.
- The **subject-name** command in the trustpoint configuration may not always be the final AAA subject name. If the fully qualified domain name (FQDN), serial number, or IP address of the router are included in a certificate request, the subject name field of the issued certificate will also have these components. To turn off the components, use the **fqdn**, **serial-number**, and **ip-address** commands with the **none** keyword.
- CA servers sometimes change the requested subject name field when they issue a certificate. For example, CA servers of some vendors switch the relative distinguished names (RDNs) in the requested subject names to the following order: CN, OU, O, L, ST, and C. However, another CA server might append the configured LDAP directory root (for example, O=cisco.com) to the end of the requested subject name.
- Depending on the tools you choose for displaying a certificate, the printed order of the RDNs in the subject name could be different. Cisco IOS XE software always displays the least significant RDN first, but other software, such as Open Source Secure Socket Layer (OpenSSL), does the opposite. Therefore, if you are configuring a AAA server with a full distinguished name (DN) (subject name) as the corresponding username, ensure that the Cisco IOS XE software style (that is, with the least significant RDN first) is used.

or

radius-server host *hostname* [**key** *string*]

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **aaa new-model**
4. **aaa authorization network** *listname* [*method*]
5. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
6. **enrollment url** *url*
7. **revocation-check** *method*
8. **exit**
9. **authorization username subjectname** *subjectname*
10. **authorization list** *listname*
11. **tacacs-server host** *hostname* [**key** *string*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. - Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**aaa new-model** **Example:** `Router(config)# aaa new-model`	Enables the AAA access control model.
Step 4	**aaa authorization network** *listname* [*method*] **Example:** `Router (config)# aaa authorization network maxaaa group tacacs+`	Sets the parameters that restrict user access to a network. - *method* --Can be **group radius**, **group tacacs+**, or **group group-name**.
Step 5	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Route (config)# crypto pki trustpoint msca`	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 6	**enrollment url** *url* **Example:** `Router (ca-trustpoint)# enrollment url http://caserver.myexample.com`	Specifies the enrollment parameters of your CA. - The *url* argument is the URL of the CA to which your router should send certificate requests.
Step 7	**revocation-check** *method* **Example:** `Router (ca-trustpoint)# revocation-check crl`	(Optional) Checks the revocation status of a certificate.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	**exit** **Example:** `Router (ca-trustpoint)# exit`	Exits ca-trustpoint configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 9	**authorization username subjectname** *subjectname* **Example:** `Router (config)# authorization username subjectname serialnumber`	Sets parameters for the different certificate fields that are used to build the AAA username. The *subjectname* argument can be any of the following: • **all** --Entire distinguished name (subject name) of the certificate. • **commonname** --Certification common name. • **country** --Certificate country. • **email** --Certificate e-mail. • **ipaddress** --Certificate IP address. • **locality** --Certificate locality. • **organization** --Certificate organization. • **organizationalunit** --Certificate organizational unit. • **postalcode** --Certificate postal code. • **serialnumber** --Certificate serial number. • **state** --Certificate state field. • **streetaddress** --Certificate street address. • **title** --Certificate title. • **unstructuredname** --Certificate unstructured name.
Step 10	**authorization list** *listname* **Example:** `Route (config)# authorization list maxaaa`	Specifies the AAA authorization list.

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 11	**tacacs-server host** *hostname* [**key** *string*
	Example:
	`or`
	Example:
	`radius-server host hostname [key string]`
	Example:
	`Router(config)# tacacs-server host 192.0.2.2 key a_secret_key`
	Example:
	`or`
	Example:
	`Router(config)# radius-server host 192.0.2.1 key another_secret_key`
		Specifies a TACACS+ host.
		or
		Specifies a RADIUS host.

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Troubleshooting Tips

To display debug messages for the trace of interaction (message type) between the CA and the router, use the **debug crypto pki transactions**command. (See the sample output, which shows a successful PKI integration with AAA server exchange and a failed PKI integration with AAA server exchange.)

Successful Exchange

```
Router# debug crypto pki transactions
Apr 22 23:15:03.695: CRYPTO_PKI: Found a issuer match
Apr 22 23:15:03.955: CRYPTO_PKI: cert revocation status unknown.
Apr 22 23:15:03.955: CRYPTO_PKI: Certificate validated without revocation check
```

Each line that shows “CRYPTO_PKI_AAA” indicates the state of the AAA authorization checks. Each of the AAA AV pairs is indicated, and then the results of the authorization check are shown.

```
Apr 22 23:15:04.019: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: checking AAA authorization (ipsecca_script_aaalist,
PKIAAA-L, <all>)
Apr 22 23:15:04.503: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-application" = "all")
Apr 22 23:15:04.503: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-trustpoint" = "CA1")
Apr 22 23:15:04.503: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-serial" = "15DE")
Apr 22 23:15:04.503: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: authorization passed
Apr 22 23:12:30.327: CRYPTO_PKI: Found a issuer match
```

Failed Exchange

```
Router# debug crypto pki transactions
Apr 22 23:11:13.703: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: checking AAA authorization =
Apr 22 23:11:14.203: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-application" = “all”)
Apr 22 23:11:14.203: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-trustpoint"= “CA1”)
Apr 22 23:11:14.203: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-serial" = “233D”)
Apr 22 23:11:14.203: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: parsed cert-lifetime-end as: 21:30:00
Apr 22 23:11:14.203: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: timezone specific extended
Apr 22 23:11:14.203: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: cert-lifetime-end is expired
Apr 22 23:11:14.203: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: cert-lifetime-end check failed.
Apr 22 23:11:14.203: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: authorization failed
```

In the above failed exchange, the certificate has expired.

Configuring a Revocation Mechanism for PKI Certificate Status Checking

Perform this task to set up a CRL as the certificate revocation mechanism--CRLs or OCSP--that is used to check the status of certificates in a PKI.

The revocation-check Command

Use the **revocation-check** command to specify at least one method (OCSP, CRL, or skip the revocation check) that is to be used to ensure that the certificate of a peer has not been revoked. For multiple methods, the order in which the methods are applied is determined by the order specified via this command.

If your router does not have the applicable CRL and is unable to obtain one or if the OCSP server returns an error, your router will reject the peer’s certificate--unless you include the **none** keyword in your configuration. If the **none** keyword is configured, a revocation check will not be performed and the certificate will always be accepted.

Nonces and Peer Communications with OCSP Servers

When using OCSP, nonces, unique identifiers for OCSP requests, are sent by default during peer communications with your OCSP server. The use of nonces offers a more secure and reliable communication channel between the peer and OCSP server.

If your OCSP server does not support nonces, you may disable the sending of nonces. For more information, check your OCSP server documentation.

- Before issuing any client certificates, the appropriate settings on the server (such as setting the CDP) should be configured.
- When configuring an OCSP server to return the revocation status for a CA server, the OCSP server must be configured with an OCSP response signing certificate that is issued by that CA server. Ensure that the signing certificate is in the correct format, or the router will not accept the OCSP response. See your OCSP manual for additional information.

Note

- OCSP transports messages over HTTP, so there may be a time delay when you access the OCSP server.
- If the OCSP server depends on normal CRL processing to check revocation status, the same time delay that affects CRLs will also apply to OCSP.

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SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
4. **ocsp url** *url*
5. **revocation-check** *method1* [*method2 method3*]]
6. **ocsp disable-nonce**
7. **exit**
8. **exit**
9. **show crypto pki certificates**
10. **show crypto pki trustpoints** [**status** | *label* [**status**]]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint hazel`	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**ocsp url** *url* **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# ocsp url http://ocsp-server`	(Optional) Specifies the URL of an OCSP server so that the trustpoint can check the certificate status. This URL will override the URL of the OCSP server (if one exists) in the Authority Info Access (AIA) extension of the certificate.
Step 5	**revocation-check** *method1* [*method2 method3*]] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# revocation-check ocsp none`	Checks the revocation status of a certificate. • **crl** --Certificate checking is performed by a CRL. This is the default option. • **none** --Certificate checking is ignored. • **ocsp** --Certificate checking is performed by an OCSP server. If a second and third method are specified, each method will be used only if the previous method returns an error, such as a server being down.
Step 6	**ocsp disable-nonce** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# ocsp disable-nonce`	(Optional) Specifies that a nonce, or an OCSP request unique identifier, will not be sent during peer communications with the OCSP server.
Step 7	**exit** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# exit`	Returns to global configuration mode.
Step 8	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 9	**show crypto pki certificates** **Example:** `Router# show crypto pki certificates`	(Optional) Displays information about your certificates.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	**show crypto pki trustpoints** [**status** | *label* [**status**]] **Example:** `Router# show crypto pki trustpoints`	Displays information about the trustpoint configured in router.

Configuring Certificate Authorization and Revocation Settings

Perform this task to specify a certificate-based ACL, to ignore revocation checks or expired certificates, to manually override the default CDP location, to manually override the OCSP server setting, to configure CRL caching, or to set session acceptance or rejection based on a certificate serial number, as appropriate.

Configuring Certificate-Based ACLs to Ignore Revocation Checks

To configure your router to use certificate-based ACLs to ignore revocation checks and expired certificates, perform the following steps:

- Identify an existing trustpoint or create a new trustpoint to be used when verifying the certificate of the peer. Authenticate the trustpoint if it has not already been authenticated. The router may enroll with this trustpoint if you want. Do not set optional CRLs for the trustpoint if you plan to use the **match certificate** command and **skip revocation-check** keyword.
- Determine the unique characteristics of the certificates that should not have their CRL checked and of the expired certificates that should be allowed.
- Define a certificate map to match the characteristics identified in the prior step.
- You can add the **match certificate** command and **skip revocation-check** keyword and the **match certificate command** and **allow expired-certificate** keyword to the trustpoint that was created or identified in the first step.

Note

Certificate maps are checked even if the peer’s public key is cached. For example, when the public key is cached by the peer, and a certificate map is added to the trustpoint to ban a certificate, the certificate map is effective. This prevents a client with the banned certificate, which was once connected in the past, from reconnecting.

Manually Overriding CDPs in a Certificate

Users can override the CDPs in a certificate with a manually configured CDP. Manually overriding the CDPs in a certificate can be advantageous when a particular server is unavailable for an extended period of time. The certificate's CDPs can be replaced with a URL or directory specification without reissuing all of the certificates that contain the original CDP.

Manually Overriding the OCSP Server Setting in a Certificate

Administrators can override the OCSP server setting specified in the Authority Information Access (AIA) field of the client certificate or set by the issuing the **ocsp url** command. One or more OCSP servers may be manually specified, either per client certificate or per group of client certificates by the **match certificate override ocsp** command. The **match certificate override ocsp**command overrides the client certificate AIA field or the **ocsp url**command setting if a client certificate is successfully matched to a certificate map during the revocation check.

Note Only one OCSP server can be specified per client certificate.

Configuring CRL Cache Control

By default, a new CRL will be downloaded after the currently cached CRL expires. Administrators can either configure the maximum amount of time in minutes a CRL remains in the cache by issuing the **crl cache delete-after** command or disable CRL caching by issuing the **crl cache none** command. Only the **crl-cache delete-after**command or the **crl-cache none** command may be specified. If both commands are entered for a trustpoint, the last command executed will take effect and a message will be displayed.

Neither the **crl-cache none** command nor the **crl-cache delete-after** command affects the currently cached CRL. If you configure the **crl-cache none** command, all CRLs downloaded after this command is issued will not be cached. If you configure the **crl-cache delete-after** command, the configured lifetime will only affect CRLs downloaded after this command is issued.

This functionality is useful is when a CA issues CRLs with no expiration date or with expiration dates days or weeks ahead.

Configuring Certificate Serial Number Session Control

A certificate serial number can be specified to allow a certificate validation request to be accepted or rejected by the trustpoint for a session. A session may be rejected, depending on certificate serial number session control, even if a certificate is still valid. Certificate serial number session control may be configured by using either a certificate map with the **serial-number** field or an AAA attribute, with the **cert-serial-not** command.

Using certificate maps for session control allows an administrator to specify a single certificate serial number. Using the AAA attribute allows an administrator to specify one or more certificate serial numbers for session control.

- The trustpoint should be defined and authenticated before attaching certificate maps to the trustpoint.
- The certificate map must be configured before the CDP override feature can be enabled or the **serial-number** command is issued.
- The PKI and AAA server integration must be successfully completed to use AAA attributes as described in "PKI and AAA Server Integration for Certificate Status, page 32."

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki certificate map** *label* sequence-number
4. *field-name match-criteria match-value*
5. **exit**
6. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
7. Do one of the following:
    - **crl-cache none**
    -
    - crl-cache delete-after time
8. **match certificate** *certificate-map-label* [**allow expired-certificate** | **skip revocation-check** | **skip authorization-check**
9. **match certificate** *certificate-map-label* **override cdp** {**url** | **directory**} *string*
10. **match certificate** *certificate-map-label* **override ocsp** [**trustpoint** *trustpoint-label*] *sequence-number* **url** *ocsp-url*
11. **exit**
12. **aaa new-model**
13. **aaa attribute list** *list-name*
14. **attribute type** *name value*
15. **exit**
16. **exit**
17. **show crypto pki certificates**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**crypto pki certificate map** *label* sequence-number **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki certificate map Group 10`	Defines values in a certificate that should be matched or not matched and enters ca-certificate-map configuration mode.
Step 4	*field-name match-criteria match-value* **Example:** `Router(ca-certificate-map)# subject-name co MyExample`	Specifies one or more certificate fields together with their matching criteria and the value to match. The *field-name* is one of the following case-insensitive name strings or a date: • **alt-subject-name** • **expires-on** • **issuer-name** • **name** • **serial-number** • **subject-name** • **unstructured-subject-name** • **valid-start** **Note** Date field format is dd mm yyyy hh:mm:ss or mmm dd yyyy hh:mm:ss. The *match-criteria* is one of the following logical operators: • **co** --contains (valid only for name fields and serial number field) • **eq** --equal (valid for name, serial number, and date fields) • **ge** --greater than or equal (valid only for date fields) • **lt** --less than (valid only for date fields) • **nc** --does not contain (valid only for name fields and serial number field) • **ne** --not equal (valid for name, serial number, and date fields) The *match-value*is the name or date to test with the logical operator assigned by match-criteria. **Note** Use this command only when setting up a certificate-based ACL--not when setting up a certificate-based ACL to ignore revocation checks or expired certificates.
Step 5	**exit** **Example:** `Router(ca-certificate-map)# exit`	Returns to global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint Access2`	Declares the trustpoint, given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.

Step 7	Do one of the following:
	- **crl-cache none**
	-
	- crl-cache delete-after time
	Example:
	`Router(ca-trustpoint)# crl-cache none`
	Example:
	Example:
	`Router(ca-trustpoint)# crl-cache delete-after 20`
		(Optional) Disables CRL caching completely for all CRLs associated with the trustpoint.
		The **crl-cache none** command does not affect any currently cached CRLs. All CRLs downloaded after this command is configured will not be cached.
		(Optional) Specifies the maximum time CRLs will remain in the cache for all CRLs associated with the trustpoint.
		- *time* --The amount of time in minutes before the CRL is deleted.
		The **crl-cache delete-after** command does not affect any currently cached CRLs. The configured lifetime will only affect CRLs downloaded after this command is configured.

Step 8	**match certificate** *certificate-map-label* [**allow expired-certificate** | **skip revocation-check** | **skip authorization-check** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# match certificate Group skip revocation-check`	(Optional) Associates the certificate-based ACL (that was defined via the **crypto pki certificate map** command) to a trustpoint. - *certificate-map-label* --Must match the *label* argument specified via the **crypto pki certificate map** command. - **allow expired-certificate** --Ignores expired certificates. - **skip revocation-check** --Allows a trustpoint to enforce CRLs except for specific certificates. - **skip authorization-check** --Skips the AAA check of a certificate when PKI integration with an AAA server is configured.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	**match certificate** *certificate-map-label* **override cdp** {**url** | **directory**} *string* **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# match certificate Group1 override cdp url http://server.cisco.com`	(Optional) Manually overrides the existing CDP entries for a certificate with a URL or directory specification. • *certificate-map-label* --A user-specified label that must match the *label* argument specified in a previously defined **crypto pki certificate map** command. • **url** --Specifies that the certificate's CDPs will be overridden with an HTTP or LDAP URL. • **directory** --Specifies that the certificate's CDPs will be overridden with an LDAP directory specification. • *string* --The URL or directory specification. **Note** Some applications may time out before all CDPs have been tried and will report an error message. The error message will not affect the router, and the Cisco IOS XE software will continue attempting to retrieve a CRL until all CDPs have been tried.
Step 10	**match certificate** *certificate-map-label* **override ocsp** [**trustpoint** *trustpoint-label*] *sequence-number* **url** *ocsp-url* **Example:** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# match certificate mycertmapname override ocsp trustpoint mytp 15 url http://192.0.2.2`	(Optional) Specifies an OCSP server, either per client certificate or per group of client certificates, and may be issued more than once to specify additional OCSP servers and client certificate settings including alternative PKI hierarchies. • *certificate-map-label* --The name of an existing certificate map. • **trustpoint** --The trustpoint to be used when validating the OCSP server certificate. • *sequence-number* --The order the **match certificate override ocsp** command statements apply to the certificate being verified. Matches are performed from the lowest sequence number to the highest sequence number. If more than one command is issued with the same sequence number, it overwrites the previous OCSP server override setting. • **url** --The URL of the OCSP server. When the certificate matches a configured certificate map, the AIA field of the client certificate and any previously issued **ocsp url** command settings are overwritten with the specified OCSP server. If no map-based match occurs, one of the following two cases will continue to apply to the client certificate. • If OCSP is specified as the revocation method, the AIA field value will continue to apply to the client certificate. • If the **ocsp url** configuration exists, the **ocsp url** configuration settings will continue to apply to the client certificates.
Step 11	**exit** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# exit`	Returns to global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 12	**aaa new-model** **Example:** `Router(config)# aaa new-model`	(Optional) Enables the AAA access control model.
Step 13	**aaa attribute list** *list-name* **Example:** `Router(config)# aaa attribute list crl`	(Optional) Defines an AAA attribute list locally on a router and enters config-attr-list configuration mode.
Step 14	**attribute type** *name value* **Example:** `Router(config-attr-list)# attribute type cert-serial-not 6C4A`	(Optional) Defines an AAA attribute type that is to be added to an AAA attribute list locally on a router. To configure certificate serial number session control, an administrator may specify a specific certificate in the *value* field to be accepted or rejected based on its serial number where *name* is set to **cert-serial-not**. If the serial number of the certificate matches the serial number specified by the attribute type setting, the certificate will be rejected. For a full list of available AAA attribute types, execute the **show aaa attributes** command.

Step 15	**exit**
	Example:
	`Router(ca-trustpoint)# exit`
	Example:
	`Router(config-attr-list)# exit`
		Returns to global configuration mode.

Step 16	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 17	**show crypto pki certificates** **Example:** `Router# show crypto pki certificates`	(Optional) Displays the components of the certificates installed on the router if the CA certificate has been authenticated.

Examples

The following is a sample certificate. The OCSP-related extensions are shown using exclamation points.

```
Certificate:
        Data:
            Version: v3
            Serial Number:0x14
            Signature Algorithm:MD5withRSA - 1.2.840.113549.1.1.4
            Issuer:CN=CA server,OU=PKI,O=Cisco Systems
            Validity:
                Not Before:Thursday, August 8, 2002 4:38:05 PM PST
                Not After:Tuesday, August 7, 2003 4:38:05 PM PST
            Subject:CN=OCSP server,OU=PKI,O=Cisco Systems
            Subject Public Key Info:
                Algorithm:RSA - 1.2.840.113549.1.1.1
                Public Key:
                    Exponent:65537
                    Public Key Modulus:(1024 bits) :
                        <snip>
            Extensions:
                Identifier:Subject Key Identifier - 2.5.29.14
                    Critical:no
                    Key Identifier:
                        <snip>
                Identifier:Authority Key Identifier - 2.5.29.35
                    Critical:no
                    Key Identifier:
                        <snip>
!                Identifier:OCSP NoCheck:- 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.48.1.5
                     Critical:no
                Identifier:Extended Key Usage:- 2.5.29.37
                     Critical:no
                     Extended Key Usage:
                     OCSPSigning
!
                Identifier:CRL Distribution Points - 2.5.29.31
                    Critical:no
                    Number of Points:1
                    Point 0
                        Distribution Point:
[URIName:ldap://CA-server/CN=CA server,OU=PKI,O=Cisco Systems]
        Signature:
            Algorithm:MD5withRSA - 1.2.840.113549.1.1.4
            Signature:
            <snip>
```

The following example shows an excerpt of the running configuration output when adding a **match certificate override ocsp** command to the beginning of an existing sequence:

```
match certificate map3 override ocsp 5 url http://192.0.2.3/
show running-configuration
.
.
.
        match certificate map3 override ocsp 5 url http://192.0.2.3/
        match certificate map1 override ocsp 10 url http://192.0.2.1/
        match certificate map2 override ocsp 15 url http://192.0.2.2/
```

The following example shows an excerpt of the running configuration output when an existing **match certificate override ocsp** command is replaced and a trustpoint is specified to use an alternative PKI hierarchy:

```
match certificate map4 override ocsp trustpoint tp4 10 url http://192.0.2.4/newvalue
show running-configuration
.
.
.
```

```
        match certificate map3 override ocsp trustpoint tp3 5 url http://192.0.2.3/
        match certificate map1 override ocsp trustpoint tp1 10 url http://192.0.2.1/
        match certificate map4 override ocsp trustpoint tp4 10 url               http://
192.0.2.4/newvalue
        match certificate map2 override ocsp trustpoint tp2 15 url http://192.0.2.2/
```

Troubleshooting Tips

If you ignored revocation check or expired certificates, you should carefully check your configuration. Verify that the certificate map properly matches either the certificate or certificates that should be allowed or the AAA checks that should be skipped. In a controlled environment, try modifying the certificate map and determine what is not working as expected.

Configuring Certificate Chain Validation

Perform this task to configure the processing level for the certificate chain path of your peer certificates.

- The device must be enrolled in your PKI hierarchy.
- The appropriate key pair must be associated with the certificate.

Note

- A trustpoint associated with the root CA cannot be configured to be validated to the next level.

The **chain-validation** command is configured with the **continue** keyword for the trustpoint associated with the root CA, an error message will be displayed and the chain validation will revert to the default **chain-validation**command setting.

>

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
4. **chain-validation** [{**stop** | **continue**} [*parent-trustpoint*]]
5. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint ca-sub1`	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 4	**chain-validation** [{**stop** | **continue**} [*parent-trustpoint*]] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# chain-validation continue ca-sub1`	Configures the level to which a certificate chain is processed on all certificates including subordinate CA certificates. • Use the **stop**keyword to specify that the certificate is already trusted. This is the default setting. • Use the **continue** keyword to specify that the that the subordinate CA certificate associated with the trustpoint must be validated. • The *parent-trustpoint* argument specifies the name of the parent trustpoint the certificate must be validated against.
Step 5	**exit** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# exit`	Returns to global configuration mode

Configuration Examples for Setting Up Authorization and Revocation of Certificates

Examples Configuring and Verifying PKI AAA Authorization

Example Router Configuration

The following **show running-config**command output shows the working configuration of a router that is set up to authorize VPN connections using the PKI Integration with AAA Server feature:

```
Router# show running-config
Building configuration...
!
version 12.3
!
```

```
hostname router7200router7200
!
aaa new-model
!
!
aaa authentication login default group tacacs+
aaa authentication login no_tacacs enable
aaa authentication ppp default group tacacs+
aaa authorization exec ACSLab group tacacs+
aaa authorization network ACSLab group tacacs+
aaa accounting exec ACSLab start-stop group tacacs+
aaa accounting network default start-stop group ACSLab
aaa session-id common
!
ip domain name example.com
!
crypto pki trustpoint EM-CERT-SERV
 enrollment url http://192.0.2.33:80
 serial-number
 crl optional
 rsakeypair STOREVPN 1024
 auto-enroll
 authorization list ACSLab
!
crypto pki certificate chain EM-CERT-SERV
 certificate 04
  30820214 3082017D A0030201 02020104 300D0609 2A864886 F70D0101 04050030
  17311530 13060355 0403130C 454D2D43 4552542D 53455256 301E170D 30343031
  31393232 30323535 5A170D30 35303131 38323230 3235355A 3030312E 300E0603
  55040513 07314437 45424434 301C0609 2A864886 F70D0109 02160F37 3230302D
  312E6772 696C2E63 6F6D3081 9F300D06 092A8648 86F70D01 01010500 03818D00
  30818902 818100BD F3B837AA D925F391 2B64DA14 9C2EA031 5A7203C4 92F8D6A8
  7D2357A6 BCC8596F A38A9B10 47435626 D59A8F2A 123195BB BE5A1E74 B1AA5AE0
  5CA162FF 8C3ACA4F B3EE9F27 8B031642 B618AE1B 40F2E3B4 F996BEFE 382C7283
  3792A369 236F8561 8748AA3F BC41F012 B859BD9C DB4F75EE 3CEE2829 704BD68F
  FD904043 0F555702 03010001 A3573055 30250603 551D1F04 1E301C30 1AA018A0
  16861468 7474703A 2F2F3633 2E323437 2E313037 2E393330 0B060355 1D0F0404
  030205A0 301F0603 551D2304 18301680 1420FC4B CF0B1C56 F5BD4C06 0AFD4E67
  341AE612 D1300D06 092A8648 86F70D01 01040500 03818100 79E97018 FB955108
  12F42A56 2A6384BC AC8E22FE F1D6187F DA5D6737 C0E241AC AAAEC75D 3C743F59
  08DEEFF2 0E813A73 D79E0FA9 D62DC20D 8E2798CD 2C1DC3EC 3B2505A1 3897330C
  15A60D5A 8A13F06D 51043D37 E56E45DF A65F43D7 4E836093 9689784D C45FD61D
  EC1F160C 1ABC8D03 49FB11B1 DA0BED6C 463E1090 F34C59E4
  quit
 certificate ca 01
  30820207 30820170 A0030201 02020101 300D0609 2A864886 F70D0101 04050030
  17311530 13060355 0403130C 454D2D43 4552542D 53455256 301E170D 30333132
  31363231 34373432 5A170D30 36313231 35323134 3734325A 30173115 30130603
  55040313 0C454D2D 43455254 2D534552 5630819F 300D0609 2A864886 F70D0101
  01050003 818D0030 81890281 8100C14D 833641CF D784F516 DA6B50C0 7B3CB3C9
  589223AB 99A7DC14 04F74EF2 AAEEE8F5 E3BFAE97 F2F980F7 D889E6A1 2C726C69
  54A29870 7E7363FF 3CD1F991 F5A37CFF 3FFDD3D0 9E486C44 A2E34595 C2D078BB
  E9DE981E B733B868 AA8916C0 A8048607 D34B83C0 64BDC101 161FC103 13C06500
  22D6EE75 7D6CF133 7F1B515F 32830203 010001A3 63306130 0F060355 1D130101
  FF040530 030101FF 300E0603 551D0F01 01FF0404 03020186 301D0603 551D0E04
  16041420 FC4BCF0B 1C56F5BD 4C060AFD 4E67341A E612D130 1F060355 1D230418
  30168014 20FC4BCF 0B1C56F5 BD4C060A FD4E6734 1AE612D1 300D0609 2A864886
  F70D0101 04050003 81810085 D2E386F5 4107116B AD3AC990 CBE84063 5FB2A6B5
  BD572026 528E92ED 02F3A0AE 1803F2AE AA4C0ED2 0F59F18D 7B50264F 30442C41
  0AF19C4E 70BD3CB5 0ADD8DE8 8EF636BD 24410DF4 DB62DAFC 67DA6E58 3879AA3E
  12AFB1C3 2E27CB27 EC74E1FC AEE2F5CF AA80B439 615AA8D5 6D6DEDC3 7F9C2C79
  3963E363 F2989FB9 795BA8
  quit
!
!
crypto isakmp policy 10
 encr 3des
 group 2
!
!
crypto ipsec transform-set ISC_TS_1 esp-3des esp-sha-hmac
!
crypto ipsec profile ISC_IPSEC_PROFILE_2
```

```
 set security-association lifetime kilobytes 530000000
 set security-association lifetime seconds 14400
 set transform-set ISC_TS_1
!
!
controller ISA 1/1
!
!
interface Tunnel0
 description MGRE Interface provisioned by ISC
 bandwidth 10000
 ip address 192.0.2.172 255.255.255.0
 no ip redirects
 ip mtu 1408
 ip nhrp map multicast dynamic
 ip nhrp network-id 101
 ip nhrp holdtime 500
 ip nhrp server-only
 no ip split-horizon eigrp 101
 tunnel source FastEthernet2/1
 tunnel mode gre multipoint
 tunnel key 101
 tunnel protection ipsec profile ISC_IPSEC_PROFILE_2
!
interface FastEthernet2/0
 ip address 192.0.2.1 255.255.255.0
 duplex auto
 speed auto
!
interface FastEthernet2/1
 ip address 192.0.2.2 255.255.255.0
 duplex auto
 speed auto
!
!
tacacs-server host 192.0.2.55 single-connection
tacacs-server directed-request
tacacs-server key company lab
!
ntp master 1
!
end
```

Example Debug of a Successful PKI AAA Authorization

The following **show debugging** command output shows a successful authorization using the PKI Integration with AAA Server feature:

```
Router# show debugging
General OS:
  TACACS access control debugging is on
  AAA Authentication debugging is on
  AAA Authorization debugging is on
Cryptographic Subsystem:
Crypto PKI Trans debugging is on
Router#
May 28 19:36:11.117: CRYPTO_PKI: Trust-Point EM-CERT-SERV picked up
May 28 19:36:12.789: CRYPTO_PKI: Found a issuer match
May 28 19:36:12.805: CRYPTO_PKI: cert revocation status unknown.
May 28 19:36:12.805: CRYPTO_PKI: Certificate validated without revocation check
May 28 19:36:12.813: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: checking AAA authorization (ACSLab,
POD5.example.com, <all>)
May 28 19:36:12.813: AAA/BIND(00000042): Bind i/f
May 28 19:36:12.813: AAA/AUTHOR (0x42): Pick method list 'ACSLab'
May 28 19:36:12.813: TPLUS: Queuing AAA Authorization request 66 for processing
May 28 19:36:12.813: TPLUS: processing authorization request id 66
May 28 19:36:12.813: TPLUS: Protocol set to None .....Skipping
May 28 19:36:12.813: TPLUS: Sending AV service=pki
May 28 19:36:12.813: TPLUS: Authorization request created for 66(POD5.example.com)
May 28 19:36:12.813: TPLUS: Using server 192.0.2.55
May 28 19:36:12.813: TPLUS(00000042)/0/NB_WAIT/203A4628: Started 5 sec timeout
May 28 19:36:12.813: TPLUS(00000042)/0/NB_WAIT: wrote entire 46 bytes request
May 28 19:36:12.813: TPLUS: Would block while reading pak header
May 28 19:36:12.817: TPLUS(00000042)/0/READ: read entire 12 header bytes (expect 27 bytes)
May 28 19:36:12.817: TPLUS(00000042)/0/READ: read entire 39 bytes response
May 28 19:36:12.817: TPLUS(00000042)/0/203A4628: Processing the reply packet
May 28 19:36:12.817: TPLUS: Processed AV cert-application=all
May 28 19:36:12.817: TPLUS: received authorization response for 66: PASS
May 28 19:36:12.817: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-application" = "all")
May 28 19:36:12.817: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: authorization passed
Router#
Router#
May 28 19:36:18.681: %DUAL-5-NBRCHANGE: IP-EIGRP(0) 101: Neighbor 192.0.2.171 (Tunnel0)
is up: new adjacency
Router#
Router# show crypto isakmp sa
dst             src             state          conn-id slot
192.0.2.22        192.0.2.102   QM_IDLE             84    0
```

Example Debugs of a Failed PKI AAA Authorization

The following **show debugging** command output shows that the router is not authorized to connect using VPN. The messages are typical of those that you might see in such a situation.

In this example, the peer username was configured as not authorized, by moving the username to a Cisco Secure ACS group called VPN_Router_Disabled in Cisco Secure ACS. The router, router7200.example.com, has been configured to check with a Cisco Secure ACS AAA server prior to establishing a VPN connection to any peer.

```
Router# show debugging
General OS:
  TACACS access control debugging is on
  AAA Authentication debugging is on
  AAA Authorization debugging is on
Cryptographic Subsystem:
  Crypto PKI Trans debugging is on

Router#
May 28 19:48:29.837: CRYPTO_PKI: Trust-Point EM-CERT-SERV picked up
May 28 19:48:31.509: CRYPTO_PKI: Found a issuer match
May 28 19:48:31.525: CRYPTO_PKI: cert revocation status unknown.
May 28 19:48:31.525: CRYPTO_PKI: Certificate validated without revocation check
May 28 19:48:31.533: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: checking AAA authorization (ACSLab,
POD5.example.com, <all>)
May 28 19:48:31.533: AAA/BIND(00000044): Bind i/f
May 28 19:48:31.533: AAA/AUTHOR (0x44): Pick method list 'ACSLab'
May 28 19:48:31.533: TPLUS: Queuing AAA Authorization request 68 for processing
May 28 19:48:31.533: TPLUS: processing authorization request id 68
May 28 19:48:31.533: TPLUS: Protocol set to None .....Skipping
May 28 19:48:31.533: TPLUS: Sending AV service=pki
May 28 19:48:31.533: TPLUS: Authorization request created for 68(POD5.example.com)
May 28 19:48:31.533: TPLUS: Using server 192.0.2.55
May 28 19:48:31.533: TPLUS(00000044)/0/NB_WAIT/203A4C50: Started 5 sec timeout
May 28 19:48:31.533: TPLUS(00000044)/0/NB_WAIT: wrote entire 46 bytes request
May 28 19:48:31.533: TPLUS: Would block while reading pak header
May 28 19:48:31.537: TPLUS(00000044)/0/READ: read entire 12 header bytes (expect 6 bytes)
May 28 19:48:31.537: TPLUS(00000044)/0/READ: read entire 18 bytes response
May 28 19:48:31.537: TPLUS(00000044)/0/203A4C50: Processing the reply packet
May 28 19:48:31.537: TPLUS: received authorization response for 68: FAIL
May 28 19:48:31.537: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: authorization declined by AAA, or AAA server not
found.
May 28 19:48:31.537: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: No cert-application attribute found. Failing.
May 28 19:48:31.537: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: authorization failed
May 28 19:48:31.537: CRYPTO_PKI: AAA authorization for list 'ACSLab', and user
'POD5.example.com' failed.
May 28 19:48:31.537: %CRYPTO-5-IKMP_INVAL_CERT: Certificate received from 192.0.2.162 is
bad: certificate invalid
May 28 19:48:39.821: CRYPTO_PKI: Trust-Point EM-CERT-SERV picked up
May 28 19:48:41.481: CRYPTO_PKI: Found a issuer match
May 28 19:48:41.501: CRYPTO_PKI: cert revocation status unknown.
May 28 19:48:41.501: CRYPTO_PKI: Certificate validated without revocation check
May 28 19:48:41.505: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: checking AAA authorization (ACSLab,
POD5.example.com, <all>)
May 28 19:48:41.505: AAA/BIND(00000045): Bind i/f
May 28 19:48:41.505: AAA/AUTHOR (0x45): Pick method list 'ACSLab'
May 28 19:48:41.505: TPLUS: Queuing AAA Authorization request 69 for processing
May 28 19:48:41.505: TPLUS: processing authorization request id 69
May 28 19:48:41.505: TPLUS: Protocol set to None .....Skipping
May 28 19:48:41.505: TPLUS: Sending AV service=pki
May 28 19:48:41.505: TPLUS: Authorization request created for 69(POD5.example.com)
May 28 19:48:41.505: TPLUS: Using server 198.168.244.55
May 28 19:48:41.509: TPLUS(00000045)/0/IDLE/63B22834: got immediate connect on new 0
May 28 19:48:41.509: TPLUS(00000045)/0/WRITE/63B22834: Started 5 sec timeout
May 28 19:48:41.509: TPLUS(00000045)/0/WRITE: wrote entire 46 bytes request
May 28 19:48:41.509: TPLUS(00000045)/0/READ: read entire 12 header bytes (expect 6 bytes)
May 28 19:48:41.509: TPLUS(00000045)/0/READ: read entire 18 bytes response
May 28 19:48:41.509: TPLUS(00000045)/0/63B22834: Processing the reply packet
May 28 19:48:41.509: TPLUS: received authorization response for 69: FAIL
May 28 19:48:41.509: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: authorization declined by AAA, or AAA server not
found.
May 28 19:48:41.509: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: No cert-application attribute found. Failing.
May 28 19:48:41.509: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: authorization failed
May 28 19:48:41.509: CRYPTO_PKI: AAA authorization for list 'ACSLab', and user
'POD5.example.com' failed.
May 28 19:48:41.509: %CRYPTO-5-IKMP_INVAL_CERT: Certificate received from 192.0.2.162 is
bad: certificate invalid
Router#
Router# show crypto iskmp sa
dst             src             state          conn-id slot
192.0.2.2           192.0.2.102   MM_KEY_EXCH         95    0
```

Examples Configuring a Revocation Mechanism

Example Configuring an OCSP Server

The following example shows how to configure the router to use the OCSP server that is specified in the AIA extension of the certificate:

```
Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint mytp
Router(ca-trustpoint)# revocation-check ocsp
```

Example Specifying a CRL and Then an OCSP Server

The following example shows how to configure the router to download the CRL from the CDP. If the CRL is unavailable, the OCSP server that is specified in the AIA extension of the certificate will be used. If both options fail, certificate verification will also fail.

```
Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint mytp
Router(ca-trustpoint)# revocation-check crl ocsp
```

Example Specifying an OCSP Server

The following example shows how to configure your router to use the OCSP server at the HTTP URL “http://myocspserver:81.” If the server is down, the revocation check will be ignored.

```
Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint mytp
Router(ca-trustpoint)# ocsp url http://myocspserver:81
Router(ca-trustpoint)# revocation-check ocsp none
```

Example Disabling Nonces in Communications with the OCSP Server

The following example shows communications when a nonce, or a unique identifier for the OCSP request, is disabled for communications with the OCSP server:

```
Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint mytp
Router(ca-trustpoint)# ocsp url http://myocspserver:81
Router(ca-trustpoint)# revocation-check ocsp none
Router(ca-trustpoint)# ocsp disable-nonce
```

Example Configuring a Hub Router at a Central Site for Certificate Revocation Checks

The following example shows a hub router at a central site that is providing connectivity for several branch offices to the central site.

The branch offices are also able to communicate directly with each other using additional IPSec tunnels between the branch offices.

The CA publishes CRLs on an HTTP server at the central site. The central site checks CRLs for each peer when setting up an IPSec tunnel with that peer.

The example does not show the IPSec configuration--only the PKI-related configuration is shown.

Home Office Hub Configuration

```
crypto pki trustpoint VPN-GW
 enrollment url http://ca.home-office.com:80/certsrv/mscep/mscep.dll
 serial-number none
 fqdn none
 ip-address none
 subject-name o=Home Office Inc,cn=Central VPN Gateway
 revocation-check crl
```

Central Site Hub Router

```
Router# show crypto ca certificate
Certificate
  Status: Available
  Certificate Serial Number: 2F62BE14000000000CA0
  Certificate Usage: General Purpose
  Issuer:
    cn=Central Certificate Authority
    o=Home Office Inc
  Subject:
    Name: Central VPN Gateway
    cn=Central VPN Gateway
    o=Home Office Inc
  CRL Distribution Points:
    http://ca.home-office.com/CertEnroll/home-office.crl
  Validity Date:
    start date: 00:43:26 GMT Sep 26 2003
    end   date: 00:53:26 GMT Sep 26 2004
    renew date: 00:00:00 GMT Jan 1 1970
  Associated Trustpoints: VPN-GW
CA Certificate
  Status: Available
  Certificate Serial Number: 1244325DE0369880465F977A18F61CA8
  Certificate Usage: Signature
  Issuer:
    cn=Central Certificate Authority
    o=Home Office Inc
  Subject:
    cn=Central Certificate Authority
    o=Home Office Inc
  CRL Distribution Points:
    http://ca.home-office.com/CertEnroll/home-office.crl
  Validity Date:
    start date: 22:19:29 GMT Oct 31 2002
    end   date: 22:27:27 GMT Oct 31 2017
  Associated Trustpoints: VPN-GW
```

Trustpoint on the Branch Office Router

```
crypto pki trustpoint home-office
 enrollment url http://ca.home-office.com:80/certsrv/mscep/mscep.dll
 serial-number none
 fqdn none

ip-address none
 subject-name o=Home Office Inc,cn=Branch 1
 revocation-check crl
```

A certificate map is entered on the branch office router.

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
branch1(config)# crypto pki certificate map central-site 10
branch1(ca-certificate-map)#
```

The output from the **show certificate** command on the central site hub router shows that the certificate was issued by the following:

```
cn=Central Certificate Authority
o=Home Office Inc
```

These two lines are combined into one line using a comma (,) to separate them, and the original lines are added as the first criteria for a match.

```
Router (ca-certificate-map)# issuer-name co cn=Central Certificate Authority, ou=Home
Office Inc
!The above line wrapped but should be shown on one line with the line above it.
```

The same combination is done for the subject name from the certificate on the central site router (note that the line that begins with “Name:” is not part of the subject name and must be ignored when creating the certificate map criteria). This is the subject name to be used in the certificate map.

cn=Central VPN Gateway

o=Home Office Inc

```
Router (ca-certificate-map)# subject-name eq cn=central vpn gateway, o=home office inc
```

Now the certificate map is added to the trustpoint that was configured earlier.

```
Router (ca-certificate-map)# crypto pki trustpoint home-office
Router (ca-trustpoint)# match certificate central-site skip revocation-check
Router (ca-trustpoint)# exit
Router (config)# exit
```

The configuration is checked (most of configuration is not shown).

```
Router# write term
!Many lines left out
.
.
.
crypto pki trustpoint home-office
```

```
 enrollment url http://ca.home-office.com:80/certsrv/mscep/mscep.dll
 serial-number none
 fqdn none
 ip-address none
 subject-name o=Home Office Inc,cn=Branch 1
 revocation-check crl
 match certificate central-site skip revocation-check
!
!
crypto pki certificate map central-site 10
 issuer-name co cn = Central Certificate Authority, ou = Home Office Inc
 subject-name eq cn = central vpn gateway, o = home office inc
!many lines left out
```

Note that the issuer-name and subject-name lines have been reformatted to make them consistent for later matching with the certificate of the peer.

If the branch office is checking the AAA, the trustpoint will have lines similar to the following:

```
crypto pki trustpoint home-office
 auth list allow_list
 auth user subj commonname
```

After the certificate map has been defined as was done above, the following command is added to the trustpoint to skip AAA checking for the central site hub.

```
match certificate central-site skip authorization-check
```

In both cases, the branch site router has to establish an IPSec tunnel to the central site to check CRLs or to contact the AAA server. However, without the **match certificate**command and **central-site skip authorization-check (argument and keyword)**, the branch office cannot establish the tunnel until it has checked the CRL or the AAA server. (The tunnel will not be established unless the **match certificate**command and **central-site skip authorization-check** argument and keyword are used.)

The **match certificate** command and **allow expired-certificate** keyword would be used at the central site if the router at a branch site had an expired certificate and it had to establish a tunnel to the central site to renew its certificate.

Trustpoint on the Central Site Router

```
crypto pki trustpoint VPN-GW
 enrollment url http://ca.home-office.com:80/certsrv/mscep/mscep.dll
 serial-number none
 fqdn none
 ip-address none
 subject-name o=Home Office Inc,cn=Central VPN Gateway
 revocation-check crl
```

Trustpoint on the Branch 1 Site Router

```
Router# show crypto ca certificate
Certificate
  Status: Available
  Certificate Serial Number: 2F62BE14000000000CA0
  Certificate Usage: General Purpose
  Issuer:
    cn=Central Certificate Authority
    o=Home Office Inc
  Subject:
    Name: Branch 1 Site
    cn=Branch 1 Site
    o=Home Office Inc
  CRL Distribution Points:
    http://ca.home-office.com/CertEnroll/home-office.crl
  Validity Date:
    start date: 00:43:26 GMT Sep 26 2003
    end   date: 00:53:26 GMT Oct 3 2003
    renew date: 00:00:00 GMT Jan 1 1970
  Associated Trustpoints: home-office
CA Certificate
  Status: Available
  Certificate Serial Number: 1244325DE0369880465F977A18F61CA8
  Certificate Usage: Signature
  Issuer:
    cn=Central Certificate Authority
    o=Home Office Inc
  Subject:
    cn=Central Certificate Authority
    o=Home Office Inc
  CRL Distribution Points:
    http://ca.home-office.com/CertEnroll/home-office.crl
  Validity Date:
    start date: 22:19:29 GMT Oct 31 2002
    end   date: 22:27:27 GMT Oct 31 2017
  Associated Trustpoints: home-office
```

A certificate map is entered on the central site router.

```
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router (config)# crypto pki certificate map branch1 10
Router (ca-certificate-map)# issuer-name co cn=Central Certificate Authority, ou=Home
Office Inc
!The above line wrapped but should be part of the line above it.
Router (ca-certificate-map)# subject-name eq cn=Brahcn 1 Site,o=home office inc
```

The certificate map is added to the trustpoint.

```
Router (ca-certificate-map)# crypto pki trustpoint VPN-GW
Router (ca-trustpoint)# match certificate branch1 allow expired-certificate
Router (ca-trustpoint)# exit
Router (config) #exit
```

The configuration should be checked (most of the configuration is not shown).

```
Router# write term
!many lines left out
crypto pki trustpoint VPN-GW
 enrollment url http://ca.home-office.com:80/certsrv/mscep/mscep.dll
 serial-number none
 fqdn none
 ip-address none
 subject-name o=Home Office Inc,cn=Central VPN Gateway
 revocation-check crl
 match certificate branch1 allow expired-certificate
!
!
crypto pki certificate map central-site 10
 issuer-name co cn = Central Certificate Authority, ou = Home Office Inc
 subject-name eq cn = central vpn gateway, o = home office inc
! many lines left out
```

The **match certificate**command and **branch1 allow expired-certificate** (argument and keyword) and the certificate map should be removed as soon as the branch router has a new certificate.

Examples Configuring Certificate Authorization and Revocation Settings

Example Configuring CRL Cache Control

The following example shows how to disable CRL caching for all CRLs associated with the CA1 trustpoint:

```
crypto pki trustpoint CA1
```

```
 enrollment url http://CA1:80
 ip-address FastEthernet0/0
 crl query ldap://ldap_CA1
 revocation-check crl
 crl-cache none
```

The current CRL is still cached immediately after executing the example configuration shown above:

Router# **show crypto pki crls**

```
CRL Issuer Name:
    cn=name Cert Manager,ou=pki,o=example.com,c=US
    LastUpdate: 18:57:42 GMT Nov 26 2005
    NextUpdate: 22:57:42 GMT Nov 26 2005
    Retrieved from CRL Distribution Point:
      ldap://ldap.example.com/CN=name Cert Manager,O=example.com
```

When the current CRL expires, a new CRL is then downloaded to the router at the next update. The **crl-cache none**command takes effect and all CRLs for the trustpoint are no longer cached; caching is disabled. You can verify that no CRL is cached by executing the **show crypto pki crls** command. No output will be shown because there are no CRLs cached.

The following example shows how to configure the maximum lifetime of 2 minutes for all CRLs associated with the CA1 trustpoint:

```
crypto pki trustpoint CA1
 enrollment url http://CA1:80
 ip-address FastEthernet0/0
 crl query ldap://ldap_CA1
 revocation-check crl
 crl-cache delete-after 2
```

The current CRL is still cached immediately after executing the example configuration above for setting the maximum lifetime of a CRL:

Router# **show crypto pki crls**

```
CRL Issuer Name:
    cn=name Cert Manager,ou=pki,o=example.com,c=US
    LastUpdate: 18:57:42 GMT Nov 26 2005
    NextUpdate: 22:57:42 GMT Nov 26 2005
    Retrieved from CRL Distribution Point:
      ldap://ldap.example.com/CN=name Cert Manager,O=example.com
When the current CRL expires, a new CRL is downloaded to the router at the next update
and the crl-cache delete-after
command takes effect. This newly cached CRL and all subsequent CRLs will be deleted after
a maximum lifetime of 2 minutes.
You can verify that the CRL will be cached for 2 minutes by executing the show crypto pki
crls
 command. Note that the NextUpdate time is 2 minutes after the LastUpdate time.
```

Router# **show crypto pki crls**

```
CRL Issuer Name:
    cn=name Cert Manager,ou=pki,o=example.com,c=US
    LastUpdate: 22:57:42 GMT Nov 26 2005

    NextUpdate: 22:59:42 GMT Nov 26 2005
    Retrieved from CRL Distribution Point:
```

ldap://ldap.example.com/CN=name Cert Manager,O=example.com

Example Configuring Certificate Serial Number Session Control

The following example shows the configuration of certificate serial number session control using a certificate map for the CA1 trustpoint:

```
crypto pki trustpoint CA1
 enrollment url http://CA1
 chain-validation stop
 crl query ldap://ldap_server
 revocation-check crl
 match certificate crl
!
crypto pki certificate map crl 10
 serial-number co 279d
```

Note If the *match-criteria* value is set to eq (equal) instead of co (contains), the serial number must match the certificate map serial number exactly, including any spaces.

The following example shows the configuration of certificate serial number session control using AAA attributes. In this case, all valid certificates will be accepted if the certificate does not have the serial number “4ACA.”

```
crypto pki trustpoint CA1
 enrollment url http://CA1
 ip-address FastEthernet0/0
 crl query ldap://ldap_CA1
 revocation-check crl
 aaa new-model
!
aaa attribute list crl
attribute-type aaa-cert-serial-not 4ACA
```

The server log shows that the certificate with the serial number “4ACA” was rejected. The certificate rejection is shown using exclamation points.

```
.
.
.
Dec 3 04:24:39.051: CRYPTO_PKI: Trust-Point CA1 picked up
Dec 3 04:24:39.051: CRYPTO_PKI: locked trustpoint CA1, refcount is 1
Dec 3 04:24:39.051: CRYPTO_PKI: unlocked trustpoint CA1, refcount is 0
Dec 3 04:24:39.051: CRYPTO_PKI: locked trustpoint CA1, refcount is 1
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: CRYPTO_PKI: validation path has 1 certs
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: CRYPTO_PKI: Found a issuer match
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: CRYPTO_PKI: Using CA1 to validate certificate
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: CRYPTO_PKI: Certificate validated without revocation check
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: CRYPTO_PKI: Selected AAA username: 'PKIAAA'
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: CRYPTO_PKI: Anticipate checking AAA list:'CRL'
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: checking AAA authorization (CRL, PKIAAA-L1, <all>)
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: pre-authorization chain validation status (0x4)
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: AAA/BIND(00000021): Bind i/f
Dec 3 04:24:39.135: AAA/AUTHOR (0x21): Pick method list 'CRL'
.
.
.
Dec 3 04:24:39.175: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-application" = "all")
Dec 3 04:24:39.175: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-trustpoint" = "CA1")
!
Dec 3 04:24:39.175: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: reply attribute ("cert-serial-not" = "4ACA")
Dec 3 04:24:39.175: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: cert-serial doesn't match ("4ACA" != "4ACA")
!
Dec 3 04:24:39.175: CRYPTO_PKI_AAA: post-authorization chain validation status (0x7)
!
Dec 3 04:24:39.175: CRYPTO_PKI: AAA authorization for list 'CRL', and user 'PKIAAA'
failed.
Dec 3 04:24:39.175: CRYPTO_PKI: chain cert was anchored to trustpoint CA1, and chain
validation result was: CRYPTO_PKI_CERT_NOT_AUTHORIZED
!
```

```
Dec 3 04:24:39.175: %CRYPTO-5-IKMP_INVAL_CERT: Certificate received from 192.0.2.43 is
bad: certificate invalid
Dec 3 04:24:39.175: %CRYPTO-6-IKMP_MODE_FAILURE: Processing of Main mode failed with peer
at 192.0.2.43
.
.
.
```

Examples Configuring Certificate Chain Validation

Example Configuring Certificate Chain Validation from Peer to Root CA

In the following configuration example, all of the certificates will be validated--the peer, SubCA11, SubCA1, and RootCA certificates.

```
crypto pki trustpoint RootCA
 enrollment terminal
 chain-validation stop
 revocation-check none
 rsakeypair RootCA
crypto pki trustpoint SubCA1
 enrollment terminal
 chain-validation continue RootCA
 revocation-check none
 rsakeypair SubCA1
crypto pki trustpoint SubCA11
 enrollment terminal
 chain-validation continue SubCA1
 revocation-check none
 rsakeypair SubCA11
```

Example Configuring Certificate Chain Validation from Peer to Subordinate CA

In the following configuration example, the following certificates will be validated--the peer and SubCA1 certificates.

```
crypto pki trustpoint RootCA
 enrollment terminal
 chain-validation stop
 revocation-check none
 rsakeypair RootCA
crypto pki trustpoint SubCA1
 enrollment terminal
 chain-validation continue RootCA
 revocation-check none
 rsakeypair SubCA1
crypto pki trustpoint SubCA11
 enrollment terminal
 chain-validation continue SubCA1
 revocation-check none
 rsakeypair SubCA11
```

Example Configuring Certificate Chain Validation Through a Gap

In the following configuration example, SubCA1 is not in the configured Cisco IOS XE hierarchy but is expected to have been supplied in the certificate chain presented by the peer.

If the peer supplies the SubCA1 certificate in the presented certificate chain, the following certificates will be validated--the peer, SubCA11, and SubCA1 certificates.

If the peer does not supply the SubCA1 certificate in the presented certificate chain, the chain validation will fail.

```
crypto pki trustpoint RootCA
 enrollment terminal
 chain-validation stop
 revocation-check none
 rsakeypair RootCA
crypto pki trustpoint SubCA11
 enrollment terminal
 chain-validation continue RootCA
 revocation-check none
 rsakeypair SubCA11
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
PKI commands: complete command syntax, command mode, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	*Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*
Overview of PKI, including RSA keys, certificate enrollment, and CAs	“ Cisco IOS XE PKI Overview: Understanding and Planning a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS XE Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity*
RSA key generation and deployment	“ Deploying RSA Keys Within a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS XE Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity*
Certificate enrollment: supported methods, enrollment profiles, configuration tasks	“ Configuring Certificate Enrollment for a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS XE Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity*

Standards

Standard	Title
None	--

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFC	Title
None	--

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Certificate Authorization and Revocation

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 3 Feature Information for PKI Certificate Authorization and Revocation

Feature Name	Software Releases	Feature Configuration Information
Cache Control Enhancements for Certification Revocation Lists	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.4	This feature provides users the ability to disable CRL caching or to specify the maximum lifetime for which a CRL will be cached in router memory. It also provides functionality to configure certificate serial number session control. The following sections provide information about this feature: • What Is a CRL • Configuring Certificate Authorization and Revocation Settings • Examples: Configuring Certificate Authorization and Revocation Settings The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **crl-cache delete-after, crl-cache none, crypto pki certificate map**
Certificate-Complete Chain Validation	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.4	This feature provides users the ability to configure the level to which a certificate chain is processed on all certificates including subordinate CA certificates. The following sections provide information about this feature: • PKI Certificate Chain Validation • Configuring Certificate Chain Validation • Examples: Configuring Certificate Chain Validation The following command was introduced by this feature: **chain-validation**

Feature Name	Software Releases	Feature Configuration Information
OCSP - Server Certification from Alternate Hierarchy		This feature provides users with the flexibility to specify multiple OCSP servers, either per client certificate or per group of client certificates, and provides the capability for OCSP server validation based on external CA certificates or self-signed certificates. The following sections provide information about this feature: • What Is OCSP • Configuring Certificate Authorization and Revocation Settings The following command was introduced by this feature: **match certificate override ocsp**
Optional OCSP Nonce	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature provides users with the ability to configure the sending of a nonce, or unique identifier for an OCSP request, during OCSP communications. The following sections provide information about this feature: • What Is OCSP • Configuring a Revocation Mechanism for PKI Certificate Status Checking • Example: Disabling Nonces in Communications with the OCSP Server

Feature Name	Software Releases	Feature Configuration Information
Certificate Security Attribute-Based Access Control	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	Under the IPsec protocol, CA interoperability permits Cisco IOS devices and a CA to communicate so that the Cisco IOS device can obtain and use digital certificates from the CA. Certificates contain several fields that are used to determine whether a device or user is authorized to perform a specified action. This feature adds fields to the certificate that allow specifying an ACL, creating a certificate-based ACL. The following sections provide information about this feature: • When to Use Certificate-Based ACLs for Authorization or Revocation • Configuring Certificate Authorization and Revocation Settings The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **crypto pki certificate map**, **crypto pki trustpoint match certificate**

Feature Name	Software Releases	Feature Configuration Information
Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows users to enable OCSP instead of CRLs to check certificate status. Unlike CRLs, which provide only periodic certificate status, OCSP can provide timely information regarding the status of a certificate. The following sections provide information about this feature: • CRLs or OCSP Server Choosing a Certificate Revocation Mechanism • Configuring a Revocation Mechanism for PKI Certificate Status Checking The following commands were introduced by this feature: **ocsp url**, **revocation-check**
PKI AAA Authorization Using the Entire Subject Name	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature provides users with the ability to query the AAA server using the entire subject name from the certificate as a unique AAA username. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Attribute-Value Pairs for PKI and AAA Server Integration • Configuring PKI Integration with a AAA Server The following command was modified by this feature: **authorization username**

Feature Name	Software Releases	Feature Configuration Information
PKI Integration with AAA Server	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature provides additional scalability for authorization by generating a AAA username from the certificate presented by the peer. A AAA server is queried to determine whether the certificate is authorized for use by the internal component. The authorization is indicated by a component-specified label that must be present in the AV pair for the user. The following sections provide information about this feature: • PKI and AAA Server Integration for Certificate Status • Configuring PKI Integration with a AAA Server The following commands were introduced by this feature: **authorization list**, **authorization username**

Feature Name	Software Releases	Feature Configuration Information
PKI: Query Multiple Servers During Certificate Revocation Check	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature introduces the ability for Cisco IOS XE software to make multiple attempts to retrieve the CRL, allowing operations to continue when a particular server is not available. In addition, the ability to override the CDPs in a certificate with a manually configured CDP has been introduced. Manually overriding the CDPs in a certificate can be advantageous when a particular server is unavailable for an extended period of time. The certificate's CDPs can be replaced with a URL or directory specification without reissuing all of the certificates that contain the original CDP. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Querying All CDPs During Revocation Check • Manually Overriding CDPs in a Certificate The following command was introduced by this feature: **match certificate override cdp**

Feature Name	Software Releases	Feature Configuration Information
Using Certificate ACLs to Ignore Revocation Check and Expired Certificates	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows a certificate that meets specified criteria to be accepted regardless of the validity period of the certificate, or if the certificate meets the specified criteria, revocation checking does not have to be performed. Certificate ACLs are used to specify the criteria that the certificate must meet to be accepted or to avoid revocation checking. In addition, if AAA communication is protected by a certificate, this feature provides for the AAA checking of the certificate to be ignored. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Ignore Revocation Checks Using a Certificate-Based ACL • Configuring Certificate-Based ACLs to Ignore Revocation Checks The following command was modified by this feature: **match certificate**
Query Mode Definition Per Trustpoint	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1.
PKI High Availability	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2S	Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) High Availability refers to the technology and system-design approach that supports the operation of a certificate-based public key cryptographic system that is available at all times. This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2S. The following sections provide information about this feature: • PKI High Availability Support

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Configuring Certificate Enrollment for a PKI

Certificate enrollment, which is the process of obtaining a certificate from a certification authority (CA), occurs between the end host that requests the certificate and the CA. Each peer that participates in the public key infrastructure (PKI) must enroll with a CA. This module describes the different methods available for certificate enrollment and how to set up each method for a participating PKI peer.

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Prerequisites for PKI Certificate Enrollment

Before you configure peers for certificate enrollment, you must:

- Authenticate the CA.
- Have a generated Rivest, Shamir, and Adelman (RSA) key pair to enroll and a PKI in which to enroll.
- Be familiar with the “ Cisco IOS XE PKI Overview: Understanding and Planning a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity* .

Restrictions for PKI Certificate Enrollment

Cisco IOS certificate servers cannot be configured using Cisco IOS XE software. The Cisco IOS certificate servers must be set up using Cisco IOS software (T- or mainline-based) images.

Information About Certificate Enrollment for a PKI

What Are CAs

A CA manages certificate requests and issues certificates to participating network devices. These services (managing certificate requests and issuing certificates) provide centralized key management for the participating devices to validate identities and to create digital certificates. Before any PKI operations can begin, the CA generates its own public key pair and creates a self-signed CA certificate; thereafter, the CA can sign certificate requests and begin peer enrollment for the PKI.

You can use the Cisco IOS XE certificate server or a CA provided by a third-party CA vendor.

Note Cisco IOS XE certificate servers cannot be configured using Cisco IOS XE software. The Cisco IOS certificate servers must be set up using Cisco IOS software (T- or mainline-based images).

Authentication of the CA

The certificate of the CA must be authenticated before the device will be issued its own certificate and before certificate enrollment can occur. Authentication of the CA typically occurs only when you initially configure PKI support at your router. To authenticate the CA, issue the **crypto pki authenticate** command, which authenticates the CA to your router by obtaining the self-signed certificate of the CA that contains the public key of the CA.

Authentication via the fingerprint Command

You can issue the **fingerprint** command t o preenter a fingerprint that can be matched against the fingerprint of a CA certificate during authentication.

If a fingerprint is not preentered for a trustpoint, and if the authentication request is interactive, you must verify the fingerprint that is displayed during authentication of the CA certificate. If the authentication request is noninteractive, the certificate will be rejected without a preentered fingerprint.

Note If the authentication request is made using the command-line interface (CLI), the request is an interactive request. If the authentication request is made using HTTP or another management tool, the request is a noninteractive request.

Supported Certificate Enrollment Methods

Cisco IOS XE software supports the following methods to obtain a certificate from a CA:

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

Note To take advantage of automated certificate and key rollover functionality, you must be running a CA that supports rollover and SCEP must be used as your client enrollment method. If you are running a Cisco IOS XE CA, you must be running Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1 or a later release for rollover support.

- PKCS12--The router imports certificates in PKCS12 format from an external server.
- IOS File System (IFS)--The router uses any file system that is supported by Cisco IOS XE software (such as TFTP, FTP, flash, and NVRAM) to send a certificate request and to receive the issued certificate. Users may enable IFS certificate enrollment when their CA does not support SCEP.
- Manual cut-and-paste--The router displays the certificate request on the console terminal, allowing the user to enter the issued certificate on the console terminal. A user may manually cut-and-paste certificate requests and certificates when there is no network connection between the router and CA.
- Enrollment profiles--The router sends HTTP-based enrollment requests directly to the CA server instead of to the RA-mode CS. Enrollment profiles can be used if a CA server does not support SCEP.
- Self-signed certificate enrollment for a trustpoint--The secure HTTP (HTTPS) server generates a self-signed certificate that is to be used during the secure socket layer (SSL) handshake, establishing a secure connection between the HTTPS server and the client. The self-signed certificate is then saved in the router’s startup configuration (NVRAM). The saved, self-signed certificate can then be used for future SSL handshakes, eliminating the user intervention that was necessary to accept the certificate every time the router reloaded.

Note To take advantage of autoenrollment and auto reenrollment, do not use either TFTP or manual cut-and-paste enrollment as your enrollment method. Both TFTP and manual cut-and-paste enrollment methods are manual enrollment processes, requiring user input.

- Cisco IOS Suite-B Support for Certificate Enrollment for a PKI, page 81

Cisco IOS Suite-B Support for Certificate Enrollment for a PKI

Suite-B requirements comprise of four user interface suites of cryptographic algorithms for use with IKE and IPSec that are described in RFC 4869. Each suite consists of an encryption algorithm, a digital signature algorithm, a key agreement algorithm, and a hash or message digest algorithm.

Suite-B adds the following support for the certificate enrollment for a PKI:

- Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) (256-bit and 384-bit curves) is used for the signature operation within X.509 certificates.
- PKI support for validation of for X.509 certificates using ECDSA signatures.
- PKI support for generating certificate requests using ECDSA signatures and for importing the issued certificates into IOS.

See the Configuring Security for VPNs with IPsec feature module for more detailed information about Cisco IOS Suite-B support.

Registration Authorities (RA)

A Cisco IOS XE certificate server can be configured to run in RA mode. An RA offloads authentication and authorization responsibilities from a CA. When the RA receives a SCEP or manual enrollment request, the administrator can either reject or grant it on the basis of local policy. If the request is granted, it will be forwarded to the issuing CA, and the CA can be configured to automatically generate the certificate and return it to the RA. The client can later retrieve the granted certificate from the RA.

Automatic Certificate Enrollment

Certificate autoenrollment allows the CA client to automatically request a certificate from its CA server. This automatic router request eliminates the need for operator intervention when the enrollment request is sent to the CA server. Automatic enrollment is performed on startup for any trustpoint CA that is configured and that does not have a valid client certificate. When the certificate expires, a new certificate is automatically requested.

Note When automatic enrollment is configured, clients automatically request client certificates. The CA server performs its own authorization checks; if these checks include a policy to automatically issue certificates, all clients will automatically receive certificates, which is not very secure. Thus, automatic certificate enrollment should be combined with additional authentication and authorization mechanisms (such as Secure Device Provisioning (SDP), leveraging existing certificates, and one-time passwords).

Automated Client Certificate and Key Rollover

By default, the automatic certificate enrollment function requests a new client certificate and keys from the CS before the client's current certificate expires. Certificate and key rollover allows the certificate renewal rollover request to be made before the certificate expires by retaining the current key and certificate until the new, or rollover, certificate is available. After a specified amount of time, the rollover certificate and keys will become the active certificate and keys. The expired certificate and keys are immediately deleted upon rollover and removed from the certificate chain and CRL.

The setup for automatic rollover is twofold: CA clients must be automatically enrolled and the client's CAs must be automatically enrolled and have the **auto-rollover** command enabled.

An optional renewal percentage parameter can be used with the **auto-enroll** command to allow a new certificate to be requested when a specified percentage of the lifetime of the certificate has passed. For example, if the renewal percentage is configured as 90 and the certificate has a lifetime of one year, a new certificate is requested 36.5 days before the old certificate expires. In order for automatic rollover to occur, the renewal percentage must be less than 100.The specified percent value must not be less than 10. If a client certificate is issued for less than the configured validity period due to the impending expiration of the CA certificate, the rollover certificate will be issued for the balance of that period. A minimum of 10 percent of the configured validity period, with an absolute minimum of 3 minutes, is required to allow rollover enough time to function.

Tip

If CA autoenrollment is not enabled, you may manually initiate rollover on an existing client with the **crypto pki enroll** command if the expiration time of the current client certificate is equal to or greater than the expiration time of the corresponding CA certificate. The client will initiate the rollover process, which only occurs if the server is configured for automated rollover and has an available rollover server certificate.

Note

A key pair is also sent if configured by the **auto-enroll re-generate** command and keyword. It is recommended that a new key pair be issued for security reasons.

Certificate Enrollment Profiles

Enrollment profiles allow users to specify certificate authentication, enrollment, and reenrollment parameters when prompted. The values for these parameters are referenced by two templates that make up the profile. One template contains parameters for the HTTP request that is sent to the CA server to obtain the certificate of the CA (also known as certificate authentication); the other template contains parameters for the HTTP request that is sent to the CA for certificate enrollment.

Configuring two templates enables users to specify different URLs or methods for certificate authentication and enrollment; for example, authentication (getting the certificate of the CA) can be performed via TFTP (using the **authentication url** command) while enrollment can be performed manually (using the **enrollment terminal** command).

Users may specify the PKCS7 format for certificate renewal requests.

Note

A single enrollment profile can have up to three separate sections for each task--certificate authentication, enrollment, and reenrollment.

How to Configure Certificate Enrollment for a PKI

This section contains the following enrollment option procedures. If you configure enrollment or autoenrollment (the first task), you cannot configure manual certificate enrollment. Also, if you configure TFTP or manual cut-and-paste certificate enrollment, you cannot configure autoenrollment, auto reenrollment, an enrollment profile, nor can you utilize the automated CA certificate rollover capability.

- Configuring Certificate Enrollment or Autoenrollment, page 83
- Configuring Manual Certificate Enrollment, page 89
- Configuring a Persistent Self-Signed Certificate for Enrollment via SSL, page 94
- Configuring a Certificate Enrollment Profile for Enrollment or Reenrollment, page 99

Configuring Certificate Enrollment or Autoenrollment

Perform this task to configure certificate enrollment for clients participating in your PKI.

Before configuring automatic certificate enrollment requests, you should ensure that all necessary enrollment information is configured.

Prerequisites for Enabling Automated Client Certificate and Key Rollover

CA client support for certificate rollover is automatically enabled when using autoenrollment. For automatic CA certificate rollover to run successfully, the following prerequisites are applicable:

- Your network devices must support shadow PKI.
- Your clients must be running Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1 or a later release.
- The client's CS must support automatic rollover. See the section "Automatic CA Certificate and Key Rollover" in the chapter *Configuring and Managing a Cisco IOS XE Certificate Server for PKI Deployment* for more information on CA server automatic rollover configuration.

Prerequisites for Specifying Autoenrollment Initial Key Generation Location

To specify the location of the autoenrollment initial key generation, you must be running Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1 or a later release.

RSA Key Pair Restriction for Autoenrollment

Trustpoints configured to generate a new key pair using the **regenerate** command or the **regenerate** keyword of the **auto-enroll** command must not share key pairs with other trustpoints. To give each trustpoint its own key pair, use the **rsakeypair** command in ca-trustpoint configuration mode. Sharing key pairs among regenerating trustpoints is not supported and will cause loss of service on some of the trustpoints because of key and certificate mismatches.

Restrictions for Automated Client Certificate and Key Rollover

In order for clients to run automatic CA certificate rollover successfully, the following restrictions are applicable:

- SCEP must be used to support rollover. Any device that enrolls with the PKI using an alternative to SCEP as the certificate management protocol or mechanism (such as enrollment profiles, manual enrollment, or TFTP enrollment) will not be able to take advantage of the rollover functionality provided by SCEP.
- If the configuration cannot be saved to the startup configuration after a shadow certificate is generated, rollover will not occur.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
4. **enrollment** [**mode**] [**retry period** *minutes*] [**retry count** *number*] **url** *url* [**pem**]
5. **eckeypair** *label*
6. **subject-name** [*x.500-name*]
7. **ip address** {*ip address* | *interface* | **none**
8. **serial-number** [**none**]
9. **auto-enroll** [*percent*] [**regenerate**
10. **usage** *method1* [*method2* [*method3*]]
11. **password** *string*
12. **rsakeypair** *key-label key-size encryption-key-size*]]
13. **fingerprint** *ca-fingerprint*
14. **on** *devicename* **:**
15. **exit**
16. **crypto pki authenticate** *name*
17. **exit**
18. **copy system:running-config nvram:startup-config**
19. **show crypto pki certificates**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint mytp`	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**enrollment** [**mode**] [**retry period** *minutes*] [**retry count** *number*] **url** *url* [**pem**] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment url http://cat.example.com`	Specifies the URL of the CA on which your router should send certificate requests. • **mode** --Specifies RA mode if your CA system provides an RA. • **retry period** *minutes* --Specifies the wait period between certificate request retries. The default is 1 minute between retries. • **retry count** *number* -- Specifies the number of times a router will resend a certificate request when it does not receive a response from the previous request. (Specify from 1 to 100 retries.) • **url** *url* -- URL of the file system where your router should send certificate requests. For enrollment method options, see the **enrollment** command in the *Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*. • **pem** --Adds privacy-enhanced mail (PEM) boundaries to the certificate request. **Note** An enrollment method other than TFTP or manual cut-and-paste must be configured to support autoenrollment.
Step 5	**eckeypair** *label* **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# eckeypair Router_1_Key`	(Optional) Configures the trustpoint to use an Elliptic Curve (EC) key on which certificate requests are generated using ECDSA signatures. The *label* argument specifies the EC key label that is configured using the **crypto key generate rsa** or **crypto key generate ec keysize** command in global configuration mode. See the Configuring Internet Key Exchange for IPsec VPNs feature module for more information. **Note** If an ECDSA signed certificate is imported without a trustpoint configuration, then the label defaults to the FQDN value.
Step 6	**subject-name** [*x.500-name*] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# subject-name cat`	(Optional) Specifies the requested subject name that will be used in the certificate request. • *x.500-name* --If it is not specified, the fully qualified domain name (FQDN), which is the default subject name, will be used.
Step 7	**ip address** {*ip address* | *interface* | **none** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# ip address 192.168.1.66`	(Optional) Includes the IP address of the specified interface in the certificate request. Issue the **none** keyword if no IP address should be included. **Note** If this command is enabled, you will not be prompted for an IP address during enrollment for this trustpoint.
Step 8	**serial-number** [**none**] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# serial-number`	(Optional) Specifies the router serial number in the certificate request, unless the **none** keyword is issued.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	**auto-enroll** [*percent*] [**regenerate** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# auto-enroll regenerate`	(Optional) Enables autoenrollment, allowing the client to automatically request a rollover certificate from the CA. If autoenrollment is not enabled, the client must be manually reenrolled in your PKI upon certificate expiration. • By default, only t he Domain Name System (DNS) name of the router is included in the certificat e. • 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. **Note** 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." **Note** It is recommended that a new key pair be generated for security reasons.
Step 10	**usage** *method1* [*method2* [*method3*]] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# usage ssl-client`	(Optional) Specifies the intended use for the certificate. Available options are **ike**, **ssl-client**, and **ssl-server**; the default is **ike**.
Step 11	**password** *string* **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# password string1`	(Optional) Specifies the revocation password for the certificate. If this command is enabled, you will not be prompted for a password during enrollment for this trustpoint. **Note** When SCEP is used, this password can be used to authorize the certificate request--often via a one-time password or similar mechanism.
Step 12	**rsakeypair** *key-label key-size encryption-key-size*]] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# rsakeypair cat`	(Optional) Specifies which key pair to associate with the certificate. • A key pair with *key-label* will be generated during enrollment if it does not already exist or if the **auto-enroll regenerate** command was issued. • Specify the *key-size* argument for generating the key, and specify the *encryption-key-size* argument to request separate encryption, signature keys, and certificates. **Note** If this command is not enabled, the FQDN key pair is used.
Step 13	**fingerprint** *ca-fingerprint* **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# fingerprint 12EF53FA 355CD23E 12EF53FA 355CD23E`	(Optional) Specifies a fingerprint that can be matched against the fingerprint of a CA certificate during authentication. **Note** If the fingerprint is not provided and authentication of the CA certificate is interactive, the fingerprint will be displayed for verification.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 14	**on** *devicename* **:** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# on usbtoken0:`	(Optional) Specifies that RSA keys will be created on the specified device upon autoenrollment initial key generation. Devices that may be specified include NVRAM and local disks. USB tokens may be used as a storage device.
Step 15	**exit** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# exit`	Exits ca-trustpoint configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 16	**crypto pki authenticate** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki authenticate mytp`	Retrieves the CA certificate and authenticates it. • Check the certificate fingerprint if prompted. **Note** This command is optional if the CA certificate is already loaded into the configuration.
Step 17	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.

Step 18	**copy system:running-config nvram:startup-config**
	Example:
	`Router#`
	`copy system:running-config nvram:startup-config`
		(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the NVRAM startup configuration.
		Note Autoenrollment will not update NVRAM if the running configuration has been modified but not written to NVRAM.

Step 19	**show crypto pki certificates** **Example:** `Router# show crypto pki certificates`	(Optional) Displays information about your certificates, including any rollover certificates.

Examples

The following example shows the configuration for the "mytp-A" certificate server and its associated trustpoint, where RSA keys generated by the initial autoenrollment for the trustpoint will be stored on a USB token, "usbtoken0":

```
crypto pki server mytp-A
```

```
   database level complete
   issuer-name CN=company, L=city, C=country
   grant auto
! Specifies that certificate requests will be granted automatically.
!
crypto pki trustpoint mytp-A
   revocation-check none
   rsakeypair myTP-A
   storage usbtoken0:
! Specifies that keys will be stored on usbtoken0:.
   on usbtoken0:
! Specifies that keys generated on initial auto enroll will be generated on and stored
on ! usbtoken0:
```

Configuring Manual Certificate Enrollment

Manual certificate enrollment can be set up via TFTP or the manual cut-and-paste method. Both options can be used if your CA does not support SCEP or if a network connection between the router and CA is not possible. Perform one of the following tasks to set up manual certificate enrollment:

- PEM-Formatted Files for Certificate Enrollment Request, page 89
- Restrictions for Manual Certificate Enrollment, page 89
- Configuring Cut-and-Paste Certificate Enrollment, page 89
- Configuring TFTP Certificate Enrollment, page 92

PEM-Formatted Files for Certificate Enrollment Request

Using PEM-formatted files for certificate requests can be helpful for customers who are using terminal or profile-based enrollment to request certificates from their CA server. Customers using PEM-formatted files can directly use existing certificates on their routers.

Restrictions for Manual Certificate Enrollment

Switching Enrollment URLs When Using SCEP

We do not recommend switching URLs if SCEP is used; that is, if the enrollment URL is “http://myca,” do not change the enrollment URL after getting the CA certificate and before enrolling the certificate. A user can switch between TFTP and manual cut-and-paste

Key Regeneration Restriction

Do not regenerate the keys manually using the **crypto key generate** command; key regeneration will occur when the **crypto pki enroll**command is issued if the **regenerate** keyword is specified.

Configuring Cut-and-Paste Certificate Enrollment

Perform this task to configure manual certificate enrollment via the cut-and-paste method for peers participating in your PKI.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
4. **enrollment terminal pem**
5. **fingerprint** *ca-fingerprint*
6. **exit**
7. **crypto pki authenticate** *name*
8. **crypto pki enroll** *name*
9. **crypto pki import** *name* **certificate**
10. **exit**
11. **show crypto pki certificates**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint mytp`	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 4	**enrollment terminal pem** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment terminal`	Specifies manual cut-and-paste certificate enrollment method. The certificate request will be displayed on the console terminal so that you may manually copied (or cut). • **pem** --Configures the trustpoint to generate PEM-formatted certificate requests to the console terminal.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**fingerprint** *ca-fingerprint* **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# fingerprint 12EF53FA 355CD23E 12EF53FA 355CD23E`	(Optional) Specifies a fingerprint that can be matched against the fingerprint of a CA certificate during authentication. **Note** If the fingerprint is not provided, it will be displayed for verification.
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits ca-trustpoint configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	**crypto pki authenticate** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki authenticate mytp`	Retrieves the CA certificate and authenticates it.
Step 8	**crypto pki enroll** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki enroll mytp`	Generates certificate request and displays the request for copying and pasting into the certificate server. You are prompted for enrollment information, such as whether to include the router 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 9	**crypto pki import** *name* **certificate** **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki import mytp certificate`	Imports a certificate manually at the console terminal (pasting). The base-64 encoded certificate is accepted from the console terminal and inserted into the internal certificate database. **Note** You must enter this command twice if usage keys, a signature key and an encryption key, are used. The first time the command is entered, one of the certificates is pasted into the router. The second time the command is entered, the other certificate is pasted into the router. It does not matter which certificate is pasted first. **Note** Some CAs ignore the usage key information in the certificate request and issue general purpose usage certificates. If this applies to the certificate authority you are using, import the general purpose certificate. The router will not use one of the two key pairs generated.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 11	**show crypto pki certificates** **Example:** `Router# show crypto pki certificates`	(Optional) Displays information about your certificates, the certificates of the CA, and RA certificates.

Configuring TFTP Certificate Enrollment

Perform this task to configure manual certificate enrollment using a TFTP server.

- You must know the correct URL to use if you are configuring certificate enrollment via TFTP.
- The router must be able to write a file to the TFTP server for the **crypto pki enroll** command.
- If using a file specification with the **enrollment** command, the file must contain the CA certificate either in binary format or be base-64 encoded.
- You must know if your CA ignores key usage information in a certificate request and issues only a general purpose usage certificate.

Caution Some TFTP servers require that the file must exist on the server before it can be written. Most TFTP servers require that the file be "write-able" by the world. This requirement may pose a risk because any router or other device may write or overwrite the certificate request; thus, the replacement certificate request will not used by the CA administrator, who must first check the enrollment request fingerprint before granting the certificate request.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
4. **enrollment** [**mode**] [**retry period** *minutes*] [**retry count** *number*] **url** *url* [**pem**]
5. **fingerprint** *ca-fingerprint*
6. **exit**
7. **crypto pki authenticate** *name*
8. **crypto pki enroll** *name*
9. **crypto pki import** *name* **certificate**
10. **exit**
11. **show crypto pki certificates**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint mytp`	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 4	**enrollment** [**mode**] [**retry period** *minutes*] [**retry count** *number*] **url** *url* [**pem**] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment url tftp://certserver/file_specification`	Specifies TFTP as the enrollment method to send the enrollment request and to retrieve the CA certificate and router certificate and any optional parameters. **Note** For TFTP enrollment, the url must be configured as a TFTP url, tftp://example_tftp_url. An optional file specification filename may be included in the TFTP url. If the file specification is not included, the FQDN will be used. If the file specification is included, the router will append the extension ".ca" to the specified file name.
Step 5	**fingerprint** *ca-fingerprint* **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# fingerprint 12EF53FA 355CD23E 12EF53FA 355CD23E`	(Optional) Specifies the fingerprint of the CA certificate received via an out-of-band method from the CA administrator. **Note** If the fingerprint is not provided, it will be displayed for verification.
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits ca-trustpoint configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**crypto pki authenticate** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki authenticate mytp`	Retrieves the CA certificate and authenticates it from the specified TFTP server.
Step 8	**crypto pki enroll** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki enroll mytp`	Generates certificate request and writes the request out to the TFTP server. You are prompted for enrollment information, such as whether to include the router FQDN and IP address in the certificate request. You are queried about whether or not to display the certificate request to the console terminal. The filename to be written is appended with the extension ".req". For usage keys, a signature key and an encryption key, two requests are generated and sent. The usage key request filenames are appended with the extensions "-sign.req" and "-encr.req" respectively.
Step 9	**crypto pki import** *name* **certificate** **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki import mytp certificate`	Imports a certificate via TFTP at the console terminal, which retrieves the granted certificate. The router will attempt 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 router will parse the received files, verify the certificates, and insert the certificates into the internal certificate database on the router. **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 keypairs generated.
Step 10	**exit** **Example:** `Router(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 11	**show crypto pki certificates** **Example:** `Router# show crypto pki certificates`	(Optional) Displays information about your certificates, the certificates of the CA, and RA certificates.

Configuring a Persistent Self-Signed Certificate for Enrollment via SSL

This section contains the following tasks:

Note These tasks are optional because if you enable the HTTPS server, it generates a self-signed certificate automatically using default values.

Persistent Self-Signed Certificates Overview

The SSL protocol can be used to establish a secure connection between an HTTPS server and a client (web browser). During the SSL handshake, the client expects the SSL server's certificate to be verifiable using a certificate the client already possesses.

If Cisco IOS XE software does not have a certificate that the HTTPS server can use, the server generates a self-signed certificate by calling a PKI application programming interface (API). When the client receives this self-signed certificate and is unable to verify it, intervention is needed. The client asks you if the certificate should be accepted and saved for future use. If you accept the certificate, the SSL handshake continues.

Future SSL handshakes between the same client and the server use the same certificate. However, if the router is reloaded, the self-signed certificate is lost. The HTTPS server must then create a new self-signed certificate. This new self-signed certificate does not match the previous certificate so you are once again asked to accept it.

Requesting acceptance of the router's certificate each time that the router reloads may present an opportunity for an attacker to substitute an unauthorized certificate when you are being asked to accept the certificate. Persistent self-signed certificates overcome all these limitations by saving a certificate in the router's startup configuration.

Restrictions

You can configure only one trustpoint for a persistent self-signed certificate.

Note Do not change the IP domain name or the hostname of the router after creating the self-signed certificate. Changing either name triggers the regeneration of the self-signed certificate and overrides the configured trustpoint. WebVPN ties the SSL trustpoint name to the WebVPN gateway configuration. If a new self-signed certificate is triggered, then the new trustpoint name does not match the WebVPN configuration, causing the WebVPN connections to fail.

Configuring a Trustpoint and Specifying Self-Signed Certificate Parameters

Perform the following task to configure a trustpoint and specify self-signed certificate parameters.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
4. **enrollment selfsigned**
5. **subject-name** [*x.500-name*]
6. **rsakeypair** *key-label* [*key-size* [*encryption-key-size*]]
7. **crypto pki enroll** *name*
8. **end**
9. **show crypto pki certificates** [*trustpoint-name* **[verbose**]]
10. **show crypto pki trustpoints** [**status** | *label* [**status**]]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint local`	Declares the CA that your router should use and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode. **Note** The **crypto pki trustpoint** command replaced the **crypto pki trustpoint** command.
Step 4	**enrollment selfsigned** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment selfsigned`	Specifies self-signed enrollment.
Step 5	**subject-name** [*x.500-name*] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# subject-name`	(Optional) Specifies the requested subject name to be used in the certificate request. • If the *x-500-name* argument is not specified, the FQDN, which is the default subject name, is used.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**rsakeypair** *key-label* [*key-size* [*encryption-key-size*]] **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# rsakeypair examplekeys 1024 1024`	(Optional) Specifies which key pair to associate with the certificate. • The *key-label* argument will be generated during enrollment if it does not already exist or if the **auto-enroll regenerate** command was issued. • Specify the *key-size* argument for generating the key, and specify the *encryption-key-size* argument to request separate encryption, signature keys, and certificates. **Note** If this command is not enabled, the FQDN key pair is used.
Step 7	**crypto pki enroll** *name* **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# crypto pki enroll local`	Tells the router to generate the persistent self-signed certificate.

Step 8	**end**
	Example:
	`Router(ca-trustpoint)# end`
	Example:
	`Router(config)# end`
		(Optional) Exits ca-trustpoint configuration mode and global configuration mode.

Step 9	**show crypto pki certificates** [*trustpoint-name* **[verbose**]] **Example:** `Router# show crypto pki certificates local verbose`	Displays information about your certificate, the certification authority certificate, and any registration authority certificates.
Step 10	**show crypto pki trustpoints** [**status** | *label* [**status**]] **Example:** `Router# show crypto pki trustpoints status`	Displays the trustpoints that are configured in the router.

Enabling the HTTPS Server

Perform the following task to enable the HTTPS server.

To specify parameters, you must create a trustpoint and configure it. To use default values, delete any existing self-signed trustpoints. Deleting all self-signed trustpoints causes the HTTPS server to generate a persistent self-signed certificate using default values as soon as the server is enabled.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip http secure-server**
4. **end**
5. **copy system:running-config nvram: startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**ip http secure-server** **Example:** `Router(config)# ip http secure-server`	Enables the secure HTTP web server. **Note** A key pair (modulus 1024) and a certificate are generated.

Step 4	**end**
	Example:
	`Router(config)# end`
		Exits global configuration mode.

Step 5	**copy system:running-config nvram: startup-config** **Example:** `Router# copy system:running-config nvram: startup-config`	Saves the self-signed certificate and the HTTPS server in enabled mode.

Configuring a Certificate Enrollment Profile for Enrollment or Reenrollment

Perform this task to configure an enrollment profile for certificate enrollment or reenrollment of a router with a Cisco IOS XE CA that is already enrolled with a third-party vendor CA.

Enable a router that is enrolled with a third-party vendor CA to use its existing certificate to enroll with the Cisco IOS XE certificate server so the enrollment request is automatically granted. To enable this functionality, you must issue the **enrollment credential** command. Also, you cannot configure manual certificate enrollment.

Before configuring a certificate enrollment profile for the client router that is already enrolled with a third party vendor CA so that the router can reenroll with a Cisco IOS XE certificate server, you should have already performed the following tasks at the client router:

- Defined a trustpoint that points to the third-party vendor CA.
- Authenticated and enrolled the client router with the third-party vendor CA.

Note

- To use certificate profiles, your network must have an HTTP interface to the CA.
- If an enrollment profile is specified, an enrollment URL may not be specified in the trustpoint configuration. Although both commands are supported, only one command can be used at a time in a trustpoint.
- Because there is no standard for the HTTP commands used by various CAs, the user is required to enter the command that is appropriate to the CA that is being used.

>

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
4. **enrollment profile** *label*
5. **exit**
6. **crypto pki profile enrollment** *label*
7. Do one of the following:
   - **authentication url** *url*
8. **authentication command**
9. Do one of the following:
   - **enrollment url** *url*
10. **enrollment credential** *label*
11. **enrollment command**
12. **parameter** *number* {**value** *value* | **prompt** *string*}
13. **exit**
14. **show crypto pki certificates**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki trustpoint Entrust`	Declares the trustpoint and a given name and enter ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 4	**enrollment profile** *label* **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment profile E`	Specifies that an enrollment profile is to be used for certificate authentication and enrollment.
Step 5	**exit** **Example:** `Router(ca-trustpoint)# exit`	Exits ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 6	**crypto pki profile enrollment** *label* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto pki profile enrollment E`	Defines an enrollment profile and enters ca-profile-enroll configuration mode. • *label* --Name for the enrollment profile; the enrollment profile name must match the name specified in the **enrollment profile** command.

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 7	Do one of the following:
	• **authentication url** *url*
	Example:
	`Router(ca-profile-enroll)# authentication url http://entrust:81`
	Example:
	Example:
	Example:
	authentication terminal
	Example:
	`Router(ca-profile-enroll)# authentication terminal`
		Specifies the URL of the CA server to which to send certificate authentication requests.
		• *url* --URL of the CA server to which your router should send authentication requests. If using HTTP, the URL should read “http://CA_name,” where CA_name is the host DNS name or IP address of the CA. If using TFTP, the URL should read “tftp://certserver/file_specification.” (If the URL does not include a file specification, the FQDN of the router will be used.)
		Specifies manual cut-and-paste certificate authentication.

Step 8	**authentication command** **Example:** `Router(ca-profile-enroll)# authentication command`	(Optional) Specifies the HTTP command that is sent to the CA for authentication. This command should be used after the **authentication url**command has been entered.

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 9	Do one of the following:
	• **enrollment url** *url*
	Example:
	`Router(ca-profile-enroll)# enrollment url http://entrust:81/cda-cgi/clientcgi.exe`
	Example:
	Example:
	Example:
	enrollment terminal
	Example:
	`Router(ca-profile-enroll)# enrollment terminal`
		Specifies the URL of the CA server to which to send certificate enrollment requests via HTTP or TFTP.
		Specifies manual cut-and-paste certificate enrollment.

Step 10	**enrollment credential** *label* **Example:** `Router(ca-profile-enroll)# enrollment credential Entrust`	(Optional) Specifies the third-party vendor CA trustpoint that is to be enrolled with the Cisco IOS XE CA. **Note** This command cannot be issued if manual certificate enrollment is being used.
Step 11	**enrollment command** **Example:** `Router(ca-profile-enroll)# enrollment command`	(Optional) Specifies the HTTP command that is sent to the CA for enrollment.

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 12	**parameter** *number* {**value** *value* | **prompt** *string*}
	Example:
	`Router(ca-profile-enroll)# parameter 1 value aaaa-bbbb-cccc`
		(Optional) Specifies parameters for an enrollment profile.
		This command can be used multiple times to specify multiple values.

Step 13	**exit**
	Example:
	`Router(ca-profile-enroll)# exit`
	Example:
	`Router(config)# exit`
		Enter this command two times--one time to exit ca-profile-enroll configuration mode and the second time to exit global configuration mode.

Step 14	**show crypto pki certificates** **Example:** `Router# show crypto pki certificates`	(Optional) Displays information about your certificates, the certificates of the CA, and RA certificates.

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What to Do Next

If you configured the router to reenroll with a Cisco IOS XE CA, you should configure the Cisco IOS XE certificate server to accept enrollment requests only from clients already enrolled with the specified third-party vendor CA trustpoint to take advantage of this functionality.

Configuration Examples for PKI Certificate Enrollment Requests

Configuring Autoenrollment Example

The following example shows how to configure the router to automatically enroll with a CA on startup, enabling automatic rollover, and how to specify all necessary enrollment information in the configuration:

```
crypto pki trustpoint trustpt1
 enrollment url http://trustpt1.company.com//
 subject-name OU=Spiral Dept., O=exampleco.com
 ip-address Fastethernet-0
 serial-number none
 usage ike
 auto-enroll regenerate
 password revokeme
 rsa-key trustpt1 2048
!
crypto pki certificate chain trustpt1
certificate pki 0B
30820293 3082023D A0030201 0202010B 300D0609 2A864886 F70D0101 04050030
79310B30 09060355 04061302 5553310B 30090603 55040813 02434131 15301306
0355040A 130C4369 73636F20 53797374 656D3120 301E0603 55040B13 17737562
6F726420 746F206B 6168756C 75692049 50495355 31243022 06035504 03131B79
6E692D75 31302043 65727469 66696361 7465204D 616E6167 6572301E 170D3030
30373134 32303536 32355A17 0D303130 37313430 31323834 335A3032 310E300C
06035504 0A130543 6973636F 3120301E 06092A86 4886F70D 01090216 11706B69
2D343562 2E636973 636F2E63 6F6D305C 300D0609 2A864886 F70D0101 01050003
4B003048 024100B3 0512A201 3B4243E1 378A9703 8AC5E3CE F77AF987 B5A422C4
15E947F6 70997393 70CF34D6 63A86B9C 4347A81A 0551FC02 ABA62360 01EF7DD2
6C136AEB 3C6C3902 03010001 A381F630 81F3300B 0603551D 0F040403 02052030
1C060355 1D110415 30138211 706B692D 3435622E 63697363 6F2E636F 6D301D06
03551D0E 04160414 247D9558 169B9A21 23D289CC 2DDA2A9A 4F77C616 301F0603
551D2304 18301680 14BD742C E892E819 1D551D91 683F6DB2 D8847A6C 73308185
0603551D 1F047E30 7C307AA0 3CA03AA4 38303631 0E300C06 0355040A 13054369
73636F31 24302206 03550403 131B796E 692D7531 30204365 72746966 69636174
65204D61 6E616765 72A23AA4 38303631 0E300C06 0355040A 13054369 73636F31
24302206 03550403 131B796E 692D7531 30204365 72746966 69636174 65204D61
6E616765 72300D06 092A8648 86F70D01 01040500 03410015 BC7CECF9 696697DF
E887007F 7A8DA24F 1ED5A785 C5C60452 47860061 0C18093D 08958A77 5737246B
0A25550A 25910E27 8B8B428E 32F8D948 3DD1784F 954C70
quit
```

Note In this example, keys are neither regenerated nor rolled over.

Configuring Certificate Autoenrollment with Key Regeneration Example

The following example shows how to configure the router to automatically enroll with the CA named “trustme1” on startup and enable automatic rollover. The **regenerate** keyword is issued, so a new key will be generated for the certificate and reissued when the automatic rollover process is initiated. The renewal percentage is configured as 90 so if the certificate has a lifetime of one year, a new certificate is requested 36.5 days before the old certificate expires. The changes made to the running configuration are saved to the NVRAM startup configuration because autoenrollment will not update NVRAM if the running configuration has been modified but not written to NVRAM.

```
crypto pki trustpoint trustme1
 enrollment url http://trustme1.company.com/
 subject-name OU=Spiral Dept., O=tiedye.com
 ip-address ethernet0
 serial-number none
 auto-enroll 90 regenerate
 password revokeme
 rsakeypair trustme1 2048
 exit
crypto pki authenticate trustme1
copy system:running-config nvram:startup-config
```

Configuring Cut-and-Paste Certificate Enrollment Example

The following example shows how to configure certificate enrollment using the manual cut-and-paste enrollment method:

```
Router(config)#
crypto pki trustpoint TP
Router(ca-trustpoint)#
```

```
enrollment terminal
Router(ca-trustpoint)#
crypto pki authenticate TP
Enter the base 64 encoded CA certificate.
End with a blank line or the word "quit" on a line by itself
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIICNDCCAd6gAwIBAgIQOsCmXpVHwodKryRoqULV7jANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADA5
MQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzEWMBQGA1UEChMNQ2lzY28gU3lzdGVtczESMBAGA1UEAxMJ
bXNjYS1yb290MB4XDTAyMDIxNDAwNDYwMVoXDTA3MDIxNDAwNTQ0OFowOTELMAkG
A1UEBhMCVVMxFjAUBgNVBAoTDUNpc2NvIFN5c3RlbXMxEjAQBgNVBAMTCW1zY2Et
cm9vdDBcMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA0sAMEgCQQCix8nIGFg+wvy3BjFbVi25wYoG
K2N0HWWHpqxFuFhqyBnIC0OshIn9CtrdN3JvUNHr0NIKocEwNKUGYmPwWGTfAgMB
AAGjgcEwgb4wCwYDVR0PBAQDAgHGMA8GA1UdEwEB/wQFMAMBAf8wHQYDVR0OBBYE
FKIacsl6dKAfuNDVQymlSp7esf8jMG0GA1UdHwRmMGQwL6AtoCuGKWh0dHA6Ly9t
c2NhLXJvb3QvQ2VydEVucm9sbC9tc2NhLXJvb3QuY3JsMDGgL6AthitmaWxlOi8v
XFxtc2NhLXJvb3RcQ2VydEVucm9sbFxtc2NhLXJvb3QuY3JsMBAGCSsGAQQBgjcV
AQQDAgEAMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBBQUAA0EAeuZkZMX9qkoLHfETYTpVWjZPQbBmwNRA
oJDSdYdtL3BcI/uLL5q7EmODyGfLyMGxuhQYx5r/40aSQgLCqBq+yg==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
Certificate has the following attributes:
Fingerprint: D6C12961 CD78808A 4E02193C 0790082A
% Do you accept this certificate? [yes/no]:
y
Trustpoint CA certificate accepted.
% Certificate successfully imported
Router(config)#
crypto pki enroll TP
% Start certificate enrollment..
% The subject name in the certificate will be:
Router.company.com
% Include the router serial number in the subject name? [yes/no]:
n
% Include an IP address in the subject name? [no]:
n
Display Certificate Request to terminal? [yes/no]:
y
Signature key certificate request -
Certificate Request follows:
MIIBhTCB7wIBADAlMSMwIQYJKoZIhvcNAQkCFhRTYW5kQmFnZ2VyLmNpc2NvLmNv
bTCBnzANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOBjQAwgYkCgYEAxdhXFDiWAn/hIZs9zfOtssKA
daoWYu0ms9Fe/Pew01dh14vXdxgacstOs2Pr5wk6jLOPxpvxOJPWyQM6ipLmyVxv
ojhyLTrVohrh6Dnqcvk+G/5ohss9o9RxvONwx042pQchFnx9EkMuZC7evwRxJEqR
mBHXBZ8GmP3jYQsjS8MCAwEAAaAhMB8GCSqGSIb3DQEJDjESMBAwDgYDVR0PAQH/
BAQDAgeAMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBBAUAA4GBAMT6WtyFw95POY7UtF+YIYHiVRUf4SCq
hRIAGrljUePLo9iTqyPU1Pnt8JnIZ5P5BHU3MfgP8sqodaWub6mubkzaohJ1qD06
O87fnLCNid5Tov5jKogFHIki2EGGZxBosUw9lJlenQdNdDPbJc5LIWdfDvciA6jO
Nl8rOtKnt8Q+
!
!
!
Redisplay enrollment request? [yes/no]:
Encryption key certificate request -
Certificate Request follows:
MIIBhTCB7wIBADAlMSMwIQYJKoZIhvcNAQkCFhRTYW5kQmFnZ2VyLmNpc2NvLmNv
bTCBnzANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOBjQAwgYkCgYEAwG60QojpDbzbKnyj8FyTiOcv
THkDP7XD4vLT1XaJ409z0gSIoGnIcdFtXhVlBWtpq3/O9zYFXr1tH+BMCRQi3Lts
0IpxYa3D9iFPqev7SPXpsAIsY8a6FMq7TiwLObqiQjLKL4cbuV0Frjl0Yuv5A/Z+
kqMOm7c+pWNWFdLe9lsCAwEAAaAhMB8GCSqGSIb3DQEJDjESMBAwDgYDVR0PAQH/
BAQDAgUgMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBBAUAA4GBACF7feURj/fJMojPBlR6fa9BrlMJx+2F
H91YM/CIiz2n4mHTeWTWKhLoT8wUfa9NGOk7yi+nF/F7035twLfq6n2bSCTW4aem
8jLMMaeFxwkrV/ceQKrucmNC1uVx+fBy9rhnKx8j60XE25tnp1U08r6om/pBQABU
eNPFhozcaQ/2
!
!
!
Redisplay enrollment request? [yes/no]:
n
Router(config)#
crypto pki import TP certificate
Enter the base 64 encoded certificate.
End with a blank line or the word "quit" on a line by itself
MIIDajCCAxSgAwIBAgIKFN7C6QAAAAAMRzANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADA5MQswCQYD
VQQGEwJVUzEWMBQGA1UEChMNQ2lzY28gU3lzdGVtczESMBAGA1UEAxMJbXNjYS1y
```

```
b290MB4XDTAyMDYwODAxMTY0MloXDTAzMDYwODAxMjY0MlowJTEjMCEGCSqGSIb3
DQEJAhMUU2FuZEJhZ2dlci5jaXNjby5jb20wgZ8wDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADgY0A
MIGJAoGBAMXYVxQ4lgJ/4SGbPc3zrbLCgHWqFmLtJrPRXvz3sNNXYdeL13cYGnLL
TrNj6+cJOoyzj8ab8TiT1skDOoqS5slcb6I4ci061aIa4eg56nL5Phv+aIbLPaPU
cbzjcMdONqUHIRZ8fRJDLmQu3r8EcSRKkZgR1wWfBpj942ELI0vDAgMBAAGjggHM
MIIByDALBgNVHQ8EBAMCB4AwHQYDVR0OBBYEFL8Quz8dyz4EGIeKx9A8UMNHLE4s
MHAGA1UdIwRpMGeAFKIacsl6dKAfuNDVQymlSp7esf8joT2kOzA5MQswCQYDVQQG
EwJVUzEWMBQGA1UEChMNQ2lzY28gU3lzdGVtczESMBAGA1UEAxMJbXNjYS1yb290
ghA6wKZelUfCh0qvJGipQtXuMCIGA1UdEQEB/wQYMBaCFFNhbmRCYWdnZXIuY2lz
Y28uY29tMG0GA1UdHwRmMGQwL6AtoCuGKWh0dHA6Ly9tc2NhLXJvb3QvQ2VydEVu
cm9sbC9tc2NhLXJvb3QuY3JsMDGgL6AthitmaWxlOi8vXFxtc2NhLXJvb3RcQ2Vy
dEVucm9sbFxtc2NhLXJvb3QuY3JsMIGUBggrBgEFBQcBAQSBhzCBhDA/BggrBgEF
BQcwAoYzaHR0cDovL21zY2Etcm9vdC9DZXJ0RW5yb2xsL21zY2Etcm9vdF9tc2Nh
LXJvb3QuY3J0MEEGCCsGAQUFBzAChjVmaWxlOi8vXFxtc2NhLXJvb3RcQ2VydEVu
cm9sbFxtc2NhLXJvb3RfbXNjYS1yb290LmNydDANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFAANBAJo2
r6sHPGBdTQX2EDoJpR/A2UHXxRYqVSHkFKZw0z31r5JzUM0oPNUETV7mnZlYNVRZ
CSEX/G8boi3WOjz9wZo=
% Router Certificate successfully imported
Router(config)#
crypto pki import TP cert
Enter the base 64 encoded certificate.
End with a blank line or the word "quit" on a line by itself
MIIDajCCAxSgAwIBAgIKFN7OBQAAAAAMSDANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADA5MQswCQYD
VQQGEwJVUzEWMBQGA1UEChMNQ2lzY28gU3lzdGVtczESMBAGA1UEAxMJbXNjYS1y
b290MB4XDTAyMDYwODAxMTY0NVoXDTAzMDYwODAxMjY0NVowJTEjMCEGCSqGSIb3
DQEJAhMUU2FuZEJhZ2dlci5jaXNjby5jb20wgZ8wDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADgY0A
MIGJAoGBAMButEKI6Q282yp8o/Bck4jnL0x5Az+1w+Ly09V2ieNPc9IEiKBpyHHR
bV4VZQVraat/zvc2BV69bR/gTAkUIty7bNCKcWGtw/YhT6nr+0j16bACLGPGuhTK
u04sCzm6okIyyi+HG7ldBa45dGLr+QP2fpKjDpu3PqVjVhXS3vZbAgMBAAGjggHM
MIIByDALBgNVHQ8EBAMCBSAwHQYDVR0OBBYEFPDO29oRdlEUSgBMg6jZR+YFRWlj
MHAGA1UdIwRpMGeAFKIacsl6dKAfuNDVQymlSp7esf8joT2kOzA5MQswCQYDVQQG
EwJVUzEWMBQGA1UEChMNQ2lzY28gU3lzdGVtczESMBAGA1UEAxMJbXNjYS1yb290
ghA6wKZelUfCh0qvJGipQtXuMCIGA1UdEQEB/wQYMBaCFFNhbmRCYWdnZXIuY2lz
Y28uY29tMG0GA1UdHwRmMGQwL6AtoCuGKWh0dHA6Ly9tc2NhLXJvb3QvQ2VydEVu
cm9sbC9tc2NhLXJvb3QuY3JsMDGgL6AthitmaWxlOi8vXFxtc2NhLXJvb3RcQ2Vy
dEVucm9sbFxtc2NhLXJvb3QuY3JsMIGUBggrBgEFBQcBAQSBhzCBhDA/BggrBgEF
BQcwAoYzaHR0cDovL21zY2Etcm9vdC9DZXJ0RW5yb2xsL21zY2Etcm9vdF9tc2Nh
LXJvb3QuY3J0MEEGCCsGAQUFBzAChjVmaWxlOi8vXFxtc2NhLXJvb3RcQ2VydEVu
cm9sbFxtc2NhLXJvb3RfbXNjYS1yb290LmNydDANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFAANBAHaU
hyCwLirUghNxCmLzXRG7C3W1j0kSX7a4fX9OxKR/Z2SoMjdMNPPyApuh8SoT2zBP
ZKjZU2WjcZG/nZF4W5k=
% Router Certificate successfully imported
```

You can verify that the certificate was successfully imported by issuing the **show crypto pki certificate** command.

```
Router# show crypto pki certificate
Certificate
  Status: Available
  Certificate Serial Number: 14DECE05000000000C48
  Certificate Usage: Encryption
  Issuer:
    CN = TPCA-root
     O = Company
     C = US
  Subject:
    Name: Router.company.com
    OID.1.2.840.113549.1.9.2 = Router.company.com
  CRL Distribution Point:
    http://tpca-root/CertEnroll/tpca-root.crl
  Validity Date:
    start date: 18:16:45 PDT Jun 7 2002
    end   date: 18:26:45 PDT Jun 7 2003
    renew date: 16:00:00 PST Dec 31 1969
  Associated Trustpoints: TP
Certificate
  Status: Available
  Certificate Serial Number: 14DEC2E9000000000C47
  Certificate Usage: Signature
  Issuer:
    CN = tpca-root
     O = company
     C = US
  Subject:
    Name: Router.company.com
    OID.1.2.840.113549.1.9.2 = Router.company.com
  CRL Distribution Point:
    http://tpca-root/CertEnroll/tpca-root.crl
  Validity Date:
    start date: 18:16:42 PDT Jun 7 2002
    end   date: 18:26:42 PDT Jun 7 2003
    renew date: 16:00:00 PST Dec 31 1969
  Associated Trustpoints: TP
CA Certificate
  Status: Available
  Certificate Serial Number: 3AC0A65E9547C2874AAF2468A942D5EE
  Certificate Usage: Signature
  Issuer:
    CN = tpca-root
     O = Company
     C = US
  Subject:
    CN = tpca-root
     O = company
     C = US
  CRL Distribution Point:
    http://tpca-root/CertEnroll/tpca-root.crl
  Validity Date:
    start date: 16:46:01 PST Feb 13 2002
    end   date: 16:54:48 PST Feb 13 2007
  Associated Trustpoints: TP
```

Configuring Manual Certificate Enrollment with Key Regeneration Example

The following example shows how to regenerate new keys with a manual certificate enrollment from the CA named “trustme2”:

```
crypto pki trustpoint trustme2
 enrollment url http://trustme2.company.com/
 subject-name OU=Spiral Dept., O=exampleco.com
 ip-address Fastethernet0
 serial-number none
 regenerate
 password revokeme
 rsakeypair trustme2 2048s
 exit
crypto pki authenticate trustme2
crypto pki enroll trustme2
```

Creating and Verifying a Persistent Self-Signed Certificate Example

The following example shows how to declare and enroll a trustpoint named “local” and generate a self-signed certificate with an IP address:

```
crypto pki trustpoint local
 enrollment selfsigned
 end
configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
crypto pki enroll local
Nov 29 20:51:13.067: %SSH-5-ENABLED: SSH 1.99 has been enabled
Nov 29 20:51:13.267: %CRYPTO-6-AUTOGEN: Generated new 512 bit key pair
% Include the router serial number in the subject name? [yes/no]: yes
% Include an IP address in the subject name? [no]: yes
Enter Interface name or IP Address[]: Fast
ethernet 0
Generate Self Signed Router Certificate? [yes/no]: yes
Router Self Signed Certificate successfully created
```

Note A router can have only one self-signed certificate. If you attempt to enroll a trustpoint configured for a self-signed certificate and one already exists, you receive a notification and are asked if you want to replace it. If so, a new self-signed certificate is generated to replace the existing one.

Enabling the HTTPS Server: Example

The following example shows how to enable the HTTPS server and generate a default trustpoint because one was not previously configured:

```
configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
ip http secure-server
% Generating 1024 bit RSA keys ...[OK]
*Dec 21 19:14:15.421:%PKI-4-NOAUTOSAVE:Configuration was modified.  Issue "write memory"
to save new certificate
Router(config)#
```

Note You need to save the configuration to NVRAM if you want to keep the self-signed certificate and have the HTTPS server enabled following router reloads.

The following message also appears:

```
*Dec 21 19:14:10.441:%SSH-5-ENABLED:SSH 1.99 has been enabled
```

Note Creation of the key pair used with the self-signed certificate causes the Secure Shell (SSH) server to start. This behavior cannot be suppressed. You may want to modify your access control lists (ACLs) to permit or deny SSH access to the router.

Verifying the Self-Signed Certificate Configuration: Example

The following example displays information about the self-signed certificate that you just created:

```
Router# show crypto pki certificates
Router Self-Signed Certificate
  Status: Available
  Certificate Serial Number: 01
  Certificate Usage: General Purpose
  Issuer:
    cn=IOS-Self-Signed-Certificate-3326000105
  Subject:
    Name: IOS-Self-Signed-Certificate-3326000105
    cn=IOS-Self-Signed-Certificate-3326000105
  Validity Date:
    start date: 19:14:14 GMT Dec 21 2004
    end   date: 00:00:00 GMT Jan 1 2020
  Associated Trustpoints: TP-self-signed-3326000105
```

Note The number 3326000105 above is the router’s serial number and varies depending on the router’s actual serial number.

The following example displays information about the key pair corresponding to the self-signed certificate:

```
Router# show crypto key mypubkey rsa
% Key pair was generated at: 19:14:10 GMT Dec 21 2004
Key name: TP-self-signed-3326000105
 Usage: General Purpose Key
 Key is not exportable.
 Key Data:
  30819F30 0D06092A 864886F7 0D010101 05000381 8D003081 89028181 00B88F70
  6BC78B6D 67D6CFF3 135C1D91 8F360292 CA44A032 5AC1A8FD 095E4865 F8C95A2B
  BFD1C2B7 E64A3804 9BBD7326 207BD456 19BAB78B D075E78E 00D2560C B09289AE
  6DECB8B0 6672FB3A 5CDAEE92 9D4C4F71 F3BCB269 214F6293 4BA8FABF 9486BCFC
  2B941BCA 550999A7 2EFE12A5 6B7B669A 2D88AB77 39B38E0E AA23CB8C B7020301 0001
% Key pair was generated at: 19:14:13 GMT Dec 21 2004
Key name: TP-self-signed-3326000105.server
 Usage: Encryption Key
 Key is not exportable.
 Key Data:
  307C300D 06092A86 4886F70D 01010105 00036B00 30680261 00C5680E 89777B42
  463E5783 FE96EA9E F446DC7B 70499AF3 EA266651 56EE29F4 5B003D93 2FC9F81D
  8A46E12F 3FBAC2F3 046ED9DD C5F27C20 1BBA6B9B 08F16E45 C34D6337 F863D605
  34E30F0E B4921BC5 DAC9EBBA 50C54AA0 BF551BDD 88453F50 61020301 0001
```

Note The second key pair with the name TP-self-signed-3326000105.server is the SSH key pair and is generated when any key pair is created on the router and SSH starts up.

The following example displays information about the trustpoint named “local”:

```
Router# show crypto pki trustpoints
Trustpoint local:
    Subject Name:
    serialNumber=C63EBBE9+ipaddress=10.3.0.18+hostname=test.company.com
          Serial Number: 01
    Persistent self-signed certificate trust point
```

Configuring Direct HTTP Enrollment Example

The following example show how to configure an enrollment profile for direct HTTP enrollment with a CA server:

```
crypto pki trustpoint Entrust
 enrollment profile E
 serial
crypto pki profile enrollment E
 authentication url http://entrust:81
 authentication command GET /certs/cacert.der
 enrollment url http://entrust:81/cda-cgi/clientcgi.exe
 enrollment command POST reference_number=$P2&authcode=$P1
 &retrievedAs=rawDER&action=getServerCert&pkcs10Request=$REQ
 parameter 1 value aaaa-bbbb-cccc
 parameter 2 value 5001
```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to certificate enrollment for a PKI.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Overview of PKI, including RSA keys, certificate enrollment, and CAs	“ Cisco IOS XE PKI Overview: Understanding and Planning a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity*
RSA key generation and deployment	“ Deploying RSA Keys Within a PKI ” module in the *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide: Secure Connectivity*
Security commands	*Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*

Standards

Standard	Title
None	--

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFC	Title
None	--

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for PKI Certificate Enrollment

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 4 Feature Information for PKI Certificate Enrollment

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Certificate Autoenrollment	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature introduces certificate autoenrollment, which allows the router to automatically request a certificate from the CA that is using the parameters in the configuration. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Automatic Certificate Enrollment, page 82 • Configuring Certificate Enrollment or Autoenrollment, page 83 The following commands were introduced by this feature: **auto-enroll**, **rsakeypair**, **show crypto pki timers**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Certificate Enrollment Enhancements	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature introduces five new **crypto pki trustpoint**subcommands that provide new options for certificate requests and allow users to specify fields in the configuration instead of having to go through prompts. The following section provides information about this feature: • Configuring Certificate Enrollment or Autoenrollment, page 83 The following commands were introduced by this feature: **ip-address (ca-trustpoint)**, **password (ca-trustpoint)**, **serial-number**, **subject-name**, **usage**
Direct HTTP Enrollment with CA Servers	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows users to configure an enrollment profile if their CA server does not support SCEP and they do not want to use an RA-mode CS. The enrollment profile allows users to send HTTP requests directly to the CA server instead of to an RA-mode CS. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Certificate Enrollment Profiles, page 83 • Configuring a Certificate Enrollment Profile for Enrollment or Reenrollment, page 99 The following commands were introduced by this feature: **authentication command**, **authentication terminal**, **authentication url**, **crypto pki profile enrollment**, **enrollment command**, **enrollment profile**, **enrollment terminal**, **enrollment url**, **parameter**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Import of RSA Key Pair and Certificates in PEM Format	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows customers to issue certificate requests and receive issued certificates in PEM-formatted files. The following section provides information about this feature: • Configuring Manual Certificate Enrollment, page 89 The following commands were modified by this feature: **enrollment**, **enrollment terminal**
Key Rollover for Certificate Renewal	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows the certificate renewal request to be made before the certificate expires and retains the old key and certificate until the new certificate is available. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Automatic Certificate Enrollment, page 82 • Configuring Certificate Enrollment or Autoenrollment, page 83 • Configuring Manual Certificate Enrollment, page 89 The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **auto-enroll**, **regenerate**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Manual Certificate Enrollment (TFTP Cut-and-Paste)	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows users to generate a certificate request and accept CA certificates as well as the router's certificates via a TFTP server or manual cut-and-paste operations. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Supported Certificate Enrollment Methods, page 81 • Configuring Manual Certificate Enrollment, page 89 The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **crypto pki import**, **enrollment**, **enrollment terminal**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Persistent Self-Signed Certificates	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows the HTTPS server to generate and save a self-signed certificate in the router startup configuration. Thus, future SSL handshakes between the client and the HTTPS server can use the same self-signed certificate without user intervention. In Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1, this feature was implemented on the Cisco ASR series routers. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Supported Certificate Enrollment Methods, page 81 • Configuring a Persistent Self-Signed Certificate for Enrollment via SSL, page 94 The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: **enrollment selfsigned**, **show crypto pki certificates**, **show crypto pki trustpoints**
PKI Status 1	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This enhancement added the **status** keyword to the **show crypto pki trustpoints** command, which allows you to view the current status of the trustpoint. Prior to this enhancement, you had to issue the **show crypto pki certificates** and the **show crypto pki timers** commands for the current status. The following section provides information about this enhancement: • How to Configure Certificate Enrollment for a PKI, page 83

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Reenroll Using Existing Certificates	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows users to reenroll a router with a Cisco IOS CA via existing certificates from a third-party vendor CA. The following section provides information about this enhancement: • Configuring a Certificate Enrollment Profile for Enrollment or Reenrollment, page 99 The following commands were introduced by this feature: **enrollment credential**, **grant auto trustpoint**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Suite-B support in IOS SW crypto	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.7S	Suite-B adds the following support for certificate enrollment for a PKI: • Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) (256 bit and 384 bit curves) is used for the signature operation within X.509 certificates. • PKI support for validation of for X.509 certificates using ECDSA signatures. • PKI support for generating certificate requests using ECDSA signatures and for importing the issued certificates into IOS. Suite-B requirements comprise of four user interface suites of cryptographic algorithms for use with IKE and IPSec that are described in RFC 4869. Each suite consists of an encryption algorithm, a digital signature algorithm, a key agreement algorithm, and a hash or message digest algorithm. See the Configuring Security for VPNs with IPsec feature module for more detailed information about Cisco IOS Suite-B support. The following sections provide information about this feature: • Cisco IOS Suite-B Support for Certificate Enrollment for a PKI, page 81 • Configuring Certificate Enrollment or Autoenrollment, page 83
Trustpoint CLI	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature introduces the **crypto pki trustpoint** command, which adds support for trustpoint CAs.

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Storing PKI Credentials

Public key infrastructure (PKI) credentials, such as Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman (RSA) keys and certificates can be stored in a specific location on the device, such as NVRAM and flash memory or on a USB eTtoken 64 KB smart card. USB tokens provide secure configuration distribution, RSA operations such as on-token key generation, signing, and authentication, and the storage of Virtual Private Network (VPN) credentials for deployment.

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Prerequisites for Storing PKI Credentials

Before you can specify the local certificate storage location, your system should meet the following requirements:

- A platform that supports storing PKI credentials as separate files.
- A configuration that contains at least one certificate.
- An accessible local file system.
- A Cisco supported USB token (Safenet/Aladdin eToken PRO 32 KB or 64 KB)
- To use the Cisco supported USB token, you must have Cisco IOS XE Release 3.6 or later installed on your router.

Restrictions for Storing PKI Credentials

When storing certificates to a local storage location, the following restrictions are applicable:

- Only local file systems may be used. An error message will be displayed if a remote file system is selected, and the command will not take effect.
- A subdirectory may be specified if supported by the local file system. NVRAM does not support subdirectories.

Information About Storing PKI Credentials

- Storing Certificates to a Local Storage Location, page 120
- PKI Credentials and USB Tokens, page 120

Storing Certificates to a Local Storage Location

Certificates are stored to NVRAM by default; however, some routers do not have the required amount of NVRAM to successfully store certificates.

All Cisco platforms support NVRAM and flash local storage. Depending on your platform, you may have other supported local storage options including bootflash, slot, disk, USB flash, or USB token.

During run time, you can specify what active local storage device you would like to use to store certificates.

PKI Credentials and USB Tokens

To use a secure USB token on your router, you should understand the following concepts:

- How a USB Token Works, page 120
- How RSA Keys are Used with a USB Token, page 121
- Benefits of USB Tokens, page 121

How a USB Token Works

A smart card is a small plastic card, containing a microprocessor and memory that allows you to store and process data. A USB token is a smart card with a USB interface. The token can securely store any type of file within its available storage space (32 KB). Configuration files that are stored on the USB token can be encrypted and accessed only via a user PIN. The device does not load the configuration file unless the proper PIN has been configured for secure deployment of device configuration files.

After you plug the USB token into the device, you must log into the USB token; thereafter, you can change default settings, such as the user PIN (default: 1234567890) and the allowed number of failed login attempts (default: 15 attempts) before future logins are refused. For more information on accessing and configuring the USB token, see the section “Logging Into and Setting Up the USB Token."

After you have successfully logged into the USB token, you can copy files from the device on to the USB token via the **copy** command. USB token RSA keys and associated IPsec tunnels remain available until the device is reloaded. To specify the length of time before the keys are removed and the IPsec tunnels are torn down, issue the **crypto pki token removal timeout** command. The default timeout is zero, which causes the RSA keys to be removed automatically after the eToken is removed from the device. The default appears in the running configuration as:

```
crypto pki token default removal timeout 0
```

The table below highlights the capabilities of the USB token.

Table 5 Functionality Highlights for USB Tokens

Function	USB Token
Accessibility	Used to securely store and transfer digital certificates, preshared keys, and device configurations from the USB token to the device.
Storage Size	32 KB or 64 KB
File Types	• Typically used to store digital certificates, preshared keys, and device configurations for IPsec VPNs. • USB tokens cannot store Cisco IOS images.
Security	• Files can be encrypted and accessed only with a user PIN. • Files can also be stored in a nonsecure format.
Boot Configurations	• The device can use the configuration stored in the USB token during boot time. • The device can use the secondary configuration stored in the USB token during boot time. (A secondary configuration allows users to load their IPsec configuration.)

How RSA Keys are Used with a USB Token

- RSA keys are loaded after the USB token is successfully logged into the router.
- By default, newly generated RSA keys are stored on the most recently inserted USB token. Regenerated keys should be stored in the same location where the original RSA key was generated.

Benefits of USB Tokens

USB token support on a Cisco router provides the following application benefits:

Removable Credentials: Provide or Store VPN Credentials on an External Device for Deployment

A USB token can use smart card technology to store a digital certificate and configuration for IPsec VPN deployment. This ability enhances the capability of the router to generate RSA public keys to authenticate at least one IPsec tunnel. (Because a router can initiate multiple IPsec tunnels, the USB token can contain several certificates, as appropriate.)

Storing VPN credentials on an external device reduces the threat of compromising secure data.

PIN Configuration for Secure File Deployment

A USB token can store a configuration file that can be used for enabling encryption on the router via a user-configured PIN. (That is, no digital certificates, preshared keys, or VPNs are used.)

Touchless or Low Touch Configuration

The USB token can provide remote software configuration and provisioning with little or no human interaction. Configuration is set up as an automated process. That is, the USB token can store a bootstrap configuration that the router can use to boot from after the USB token has been inserted into the router. The bootstrap configuration connects the router to a TFTP server, which contains a configuration that completely configures the router.

RSA Operations

A USB token may be used as a cryptographic device in addition to a storage device. Using a USB token as a cryptographic device allows RSA operations such as key generation, signing, and authentication to be performed on the token.

General-purpose, special-usage, encryption, or signature RSA key pairs with a modulus of 2048 bits or less may be generated from credentials located on your token storage device. Private keys are not distributed and remain on the token by default, however you may configure the private key storage location.

Keys that reside on a USB token are saved to persistent token storage when they are generated. Key deletion will remove the keys stored on the token from persistent storage immediately. (Keys that do not reside on a token are saved to or deleted from non-token storage locations when the **write memory** or a similar command is issued.)

Remote Device Configuration and Provisioning in a Secure Device Provisioning (SDP) Environment

SDP may be used to configure a USB token. The configured USB token may be transported to provision a device at a remote location. That is, a USB token may be used to transfer cryptographic information from one network device to another remote network device providing a solution for a staged USB token deployment.

For information about using USB tokens with SDP, see document titles in the “Additional References” section.

How to Configure PKI Storage

Specifying a Local Storage Location for Certificates

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki certificate storage** *location-name*
4. **exit**
5. **copy** *source-url destination-url*
6. **show crypto pki certificates storage**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Device# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto pki certificate storage** *location-name* **Example:** `Device(config)# crypto pki certificate storage flash:/certs`	Specifies the local storage location for certificates.
Step 4	**exit** **Example:** `Device(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.

Step 5	**copy** *source-url destination-url*
	Example:
	`Device#`
	`copy system:running-config nvram:startup-config`
		(Optional) Saves the running configuration to the startup configuration.
		Note Settings will only take effect when the running configuration is saved to the startup configuration.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	**show crypto pki certificates storage** **Example:** `Device# show crypto pki certificates storage`	(Optional) Displays the current setting for the PKI certificate storage location.

Example

The following is sample output from the **show crypto pki certificates storage** command, which shows that the certificates are stored in the certs subdirectory of disk0:

```
Device# show crypto pki certificates storage
Certificates will be stored in disk0:/certs/
```

Setting Up and Using USB Tokens on Cisco Devices

Storing the Configuration on a USB Token

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **boot config** *usbtoken[0-9]:filename*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Device# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**boot config** *usbtoken[0-9]:filename* **Example:** `Device(config)# boot config usbtoken0:file`	Specifies that the startup configuration file is stored in a secure USB token.

Logging Into and Setting Up the USB Token

- Configuring the Device for Automatic Login, page 125
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- What to Do Next, page 127

Configuring the Device for Automatic Login

The automatic login allows the device to completely come back up without any user or operator intervention. The PIN is stored in the private NVRAM, so it is not visible in the startup or running configuration.

Note A hand-generated startup configuration can contain the automatic login command for deployment purposes, but the **copy system:running-config nvram: startup-config** command must be issued to put the hand-generated configuration in the private configuration.

Perform this task to configure the automatic login on the device

Note Either the manual or automatic login is required.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki token** *token-name* **user-pin** [*pin*]
4. **exit**
5. **show usbtoken***0-9***:***filename*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Device# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode, which allows you to configure automatic USB token login.
Step 3	**crypto pki token** *token-name* **user-pin** [*pin*] **Example:** `Device(config)# crypto pki token usbtoken0 user-pin 1234`	Configures the device to log in to the token automatically, using the specified PIN at device startup or when the USB token is inserted into a USB slot. The PIN is encrypted and stored in NVRAM. **Note** You will be asked to enter your passphrase.
Step 4	**exit** **Example:** `Device(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 5	**show usbtoken***0-9***:***filename* **Example:** `Device# show usbtoken0:usbfile`	(Optional) Verifies whether the USB token has been logged on to the device.

Configuring the Device for Manual Login

Unlike automatic login, manual login requires that the user know the actual USB token PIN.

Note Either the manual or automatic login is required.

Manual login can be used when storing a PIN on the device is not desirable. Manual login may also be suitable for some initial deployment or hardware replacement scenarios for which the device is obtained from the local supplier or drop-shipped to the remote site. Manual login can be executed with or without privileges, and it creates files and RSA keys on the USB token available to the Cisco IOS software. If a secondary configuration file is configured, it is executed only with the privileges of the user who is performing the login. Thus, if you want to use manual login and set up the secondary configuration on the USB token to perform anything useful, you need to enable privileges.

Manual login can also be used in recovery scenarios for which the device configuration has been lost. If the scenario contains a remote site that normally connects to the core network with a VPN, the loss of the configuration and RSA keys requires out-of-band services that the USB token can provide. The USB token can contain a boot configuration, a secondary configuration, or both, and RSA keys to authenticate the connection.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **crypto pki token** *token-name* [**admin**] **login** [*pin*]
3. **show usbtoken** *0-9*:*filename*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**crypto pki token** *token-name* [**admin**] **login** [*pin*] **Example:** `Device# crypto pki token usbtoken0 admin login 5678`	Manually logs into the USB token. If the **admin** keyword is not specified initially you can re-enter the **crypto pki token** command again with this keyword option.
Step 3	**show usbtoken** *0-9*:*filename* **Example:** `Device# show usbtoken0:usbfile`	(Optional) Verifies whether the USB token has been logged on to the device.

What to Do Next

After you have logged into the USB token, it is available for use.

- To further configure the USB token, see the “Configuring the USB Token” section.
- To perform USB token administrative tasks, such as changing the user PIN, copying files from the router to the USB token set key storage location, and changing USB tokens, see the “Setting Administrative Functions on the USB Token” section.

Configuring the USB Token

After you have set up automatic login, you may perform this task to further configure the USB token.

PINs and Passphrases

For additional PIN security with automatic login, you may encrypt your PIN stored in NVRAM and set up a passphrase for your USB token. Establishing a passphrase allows you to keep your PIN secure; another user needs only to know the passphrase, not the PIN.

When the USB token is inserted into the device, the passphrase is needed to decrypt the PIN. Once the PIN is decrypted, the device can then use the PIN to log in to the USB token.

Note The user needs a privilege level of 1 to log in.

Unlocking and Locking the USB Token

The USB token itself can be locked (encrypted) or unlocked (decrypted).

Unlocking the USB token allows it to be used. Once unlocked, Cisco IOS software treats the token as if it were automatically logged in. Any keys on the USB token are loaded, and if a secondary configuration file is on the token, it is executed with full user privileges (privilege level 15) independent of the privilege level of the logged-in user.

Locking the token, unlike logging out of the token, deletes any RSA keys loaded from the token and runs the secondary unconfiguration file, if configured.

Secondary Configuration and Unconfiguration Files

Configuration files that exist on a USB token are called secondary configuration files. If you create and configure a secondary configuration file, it is executed after the token is logged in. The existence of a secondary configuration file is determined by the presence of a secondary configuration file option in the Cisco IOS configuration stored in NVRAM. When the token is removed or logged out and the removal timer expires, a separate secondary unconfiguration file is processed to remove all secondary configuration elements from the running configuration. Secondary configuration and secondary unconfiguration files are executed at privilege level 15 and are not dependent on the level of the user logged in.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **crypto pki token** *token-name* **unlock** [*pin*]
3. **configure terminal**
4. **crypto pki token** *token-name* **encrypted-user-pin** [**write**]
5. **crypto pki token** *token-name* **secondary unconfig** *file*
6. **exit**
7. **crypto pki token** *token-name* **lock** [*pin*]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**crypto pki token** *token-name* **unlock** [*pin*] **Example:** `Device# crypto pki token mytoken unlock mypin`	(Optional) Allows the token to be used if the USB token has been locked. Once unlocked, Cisco IOS software treats the token as if it has been automatically logged in. Any keys on the token are loaded and if a secondary configuration file exists, it is executed.
Step 3	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Device# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 4	**crypto pki token** *token-name* **encrypted-user-pin** [**write**] **Example:** `Device(config)# crypto pki token mytoken encrypted-user-pin write`	(Optional) Encrypts the stored PIN in NVRAM.
Step 5	**crypto pki token** *token-name* **secondary unconfig** *file* **Example:** `Device(config)# crypto pki token mytoken secondary unconfig configs/myunconfigfile.cfg`	(Optional) Specifies the secondary configuration file and its location.
Step 6	**exit** **Example:** `Device(config)# exit`	Enters privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	**crypto pki token** *token-name* **lock** [*pin*] **Example:** `Device# crypto pki token mytoken lock mypin`	(Optional) Deletes any RSA keys loaded from the token and runs the secondary unconfiguration file, if it exists.

Examples

The following example shows both the configuration and encryption of a user PIN and then the device reloading and the user PIN being unlocked:

```
! Configuring the user PIN

Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

Device(config)# crypto pki token usbtoken0: userpin

Enter password: mypassword

! Encrypt the user PIN

Device(config)# crypto pki token usbtoken0: encrypted-user-pin

Enter passphrase: mypassphrase

Device(config)# exit

Device#

Sep 20 21:51:38.076: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console

Device# show running config

crypto pki token usbtoken0 user-pin *encrypted*

! Reloading the router.

Device> enable

Password:

! Decrypting the user pin.

Device# crypto pki token usbtoken0: unlock

Token eToken is usbtoken0

Enter passphrase: mypassphrase

Token login to usbtoken0(eToken) successful

Device#

Sep 20 22:31:13.128: %CRYPTO-6-TOKENLOGIN: Cryptographic Token eToken

Login Successful
```

The following example shows a how a secondary unconfiguration file might be used to remove secondary configuration elements from the running configuration. For example, a secondary configuration file might be used to set up a PKI trustpoint. A corresponding unconfiguration file, named mysecondaryunconfigfile.cfg, might contain this command line:

```
no crypto pki trustpoint token-tp
```

If the token were removed and the following commands executed, the trustpoint and associated certificates would be removed from the device’s running configuration:

```
 Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# no crypto pki token mytoken secondary unconfig mysecondaryunconfigfile.cfg
```

What to Do Next

After you have logged into and configured the USB token, it is available for use. If you want to perform USB token administrative tasks, such as changing the user PIN, copying files from the router to the USB token set key storage location, and changing USB tokens, see the “Setting Administrative Functions on the USB Token” section.

Setting Administrative Functions on the USB Token

Perform this task to change default settings, such as the user PIN, the maximum number of failed attempts on the USB token, or the credential storage location.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **crypto pki token** *token-name* **admin**] **change-pin** [*pin*]
3. **crypto pki token** *token-name device-name*: **label** *token-label*
4. **configure terminal**
5. **crypto key storage** *device-name*:
6. **crypto key generate rsa** [**general-keys** | **usage-keys** | **signature** | **encryption**] [**label** *key-label*] [**exportable**] [**modulus** *modulus-size*] [**storage** *device-name*:] [**redundancy**] [**on** *device-name*]:
7. **crypto key move rsa** *keylabel* [**non-exportable** | [**on** | **storage**]] *location*
8. **crypto pki token** {*token-name* | **default**} **removal timeout** [*seconds*]
9. **crypto pki token** {*token-name* | **default**} **max-retries** [*number*]
10. **exit**
11. **copy usbflash**[*0-9*]:*filename destination-url*
12. **show usbtoken**[*0-9*]:*filename*
13. **crypto pki token** *token-name* **logout**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**crypto pki token** *token-name* **admin**] **change-pin** [*pin*] **Example:** `Device# crypto pki token usbtoken0 admin change-pin`	(Optional) Changes the user PIN number on the USB token. • If the PIN is not changed, the default PIN 1234567890 is used. **Note** After the PIN has been changed, you must reset the login failure count to zero (via the **crypto pki token max-retries** command). The maximum number of allowable login failures is set (by default) to 15.
Step 3	**crypto pki token** *token-name device-name*: **label** *token-label* **Example:** `Device# crypto pki token mytoken usb0: label newlabel`	(Optional) Sets or changes the name of the USB token. • The value of the *token-label* argument may be up to 31 alphanumeric characters in length including dashes and underscores. **Tip** This command is useful when configuring multiple USB tokens for automatic login, secondary configuration files, or other token specific settings.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Device# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 5	**crypto key storage** *device-name***:** **Example:** `Device(config)# crypto key storage usbtoken0:`	(Optional) Sets the default RSA key storage location for newly created keys. **Note** Regardless of configuration settings, existing keys are stored on the device from where they were originally loaded.
Step 6	**crypto key generate rsa** [**general-keys** | **usage-keys** | **signature** | **encryption**] [**label** *key-label*] [**exportable**] [**modulus** *modulus-size*] [**storage** *device-name*:] [**redundancy**] [**on** *device-name*]**:** **Example:** `Device(config)# crypto key generate rsa label tokenkey1 storage usbtoken0:`	(Optional) Generates the RSA key pair for the certificate server. • The **storage** keyword specifies the key storage location. • When specifying a label name by specifying the *key-label* argument, you must use the same name for the label that you plan to use for the certificate server (through the **crypto pki server** *cs-label* command). If a *key-label* argument is not specified, the default value, which is the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of the device, is used. If the exportable RSA key pair is manually generated after the CA certificate has been generated, and before issuing the **no shutdown** command, then use the **crypto ca export pkcs12** command to export a PKCS12 file that contains the certificate server certificate and the private key. • By default, the modulus size of a CA key is 1024 bits. The recommended modulus for a CA key is 2048 bits. The range for a modulus size of a CA key is from 350 to 4096 bits. • The **on** keyword specifies that the RSA key pair is created on the specified device, including a Universal Serial Bus (USB) token, local disk, or NVRAM. The name of the device is followed by a colon (:). **Note** Keys created on a USB token must be 2048 bits or less.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	**crypto key move rsa** *keylabel* [**non-exportable** | [**on** | **storage**]] *location* **Example:** `Device(config)# crypto key move rsa keypairname non-exportable on token`	(Optional) Moves existing Cisco IOS credentials from the current storage location to the specified storage location. By default, the RSA key pair remains stored on the current device. Generating the key on the device and moving it to the token takes less than a minute. Generating a key on the token, using the **on** keyword could take five to ten minutes, and is dependent on hardware key generation routines available on the USB token. When an existing RSA key pair is generated in Cisco IOS, stored on a USB token, and used for an enrollment, it may be necessary to move those existing RSA key pairs to an alternate location for permanent storage. This command is useful when using SDP with USB tokens to deploy credentials.
Step 8	**crypto pki token** {*token-name* | **default**} **removal timeout** [*seconds*] **Example:** `Device(config)# crypto pki token usbtoken0 removal timeout 60`	(Optional) Sets the time interval, in seconds, that the device waits before removing the RSA keys that are stored in the USB token after the USB token has been removed from the device. **Note** If this command is not issued, all RSA keys and IPsec tunnels associated with the USB token are torn down immediately after the USB token is removed from the device.
Step 9	**crypto pki token** {*token-name* | **default**} **max-retries** [*number*] **Example:** `Device(config)# crypto pki token usbtoken0 max-retries 20`	(Optional) Sets the maximum number of consecutive failed login attempts allowed before access to the USB token is denied. • By default, the value is set at 15.
Step 10	**exit** **Example:** `Device(config)# exit`	Exits global configuration mode.
Step 11	**copy usbflash**[*0-9*]**:***filename destination-url* **Example:** `Device# copy usbflash0:file1 nvram:`	Copies files from USB token to the device. • *destination-url*—See the **copy** command page documentation for a list of supported options.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 12	**show usbtoken**[*0-9*]**:***filename* **Example:** `Device# show usbtoken:usbfile`	(Optional) Displays information about the USB token. You can use this command to verify whether the USB token has been logged in to the device.
Step 13	**crypto pki token** *token-name* **logout** **Example:** `Device# crypto pki token usbtoken0 logout`	Logs the device out of the USB token. **Note** If you want to save any data to the USB token, you must log back into the token.

Troubleshooting USB Tokens

This section contains descriptions of the following Cisco IOS commands that can be used to help troubleshoot possible problems that may arise while using a USB token:

- Troubleshooting the USB Port Connection, page 134
- Determining USB Token Support Connectivity, page 135
- Displaying USB Token Infomation, page 135

Troubleshooting the USB Port Connection

Use the **show file systems** command to determine whether the router recognizes that there is a USB module plugged into a USB port. The USB module should appear on the list of file systems. If the module does not appear on the list, it can indicate any of the following problems:

- A connection problem with the USB module.
- The Cisco IOS image running on the router does not support a USB module.
- A hardware problem with the USB module itself.

Sample output from the **show file systems** command showing a USB token appears below. The USB module listing appears in the last line of the examples.

```
Device# show file systems
File Systems:
     Size(b)     Free(b)      Type  Flags  Prefixes
           -           -    opaque     rw   archive:
           -           -    opaque     rw   system:
           -           -    opaque     rw   null:
           -           -   network     rw   tftp:
*   129880064    69414912       disk     rw   flash:#
      491512      486395     nvram     rw   nvram:
           -           -    opaque     wo   syslog:
           -           -    opaque     rw   xmodem:
           -           -    opaque     rw   ymodem:
           -           -   network     rw   rcp:
           -           -   network     rw   pram:
           -           -   network     rw   ftp:
           -           -   network     rw   http:
           -           -   network     rw   scp:
           -           -   network     rw   https:
```

```
           -           -    opaque     ro    cns:
    63158272    33037312  usbflash     rw    usbflash0:
       32768         858  usbtoken     rw    usbtoken1:
```

Determining USB Token Support Connectivity

Use the **show usb-devices summary** command to determine if a USB token device is supported by Cisco (see the text in bold).

```
Device# show usb-devices summary

USB Device: OHCI Host Controller
Bus: 03 Port: 00 Cnt: 00 Speed: 12
Vendor: 1d6b ProdID: 0001 Rev: 2.06
Serial Number: 0001:01:11.1

USB Device: OHCI Host Controller
Bus: 02 Port: 00 Cnt: 00 Speed: 12
Vendor: 1d6b ProdID: 0001 Rev: 2.06
Serial Number: 0001:01:11.0

USB Device: Token 4.28.1.1 2.7.195
Bus: 02 Port: 00 Cnt: 01 Speed: 12
Vendor: 0529 ProdID: 0600 Rev: 1.00
Serial Number:

USB Device: EHCI Host Controller
Bus: 01 Port: 00 Cnt: 00 Speed: 480
Vendor: 1d6b ProdID: 0002 Rev: 2.06
Serial Number: 0001:01:11.2

USB Device: eUSB
Bus: 01 Port: 03 Cnt: 01 Speed: 480
Vendor: 0e39 ProdID: 2b00 Rev: b9.00
Serial Number: 1E884812183636210510
```

Displaying USB Token Infomation

Use the **dir** command with the **filesystem** keyword option **usbtoken***0-9***:** to display all files, directories, and their permission strings on the USB token.

The following sample output displays directory information for the USB token:

```
Device# dir usbtoken1:
Directory of usbtoken1:/
    2  d---           64  Dec 22 2032 05:23:40 +00:00  1000
    5  d---         4096  Dec 22 2032 05:23:40 +00:00  1001
    8  d---            0  Dec 22 2032 05:23:40 +00:00  1002
   10  d---          512  Dec 22 2032 05:23:42 +00:00  1003
   12  d---            0  Dec 22 2032 05:23:42 +00:00  5000
   13  d---            0  Dec 22 2032 05:23:42 +00:00  6000
   14  d---            0  Dec 22 2032 05:23:42 +00:00  7000
   15  ----          940  Jun 27 1992 12:50:42 +00:00  mystartup-config
   16  ----         1423  Jun 27 1992 12:51:14 +00:00  myrunning-config
32768 bytes total (858 bytes free)
```

The following sample output displays directory information for all devices to which the device is aware:

```
Device# dir all-filesystems
Directory of archive:/
No files in directory
No space information available
Directory of system:/
    2  drwx            0                    <no date>  its
  115  dr-x            0                    <no date>  lib
  144  dr-x            0                    <no date>  memory
    1  -rw-         1906                    <no date>  running-config
  114  dr-x            0                    <no date>  vfiles
```

```
No space information available
Directory of flash:/
    1  -rw-    30125020  Dec 22 2032 03:06:04 +00:00  c3825-entservicesk9-mz.123-14.T
129880064 bytes total (99753984 bytes free)
Directory of nvram:/
  476  -rw-        1947                    <no date>  startup-config
  477  ----          46                    <no date>  private-config
  478  -rw-        1947                    <no date>  underlying-config
    1  -rw-           0                    <no date>  ifIndex-table
    2  ----           4                    <no date>  rf_cold_starts
    3  ----          14                    <no date>  persistent-data
491512 bytes total (486395 bytes free)
Directory of usbflash0:/
    1  -rw-    30125020  Dec 22 2032 05:31:32 +00:00  c3825-entservicesk9-mz.123-14.T
63158272 bytes total (33033216 bytes free)
Directory of usbtoken1:/
    2  d---          64  Dec 22 2032 05:23:40 +00:00  1000
    5  d---        4096  Dec 22 2032 05:23:40 +00:00  1001
    8  d---           0  Dec 22 2032 05:23:40 +00:00  1002
   10  d---         512  Dec 22 2032 05:23:42 +00:00  1003
   12  d---           0  Dec 22 2032 05:23:42 +00:00  5000
   13  d---           0  Dec 22 2032 05:23:42 +00:00  6000
   14  d---           0  Dec 22 2032 05:23:42 +00:00  7000
   15  ----         940  Jun 27 1992 12:50:42 +00:00  mystartup-config
   16  ----        1423  Jun 27 1992 12:51:14 +00:00  myrunning-config
32768 bytes total (858 bytes free)
```

Configuration Examples for PKI Storage

Example: Storing Certificates to a Specific Local Storage Location

The following configuration example shows how to store certificates to the certs subdirectory. The certs subdirectory does not exist and is automatically created.

```
Router# dir nvram:
 114  -rw-        4687                    <no date>  startup-config
 115  ----        5545                    <no date>  private-config
 116  -rw-        4687                    <no date>  underlying-config
   1  ----          34                    <no date>  persistent-data
   3  -rw-         707                    <no date>  ioscaroot#7401CA.cer
   9  -rw-         863                    <no date>  msca-root#826E.cer
  10  -rw-         759                    <no date>  msca-root#1BA8CA.cer
  11  -rw-         863                    <no date>  msca-root#75B8.cer
  24  -rw-        1149                    <no date>  storagename#6500CA.cer
  26  -rw-         863                    <no date>  msca-root#83EE.cer
129016 bytes total (92108 bytes free)
Router# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)# crypto pki certificate storage disk0:/certs
Requested directory does not exist -- created
Certificates will be stored in disk0:/certs/
Router(config)# end
Router# write
*May 27 02:09:00:%SYS-5-CONFIG_I:Configured from console by consolemem
Building configuration...
[OK]
Router# directory disk0:/certs
Directory of disk0:/certs/
  14  -rw-         707  May 27 2005 02:09:02 +00:00  ioscaroot#7401CA.cer
  15  -rw-         863  May 27 2005 02:09:02 +00:00  msca-root#826E.cer
  16  -rw-         759  May 27 2005 02:09:02 +00:00  msca-root#1BA8CA.cer
  17  -rw-         863  May 27 2005 02:09:02 +00:00  msca-root#75B8.cer
  18  -rw-        1149  May 27 2005 02:09:02 +00:00  storagename#6500CA.cer
  19  -rw-         863  May 27 2005 02:09:02 +00:00  msca-root#83EE.cer
47894528 bytes total (20934656 bytes free)
! The certificate files are now on disk0/certs:
```

Example: Logging Into a USB Token and Saving RSA Keys to the USB Token

The following configuration example shows to how log in to the USB token, generate RSA keys, and store the RSA keys on the USB token:

```
! Configure the router to automatically log into the eToken
configure terminal
 crypto pki token default user-pin 0 1234567890
! Generate RSA keys and enroll certificates with the CA.
crypto pki trustpoint IOSCA
 enrollment url http://10.23.2.2
 exit
crypto ca authenticate IOSCA
Certificate has the following attributes:
       Fingerprint MD5:23272BD4 37E3D9A4 236F7E1A F534444E
      Fingerprint SHA1:D1B4D9F8 D603249A 793B3CAF 8342E1FE 3934EB7A
% Do you accept this certificate? [yes/no]:yes
Trustpoint CA certificate accepted.
crypto pki enroll
crypto pki enroll IOSCA
%
% Start certificate enrollment ..
% Create a challenge password. You will need to verbally provide this
   password to the CA Administrator in order to revoke your certificate.
   For security reasons your password will not be saved in the configuration.
   Please make a note of it.
Password:
Re-enter password:
% The subject name in the certificate will include:c2851-27.cisco.com
% Include the router serial number in the subject name? [yes/no]:no
% Include an IP address in the subject name? [no]:no
Request certificate from CA? [yes/no]:yes
% Certificate request sent to Certificate Authority
% The 'show crypto ca certificate IOSCA verbose' command will show the fingerprint.
*Jan 13 06:47:19.413:CRYPTO_PKI: Certificate Request Fingerprint MD5:E6DDAB1B
 0E30EFE6 54529D8A DA787DBA
*Jan 13 06:47:19.413:CRYPTO_PKI: Certificate Request Fingerprint SHA1:3B0F33B
7 57C02A10 3935042B C4B6CD3D 61039251
*Jan 13 06:47:21.021:%PKI-6-CERTRET:Certificate received from Certificate Authority
! Issue the write memory command, which will automatically save the RSA keys to the
eToken ! instead of private NVRAM.
Router# write memory
Building configuration...
[OK]
*Jan 13 06:47:29.481:%CRYPTO-6-TOKENSTOREKEY:Key c2851-27.cisco.com stored on
Cryptographic Token eToken Successfully
```

The following sample output from the **show crypto key mypubkey rsa** command displays stored credentials after they are successfully loaded from the USB token. Credentials that are stored on the USB token are in the protected area. When storing the credentials on the USB token, the files are stored in a directory called /keystore. However, the key files are hidden from the command-line interface (CLI).

```
Router#
show crypto key mypubkey rsa
% Key pair was generated at:06:37:26 UTC Jan 13 2005
Key name:c2851-27.cisco.com
 Usage:General Purpose Key
 Key is not exportable.
 Key Data:
  305C300D 06092A86 4886F70D 01010105 00034B00 30480241 00E3C644 43AA7DDD
  732E0F4E 3CA0CDAB 387ABF05 EB8F22F2 2431F1AE 5D51FEE3 FCDEA934 7FBD3603
  7C977854 B8E999BF 7FC93021 7F46ABF8 A4BA2ED6 172D3D09 B5020301 0001
% Key pair was generated at:06:37:27 UTC Jan 13 2005
Key name:c2851-27.cisco.com.server
 Usage:Encryption Key
 Key is not exportable.
 Key Data:
  307C300D 06092A86 4886F70D 01010105 00036B00 30680261 00DD96AE 4BF912EB
```

```
2C261922 4784EF98 2E70E837 774B3778 7F7AEB2D 87F5669B BF5DDFBC F0D521A5
56AB8FDC 9911968E DE347FB0 A514A856 B30EAFF4 D1F453E1 003CFE65 0CCC6DC7
21FBE3AC 2F8DEA16 126754BC 1433DEF9 53266D33 E7338C95 BB020301 0001
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Connecting the USB modules to the router	Cisco Access Router USB Flash Module and USB eToken Hardware Installation Guide
eToken and USB flash data sheet	USB eToken and USB Flash Features Support
RSA keys	Deploying RSA Keys Within a PKI
File management (loading, copying, and rebooting files)	*Cisco Configuration Fundamentals Configuration Guide* on Cisco.com
USB Token RSA Operations: Certificate server configuration	“Configuring and Managing a Cisco IOS Certificate Server for PKI Deployment” feature document. See the “Generating a Certificate Server RSA Key Pair” section, the “Configuring a Certificate Server Trustpoint” section, and related examples.
USB Token RSA Operations: Using USB tokens for RSA operations upon initial autoenrollment	See the “Configuring Certificate Enrollment or Autoenrollment” section of the “Configuring Certificate Enrollment for a PKI ” feature document.
SDP setup, configuration and use with USB tokens	See the feature information section for the feature names on using SDP and USB tokens to deploy PKI credentials in the “Setting Up Secure Device Provisioning (SDP) for Enrollment in a PKI” feature document.

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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Feature Information for Storing PKI Credentials

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 6 Feature Information for Storing PKI Credentials

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Certificate—Storage Location Specification	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature allows you to specify the storage location of local certificates for platforms that support storing certificates as separate files. All Cisco platforms support NVRAM, which is the default location, and flash local storage. Depending on your platform, you may have other supported local storage options including bootflash, slot, disk, or USB flash. The following commands were introduced by this feature: **crypto pki certificate storage**, **show crypto pki certificates storage**

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
USB eToken 64KB Smart Card Support	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.6	This feature allows USB eTtoken 64 KB smart card support for RSA key and certificate storage location. USB tokens provide secure configuration distribution, RSA operations such as on-token key generation, signing, and authentication, and the storage of Virtual Private Network (VPN) credentials for deployment. The following commands were introduced by this feature: **binary file**, **crypto key move rsa**, **crypto key storage**, **crypto pki token change-pin**, **crypto pki token encrypted-user-pin**, **crypto pki token label**, **crypto pki token lock**, **crypto pki token login**, **crypto pki token logout**, **crypto pki token max-retries**, **crypto pki token removal timeout**, **crypto pki token secondary config**, **crypto pki token unlock**, **crypto pki token user-pin**, **show usb-devices summary**, **show usb driver**, **show usbtoken**, **template file**.

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Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority

The Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority feature allows you to specify that the address of an interface be used as the source address for all outgoing TCP connections associated with that trustpoint when a designated trustpoint has been configured.

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Information About Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority

Certificates That Identify an Entity

Certificates can be used to identify an entity. A trusted server, known as the certification authority (CA), issues the certificate to the entity after determining the identity of the entity. A router that is running Cisco IOS XE software obtains its certificate by making a network connection to the CA. Using the Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP), the router transmits its certificate request to the CA and receives the granted certificate. The router obtains the certificate of the CA in the same manner using SCEP. When validating a certificate from a remote device, the router may again contact the CA or a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) or HTTP server to determine whether the certificate of the remote device has been revoked. (This process is known as checking the certificate revocation list [CRL].)

In some configurations, the router may make the outgoing TCP connection using an interface that does not have a valid or routable IP address. The user must specify that the address of a different interface be used as the source IP address for the outgoing connection. Cable modems are a specific example of this requirement because the outgoing cable interface (the RF interface) usually does not have a routable address. However, the user interface (usually FastEthernet) does have a valid IP address.

Source Interface for Outgoing TCP Connections Associated with a Trustpoint

The **crypto pki trustpoint** command is used to specify a trustpoint. The **source interface**command is used along with the **crypto pki trustpoint**command to specify the address of the interface that is to be used as the source address for all outgoing TCP connections associated with that trustpoint.

Note If the interface address is not specified using the **source interface**command, the address of the outgoing interface is used.

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Configuring the Interface for All Outgoing TCP Connections Associated with a Trustpoint

Perform this task to configure the interface that you want to use as the source address for all outgoing TCP connections associated with a trustpoint.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
4. **enrollment url** *url*
5. **source interface** *interface-address*
6. **interface** *type slot* / *port*
7. **description** *string*
8. **ip address** *ip-address mask*
9. **interface** *type slot* / *port*
10. **description** *string*
11. **ip address** *ip-address mask*
12. **crypto map** *map-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto pki trustpoint** *name* **Example:** `Router (config)# crypto pki trustpoint ms-ca`	Declares the Certificate Authority (CA) that your router should use and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.
Step 4	**enrollment url** *url* **Example:** `Router (ca-trustpoint)# enrollment url http://yourname:80/certsrv/mscep/mscep.dll`	Specifies the enrollment parameters of your CA.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**source interface** *interface-address* **Example:** `Router (ca-trustpoint)# interface fastethernet1/0`	Interface to be used as the source address for all outgoing TCP connections associated with that trustpoint.
Step 6	**interface** *type slot* / *port* **Example:** `Router (ca-trustpoint)# interface fastethernet1/0`	Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 7	**description** *string* **Example:** `Router (config-if)# description inside interface`	Adds a description to an interface configuration.
Step 8	**ip address** *ip-address mask* **Example:** `Router (config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.0`	Sets a primary or secondary IP address for an interface.
Step 9	**interface** *type slot* / *port* **Example:** `Router (config-if)# interface fastethernet1/0`	Configures an interface type.

Step 10	**description** *string*
	Example:
	`Router (config-if)# description outside interface`
	`10.1.1.205 255.255.255.0`
		Adds a description to an interface configuration.

Step 11	**ip address** *ip-address mask* **Example:** `Router (config-if)# ip address 10.2.2.205 255.255.255.0`	Sets a primary or secondary IP address for an interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 12	**crypto map** *map-name* **Example:** `Router (config-if)# crypto map mymap`	Applies a previously defined crypto map set to an interface.

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Troubleshooting Tips

Ensure that the interface specified in the command has a valid address. Attempt to ping the router using the address of the specified interface from another device (possibly the HTTP or LDAP server that is serving the CRL). You can do the same thing by using a traceroute to the router from the external device.

You can also test connectivity between the router and the CA or LDAP server by using Cisco IOS XE command-line interface (CLI). Enter the **ping ip**command and respond to the prompts. If you answer “yes” to the “Extended commands [n]:” prompt, you will be able to specify the source address or interface.

In addition, you can use Cisco IOS XE CLI to input a traceroute command. If you enter the **traceroute ip** command (in EXEC mode), you will be prompted for the destination and source address. You should specify the CA or LDAP server as the destination and the address of the interface that you specified in the “source interface” as the source address.

Configuration Examples for Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority

Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority Example

In the following example, the router is located in a branch office. The router uses IP Security (IPSec) to communicate with the main office. FastEthernet 1 is the “outside” interface that connects to the Internet Service Provider (ISP). FastEthernet 0 is the interface connected to the LAN of the branch office. To access the CA server located in the main office, the router must send its IP datagrams out interface FastEthernet 1 (address 10.2.2.205) using the IPSec tunnel. Address 10.2.2.205 is assigned by the ISP. Address 10.2.2.205 is not a part of the branch office or main office.

The CA cannot access any address outside the company because of a firewall. The CA sees a message coming from 10.2.2.205 and cannot respond (that is, the CA does not know that the router is located in a branch office at address 10.1.1.1, which it is able to reach).

Adding the **source interface** command tells the router to use address 10.1.1.1 as the source address of the IP datagram that it sends to the CA. The CA is able to respond to 10.1.1.1.

This scenario is configured using the **source interface** command and the interface addresses as described above.

```
crypto pki trustpoint ms-ca
```

```
 enrollment url http://ms-ca:80/certsrv/mscep/mscep.dll
 source interface fastethernet0
!
interface fastethernet 0
 description inside interface
 ip address 10.1.1.1 255.255.255.0
!
interface fastethernet 1
 description outside interface
 ip address 10.2.2.205 255.255.255.0
 crypto map main-office
```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority feature.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Configuring IPSec and certification authority	Security for VPNs with IPsec
IPSec and certification authority commands	*Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature.	-

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported by this feature.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFCs	Title
No new or modified RFCs are supported by this feature.	-

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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Feature Information for Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 7 Feature Information for Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority.	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	The following command was introduced: **source interface**.

Glossary

authenticate--Toprove the identity of an entity using the certificate of an identity and a secret that the identity poses (usually the private key corresponding to the public key in the certificate).

CA --Certificate Authority. A CA is an entity that issues digital certificates (especially X.509 certificates) and vouches for the binding between the data items in a certificate.

CA authentication --The user manually approves a certificate from a root CA. Usually a fingerprint of the certificate is presented to the user, and the user is asked to accept the certificate based on the fingerprint. The certificate of a root CA is signed by itself (self-signed) so that it cannot be automatically authenticated using the normal certificate verification process.

CRL --certificate revocation list. A CRL is a data structure that enumerates digital certificates that have been invalidated by their issuer prior to when they were scheduled to expire.

enrollment --A router receives its certificate via the enrollment process. The router generates a request for a certificate in a specific format (known as PKCS #10). The request is transmitted to a CA, which grants the request and generates a certificate encoded in the same format as the request. The router receives the granted certificate and stores it in an internal database for use during normal operations.

certificate --A data structure defined in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standard X. 509 to associate an entity (machine or human) with the public key of that entity. The certificate contains specific fields, including the name of the entity. The certificate is normally issued by a CA on behalf of the entity. In this case the router will act as its own CA. Common fields within a certificate include the distinguished name (DN) of the entity, the DN of the authority issuing the certificate, and the public key of the entity.

LDAP --Lightweight Directory Access Protocol. A LDAP is a protocol that provides access for management and browser applications that provide read-and-write interactive access to the X.500 directory.

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