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Cisco UWN Solution Security

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Security Overview

The Cisco UWN security solution bundles potentially complicated Layer 1, Layer 2, and Layer 3 802.11 Access Point security components into a simple policy manager that customizes system-wide security policies on a per-WLAN basis. The Cisco UWN security solution provides simple, unified, and systematic security management tools.

One of the biggest hurdles to WLAN deployment in the enterprise is WEP encryption, which is a weak standalone encryption method. A newer problem is the availability of low-cost access points, which can be connected to the enterprise network and used to mount man-in-the-middle and denial-of-service attacks. Also, the complexity of add-on security solutions has prevented many IT managers from embracing the benefits of the latest advances in WLAN security.

Layer 1 Solutions

The Cisco UWN security solution ensures that all clients gain access within an operator-set number of attempts. Should a client fail to gain access within that limit, it is automatically excluded (blocked from access) until the operator-set timer expires. The operating system can also disable SSID broadcasts on a per-WLAN basis.

Layer 2 Solutions

If a higher level of security and encryption is required, the network administrator can also implement industry-standard security solutions such as Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP), Wi-Fi protected access (WPA), and WPA2. The Cisco UWN Solution WPA implementation includes AES (advanced encryption standard), TKIP + Michael (temporal key integrity protocol + message integrity code checksum) dynamic keys, or WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) static keys. Disabling is also used to automatically block Layer 2 access after an operator-set number of failed authentication attempts.

Regardless of the wireless security solution selected, all Layer 2 wired communications between controllers and lightweight access points are secured by passing data through CAPWAP tunnels.

Layer 3 Solutions

The WEP problem can be further solved using industry-standard Layer 3 security solutions such as passthrough VPNs (virtual private networks).

The Cisco UWN Solution supports local and RADIUS MAC (media access control) filtering. This filtering is best suited to smaller client groups with a known list of 802.11 access card MAC addresses.

Finally, the Cisco UWN Solution supports local and RADIUS user/password authentication. This authentication is best suited to small to medium client groups.

Integrated Security Solutions

- Cisco UWN Solution operating system security is built around a robust 802.1X AAA (authorization, authentication and accounting) engine, which allows operators to rapidly configure and enforce a variety of security policies across the Cisco UWN Solution.
- The controllers and lightweight access points are equipped with system-wide authentication and authorization protocols across all ports and interfaces, maximizing system security.
- Operating system security policies are assigned to individual WLANs, and lightweight access points simultaneously broadcast all (up to 16) configured WLANs. This can eliminate the need for additional access points, which can increase interference and degrade system throughput.
- Operating system security uses the RRM function to continually monitor the air space for interference and security breaches, and notify the operator when they are detected.
- Operating system security works with industry-standard authorization, authentication, and accounting (AAA) servers, making system integration simple and easy.

Configuring RADIUS

Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) is a client/server protocol that provides centralized security for users attempting to gain management access to a network. It serves as a backend database similar to local and TACACS+ and provides authentication and accounting services:

- **Authentication**—The process of verifying users when they attempt to log into the controller.
Users must enter a valid username and password in order for the controller to authenticate users to the RADIUS server.

**Note**

When multiple databases are configured, you can use the controller GUI or CLI to specify the sequence in which the backend databases should be tried.

- **Accounting**—The process of recording user actions and changes.
Whenever a user successfully executes an action, the RADIUS accounting server logs the changed attributes, the user ID of the person who made the change, the remote host where the user is logged in, the date and time when the command was executed, the authorization level of the user, and a description of the action performed and the values provided. If the RADIUS accounting server becomes unreachable, users are able to continue their sessions uninterrupted.

RADIUS uses User Datagram Protocol (UDP) for its transport. It maintains a database and listens on UDP port 1812 for incoming authentication requests and UDP port 1813 for incoming accounting requests. The controller, which requires access control, acts as the client and requests AAA services from the server. The traffic between the controller and the server is encrypted by an algorithm defined in the protocol and a shared secret key configured on both devices.

You can configure up to 17 RADIUS authentication and accounting servers each. For example, you may want to have one central RADIUS authentication server but several RADIUS accounting servers in different regions. If you configure multiple servers of the same type and the first one fails or becomes unreachable, the controller automatically tries the second one, then the third one if necessary, and so on.

**Note**

If multiple RADIUS servers are configured for redundancy, the user database must be identical in all the servers for the backup to work properly.

The primary RADIUS server (the server with lowest server index) is assumed to be the most preferable server for the controller. If the primary server becomes unresponsive, the controller switches to the next active backup server (the server with the next lowest server index). The controller continues to use this backup server forever, unless you configure the controller to fall back to the primary RADIUS server when it recovers and becomes responsive or to a more preferable server from the available backup servers.

You must configure RADIUS on both your CiscoSecure Access Control Server (ACS) and your controller. You can configure the controller through either the GUI or the CLI.

Configuring RADIUS on the ACS

Follow these steps to configure RADIUS on the ACS.

**Note**

RADIUS is supported on CiscoSecure ACS version 3.2 and greater. The instructions and illustrations in this section pertain to ACS version 4.1 and may vary for other versions. Refer to the CiscoSecure ACS documentation for the version you are running.

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- Step 1** Choose **Network Configuration** on the ACS main page.
- Step 2** Choose **Add Entry** under AAA Clients to add your controller to the server. The Add AAA Client page appears (see [Figure 5-1](#)).

Figure 5-1 Add AAA Client Page on CiscoSecure ACS

- Step 3** In the AAA Client Hostname field, enter the name of your controller.
- Step 4** In the AAA Client IP Address field, enter the IP address of your controller.
- Step 5** In the Shared Secret field, enter the shared secret key to be used for authentication between the server and the controller.



Note The shared secret key must be the same on both the server and the controller.

- Step 6** Choose **RADIUS (Cisco Aironet)** from the Authenticate Using drop-down box.
- Step 7** Click **Submit + Apply** to save your changes.
- Step 8** Choose **Interface Configuration** on the ACS main page.
- Step 9** Choose **RADIUS (Cisco Aironet)**. The RADIUS (Cisco Aironet) page appears.
- Step 10** Under User Group, check the **Cisco-Aironet-Session-Timeout** check box.
- Step 11** Click **Submit** to save your changes.
- Step 12** Choose **System Configuration** on the ACS main page.
- Step 13** Choose **Logging**.
- Step 14** When the Logging Configuration page appears, enable all of the events that you want to be logged and save your changes.
- Step 15** Choose **Group Setup** on the ACS main page.

Step 16 Choose a previously created group from the Group drop-down box.



Note This step assumes that you have already assigned users to groups on the ACS according to the roles to which they will be assigned.

Step 17 Click **Edit Settings**. The Group Setup page appears.

Step 18 Under **Cisco Aironet Attributes**, check the **Cisco-Aironet-Session-Timeout** check box and enter a session timeout value in the edit box.

Step 19 To specify read-only or read-write access to controllers through RADIUS authentication, set the Service-Type attribute (006) to **Callback NAS Prompt** for read-only access or to **Administrative** for read-write privileges. If you do not set this attribute, the authentication process completes successfully (without an authorization error on the controller), but you might be prompted to authenticate again.



Note If you set the Service-Type attribute on the ACS, make sure to check the **Management** check box on the RADIUS Authentication Servers page of the controller GUI. See [Step 17](#) in the next section for more information.



Note The “[RADIUS Authentication Attributes Sent by the Access Point](#)” section on [page 5-16](#) lists the RADIUS attributes that are sent by a lightweight access point to a client in access-request and access-accept packets.

Step 20 Click **Submit** to save your changes.

Using the GUI to Configure RADIUS

Using the controller GUI, follow these steps to configure RADIUS.

Step 1 Choose **Security > AAA > RADIUS**.

Step 2 Perform one of the following:

- If you want to configure a RADIUS server for authentication, choose **Authentication**.
- If you want to configure a RADIUS server for accounting, choose **Accounting**.



Note The GUI pages used to configure authentication and accounting contain mostly the same fields. Therefore, these instructions walk through the configuration only once, using the Authentication pages as examples. You would follow the same steps to configure multiple services and/or multiple servers.

The RADIUS Authentication (or Accounting) Servers page appears (see [Figure 5-2](#)).

Figure 5-2 RADIUS Authentication Servers Page

Security

AAA
General
RADIUS
Authentication
Accounting
Fallback
TACACS+
LDAP
Local Net Users
MAC Filtering

RADIUS Authentication Servers

Call Station ID Type: IP Address

Use AES Key Wrap: ☐ (Designed for FIPS customers and requires a key wrap compliant RADIUS server)

Network User	Management	Server Index	Server Address	Port	IPsec	Admin Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	209.165.200.225	1812	Disabled	Enabled

Apply New...

This page lists any RADIUS servers that have already been configured.

- If you want to delete an existing server, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that server and choose **Remove**.
- If you want to make sure that the controller can reach a particular server, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that server and choose **Ping**.

Step 3 From the Call Station ID Type drop-down box, choose **IP Address**, **System MAC Address**, or **AP MAC Address** to specify whether the IP address, system MAC address, or AP MAC address of the originator will be sent to the RADIUS server in the Access-Request message.

Step 4 To enable RADIUS-to-controller key transport using AES key wrap protection, check the **Use AES Key Wrap** check box. The default value is unchecked. This feature is required for FIPS customers.

Step 5 Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

Step 6 Perform one of the following:

- To edit an existing RADIUS server, click the server index number for that server. The RADIUS Authentication (or Accounting) Servers > Edit page appears.
- To add a RADIUS server, click **New**. The RADIUS Authentication (or Accounting) Servers > New page appears (see [Figure 5-3](#)).

Figure 5-3 RADIUS Authentication Servers > New Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco WLC configuration interface for adding a new RADIUS authentication server. The left sidebar contains a navigation tree with 'Security' expanded, and 'AAA' > 'RADIUS' selected. The main content area is titled 'RADIUS Authentication Servers > New' and includes the following fields:

- Server Index (Priority):** A drop-down menu set to '2'.
- Server IP Address:** An empty text field.
- Shared Secret Format:** A drop-down menu set to 'ASCII'.
- Shared Secret:** An empty text field.
- Confirm Shared Secret:** An empty text field.
- Key Wrap:** A checkbox that is unchecked, with a note: '(Designed for FIPS customers and requires a key wrap compliant RADIUS server)'.
- Port Number:** A text field containing '1812'.
- Server Status:** A drop-down menu set to 'Enabled'.
- Support for RFC 3576:** A drop-down menu set to 'Enabled'.
- Server Timeout:** A text field containing '2' followed by 'seconds'.
- Network User:** A checkbox that is checked, labeled 'Enable'.
- Management:** A checkbox that is checked, labeled 'Enable'.
- IPsec:** A checkbox that is unchecked, labeled 'Enable'.

At the top right of the configuration area are buttons for '< Back' and 'Apply'. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Save Configuration', 'Ping', 'Logout', and 'Refresh'.

- Step 7** If you are adding a new server, choose a number from the Server Index (Priority) drop-down box to specify the priority order of this server in relation to any other configured RADIUS servers providing the same service. You can configure up to 17 servers. If the controller cannot reach the first server, it tries the second one in the list, then the third one if necessary, and so on.
- Step 8** If you are adding a new server, enter the IP address of the RADIUS server in the Server IP Address field.
- Step 9** From the Shared Secret Format drop-down box, choose **ASCII** or **Hex** to specify the format of the shared secret key to be used between the controller and the RADIUS server. The default value is ASCII.
- Step 10** In the Shared Secret and Confirm Shared Secret fields, enter the shared secret key to be used for authentication between the controller and the server.



Note The shared secret key must be the same on both the server and the controller.

- Step 11** If you are configuring a new RADIUS authentication server and want to enable AES key wrap, which makes the shared secret between the controller and the RADIUS server more secure, follow these steps. AES key wrap is designed for Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) customers and requires a key-wrap compliant RADIUS authentication server.
- Check the **Key Wrap** check box. Choose **ASCII** or **Hex** from the Key Wrap Format drop-down box to specify the format of the AES key wrap keys: Key Encryption Key (KEK) and Message Authentication Code Key (MACK).
 - In the Key Encryption Key (KEK) field, enter the 16-byte KEK.
 - In the Message Authentication Code Key (MACK) field, enter the 20-byte KEK.
- Step 12** If you are adding a new server, enter the RADIUS server's UDP port number for the interface protocols in the Port Number field. The valid range is 1 to 65535, and the default value is 1812 for authentication and 1813 for accounting.

- Step 13** From the Server Status field, choose **Enabled** to enable this RADIUS server or choose **Disabled** to disable it. The default value is Enabled.
- Step 14** If you are configuring a new RADIUS authentication server, choose **Enabled** from the Support for RFC 3576 drop-down box to enable RFC 3576, which is an extension to the RADIUS protocol that allows dynamic changes to a user session, or choose **Disabled** to disable this feature. The default value is Enabled. RFC 3576 includes support for disconnecting users and changing authorizations applicable to a user session and supports disconnect and change-of-authorization (CoA) messages). Disconnect messages cause a user session to be terminated immediately whereas CoA messages modify session authorization attributes such as data filters.
- Step 15** In the Server Timeout field, enter the number of seconds between retransmissions. The valid range is 2 to 30 seconds, and the default value is 2 seconds.



Note Cisco recommends that you increase the timeout value if you experience repeated reauthentication attempts or the controller falls back to the backup server when the primary server is active and reachable.

- Step 16** Check the **Network User** check box to enable network user authentication (or accounting), or uncheck it to disable this feature. The default value is checked. If you enable this feature, this entry is considered the RADIUS authentication (or accounting) server for network users. If you did not configure a RADIUS server entry on the WLAN, you must enable this option for network users.
- Step 17** If you are configuring a RADIUS authentication server, check the **Management** check box to enable management authentication, or uncheck it to disable this feature. The default value is checked. If you enable this feature, this entry is considered the RADIUS authentication server for management users, and authentication requests go to the RADIUS server.
- Step 18** Check the **IPSec** check box to enable the IP security mechanism, or uncheck it to disable this feature. The default value is unchecked.



Note The IPSec option appears only if a crypto card is installed in the controller.

- Step 19** If you enabled IPSec in [Step 18](#), follow these steps to configure additional IPSec parameters:
- From the IPSec drop-down box, choose one of the following options as the authentication protocol to be used for IP security: **HMAC MD5** or **HMAC SHA1**. The default value is HMAC SHA1.

A message authentication code (MAC) is used between two parties that share a secret key to validate information transmitted between them. HMAC (Hash MAC) is a mechanism based on cryptographic hash functions. It can be used in combination with any iterated cryptographic hash function. HMAC MD5 and HMAC SHA1 are two constructs of the HMAC using the MD5 hash function and the SHA1 hash function. HMAC also uses a secret key for calculation and verification of the message authentication values.
 - From the IPSec Encryption drop-down box, choose one of the following options to specify the IP security encryption mechanism:
 - DES**—Data Encryption Standard is a method of data encryption using a private (secret) key. DES applies a 56-bit key to each 64-bit block of data.
 - 3DES**—Data Encryption Standard that applies three keys in succession. This is the default value.
 - AES CBS**—Advanced Encryption Standard uses keys with a length of 128, 192, or 256 bits to encrypt data blocks with a length of 128, 192, or 256 bits. AES 128 CBC uses a 128-bit data path in Cipher Clock Chaining (CBC) mode.

- c. From the IKE Phase 1 drop-down box, choose one of the following options to specify the Internet Key Exchange (IKE) protocol: **Aggressive** or **Main**. The default value is Aggressive.

IKE Phase 1 is used to negotiate how IKE should be protected. Aggressive mode passes more information in fewer packets with the benefit of slightly faster connection establishment at the cost of transmitting the identities of the security gateways in the clear.

- d. In the Lifetime field, enter a value (in seconds) to specify the timeout interval for the session. The valid range is 1800 to 57600 seconds, and the default value is 1800 seconds.
- e. From the IKE Diffie Hellman Group drop-down box, choose one of the following options to specify the IKE Diffie Hellman group: **Group 1 (768 bits)**, **Group 2 (1024 bits)**, or **Group 5 (1536 bits)**. The default value is Group 1 (768 bits).

Diffie-Hellman techniques are used by two devices to generate a symmetric key through which they can publicly exchange values and generate the same symmetric key. Although all three groups provide security from conventional attacks, Group 5 is considered more secure because of its larger key size. However, computations involving Group 1 and Group 2 based keys might occur slightly faster because of their smaller prime number size.

Step 20 Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

Step 21 Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

Step 22 Repeat the previous steps if you want to configure any additional services on the same server or any additional RADIUS servers.

Step 23 To specify the RADIUS server fallback behavior, follow these steps:

- a. Choose **Security > AAA > RADIUS > Fallback** to open the RADIUS > Fallback Parameters page (see [Figure 5-4](#)).

Figure 5-4 RADIUS > Fallback Parameters Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Save Configuration, Ping, Logout, and Refresh. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with Security > AAA > RADIUS > Fallback selected. The main content area displays the RADIUS > Fallback Parameters page. The Fallback Mode is set to 'off'. There is a Username field and an Interval in sec. field set to 0. An Apply button is visible in the top right corner.

- b. From the Fallback Mode drop-down box, choose one of the following options:
- **Off**—Disables RADIUS server fallback. This is the default value.
 - **Passive**—Causes the controller to revert to a server with a lower priority from the available backup servers without using extraneous probe messages. The controller simply ignores all inactive servers for a time period and retries later when a RADIUS message needs to be sent.
 - **Active**—Causes the controller to revert to a server with a lower priority from the available backup servers by using RADIUS probe messages to proactively determine whether a server that has been marked inactive is back online. The controller simply ignores all inactive servers for all active RADIUS requests. Once the primary server receives a response from the recovered ACS server, the active fallback RADIUS server no longer sends probe messages to the server requesting the active probe authentication.

- c. If you enabled Active fallback mode in [Step b](#), enter the name to be sent in the inactive server probes in the Username field. You can enter up to 16 alphanumeric characters. The default value is “cisco-probe.”
 - d. If you enabled Active fallback mode in [Step b](#), enter the probe interval value (in seconds) in the Interval in Sec field. The interval serves as inactive time in passive mode and probe interval in active mode. The valid range is 180 to 3600 seconds, and the default value is 300 seconds.
- Step 24** To specify the order of authentication when multiple databases are configured, choose **Security > Priority Order > Management User**. The Priority Order > Management User page appears (see [Figure 5-5](#)).

Figure 5-5 *Priority Order > Management User Page*

- Step 25** In the Order Used for Authentication field, specify which servers have priority when the controller attempts to authenticate management users. Use the > and < buttons to move servers between the Not Used and Order Used for Authentication fields. After the desired servers appear in the Order Used for Authentication field, use the **Up** and **Down** buttons to move the priority server to the top of the list.
- By default, the local database is always queried first. If the username is not found, the controller switches to the RADIUS server if configured for RADIUS or to the TACACS+ server if configured for TACACS+. The default setting is local and then RADIUS.
- Step 26** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 27** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

Using the CLI to Configure RADIUS

Using the controller CLI, follow these steps to configure RADIUS.



Note

Refer to the [“Using the GUI to Configure RADIUS”](#) section on page 5-6 for the valid ranges and default values of the parameters used in the CLI commands.

- Step 1** To specify whether the IP address, system MAC address, or AP MAC address of the originator will be sent to the RADIUS server in the Access-Request message, enter this command:
- ```
config radius callStationIdType {ip_address, mac_address, ap_mac_address, ap_macaddr_ssid}
```

**Step 2** To specify the delimiter to be used in the MAC addresses that are sent to the RADIUS authentication or accounting server in Access-Request messages, enter this command:

```
config radius {auth | acct} mac-delimiter {colon | hyphen | single-hyphen | none}
```

where

- **colon** sets the delimiter to a colon (the format is xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx).
- **hyphen** sets the delimiter to a hyphen (the format is xx-xx-xx-xx-xx-xx). This is the default value.
- **single-hyphen** sets the delimiter to a single hyphen (the format is xxxxxx-xxxxxx).
- **none** disables delimiters (the format is xxxxxxxxxxxx).

**Step 3** Use these commands to configure a RADIUS authentication server:

- **config radius auth add index server\_ip\_address port# {ascii | hex} shared\_secret**—Adds a RADIUS authentication server.
- **config radius auth keywrap {enable | disable}**—Enables AES key wrap, which makes the shared secret between the controller and the RADIUS server more secure. AES key wrap is designed for Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) customers and requires a key-wrap compliant RADIUS authentication server.
- **config radius auth keywrap add {ascii | hex} kek mack index**—Configures the AES key wrap attributes where
  - *kek* specifies the 16-byte Key Encryption Key (KEK).
  - *mack* specifies the 20-byte Message Authentication Code Key (MACK).
  - *index* specifies the index of the RADIUS authentication server on which to configure the AES key wrap.
- **config radius auth rfc3576 {enable | disable} index**—Enables or disables RFC 3576, which is an extension to the RADIUS protocol that allows dynamic changes to a user session. RFC 3576 includes support for disconnecting users and changing authorizations applicable to a user session and supports disconnect and change-of-authorization (CoA) messages. Disconnect messages cause a user session to be terminated immediately whereas CoA messages modify session authorization attributes such as data filters.
- **config radius auth retransmit-timeout index timeout**—Configures the retransmission timeout value for a RADIUS authentication server.
- **config radius auth network index {enable | disable}**—Enables or disables network user authentication. If you enable this feature, this entry is considered the RADIUS authentication server for network users. If you did not configure a RADIUS server entry on the WLAN, you must enable this option for network users.
- **config radius auth management index {enable | disable}**—Enables or disables management authentication. If you enable this feature, this entry is considered the RADIUS authentication server for management users, and authentication requests go to the RADIUS server.
- **config radius auth ipsec {enable | disable} index**—Enables or disables the IP security mechanism.
- **config radius auth ipsec authentication {hmac-md5 | hmac-sha1} index**—Configures the authentication protocol to be used for IP security.
- **config radius auth ipsec encryption {3des | aes | des | none} index**—Configures the IP security encryption mechanism.
- **config radius auth ipsec ike dh-group {group-1 | group-2 | group-5} index**—Configures the IKE Diffie Hellman group.

- **config radius auth ipsec ike lifetime interval index**—Configures the timeout interval for the session.
- **config radius auth ipsec ike phase1 {aggressive | main} index**—Configures the Internet Key Exchange (IKE) protocol.
- **config radius auth {enable | disable} index**—Enables or disables a RADIUS authentication server.
- **config radius auth delete index**—Deletes a previously added RADIUS authentication server.

**Step 4** Use these commands to configure a RADIUS accounting server:

- **config radius acct add index server\_ip\_address port# {ascii | hex} shared\_secret**—Adds a RADIUS accounting server.
- **config radius acct server-timeout index timeout**—Configures the retransmission timeout value for a RADIUS accounting server.
- **config radius acct network index {enable | disable}**—Enables or disables network user accounting. If you enable this feature, this entry is considered the RADIUS accounting server for network users. If you did not configure a RADIUS server entry on the WLAN, you must enable this option for network users.
- **config radius acct ipsec {enable | disable} index**—Enables or disables the IP security mechanism.
- **config radius acct ipsec authentication {hmac-md5 | hmac-sha1} index**—Configures the authentication protocol to be used for IP security.
- **config radius acct ipsec encryption {3des | aes | des | none} index**—Configures the IP security encryption mechanism.
- **config radius acct ipsec ike dh-group {group-1 | group-2 | group-5} index**—Configures the IKE Diffie Hellman group.
- **config radius acct ipsec ike lifetime interval index**—Configures the timeout interval for the session.
- **config radius acct ipsec ike phase1 {aggressive | main} index**—Configures the Internet Key Exchange (IKE) protocol.
- **config radius acct {enable | disable} index**—Enables or disables a RADIUS accounting server.
- **config radius acct delete index**—Deletes a previously added RADIUS accounting server.

**Step 5** To configure the RADIUS server fallback behavior, enter this command:

**config radius fallback-test mode {off | passive | active}**

where

- **Off** disables RADIUS server fallback.
- **Passive** causes the controller to revert to a server with a lower priority from the available backup servers without using extraneous probe messages. The controller simply ignores all inactive servers for a time period and retries later when a RADIUS message needs to be sent.
- **Active** causes the controller to revert to a server with a lower priority from the available backup servers by using RADIUS probe messages to proactively determine whether a server that has been marked inactive is back online. The controller simply ignores all inactive servers for all active RADIUS requests. Once the primary server receives a response from the recovered ACS server, the active fallback RADIUS server no longer sends probe messages to the server requesting the active probe authentication.

**Step 6** If you enabled Active mode in [Step 5](#), enter these commands to configure additional fallback parameters:

- **config radius fallback-test username** *username*—Specifies the name to be sent in the inactive server probes. You can enter up to 16 alphanumeric characters for the *username* parameter.
- **config radius fallback-test interval** *interval*—Specifies the probe interval value (in seconds).

**Step 7** To save your changes, enter this command:

**save config**

**Step 8** To configure the order of authentication when multiple databases are configured, enter this command:

**config aaa auth mgmt** *AAA\_server\_type* *AAA\_server\_type*

where *AAA\_server\_type* is **local**, **radius**, or **tacacs**.

To see the current management authentication server order, enter this command:

**show aaa auth**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Management authentication server order:
 1..... local
 2..... radius
```

**Step 9** Use these commands to see RADIUS statistics:

- **show radius summary**—Shows a summary of RADIUS servers and statistics.
- **show radius auth statistics**—Shows the RADIUS authentication server statistics.
- **show radius acct statistics**—Shows the RADIUS accounting server statistics.
- **show radius rfc3576 statistics**—Shows a summary of the RADIUS RFC-3576 server.

Information similar to the following appears for the **show radius auth statistics** command:

Authentication Servers:

```
Server Index..... 1
Server Address..... 10.91.104.76
Msg Round Trip Time..... 0 (msec)
First Requests..... 1
Retry Requests..... 0
Accept Responses..... 0
Reject Responses..... 0
Challenge Responses..... 0
Malformed Msgs..... 0
Bad Authenticator Msgs..... 0
Pending Requests..... 0
Timeout Requests..... 0
Unknowntype Msgs..... 0
Other Drops..... 0
```

Information similar to the following appears for the **show radius acct statistics** command:

Accounting Servers:

```
Server Index..... 1
Server Address..... 10.10.10.1
Msg Round Trip Time..... 0 (msec)
First Requests..... 1
Retry Requests..... 0
Accounting Responses..... 0
Malformed Msgs..... 0
Bad Authenticator Msgs..... 0
Pending Requests..... 0
```

```

Timeout Requests..... 0
Unknowntype Msgs..... 0
Other Drops..... 0

```

Information similar to the following appears for the **show radius rfc3576 statistics** command:

RFC-3576 Servers:

```

Server Index..... 1
Server Address..... 10.91.104.76
Disconnect-Requests..... 0
COA-Requests..... 0
Retransmitted Requests..... 0
Malformed Requests..... 0
Bad Authenticator Requests..... 0
Other Drops..... 0
Sent Disconnect-Ack..... 0
Sent Disconnect-Nak..... 0
Sent CoA-Ack..... 0
Sent CoA-Nak..... 0

```

**Step 10** Use these commands to see active security associations:

- **show ike {brief | detailed} ip\_or\_mac\_addr**—Shows a brief or detailed summary of active Internet Key Exchange (IKE) security associations.
- **show ipsec {brief | detailed} ip\_or\_mac\_addr**—Shows a brief or detailed summary of active Internet Protocol Security (IPSec) security associations.

**Step 11** To clear the statistics for one or more RADIUS servers, enter this command:

**clear stats radius {auth | acct} {index | all}**

**Step 12** To make sure the controller can reach the RADIUS server, enter this command:

**ping server\_ip\_address**

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## RADIUS Authentication Attributes Sent by the Access Point

The tables in this section identify the RADIUS authentication attributes sent by a lightweight access point to a client in access-request and access-accept packets.

**Table 5-1** *Authentication Attributes Sent in Access-Request Packets*

| Attribute ID | Description                      |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1            | User-Name                        |
| 2            | Password                         |
| 3            | CHAP-Password                    |
| 4            | NAS-IP-Address                   |
| 5            | NAS-Port                         |
| 6            | Service-Type <sup>1</sup>        |
| 12           | Framed-MTU                       |
| 30           | Called-Station-ID (MAC address)  |
| 31           | Calling-Station-ID (MAC address) |
| 32           | NAS-Identifier                   |
| 33           | Proxy-State                      |
| 60           | CHAP-Challenge                   |
| 61           | NAS-Port-Type                    |
| 79           | EAP-Message                      |
| 243          | TPLUS-Role                       |

1. To specify read-only or read-write access to controllers through RADIUS authentication, you must set the Service-Type attribute (6) on the RADIUS server to **Callback NAS Prompt** for read-only access or to **Administrative** for read-write privileges. See [Step 19](#) in the “Configuring RADIUS on the ACS” section for more information.

**Table 5-2** *Authentication Attributes Honored in Access-Accept Packets (Cisco)*

| Attribute ID | Description                 |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 1            | Cisco-LEAP-Session-Key      |
| 2            | Cisco-Keywrap-Msg-Auth-Code |
| 3            | Cisco-Keywrap-NonCE         |
| 4            | Cisco-Keywrap-Key           |
| 5            | Cisco-URL-Redirect          |
| 6            | Cisco-URL-Redirect-ACL      |



**Note**

These Cisco-specific attributes are not supported: Auth-Algo-Type and SSID.



**Table 5-3 Authentication Attributes Honored in Access-Accept Packets (Standard)**

| Attribute ID | Description               |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| 6            | Service-Type <sup>1</sup> |
| 8            | Framed-IP-Address         |
| 25           | Class                     |
| 26           | Vendor-Specific           |
| 27           | Timeout                   |
| 29           | Termination-Action        |
| 40           | Acct-Status-Type          |
| 64           | Tunnel-Type               |
| 79           | EAP-Message               |
| 81           | Tunnel-Group-ID           |

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**Note** Message authenticator is not supported.

**Table 5-4 Authentication Attributes Honored in Access-Accept Packets (Microsoft)**

| Attribute ID | Description         |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 11           | MS-CHAP-Challenge   |
| 16           | MS-MPPE-Send-Key    |
| 17           | MS-MPPE-Receive-Key |
| 25           | MS-MSCHAP2-Response |
| 26           | MS-MSCHAP2-Success  |

**Table 5-5 Authentication Attributes Honored in Access-Accept Packets (Airespace)**

| Attribute ID | Description                          |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1            | VAP-ID                               |
| 2            | QoS-Level                            |
| 3            | DSCP                                 |
| 4            | 8021P-Type                           |
| 5            | VLAN-Interface-Name                  |
| 6            | ACL-Name                             |
| 7            | Data-Bandwidth-Average-Contract      |
| 8            | Real-Time-Bandwidth-Average-Contract |
| 9            | Data-Bandwidth-Burst-Contract        |
| 10           | Real-Time-Bandwidth-Burst-Contract   |
| 11           | Guest-Role-Name                      |

## RADIUS Accounting Attributes

[Table 5-6](#) identifies the RADIUS accounting attributes for accounting requests sent from a controller to the RADIUS server. [Table 5-7](#) lists the different values for the Accounting-Status-Type attribute (40).

**Table 5-6 Accounting Attributes for Accounting Requests**

| Attribute ID | Description                                                |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1            | User-Name                                                  |
| 4            | NAS-IP-Address                                             |
| 5            | NAS-Port                                                   |
| 8            | Framed-IP-Address                                          |
| 25           | Class                                                      |
| 30           | Called-Station-ID (MAC address)                            |
| 31           | Calling-Station-ID (MAC address)                           |
| 32           | NAS-Identifier                                             |
| 40           | Accounting-Status-Type                                     |
| 41           | Accounting-Delay-Time (Stop and interim messages only)     |
| 42           | Accounting-Input-Octets (Stop and interim messages only)   |
| 43           | Accounting-Output-Octets (Stop and interim messages only)  |
| 44           | Accounting-Session-ID                                      |
| 45           | Accounting-Authentic                                       |
| 46           | Accounting-Session-Time (Stop and interim messages only)   |
| 47           | Accounting-Input-Packets (Stop and interim messages only)  |
| 48           | Accounting-Output-Packets (Stop and interim messages only) |
| 49           | Accounting-Terminate-Cause (Stop messages only)            |

**Table 5-6** Accounting Attributes for Accounting Requests (continued)

| Attribute ID | Description        |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 64           | Tunnel-Type        |
| 65           | Tunnel-Medium-Type |
| 81           | Tunnel-Group-ID    |

**Table 5-7** Accounting-Status-Type Attribute Values

| Attribute ID | Description                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1            | Start                             |
| 2            | Stop                              |
| 3            | Interim-Update                    |
| 7            | Accounting-On                     |
| 8            | Accounting-Off                    |
| 9-14         | Reserved for Tunneling Accounting |
| 15           | Reserved for Failed               |

## Configuring TACACS+

Terminal Access Controller Access Control System Plus (TACACS+) is a client/server protocol that provides centralized security for users attempting to gain management access to a controller. It serves as a backend database similar to local and RADIUS. However, local and RADIUS provide only authentication support and limited authorization support while TACACS+ provides three services:

- **Authentication**—The process of verifying users when they attempt to log into the controller.

Users must enter a valid username and password in order for the controller to authenticate users to the TACACS+ server. The authentication and authorization services are tied to one another. For example, if authentication is performed using the local or RADIUS database, then authorization would use the permissions associated with the user in the local or RADIUS database (which are read-only, read-write, and lobby-admin) and not use TACACS+. Similarly, when authentication is performed using TACACS+, authorization is tied to TACACS+.



**Note** When multiple databases are configured, you can use the controller GUI or CLI to specify the sequence in which the backend databases should be tried.

- **Authorization**—The process of determining the actions that users are allowed to take on the controller based on their level of access.

For TACACS+, authorization is based on privilege (or role) rather than specific actions. The available roles correspond to the seven menu options on the controller GUI: MONITOR, WLAN, CONTROLLER, WIRELESS, SECURITY, MANAGEMENT, and COMMANDS. An additional role, LOBBY, is available for users who require only lobby ambassador privileges. The roles to which users are assigned are configured on the TACACS+ server. Users can be authorized for one or more roles. The minimum authorization is MONITOR only, and the maximum is ALL, which authorizes the user to execute the functionality associated with all seven menu options. For example, a user who is assigned the role of SECURITY can make changes to any items appearing on the

Security menu (or designated as security commands in the case of the CLI). If users are not authorized for a particular role (such as WLAN), they can still access that menu option in read-only mode (or the associated CLI **show** commands). If the TACACS+ authorization server becomes unreachable or unable to authorize, users are unable to log into the controller.

**Note**

If users attempt to make changes on a controller GUI page that are not permitted for their assigned role, a message appears indicating that they do not have sufficient privilege. If users enter a controller CLI command that is not permitted for their assigned role, a message may appear indicating that the command was successfully executed although it was not. In this case, the following additional message appears to inform users that they lack sufficient privileges to successfully execute the command: “Insufficient Privilege! Cannot execute command!”

- **Accounting**—The process of recording user actions and changes.

Whenever a user successfully executes an action, the TACACS+ accounting server logs the changed attributes, the user ID of the person who made the change, the remote host where the user is logged in, the date and time when the command was executed, the authorization level of the user, and a description of the action performed and the values provided. If the TACACS+ accounting server becomes unreachable, users are able to continue their sessions uninterrupted.

TACACS+ uses Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) for its transport, unlike RADIUS which uses User Datagram Protocol (UDP). It maintains a database and listens on TCP port 49 for incoming requests. The controller, which requires access control, acts as the client and requests AAA services from the server. The traffic between the controller and the server is encrypted by an algorithm defined in the protocol and a shared secret key configured on both devices.

You can configure up to three TACACS+ authentication, authorization, and accounting servers each. For example, you may want to have one central TACACS+ authentication server but several TACACS+ authorization servers in different regions. If you configure multiple servers of the same type and the first one fails or becomes unreachable, the controller automatically tries the second one and then the third one if necessary.

**Note**

If multiple TACACS+ servers are configured for redundancy, the user database must be identical in all the servers for the backup to work properly.

You must configure TACACS+ on both your CiscoSecure Access Control Server (ACS) and your controller. You can configure the controller through either the GUI or the CLI.

## Configuring TACACS+ on the ACS

Follow these steps to configure TACACS+ on the ACS.

**Note**

TACACS+ is supported on CiscoSecure ACS version 3.2 and greater. The instructions and illustrations in this section pertain to ACS version 4.1 and may vary for other versions. Refer to the CiscoSecure ACS documentation for the version you are running.

- Step 1** Choose **Network Configuration** on the ACS main page.

- Step 2** Choose **Add Entry** under AAA Clients to add your controller to the server. The Add AAA Client page appears (see [Figure 5-6](#)).

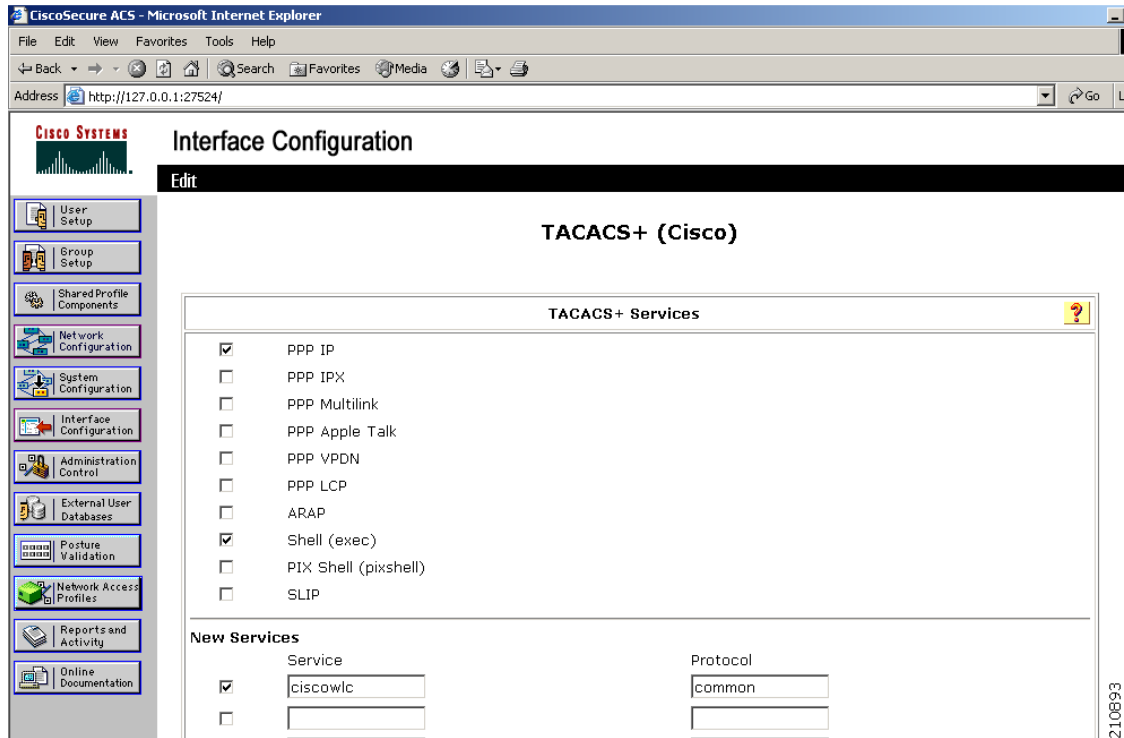
**Figure 5-6 Add AAA Client Page on CiscoSecure ACS**

- Step 3** In the AAA Client Hostname field, enter the name of your controller.
- Step 4** In the AAA Client IP Address field, enter the IP address of your controller.
- Step 5** In the Shared Secret field, enter the shared secret key to be used for authentication between the server and the controller.



**Note** The shared secret key must be the same on both the server and the controller.

- Step 6** Choose **TACACS+ (Cisco IOS)** from the Authenticate Using drop-down box.
- Step 7** Click **Submit + Apply** to save your changes.
- Step 8** Choose **Interface Configuration** on the ACS main page.
- Step 9** Choose **TACACS+ (Cisco IOS)**. The TACACS+ (Cisco) page appears (see [Figure 5-7](#)).

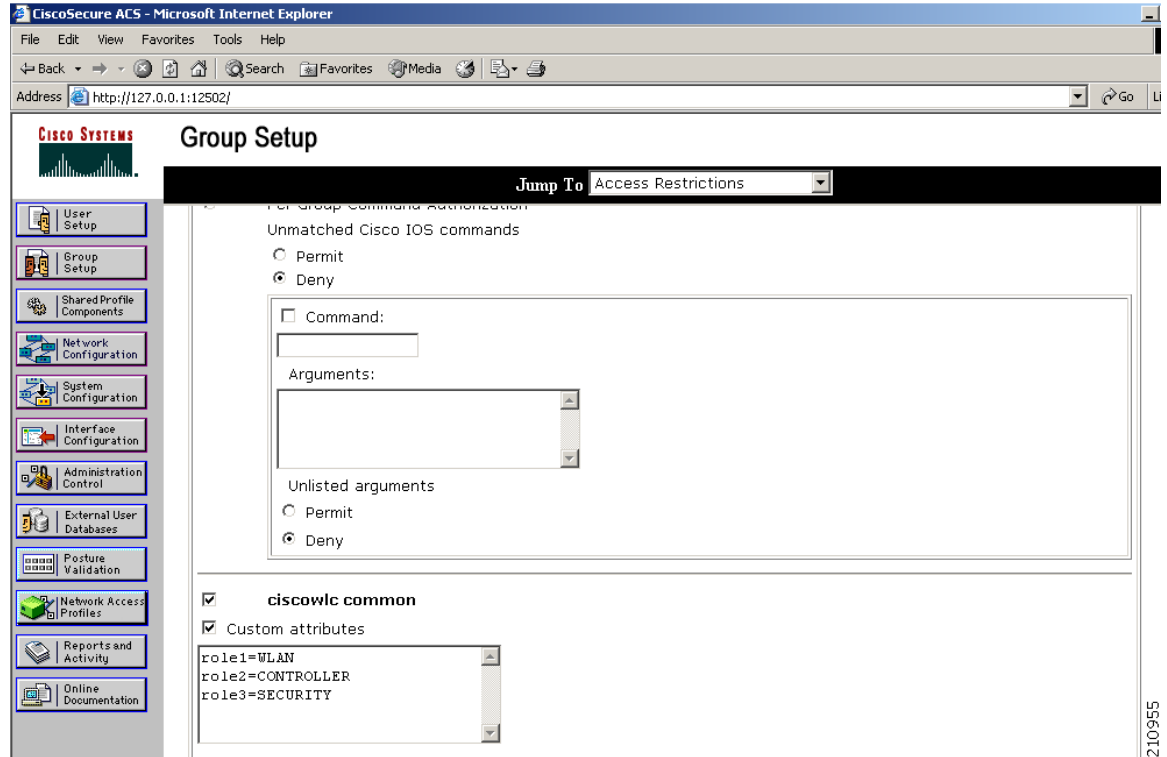
**Figure 5-7** TACACS+ (Cisco) Page on CiscoSecure ACS

- Step 10** Under TACACS+ Services, check the **Shell (exec)** check box.
- Step 11** Under New Services, check the first check box and enter **ciscowlc** in the Service field and **common** in the Protocol field.
- Step 12** Under Advanced Configuration Options, check the **Advanced TACACS+ Features** check box.
- Step 13** Click **Submit** to save your changes.
- Step 14** Choose **System Configuration** on the ACS main page.
- Step 15** Choose **Logging**.
- Step 16** When the Logging Configuration page appears, enable all of the events that you want to be logged and save your changes.
- Step 17** Choose **Group Setup** on the ACS main page.
- Step 18** Choose a previously created group from the Group drop-down box.



**Note** This step assumes that you have already assigned users to groups on the ACS according to the roles to which they will be assigned.

- Step 19** Click **Edit Settings**. The Group Setup page appears (see [Figure 5-8](#)).

**Figure 5-8** Group Setup Page on CiscoSecure ACS

**Step 20** Under **TACACS+ Settings**, check the **ciscowlc common** check box.

**Step 21** Check the **Custom Attributes** check box.

**Step 22** In the text box below Custom Attributes, specify the roles that you want to assign to this group. The available roles are MONITOR, WLAN, CONTROLLER, WIRELESS, SECURITY, MANAGEMENT, COMMANDS, ALL, and LOBBY. As mentioned previously, the first seven correspond to the menu options on the controller GUI and allow access to those particular controller features. You can enter one or multiple roles, depending on the group's needs. Use ALL to specify all seven roles or LOBBY to specify the lobby ambassador role. Enter the roles using this format:

`role=ROLE`

For example, to specify the WLAN, CONTROLLER, and SECURITY roles for a particular user group, you would enter the following text:

```
role1=WLAN
role2=CONTROLLER
role3=SECURITY
```

To give a user group access to all seven roles, you would enter the following text:

```
role1=ALL
```



**Note**

Make sure to enter the roles using the format shown above. The roles must be in all uppercase letters, and there can be no spaces within the text.

**Note**

You should not combine the MONITOR role or the LOBBY role with any other roles. If you specify one of these two roles in the Custom Attributes text box, users will have MONITOR or LOBBY privileges only, even if additional roles are specified.

**Step 23** Click **Submit** to save your changes.

## Using the GUI to Configure TACACS+

Follow these steps to configure TACACS+ through the controller GUI.

**Step 1** Choose **Security > AAA > TACACS+**.

**Step 2** Perform one of the following:

- If you want to configure a TACACS+ server for authentication, choose **Authentication**.
- If you want to configure a TACACS+ server for authorization, choose **Authorization**.
- If you want to configure a TACACS+ server for accounting, choose **Accounting**.

**Note**

The GUI pages used to configure authentication, authorization, and accounting all contain the same fields. Therefore, these instructions walk through the configuration only once, using the Authentication pages as examples. You would follow the same steps to configure multiple services and/or multiple servers.

**Note**

For basic management authentication via TACACS+ to succeed, it is required to configure authentication and authorization servers on the WLC. Accounting configuration is optional.

The TACACS+ (Authentication, Authorization, or Accounting) Servers page appears (see [Figure 5-9](#)).

**Figure 5-9 TACACS+ Authentication Servers Page**

| Server Index | Server Address  | Port | Admin Status |
|--------------|-----------------|------|--------------|
| 1            | 209.165.200.225 | 49   | Enabled      |

This page lists any TACACS+ servers that have already been configured.

- If you want to delete an existing server, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that server and choose **Remove**.
- If you want to make sure that the controller can reach a particular server, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that server and choose **Ping**.



**Step 3** Perform one of the following:

- To edit an existing TACACS+ server, click the server index number for that server. The TACACS+ (Authentication, Authorization, or Accounting) Servers > Edit page appears.
- To add a TACACS+ server, click **New**. The TACACS+ (Authentication, Authorization, or Accounting) Servers > New page appears (see [Figure 5-10](#)).

**Figure 5-10** TACACS+ Authentication Servers > New Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Save Configuration, Ping, Logout, and Refresh. The main menu on the left lists various configuration categories, with TACACS+ selected under AAA. The main content area is titled 'TACACS+ Authentication Servers > New' and contains the following fields:

- Server Index (Priority):** A drop-down menu set to 2.
- Server IP Address:** An empty text input field.
- Shared Secret Format:** A drop-down menu set to ASCII.
- Shared Secret:** An empty text input field.
- Confirm Shared Secret:** An empty text input field.
- Port Number:** A text input field containing 49.
- Server Status:** A drop-down menu set to Enabled.
- Server Timeout:** A text input field containing 5, followed by the unit 'seconds'.

Buttons for '< Back' and 'Apply' are located at the top right of the form area.

- Step 4** If you are adding a new server, choose a number from the Server Index (Priority) drop-down box to specify the priority order of this server in relation to any other configured TACACS+ servers providing the same service. You can configure up to three servers. If the controller cannot reach the first server, it tries the second one in the list and then the third if necessary.
- Step 5** If you are adding a new server, enter the IP address of the TACACS+ server in the Server IP Address field.
- Step 6** From the Shared Secret Format drop-down box, choose **ASCII** or **Hex** to specify the format of the shared secret key to be used between the controller and the TACACS+ server. The default value is ASCII.
- Step 7** In the Shared Secret and Confirm Shared Secret fields, enter the shared secret key to be used for authentication between the controller and the server.



**Note** The shared secret key must be the same on both the server and the controller.

- Step 8** If you are adding a new server, enter the TACACS+ server's TCP port number for the interface protocols in the Port Number field. The valid range is 1 to 65535, and the default value is 49.
- Step 9** From the Server Status field, choose **Enabled** to enable this TACACS+ server or choose **Disabled** to disable it. The default value is Enabled.

- Step 10** In the Server Timeout field, enter the number of seconds between retransmissions. The valid range is 5 to 30 seconds, and the default value is 5 seconds.



**Note** Cisco recommends that you increase the timeout value if you experience repeated reauthentication attempts or the controller falls back to the backup server when the primary server is active and reachable.

- Step 11** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 12** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.
- Step 13** Repeat the previous steps if you want to configure any additional services on the same server or any additional TACACS+ servers.
- Step 14** To specify the order of authentication when multiple databases are configured, choose **Security > Priority Order > Management User**. The Priority Order > Management User page appears (see Figure 5-11).

**Figure 5-11** *Priority Order > Management User Page*

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller configuration page for **Priority Order > Management User**. The page has a top navigation bar with links like **MONITOR**, **WLANs**, **CONTROLLER**, **WIRELESS**, **SECURITY** (highlighted), **MANAGEMENT**, **COMMANDS**, **HELP**, and **FEEDBACK**. On the right of the top bar are links for **Save Configuration**, **Ping**, **Logout**, and **Refresh**. A left sidebar shows a tree view under **Security** with options like **AAA**, **Local EAP**, **Priority Order** (selected), **Certificate**, **Access Control Lists**, **Wireless Protection Policies**, **Web Auth**, and **Advanced**. The main content area is titled **Priority Order > Management User** and includes an **Apply** button. Under the **Authentication** section, there are two columns: **Not Used** and **Order Used for Authentication**. The **Not Used** column contains a box with **TACACS+**. The **Order Used for Authentication** column contains boxes for **LOCAL** and **RADIUS**. Between the columns are **>** and **<** buttons. Next to the **LOCAL** and **RADIUS** boxes are **Up** and **Down** buttons. A note at the bottom states: *If LOCAL is selected as second priority then user will be authenticated against LOCAL only if first priority is unreachable.*

- Step 15** In the Order Used for Authentication field, specify which servers have priority when the controller attempts to authenticate management users. Use the **>** and **<** buttons to move servers between the Not Used and Order Used for Authentication fields. After the desired servers appear in the Order Used for Authentication field, use the **Up** and **Down** buttons to move the priority server to the top of the list.
- By default, the local database is always queried first. If the username is not found, the controller switches to the RADIUS server if configured for RADIUS or to the TACACS+ server if configured for TACACS+. The default setting is local and then RADIUS.
- Step 16** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 17** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Using the CLI to Configure TACACS+

Use the commands in this section to configure TACACS+ through the controller CLI.



### Note

Refer to the [“Using the GUI to Configure TACACS+” section on page 5-24](#) for the valid ranges and default values of the parameters used in the CLI commands.

1. Use these commands to configure a TACACS+ authentication server:
  - **config tacacs auth add** *index server\_ip\_address port# {ascii | hex} shared\_secret*—Adds a TACACS+ authentication server.
  - **config tacacs auth delete** *index*—Deletes a previously added TACACS+ authentication server.
  - **config tacacs auth (enable | disable)** *index*—Enables or disables a TACACS+ authentication server.
  - **config tacacs auth server-timeout** *index timeout*—Configures the retransmission timeout value for a TACACS+ authentication server.
2. Use these commands to configure a TACACS+ authorization server:
  - **config tacacs athr add** *index server\_ip\_address port# {ascii | hex} shared\_secret*—Adds a TACACS+ authorization server.
  - **config tacacs athr delete** *index*—Deletes a previously added TACACS+ authorization server.
  - **config tacacs athr (enable | disable)** *index*—Enables or disables a TACACS+ authorization server.
  - **config tacacs athr server-timeout** *index timeout*—Configures the retransmission timeout value for a TACACS+ authorization server.
3. Use these commands to configure a TACACS+ accounting server:
  - **config tacacs acct add** *index server\_ip\_address port# {ascii | hex} shared\_secret*—Adds a TACACS+ accounting server.
  - **config tacacs acct delete** *index*—Deletes a previously added TACACS+ accounting server.
  - **config tacacs acct (enable | disable)** *index*—Enables or disables a TACACS+ accounting server.
  - **config tacacs acct server-timeout** *index timeout*—Configures the retransmission timeout value for a TACACS+ accounting server.
4. Use these commands to see TACACS+ statistics:
  - **show tacacs summary**—Shows a summary of TACACS+ servers and statistics.
  - **show tacacs auth stats**—Shows the TACACS+ authentication server statistics.
  - **show tacacs athr stats**—Shows the TACACS+ authorization server statistics.
  - **show tacacs acct stats**—Shows the TACACS+ accounting server statistics.

For example, information similar to the following appears for the **show tacacs summary** command:

Authentication Servers

| Idx | Server Address | Port | State   | Tout |
|-----|----------------|------|---------|------|
| --- | -----          | ---- | -----   | ---- |
| 1   | 11.11.12.2     | 49   | Enabled | 5    |
| 2   | 11.11.13.2     | 49   | Enabled | 5    |
| 3   | 11.11.14.2     | 49   | Enabled | 5    |

## Authorization Servers

| Idx | Server Address | Port  | State   | Tout |
|-----|----------------|-------|---------|------|
| --- | -----          | ----- | -----   | ---- |
| 1   | 11.11.12.2     | 49    | Enabled | 5    |
| 2   | 11.11.13.2     | 49    | Enabled | 5    |
| 3   | 11.11.14.2     | 49    | Enabled | 5    |

## Accounting Servers

| Idx | Server Address | Port  | State   | Tout |
|-----|----------------|-------|---------|------|
| --- | -----          | ----- | -----   | ---- |
| 1   | 11.11.12.2     | 49    | Enabled | 5    |
| 2   | 11.11.13.2     | 49    | Enabled | 5    |
| 3   | 11.11.14.2     | 49    | Enabled | 5    |

Information similar to the following appears for the **show tacacs auth stats** command:

```

Server Index..... 1
Server Address..... 10.10.10.10
Msg Round Trip Time..... 0 (msec)
First Requests..... 0
Retry Requests..... 0
Accept Responses..... 0
Reject Responses..... 0
Error Responses..... 0
Restart Responses..... 0
Follow Responses..... 0
GetData Responses..... 0
Encrypt no secret Responses..... 0
Challenge Responses..... 0
Malformed Msgs..... 0
Bad Authenticator Msgs..... 0
Pending Requests..... 0
Timeout Requests..... 0
Unknowntype Msgs..... 0
Other Drops.....0

```

- To clear the statistics for one or more TACACS+ servers, enter this command:  
**clear stats tacacs [auth | athr | acct] {index | all}**
- To configure the order of authentication when multiple databases are configured, enter this command. The default setting is local and then radius.

**config aaa auth mgmt [radius | tacacs]**

To see the current management authentication server order, enter this command:

**show aaa auth**

Information similar to the following appears:

```

Management authentication server order:
 1..... local
 2..... tacacs

```

- To make sure the controller can reach the TACACS+ server, enter this command:  
**ping server\_ip\_address**
- To enable or disable TACACS+ debugging, enter this command:  
**debug aaa tacacs {enable | disable}**

9. To save your changes, enter this command:

```
save config
```

## Viewing the TACACS+ Administration Server Logs

Follow these steps to view the TACACS+ administration server logs, if you have a TACACS+ accounting server configured on the controller.

- Step 1** Choose **Reports and Activity** on the ACS main page.
- Step 2** Choose **TACACS+ Administration**.
- Step 3** Click the .csv file corresponding to the date of the logs you wish to view. The TACACS+ Administration .csv page appears (see [Figure 5-12](#)).

**Figure 5-12** TACACS+ Administration .csv Page on CiscoSecure ACS

The screenshot shows the CiscoSecure ACS web interface in Microsoft Internet Explorer. The browser address bar shows 'http://172.19.27.31:2197/index2.htm'. The page title is 'Reports and Activity'. On the left sidebar, 'Reports and Activity' is selected. The main content area shows a list of reports under the 'Select' tab. The 'TACACS+ Administration' report is selected, and the 'active.csv' file is displayed. The table contains columns for Date, Time, User-Name, Group-Name, cmd, priv-lvl, service, task\_id, NAS-IP-Address, and addr.

| Date       | Time     | User-Name    | Group-Name | cmd                            | priv-lvl | service | task_id | NAS-IP-Address  | addr        |
|------------|----------|--------------|------------|--------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| 01/24/2007 | 19:35:42 | avinash_wlan | Group 12   | wlan interface 1 dyn1          | 9        | shell   | 1937    | 209.165.200.225 | 209.165.200 |
| 01/24/2007 | 19:35:42 | avinash_wlan | Group 12   | wlan enable 1                  | 9        | shell   | 1952    | 209.165.200.225 | 209.165.200 |
| 01/24/2007 | 19:35:42 | avinash_wlan | Group 12   | wlan mac-filtering enable 1    | 9        | shell   | 1948    | 209.165.200.225 | 209.165.200 |
| 01/24/2007 | 19:35:42 | avinash_wlan | Group 12   | wlan security 802.1X disable 1 | 9        | shell   | 1946    | 209.165.200.225 | 209.165.200 |
| 01/24/2007 | 19:35:42 | avinash_wlan | Group 12   | wlan qos 1 bronze              | 9        | shell   | 1944    | 209.165.200.225 | 209.165.200 |
| 01/24/2007 | 19:35:42 | avinash_wlan | Group 12   | wlan dhcp_server 1             | 9        | shell   | 1942    | 209.165.200.225 | 209.165.200 |

This page provides the following information:

- The date and time the action was taken
- The name and assigned role of the user who took the action
- The group to which the user belongs
- The specific action that the user took

- The privilege level of the user who executed the action
- The IP address of the controller
- The IP address of the laptop or workstation from which the action was executed

Sometimes a single action (or command) is logged multiple times, once for each parameter in the command. For example, if the user enters the **snmp community ipaddr ip\_address subnet\_mask community\_name** command, the IP address may be logged on one line while the subnet mask and community name are logged as “E.” On another line, the subnet mask maybe logged while the IP address and community name are logged as “E.” See the first and third lines in the example in [Figure 5-13](#).

**Figure 5-13** TACACS+ Administration .csv Page on CiscoSecure ACS

The screenshot shows the CiscoSecure ACS interface in Microsoft Internet Explorer. The left sidebar contains navigation links for User Setup, Group Setup, Shared Profile Components, Network Configuration, System Configuration, Interface Configuration, Administration Control, External User Databases, Reports and Activity, and Online Documentation. The main content area is titled 'Reports and Activity' and includes a 'Select' dropdown menu. Below this, there are links for various reports: TACACS+ Accounting, TACACS+ Administration, RADIUS Accounting, VoIP Accounting, Passed Authentications, Failed Attempts, Logged-in Users, Disabled Accounts, ACS Backup And Restore, Administration Audit, User Password Changes, and ACS Service Monitoring. The 'TACACS+ Administration active.csv' report is displayed as a table with columns: Date, Time, User-Name, Group-Name, cmd, priv-lvl, service, task\_id, and NAS-IP-Address. The table contains 5 rows of data, all from 02/13/2007 at 14:07:19, performed by avinash\_management in Group 16. The commands shown are 'snmp community ipaddr E 255.255.255.0', 'snmp community mode enable cisco', 'snmp community ipaddr 209.165.200.E E', 'snmp community accessmode rw cisco', and 'snmp community'.

| Date       | Time     | User-Name          | Group-Name | cmd                                   | priv-lvl | service | task_id | NAS-IP-Address |
|------------|----------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|
| 02/13/2007 | 14:07:19 | avinash_management | Group 16   | snmp community ipaddr E 255.255.255.0 | 129      | shell   | 217     | 209.165.200.   |
| 02/13/2007 | 14:07:19 | avinash_management | Group 16   | snmp community mode enable cisco      | 129      | shell   | 219     | 209.165.200.   |
| 02/13/2007 | 14:07:19 | avinash_management | Group 16   | snmp community ipaddr 209.165.200.E E | 129      | shell   | 216     | 209.165.200.   |
| 02/13/2007 | 14:07:19 | avinash_management | Group 16   | snmp community accessmode rw cisco    | 129      | shell   | 218     | 209.165.200.   |
| 02/13/2007 | 14:07:19 | avinash_management | Group 16   | snmp community                        | 129      | shell   | 215     | 209.165.200.   |



**Note** You can click **Refresh** at any time to refresh this page.

# Configuring Maximum Local Database Entries

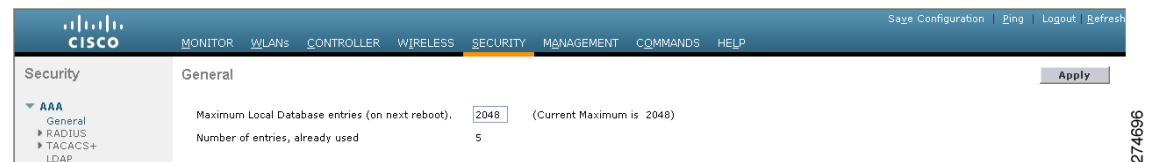
You can use the controller GUI or CLI to specify the maximum number of local database entries used for storing user authentication information. The database entries include local management users (including lobby ambassadors), local network users (including guest users), MAC filter entries, exclusion list entries, and access point authorization list entries. Together they cannot exceed the configured maximum value.

## Using the GUI to Configure Maximum Local Database Entries

Using the controller GUI, follow these steps to configure the maximum number of local database entries.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > AAA > General** to open the General page (see [Figure 5-14](#)).

**Figure 5-14** General Page



- Step 2** In the Maximum Local Database Entries field, enter a value for the maximum number of entries that can be added to the local database the next time the controller reboots. The currently configured value appears in parentheses to the right of the field. The valid range is 512 to 2048, and the default setting is 2048.

The Number of Entries, Already Used field shows the number of entries currently in the database.

- Step 3** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 4** Click **Save Configuration** to save your settings.

## Using the CLI to Configure Maximum Local Database Entries

Using the controller CLI, follow these steps to configure the maximum number of local database entries.

- Step 1** To specify the maximum number of entries that can be added to the local database the next time the controller reboots, enter this command:
- ```
config database size max_entries
```
- Step 2** To save your changes, enter this command:
- ```
save config
```
- Step 3** To view the maximum number of database entries and the current database contents, enter this command:
- ```
show database summary
```

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Maximum Database Entries..... 2048
```

```

Maximum Database Entries On Next Reboot..... 2048
Database Contents
  MAC Filter Entries..... 2
  Exclusion List Entries..... 0
  AP Authorization List Entries..... 1
  Management Users..... 1
  Local Network Users..... 1
    Local Users..... 1
    Guest Users..... 0
  Total..... 5

```

Configuring Local Network Users

This section explains how to add local network users to the local user database on the controller. The local user database stores the credentials (username and password) of all the local network users. These credentials are then used to authenticate the users. For example, local EAP may use the local user database as its backend database to retrieve user credentials. Refer to the [“Configuring Local EAP” section on page 5-40](#) for more information.



Note

The controller passes client information to the RADIUS authentication server first. If the client information does not match a RADIUS database entry, the local user database is polled. Clients located in this database are granted access to network services if the RADIUS authentication fails or does not exist.

You can configure local network users through either the GUI or the CLI.

Using the GUI to Configure Local Network Users

Follow these steps to configure local network users using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > AAA > Local Net Users** to open the Local Net Users page (see [Figure 5-15](#)).

Figure 5-15 Local Net Users Page

User Name	WLAN Profile	Guest User	Role	Description
abc	Any WLAN	No	N/A	User A
devesh1	Any WLAN	No	N/A	User B
ismith	GuestLAN1	Yes	Contractor	Guest user 1

This page lists any local network users that have already been configured. It also specifies any guest users and the QoS role to which they are assigned (if applicable). See the [“Configuring Quality of Service Roles” section on page 4-70](#) for information on configuring QoS roles.

**Note**

If you want to delete an existing user, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that user and choose **Remove**.

Step 2 Perform one of the following:

- To edit an existing local network user, click the username for that user. The Local Net Users > Edit page appears.
- To add a local network user, click **New**. The Local Net Users > New page appears (see [Figure 5-16](#)).

Figure 5-16 Local Net Users > New Page

Step 3 If you are adding a new user, enter a username for the local user in the User Name field. You can enter up to 24 alphanumeric characters.

**Note**

Local network usernames must be unique because they are all stored in the same database.

Step 4 In the Password and Confirm Password fields, enter a password for the local user. You can enter up to 24 alphanumeric characters.

Step 5 If you are adding a new user, check the **Guest User** check box if you want to limit the amount of time that the user has access to the local network. The default setting is unchecked.

Step 6 If you are adding a new user and you checked the Guest User check box, enter the amount of time (in seconds) that the guest user account is to remain active in the Lifetime field. The valid range is 60 to 2,592,000 seconds (30 days) inclusive, and the default setting is 86,400 seconds.

Step 7 If you are adding a new user, you checked the Guest User check box, and you want to assign a QoS role to this guest user, check the **Guest User Role** check box. The default setting is unchecked.

**Note**

If you do not assign a QoS role to a guest user, the bandwidth contracts for this user are defined in the QoS profile for the WLAN.

Step 8 If you are adding a new user and you checked the Guest User Role check box, choose the QoS role that you want to assign to this guest user from the Role drop-down box.

**Note**

If you want to create a new QoS role, see the [“Configuring Quality of Service Roles”](#) section on [page 4-70](#) for instructions.

- Step 9** From the WLAN Profile drop-down box, choose the name of the WLAN that is to be accessed by the local user. If you choose **Any WLAN**, which is the default setting, the user can access any of the configured WLANs.
- Step 10** In the Description field, enter a descriptive title for the local user (such as “User 1”).
- Step 11** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 12** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

Using the CLI to Configure Local Network Users

Use the commands in this section to configure local network users using the controller CLI.



Note

Refer to the [“Using the GUI to Configure Local Network Users” section on page 5-32](#) for the valid ranges and default values of the parameters used in the CLI commands.

- Use these commands to configure a local network user:
 - config netuser add username password wlan wlan_id userType permanent description description**—Adds a permanent user to the local user database on the controller.
 - config netuser add username password {wlan | guestlan} {wlan_id | guest_lan_id} userType guest lifetime seconds description description**—Adds a guest user on a WLAN or wired guest LAN to the local user database on the controller.



Note

Instead of adding a permanent user or a guest user to the local user database from the controller, you can choose to create an entry on the RADIUS server for the user and enable RADIUS authentication for the WLAN on which web authentication is performed.

- config netuser delete username**—Deletes a user from the local user database on the controller.



Note

Local network usernames must be unique because they are all stored in the same database.

- Use these commands to see information related to the local network users configured on the controller.
 - show netuser detail username**—Shows the configuration of a particular user in the local user database.
 - show netuser summary**—Lists all the users in the local user database.

For example, information similar to the following appears for the **show netuser detail username** command:

```
User Name..... abc
WLAN Id..... Any
Lifetime..... Permanent
Description..... test user
```

- To save your changes, enter this command:
save config

Configuring LDAP

This section explains how to configure a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server as a backend database, similar to a RADIUS or local user database. An LDAP backend database allows the controller to query an LDAP server for the credentials (username and password) of a particular user. These credentials are then used to authenticate the user. For example, local EAP may use an LDAP server as its backend database to retrieve user credentials. Refer to the “[Configuring Local EAP](#)” section on [page 5-40](#) for more information.



Note

The LDAP backend database supports these local EAP methods: EAP-TLS, EAP-FAST/GTC, and PEAPv1/GTC. LEAP, EAP-FAST/MSCHAPv2, and PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2 are also supported but only if the LDAP server is set up to return a clear-text password. For example, Microsoft Active Directory is not supported because it does not return a clear-text password. If the LDAP server cannot be configured to return a clear-text password, LEAP, EAP-FAST/MSCHAPv2, and PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2 are not supported.

You can configure LDAP through either the GUI or the CLI.

Using the GUI to Configure LDAP

Follow these steps to configure LDAP using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > AAA > LDAP** to open the LDAP Servers page (see [Figure 5-17](#)).

Figure 5-17 LDAP Servers Page

Server Index	Server Address	Port	Server State	Bind
1	2.3.1.4	389	Disabled	Anonymous
2	209.165.200.225	389	Enabled	Authenticated

This page lists any LDAP servers that have already been configured.

- If you want to delete an existing LDAP server, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that server and choose **Remove**.
- If you want to make sure that the controller can reach a particular server, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that server and choose **Ping**.

- Step 2** Perform one of the following:
- To edit an existing LDAP server, click the index number for that server. The LDAP Servers > Edit page appears.
 - To add an LDAP server, click **New**. The LDAP Servers > New page appears (see [Figure 5-18](#)).

Figure 5-18 LDAP Servers > New Page

The screenshot shows the 'LDAP Servers > New' configuration page in the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with options like AAA, RADIUS, TACACS+, LDAP, Local Net Users, MAC Filtering, Disabled Clients, User Login Policies, AP Policies, Local EAP, Priority Order, Access Control Lists, Wireless Protection Policies, Web Auth, and Advanced. The main content area has a form with the following fields and values:

- Server Index (Priority): 3
- Server IP Address: 209.165.200.225
- Port Number: 389
- Enable Server Status: ☒
- Simple Bind: Authenticated
- Bind Username: user2
- Bind Password: [masked]
- Confirm Bind Password: [masked]
- User Base DN: ou=active,ou=employees,ou=people,o=cisco.com
- User Attribute: uid
- User Object Type: Person
- Server Timeout: 2 seconds

Buttons for '< Back' and 'Apply' are visible at the top right of the form.

- Step 3** If you are adding a new server, choose a number from the Server Index (Priority) drop-down box to specify the priority order of this server in relation to any other configured LDAP servers. You can configure up to seventeen servers. If the controller cannot reach the first server, it tries the second one in the list and so on.
- Step 4** If you are adding a new server, enter the IP address of the LDAP server in the Server IP Address field.
- Step 5** If you are adding a new server, enter the LDAP server's TCP port number in the Port Number field. The valid range is 1 to 65535, and the default value is 389.
- Step 6** Check the **Enable Server Status** check box to enable this LDAP server or uncheck it to disable it. The default value is disabled.
- Step 7** From the Simple Bind drop-down box, choose **Anonymous** or **Authenticated** to specify the local authentication bind method for the LDAP server. The Anonymous method allows anonymous access to the LDAP server whereas the Authenticated method requires that a username and password be entered to secure access. The default value is Anonymous.
- Step 8** If you chose Authenticated in [Step 7](#), follow these steps:
- In the Bind Username field, enter a username to be used for local authentication to the LDAP server. The username can contain up to 80 characters.

**Note**

If the username starts with "cn=" (in lowercase letters), the controller assumes that the username includes the entire LDAP database path and therefore does not append the user base DN. This designation allows the authenticated bind user to be outside the user base DN.

- In the Bind Password and Confirm Bind Password fields, enter a password to be used for local authentication to the LDAP server. The password can contain up to 32 characters.
- Step 9** In the User Base DN field, enter the distinguished name (DN) of the subtree in the LDAP server that contains a list of all the users. For example, ou=organizational unit, .ou=next organizational unit, and o=corporation.com. If the tree containing users is the base DN, type **o=corporation.com** or **dc=corporation,dc=com**.
- Step 10** In the User Attribute field, enter the name of the attribute in the user record that contains the username. You can obtain this attribute from your directory server.
- Step 11** In the User Object Type field, enter the value of the LDAP objectType attribute that identifies the record as a user. Often, user records have several values for the objectType attribute, some of which are unique to the user and some of which are shared with other object types.

- Step 12** In the Server Timeout field, enter the number of seconds between retransmissions. The valid range is 2 to 30 seconds, and the default value is 2 seconds.
- Step 13** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 14** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.
- Step 15** Follow these steps to specify LDAP as the priority backend database server for local EAP authentication:
- Choose **Security > Local EAP > Authentication Priority** to open the Priority Order > Local-Auth page (see [Figure 5-19](#)).

Figure 5-19 *Priority Order > Local-Auth Page*



- Highlight **LOCAL** and click **<** to move it to the left User Credentials box.
- Highlight **LDAP** and click **>** to move it to the right User Credentials box. The database that appears at the top of the right User Credentials box is used when retrieving user credentials.



Note

If both LDAP and LOCAL appear in the right User Credentials box with LDAP on the top and LOCAL on the bottom, local EAP attempts to authenticate clients using the LDAP backend database and fails over to the local user database if the LDAP servers are not reachable. If the user is not found, the authentication attempt is rejected. If LOCAL is on the top, local EAP attempts to authenticate using only the local user database. It does not fail over to the LDAP backend database.

- Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
 - Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.
- Step 16** (Optional) Follow these steps if you wish to assign specific LDAP servers to a WLAN.
- Choose **WLANs** to open the WLANs page.
 - Click the ID number of the desired WLAN.
 - When the WLANs > Edit page appears, choose the **Security > AAA Servers** tabs to open the WLANs > Edit (Security > AAA Servers) page (see [Figure 5-20](#)).

Figure 5-20 WLANs > Edit (Security > AAA Servers) Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco WLAN configuration interface. The 'WLANs > Edit' page is open, with the 'Security' tab selected. Under the 'Security' tab, the 'AAA Servers' sub-tab is active. The page displays configuration options for Radius Servers (Authentication and Accounting) and LDAP Servers. The 'Local EAP Authentication' section is also visible, showing 'Local EAP Authentication' is enabled and the 'EAP Profile Name' is set to 'test'.

- d. From the LDAP Servers drop-down boxes, choose the LDAP server(s) that you want to use with this WLAN. You can choose up to three LDAP servers, which are tried in priority order.

**Note**

These LDAP servers apply only to WLANs with web authentication enabled. They are not used by local EAP.

- e. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- f. Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

Using the CLI to Configure LDAP

Use the commands in this section to configure LDAP using the controller CLI.

**Note**

Refer to the [“Using the GUI to Configure LDAP” section on page 5-35](#) for the valid ranges and default values of the parameters used in the CLI commands.

- Use these commands to configure an LDAP server:
 - config ldap add index server_ip_address port# user_base user_attr user_type**—Adds an LDAP server.
 - config ldap delete index**—Deletes a previously added LDAP server.
 - config ldap {enable | disable} index**—Enables or disables an LDAP server.

- **config ldap simple-bind {anonymous *index* | authenticated *index* username *username* password *password*}**—Specifies the local authentication bind method for the LDAP server. The anonymous method allows anonymous access to the LDAP server whereas the authenticated method requires that a username and password be entered to secure access. The default value is anonymous.



Note The username can contain up to 80 characters.



Note If the username starts with “cn=” (in lowercase letters), the controller assumes that the username includes the entire LDAP database path and therefore does not append the user base DN. This designation allows the authenticated bind user to be outside the user base DN.

- **config ldap retransmit-timeout *index* *timeout***—Configures the number of seconds between retransmissions for an LDAP server.
2. Use this command to specify LDAP as the priority backend database server:

config local-auth user-credentials ldap



Note If you enter **config local-auth user-credentials ldap local**, local EAP attempts to authenticate clients using the LDAP backend database and fails over to the local user database if the LDAP servers are not reachable. If the user is not found, the authentication attempt is rejected. If you enter **config local-auth user-credentials local ldap**, local EAP attempts to authenticate using only the local user database. It does not fail over to the LDAP backend database.

3. (Optional) Use these commands if you wish to assign specific LDAP servers to a WLAN:
 - **config wlan ldap add *wlan_id* *server_index***—Links a configured LDAP server to a WLAN.



Note The LDAP servers specified in this command apply only to WLANs with web authentication enabled. They are not used by local EAP.

- **config wlan ldap delete *wlan_id* {all | *index*}**—Deletes a specific or all configured LDAP server(s) from a WLAN.
4. Use these commands to view information pertaining to configured LDAP servers:
 - **show ldap summary**—Shows a summary of the configured LDAP servers.
 - **show ldap *index***—Shows detailed LDAP server information.
 - **show ldap statistics**—Shows LDAP server statistics.
 - **show wlan *wlan_id***—Shows the LDAP servers that are applied to a WLAN.

For example, information similar to the following appears for the **show ldap *index*** command:

```
Server Index..... 2
Address..... 10.10.20.22
Port..... 389
Enabled..... Yes
User DN..... ou=active,ou=employees,ou=people,
o=cisco.com
```

```

User Attribute..... uid
User Type..... Person
Retransmit Timeout..... 2 seconds
Bind Method ..... Authenticated
Bind Username..... user1

```

Information similar to the following appears for the **show ldap summary** command:

Idx	Server Address	Port	Enabled
1	2.3.1.4	389	No
2	10.10.20.22	389	Yes

Information similar to the following appears for the **show ldap statistics** command:

```

Server Index..... 1
Server statistics:
  Initialized OK..... 0
  Initialization failed..... 0
  Initialization retries..... 0
  Closed OK..... 0
Request statistics:
  Received..... 0
  Sent..... 0
  OK..... 0
  Success..... 0
  Authentication failed..... 0
  Server not found..... 0
  No received attributes..... 0
  No passed username..... 0
  Not connected to server..... 0
  Internal error..... 0
  Retries..... 0

Server Index..... 2
...

```

- To make sure the controller can reach the LDAP server, enter this command:
ping server_ip_address
- To save your changes, enter this command:
save config
- To enable or disable debugging for LDAP, enter this command:
debug aaa ldap {enable | disable}

Configuring Local EAP

Local EAP is an authentication method that allows users and wireless clients to be authenticated locally. It is designed for use in remote offices that want to maintain connectivity to wireless clients when the backend system becomes disrupted or the external authentication server goes down. When you enable local EAP, the controller serves as the authentication server and the local user database, thereby removing dependence on an external authentication server. Local EAP retrieves user credentials from the local user database or the LDAP backend database to authenticate users. Local EAP supports LEAP, EAP-FAST, EAP-TLS, PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2, and PEAPv1/GTC authentication between the controller and wireless clients.

**Note**

The LDAP backend database supports these local EAP methods: EAP-TLS, EAP-FAST/GTC, and PEAPv1/GTC. LEAP, EAP-FAST/MSCHAPv2, and PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2 are also supported but only if the LDAP server is set up to return a clear-text password. For example, Microsoft Active Directory is not supported because it does not return a clear-text password. If the LDAP server cannot be configured to return a clear-text password, LEAP, EAP-FAST/MSCHAPv2, and PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2 are not supported.

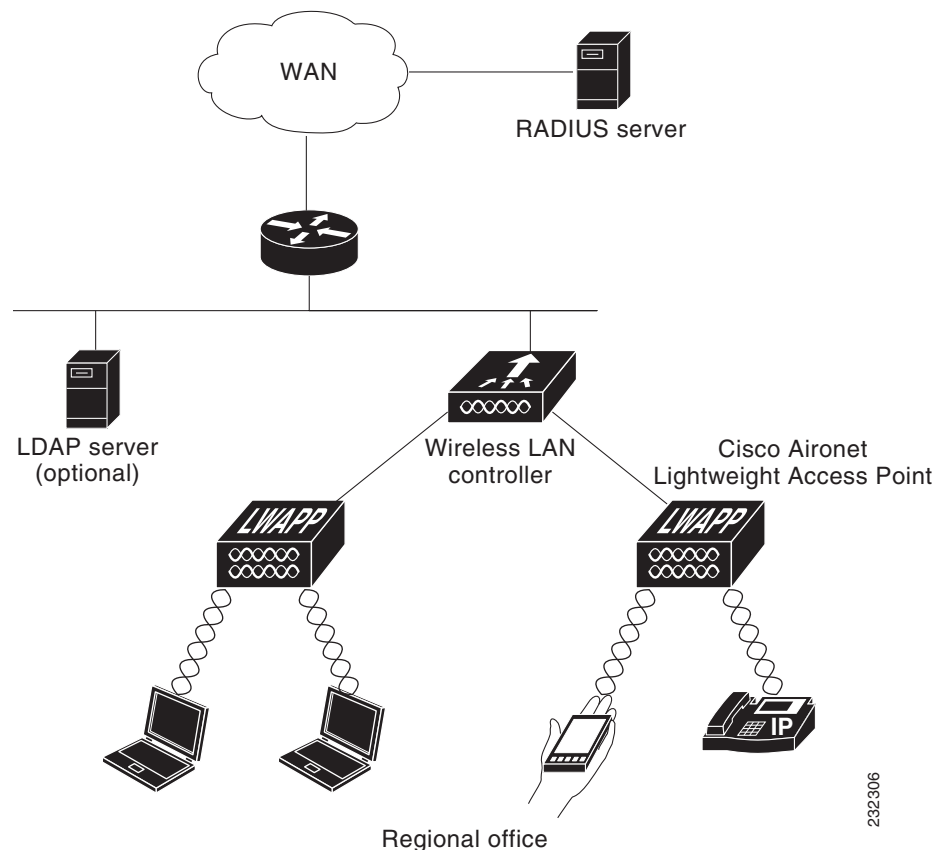
**Note**

If any RADIUS servers are configured on the controller, the controller tries to authenticate the wireless clients using the RADIUS servers first. Local EAP is attempted only if no RADIUS servers are found, either because the RADIUS servers timed out or no RADIUS servers were configured. If four RADIUS servers are configured, the controller attempts to authenticate the client with the first RADIUS server, then the second RADIUS server, and then local EAP. If the client attempts to then reauthenticate manually, the controller tries the third RADIUS server, then the fourth RADIUS server, and then local EAP. If you never want the controller to try to authenticate clients using an external RADIUS server, enter these CLI commands in this order:

```
config wlan disable wlan_id
config wlan radius_server auth disable wlan_id
config wlan enable wlan_id
```

Figure 5-21 provides an example of a remote office using local EAP.

Figure 5-21 Local EAP Example



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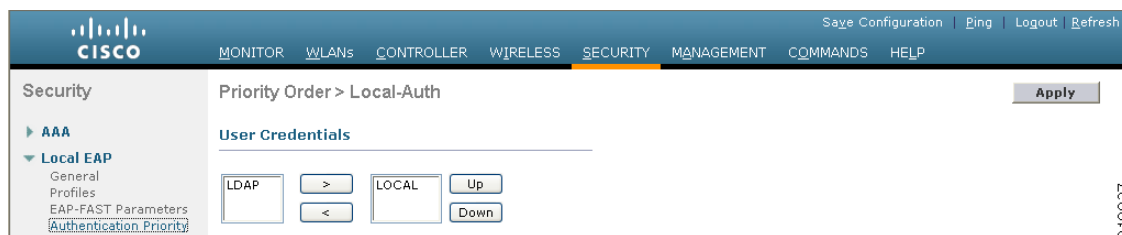
You can configure local EAP through either the GUI or the CLI.

Using the GUI to Configure Local EAP

Follow these steps to configure local EAP using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** EAP-TLS, PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2, and PEAPv1/GTC use certificates for authentication, and EAP-FAST uses either certificates or PACs. The controller is shipped with Cisco-installed device and Certificate Authority (CA) certificates. However, if you wish to use your own vendor-specific certificates, they must be imported on the controller. If you are configuring local EAP to use one of these EAP types, make sure that the appropriate certificates and PACs (if you will use manual PAC provisioning) have been imported on the controller. Refer to the *Managing Controller Software and Configurations* chapter for instructions on importing certificates and PACs.
- Step 2** If you want the controller to retrieve user credentials from the local user database, make sure that you have properly configured the local network users on the controller. See the [“Configuring Local Network Users” section on page 5-32](#) for instructions.
- Step 3** If you want the controller to retrieve user credentials from an LDAP backend database, make sure that you have properly configured an LDAP server on the controller. See the [“Configuring LDAP” section on page 5-35](#) for instructions.
- Step 4** Follow these steps to specify the order in which user credentials are retrieved from the backend database servers:
 - a. Choose **Security > Local EAP > Authentication Priority** to open the Priority Order > Local-Auth page (see [Figure 5-22](#)).

Figure 5-22 *Priority Order > Local-Auth Page*



- b. Determine the priority order in which user credentials are to be retrieved from the local and/or LDAP databases. For example, you may want the LDAP database to be given priority over the local user database, or you may not want the LDAP database to be considered at all.
- c. When you have decided on a priority order, highlight the desired database. Then use the left and right arrows and the Up and Down buttons to move the desired database to the top of the right User Credentials box.



Note

If both LDAP and LOCAL appear in the right User Credentials box with LDAP on the top and LOCAL on the bottom, local EAP attempts to authenticate clients using the LDAP backend database and fails over to the local user database if the LDAP servers are not reachable. If the user is not found, the authentication attempt is rejected. If LOCAL is on the top, local EAP attempts to authenticate using only the local user database. It does not fail over to the LDAP backend database.

- d. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

Step 5 Follow these steps to specify values for the local EAP timers:

- a. Choose **Security > Local EAP > General** to open the General page (see Figure 5-23).

Figure 5-23 General Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco configuration interface for the 'General' page under 'Security > Local EAP'. The left sidebar contains a navigation tree with options: AAA, Local EAP (selected), Profiles, EAP-FAST, Parameters, Authentication, Priority, Priority Order, Certificate, Access Control Lists, Wireless Protection Policies, Web Auth, and Advanced. The main content area displays the following configuration fields:

Field	Value
Local Auth Active Timeout* (in secs)	300
Identity Request Timeout (in secs)	30
Identity request Max Retries	2
Dynamic WEP Key Index	0
Request Timeout (in secs)	30
Request Max Retries	2
Max-Login Ignore Identity Response	enable
EAPOL-Key Timeout	1
EAPOL-Key Max Retries	2

A note at the bottom states: * The timeout period during which Local EAP will always be used after all Radius Servers are failed. An 'Apply' button is located in the top right corner.

- b. In the Local Auth Active Timeout field, enter the amount of time (in seconds) in which the controller attempts to authenticate wireless clients using local EAP after any pair of configured RADIUS servers fails. The valid range is 1 to 3600 seconds, and the default setting is 100 seconds.
- c. In the Identity Request Timeout field, enter the amount of time (in seconds) in which the controller attempts to send an EAP identity request to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 120 seconds, and the default setting is 30 seconds.
- d. In the Identity Request Max Retries field, enter the maximum number of times that the controller attempts to retransmit the EAP identity request to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 20 retries, and the default setting is 20 retries.
- e. In the Dynamic WEP Key Index field, enter the key index used for dynamic wired equivalent privacy (WEP). The default setting is 0.
- f. In the Request Timeout field, enter the amount of time (in seconds) in which the controller attempts to send an EAP request to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 120 seconds, and the default setting is 30 seconds.
- g. In the Request Max Retries field, enter the maximum number of times that the controller attempts to retransmit the EAP request to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 120 retries, and the default setting is 20 retries.
- h. From the Max-Login Ignore Identity Response drop-down box, choose **Enable** to limit the number of devices that can be connected to the controller with the same username. You can log in up to eight times from different devices (PDA, laptop, IP phone, and so on) on the same controller. The default value is enabled.
- i. In the EAPOL-Key Timeout field, enter the amount of time (in seconds) in which the controller attempts to send an EAP key over the LAN to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 5 seconds, and the default setting is 1 second.
- j. In the EAPOL-Key Max Retries field, enter the maximum number of times that the controller attempts to send an EAP key over the LAN to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 0 to 4 retries, and the default setting is 2 retries.
- k. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

- Step 6** Follow these steps to create a local EAP profile, which specifies the EAP authentication types that are supported on the wireless clients:
- Choose **Security > Local EAP > Profiles** to open the Local EAP Profiles page (see [Figure 5-24](#)).

Figure 5-24 Local EAP Profiles Page

Profile Name	LEAP	EAP-FAST	EAP-TLS	PEAP
test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

This page lists any local EAP profiles that have already been configured and specifies their EAP types. You can create up to 16 local EAP profiles.



Note If you want to delete an existing profile, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that profile and choose **Remove**.

- Click **New** to open the Local EAP Profiles > New page.
- In the Profile Name field, enter a name your new profile and then click **Apply**.



Note You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the profile name. Make sure not to include spaces.

- When the Local EAP Profiles page reappears, click the name of your new profile. The Local EAP Profiles > Edit page appears (see [Figure 5-25](#)).

Figure 5-25 Local EAP Profiles > Edit Page

Profile Name	test
LEAP	<input type="checkbox"/>
EAP-FAST	<input type="checkbox"/>
EAP-TLS	<input type="checkbox"/>
PEAP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Certificate Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Client Certificate Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Certificate Issuer	Cisco
Check against CA certificates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Verify Certificate CN Identity	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Check Certificate Date Validity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled

- Check the **LEAP**, **EAP-FAST**, **EAP-TLS**, and/or **PEAP** check boxes to specify the EAP type(s) that can be used for local authentication.

**Note**

You can specify more than one EAP type per profile. However, if you choose multiple EAP types that use certificates (such as EAP-FAST with certificates, EAP-TLS, PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2, and PEAPv1/GTC), all of the EAP types must use the same certificate (from either Cisco or another vendor).

**Note**

If you check the PEAP check box, both PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2 or PEAPv1/GTC are enabled on the controller.

- f. If you chose EAP-FAST and want the device certificate on the controller to be used for authentication, check the **Local Certificate Required** check box. If you want to use EAP-FAST with PACs instead of certificates, leave this check box unchecked, which is the default setting.

**Note**

This option applies only to EAP-FAST because device certificates are not used with LEAP and are mandatory for EAP-TLS and PEAP.

- g. If you chose EAP-FAST and want the wireless clients to send their device certificates to the controller in order to authenticate, check the **Client Certificate Required** check box. If you want to use EAP-FAST with PACs instead of certificates, leave this check box unchecked, which is the default setting.

**Note**

This option applies only to EAP-FAST because client certificates are not used with LEAP or PEAP and are mandatory for EAP-TLS.

- h. If you chose EAP-FAST with certificates, EAP-TLS, or PEAP, choose which certificates will be sent to the client, the ones from **Cisco** or the ones from another **Vendor**, from the Certificate Issuer drop-down box. The default setting is Cisco.
- i. If you chose EAP-FAST with certificates or EAP-TLS and want the incoming certificate from the client to be validated against the CA certificates on the controller, check the **Check Against CA Certificates** check box. The default setting is enabled.
- j. If you chose EAP-FAST with certificates or EAP-TLS and want the common name (CN) in the incoming certificate to be validated against the CA certificates' CN on the controller, check the **Verify Certificate CN Identity** check box. The default setting is disabled.
- k. If you chose EAP-FAST with certificates or EAP-TLS and want the controller to verify that the incoming device certificate is still valid and has not expired, check the **Check Certificate Date Validity** check box. The default setting is enabled. Certificate date validity is checked against the current UTC (GMT) time that is configured on the controller. Timezone offset will be ignored.

**Note**

Certificate date validity is checked against the current UTC (GMT) time that is configured on the controller. Time zone offset will be ignored.

- l. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

Step 7 If you created an EAP-FAST profile, follow these steps to configure the EAP-FAST parameters:

- a. Choose **Security > Local EAP > EAP-FAST Parameters** to open the EAP-FAST Method Parameters page (see [Figure 5-26](#)).

Figure 5-26 EAP-FAST Method Parameters Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Save Configuration, Ping, Logout, and Refresh. The main menu on the left lists various configuration sections: Security, AAA, Local EAP (General, Profiles, EAP-FAST Parameters, Authentication Priority), Priority Order, Access Control Lists, Wireless Protection Policies, Web Auth, and Advanced. The EAP-FAST Method Parameters page is displayed, showing the following fields:

- Server Key (in hex):** A text field containing four asterisks (****).
- Confirm Server Key:** A text field containing four asterisks (****).
- Time to live for the PAC:** A text field containing the value 10, followed by the unit days.
- Authority ID (in hex):** A text field containing the value 436973636f.
- Authority ID Information:** A text field containing the value Cisco A-ID.
- Anonymous Provision:** A checkbox labeled Enabled, which is checked.

An Apply button is located in the top right corner of the configuration area. The page number 212223 is visible in the bottom right corner.

- b. In the Server Key and Confirm Server Key fields, enter the key (in hexadecimal characters) used to encrypt and decrypt PACs.
- c. In the Time to Live for the PAC field, enter the number of days for the PAC to remain viable. The valid range is 1 to 1000 days, and the default setting is 10 days.
- d. In the Authority ID field, enter the authority identifier of the local EAP-FAST server in hexadecimal characters. You can enter up to 32 hexadecimal characters, but you must enter an even number of characters.
- e. In the Authority ID Information field, enter the authority identifier of the local EAP-FAST server in text format.
- f. If you want to enable anonymous provisioning, check the **Anonymous Provision** check box. This feature allows PACs to be sent automatically to clients that do not have one during PAC provisioning. If you disable this feature, PACS must be manually provisioned. The default setting is enabled.

**Note**

If the local and/or client certificates are required and you want to force all EAP-FAST clients to use certificates, uncheck the **Anonymous Provision** check box.

- g. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

Step 8 Follow these steps to enable local EAP on a WLAN:

- a. Choose **WLANs** to open the WLANs page.
- b. Click the ID number of the desired WLAN.
- c. When the WLANs > Edit page appears, choose the **Security > AAA Servers** tabs to open the WLANs > Edit (Security > AAA Servers) page (see [Figure 5-27](#)).

Figure 5-27 WLANs > Edit (Security > AAA Servers) Page

The screenshot displays the Cisco WLAN configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Save Configuration, Ping, Logout, and Refresh. The main menu on the left shows 'WLANs' and 'Advanced'. The 'WLANs > Edit' page has tabs for General, Security, QoS, and Advanced. The 'Security' tab is selected, and within it, the 'AAA Servers' sub-tab is active. The 'AAA Servers' section prompts the user to 'Select AAA servers below to override use of default servers on this WLAN'. It contains two main sections: 'Radius Servers' and 'LDAP Servers'. The 'Radius Servers' section is further divided into 'Authentication Servers' and 'Accounting Servers'. Each has three server entries (Server 1, Server 2, Server 3) with dropdown menus for selection. The 'Accounting Servers' section has an 'Enabled' checkbox. The 'LDAP Servers' section has three server entries with dropdown menus. At the bottom, the 'Local EAP Authentication' section has a checked 'Local EAP Authentication' checkbox and an 'EAP Profile Name' dropdown set to 'test'.

- d. Check the **Local EAP Authentication** check box to enable local EAP for this WLAN.
- e. From the EAP Profile Name drop-down box, choose the EAP profile that you want to use for this WLAN.
- f. If desired, choose the LDAP server(s) that you want to use with local EAP on this WLAN from the LDAP Servers drop-down boxes.
- g. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

Step 9 Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

Using the CLI to Configure Local EAP

Follow these steps to configure local EAP using the controller CLI.



Note

Refer to the [“Using the GUI to Configure Local EAP”](#) section on page 5-42 for the valid ranges and default values of the parameters used in the CLI commands.

- Step 1** EAP-TLS, PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2, and PEAPv1/GTC use certificates for authentication, and EAP-FAST uses either certificates or PACs. The controller is shipped with Cisco-installed device and Certificate Authority (CA) certificates. However, if you wish to use your own vendor-specific certificates, they must be imported on the controller. If you are configuring local EAP to use one of these EAP types, make sure that the appropriate certificates and PACs (if you will use manual PAC provisioning) have been imported on the controller. Refer to the *Managing Controller Software and Configurations* chapter for instructions on importing certificates and PACs.
- Step 2** If you want the controller to retrieve user credentials from the local user database, make sure that you have properly configured the local network users on the controller. See the [“Configuring Local Network Users”](#) section on page 5-32 for instructions.

Step 3 If you want the controller to retrieve user credentials from an LDAP backend database, make sure that you have properly configured an LDAP server on the controller. See the [“Configuring LDAP” section on page 5-35](#) for instructions.

Step 4 To specify the order in which user credentials are retrieved from the local and/or LDAP databases, enter this command:

```
config local-auth user-credentials {local | ldap}
```



Note If you enter **config local-auth user-credentials ldap local**, local EAP attempts to authenticate clients using the LDAP backend database and fails over to the local user database if the LDAP servers are not reachable. If the user is not found, the authentication attempt is rejected. If you enter **config local-auth user-credentials local ldap**, local EAP attempts to authenticate using only the local user database. It does not fail over to the LDAP backend database.

Step 5 To specify values for the local EAP timers, enter these commands:

- **config local-auth active-timeout** *timeout*—Specifies the amount of time (in seconds) in which the controller attempts to authenticate wireless clients using local EAP after any pair of configured RADIUS servers fails. The valid range is 1 to 3600 seconds, and the default setting is 100 seconds.
- **config advanced eap identity-request-timeout** *timeout*—Specifies the amount of time (in seconds) in which the controller attempts to send an EAP identity request to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 120 seconds, and the default setting is 30 seconds.
- **config advanced eap identity-request-retries** *retries*—Specifies the maximum number of times that the controller attempts to retransmit the EAP identity request to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 20 retries, and the default setting is 20 retries.
- **config advanced eap key-index** *index*—Specifies the key index used for dynamic wired equivalent privacy (WEP). The default setting is 0.
- **config advanced eap request-timeout** *timeout*—Specifies the amount of time (in seconds) in which the controller attempts to send an EAP request to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 120 seconds, and the default setting is 30 seconds.
- **config advanced eap request-retries** *retries*—Specifies the maximum number of times that the controller attempts to retransmit the EAP request to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 120 retries, and the default setting is 20 retries.
- **config advanced eap eapol-key-timeout** *timeout*—Specifies the amount of time (in seconds) in which the controller attempts to send an EAP key over the LAN to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 1 to 5 seconds, and the default setting is 1 second.
- **config advanced eap eapol-key-retries** *retries*—Specifies the maximum number of times that the controller attempts to send an EAP key over the LAN to wireless clients using local EAP. The valid range is 0 to 4 retries, and the default setting is 2 retries.
- **config advanced eap max-login-ignore-identity-response** {**enable** | **disable**}—When enabled, this command limits the number of devices that can be connected to the controller with the same username. You can log in up to eight times from different devices (PDA, laptop, IP phone, and so on) on the same controller. The default value is enabled.

Step 6 To create a local EAP profile, enter this command:

```
config local-auth eap-profile add profile_name
```



Note Do not include spaces within the profile name.



Note To delete a local EAP profile, enter this command: **config local-auth eap-profile delete** *profile_name*.

Step 7 To add an EAP method to a local EAP profile, enter this command:

config local-auth eap-profile method add *method profile_name*

The supported methods are leap, fast, tls, and peap.



Note If you choose peap, both PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2 or PEAPv1/GTC are enabled on the controller.



Note You can specify more than one EAP type per profile. However, if you create a profile with multiple EAP types that use certificates (such as EAP-FAST with certificates, EAP-TLS, PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2, and PEAPv1/GTC), all of the EAP types must use the same certificate (from either Cisco or another vendor).



Note To delete an EAP method from a local EAP profile, enter this command: **config local-auth eap-profile method delete** *method profile_name*.

Step 8 To configure EAP-FAST parameters if you created an EAP-FAST profile, enter this command:

config local-auth method fast ?

where ? is one of the following:

- **anon-prov {enable | disable}**—Configures the controller to allow anonymous provisioning, which allows PACs to be sent automatically to clients that do not have one during PAC provisioning.
- **authority-id** *auth_id*—Specifies the authority identifier of the local EAP-FAST server.
- **pac-ttl** *days*—Specifies the number of days for the PAC to remain viable.
- **server-key** *key*—Specifies the server key used to encrypt and decrypt PACs.

Step 9 To configure certificate parameters per profile, enter these commands:

- **config local-auth eap-profile method fast local-cert {enable | disable}** *profile_name*—Specifies whether the device certificate on the controller is required for authentication.



Note This command applies only to EAP-FAST because device certificates are not used with LEAP and are mandatory for EAP-TLS and PEAP.

- **config local-auth eap-profile method fast client-cert {enable | disable}** *profile_name*—Specifies whether wireless clients are required to send their device certificates to the controller in order to authenticate.



Note This command applies only to EAP-FAST because client certificates are not used with LEAP or PEAP and are mandatory for EAP-TLS.

- **config local-auth eap-profile cert-issuer {cisco | vendor} profile_name**—If you specified EAP-FAST with certificates, EAP-TLS, or PEAP, specifies whether the certificates that will be sent to the client are from Cisco or another vendor.
- **config local-auth eap-profile cert-verify ca-issuer {enable | disable} profile_name**—If you chose EAP-FAST with certificates or EAP-TLS, specifies whether the incoming certificate from the client is to be validated against the CA certificates on the controller.
- **config local-auth eap-profile cert-verify cn-verify {enable | disable} profile_name**—If you chose EAP-FAST with certificates or EAP-TLS, specifies whether the common name (CN) in the incoming certificate is to be validated against the CA certificates' CN on the controller.
- **config local-auth eap-profile cert-verify date-valid {enable | disable} profile_name**—If you chose EAP-FAST with certificates or EAP-TLS, specifies whether the controller is to verify that the incoming device certificate is still valid and has not expired.

Step 10 To enable local EAP and attach an EAP profile to a WLAN, enter this command:

```
config wlan local-auth enable profile_name wlan_id
```



Note To disable local EAP for a WLAN, enter this command: **config wlan local-auth disable wlan_id**.

Step 11 To save your changes, enter this command:

```
save config
```

Step 12 To view information pertaining to local EAP, enter these commands:

- **show local-auth config**—Shows the local EAP configuration on the controller.

Information similar to the following appears for the **show local-auth config** command:

```
User credentials database search order:
  Primary ..... Local DB

Timer:
  Active timeout ..... 300

Configured EAP profiles:
  Name ..... fast-cert
  Certificate issuer ..... vendor
  Peer verification options:
    Check against CA certificates ..... Enabled
    Verify certificate CN identity ..... Disabled
    Check certificate date validity ..... Enabled
  EAP-FAST configuration:
    Local certificate required ..... Yes
    Client certificate required ..... Yes
  Enabled methods ..... fast
  Configured on WLANs ..... 1

  Name ..... tls
  Certificate issuer ..... vendor
  Peer verification options:
    Check against CA certificates ..... Enabled
    Verify certificate CN identity ..... Disabled
    Check certificate date validity ..... Enabled
  EAP-FAST configuration:
    Local certificate required ..... No
    Client certificate required ..... No
  Enabled methods ..... tls
  Configured on WLANs ..... 2
```

EAP Method configuration:

EAP-FAST:

```

Server key ..... <hidden>
TTL for the PAC ..... 10
Anonymous provision allowed ..... Yes
Accept client on auth prov ..... No
Authority ID ..... 436973636f0000000000000000000000
Authority Information ..... Cisco A-ID

```

- **show local-auth statistics**—Shows the local EAP statistics.
- **show local-auth certificates**—Shows the certificates available for local EAP.
- **show local-auth user-credentials**—Shows the priority order that the controller uses when retrieving user credentials from the local and/or LDAP databases.
- **show advanced eap**—Shows the timer values for local EAP. Information similar to the following appears:

```

EAP-Identity-Request Timeout (seconds)..... 1
EAP-Identity-Request Max Retries..... 20
EAP Key-Index for Dynamic WEP..... 0
EAP Max-Login Ignore Identity Response..... enable
EAP-Request Timeout (seconds)..... 20
EAP-Request Max Retries..... 20
EAPOL-Key Timeout (seconds)..... 1
EAPOL-Key Max Retries..... 2

```

- **show ap stats wlan *Cisco_AP***—Shows the EAP timeout and failure counters for a specific access point for each WLAN. Information similar to the following appears:

```

WLAN      1
EAP Id Request Msg Timeouts..... 0
EAP Id Request Msg Timeouts Failures..... 0
EAP Request Msg Timeouts..... 2
EAP Request Msg Timeouts Failures..... 1
EAP Key Msg Timeouts..... 0
EAP Key Msg Timeouts Failures..... 0
WLAN      2
EAP Id Request Msg Timeouts..... 1
EAP Id Request Msg Timeouts Failures..... 0
EAP Request Msg Timeouts..... 0
EAP Request Msg Timeouts Failures..... 0
EAP Key Msg Timeouts..... 3
EAP Key Msg Timeouts Failures..... 1

```

- **show client detail *client_mac***—Shows the EAP timeout and failure counters for a specific associated client. These statistics are useful in troubleshooting client association issues. Information similar to the following appears:

```

...
Client Statistics:
Number of Bytes Received..... 10
Number of Bytes Sent..... 10
Number of Packets Received..... 2
Number of Packets Sent..... 2
Number of EAP Id Request Msg Timeouts..... 0
Number of EAP Id Request Msg Failures..... 0
Number of EAP Request Msg Timeouts..... 2
Number of EAP Request Msg Failures..... 1
Number of EAP Key Msg Timeouts..... 0
Number of EAP Key Msg Failures..... 0
Number of Policy Errors..... 0

```

```

Radio Signal Strength Indicator..... Unavailable
Signal to Noise Ratio..... Unavailable
...

```

- **show wlan *wlan_id***—Shows the status of local EAP on a particular WLAN.

Step 13 If necessary, you can use these commands to troubleshoot local EAP sessions:

- **debug aaa local-auth eap method {all | errors | events | packets | sm} {enable | disable}**—Enables or disables debugging of local EAP methods.
- **debug aaa local-auth eap framework {all | errors | events | packets | sm} {enable | disable}**—Enables or disables debugging of the local EAP framework.



Note In these two debug commands, **sm** is the state machine.

- **clear stats local-auth**—Clears the local EAP counters.
- **clear stats ap wlan *Cisco_AP***—Clears the EAP timeout and failure counters for a specific access point for each WLAN.

Configuring the System for SpectraLink NetLink Telephones

For best integration with the Cisco UWN Solution, SpectraLink NetLink Telephones require an extra operating system configuration step: enable long preambles. The radio preamble (sometimes called a header) is a section of data at the head of a packet that contains information that wireless devices need when sending and receiving packets. Short preambles improve throughput performance, so they are enabled by default. However, some wireless devices, such as SpectraLink NetLink phones, require long preambles.

Use one of these methods to enable long preambles:

- [Using the GUI to Enable Long Preambles, page 5-52](#)
- [Using the CLI to Enable Long Preambles, page 5-53](#)

Using the GUI to Enable Long Preambles

Use this procedure to use the GUI to enable long preambles to optimize the operation of SpectraLink NetLink phones on your wireless LAN.

- Step 1** Choose **Wireless > 802.11b/g/n > Network** to open the 802.11b/g Global Parameters page.
- Step 2** If the **Short Preamble** check box is checked, continue with this procedure. However, if the **Short Preamble** check box is unchecked (which means that long preambles are enabled), the controller is already optimized for SpectraLink NetLink phones and you do not need to continue this procedure.
- Step 3** Uncheck the **Short Preamble** check box to enable long preambles.
- Step 4** Click **Apply** to update the controller configuration.

**Note**

If you do not already have an active CLI session to the controller, Cisco recommends that you start a CLI session to reboot the controller and watch the reboot process. A CLI session is also useful because the GUI loses its connection when the controller reboots.

- Step 5** Choose **Commands > Reboot > Reboot > Save and Reboot** to reboot the controller. Click **OK** in response to this prompt:
- Configuration will be saved and the controller will be rebooted. Click ok to confirm.
- The controller reboots.
- Step 6** Log back into the controller GUI to verify that the controller is properly configured.
- Step 7** Choose **Wireless > 802.11b/g/n > Network** to open the 802.11b/g Global Parameters page. If the **Short Preamble** check box is unchecked, the controller is optimized for SpectraLink NetLink phones.

Using the CLI to Enable Long Preambles

Use this procedure to use the CLI to enable long preambles to optimize the operation of SpectraLink NetLink phones on your wireless LAN.

- Step 1** Log into the controller CLI.
- Step 2** Enter **show 802.11b** and check the Short preamble mandatory parameter. If the parameter indicates that short preambles are enabled, continue with this procedure. This example shows that short preambles are enabled:
- ```
Short Preamble mandatory..... Enabled
```
- However, if the parameter shows that short preambles are disabled (which means that long preambles are enabled), the controller is already optimized for SpectraLink NetLink phones and you do not need to continue this procedure. This example shows that short preambles are disabled:
- ```
Short Preamble mandatory..... Disabled
```
- Step 3** Enter **config 802.11b disable network** to disable the 802.11b/g network. (You cannot enable long preambles on the 802.11a network.)
- Step 4** Enter **config 802.11b preamble long** to enable long preambles.
- Step 5** Enter **config 802.11b enable network** to re-enable the 802.11b/g network.
- Step 6** Enter **reset system** to reboot the controller. Enter **y** when this prompt appears:
- The system has unsaved changes. Would you like to save them now? (y/n)
- The controller reboots.
- Step 7** To verify that the controller is properly configured, log back into the CLI and enter **show 802.11b** to view these parameters:
- ```
802.11b Network..... Enabled
Short Preamble mandatory..... Disabled
```
- These parameters show that the 802.11b/g network is enabled and that short preambles are disabled.

## Using the CLI to Configure Enhanced Distributed Channel Access

Use this CLI command to configure 802.11 enhanced distributed channel access (EDCA) parameters to support SpectraLink phones:

**config advanced edca-parameters {svp-voice | wmm-default}**

where

**svp-voice** enables SpectraLink voice priority (SVP) parameters and **wmm-default** enables wireless multimedia (WMM) default parameters.

**Note**

To propagate this command to all access points connected to the controller, make sure to disable and then re-enable the 802.11b/g network after entering this command.

## Using Management over Wireless

The management over wireless feature allows operators to monitor and configure local controllers using a wireless client. This feature is supported for all management tasks except uploads to and downloads from (transfers to and from) the controller.

Before you can use management over wireless, you must properly configure the controller using one of these sections:

- [Using the GUI to Enable Management over Wireless, page 5-54](#)
- [Using the CLI to Enable Management over Wireless, page 5-54](#)

## Using the GUI to Enable Management over Wireless

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- |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | Choose <b>Management &gt; Mgmt Via Wireless</b> to open the Management Via Wireless page.                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Step 2</b> | Check the <b>Enable Controller Management to be accessible from Wireless Clients</b> check box to enable management over wireless for the WLAN or uncheck it to disable this feature. The default value is unchecked.  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | Click <b>Apply</b> to commit your changes.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Click <b>Save Configuration</b> to save your changes.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Step 5</b> | Use a wireless client web browser to connect to the controller management port or distribution system port IP address, and log into the controller GUI to verify that you can manage the WLAN using a wireless client. |
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## Using the CLI to Enable Management over Wireless

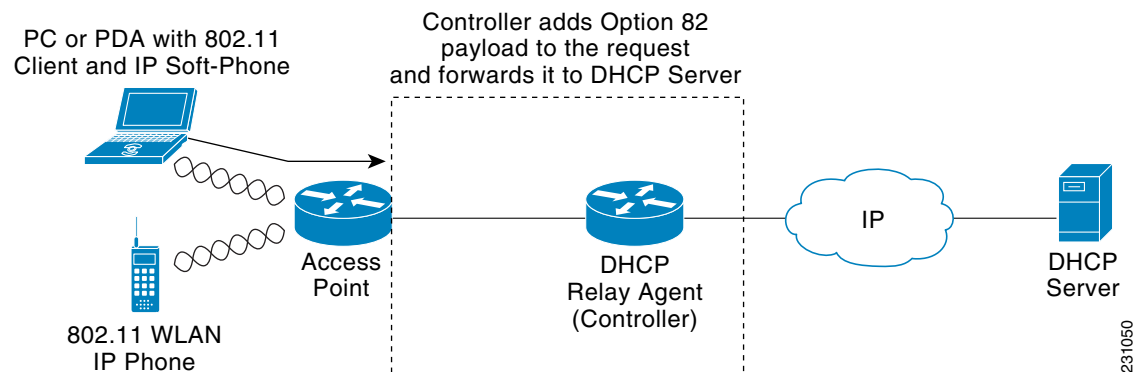
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- |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> | In the CLI, use the <b>show network</b> command to verify whether the management over wireless interface is enabled or disabled. If it is disabled, continue with Step 2. Otherwise, continue with Step 3. |
| <b>Step 2</b> | To enable management over wireless, enter <b>config network mgmt-via-wireless enable</b> .                                                                                                                 |

- Step 3** Use a wireless client to associate with an access point connected to the controller that you want to manage.
- Step 4** Enter `telnet controller-ip-address` and log into the CLI to verify that you can manage the WLAN using a wireless client.

## Configuring DHCP Option 82

DHCP option 82 provides additional security when DHCP is used to allocate network addresses. Specifically, it enables the controller to act as a DHCP relay agent to prevent DHCP client requests from untrusted sources. The controller can be configured to add option 82 information to DHCP requests from clients before forwarding the requests to the DHCP server. See [Figure 5-28](#) for an illustration of this process.

**Figure 5-28** DHCP Option 82



The access point forwards all DHCP requests from a client to the controller. The controller adds the DHCP option 82 payload and forwards the request to the DHCP server. The payload can contain the MAC address or the MAC address and SSID of the access point, depending on how you configure this option. In controller software release 4.0 or later, you can configure DHCP option 82 using the controller CLI. In controller software release 6.0, you can configure this feature using either the GUI or CLI.



**Note**

In order for DHCP option 82 to operate correctly, you must enable DHCP proxy, which is disabled by default. Refer to the [“Configuring DHCP Proxy”](#) section on [page 4-41](#) for instructions on configuring DHCP proxy.



**Note**

Any DHCP packets that already include a relay agent option are dropped at the controller.



**Note**

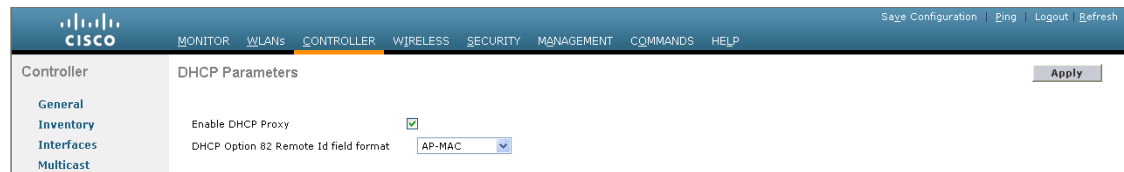
DHCP option 82 is not supported for use with auto-anchor mobility, which is described in the [Configuring Mobility Groups](#) chapter.

## Using the GUI to Configure DHCP Option 82

Using the GUI, follow these steps to configure DHCP option 82 on the controller.

- Step 1** Choose **Controller** > **Advanced** > **DHCP** to open the DHCP Parameters page (see [Figure 5-29](#)).

**Figure 5-29** DHCP Parameters Page



- Step 2** Choose one of the following options from the DHCP Option 82 Remote ID Field Format drop-down box to specify the format of the DHCP option 82 payload:
- **AP-MAC**—Adds the MAC address of the access point to the DHCP option 82 payload. This is the default value.
  - **AP-MAC-SSID**—Adds the MAC address and SSID of the access point to the DHCP option 82 payload.
- Step 3** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 4** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Using the CLI to Configure DHCP Option 82

Use these CLI commands to configure DHCP option 82 on the controller.

- To configure the format of the DHCP option 82 payload, enter one of these commands:
  - **config dhcp opt-82 remote-id ap\_mac**  
This command adds the MAC address of the access point to the DHCP option 82 payload.
  - **config dhcp opt-82 remote-id ap\_mac:ssid**  
This command adds the MAC address and SSID of the access point to the DHCP option 82 payload.
- To override the global DHCP option 82 setting and disable (or enable) this feature for the AP-manager or management interface on the controller, enter this command:  
**config interface dhcp {ap-manager | management} option-82 {disable | enable}**



- To see the status of DHCP option 82 on the controller, enter this command:

**show interface detailed ap-manager**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Interface Name..... ap-manager
MAC Address..... 00:0a:88:25:10:c4
IP Address..... 10.30.16.13
IP Netmask..... 255.255.248.0
IP Gateway..... 10.30.16.1
External NAT IP State..... Disabled
External NAT IP Address..... 0.0.0.0
External NAT IP Netmask..... 0.0.0.0
VLAN..... untagged
Active Physical Port..... LAG (29)
Primary Physical Port..... LAG (29)
Backup Physical Port..... Unconfigured
Primary DHCP Server..... 10.1.0.10
Secondary DHCP Server..... Unconfigured
DHCP Option 82..... Enabled
ACL..... Unconfigured
AP Manager..... Yes
Guest Interface..... No
```

## Configuring and Applying Access Control Lists

An access control list (ACL) is a set of rules used to limit access to a particular interface (for example, if you want to restrict a wireless client from pinging the management interface of the controller). After ACLs are configured on the controller, they can be applied to the management interface, the AP-manager interface, any of the dynamic interfaces, or a WLAN to control data traffic to and from wireless clients or to the controller central processing unit (CPU) to control all traffic destined for the CPU.

You may also want to create a preauthentication ACL for web authentication. Such an ACL could be used to allow certain types of traffic before authentication is complete.



### Note

If you are using an external web server with a 5500 series controller, a 2100 series controller, or a controller network module, you must configure a preauthentication ACL on the WLAN for the external web server.

You can define up to 64 ACLs, each with up to 64 rules (or filters). Each rule has parameters that affect its action. When a packet matches all of the parameters for a rule, the action set for that rule is applied to the packet.



### Note

All ACLs have an implicit “deny all rule” as the last rule. If a packet does not match any of the rules, it is dropped by the controller.



### Note

ACLs in your network might need to be modified if CAPWAP uses different ports than LWAPP.

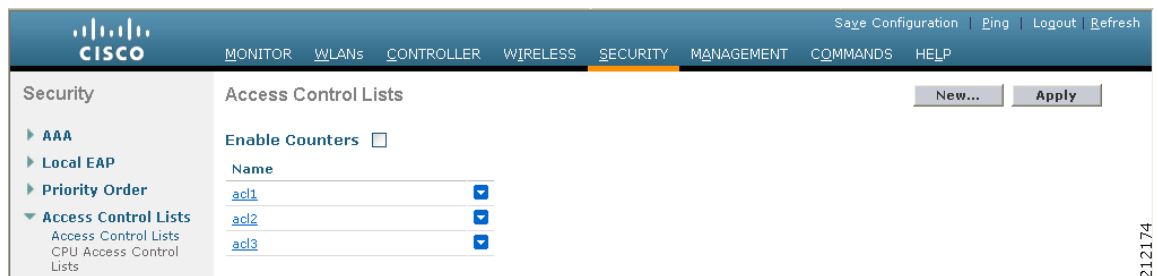
You can configure and apply ACLs through either the GUI or the CLI.

## Using the GUI to Configure Access Control Lists

Follow these steps to configure ACLs using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > Access Control Lists > Access Control Lists** to open the Access Control Lists page (see [Figure 5-30](#)).

**Figure 5-30 Access Control Lists Page**



This page lists all of the ACLs that have been configured for this controller.



**Note** If you want to delete an existing ACL, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that ACL and choose **Remove**.

- Step 2** If you want to see if packets are hitting any of the ACLs configured on your controller, check the **Enable Counters** check box and click **Apply**. Otherwise, leave the check box unchecked, which is the default value. This feature is useful when troubleshooting your system.



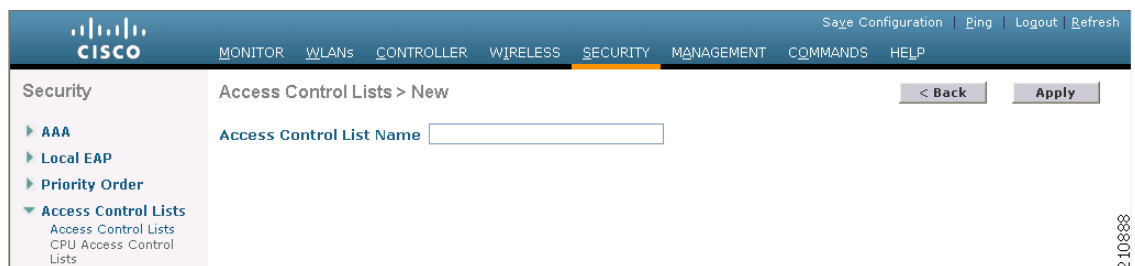
**Note** If you want to clear the counters for an ACL, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that ACL and choose **Clear Counters**.



**Note** ACL counters are available only on the following controllers: 5500 series, 4400 series, Cisco WiSM, and Catalyst 3750G Integrated Wireless LAN Controller Switch.

- Step 3** To add a new ACL, click **New**. The Access Control Lists > New page appears (see [Figure 5-31](#)).

**Figure 5-31 Access Control Lists > New Page**



- Step 4** In the Access Control List Name field, enter a name for the new ACL. You can enter up to 32 alphanumeric characters.
- Step 5** Click **Apply**. When the Access Control Lists page reappears, click the name of the new ACL.
- Step 6** When the Access Control Lists > Edit page appears, click **Add New Rule**. The Access Control Lists > Rules > New page appears (see [Figure 5-32](#)).

**Figure 5-32** Access Control Lists > Rules > New Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Save Configuration', 'Ping', 'Logout', and 'Refresh'. The main navigation menu on the left includes 'Security', 'AAA', 'Local EAP', 'Priority Order', and 'Access Control Lists'. The 'Access Control Lists' section is expanded, showing 'Access Control Lists', 'CPU Access Control Lists', and 'Lists'. The main content area is titled 'Access Control Lists > Rules > New' and contains the following fields:

- Sequence:
- Source:
- Destination:
- Protocol:
- DSCP:
- Direction:
- Action:

Buttons for '< Back' and 'Apply' are located at the top right of the form.

- Step 7** Follow these steps to configure a rule for this ACL:
- The controller supports up to 64 rules for each ACL. These rules are listed in order from 1 to 64. In the Sequence field, enter a value (between 1 and 64) to determine the order of this rule in relation to any other rules defined for this ACL.



**Note**

If rules 1 through 4 are already defined and you add rule 29, it is added as rule 5. If you add or change a sequence number for a rule, the sequence numbers for other rules adjust to maintain a contiguous sequence. For instance, if you change a rule's sequence number from 7 to 5, the rules with sequence numbers 5 and 6 are automatically reassigned as 6 and 7, respectively.

- From the Source drop-down box, choose one of these options to specify the source of the packets to which this ACL applies:
  - Any**—Any source (This is the default value.)
  - IP Address**—A specific source. If you choose this option, enter the IP address and netmask of the source in the edit boxes.
- From the Destination drop-down box, choose one of these options to specify the destination of the packets to which this ACL applies:
  - Any**—Any destination (This is the default value.)
  - IP Address**—A specific destination. If you choose this option, enter the IP address and netmask of the destination in the edit boxes.

- d. From the Protocol drop-down box, choose the protocol ID of the IP packets to be used for this ACL. These are the protocol options:
- **Any**—Any protocol (This is the default value.)
  - **TCP**—Transmission Control Protocol
  - **UDP**—User Datagram Protocol
  - **ICMP**—Internet Control Message Protocol
  - **ESP**—IP Encapsulating Security Payload
  - **AH**—Authentication Header
  - **GRE**—Generic Routing Encapsulation
  - **IP in IP**—Internet Protocol (IP) in IP. Permits or denies IP-in-IP packets.
  - **Eth Over IP**—Ethernet-over-Internet Protocol
  - **OSPF**—Open Shortest Path First
  - **Other**—Any other Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) protocol

**Note**

If you choose **Other**, enter the number of the desired protocol in the Protocol edit box. You can find the list of available protocols and their corresponding numbers here: <http://www.iana.org/assignments/protocol-numbers/protocol-numbers.xml>

**Note**

The controller can permit or deny only IP packets in an ACL. Other types of packets (such as ARP packets) cannot be specified.

- e. If you chose TCP or UDP in the previous step, two additional parameters appear: Source Port and Destination Port. These parameters enable you to choose a specific source port and destination port or port ranges. The port options are used by applications that send and receive data to and from the networking stack. Some ports are designated for certain applications such as telnet, ssh, http, and so on.
- f. From the DSCP drop-down box, choose one of these options to specify the differentiated services code point (DSCP) value of this ACL. DSCP is an IP header field that can be used to define the quality of service across the Internet.
- **Any**—Any DSCP (This is the default value.)
  - **Specific**—A specific DSCP from 0 to 63, which you enter in the DSCP edit box
- g. From the Direction drop-down box, choose one of these options to specify the direction of the traffic to which this ACL applies:
- **Any**—Any direction (This is the default value.)
  - **Inbound**—From the client
  - **Outbound**—To the client

**Note**

If you are planning to apply this ACL to the controller CPU, choose **Any** or **Inbound** because a CPU ACL applies only to packets that are sent to the CPU, not packets from the CPU.

- h. From the Action drop-down box, choose **Deny** to cause this ACL to block packets or **Permit** to cause this ACL to allow packets. The default value is Deny.
- i. Click **Apply** to commit your changes. The Access Control Lists > Edit page reappears, showing the rules for this ACL. See [Figure 5-33](#).

**Figure 5-33** Access Control Lists > Edit Page

| Seq | Action | Source IP/Mask                    | Destination IP/Mask               | Protocol | Source Port | Dest Port | DSCP | Direction | Number of Hits |
|-----|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|------|-----------|----------------|
| 1   | Permit | 209.165.200.225 / 209.165.200.225 | 255.255.255.224 / 255.255.255.224 | 255      | HTTP        | HTTP      | Any  | Any       | 0              |
| 2   | Permit | 209.165.200.225 / 209.165.200.225 | 255.255.255.224 / 255.255.255.224 | ICMP     | Any         | Any       | Any  | Any       | 0              |
| 3   | Permit | 209.165.200.225 / 209.165.200.225 | 255.255.255.224 / 255.255.255.224 | TCP      | HTTPS       | HTTPS     | Any  | Any       | 0              |
| 4   | Deny   | 209.165.200.225 / 209.165.200.225 | 255.255.255.224 / 255.255.255.224 | IP in IP | Any         | Any       | Any  | Any       | 0              |

The Deny Counters field shows the number of times that packets have matched the explicit deny ACL rule. The Number of Hits field shows the number of times that packets have matched an ACL rule. You must enable ACL counters on the Access Control Lists page to enable these fields.



**Note**

If you want to edit a rule, click the sequence number of the desired rule to open the Access Control Lists > Rules > Edit page. If you ever want to delete a rule, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for the desired rule and choose **Remove**.

- j. Repeat this procedure to add any additional rules for this ACL.

**Step 8** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

**Step 9** Repeat this procedure to add any additional ACLs.

## Using the GUI to Apply Access Control Lists

Follow the instructions in these sections to apply ACLs using the controller GUI:

- [Applying an Access Control List to an Interface, page 5-62](#)
- [Applying an Access Control List to the Controller CPU, page 5-64](#)
- [Applying an Access Control List to a WLAN, page 5-64](#)
- [Applying a Preauthentication Access Control List to a WLAN, page 5-65](#)

**Note**

If you apply an ACL to an interface or a WLAN, wireless throughput is degraded when downloading from a 1-Gbps file server. To improve throughput, remove the ACL from the interface or WLAN, move the ACL to a neighboring wired device with a policy rate-limiting restriction, or connect the file server using 100 Mbps rather than 1 Gbps.

## Applying an Access Control List to an Interface

Follow these steps to apply an ACL to a management, AP-manager, or dynamic interface using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **Controller > Interfaces**.
- Step 2** Click the name of the desired interface. The Interfaces > Edit page for that interface appears (see [Figure 5-34](#)).

**Figure 5-34** *Interfaces > Edit Page*

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller GUI. The top navigation bar includes links for Save Configuration, Ping, Logout, and Refresh. The main menu on the left lists various configuration areas: General, Inventory, Interfaces, Multicast, Network Routes, Internal DHCP Server, Mobility Management, Ports, NTP, CDP, and Advanced. The 'Interfaces > Edit' page is displayed for 'vlan 101'. The page contains several sections: General Information (Interface Name: vlan 101, MAC Address: 00:0b:85:40:90:c0), Configuration (Guest Lan, Quarantine, Quarantine Vlan Id), Physical Information (Port Number, Backup Port, Active Port, Enable Dynamic AP Management), Interface Address (VLAN Identifier: 101), DHCP Information (Primary DHCP Server, Secondary DHCP Server), and Access Control List (ACL Name: none). A note at the bottom states: 'Note: Changing the Interface parameters causes the WLANs to be temporarily disabled and thus may result in loss of connectivity for some clients.'

- Step 3** Choose the desired ACL from the ACL Name drop-down box and click **Apply**. None is the default value.

**Note**

See the *Configuring Ports and Interfaces* chapter for more information on configuring controller interfaces.

**Step 4** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

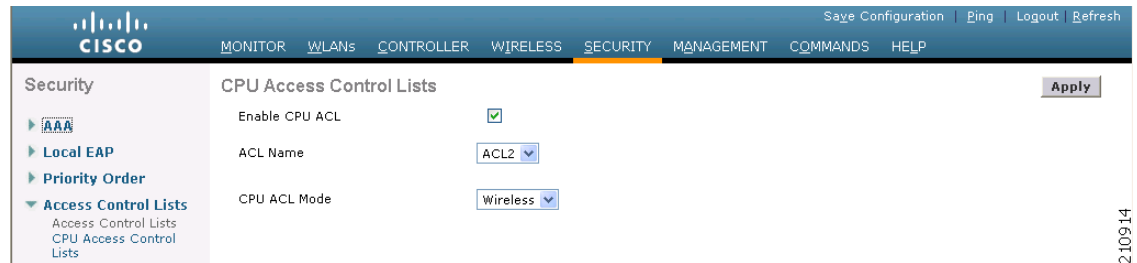
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## Applying an Access Control List to the Controller CPU

Follow these steps to apply an ACL to the controller CPU to control traffic to the CPU using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > Access Control Lists > CPU Access Control Lists**. The CPU Access Control Lists page appears (see [Figure 5-35](#)).

**Figure 5-35 CPU Access Control Lists Page**



- Step 2** Check the **Enable CPU ACL** check box to enable a designated ACL to control the traffic to the controller CPU or uncheck the check box to disable the CPU ACL feature and remove any ACL that had been applied to the CPU. The default value is unchecked.
- Step 3** From the ACL Name drop-down box, choose the ACL that will control the traffic to the controller CPU. None is the default value when the CPU ACL feature is disabled. If you choose None while the CPU ACL Enable check box is checked, an error message appears indicating that you must choose an ACL.



**Note** This parameter is available only if you checked the CPU ACL Enable check box.

- Step 4** From the CPU ACL Mode drop-down box, choose the type of traffic (wired, wireless, or both) that will be restricted from reaching the controller CPU. Wired is the default value.



**Note** This parameter is available only if you checked the CPU ACL Enable check box.

- Step 5** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 6** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Applying an Access Control List to a WLAN

Follow these steps to apply an ACL to a WLAN using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **WLANs** to open the WLANs page.
- Step 2** Click the ID number of the desired WLAN to open the WLANs > Edit page.
- Step 3** Choose the **Advanced** tab to open the WLANs > Edit (Advanced) page (see [Figure 5-36](#)).



**Figure 5-36** *WLANs > Edit (Advanced) Page*

The screenshot shows the 'WLANs > Edit (Advanced) Page' in the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller GUI. The page is divided into several sections with configuration options:

- General:** Allow AAA Override (checkbox), Coverage Hole Detection (checkbox), Enable Session Timeout (checkbox), Session Timeout (secs) (input: 1800), Aironet IE (checkbox), Diagnostic Channel (checkbox), IPv6 Enable (checkbox), Override Interface ACL (dropdown: None), P2P Blocking Action (dropdown: Disabled), Client Exclusion (checkbox), Client Exclusion Timeout Value (secs) (input: 60).
- H-REAP:** H-REAP Local Switching (checkbox), Learn Client IP Address (checkbox).
- DHCP:** DHCP Server (checkbox), DHCP Addr. Assignment (checkbox), Required (checkbox).
- Management Frame Protection (MFP):** Infrastructure MFP Protection (checkbox), MFP Client Protection (checkbox), MFP Client Protection (dropdown: Optional).
- DTIM Period (in beacon intervals):** 802.11a/n (1 - 255) (input: 1), 802.11b/g/n (1 - 255) (input: 1).
- NAC:** State (checkbox), Enabled (checkbox).

- Step 4** From the Override Interface ACL drop-down box, choose the ACL that you want to apply to this WLAN. The ACL that you choose overrides any ACL that is configured for the interface. None is the default value.



**Note** See the Configuring WLANs chapter for more information on configuring WLANs.

- Step 5** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 6** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Applying a Preauthentication Access Control List to a WLAN

Follow these steps to apply a preauthentication ACL to a WLAN using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **WLANs** to open the WLANs page.
- Step 2** Click the ID number of the desired WLAN to open the WLANs > Edit page.
- Step 3** Choose the **Security** and **Layer 3** tabs to open the WLANs > Edit (Security > Layer 3) page (see [Figure 5-37](#)).

**Figure 5-37** *WLANs > Edit (Security > Layer 3) Page*

The screenshot shows the 'WLANs > Edit (Security > Layer 3) Page' in the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller GUI. The page is divided into several sections with configuration options:

- Layer 3 Security:** Layer 3 Security (dropdown: None), Web Policy (checkbox), Authentication (radio), Passthrough (radio), Conditional Web Redirect (radio), Preauthentication ACL (dropdown: None), Over-ride Global Config (checkbox).

**Step 4** Check the **Web Policy** check box.

**Step 5** From the Preauthentication ACL drop-down box, choose the desired ACL and click **Apply**. None is the default value.



**Note** See the *Configuring WLANs* chapter for more information on configuring WLANs.

**Step 6** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Using the CLI to Configure Access Control Lists

Follow these steps to configure ACLs using the controller CLI.

**Step 1** To see all of the ACLs that are configured on the controller, enter this command:

**show acl summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

|             |        |         |
|-------------|--------|---------|
| ACL Counter | Status | Enabled |
| -----       |        |         |
| ACL Name    |        | Applied |
| -----       |        |         |
| acl1        |        | Yes     |
| acl2        |        | Yes     |
| acl3        |        | Yes     |

**Step 2** To see detailed information for a particular ACL, enter this command:

**show acl detailed *acl\_name***

Information similar to the following appears:

|       |     | Source             | Destination        |      | Source Port | Dest Port |      |        |         |  |
|-------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|------|-------------|-----------|------|--------|---------|--|
| I     | Dir | IP Address/Netmask | IP Address/Netmask | Prot | Range       | Range     | DSCP | Action | Counter |  |
| ----- |     |                    |                    |      |             |           |      |        |         |  |
| 1     | Any | 0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0    | 0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0    | Any  | 0-65535     | 0-65535   | 0    | Deny   | 0       |  |
| 2     | In  | 0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0    | 200.200.200.0/     | 6    | 80-80       | 0-65535   | Any  | Permit | 0       |  |
|       |     |                    | 255.255.255.0      |      |             |           |      |        |         |  |

DenyCounter : 0

The Counter field increments each time a packet matches an ACL rule, and the DenyCounter field increments each time a packet does not match any of the rules.

**Step 3** To enable or disable ACL counters for your controller, enter this command:

**config acl counter {start | stop}**



**Note** If you want to clear the current counters for an ACL, enter this command:  
**clear acl counters *acl\_name***



**Note** ACL counters are available only on the following controllers: 5500 series, 4400 series, Cisco WiSM, and Catalyst 3750G Integrated Wireless LAN Controller Switch.

**Step 4** To add a new ACL, enter this command:

```
config acl create acl_name
```

You can enter up to 32 alphanumeric characters for the *acl\_name* parameter.

**Step 5** To add a rule for an ACL, enter this command:

```
config acl rule add acl_name rule_index
```

**Step 6** To configure an ACL rule, enter this command:

```
config acl rule {
 action acl_name rule_index {permit | deny} |
 change index acl_name old_index new_index |
 destination address acl_name rule_index ip_address netmask |
 destination port range acl_name rule_index start_port end_port |
 direction acl_name rule_index {in | out | any} |
 dscp acl_name rule_index dscp |
 protocol acl_name rule_index protocol |
 source address acl_name rule_index ip_address netmask |
 source port range acl_name rule_index start_port end_port |
 swap index acl_name index_1 index_2}
}
```

Refer to [Step 7](#) of the “Using the GUI to Configure Access Control Lists” section on page 5-58 for explanations of the rule parameters.

**Step 7** To save your settings, enter this command:

```
save config
```



**Note** To delete an ACL, enter **config acl delete** *acl\_name*. To delete an ACL rule, enter **config acl rule delete** *acl\_name rule\_index*.

## Using the CLI to Apply Access Control Lists

Follow these steps to apply ACLs using the controller CLI.

### Step 1 Perform any of the following:

- To apply an ACL to a management, AP-manager, or dynamic interface, enter this command:

```
config interface acl { management | ap-manager | dynamic_interface_name } acl_name
```



**Note** To see the ACL that is applied to an interface, enter **show interface detailed** { **management** | **ap-manager** | *dynamic\_interface\_name* }. To remove an ACL that is applied to an interface, enter **config interface acl** { **management** | **ap-manager** | *dynamic\_interface\_name* } **none**.

See the *Configuring Ports and Interfaces* chapter for more information on configuring controller interfaces.

- To apply an ACL to the data path, enter this command:

```
config acl apply acl_name
```

- To apply an ACL to the controller CPU to restrict the type of traffic (wired, wireless, or both) reaching the CPU, enter this command:

```
config acl cpu acl_name { wired | wireless | both }
```



**Note** To see the ACL that is applied to the controller CPU, enter **show acl cpu**. To remove the ACL that is applied to the controller CPU, enter **config acl cpu none**.

- To apply an ACL to a WLAN, enter this command:

```
config wlan acl wlan_id acl_name
```



**Note** To see the ACL that is applied to a WLAN, enter **show wlan** *wlan\_id*. To remove the ACL that is applied to a WLAN, enter **config wlan acl** *wlan\_id* **none**.

- To apply a preauthentication ACL to a WLAN, enter this command:

```
config wlan security web-auth acl wlan_id acl_name
```

See the *Configuring WLANs* chapter for more information on configuring WLANs.

### Step 2 To save your settings, enter this command:

```
save config
```

# Configuring Management Frame Protection

Management frame protection (MFP) provides security for the otherwise unprotected and unencrypted 802.11 management messages passed between access points and clients. MFP provides both infrastructure and client support. Controller software release 4.1 or later supports both infrastructure and client MFP while controller software release 4.0 supports only infrastructure MFP.

- **Infrastructure MFP**—Protects management frames by detecting adversaries that are invoking denial-of-service attacks, flooding the network with associations and probes, interjecting as rogue access points, and affecting network performance by attacking the QoS and radio measurement frames. It also provides a quick and effective means to detect and report phishing incidents.

Specifically, infrastructure MFP protects 802.11 session management functions by adding message integrity check information elements (MIC IEs) to the management frames emitted by access points (and not those emitted by clients), which are then validated by other access points in the network. Infrastructure MFP is passive. It can detect and report intrusions but has no means to stop them.

- **Client MFP**—Shields authenticated clients from spoofed frames, preventing many of the common attacks against wireless LANs from becoming effective. Most attacks, such as deauthentication attacks, revert to simply degrading performance by contending with valid clients.

Specifically, client MFP encrypts management frames sent between access points and CCXv5 clients so that both the access points and clients can take preventative action by dropping spoofed class 3 management frames (that is, management frames passed between an access point and a client that is authenticated and associated). Client MFP leverages the security mechanisms defined by IEEE 802.11i to protect the following types of class 3 unicast management frames: disassociation, deauthentication, and QoS (WMM) action. Client MFP protects a client-access point session from the most common type of denial-of-service attack. It protects class 3 management frames by using the same encryption method used for the session's data frames. If a frame received by the access point or client fails decryption, it is dropped, and the event is reported to the controller.

To use client MFP, clients must support CCXv5 MFP and must negotiate WPA2 using either TKIP or AES-CCMP. EAP or PSK may be used to obtain the PMK. CCKM and controller mobility management are used to distribute session keys between access points for Layer 2 and Layer 3 fast roaming.

**Note**

To prevent attacks using broadcast frames, access points supporting CCXv5 will not emit any broadcast class 3 management frames (such as disassociation, deauthentication, or action). CCXv5 clients and access points must discard broadcast class 3 management frames.

Client MFP supplements infrastructure MFP rather than replaces it because infrastructure MFP continues to detect and report invalid unicast frames sent to clients that are not client-MFP capable as well as invalid class 1 and 2 management frames. Infrastructure MFP is applied only to management frames that are not protected by client MFP.

Infrastructure MFP consists of three main components:

- **Management frame protection**—The access point protects the management frames it transmits by adding a MIC IE to each frame. Any attempt to copy, alter, or replay the frame invalidates the MIC, causing any receiving access point configured to detect MFP frames to report the discrepancy.
- **Management frame validation**—In infrastructure MFP, the access point validates every management frame that it receives from other access points in the network. It ensures that the MIC IE is present (when the originator is configured to transmit MFP frames) and matches the content of the management frame. If it receives any frame that does not contain a valid MIC IE from a BSSID belonging to an access point that is configured to transmit MFP frames, it reports the discrepancy to the network management system. In order for the timestamps to operate properly, all controllers must be Network Transfer Protocol (NTP) synchronized.
- **Event reporting**—The access point notifies the controller when it detects an anomaly, and the controller aggregates the received anomaly events and can report the results through SNMP traps to the network management system.



**Note**

Error reports generated on a hybrid-REAP access point in stand-alone mode cannot be forwarded to the controller and are dropped.



**Note**

Client MFP uses the same event reporting mechanisms as infrastructure MFP.

Infrastructure MFP is enabled by default and can be disabled globally. When you upgrade from a previous software release, infrastructure MFP is disabled globally if access point authentication is enabled because the two features are mutually exclusive. Once infrastructure MFP is enabled globally, signature generation (adding MICs to outbound frames) can be disabled for selected WLANs, and validation can be disabled for selected access points.

Client MFP is enabled by default on WLANs that are configured for WPA2. It can be disabled, or it can be made mandatory (in which case only clients that negotiate MFP are allowed to associate) on selected WLANs.

You can configure MFP through either the GUI or the CLI.

## Guidelines for Using MFP

Follow these guidelines for using MFP:

- MFP is supported for use with Cisco Aironet lightweight access points.
- Lightweight access points support infrastructure MFP in local and monitor modes and in hybrid-REAP mode when the access point is connected to a controller. They support Client MFP in local, hybrid-REAP, and bridge modes.
- Client MFP is supported for use only with CCXv5 clients using WPA2 with TKIP or AES-CCMP.
- Non-CCXv5 clients may associate to a WLAN if client MFP is disabled or optional.

## Using the GUI to Configure MFP

Follow these steps to configure MFP using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > Wireless Protection Policies > AP Authentication/MFP**. The AP Authentication Policy page appears (see [Figure 5-38](#)).

**Figure 5-38** *AP Authentication Policy Page*

The screenshot shows the Cisco GUI for configuring the AP Authentication Policy. The left sidebar has a tree view with categories like AAA, Local EAP, Priority Order, Access Control Lists, and Wireless Protection Policies. Under Wireless Protection Policies, 'AP Authentication / MFP' is selected. The main panel is titled 'AP Authentication Policy' and shows fields for 'RF-Network Name' (VoWLAN), 'Protection Type' (AP Authentication), and 'Alarm Trigger Threshold' (1). A note at the bottom reads: 'In case of multi-controller environment, please enable NTP on all controllers.' An 'Apply' button is in the top right.

- Step 2** To enable infrastructure MFP globally for the controller, choose **Management Frame Protection** from the Protection Type drop-down box.

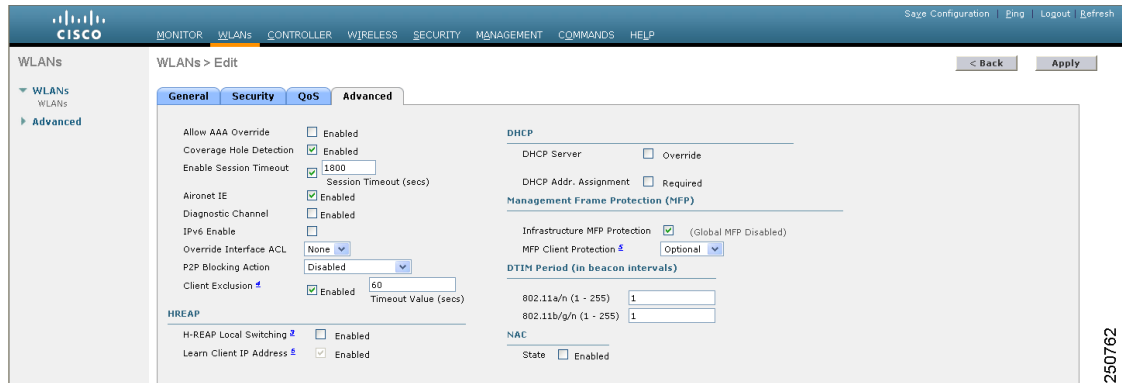
- Step 3** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.



**Note** If more than one controller is included in the mobility group, you must configure a Network Time Protocol (NTP) server on all controllers in the mobility group that are configured for infrastructure MFP.

- Step 4** Follow these steps if you want to disable or re-enable infrastructure MFP for a particular WLAN after MFP has been enabled globally for the controller:
- Choose **WLANs**.
  - Click the profile name of the desired WLAN. The WLANs > Edit page appears.
  - Choose **Advanced**. The WLANs > Edit (Advanced) page appears (see [Figure 5-39](#)).

Figure 5-39 WLANs &gt; Edit (Advanced) Page



- d. Uncheck the **Infrastructure MFP Protection** check box to disable MFP for this WLAN or check this check box to enable infrastructure MFP for this WLAN. The default value is enabled. If global MFP is disabled, a note appears in parentheses to the right of the check box.
- e. Choose **Disabled**, **Optional**, or **Required** from the MFP Client Protection drop-down box. The default value is Optional. If you choose Required, clients are allowed to associate only if MFP is negotiated (that is, if WPA2 is configured on the controller and the client supports CCXv5 MFP and is also configured for WPA2).
- f. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

**Step 5** Follow these steps if you want to disable or re-enable infrastructure MFP validation for a particular access point after infrastructure MFP has been enabled globally for the controller:

- a. Choose **Wireless > Access Points > All APs** to open the All APs page.
- b. Click the name of the desired access point.
- c. Choose the **Advanced** tab. The All APs > Details for (Advanced) page appears.
- d. Uncheck the **MFP Frame Validation** check box to disable MFP for this access point or check this check box to enable MFP for this access point. The default value is enabled. If global MFP is disabled, a note appears in parentheses to the right of the check box.
- e. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

**Step 6** Click **Save Configuration** to save your settings.

## Using the GUI to View MFP Settings

To see the controller's current global MFP settings, choose **Security > Wireless Protection Policies > Management Frame Protection**. The Management Frame Protection Settings page appears (see Figure 5-40).



**Figure 5-40 Management Frame Protection Settings Page**

The screenshot shows the Cisco Management Frame Protection Settings page. The sidebar on the left contains the following navigation links: AAA, RADIUS, TACACS+, Local EAP, and Priority Order. The main content area displays the 'Management Frame Protection Settings' section. The 'Management Frame Protection' status is 'Enabled'. The 'Controller Time Source Valid' status is 'False'. Below this, there are two tables. The first table shows WLAN settings for WLAN-ID 1, with WLAN Name 'default', WLAN Status 'Enabled', Infrastructure Protection 'Enabled', and Client Protection 'Optional'. The second table shows AP settings for two APs, 'devesh-AP1010', with Infrastructure Validation 'Enabled', Radio 'a' and 'b/g', Operational Status 'Up', and Infrastructure Protection Capability 'Full'.

On this page, you can see the following MFP settings:

- The Management Frame Protection field shows if infrastructure MFP is enabled globally for the controller.
- The Controller Time Source Valid field indicates whether the controller time is set locally (by manually entering the time) or through an external source (such as NTP server). If the time is set by an external source, the value of this field is “True.” If the time is set locally, the value is “False.” The time source is used for validating the timestamp on management frames between access points of different controllers within a mobility group.
- The Infrastructure Protection field shows if infrastructure MFP is enabled for individual WLANs.
- The Client Protection field shows if client MFP is enabled for individual WLANs and whether it is optional or required.
- The Infrastructure Validation field shows if infrastructure MFP is enabled for individual access points.

## Using the CLI to Configure MFP

Use these commands to configure MFP using the controller CLI.

1. To enable or disable infrastructure MFP globally for the controller, enter this command:  
**config wps mfp infrastructure {enable | disable}**
2. To enable or disable infrastructure MFP signature generation on a WLAN, enter this command:  
**config wlan mfp infrastructure protection {enable | disable} wlan\_id**



**Note** Signature generation is activated only if infrastructure MFP is globally enabled.

3. To enable or disable infrastructure MFP validation on an access point, enter this command:  
**config ap mfp infrastructure validation {enable | disable} Cisco\_AP**



**Note** MFP validation is activated only if infrastructure MFP is globally enabled.

- To enable or disable client MFP on a specific WLAN, enter this command:

```
config wlan mfp client {enable | disable} wlan_id [required]
```

If you enable client MFP and use the optional **required** parameter, clients are allowed to associate only if MFP is negotiated.

## Using the CLI to View MFP Settings

Use these commands to view MFP settings using the controller CLI.

- To see the controller's current MFP settings, enter this command:

```
show wps mfp summary
```

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Global Infrastructure MFP state.... Enabled
Controller Time Source Valid..... False
```

| WLAN ID | WLAN Name | WLAN Status | Infra. Protection | Client Protection                           |
|---------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1       | test1     | Enabled     | Disabled          | Disabled                                    |
| 2       | open      | Enabled     | Enabled           | Required                                    |
| 3       | testpsk   | Enabled     | *Enabled          | Optional but inactive (WPA2 not configured) |

| AP Name | Infra. Validation | Radio | Operational State | --Infra. Capability--<br>Protection Validation |      |
|---------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|------|
| mapAP   | Disabled          | a     | Up                | Full                                           | Full |
|         |                   | b/g   | Up                | Full                                           | Full |
| rootAP2 | Enabled           | a     | Up                | Full                                           | Full |
|         |                   | b/g   | Up                | Full                                           | Full |
| HReap   | *Enabled          | b/g   | Up                | Full                                           | Full |
|         |                   | a     | Down              | Full                                           | Full |

- To see the current MFP configuration for a particular WLAN, enter this command:

```
show wlan wlan_id
```

Information similar to the following appears:

```
WLAN Identifier..... 1
Profile Name..... test1
Network Name (SSID)..... test1
Status..... Enabled
MAC Filtering..... Disabled
Broadcast SSID..... Enabled
...
Local EAP Authentication..... Enabled (Profile 'test')
Diagnostics Channel..... Disabled
Security

802.11 Authentication:..... Open System
Static WEP Keys..... Disabled
802.1X..... Enabled
Encryption:..... 104-bit WEP
Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA/WPA2)..... Disabled
CKIP Disabled
IP Security..... Disabled
IP Security Passthru..... Disabled
Web Based Authentication..... Disabled
Web-Passthrough..... Disabled
```

```

Conditional Web Redirect..... Disabled
Auto Anchor..... Enabled
H-REAP Local Switching..... Disabled
Infrastructure MFP protection..... Enabled
Client MFP..... Required
...

```

3. To see the current MFP configuration for a particular access point, enter this command:

**show ap config general** *AP\_name*

Information similar to the following appears:

```

Cisco AP Identifier..... 0
Cisco AP Name..... ap:52:c5:c0
AP Regulatory Domain..... 80211bg: -N 80211a: -N
Switch Port Number 1
MAC Address..... 00:0b:85:52:c5:c0
IP Address Configuration..... Static IP assigned
IP Address..... 10.67.73.33
IP NetMask..... 255.255.255.192
...
AP Mode Local
Remote AP Debug Disabled
S/W Version 4.0.2.0
Boot Version 2.1.78.0
Mini IOS Version --
Stats Reporting Period 180
LED State..... Enabled
ILP Pre Standard Switch..... Disabled
ILP Power Injector..... Disabled
Number Of Slots..... 2
AP Model..... AP1020
AP Serial Number..... WCN09260057
AP Certificate Type..... Manufacture Installed
Management Frame Protection Validation Enabled

```

4. To see whether client MFP is enabled for a specific client, enter this command:

**show client detail** *client\_mac*

```

Client MAC Address..... 00:14:1c:ed:34:72
...
Policy Type..... WPA2
Authentication Key Management..... PSK
Encryption Cipher..... CCMP (AES)
Management Frame Protection..... Yes
...

```

5. To see MFP statistics for the controller, enter this command:

**show wps mfp statistics**

Information similar to the following appears:



**Note**

This report contains no data unless an active attack is in progress. Examples of various error types are shown for illustration only. This table is cleared every 5 minutes when the data is forwarded to any network management stations.

| BSSID             | Radio | Validator   | AP                | Last Source Addr | Found          | Error | Type                             | Count | Frame Types |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 00:0b:85:56:c1:a0 | a     | jatwo-1000b | 00:01:02:03:04:05 | Infra            | Invalid MIC    | 183   | Assoc Req<br>Probe Req<br>Beacon |       |             |
|                   |       |             |                   | Infra            | Out of seq     | 4     | Assoc Req                        |       |             |
|                   |       |             |                   | Infra            | Unexpected MIC | 85    | Reassoc Req                      |       |             |
|                   |       |             |                   | Client           | Decrypt err    | 1974  | Reassoc Req<br>Disassoc          |       |             |
|                   |       |             |                   | Client           | Replay err     | 74    | Assoc Req<br>Probe Req<br>Beacon |       |             |
|                   |       |             |                   | Client           | Invalid ICV    | 174   | Reassoc Req<br>Disassoc          |       |             |
|                   |       |             |                   | Client           | Invalid header | 174   | Assoc Req<br>Probe Req<br>Beacon |       |             |
|                   |       |             |                   | Client           | Brdcst disass  | 174   | Reassoc Req<br>Disassoc          |       |             |
| 00:0b:85:56:c1:a0 | b/g   | jatwo-1000b | 00:01:02:03:04:05 | Infra            | Out of seq     | 185   | Reassoc Resp                     |       |             |
|                   |       |             |                   | Client           | Not encrypted  | 174   | Assoc Resp<br>Probe Resp         |       |             |

## Using the CLI to Debug MFP Issues

Use these commands if you experience any problems with MFP:

- debug wps mfp ? {enable | disable}**

where ? is one of the following:

**client**—Configures debugging for client MFP messages.

**capwap**—Configures debugging for MFP messages between the controller and access points.

**detail**—Configures detailed debugging for MFP messages.

**report**—Configures debugging for MFP reporting.

**mm**—Configures debugging for MFP mobility (inter-controller) messages.

## Configuring Client Exclusion Policies

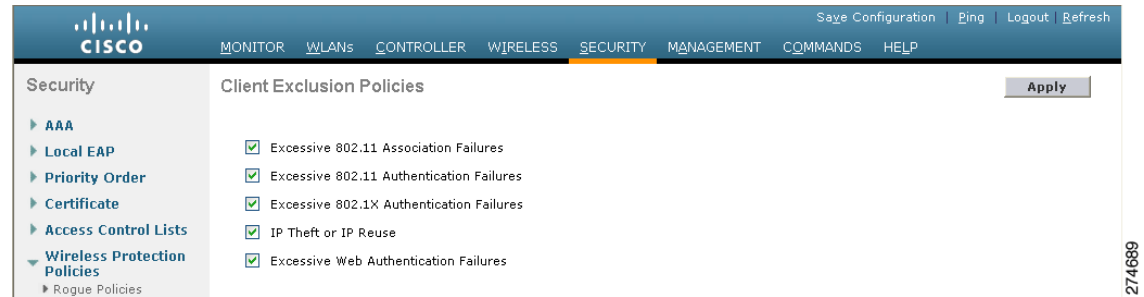
This section explains how to configure the controller to exclude clients under certain conditions using the controller GUI or CLI.

## Using the GUI to Configure Client Exclusion Policies

Using the controller GUI, follow these steps to configure client exclusion policies.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > Wireless Protection Policies > Client Exclusion Policies** to open the Client Exclusion Policies page (see [Figure 5-41](#)).

Figure 5-41 Client Exclusion Policies Page



- Step 2** Check any of these check boxes if you want the controller to exclude clients for the condition specified. The default value for each exclusion policy is enabled.
- **Excessive 802.11 Association Failures**—Clients are excluded on the sixth 802.11 association attempt, after five consecutive failures.
  - **Excessive 802.11 Authentication Failures**—Clients are excluded on the sixth 802.11 authentication attempt, after five consecutive failures.
  - **Excessive 802.1X Authentication Failures**—Clients are excluded on the fourth 802.1X authentication attempt, after three consecutive failures.
  - **IP Theft or IP Reuse**—Clients are excluded if the IP address is already assigned to another device.
  - **Excessive Web Authentication Failures**—Clients are excluded on the fourth web authentication attempt, after three consecutive failures.
- Step 3** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 4** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Using the CLI to Configure Client Exclusion Policies

Using the controller CLI, follow these steps to configure client exclusion policies.

- Step 1** To enable or disable the controller to exclude clients on the sixth 802.11 association attempt, after five consecutive failures, enter this command:
- ```
config wps client-exclusion 802.11-assoc {enable | disable}
```
- Step 2** To enable or disable the controller to exclude clients on the sixth 802.11 authentication attempt, after five consecutive failures, enter this command:
- ```
config wps client-exclusion 802.11-auth {enable | disable}
```
- Step 3** To enable or disable the controller to exclude clients on the fourth 802.1X authentication attempt, after three consecutive failures, enter this command:
- ```
config wps client-exclusion 802.1x-auth {enable | disable}
```
- Step 4** To enable or disable the controller to exclude clients if the IP address is already assigned to another device, enter this command:
- ```
config wps client-exclusion ip-theft {enable | disable}
```

**Step 5** To enable or disable the controller to exclude clients on the fourth web authentication attempt, after three consecutive failures, enter this command:

```
config wps client-exclusion web-auth {enable | disable}
```

**Step 6** To enable or disable the controller to exclude clients for all of the above reasons, enter this command:

```
config wps client-exclusion all {enable | disable}
```

**Step 7** To save your changes, enter this command:

```
save config
```

**Step 8** To see the client exclusion policy configuration settings, enter this command:

```
show wps summary
```

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Auto-Immune
 Auto-Immune..... Disabled

Client Exclusion Policy
 Excessive 802.11-association failures..... Enabled
 Excessive 802.11-authentication failures..... Enabled
 Excessive 802.1x-authentication..... Enabled
 IP-theft..... Enabled
 Excessive Web authentication failure..... Enabled

Signature Policy
 Signature Processing..... Enabled
```

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## Configuring Identity Networking

These sections explain the identity networking feature, how it is configured, and the expected behavior for various security policies:

- [Identity Networking Overview, page 5-78](#)
- [RADIUS Attributes Used in Identity Networking, page 5-79](#)
- [Configuring AAA Override, page 5-82](#)

## Identity Networking Overview

In most wireless LAN systems, each WLAN has a static policy that applies to all clients associated with an SSID. Although powerful, this method has limitations because it requires clients to associate with different SSIDs to inherit different QoS and security policies.

However, the Cisco Wireless LAN Solution supports identity networking, which allows the network to advertise a single SSID but allows specific users to inherit different QoS or security policies based on their user profiles. The specific policies that you can control using identity networking include:

- Quality of Service. When present in a RADIUS Access Accept, the [QoS-Level](#) value overrides the QoS value specified in the WLAN profile.
- ACL. When the ACL attribute is present in the RADIUS Access Accept, the system applies the [ACL-Name](#) to the client station after it authenticates. This overrides any ACLs that are assigned to the interface.

- VLAN. When a VLAN **Interface-Name** or **VLAN-Tag** is present in a RADIUS Access Accept, the system places the client on a specific interface.

**Note**

The VLAN feature only supports MAC filtering, 802.1X, and WPA. The VLAN feature does not support web authentication or IPSec.

- Tunnel Attributes.

**Note**

When any of the other RADIUS attributes (QoS-Level, ACL-Name, Interface-Name, or VLAN-Tag), which are described later in this section, are returned, the Tunnel Attributes must also be returned.

The operating system's local MAC filter database has been extended to include the interface name, allowing local MAC filters to specify to which interface the client should be assigned. A separate RADIUS server can also be used, but the RADIUS server must be defined using the Security menus.

## RADIUS Attributes Used in Identity Networking

This section explains the RADIUS attributes used in identity networking.

### QoS-Level

This attribute indicates the Quality of Service level to be applied to the mobile client's traffic within the switching fabric, as well as over the air. This example shows a summary of the QoS-Level Attribute format. The fields are transmitted from left to right.

```

0 1 2 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| Type | Length | Vendor-Id |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| Vendor-Id (cont.) | Vendor type | Vendor length |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| QoS Level |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```

- Type – 26 for Vendor-Specific
- Length – 10
- Vendor-Id – 14179
- Vendor type – 2
- Vendor length – 4
- Value – Three octets:
  - 3 – Bronze (Background)
  - 0 – Silver (Best Effort)
  - 1 – Gold (Video)
  - 2 – Platinum (Voice)

## ACL-Name

This attribute indicates the ACL name to be applied to the client. A summary of the ACL-Name Attribute format is shown below. The fields are transmitted from left to right.

```

0 1 2 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| Type | Length | Vendor-Id |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| Vendor-Id (cont.) | Vendor type | Vendor length |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| ACL Name... |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```

- Type – 26 for Vendor-Specific
- Length – >7
- Vendor-Id – 14179
- Vendor type – 6
- Vendor length – >0
- Value – A string that includes the name of the ACL to use for the client

## Interface-Name

This attribute indicates the VLAN Interface a client is to be associated to. A summary of the Interface-Name Attribute format is shown below. The fields are transmitted from left to right.

```

0 1 2 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| Type | Length | Vendor-Id |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| Vendor-Id (cont.) | Vendor type | Vendor length |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| Interface Name... |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```

- Type – 26 for Vendor-Specific
- Length – >7
- Vendor-Id – 14179
- Vendor type – 5
- Vendor length – >0
- Value – A string that includes the name of the interface the client is to be assigned to.



**Note** This Attribute only works when MAC filtering is enabled or if 802.1X or WPA is used as the security policy.

## VLAN-Tag

This attribute indicates the group ID for a particular tunneled session, and is also known as the Tunnel-Private-Group-ID attribute.



This attribute might be included in the Access-Request packet if the tunnel initiator can predetermine the group resulting from a particular connection and should be included in the Access-Accept packet if this tunnel session is to be treated as belonging to a particular private group. Private groups may be used to associate a tunneled session with a particular group of users. For example, it may be used to facilitate routing of unregistered IP addresses through a particular interface. It should be included in Accounting-Request packets which contain Acct-Status-Type attributes with values of either Start or Stop and which pertain to a tunneled session.

A summary of the Tunnel-Private-Group-ID Attribute format is shown below. The fields are transmitted from left to right.

```

0 1 2 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Type | Length | Tag | String...
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

- Type – 81 for Tunnel-Private-Group-ID.
- Length –  $\geq 3$
- Tag – The Tag field is one octet in length and is intended to provide a means of grouping attributes in the same packet which refer to the same tunnel. If the value of the Tag field is greater than 0x00 and less than or equal to 0x1F, it should be interpreted as indicating which tunnel (of several alternatives) this attribute pertains. If the Tag field is greater than 0x1F, it should be interpreted as the first byte of the following String field.
- String – This field must be present. The group is represented by the String field. There is no restriction on the format of group IDs.

## Tunnel Attributes



### Note

When any of the other RADIUS attributes (QoS-Level, ACL-Name, Interface-Name, or VLAN-Tag) are returned, the Tunnel Attributes must also be returned.

Reference RFC2868 defines RADIUS tunnel attributes used for authentication and authorization, and RFC2867 defines tunnel attributes used for accounting. Where the IEEE 802.1X Authenticator supports tunneling, a compulsory tunnel may be set up for the Supplicant as a result of the authentication.

In particular, it may be desirable to allow a port to be placed into a particular Virtual LAN (VLAN), defined in IEEE802.1Q, based on the result of the authentication. This can be used, for example, to allow a wireless host to remain on the same VLAN as it moves within a campus network.

The RADIUS server typically indicates the desired VLAN by including tunnel attributes within the Access-Accept. However, the IEEE 802.1X Authenticator may also provide a hint as to the VLAN to be assigned to the Supplicant by including Tunnel attributes within the Access-Request.

For use in VLAN assignment, the following tunnel attributes are used:

- Tunnel-Type=VLAN (13)
- Tunnel-Medium-Type=802
- Tunnel-Private-Group-ID=VLANID

Note that the VLANID is 12-bits, taking a value between 1 and 4094, inclusive. Since the Tunnel-Private-Group-ID is of type String as defined in RFC2868, for use with IEEE 802.1X, the VLANID integer value is encoded as a string.

When Tunnel attributes are sent, it is necessary to fill in the Tag field. As noted in RFC2868, section 3.1:

- The Tag field is one octet in length and is intended to provide a means of grouping attributes in the same packet which refer to the same tunnel. Valid values for this field are 0x01 through 0x1F, inclusive. If the Tag field is unused, it must be zero (0x00).
- For use with Tunnel-Client-Endpoint, Tunnel-Server-Endpoint, Tunnel-Private-Group-ID, Tunnel-Assignment-ID, Tunnel-Client-Auth-ID or Tunnel-Server-Auth-ID attributes (but not Tunnel-Type, Tunnel-Medium-Type, Tunnel-Password, or Tunnel-Preference), a tag field of greater than 0x1F is interpreted as the first octet of the following field.
- Unless alternative tunnel types are provided, (e.g. for IEEE 802.1X Authenticators that may support tunneling but not VLANs), it is only necessary for tunnel attributes to specify a single tunnel. As a result, where it is only desired to specify the VLANID, the tag field should be set to zero (0x00) in all tunnel attributes. Where alternative tunnel types are to be provided, tag values between 0x01 and 0x1F should be chosen.

## Configuring AAA Override

The Allow AAA Override option of a WLAN allows you to configure the WLAN for identity networking. It allows you to apply VLAN tagging, QoS, and ACLs to individual clients based on the returned RADIUS attributes from the AAA server.

**Note**

If a client moves to a new interface due to the AAA override and then you apply an ACL to that interface, the ACL does not take effect until the client reauthenticates. To work around this issue, apply the ACL and then enable the WLAN so that all clients connect to the ACL already configured on the interface, or disable and then re-enable the WLAN after you apply the interface so that the clients can reauthenticate.

Most of the configuration for allowing AAA override is done at the RADIUS server, where you should configure the Access Control Server (ACS) with the override properties you would like it to return to the controller (for example, Interface-Name, QoS-Level, and VLAN-Tag).

On the controller, simply enable the Allow AAA Override configuration parameter using the GUI or CLI. Enabling this parameter allows the controller to accept the attributes returned by the RADIUS server. The controller then applies these attributes to its clients.

## Updating the RADIUS Server Dictionary File for Proper QoS Values

If you are using a Steel-Belted RADIUS (SBR), FreeRadius, or similar RADIUS server, clients may not obtain the correct QoS values after the AAA override feature is enabled. For these servers, which allow you to edit the dictionary file, you need to update the file to reflect the proper QoS values: Silver = 0, Gold = 1, Platinum = 2, and Bronze = 3. Follow the steps below to do so.

**Note**

This issue does not apply to the Cisco Secure Access Control Server (ACS).

**Step 1** Stop the SBR service (or other RADIUS service).

**Step 2** Save the following text to the Radius\_Install\_Directory\Service folder as ciscowlan.dct:

```
#####
CiscoWLAN.dct- Cisco Wireless Lan Controllers
#
(See README.DCT for more details on the format of this file)
#####

Dictionary - Cisco WLAN Controllers
#
Start with the standard Radius specification attributes
#
@radius.dct
#
Standard attributes supported by Airespace
#
Define additional vendor specific attributes (VSAs)
#

MACRO Airespace-VSA(t,s) 26 [vid=14179 type1=%t% len1=+2 data=%s%]

ATTRIBUTE WLAN-Id Airespace-VSA(1, integer) cr
ATTRIBUTE Aire-QoS-Level Airespace-VSA(2, integer) r
VALUE Aire-QoS-Level Bronze 3
VALUE Aire-QoS-Level Silver 0
VALUE Aire-QoS-Level Gold 1
VALUE Aire-QoS-Level Platinum 2

ATTRIBUTE DSCP Airespace-VSA(3, integer) r
ATTRIBUTE 802.1P-Tag Airespace-VSA(4, integer) r
ATTRIBUTE Interface-Name Airespace-VSA(5, string) r
ATTRIBUTE ACL-Name Airespace-VSA(6, string) r

This should be last.

#####
CiscoWLAN.dct - Cisco WLC dictionary
#####
```

**Step 3** Open the dictiona.dcm file (in the same directory) and add the line “@ciscowlan.dct.”

**Step 4** Save and close the dictiona.dcm file.

**Step 5** Open the vendor.ini file (in the same directory) and add the following text:

```
vendor-product = Cisco WLAN Controller
dictionary = ciscowlan
ignore-ports = no
port-number-usage = per-port-type
help-id =
```

**Step 6** Save and close the vendor.ini file.

**Step 7** Start the SBR service (or other RADIUS service).

**Step 8** Launch the SBR Administrator (or other RADIUS Administrator).

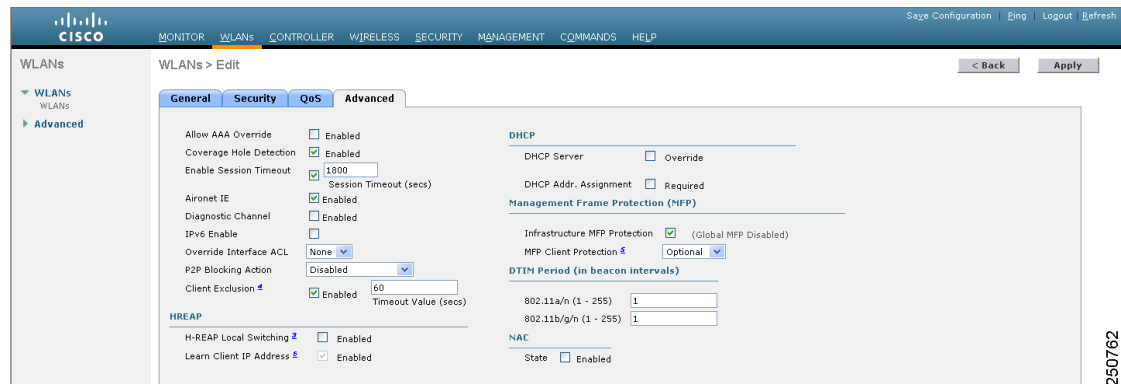
**Step 9** Add a RADIUS client (if not already added). Choose **Cisco WLAN Controller** from the Make/Model drop-down box.

## Using the GUI to Configure AAA Override

Follow these steps to configure AAA override using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **WLANs** to open the WLANs page.
- Step 2** Click the ID number of the WLAN that you want to configure. The **WLANs > Edit** page appears.
- Step 3** Choose the **Advanced** tab to open the **WLANs > Edit (Advanced)** page (see [Figure 5-42](#)).

**Figure 5-42** *WLANs > Edit (Advanced) Page*



- Step 4** Check the **Allow AAA Override** check box to enable AAA override or uncheck it to disable this feature. The default value is disabled.
- Step 5** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 6** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Using the CLI to Configure AAA Override

Use this command to enable or disable AAA override using the controller CLI:

```
config wlan aaa-override {enable | disable} wlan_id
```

For *wlan\_id*, enter an ID from 1 to 16.

# Managing Rogue Devices

This section describes security solutions for rogue devices. A rogue device is an unknown access point or client that is detected by managed access points in your network as not belonging to your system.

## Challenges

Rogue access points can disrupt wireless LAN operations by hijacking legitimate clients and using plain-text or other denial-of-service or man-in-the-middle attacks. That is, a hacker can use a rogue access point to capture sensitive information, such as usernames and passwords. The hacker can then transmit a series of clear-to-send (CTS) frames. This action mimics an access point informing a

particular client to transmit and instructing all others to wait, which results in legitimate clients being unable to access network resources. Therefore, wireless LAN service providers have a strong interest in banning rogue access points from the air space.

Because rogue access points are inexpensive and readily available, employees sometimes plug unauthorized rogue access points into existing LANs and build ad-hoc wireless networks without IT department knowledge or consent. These rogue access points can be a serious breach of network security as they can be plugged into a network port behind the corporate firewall. Because employees generally do not enable any security settings on the rogue access point, it is easy for unauthorized users to use the access point to intercept network traffic and hijack client sessions. Even more alarming, wireless users frequently publish unsecure access point locations, increasing the odds of having enterprise security breached.

## Detecting Rogue Devices

The controller continuously monitors all nearby access points and automatically discovers and collects information on rogue access points and clients. When the controller discovers a rogue access point, it uses the Rogue Location Discovery Protocol (RLDP) to determine if the rogue is attached to your network.

You can configure the controller to use RLDP on all access points or only on access points configured for monitor (listen-only) mode. The latter option facilitates automated rogue access point detection in a crowded RF space, allowing monitoring without creating unnecessary interference and without affecting regular data access point functionality. If you configure the controller to use RLDP on all access points, the controller always chooses the monitor access point for RLDP operation if a monitor access point and a local (data) access point are both nearby. If RLDP determines that the rogue is on your network, you can choose to either manually or automatically contain the detected rogue.

## Classifying Rogue Access Points

Controller software release 5.0 or later improves the classification and reporting of rogue access points through the use of rogue states and user-defined classification rules that enable rogues to automatically move between states. In previous releases, the controller listed all rogue access points on one page sorted by MAC address or BSSID. Now you can create rules that enable the controller to organize and display rogue access points as Friendly, Malicious, or Unclassified.

By default, none of the classification rules are enabled. Therefore, all unknown access points are categorized as Unclassified. When you create a rule, configure conditions for it, and enable the rule, the unclassified access points are reclassified. Whenever you change a rule, it is applied to all access points (friendly, malicious, and unclassified) in the Alert state only.

**Note**

Rule-based rogue classification does not apply to ad-hoc rogues and rogue clients.

**Note**

The 5500 series controllers support up to 2000 rogues (including acknowledged rogues); the 4400 series controllers, Cisco WiSM, and Catalyst 3750G Integrated Wireless LAN Controller Switch support up to 625 rogues; and the 2100 series controllers and Controller Network Module for Integrated Services Routers support up to 125 rogues. Each controller limits the number of rogue containments to three per radio (or six per radio for access points in monitor mode).

When the controller receives a rogue report from one of its managed access points, it responds as follows:

1. The controller verifies that the unknown access point is in the friendly MAC address list. If it is, the controller classifies the access point as Friendly.
2. If the unknown access point is not in the friendly MAC address list, the controller starts applying rogue classification rules.
3. If the rogue is already classified as Malicious, Alert or Friendly, Internal or External, the controller does not reclassify it automatically. If the rogue is classified differently, the controller reclassifies it automatically only if the rogue is in the Alert state.
4. The controller applies the first rule based on priority. If the rogue access point matches the criteria specified by the rule, the controller classifies the rogue according to the classification type configured for the rule.
5. If the rogue access point does not match any of the configured rules, the controller classifies the rogue as Unclassified.
6. The controller repeats the previous steps for all rogue access points.
7. If RLDP determines that the rogue access point is on the network, the controller marks the rogue state as Threat and classifies it as Malicious automatically, even if no rules are configured. You can then manually contain the rogue (unless you have configured RLDP to automatically contain the rogue), which would change the rogue state to Contained. If the rogue access point is not on the network, the controller marks the rogue state as Alert, and you can manually contain the rogue.
8. If desired, you can manually move the access point to a different classification type and rogue state.

Table 5-8 shows the rogue states that can be adopted by a rogue access point in a particular classification type.

**Table 5-8**      *Classification Mapping*

| Rule-Based Classification Type | Rogue States                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friendly                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal—If the unknown access point is inside the network and poses no threat to WLAN security, you would manually configure it as Friendly, Internal. For example, the access points in your lab network.</li> <li>• External—If the unknown access point is outside the network and poses no threat to WLAN security, you would manually configure it as Friendly, External. For example, the access points belonging to a neighboring coffee shop.</li> <li>• Alert—The unknown access point is moved to Alert if it is not in the neighbor list or in the user-configured friendly MAC list.</li> </ul> |
| Malicious                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alert—The unknown access point is moved to Alert if it is not in the neighbor list or in the user-configured friendly MAC list.</li> <li>• Threat—The unknown access point is found to be on the network and poses a threat to WLAN security.</li> <li>• Contained—The unknown access point is contained.</li> <li>• Contained Pending—The unknown access point is marked Contained, but the action is delayed due to unavailable resources.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                      |

**Table 5-8**      **Classification Mapping (continued)**

| Rule-Based Classification Type | Rogue States                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Unclassified                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pending—On first detection, the unknown access point is put in the Pending state for 3 minutes. During this time, the managed access points determine if the unknown access point is a neighbor access point.</li> <li>• Alert—The unknown access point is moved to Alert if it is not in the neighbor list or in the user-configured friendly MAC list.</li> <li>• Contained—The unknown access point is contained.</li> <li>• Contained Pending—The unknown access point is marked Contained, but the action is delayed due to unavailable resources.</li> </ul> |

If you upgrade to controller software release 5.0 or later, the classification and state of the rogue access points are reconfigured as follows:

- From Known to Friendly, Internal.
- From Acknowledged to Friendly, External.
- From Contained to Malicious, Contained.

As mentioned previously, the controller can automatically change the classification type and rogue state of an unknown access point based on user-defined rules, or you can manually move the unknown access point to a different classification type and rogue state. [Table 5-9](#) shows the allowable classification types and rogue states from and to which an unknown access point can be configured.

**Table 5-9**      **Allowable Classification Type and Rogue State Transitions**

| From                                        | To                            |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Friendly (Internal, External, Alert)        | Malicious (Alert)             |
| Friendly (Internal, External, Alert)        | Unclassified (Alert)          |
| Friendly (Alert)                            | Friendly (Internal, External) |
| Malicious (Alert, Threat)                   | Friendly (Internal, External) |
| Malicious (Contained, Contained Pending)    | Malicious (Alert)             |
| Unclassified (Alert, Threat)                | Friendly (Internal, External) |
| Unclassified (Contained, Contained Pending) | Unclassified (Alert)          |
| Unclassified (Alert)                        | Malicious (Alert)             |

If the rogue state is Contained, you have to uncontain the rogue access point before you can change the classification type. If you want to move a rogue access point from Malicious to Unclassified, you must delete the access point and allow the controller to reclassify it.

## WCS Interaction

WCS software release 5.0 or later also supports rule-based classification. WCS uses the classification rules configured on the controller. The controller sends traps to WCS after the following events:

- If an unknown access point moves to Friendly for the first time, the controller sends a trap to WCS only if the rogue state is Alert. It does not send a trap if the rogue state is Internal or External.
- If a rogue entry is removed after the timeout expires, the controller sends a trap to WCS for rogue access points categorized as Malicious (Alert, Threat) or Unclassified (Alert). The controller does not remove rogue entries with the following rogue states: Contained, Contained Pending, Internal, and External.

## Configuring RLDP

You can configure RLDP to automatically detect and contain rogue devices using the controller GUI or CLI.

### Using the GUI to Configure RLDP

Using the controller GUI, follow these steps to configure RLDP.

- Step 1** Make sure that rogue detection is enabled on the desired access points. Rogue detection is enabled by default for all access points joined to the controller (except for OfficeExtend access points). However, in controller software release 6.0, you can enable or disable it for individual access points by checking or unchecking the **Rogue Detection** check box on the All APs > Details for (Advanced) page.



**Note** Rogue detection is disabled by default for OfficeExtend access points because these access points, which are deployed in a home environment, are likely to detect a large number of rogue devices.

- Step 2** Choose **Security > Wireless Protection Policies > Rogue Policies > General** to open the Rogue Policies page (see [Figure 5-43](#)).

**Figure 5-43 Rogue Policies Page**



- Step 3** Choose one of the following options from the Rogue Location Discovery Protocol drop-down box:
- **Disable**—Disables RLDP on all access points. This is the default value.
  - **All APs**—Enables RLDP on all access points.
  - **Monitor Mode APs**—Enables RLDP only on access points in monitor mode.
- Step 4** In the Expiration Timeout for Rogue AP and Rogue Client Entries field, enter the number of seconds after which the rogue access point and client entries expire and are removed from the list. The valid range is 240 to 3600 seconds, and the default value is 1200 seconds.



**Note** If a rogue access point or client entry times out, it is removed from the controller only if its rogue state is Alert or Threat for any classification type.

- Step 5** If desired, check the **Validate Rogue Clients Against AAA** check box to use the AAA server or local database to validate if rogue clients are valid clients. The default value is unchecked.
- Step 6** If desired, check the **Detect and Report Ad-Hoc Networks** check box to enable ad-hoc rogue detection and reporting. The default value is checked.
- Step 7** If you want the controller to automatically contain certain rogue devices, check the following check boxes. Otherwise, leave the check boxes unchecked, which is the default value.



**Caution**

When you enable any of these parameters, the following warning appears: “Using this feature may have legal consequences. Do you want to continue?” The 2.4- and 5-GHz frequencies in the Industrial, Scientific, and Medical (ISM) band are open to the public and can be used without a license. As such, containing devices on another party’s network could have legal consequences.

- **Rogue on Wire**—Automatically contains rogues that are detected on the wired network.
- **Using Our SSID**—Automatically contains rogues that are advertising your network’s SSID. If you leave this parameter unchecked, the controller only generates an alarm when such a rogue is detected.
- **Valid Client on Rogue AP**—Automatically contains a rogue access point to which trusted clients are associated. If you leave this parameter unchecked, the controller only generates an alarm when such a rogue is detected.
- **AdHoc Rogue AP**—Automatically contains adhoc networks detected by the controller. If you leave this parameter unchecked, the controller only generates an alarm when such a network is detected.

- Step 8** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 9** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Using the CLI to Configure RLDP

Using the controller CLI, follow these steps to configure RLDP.

- Step 1** Make sure that rogue detection is enabled on the desired access points. Rogue detection is enabled by default for all access points joined to the controller (except for OfficeExtend access points). However, in controller software release 6.0, you can enable or disable it for individual access points by entering this command: **config rogue detection {enable | disable} Cisco\_AP.**

**Note**

To see the current rogue detection configuration for a specific access point, enter this command:  
**show ap config general** *Cisco\_AP*.

**Note**

Rogue detection is disabled by default for OfficeExtend access points because these access points, which are deployed in a home environment, are likely to detect a large number of rogue devices.

**Step 2** To enable, disable, or initiate RLDP, enter these commands:

- **config rogue ap rldp enable alarm-only**—Enables RLDP on all access points.
- **config rogue ap rldp enable alarm-only monitor\_ap\_only**—Enables RLDP only on access points in monitor mode.
- **config rogue ap rldp initiate** *rogue\_mac\_address*—Initiates RLDP on a specific rogue access point.
- **config rogue ap rldp disable**—Disables RLDP on all access points.

**Step 3** To specify the number of seconds after which the rogue access point and client entries expire and are removed from the list, enter this command:

**config rogue ap timeout** *seconds*

The valid range for the *seconds* parameter is 240 to 3600 seconds (inclusive), and the default value is 1200 seconds.

**Note**

If a rogue access point or client entry times out, it is removed from the controller only if its rogue state is Alert or Threat for any classification type.

**Step 4** To enable or disable ad-hoc rogue detection and reporting, enter this command:

**config rogue adhoc** {enable | disable}

**Step 5** To enable or disable the AAA server or local database to validate if rogue clients are valid clients, enter this command:

**config rogue client aaa** {enable | disable}

**Step 6** If you want the controller to automatically contain certain rogue devices, enter these commands.

**Caution**

When you enter any of these commands, the following warning appears: “Using this feature may have legal consequences. Do you want to continue?” The 2.4- and 5-GHz frequencies in the Industrial, Scientific, and Medical (ISM) band are open to the public and can be used without a license. As such, containing devices on another party’s network could have legal consequences.

- **config rogue ap rldp enable auto-contain**—Automatically contains rogues that are detected on the wired network.
- **config rogue ap ssid auto-contain**—Automatically contains rogues that are advertising your network’s SSID.

**Note**

If you want the controller to only generate an alarm when such a rogue is detected, enter this command: **config rogue ap ssid alarm**.

- **config rogue ap valid-client auto-contain**—Automatically contains a rogue access point to which trusted clients are associated.

**Note**

If you want the controller to only generate an alarm when such a rogue is detected, enter this command: **config rogue ap valid-client alarm**.

- **config rogue adhoc auto-contain**—Automatically contains adhoc networks detected by the controller.

**Note**

If you want the controller to only generate an alarm when such a network is detected, enter this command: **config rogue adhoc alert**.

**Step 7** To save your changes, enter this command:

**save config**

## Configuring Rogue Classification Rules

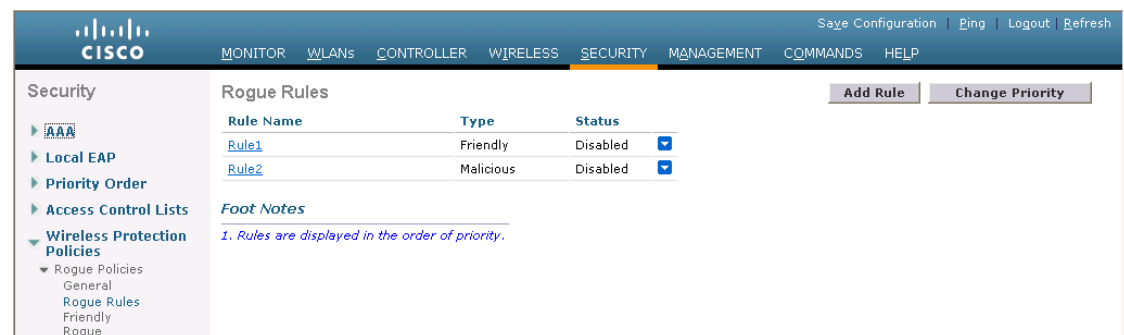
You can configure up to 64 rogue classification rules per controller using the controller GUI or CLI.

### Using the GUI to Configure Rogue Classification Rules

Using the controller GUI, follow these steps to configure rogue classification rules.

**Step 1** Choose **Security > Wireless Protection Policies > Rogue Policies > Rogue Rules** to open the Rogue Rules page (see [Figure 5-44](#)).

**Figure 5-44 Rogue Rules Page**



Any rules that have already been created are listed in priority order. The name, type, and status of each rule is provided.



**Note** If you ever want to delete a rule, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that rule and click **Remove**.

**Step 2** To create a new rule, follow these steps:

- a. Click **Add Rule**. An Add Rule section appears at the top of the page.
- b. In the Rule Name field, enter a name for the new rule. Make sure that the name does not contain any spaces.
- c. From the Rule Type drop-down box, choose **Friendly** or **Malicious** to classify rogue access points matching this rule as friendly or malicious.
- d. Click **Add** to add this rule to the list of existing rules, or click **Cancel** to discard this new rule.

**Step 3** To edit a rule, follow these steps:

- a. Click the name of the rule that you want to edit. The Rogue Rule > Edit page appears (see [Figure 5-45](#)).

**Figure 5-45 Rogue Rule > Edit Page**

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes links for MONITOR, WLANs, CONTROLLER, WIRELESS, SECURITY (highlighted), MANAGEMENT, COMMANDS, and HELP. The left sidebar shows the 'Security' menu with options like AAA, Local EAP, Priority Order, Access Control Lists, and Wireless Protection Policies. The main content area is titled 'Rogue Rule > Edit' and contains the following fields:

- Rule Name:** Rule1
- Type:** Friendly (dropdown menu)
- Match Operation:** Match All (radio button), Match Any (radio button, selected)
- Enable Rule:** ☐
- Conditions:** A section with an 'Add Condition' button and a dropdown menu showing 'SSID'.

Buttons for '< Back' and 'Apply' are located at the top right of the configuration area.

- b. From the Type drop-down box, choose **Friendly** or **Malicious** to classify rogue access points matching this rule as friendly or malicious.
- c. From the Match Operation field, choose one of the following:
  - **Match All**—If this rule is enabled, a detected rogue access point must meet all of the conditions specified by the rule in order for the rule to be matched and the rogue to adopt the classification type of the rule.
  - **Match Any**—If this rule is enabled, a detected rogue access point must meet any of the conditions specified by the rule in order for the rule to be matched and the rogue to adopt the classification type of the rule. This is the default value.
- d. To enable this rule, check the **Enable Rule** check box. The default value is unchecked.
- e. From the Add Condition drop-down box, choose one or more of the following conditions that the rogue access point must meet and click **Add Condition**:
  - **SSID**—Requires that the rogue access point have a specific user-configured SSID. If you choose this option, enter the SSID in the User Configured SSID field, and click **Add SSID**.



**Note** To delete an SSID, highlight the SSID and click **Remove**.

- **RSSI**—Requires that the rogue access point have a minimum received signal strength indication (RSSI) value. For example, if the rogue access point has an RSSI that is greater than the configured value, then the access point could be classified as malicious. If you choose this option, enter the minimum RSSI value in the Minimum RSSI field. The valid range is -95 to -50 dBm (inclusive), and the default value is 0 dBm.
- **Duration**—Requires that the rogue access point be detected for a minimum period of time. If you choose this option, enter a value for the minimum detection period in the Time Duration field. The valid range is 0 to 3600 seconds (inclusive), and the default value is 0 seconds.
- **Client Count**—Requires that a minimum number of clients be associated to the rogue access point. For example, if the number of clients associated to the rogue access point is greater than or equal to the configured value, then the access point could be classified as malicious. If you choose this option, enter the minimum number of clients to be associated to the rogue access point in the Minimum Number of Rogue Clients field. The valid range is 1 to 10 (inclusive), and the default value is 0.
- **No Encryption**—Requires that the rogue access point's advertised WLAN does not have encryption enabled. If a rogue access point has encryption disabled, it is likely that more clients will try to associate to it. No further configuration is required for this option.



**Note** WCS refers to this option as “Open Authentication.”

- **Managed SSID**—Requires that the rogue access point's managed SSID (the SSID configured for the WLAN) be known to the controller. No further configuration is required for this option.



**Note** The SSID and Managed SSID conditions cannot be used with the Match All operation as these two SSID lists are mutually exclusive. If you define a rule with Match All and have these two conditions configured, the rogue access points are never classified as friendly or malicious because one of the conditions can never be met.

You can add up to six conditions per rule. When you add a condition, it appears under the Conditions section (see [Figure 5-46](#)).

**Figure 5-46 Rogue Rule > Edit Page**

The screenshot displays the 'Rogue Rule > Edit' configuration page in the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller interface. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with 'Security' expanded and 'Rogue Rules' selected. The main content area shows the configuration for 'Rule3'. The 'Type' is set to 'Friendly'. The 'Match Operation' is set to 'Match Any'. The 'Enable Rule' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Conditions' section lists several criteria: 'Minimum RSSI(-95 to -50)' with a value of 0 dBm, 'Time Duration(0 to 3600)' with a value of 0 secs., 'Minimum number of Rogue client (1-10)' with a value of 0, 'No Encryption' checked, and 'Managed SSID' checked. Below these conditions is a table for 'User configured SSID' with one entry 'test'. The page includes 'Save Configuration', 'Ping', 'Logout', and 'Refresh' links at the top right, and '< Back' and 'Apply' buttons at the bottom right.

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**Note**

If you ever want to delete a condition from this rule, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that condition and click **Remove**.

- f. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

**Step 4** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

**Step 5** If you want to change the order in which rogue classification rules are applied, follow these steps:

- a. Click **Back** to return to the Rogue Rules page.
- b. Click **Change Priority** to access the Rogue Rules > Priority page (see [Figure 5-47](#)).

**Figure 5-47 Rogue Rules > Priority Page**



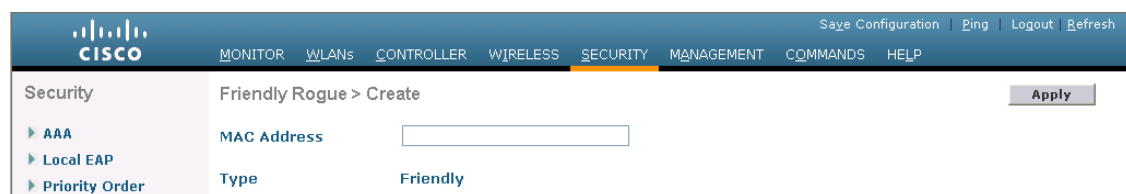
The rogue rules are listed in priority order in the Change Rules Priority edit box.

- c. Highlight the rule for which you want to change the priority, and click **Up** to raise its priority in the list or **Down** to lower its priority in the list.
- d. Continue to move the rules up or down until the rules are in the desired order.
- e. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

**Step 6** If you want to classify any rogue access points as friendly and add them to the friendly MAC address list, follow these steps:

- a. Choose **Security > Wireless Protection Policies > Rogue Policies > Friendly Rogue** to access the Friendly Rogue > Create page (see [Figure 5-48](#)).

**Figure 5-48 Friendly Rogue > Create Page**



- b. In the MAC Address field, enter the MAC address of the friendly rogue access point.
- c. Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

- d. Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes. This access point is added to the controller's list of friendly access points and should now appear on the Friendly Rogue APs page.

## Using the CLI to Configure Rogue Classification Rules

Using the controller CLI, follow these steps to configure rogue classification rules.

**Step 1** To create a rule, enter this command:

```
config rogue rule add ap priority priority classify {friendly | malicious} rule_name
```



**Note** If you later want to change the priority of this rule and shift others in the list accordingly, enter this command: **config rogue rule priority** *priority* *rule\_name*. If you later want to change the classification of this rule, enter this command: **config rogue rule classify** {friendly | malicious} *rule\_name*.



**Note** If you ever want to delete all of the rogue classification rules or a specific rule, enter this command: **config rogue rule delete** {all | *rule\_name*}.

**Step 2** To disable all rules or a specific rule, enter this command:

```
config rogue rule disable {all | rule_name}
```



**Note** A rule must be disabled before you can modify its attributes.

**Step 3** To add conditions to a rule that the rogue access point must meet, enter this command:

```
config rogue rule condition ap set condition_type condition_value rule_name
```

where *condition\_type* is one of the following:

- **ssid**—Requires that the rogue access point have a specific SSID. You should add SSIDs that are not managed by the controller. If you choose this option, enter the SSID for the *condition\_value* parameter. The SSID is added to the user-configured SSID list.



**Note** If you ever want to delete all of the SSIDs or a specific SSID from the user-configured SSID list, enter this command: **config rogue rule condition ap delete ssid** {all | *ssid*} *rule\_name*.

- **rss**i—Requires that the rogue access point have a minimum RSSI value. For example, if the rogue access point has an RSSI that is greater than the configured value, then the access point could be classified as malicious. If you choose this option, enter the minimum RSSI value for the *condition\_value* parameter. The valid range is -95 to -50 dBm (inclusive), and the default value is 0 dBm.
- **duration**—Requires that the rogue access point be detected for a minimum period of time. If you choose this option, enter a value for the minimum detection period for the *condition\_value* parameter. The valid range is 0 to 3600 seconds (inclusive), and the default value is 0 seconds.

- **client-count**—Requires that a minimum number of clients be associated to the rogue access point. For example, if the number of clients associated to the rogue access point is greater than or equal to the configured value, then the access point could be classified as malicious. If you choose this option, enter the minimum number of clients to be associated to the rogue access point for the *condition\_value* parameter. The valid range is 1 to 10 (inclusive), and the default value is 0.
- **no-encryption**—Requires that the rogue access point's advertised WLAN does not have encryption enabled. A *condition\_value* parameter is not required for this option.
- **managed-ssid**—Requires that the rogue access point's SSID be known to the controller. A *condition\_value* parameter is not required for this option.



**Note** You can add up to six conditions per rule. If you ever want to delete all of the conditions or a specific condition from a rule, enter this command: **config rogue rule condition ap delete {all | condition\_type} condition\_value rule\_name**.

**Step 4** To specify whether a detected rogue access point must meet all or any of the conditions specified by the rule in order for the rule to be matched and the rogue access point to adopt the classification type of the rule, enter this command:

**config rogue rule match {all | any} rule\_name**

**Step 5** To enable all rules or a specific rule, enter this command:

**config rogue rule enable {all | rule\_name}**



**Note** For your changes to become effective, you must enable the rule.

**Step 6** To add a new friendly access point entry to the friendly MAC address list or delete an existing friendly access point entry from the list, enter this command:

**config rogue ap friendly {add | delete} ap\_mac\_address**

**Step 7** To save your changes, enter this command:

**save config**

**Step 8** To view the rogue classification rules that are configured on the controller, enter this command:

**show rogue rule summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

| Priority | Rule Name | State    | Type      | Match | Hit Count |
|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 1        | Rule1     | Disabled | Friendly  | Any   | 0         |
| 2        | Rule2     | Enabled  | Malicious | Any   | 339       |
| 3        | Rule3     | Disabled | Friendly  | Any   | 0         |

**Step 9** To view detailed information for a specific rogue classification rule, enter this command:

**show rogue rule detailed rule\_name**

Information similar to the following appears:

```

Priority..... 2
Rule Name..... Rule2
State..... Enabled
Type..... Malicious
Match Operation..... Any
Hit Count..... 352
Total Conditions..... 6

```



```

Condition 1
 type..... Client-count
 value..... 10
Condition 2
 type..... Duration
 value (seconds)..... 2000
Condition 3
 type..... Managed-ssid
 value..... Enabled
Condition 4
 type..... No-encryption
 value..... Enabled
Condition 5
 type..... Rssi
 value (dBm)..... -50
Condition 6
 type..... Ssid
 SSID Count..... 1
 SSID 1..... test

```

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## Viewing and Classifying Rogue Devices

Using the controller GUI or CLI, you can view rogue devices and determine the action that the controller should take.



### Caution

When you choose to contain a rogue device, the following warning appears: “There may be legal issues following this containment. Are you sure you want to continue?” The 2.4- and 5-GHz frequencies in the Industrial, Scientific, and Medical (ISM) band are open to the public and can be used without a license. As such, containing devices on another party’s network could have legal consequences.

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## Using the GUI to View and Classify Rogue Devices

Using the controller GUI, follow these steps to view and classify rogue devices.

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- Step 1** Choose **Monitor > Rogues**.
- Step 2** Choose the following options to view the different types of rogue access points detected by the controller:
- **Friendly APs**
  - **Malicious APs**
  - **Unclassified APs**

A page similar to the following appears (see [Figure 5-49](#)).

Figure 5-49 Friendly Rogue APs Page

| MAC Address                       | SSID    | # Detecting Radios | Number of Clients | Status   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|
| <a href="#">00:0a:b8:7f:08:c0</a> | Unknown | 0                  | 0                 | Internal |

The Friendly Rogue APs page, Malicious Rogue APs page, and Unclassified Rogue APs page provide the following information: the MAC address and SSID of the rogue access point, the number of clients connected to the rogue access point, the number of radios that detected the rogue access point, and the current status of the rogue access point.

**Note**

To remove acknowledged rogues from the database, go to the WLC UI and change the rogue state to Alert Unknown and click Save Configuration. If the rogue is no longer present, it will disappear from the database in 20 minutes.

**Note**

If you ever want to delete a rogue access point from one of these pages, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow and click **Remove**.

- Step 3** To obtain more details about a rogue access point, click the MAC address of the access point. The Rogue AP Detail page appears (see Figure 5-50).

Figure 5-50 Rogue AP Detail Page

Is Rogue On Wired Network? No

First Time Reported On Wed Feb 27 08:17:23 2008

Last Time Reported On Wed Feb 27 08:17:23 2008

Class Type

Current Status Alert

Update Status

**APs that detected this Rogue**

| Base Radio MAC    | AP Name | SSID     | Channel | Channel Width (Mhz) | Radio Type | WEP      | WPA      | Pre-Amb |
|-------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------------------|------------|----------|----------|---------|
| 00:1b:d5:26:e8:c0 | ap:1120 | apvlan50 | 1       | 20                  | 802.11g    | Disabled | Disabled | Short   |

**Clients associated to this Rogue AP**

| MAC Address | Last Time Heard |
|-------------|-----------------|
|-------------|-----------------|

This page provides the following information: the MAC address of the rogue device, the type of rogue device (such as an access point), whether the rogue device is on the wired network, the dates and times when the rogue device was first and last reported, and the current status of the device.

**Step 4** The Class Type field shows the current classification for this rogue access point:

- **Friendly**—An unknown access point that matches the user-defined friendly rules or an existing known and acknowledged rogue access point. Friendly access points cannot be contained.
- **Malicious**—An unknown access point that matches the user-defined malicious rules or is moved manually by the user from the Friendly or Unclassified classification type.



**Note** Once an access point is classified as Malicious, you cannot apply rules to it in the future, and it cannot be moved to another classification type. If you want to move a malicious access point to the Unclassified classification type, you must delete the access point and allow the controller to reclassify it.

- **Unclassified**—An unknown access point that does not match the user-defined friendly or malicious rules. An unclassified access point can be contained. It can also be moved to the Friendly or Malicious classification type automatically in accordance with user-defined rules or manually by the user.

If you want to change the classification of this device, choose a different classification from the Class Type drop-down box.



**Note** A rogue access point cannot be moved to another class if its current state is Contain.

**Step 5** From the Update Status drop-down box, choose one of the following options to specify how the controller should respond to this rogue access point:

- **Internal**—The controller trusts this rogue access point. This option is available if the Class Type is set to Friendly.
- **External**—The controller acknowledges the presence of this rogue access point. This option is available if the Class Type is set to Friendly.
- **Contain**—The controller contains the offending device so that its signals no longer interfere with authorized clients. This option is available if the Class Type is set to Malicious or Unclassified.
- **Alert**—The controller forwards an immediate alert to the system administrator for further action. This option is available if the Class Type is set to Malicious or Unclassified.

The bottom of the page provides information on both the access points that detected this rogue access point and any clients that are associated to it. To see more details for any of the clients, click **Edit** to open the Rogue Client Detail page.

**Step 6** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.

**Step 7** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

**Step 8** To view any rogue clients that are connected to the controller, choose **Rogue Clients**. The Rogue Clients page appears. This page shows the following information: the MAC address of the rogue client, the MAC address of the access point to which the rogue client is associated, the SSID of the rogue client, the number of radios that detected the rogue client, the date and time when the rogue client was last reported, and the current status of the rogue client.

**Step 9** To obtain more details about a rogue client, click the MAC address of the client. The Rogue Client Detail page appears (see [Figure 5-51](#)).

Figure 5-51 Rogue Client Detail Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco WLC interface for the 'Rogue Client Detail' page. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Monitor, Summary, Access Points, Statistics, CDP, Rogues (expanded), Clients, and Multicast. The 'Rogues' section is further divided into Friendly APs, Malicious APs, Unclassified APs, Rogue Clients, Adhoc Rogues, and Rogue AP ignore-list. The main content area displays the following information:

- MAC Address:** 00:16:e3:ff:45:6b
- APs MAC Address:** 00:19:a9:78:40:a0
- SSID:** edu-wpapsk
- IP Address:** Unknown
- First Time Reported On:** Fri Nov 30 06:29:04 2007
- Last Time Reported On:** Fri Nov 30 06:29:04 2007
- Current Status:** Alert
- Update Status:** A drop-down menu with the option '- - Choose New Status - -'.

At the bottom, a table titled 'APs that detected this rogue client' lists the following data:

| Base Radio MAC    | AP Name | Channel | Radio Type | RSSI | SNR |
|-------------------|---------|---------|------------|------|-----|
| 00:12:44:bb:25:d0 | HReap   | 1       | 802.11b    | -128 | -1  |

This page provides the following information: the MAC address of the rogue client, the MAC address of the rogue access point to which this client is associated, the SSID and IP address of the rogue client, the dates and times when the rogue client was first and last reported, and the current status of the rogue client.

- Step 10** From the Update Status drop-down box, choose one of the following options to specify how the controller should respond to this rogue client:
- **Contain**—The controller contains the offending device so that its signals no longer interfere with authorized clients.
  - **Alert**—The controller forwards an immediate alert to the system administrator for further action.

The bottom of the page provides information on the access points that detected this rogue client.

- Step 11** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 12** If desired, you can test the controller's connection to this client by clicking **Ping**.
- Step 13** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.
- Step 14** To view any ad-hoc rogues detected by the controller, choose **Adhoc Rogues**. The Adhoc Rogues page appears (see Figure 5-52).

Figure 5-52 Adhoc Rogues Page

| MAC Address       | BSSID             | SSID                         | # Detecting Radios | Status |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 02:20:be:18:6c:54 | 02:20:be:18:6c:54 | <script>alert("hi")</script> | 1                  | Alert  |
| 02:80:ec:18:92:22 | 02:80:ec:18:92:22 | rf4k3ap                      | 1                  | Alert  |

This page shows the following information: the MAC address, BSSID, and SSID of the ad-hoc rogue, the number of radios that detected the ad-hoc rogue, and the current status of the ad-hoc rogue.

- Step 15** To obtain more details about an ad-hoc rogue, click the MAC address of the rogue. The Adhoc Rogue Detail page appears (see Figure 5-53).

Figure 5-53 Adhoc Rogue Detail Page

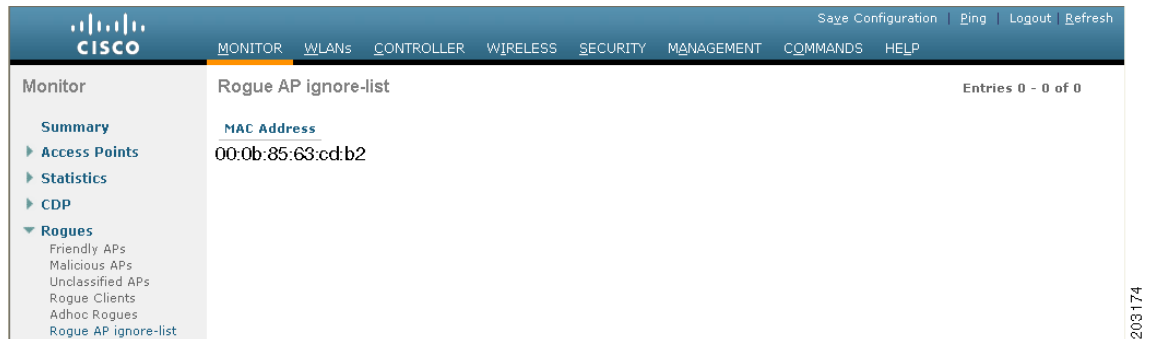
| Base Radio MAC    | AP Name          | SSID    | Channel | Radio Type | WEP      | WPA      | Pre-Ambles | RSSI | SNR | Containment Type | Containment Channels |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|----------|------------|------|-----|------------------|----------------------|
| 00:14:1b:50:4a:e0 | AP0014.1ced.2a60 | rf4k3ap | 3       | 802.11b    | Disabled | Disabled | Long       | -56  | 15  |                  |                      |

This page provides the following information: the MAC address and BSSID of the ad-hoc rogue, the dates and times when the rogue was first and last reported, and the current status of the rogue.

- Step 16** From the Update Status drop-down box, choose one of the following options to specify how the controller should respond to this ad-hoc rogue:
- **Contain**—The controller contains the offending device so that its signals no longer interfere with authorized clients.
  - **Alert**—The controller forwards an immediate alert to the system administrator for further action.
  - **Internal**—The controller trusts this rogue access point.
  - **External**—The controller acknowledges the presence of this rogue access point.
- Step 17** From the Maximum Number of APs to Contain the Rogue drop-down box, choose one of the following options to specify the maximum number of access points used to contain this ad-hoc rogue: **1**, **2**, **3**, or **4**. The bottom of the page provides information on the access points that detected this ad-hoc rogue.

- Step 18** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 19** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.
- Step 20** To view any access points that have been configured to be ignored, choose **Rogue AP Ignore-List**. The Rogue AP Ignore-List page appears (see [Figure 5-54](#)).

**Figure 5-54 Rogue AP Ignore-List Page**



This page shows the MAC addresses of any access points that are configured to be ignored. The rogue-ignore list contains a list of any autonomous access points that have been manually added to WCS maps by WCS users. The controller regards these autonomous access points as rogues even though WCS is managing them. The rogue-ignore list allows the controller to ignore these access points. The list is updated as follows:

- When the controller receives a rogue report, it checks to see if the unknown access point is in the rogue-ignore access point list.
- If the unknown access point is in the rogue-ignore list, the controller ignores this access point and continues to process other rogue access points.
- If the unknown access point is not in the rogue-ignore list, the controller sends a trap to WCS. If WCS finds this access point in its autonomous access point list, WCS sends a command to the controller to add this access point to the rogue-ignore list. This access point is then ignored in future rogue reports.
- If a user removes an autonomous access point from WCS, WCS sends a command to the controller to remove this access point from the rogue-ignore list.

## Using the CLI to View and Classify Rogue Devices

Using the controller CLI, enter these commands to view and classify rogue devices.

1. To view a list of all rogue access points detected by the controller, enter this command:  
**show rogue ap summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Rogue Location Discovery Protocol..... Enabled
Rogue AP timeout..... 1200
```

| MAC Address       | Classification | # APs | # Clients | Last Heard               |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 00:0a:b8:7f:08:c0 | Friendly       | 0     | 0         | Not Heard                |
| 00:0b:85:01:30:3f | Malicious      | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:30:59 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:70:6f | Malicious      | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:20:14 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:cd:bf | Malicious      | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:23:12 2007 |
| ...               |                |       |           |                          |

- To view a list of the friendly rogue access points detected by the controller, enter this command:

**show rogue ap friendly summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Number of APs..... 1
```

| MAC Address       | State    | # APs | # Clients | Last Heard               |
|-------------------|----------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 00:0a:b8:7f:08:c0 | Internal | 1     | 0         | Tue Nov 27 13:52:04 2007 |

- To view a list of the malicious rogue access points detected by the controller, enter this command:

**show rogue ap malicious summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Number of APs..... 264
```

| MAC Address       | State | # APs | # Clients | Last Heard               |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 00:0b:85:01:30:3f | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:20:01 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:70:6f | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:20:14 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:cd:bf | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:23:12 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:cd:dd | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:27:03 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:cd:de | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:26:23 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:cd:df | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:26:50 2007 |
| ...               |       |       |           |                          |

- To view a list of the unclassified rogue access points detected by the controller, enter this command:

**show rogue ap unclassified summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Number of APs..... 164
```

| MAC Address       | State | # APs | # Clients | Last Heard               |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 00:0b:85:63:cd:bd | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:12:52 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:cd:e7 | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:29:01 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:ce:05 | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:26:23 2007 |
| 00:0b:85:63:ce:07 | Alert | 1     | 0         | Fri Nov 30 11:26:23 2007 |
| ...               |       |       |           |                          |

5. To view detailed information for a specific rogue access point, enter this command:

**show rogue ap detailed *ap\_mac\_address***

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Rogue BSSID..... 00:0b:85:63:d1:94
Is Rogue on Wired Network..... No
Classification..... Unclassified
State..... Alert
First Time Rogue was Reported..... Fri Nov 30 11:24:56 2007
Last Time Rogue was Reported..... Fri Nov 30 11:24:56 2007
Reported By
 AP 1
 MAC Address..... 00:12:44:bb:25:d0
 Name..... HReap
 Radio Type..... 802.11g
 SSID..... edu-eap
 Channel..... 6
 RSSI..... -61 dBm
 SNR..... -1 dB
 Encryption..... Enabled
 ShortPreamble..... Enabled
 WPA Support..... Disabled
 Last reported by this AP..... Fri Nov 30 11:24:56 2007
```

6. To see the rogue report (which shows the number of rogue devices detected on different channel widths) for a specific 802.11a/n radio, enter this command:

**show ap auto-rf 802.11a *Cisco\_AP***

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Number Of Slots..... 2
AP Name..... AP2
MAC Address..... 00:1b:d5:13:39:74
Radio Type..... RADIO_TYPE_80211a
Noise Information
 Noise Profile..... PASSED
 Channel 36..... -80 dBm
 Channel 40..... -78 dBm
 ...
Interference Information
 Interference Profile..... PASSED
 Channel 36..... -81 dBm @ 8 % busy
 Channel 40..... -66 dBm @ 4 % busy
 ...
Rogue Histogram (20/40_ABOVE/40_BELOW)
 Channel 36..... 21/ 1/ 0
 Channel 40..... 7/ 0/ 0
 ...
```

7. To view a list of all rogue clients that are associated to a rogue access point, enter this command:

**show rogue ap clients *ap\_mac\_address***

Information similar to the following appears:

| MAC Address       | State | # APs | Last Heard               |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| 00:bb:cd:12:ab:ff | Alert | 1     | Fri Nov 30 11:26:23 2007 |



8. To view a list of all rogue clients detected by the controller, enter this command:

**show rogue client summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

Validate rogue clients against AAA..... Disabled

| MAC Address       | State | # | APs | Last | Heard           |
|-------------------|-------|---|-----|------|-----------------|
| 00:0a:8a:7d:f5:f5 | Alert | 1 | Mon | Dec  | 3 21:56:36 2007 |
| 00:18:ba:78:c4:44 | Alert | 1 | Mon | Dec  | 3 21:59:36 2007 |
| 00:18:ba:78:c4:d1 | Alert | 1 | Mon | Dec  | 3 21:47:36 2007 |
| 00:18:ba:78:ca:f8 | Alert | 1 | Mon | Dec  | 3 22:02:36 2007 |
| ...               |       |   |     |      |                 |

9. To view detailed information for a specific rogue client, enter this command:

**show rogue client detailed *client\_mac\_address***

Information similar to the following appears:

```

Rogue BSSID..... 00:0b:85:23:ea:d1
State..... Alert
First Time Rogue was Reported..... Mon Dec 3 21:50:36 2007
Last Time Rogue was Reported..... Mon Dec 3 21:50:36 2007
Rogue Client IP address..... Not known
Reported By
 AP 1
 MAC Address..... 00:15:c7:82:b6:b0
 Name..... AP0016.47b2.31ea
 Radio Type..... 802.11a
 RSSI..... -71 dBm
 SNR..... 23 dB
 Channel..... 149
 Last reported by this AP..... Mon Dec 3 21:50:36 2007

```

10. To view a list of all ad-hoc rogues detected by the controller, enter this command:

**show rogue adhoc summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

Detect and report Ad-Hoc Networks..... Enabled

| Client MAC Address | Adhoc BSSID | State | # | APs | Last   | Heard         |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|---|-----|--------|---------------|
| 00:bb:cd:12:ab:ff  | super       | Alert | 1 | Fri | Nov 30 | 11:26:23 2007 |

11. To view detailed information for a specific ad-hoc rogue, enter this command:

**show rogue adhoc detailed *rogue\_mac\_address***

Information similar to the following appears:

```

Adhoc Rogue MAC address..... 02:61:ce:8e:a8:8c
Adhoc Rogue BSSID..... 02:61:ce:8e:a8:8c
State..... Alert
First Time Adhoc Rogue was Reported..... Tue Dec 11 20:45:45 2007
Last Time Adhoc Rogue was Reported..... Tue Dec 11 20:45:45 2007
Reported By
 AP 1
 MAC Address..... 00:14:1b:58:4a:e0
 Name..... AP0014.1ced.2a60
 Radio Type..... 802.11b
 SSID..... rf4k3ap
 Channel..... 3

```

```

RSSI..... -56 dBm
SNR..... 15 dB
Encryption..... Disabled
ShortPreamble..... Disabled
WPA Support..... Disabled
Last reported by this AP..... Tue Dec 11 20:45:45 2007

```

12. To view a list of rogue access points that are configured to be ignored, enter this command:

**show rogue ignore-list**

Information similar to the following appears:

```

MAC Address

10:bb:17:cc:01:ef

```



**Note** Refer to [Step 20](#) of the “Using the GUI to View and Classify Rogue Devices” section on [page 5-97](#) for more information on the rogue-ignore access point list.

13. To classify a rogue access point as friendly, enter this command:

**config rogue ap classify friendly state {internal | external} ap\_mac\_address**

where

- **internal** means that the controller trusts this rogue access point.
- **external** means that the controller acknowledges the presence of this rogue access point.



**Note** A rogue access point cannot be moved to the Friendly class if its current state is Contain.

14. To mark a rogue access point as malicious, enter this command:

**config rogue ap classify malicious state {alert | contain} ap\_mac\_address**

where

- **contain** means that the controller contains the offending device so that its signals no longer interfere with authorized clients.
- **alert** means that the controller forwards an immediate alert to the system administrator for further action.



**Note** A rogue access point cannot be moved to the Malicious class if its current state is Contain.

15. To mark a rogue access point as unclassified, enter this command:

**config rogue ap classify unclassified state {alert | contain} ap\_mac\_address**



**Note** A rogue access point cannot be moved to the Unclassified class if its current state is Contain.

16. To specify how the controller should respond to a rogue client, enter one of these commands:

- **config rogue client alert client\_mac\_address**—The controller forwards an immediate alert to the system administrator for further action.
- **config rogue client contain client\_mac\_address**—The controller contains the offending device so that its signals no longer interfere with authorized clients.

17. To specify how the controller should respond to an adhoc rogue, enter one these commands:
    - **config rogue adhoc alert** *rogue\_mac\_address*—The controller forwards an immediate alert to the system administrator for further action.
    - **config rogue adhoc contain** *rogue\_mac\_address*—The controller contains the offending device so that its signals no longer interfere with authorized clients.
    - **config rogue adhoc external** *rogue\_mac\_address*—The controller acknowledges the presence of this ad-hoc rogue.
  18. To save your changes, enter this command:  
**save config**
- 

## Configuring IDS

The Cisco intrusion detection system/intrusion prevention system (CIDS/IPS) instructs controllers to block certain clients from accessing the wireless network when attacks involving these clients are detected at Layer 3 through Layer 7. This system offers significant network protection by helping to detect, classify, and stop threats including worms, spyware/adware, network viruses, and application abuse. Two methods are available to detect potential attacks:

- IDS sensors, see below
- IDS signatures, see [page 5-112](#)

**Note**

The Cisco wireless intrusion prevention system (wIPS) is also supported on the controller through WCS. Refer to the [“Configuring wIPS” section on page 5-124](#) for more information.

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## Configuring IDS Sensors

You can configure IDS sensors to detect various types of IP-level attacks in your network. When the sensors identify an attack, they can alert the controller to shun the offending client. When you add a new IDS sensor, you register the controller with that IDS sensor so that the controller can query the sensor to get the list of shunned clients. You can configure IDS sensor registration through either the GUI or the CLI.

### Using the GUI to Configure IDS Sensors

Follow these steps to configure IDS sensors using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > Advanced > CIDs > Sensors** to open the CIDS Sensors List page appears (see [Figure 5-55](#)).

**Figure 5-55** CIDS Sensors List Page

| Index | Server Address  | Port | State   | Query Interval |
|-------|-----------------|------|---------|----------------|
| 1     | 209.165.200.225 | 443  | Enabled | 10             |
| 2     | 209.165.200.225 | 443  | Enabled | 60             |

This page lists all of the IDS sensors that have been configured for this controller.



**Note** If you want to delete an existing sensor, hover your cursor over the blue drop-down arrow for that sensor and choose **Remove**.

**Step 2** To add an IDS sensor to the list, click **New**. The CIDS Sensor Add page appears (see [Figure 5-56](#)).

**Figure 5-56** CIDS Sensor Add Page

**Step 3** The controller supports up to five IDS sensors. From the Index drop-down box, choose a number (between 1 and 5) to determine the sequence in which the controller consults the IDS sensors. For example, if you choose 1, the controller consults this IDS sensor first.

**Step 4** In the Server Address field, enter the IP address of your IDS server.

**Step 5** The Port field contains the number of the HTTPS port through which the controller is to communicate with the IDS sensor. Cisco recommends that you set this parameter to 443 because the sensor uses this value to communicate by default.

**Default:** 443

**Range:** 1 to 65535

**Step 6** In the Username field, enter the name that the controller uses to authenticate to the IDS sensor.



**Note** This username must be configured on the IDS sensor and have at least a read-only privilege.

**Step 7** In the Password and Confirm Password fields, enter the password that the controller uses to authenticate to the IDS sensor.

**Step 8** In the Query Interval field, enter the time (in seconds) for how often the controller should query the IDS server for IDS events.

**Default:** 60 seconds

**Range:** 10 to 3600 seconds

**Step 9** Check the **State** check box to register the controller with this IDS sensor or uncheck this check box to disable registration. The default value is disabled.

**Step 10** Enter a 40-hexadecimal-character security key in the Fingerprint field. This key is used to verify the validity of the sensor and is used to prevent security attacks.



**Note** Do not include the colons that appear between every two bytes within the key. For example, enter AABBCDD instead of AA:BB:CC:DD.

**Step 11** Click **Apply**. Your new IDS sensor appears in the list of sensors on the CIDS Sensors List page.

**Step 12** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Using the CLI to Configure IDS Sensors

Follow these steps to configure IDS sensors using the controller CLI.

**Step 1** To add an IDS sensor, enter this command:

```
config wps cids-sensor add index ids_ip_address username password
```

The *index* parameter determines the sequence in which the controller consults the IDS sensors. The controller supports up to five IDS sensors. Enter a number (between 1 and 5) to determine the priority of this sensor. For example, if you enter 1, the controller consults this IDS sensor first.



**Note** The username must be configured on the IDS sensor and have at least a read-only privilege.

**Step 2** (Optional) To specify the number of the HTTPS port through which the controller is to communicate with the IDS sensor, enter this command:

```
config wps cids-sensor port index port_number
```

For the *port-number* parameter, you can enter a value between 1 and 65535. The default value is 443. This step is optional because Cisco recommends that you use the default value of 443. The sensor uses this value to communicate by default.

- Step 3** To specify how often the controller should query the IDS server for IDS events, enter this command:

**config wps cids-sensor interval** *index interval*

For the *interval* parameter, you can enter a value between 10 and 3600 seconds. The default value is 60 seconds.

- Step 4** To enter a 40-hexadecimal-character security key used to verify the validity of the sensor, enter this command:

**config wps cids-sensor fingerprint** *index sha1 fingerprint*

You can get the value of the fingerprint by entering **show tls fingerprint** on the sensor's console.



**Note** Make sure to include the colons that appear between every two bytes within the key (for example, AA:BB:CC:DD).

- Step 5** To enable or disable this controller's registration with an IDS sensor, enter this command:

**config wps cids-sensor** {**enable** | **disable**} *index*

- Step 6** To enable or disable protection from DoS attacks, enter this command:

**config wps auto-immune** {**enable** | **disable**}

The default value is disabled.



**Note** A potential attacker can use specially crafted packets to mislead the IDS into treating a legitimate client as an attacker. It causes the controller to wrongly disconnect this legitimate client and launches a DoS attack. The auto-immune feature, when enabled, is designed to protect against such attacks. However, conversations using Cisco 792x phones might be interrupted intermittently when the auto-immune feature is enabled. If you experience frequent disruptions when using 792x phones, you might want to disable this feature.

- Step 7** To save your settings, enter this command:

**save config**

- Step 8** To view the IDS sensor configuration, enter one of these commands:

- **show wps cids-sensor summary**
- **show wps cids-sensor detail** *index*

The second command provides more information than the first.

- Step 9** To see the auto-immune configuration setting, enter this command:

**show wps summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Auto-Immune
 Auto-Immune..... Disabled

Client Exclusion Policy
 Excessive 802.11-association failures..... Enabled
 Excessive 802.11-authentication failures..... Enabled
 Excessive 802.1x-authentication..... Enabled
 IP-theft..... Enabled
 Excessive Web authentication failure..... Enabled
```

```
Signature Policy
Signature Processing..... Enabled
```

- Step 10** To obtain debug information regarding IDS sensor configuration, enter this command:  
**debug wps cids enable**



**Note** If you ever want to delete or change the configuration of a sensor, you must first disable it by entering **config wps cids-sensor disable index**. To then delete the sensor, enter **config wps cids-sensor delete index**.

## Viewing Shunned Clients

When an IDS sensor detects a suspicious client, it alerts the controller to shun this client. The shun entry is distributed to all controllers within the same mobility group. If the client to be shunned is currently joined to a controller in this mobility group, the anchor controller adds this client to the dynamic exclusion list, and the foreign controller removes the client. The next time the client tries to connect to a controller, the anchor controller rejects the handoff and informs the foreign controller that the client is being excluded. See the *Configuring Mobility Groups* chapter for more information on mobility groups.

You can view the list of clients that the IDS sensors have identified to be shunned through either the GUI or the CLI.

### Using the GUI to View Shunned Clients

Follow these steps to view the list of clients that the IDS sensors have identified to be shunned using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > Advanced > CIDS > Shunned Clients**. The CIDS Shun List page appears (see [Figure 5-57](#)).

**Figure 5-57** CIDS Shun List Page

| IP Address      | Last MAC Address  | Expire | Sensor IP / Index |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|
| 209.165.200.225 | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | 60     | 209.165.200.225/1 |
| 209.165.200.225 | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | 59     | 209.165.200.225/1 |

This page shows the IP address and MAC address of each shunned client, the length of time that the client's data packets should be blocked by the controller as requested by the IDS sensor, and the IP address of the IDS sensor that discovered the client.

- Step 2** Click **Re-sync** to purge and reset the list as desired.

## Using the CLI to View Shunned Clients

Follow these steps to view the list of clients that the IDS sensors have identified to be shunned using the controller CLI.

- 
- Step 1** To view the list of clients to be shunned, enter this command:
- ```
show wps shun-list
```
- Step 2** To force the controller to sync up with other controllers in the mobility group for the shun list, enter this command:
- ```
config wps shun-list re-sync
```
- 

## Configuring IDS Signatures

You can configure IDS signatures, or bit-pattern matching rules used to identify various types of attacks in incoming 802.11 packets, on the controller. When the signatures are enabled, the access points joined to the controller perform signature analysis on the received 802.11 data or management frames and report any discrepancies to the controller. If an attack is detected, appropriate mitigation is initiated.

Cisco supports 17 standard signatures on the controller as shown on the Standard Signatures page (see [Figure 5-58](#)).

**Figure 5-58** Standard Signatures Page

The screenshot displays the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller's Standard Signatures configuration page. The interface includes a top navigation bar with links like MONITOR, WLANs, CONTROLLER, WIRELESS, SECURITY (highlighted), MANAGEMENT, COMMANDS, and HELP. A left sidebar lists various security and configuration options. The main content area, titled 'Standard Signatures', features a 'Global Settings' section with a checked checkbox for 'Enable check for all Standard and Custom Signatures'. Below this is a table listing 17 standard signatures.

| Precedence | Name                 | Frame Type | Action | State   | Description                                    |
|------------|----------------------|------------|--------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1          | Boast deauth         | Management | Report | Enabled | Broadcast Deauthentication Frame               |
| 2          | NULL probe resp 1    | Management | Report | Enabled | NULL Probe Response - Zero length SSID element |
| 3          | NULL probe resp 2    | Management | Report | Enabled | NULL Probe Response - No SSID element          |
| 4          | Assoc flood          | Management | Report | Enabled | Association Request flood                      |
| 5          | Auth flood           | Management | Report | Enabled | Authentication Request flood                   |
| 6          | Reassoc flood        | Management | Report | Enabled | Reassociation Request flood                    |
| 7          | Broadcast Probe floo | Management | Report | Enabled | Broadcast Probe Request flood                  |
| 8          | Disassoc flood       | Management | Report | Enabled | Disassociation flood                           |
| 9          | Deauth flood         | Management | Report | Enabled | Deauthentication flood                         |
| 10         | Reserved mgmt 7      | Management | Report | Enabled | Reserved management sub-type 7                 |
| 11         | Reserved mgmt F      | Management | Report | Enabled | Reserved management sub-type F                 |
| 12         | EAPOL flood          | Data       | Report | Enabled | EAPOL Flood Attack                             |
| 13         | NetStumbler 3.2.0    | Data       | Report | Enabled | NetStumbler 3.2.0                              |
| 14         | NetStumbler 3.2.3    | Data       | Report | Enabled | NetStumbler 3.2.3                              |
| 15         | NetStumbler 3.3.0    | Data       | Report | Enabled | NetStumbler 3.3.0                              |
| 16         | NetStumbler generic  | Data       | Report | Enabled | NetStumbler                                    |
| 17         | Wellenreiter         | Management | Report | Enabled | Wellenreiter                                   |



These signatures are divided into six main groups. The first four groups contain management signatures, and the last two groups contain data signatures.

- **Broadcast deauthentication frame signatures**—During a broadcast deauthentication frame attack, a hacker sends an 802.11 deauthentication frame to the broadcast MAC destination address of another client. This attack causes the destination client to disassociate from the access point and lose its connection. If this action is repeated, the client experiences a denial of service. When the broadcast deauthentication frame signature (precedence 1) is used to detect such an attack, the access point listens for clients transmitting broadcast deauthentication frames that match the characteristics of the signature. If the access point detects such an attack, it alerts the controller. Depending on how your system is configured, the offending device is contained so that its signals no longer interfere with authorized clients, or the controller forwards an immediate alert to the system administrator for further action, or both.
- **NULL probe response signatures**—During a NULL probe response attack, a hacker sends a NULL probe response to a wireless client adapter. As a result, the client adapter locks up. When a NULL probe response signature is used to detect such an attack, the access point identifies the wireless client and alerts the controller. The NULL probe response signatures include:
  - NULL probe resp 1 (precedence 2)
  - NULL probe resp 2 (precedence 3)
- **Management frame flood signatures**—During a management frame flood attack, a hacker floods an access point with 802.11 management frames. The result is a denial of service to all clients associated or attempting to associate to the access point. This attack can be implemented with different types of management frames: association requests, authentication requests, reassociation requests, probe requests, disassociation requests, deauthentication requests, and reserved management subtypes.

When a management frame flood signature is used to detect such an attack, the access point identifies management frames matching the entire characteristic of the signature. If the frequency of these frames is greater than the value of the frequency set in the signature, an access point that hears these frames triggers an alarm. The controller generates a trap and forwards it to WCS.

The management frame flood signatures include:

- Assoc flood (precedence 4)
- Auth flood (precedence 5)
- Reassoc flood (precedence 6)
- Broadcast probe flood (precedence 7)
- Disassoc flood (precedence 8)
- Deauth flood (precedence 9)
- Reserved mgmt 7 (precedence 10)
- Reserved mgmt F (precedence 11)

The reserved management frame signatures 7 and F are reserved for future use.

- **Wellenreiter signature**—Wellenreiter is a wireless LAN scanning and discovery utility that can reveal access point and client information. When the Wellenreiter signature (precedence 17) is used to detect such an attack, the access point identifies the offending device and alerts the controller.

- **EAPOL flood signature**—During an EAPOL flood attack, a hacker floods the air with EAPOL frames containing 802.1X authentication requests. As a result, the 802.1X authentication server cannot respond to all of the requests and fails to send successful authentication responses to valid clients. The result is a denial of service to all affected clients. When the EAPOL flood signature (precedence 12) is used to detect such an attack, the access point waits until the maximum number of allowed EAPOL packets is exceeded. It then alerts the controller and proceeds with the appropriate mitigation.
- **NetStumbler signatures**—NetStumbler is a wireless LAN scanning utility that reports access point broadcast information (such as operating channel, RSSI information, adapter manufacturer name, SSID, WEP status, and the latitude and longitude of the device running NetStumbler when a GPS is attached). If NetStumbler succeeds in authenticating and associating to an access point, it sends a data frame with the following strings, depending on the NetStumbler version:

| Version | String                                     |
|---------|--------------------------------------------|
| 3.2.0   | “Flurble gronk bloopit, bnip Frundletrune” |
| 3.2.3   | “All your 802.11b are belong to us”        |
| 3.3.0   | Sends white spaces                         |

When a NetStumbler signature is used to detect such an attack, the access point identifies the offending device and alerts the controller. The NetStumbler signatures include:

- NetStumbler 3.2.0 (precedence 13)
- NetStumbler 3.2.3 (precedence 14)
- NetStumbler 3.3.0 (precedence 15)
- NetStumbler generic (precedence 16)

A standard signature file exists on the controller by default. You can upload this signature file from the controller, or you can create a custom signature file and download it to the controller or modify the standard signature file to create a custom signature. You can configure signatures through either the GUI or the CLI.

## Using the GUI to Configure IDS Signatures

You must follow these instructions to configure signatures using the controller GUI:

- Uploading or downloading IDS signatures
- Enabling or disabling IDS signatures
- Viewing IDS signature events

### Using the GUI to Upload or Download IDS Signatures

Follow these steps to upload or download IDS signatures using the controller GUI.

- 
- Step 1** If desired, create your own custom signature file.

- Step 2** Make sure that you have a Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) server available. Keep these guidelines in mind when setting up a TFTP server:
- If you are downloading through the service port, the TFTP server must be on the same subnet as the service port because the service port is not routable, or you must create static routes on the controller.
  - If you are downloading through the distribution system network port, the TFTP server can be on the same or a different subnet because the distribution system port is routable.
  - A third-party TFTP server cannot run on the same computer as the Cisco WCS because the WCS built-in TFTP server and the third-party TFTP server require the same communication port.
- Step 3** If you are downloading a custom signature file (\*.sig), copy it to the default directory on your TFTP server.
- Step 4** Choose **Commands** to open the Download File to Controller page (see [Figure 5-59](#)).

**Figure 5-59** Download File to Controller Page

- Step 5** Perform one of the following:
- If you want to download a custom signature file to the controller, choose **Signature File** from the File Type drop-down box on the Download File to Controller page.
  - If you want to upload a standard signature file from the controller, choose **Upload File** and then **Signature File** from the File Type drop-down box on the Upload File from Controller page.
- Step 6** From the Transfer Mode drop-down box, choose **TFTP** or **FTP**.
- Step 7** In the IP Address field, enter the IP address of the TFTP or FTP server.
- Step 8** If you are downloading the signature file using a TFTP server, enter the maximum number of times the controller should attempt to download the signature file in the Maximum Retries field.
- Range:** 1 to 254  
**Default:** 10
- Step 9** If you are downloading the signature file using a TFTP server, enter the amount of time in seconds before the controller times out while attempting to download the signature file in the Timeout field.
- Range:** 1 to 254 seconds  
**Default:** 6 seconds
- Step 10** In the File Path field, enter the path of the signature file to be downloaded or uploaded. The default value is “/.”

**Step 11** In the File Name field, enter the name of the signature file to be downloaded or uploaded.

**Note**

When uploading signatures, the controller uses the filename you specify as a base name and then adds “\_std.sig” and “\_custom.sig” to it in order to upload *both* standard and custom signature files to the TFTP server. For example, if you upload a signature file called “ids1,” the controller automatically generates and uploads both ids1\_std.sig and ids1\_custom.sig to the TFTP server. If desired, you can then modify ids1\_custom.sig on the TFTP server (making sure to set “Revision = custom”) and download it by itself.

**Step 12** If you are using an FTP server, follow these steps:

- a. In the Server Login Username field, enter the username to log into the FTP server.
- b. In the Server Login Password field, enter the password to log into the FTP server.
- c. In the Server Port Number field, enter the port number on the FTP server through which the download occurs. The default value is 21.

**Step 13** Choose **Download** to download the signature file to the controller or **Upload** to upload the signature file from the controller.

## Using the GUI to Enable or Disable IDS Signatures

Follow these steps to enable or disable IDS signatures using the controller GUI.

**Step 1** Choose **Security > Wireless Protection Policies > Standard Signatures** or **Custom Signatures**. The Standard Signatures page (see [Figure 5-60](#)) or the Custom Signatures page appears.

Figure 5-60 Standard Signatures Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller's Standard Signatures configuration page. The left sidebar contains a tree view with categories like AAA, Local EAP, Priority Order, Access Control Lists, and Wireless Protection Policies. The main area is titled 'Standard Signatures' and has an 'Apply' button. Under 'Global Settings', there is a checkbox 'Enable check for all Standard and Custom Signatures' which is checked. Below this is a table of signatures.

| Precedence | Name                 | Frame Type | Action | State   | Description                                    |
|------------|----------------------|------------|--------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1          | Boast deauth         | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Broadcast Deauthentication Frame               |
| 2          | NULL probe resp 1    | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | NULL Probe Response - Zero length SSID element |
| 3          | NULL probe resp 2    | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | NULL Probe Response - No SSID element          |
| 4          | Assoc flood          | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Association Request flood                      |
| 5          | Reassoc flood        | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Reassociation Request flood                    |
| 6          | Broadcast Probe floo | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Broadcast Probe Request flood                  |
| 7          | Disassoc flood       | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Disassociation flood                           |
| 8          | Deauth flood         | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Deauthentication flood                         |
| 9          | Res mgmt 6 & 7       | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Reserved management sub-types 6 and 7          |
| 10         | Res mgmt D           | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Reserved management sub-type D                 |
| 11         | Res mgmt E & F       | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Reserved management sub-types E and F          |
| 12         | EAPOL flood          | Data       | Report | Enabled | EAPOL Flood Attack                             |
| 13         | NetStumbler 3.2.0    | Data       | Report | Enabled | NetStumbler 3.2.0                              |
| 14         | NetStumbler 3.2.3    | Data       | Report | Enabled | NetStumbler 3.2.3                              |
| 15         | NetStumbler 3.3.0    | Data       | Report | Enabled | NetStumbler 3.3.0                              |
| 16         | NetStumbler generic  | Data       | Report | Enabled | NetStumbler                                    |
| 17         | Wellenreiter         | Managemen  | Report | Enabled | Wellenreiter                                   |

The Standard Signatures page shows the list of Cisco-supplied signatures that are currently on the controller. The Custom Signatures page shows the list of customer-supplied signatures that are currently on the controller. This page shows the following information for each signature:

- The order, or precedence, in which the controller performs the signature checks.
- The name of the signature, which specifies the type of attack that the signature is trying to detect.
- The frame type on which the signature is looking for a security attack. The possible frame types are data and management.
- The action that the controller is directed to take when the signature detects an attack. The possible action are None and Report.
- The state of the signature, which indicates whether the signature is enabled to detect security attacks.
- A description of the type of attack that the signature is trying to detect.

**Step 2** Perform one of the following:

- If you want to allow all signatures (both standard and custom) whose individual states are set to Enabled to remain enabled, check the **Enable Check for All Standard and Custom Signatures** check box at the top of either the Standard Signatures page or the Custom Signatures page. The default value is enabled (or checked). When the signatures are enabled, the access points joined to the controller perform signature analysis on the received 802.11 data or management frames and report any discrepancies to the controller.
- If you want to disable all signatures (both standard and custom) on the controller, uncheck the **Enable Check for All Standard and Custom Signatures** check box. If you uncheck this check box, all signatures are disabled, even the ones whose individual states are set to Enabled.

- Step 3** Click **Apply** to commit your changes.
- Step 4** To enable or disable an individual signature, click the precedence number of the desired signature. The Standard Signature (or Custom Signature) > Detail page appears (see [Figure 5-61](#)).

**Figure 5-61** *Standard Signature > Detail Page*

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller Configuration Guide interface. The left sidebar lists various configuration categories under 'Security', including AAA, Local EAP, Priority Order, Access Control Lists, and Wireless Protection Policies. The main content area is titled 'Standard Signature > Detail'. It contains several fields for configuration: Precedence (1), Name (Broadcast deauth), Description (Broadcast Deauthentication Frame), Frame Type (Management), Action (Report), Measurement Interval (sec) (1), Tracking (Per Signature and Mac), Signature Frequency (pkts/interval) (50), Signature Mac Frequency (pkts/interval) (30), Quiet Time (sec) (300), and State (checked). At the bottom, there is a table for Patterns with columns for Offset, Pattern, and Mask.

| Offset | Pattern | Mask   |
|--------|---------|--------|
| 0      | 0x00c0  | 0x00ff |
| 4      | 0x01    | 0x01   |

This page shows much of the same information as the Standard Signatures and Custom Signatures pages but provides these additional details:

- The tracking method used by the access points to perform signature analysis and report the results to the controller. The possible values are:
  - Per Signature—Signature analysis and pattern matching are tracked and reported on a per-signature and per-channel basis.
  - Per MAC—Signature analysis and pattern matching are tracked and reported separately for individual client MAC addresses on a per-channel basis.
  - Per Signature and MAC—Signature analysis and pattern matching are tracked and reported on a per-signature and per-channel basis as well as on a per-MAC-address and per-channel basis.
- The pattern that is being used to detect a security attack

- Step 5** In the Measurement Interval field, enter the number of seconds that must elapse before the signature frequency threshold is reached within the configured interval. The range is 1 to 3600 seconds, and the default value varies per signature.
- Step 6** In the Signature Frequency field, enter the number of matching packets per interval that must be identified at the individual access point level before an attack is detected. The range is 1 to 32,000 packets per interval, and the default value varies per signature.
- Step 7** In the Signature MAC Frequency field, enter the number of matching packets per interval that must be identified per client per access point before an attack is detected. The range is 1 to 32,000 packets per interval, and the default value varies per signature.
- Step 8** In the Quiet Time field, enter the length of time (in seconds) after which no attacks have been detected at the individual access point level and the alarm can stop. The range is 60 to 32,000 seconds, and the default value varies per signature.

- Step 9** Check the **State** check box to enable this signature to detect security attacks or uncheck it to disable this signature. The default value is enabled (or checked).
- Step 10** Click **Apply** to commit your changes. The Standard Signatures or Custom Signatures page reflects the signature's updated state.
- Step 11** Click **Save Configuration** to save your changes.

## Using the GUI to View IDS Signature Events

Follow these steps to view signature events using the controller GUI.

- Step 1** Choose **Security > Wireless Protection Policies > Signature Events Summary**. The Signature Events Summary page appears (see [Figure 5-62](#)).

**Figure 5-62 Signature Events Summary Page**

| Signature Type           | Precedence | Signature Name        | # Events |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|
| <a href="#">Standard</a> | 8          | Deauth flood          | 1        |
| <a href="#">Standard</a> | 7          | Disassoc flood        | 2        |
| <a href="#">Standard</a> | 10         | Res mgmt D            | 1        |
| <a href="#">Standard</a> | 11         | Res mgmt E & F        | 1        |
| <a href="#">Standard</a> | 2          | NULL probe resp 1     | 1        |
| <a href="#">Standard</a> | 5          | Reassoc flood         | 2        |
| <a href="#">Standard</a> | 6          | Broadcast Probe flood | 2        |

This page shows the number of attacks detected by the enabled signatures.

- Step 2** To see more information on the attacks detected by a particular signature, click the signature type link for that signature. The Signature Events Detail page appears (see [Figure 5-63](#)).

**Figure 5-63 Signature Events Detail Page**

| Signature Type | Precedence | Signature Name | # Events |
|----------------|------------|----------------|----------|
| Standard       | 8          | Deauth flood   | 2        |

| Source MAC Address | Track Method | Frequency | # APs | Last Heard               |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|
| 00:40:96:ac:ab:82  | Per Mac      | 30        | 1     | Tue Apr 17 22:43:33 2007 |
| 00:40:96:ac:ab:92  | Per Mac      | 30        | 1     | Tue Apr 17 22:49:19 2007 |

This page shows the following information:

- The MAC addresses of the clients identified as attackers
- The method used by the access point to track the attacks
- The number of matching packets per second that were identified before an attack was detected

- The number of access points on the channel on which the attack was detected
- The day and time when the access point detected the attack

**Step 3** To see more information for a particular attack, click the **Detail** link for that attack. The Signature Events Track Detail page appears (see [Figure 5-64](#)).

**Figure 5-64** Signature Events Track Detail Page

The screenshot shows the Cisco Wireless LAN Controller GUI. The left sidebar contains a navigation tree with categories like AAA, RADIUS, TACACS+, LDAP, Local Net Users, MAC Filtering, Disabled Clients, User Login Policies, AP Policies, Local EAP, and Priority Order. The main content area is titled 'Signature Events Track Detail' and includes a '< Back' button. Below the title, there are several fields: Signature Type (Standard), Precedence (8), Signature Name (Deauth flood), Source MAC Address (00:40:96:ac:eb:82), Track Method (Per Mac), Frequency (30), and # APs (1). At the bottom, there is a table with columns: AP MAC Address, AP Name, Radio Type, Channel, and Last reported by this AP. The table contains one entry: AP MAC Address 00:0b:85:7f:20:f0, AP Name vinay-AireSpace-1010, Radio Type 802.11a, Channel 36, and Last reported by this AP. A vertical label '230821' is visible on the right side of the screenshot.

This page shows the following information:

- The MAC address of the access point that detected the attack
- The name of the access point that detected the attack
- The type of radio (802.11a or 802.11b/g) used by the access point to detect the attack
- The radio channel on which the attack was detected
- The day and time when the access point reported the attack

## Using the CLI to Configure IDS Signatures

Follow these steps to configure IDS signatures using the controller CLI.

- Step 1** If desired, create your own custom signature file.
- Step 2** Make sure that you have a TFTP server available. See the guidelines for setting up a TFTP server in [Step 2](#) of the “Using the GUI to Upload or Download IDS Signatures” section on page 5-114.
- Step 3** Copy the custom signature file (\*.sig) to the default directory on your TFTP server.
- Step 4** To specify the download or upload mode, enter **transfer {download | upload} mode tftp**.
- Step 5** To specify the type of file to be downloaded or uploaded, enter **transfer {download | upload} datatype signature**.
- Step 6** To specify the IP address of the TFTP server, enter **transfer {download | upload} serverip tftp-server-ip-address**.



**Note**

Some TFTP servers require only a forward slash (/) as the TFTP server IP address, and the TFTP server automatically determines the path to the correct directory.



**Step 7** To specify the download or upload path, enter **transfer {download | upload} path** *absolute-tftp-server-path-to-file*.

**Step 8** To specify the file to be downloaded or uploaded, enter **transfer {download | upload} filename** *filename.sig*.



**Note** When uploading signatures, the controller uses the filename you specify as a base name and then adds “\_std.sig” and “\_custom.sig” to it in order to upload *both* standard and custom signature files to the TFTP server. For example, if you upload a signature file called “ids1,” the controller automatically generates and uploads both *ids1\_std.sig* and *ids1\_custom.sig* to the TFTP server. If desired, you can then modify *ids1\_custom.sig* on the TFTP server (making sure to set “Revision = custom”) and download it by itself.

**Step 9** Enter **transfer {download | upload} start** and answer **y** to the prompt to confirm the current settings and start the download or upload.

**Step 10** To specify the number of seconds that must elapse before the signature frequency threshold is reached within the configured interval, enter this command:

**config wps signature interval** *signature\_id interval*

where *signature\_id* is a number used to uniquely identify a signature. The range is 1 to 3600 seconds, and the default value varies per signature.

**Step 11** To specify the number of matching packets per interval that must be identified at the individual access point level before an attack is detected, enter this command:

**config wps signature frequency** *signature\_id frequency*

The range is 1 to 32,000 packets per interval, and the default value varies per signature.

**Step 12** To specify the number of matching packets per interval that must be identified per client per access point before an attack is detected, enter this command:

**config wps signature mac-frequency** *signature\_id mac\_frequency*

The range is 1 to 32,000 packets per interval, and the default value varies per signature.

**Step 13** To specify the length of time (in seconds) after which no attacks have been detected at the individual access point level and the alarm can stop, enter this command:

**config wps signature quiet-time** *signature\_id quiet\_time*

The range is 60 to 32,000 seconds, and the default value varies per signature.

**Step 14** To enable or disable IDS signatures, perform one of the following:

- To enable or disable an individual IDS signature, enter this command:

**config wps signature {standard | custom} state** *signature\_id {enable | disable}*

- To enable or disable IDS signature processing, which enables or disables the processing of all IDS signatures, enter this command:

**config wps signature {enable | disable}**



**Note** If IDS signature processing is disabled, all signatures are disabled, regardless of the state configured for individual signatures.

**Step 15** To save your changes, enter this command:

**save config**

- Step 16** If desired, you can reset a specific signature or all signatures to default values. To do so, enter this command:

```
config wps signature reset {signature_id | all}
```



**Note** You can reset signatures to default values only through the controller CLI.

## Using the CLI to View IDS Signature Events

Use these commands to view signature events using the controller CLI.

- To see whether IDS signature processing is enabled or disabled on the controller, enter this command:

```
show wps summary
```

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Auto-Immune
 Auto-Immune..... Disabled

Client Exclusion Policy
 Excessive 802.11-association failures..... Enabled
 Excessive 802.11-authentication failures..... Enabled
 Excessive 802.1x-authentication..... Enabled
 IP-theft..... Enabled
 Excessive Web authentication failure..... Enabled

Signature Policy
 Signature Processing..... Enabled
```



**Note** If IDS signature processing is disabled, all signatures are disabled, regardless of the state configured for individual signatures.

- To see individual summaries of all of the standard and custom signatures installed on the controller, enter this command:

```
show wps signature summary
```

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Signature-ID..... 1
Precedence..... 1
Signature Name..... Bcast deauth
Type..... standard
FrameType..... management
State..... enabled
Action..... report
Tracking..... per Signature and Mac
Signature Frequency..... 50 pkts/interval
Signature Mac Frequency..... 30 pkts/interval
Interval..... 1 sec
Quiet Time..... 300 sec
Description..... Broadcast Deauthentication Frame
```

Patterns:

```
0 (Header):0x00c0:0x00ff
4 (Header):0x01:0x01
```

- To see the number of attacks detected by the enabled signatures, enter this command:

**show wps signature events summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

| Precedence | Signature Name    | Type     | # Events |
|------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| 1          | Bcast deauth      | Standard | 2        |
| 2          | NULL probe resp 1 | Standard | 1        |

- To see more information on the attacks detected by a particular standard or custom signature, enter this command:

**show wps signature events {standard | custom} precedence# summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Precedence..... 1
Signature Name..... Bcast deauth
Type..... Standard
Number of active events..... 2
```

| Source MAC Addr   | Track Method  | Frequency | No. APs | Last Heard              |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| 00:01:02:03:04:01 | Per Signature | 4         | 3       | Tue Dec 6 00:17:44 2005 |
| 00:01:02:03:04:01 | Per Mac       | 6         | 2       | Tue Dec 6 00:30:04 2005 |

- To see information on attacks that are tracked by access points on a per-signature and per-channel basis, enter this command:

**show wps signature events {standard | custom} precedence# detailed per-signature source\_mac**

- To see information on attacks that are tracked by access points on an individual-client basis (by MAC address), enter this command:

**show wps signature events {standard | custom} precedence# detailed per-mac source\_mac**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Source MAC..... 00:01:02:03:04:01
Precedence..... 1
Signature Name..... Bcast deauth
Type..... Standard
Track..... Per Mac
Frequency..... 6
Reported By
 AP 1
 MAC Address..... 00:0b:85:01:4d:80
 Name..... Test_AP_1
 Radio Type..... 802.11bg
 Channel..... 4
 Last reported by this AP..... Tue Dec 6 00:17:49 2005
 AP 2
 MAC Address..... 00:0b:85:26:91:52
 Name..... Test_AP_2
 Radio Type..... 802.11bg
 Channel..... 6
 Last reported by this AP..... Tue Dec 6 00:30:04 2005
```

# Configuring wIPS

The Cisco Adaptive wireless intrusion prevention system (wIPS) is an advanced approach to wireless threat detection and performance management. It combines network traffic analysis, network device and topology information, signature-based techniques, and anomaly detection to deliver highly accurate and complete wireless threat prevention. With a fully infrastructure-integrated solution, you can continually monitor wireless traffic on both the wired and wireless networks and use that network intelligence to analyze attacks from many sources to more accurately pinpoint and proactively prevent attacks rather than waiting until damage or exposure has occurred.

The Cisco Adaptive wIPS is enabled by the Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine (MSE), which is an appliance-based solution that centralizes the processing of intelligence collected by the continuous monitoring of Cisco Aironet access points. With Cisco Adaptive wIPS functionalities and WCS integration into the MSE, the wIPS service can configure, monitor, and report wIPS policies and alarms.

The Cisco Adaptive wIPS is not configured on the controller. Instead, WCS forwards the profile configuration to the wIPS service, which in turn forwards the profile to the controller. The profile is stored in flash memory on the controller and sent to access points when they join the controller. When an access point disassociates and joins another controller, it receives the wIPS profile from the new controller.

Access points in monitor mode periodically send alarms based on the policy profile to the wIPS service through the controller. The wIPS service stores and processes the alarms and generates SNMP traps. WCS configures its IP address as a trap destination to receive SNMP traps from the MSE.

[Table 5-10](#) lists all the SNMP trap controls and their respective traps. When a trap control is enabled, all the traps of the trap control are also enabled.

**Table 5-10** *SNMP Trap Controls and their respective Traps*

| Tab Name     | Trap Control                 | Trap                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| General      | Link (Port) Up/Down          | linkUp, linkDown                                                                                                                                                            |
|              | Spanning Tree                | newRoot, topologyChange, stpInstanceNewRootTrap, stpInstanceTopologyChangeTrap                                                                                              |
|              | Config Save                  | bsnDot11EssCreated, bsnDot11EssDeleted, bsnConfigSaved, ciscoLwappScheduledResetNotif, ciscoLwappClearResetNotif, ciscoLwappResetFailedNotif, ciscoLwappSysInvalidXmlConfig |
| AP           | AP Register                  | bsnAPDisassociated, bsnAPAssociated                                                                                                                                         |
|              | Ap Interface Up/Down         | bsnAPIfUp, bsnAPIfDown                                                                                                                                                      |
| Client Traps | 802.11 Association           | bsnDot11StationAssociate                                                                                                                                                    |
|              | 802.11 Disassociation        | bsnDot11StationDisassociate                                                                                                                                                 |
|              | 802.11 Deauthentication      | bsnDot11StationDeauthenticate                                                                                                                                               |
|              | 802.11 Failed Authentication | bsnDot11StationAuthenticateFail                                                                                                                                             |
|              | 802.11 Failed Association    | bsnDot11StationAssociateFail                                                                                                                                                |
|              | Exclusion                    | bsnDot11StationBlacklisted                                                                                                                                                  |

**Table 5-10** *SNMP Trap Controls and their respective Traps (continued)*

| Tab Name              | Trap Control                  | Trap                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Security Traps        | User Authentication           | bsnTooManyUnsuccessLoginAttempts,<br>cLWAGuestUserLoggedIn,<br>cLWAGuestUserLoggedOut                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                       | RADIUS Servers Not Responding | bsnRADIUSServerNotResponding,<br>ciscoLwappAAARadiusReqTimedOut                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                       | WEP Decrypt Error             | bsnWepKeyDecryptError                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                       | Rogue AP                      | bsnAdhocRogueAutoContained,<br>bsnRogueApAutoContained,<br>bsnTrustedApHasInvalidEncryption,<br>bsnMaxRogueCountExceeded,<br>bsnMaxRogueCountClear,<br>bsnApMaxRogueCountExceeded,<br>bsnApMaxRogueCountClear,<br>bsnTrustedApHasInvalidRadioPolicy,<br>bsnTrustedApHasInvalidSsid,<br>bsnTrustedApIsMissing |
|                       | SNMP Authentication           | agentSnmpAuthenticationTrapFlag                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                       | Multiple Users                | multipleUsersTrap                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                       |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Auto RF Profile Traps | Load Profile                  | bsnAPLoadProfileFailed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                       | Noise Profile                 | bsnAPNoiseProfileFailed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                       | Interference Profile          | bsnAPInterferenceProfileFailed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                       | Coverage Profile              | bsnAPCoverageProfileFailed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Auto RF Update Traps  | Channel Update                | bsnAPCurrentChannelChanged                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                       | Tx Power Update               | bsnAPCurrentTxPowerChanged                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Mesh Traps            | Child Excluded Parent         | ciscoLwappMeshChildExcludedParent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                       | Parent Change                 | ciscoLwappMeshParentChange                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                       | Authfailure Mesh              | ciscoLwappMeshAuthorizationFailure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                       | Child Moved                   | ciscoLwappMeshChildMoved                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                       | Excessive Parent Change       | ciscoLwappMeshExcessiveParentChange                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                       | Excessive Children            | ciscoLwappMeshExcessiveChildren                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                       | Poor SNR                      | ciscoLwappMeshAbateSNR,<br>ciscoLwappMeshOnsetSNR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                       | Console Login                 | ciscoLwappMeshConsoleLogin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                       | Excessive Association         | ciscoLwappMeshExcessiveAssociation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                       | Default Bridge Group Name     | ciscoLwappMeshDefaultBridgeGroupName                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**Note**

The remaining traps do not have trap controls. These are traps, which are not generated too frequently and thus do not require any trap control. Thus, any other trap generated by the Controller cannot be turned off.

**Note**

In all of the above cases, the controller functions solely as a forwarding device.

**Note**

For more information on the Cisco Adaptive wIPS, refer to the *Cisco Wireless Control System Configuration Guide, Release 6.0* and the *Cisco 3300 Series Mobility Services Engine Configuration Guide, Release 6.0*.

## Configuring wIPS on an Access Point

Using the controller CLI, follow these steps to configure wIPS on an access point. These steps are required in order to enable wIPS.

**Step 1** To configure an access point for monitor mode, enter this command:

```
config ap mode monitor Cisco_AP
```

**Step 2** When warned that the access point will be rebooted and asked if you want to continue, enter **Y**.

**Step 3** To save your changes, enter this command:

```
save config
```

**Step 4** To disable the access point radio, enter this command:

```
config {802.11a | 802.11b} disable Cisco_AP
```

**Step 5** To configure the wIPS submode on the access point, enter this command:

```
config ap mode monitor submode wips Cisco_AP
```

**Note**

To disable wIPS on the access point, enter this command: **config ap mode monitor submode none** Cisco\_AP.

**Step 6** To enable wIPS optimized channel scanning for the access point, enter this command:

```
config ap monitor-mode wips-optimized Cisco_AP
```

The access point scans each channel for 250 milliseconds. It derives the list of channels to be scanned from the monitor configuration. Three channel sets are available:

- **All**—All channels supported by the access point's radio
- **Country**—Only the channels supported by the access point's country of operation
- **DCA**—Only the channel set used by the dynamic channel assignment (DCA) algorithm, which by default includes all of the non-overlapping channels allowed in the access point's country of operation

The 802.11a or 802.11b Monitor Channels field in the output of the **show advanced {802.11a | 802.11b} monitor** command shows the monitor configuration channel set:

```

Default 802.11b AP monitoring
 802.11b Monitor Mode..... enable
 802.11b Monitor Channels..... Country channels
 802.11b AP Coverage Interval..... 180 seconds
 802.11b AP Load Interval..... 60 seconds
 802.11b AP Noise Interval..... 180 seconds
 802.11b AP Signal Strength Interval..... 60 seconds

```

**Step 7** To re-enable the access point radio, enter this command:

```
config {802.11a | 802.11b} enable Cisco_AP
```

**Step 8** To save your changes, enter this command:

```
save config
```

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## Viewing wIPS Information

Using the controller CLI, enter these commands to view wIPS information.



### Note

You can also view the access point submode from the controller GUI. To do so, choose **Wireless > Access Points > All APs > the access point name > the Advanced tab**. The AP Sub Mode field shows *wIPS* if the access point is in monitor mode and the wIPS submode is configured on the access point or *None* if the access point is not in monitor mode or the access point is in monitor mode but the wIPS submode is not configured.

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1. To view the wIPS submode on the access point, enter this command:

**show ap config general Cisco\_AP**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Cisco AP Identifier..... 3
Cisco AP Name..... AP1131:46f2.98ac
...
AP Mode Monitor
Public Safety Disabled Disabled
AP SubMode WIPS
...
```

2. To see the wIPS optimized channel scanning configuration on the access point, enter this command:

**show ap monitor-mode summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

| AP Name          | Ethernet MAC      | Status | Scanning Channel List |
|------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| AP1131:46f2.98ac | 00:16:46:f2:98:ac | wIPS   | 1, 6, NA, NA          |

3. To view the wIPS configuration forwarded by WCS to the controller, enter this command:

**show wps wips summary**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Policy Name..... Default
Policy Version..... 3
```

4. To view the current state of wIPS operation on the controller, enter this command:

**show wps wips statistics**

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Policy Assignment Requests..... 1
Policy Assignment Responses..... 1
Policy Update Requests..... 0
Policy Update Responses..... 0
Policy Delete Requests..... 0
Policy Delete Responses..... 0
Alarm Updates..... 13572
Device Updates..... 8376
Device Update Requests..... 0
Device Update Responses..... 0
Forensic Updates..... 1001
Invalid WIPS Payloads..... 0
Invalid Messages Received..... 0
NMSP Transmitted Packets..... 22950
NMSP Transmit Packets Dropped..... 0
NMSP Largest Packet..... 1377
```

5. To clear the wIPS statistics on the controller, enter this command:

**clear stats wps wips**



## Detecting Active Exploits

The controller supports three active exploit alarms that serve as notifications of potential threats. They are enabled by default and therefore require no configuration on the controller.

- **ASLEAP detection**—The controller raises a trap event if an attacker launches a LEAP crack tool. The trap message is visible in the controller's trap log.
- **Fake access point detection**—The controller tweaks the fake access point detection logic to avoid false access point alarms in high-density access point environments.
- **Honeypot access point detection**—The controller raises a trap event if a rogue access point is using managed SSIDs (WLANs configured on the controller). The trap message is visible in the controller's trap log.

