



RADIUS Attribute 8 (Framed-IP-Address) in Access Requests

This feature module describes the RADIUS Attribute 8 (Framed-IP-Address) in Access Requests feature. It includes information on the benefits of the new feature, supported platforms, and related documents.

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Feature Overview

The RADIUS Attribute 8 (Framed-IP-Address) in Access Requests feature makes it possible for a network access server (NAS) to provide the RADIUS server with a hint of the user IP address in advance of user authentication. An application can be run on the RADIUS server to use this hint and build a table (map) of user names and addresses. Using the mapping information, service applications can begin preparing user login information to have available upon successful user authentication.

How It Works

When a network device dials in to a NAS that is configured for RADIUS authentication, the NAS begins the process of contacting the RADIUS server in preparation for user authentication. Typically, the IP address of the dial-in host is not communicated to the RADIUS server until after successful user authentication. Communicating the device IP address to the server in the RADIUS access request allows other applications to begin to take advantage of that information.

As the NAS sets up communication with the RADIUS server, the NAS assigns an IP address to the dial-in host from a pool of IP addresses configured at the specific interface. The NAS sends the IP address of the dial-in host to the RADIUS server as attribute 8. At that time, the NAS sends other user information, such as the user name, to the RADIUS server.

After the RADIUS server receives the user information from the NAS, it has two options:

- If the user profile on the RADIUS server already includes attribute 8, the RADIUS server can override the IP address sent by the NAS with the IP address defined as attribute 8 in the user profile. The address defined in the user profile is returned to the NAS.
- If the user profile does not include attribute 8, the RADIUS server can accept attribute 8 from the NAS.

The address returned by the RADIUS server is saved in memory on the NAS for the life of the session. If the NAS is configured for RADIUS accounting, the accounting start packet sent to the RADIUS server includes the same IP address as in attribute 8. All subsequent accounting packets, updates (if configured), and stop packets will also include the same IP address provided in attribute 8.

Benefits

The RADIUS Attribute 8 (Framed-IP-Address) in Access Requests feature makes it possible to run applications on the RADIUS server that build mapping tables of users and IP addresses. The server can then use the mapping table information in other applications, such as preparing customized user login pages in advance of a successful user authentication with the RADIUS server.

Related Documents

- “Configuring Authentication” and “Configuring RADIUS” chapters, *Cisco Security Configuration Guide*, Cisco IOS Release 12.1
- RFC 2865, *Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS)*

Supported Platforms

This feature is supported on the following platforms:

- Cisco AS5200
- Cisco AS5300
- Cisco AS5800
- Cisco 6400

Supported Standards, MIBs, and RFCs

Standards

No new or modified standards are supported by this feature.

MIBs

No new or modified MIBs are supported by this feature.

For descriptions of supported MIBs and how to use MIBs, see the Cisco MIB web site on Cisco Connection Online (CCO) at <http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/netmgmt/cmtk/mibs.shtml>.

RFCs

No new or modified RFCs are supported by this feature.

Prerequisites

Sending RADIUS attribute 8 in the RADIUS access requests assumes that the login host has been configured to request its IP address from the NAS server. It also assumes that the login host has been configured to accept an IP address from the NAS.

The NAS must be configured with a pool of network addresses on the interface supporting the login hosts.

Configuration Tasks

See the following section for the required configuration task for the RADIUS Attribute 8 (IP-Framed-Address) in Access Requests feature.

Configuring RADIUS Attribute 8 in Access Requests

To send RADIUS attribute 8 in the access request, use the following global configuration command:

Command	Purpose
Router(config)# radius-server attribute 8 include-in-access-req	Sends RADIUS attribute 8 in access-request packets.

Verifying RADIUS Attribute 8 in Access Requests

To verify that RADIUS attribute 8 is being sent in access requests, use the following commands in privileged EXEC mode. Attribute 8 should be present in all ppp access requests.

Command	Purpose
Router# more system:running-config	Displays the contents of the current running configuration file. (Note that the more system:running-config command has replaced the show running-config command.)
Router# debug radius	Displays information associated with RADIUS. The output of this command shows whether attribute 8 is being sent in access requests.

Configuration Examples

The following example shows a NAS configuration that sends the IP address of the dial-in host to the RADIUS server in the RADIUS access request. The NAS is configured for RADIUS authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA). A pool of IP addresses (asyncl-pool) has been configured and applied at interface Async1.

```

aaa new-model
aaa authentication login default group radius
aaa authentication ppp default group radius
aaa authorization network default group radius
aaa accounting network default start-stop group radius
!
ip address-pool local
!
interface Async1
 peer default ip address pool asyncl-pool
!
ip local pool asyncl-pool 10.165.200.225 10.165.200.229
!
radius-server host 10.31.71.146 auth-port 1645 acct-port 1646
radius-server retransmit 3
radius-server attribute 8 include-in-access-req
radius-server key radhost

```

Command Reference

This section documents the new command that configures the RADIUS Attribute 8 (IP-Framed-Address) in Access Requests feature.

radius-server attribute 8 include in access-req

To send the IP address of a user to the RADIUS server in the access request, use the **radius-server attribute 8 include in access-req** global configuration command. To disable sending of the user IP address to the RADIUS server during authentication, use the **no** form of this command.

radius-server attribute 8 include in access-req

no radius-server attribute 8 include in access-req

Syntax Description

This command has no arguments or keywords.

Defaults

This feature is disabled.

Command Modes

Global configuration mode

Command History

Release	Modification
12.1(3)AA	This command was introduced on the Cisco AS5200, Cisco AS5300, and Cisco AS5800.
12.1(3)DC	This command was first supported on the Cisco 6400 NRP.

Usage Guidelines

Using the **radius-server attribute 8 include in access-req** command makes it possible for a network access server (NAS) to provide the RADIUS server with a hint of the user IP address in advance of user authentication. An application can be run on the RADIUS server to use this hint and build a table (map) of user names and addresses. Using the mapping information, service applications can begin preparing user login information to have available upon successful user authentication.

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As the NAS sets up communication with the RADIUS server, the NAS assigns an IP address to the dial-in host from a pool of IP addresses configured at the specific interface. The NAS sends the IP address of the dial-in host to the RADIUS server as attribute 8. At that time, the NAS sends other user information, such as the user name, to the RADIUS server.

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- If the user profile does not include attribute 8, the RADIUS server can accept attribute 8 from the NAS.

The address returned by the RADIUS server is saved in memory on the NAS for the life of the session. If the NAS is configured for RADIUS accounting, the accounting start packet sent to the RADIUS server includes the same IP address as in attribute 8. All subsequent accounting packets, updates (if configured), and stop packets will also include the same IP address as in attribute 8.

**Note**

Configuring the NAS to send the host IP address in the RADIUS access request assumes that the login host is configured to request an IP address from the NAS server. It also assumes that the login host is configured to accept an IP address from the NAS. In addition, the NAS must be configured with a pool of network addresses at the interface supporting the login hosts.

Examples

The following example shows a NAS configuration that sends the IP address of the dial-in host to the RADIUS server in the RADIUS access request. The NAS is configured for RADIUS authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA). A pool of IP addresses (async1-pool) has been configured and applied at interface Async1.

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aaa authentication login default group radius
aaa authentication ppp default group radius
aaa authorization network default group radius
aaa accounting network default start-stop group radius
!
ip address-pool local
!
interface Async1
 peer default ip address pool async1-pool
!
ip local pool async1-pool 10.165.200.225 10.165.200.229
!
radius-server host 10.31.71.146 auth-port 1645 acct-port 1646
radius-server retransmit 3
radius-server attribute 8 include-in-access-req
radius-server key radhost
```