



Enhanced Billing Support for SIP Gateways

Document Update Alert

This document was originally produced for Cisco IOS Release 12.2(11)T. This feature has been updated in subsequent releases, and more recent documentation is available.

If you are using Cisco IOS Release 12.2(11)T or higher, refer to the following section in the Configuring AAA Features for SIP chapter of the *Cisco IOS SIP Configuration Guide*, Cisco IOS Voice Configuration Library, Release 12.3:

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Feature History

Release	Modification
12.2(2)XB	This feature was introduced on the Cisco 2600 series, Cisco 3600 series, Cisco 7200 series, Cisco AS5300, Cisco AS5350, and Cisco AS5400 platforms.
12.2(8)T	This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(8)T. Note The Cisco AS5300, Cisco AS5350, and Cisco AS5400 platforms were not supported in this release.
12.2(11)T	This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(11)T and support was added for the Cisco AS5300, Cisco AS5350, and Cisco AS5400 platforms.

This document describes Enhanced Billing Support for Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Gateways. Enhanced Billing Support for SIP Gateways describes the changes to authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) records and the Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) implementations on Cisco SIP gateways. These changes were introduced to provide customers and partners the ability to effectively bill for traffic transported over SIP networks.

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Feature Overview

Username Attribute

The username attribute is included in all AAA records and is the primary means for the billing system to identify an end user. The password attribute is included in authentication and authorization messages of inbound VoIP call legs.

For most implementations, the SIP gateway populates the username attribute in the SIP INVITE request with the calling number from the FROM: header, and the password attribute with null or with data from an IVR script. If a Proxy-Authorization header exists, it is ignored. A new Cisco IOS command **aaa username** determines the information with which to populate the username attribute.

Within the Microsoft Passport authentication service that authenticates and identifies users, the passport user ID (PUID) is used. The PUID and a password are passed from a Microsoft network to the Internet telephony service provider (ITSP) network in the Proxy-Authorization header of a SIP INVITE request as a single, base-64 encoded string. For example,

```
Proxy-Authorization: basic MDAwMzAwMDA4MDM5MzJlNjJou
```

The new Cisco IOS command **aaa username** enables parsing of the Proxy-Authorization header; decoding of the PUID and password; and populating of the PUID into the username attribute, and the decoded password into the password attribute. The decoded password is generally a "." because a Microsoft Network (MSN) authenticates users prior to this point. For example,

```
Username = "123456789012345"
Password = "Z\335\304\326KU\037\301\261\326GS\255\242\002\202"
```

The password in the example above is an encrypted "." and is the same for all users.

SIP Call ID

From the Call ID header of the SIP INVITE request, the SIP Call ID is extracted and populated in Cisco vendor-specific attributes (VSA) as a new attribute value pair *call-id=string*. The value pair can be used to correlate RADIUS records from Cisco SIP gateways with RADIUS records from other SIP network elements for example, proxies. For complete information on this attribute value pair, see the *RADIUS Vendor-Specific Attributes Voice Implementation Guide*.

Session Protocol

Session Protocol is another new attribute value pair that indicates if the call is using SIP or H.323 as the signaling protocol. For complete information on this attribute value pair, see the *RADIUS Vendor-Specific Attributes Voice Implementation Guide*.

Silent Authentication Script

As part of the Enhanced Billing Support for SIP Gateways feature, a new Tool Command Language (TCL) Interactive Voice Response (IVR) API 2.0 Silent Authorization script has been developed. The Silent Authorization script allows users to be authorized without having to separately enter a username or password into the system. The script automatically extracts the passport user ID (PUID) and password from the SIP INVITE request, and then authenticates that information through RADIUS authentication and authorization records. The script is referred to as *silent* since neither the caller or called party hears any prompts.

You can upgrade to the latest script version through the CCO Software Center. The script `app_passport_silent.2.0.0.0.tcl` can be download from CCO URL <http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/tclware>. You must be a registered CCO user to log in and access these files. For information regarding TCL IVR API 2.0 see the *TCL IVR API Version 2.0 Programmer's Guide*.

Developers using the TCL Silent Authorization script may be interested in joining the Cisco Developer Support Program. This program provides you with a consistent level of support that you can depend on while leveraging Cisco interfaces in your development projects. It also provides an easy process to open, update, and track issues through Cisco Connection Online (CCO). Cisco's web-site is a key communication vehicle for using Cisco's Online Case tracking tool. A signed Developer Support Agreement is required to participate in this program. For more details, and access to this agreement, please visit us at: <http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/570/index.html>, or contact developer-support@cisco.com.

Benefits

Effective Billing

The Enhanced Billing Support on SIP Gateways feature provides customers and partners the ability to effectively bill for traffic transported over SIP networks.

Related Features and Technologies

- Cisco AAA
- Cisco TCL/IVR Version 2.0
- Cisco SIP Proxy Server
- Cisco VoIP

Related Documents

The following documents contain information related to the Cisco SIP functionality:

- *Cisco IOS Voice, Video, and Fax Configuration Guide*, Release 12.2
- *Cisco IOS Voice, Video, and Fax Command Reference*, Release 12.2
- *Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide*, Release 12.2
- *Cisco IOS IP Command Reference, Volume 1 of 3: Addressing and Services*, Release 12.2
- *Cisco IOS IP Command Reference, Volume 2 of 3: Routing Protocols*, Release 12.2
- *Cisco IOS IP Command Reference, Volume 3 of 3: Multicast*, Release 12.2

- Retry and Timer commands are described in: *SIP Gateway Support of RSVP and TEL URL*, Release 12.2(2)XB
- SIP call flows are described in: *SIP Call Flows*, Release 12.2(4)T
- Further MSN Billing information can be found in the *RADIUS Vendor-Specific Attributes Voice Implementation Guide*
- Further IVR script information can be found in the *TCL IVR API Version 2.0 Programmer's Guide*.

Supported Platforms

- Cisco 2600 series
- Cisco 3600 series
- Cisco AS5300 universal access server
- Cisco AS5350 universal gateway
- Cisco AS5400 universal gateway
- Cisco 7200 series

Table 1 Cisco IOS Release and Platform Support for this Feature

Platform	12.2(2)XB	12.2(8)T	12.2(11)T
Cisco 2600 series	X	X	X
Cisco 3600 series	X	X	X
Cisco 7200 series	X	X	X
Cisco AS5300	X	Not supported	X
Cisco AS5350	X	Not supported	X
Cisco AS5400	X	Not supported	X

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To access Cisco Feature Navigator, you must have an account on Cisco.com. If you have forgotten or lost your account information, send a blank e-mail to cco-locksmith@cisco.com. An automatic check will verify that your e-mail address is registered with Cisco.com. If the check is successful, account details with a new random password will be e-mailed to you. Qualified users can establish an account on Cisco.com by following the directions at <http://www.cisco.com/register>.

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Platform support for particular Cisco IOS software releases is dependent on the availability of the software images for those platforms. Software images for some platforms may be deferred, delayed, or changed without prior notice. For updated information about platform support and availability of software images for each Cisco IOS software release, refer to the online release notes or, if supported, Cisco Feature Navigator.



Note

As of Cisco IOS Release 12.2(2)XB, Cisco Feature Navigator does not support features included in this limited-lifetime release.

Supported Standards, MIBs, and RFCs

Standards

No new or modified standards are supported by this feature.

MIBs

- CISCO-SIP-UA-MIB
- CISCO-VOICE-DIAL-CONTROL-MIB

To obtain lists of supported MIBs by platform and Cisco IOS release, and to download MIB modules, go to the Cisco MIB website on Cisco.com at the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/netmgmt/cmtk/mibs.shtml>

RFCs

- RFC 2543, *SIP: Session Initiation Protocol*

Prerequisites

The following are general prerequisites for SIP deployment.

- Ensure that your Cisco 2600 series, Cisco 3600 series, or Cisco 7200 series router has 16-MB Flash memory and 64-MB DRAM memory, minimum. A Cisco AS5300 must have a minimum of 16-MB Flash memory and 128-MB DRAM memory. A Cisco AS5400 must have a minimum of 32-MB Flash memory and 256-MB DRAM memory.
- Ensure that the gateway has voice functionality that is configurable for SIP.
- Establish a working IP network.
For more information about configuring IP, refer to:
Cisco IOS IP Configuration Guide, Release 12.2
- Configure VoIP.

For more information about configuring VoIP, refer to:
Cisco IOS Voice, Video, and Fax Command Reference, Release 12.2

Configuration Tasks

See the following sections for configuration tasks for the features included in Enhanced Billing Support on SIP Gateways. Each task in the list is identified as either required or optional.

- [Configuring the Username Attribute](#) (required)

Configuring the Username Attribute

Complete these steps to configure the username attribute for AAA billing records, beginning in global configuration mode:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# sip-ua	Enters SIP user agent configuration mode.
Step 2	Router(config-sip-ua)# aaa username (calling-number proxy-auth)	Determines what should be included in the username attribute for AAA billing records. The default is calling-number . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • calling-number—Uses the FROM: header in the SIP INVITE. This keyword is used in most implementations. • proxy-auth—Parses the Proxy-Authentication header. Decodes the Microsoft Passport user ID (PUID) and password, and then populates the PUID into the username attribute and a "." into the password attribute.
Step 3	Router(config-sip-ua)# exit	Exits SIP user agent configuration mode.

Verifying the Username Attribute

The **show call active voice** command is used to display the username. The two examples below show examples of the two different outputs with the two keywords.

Example 1:

Output when the **aaa username** command is set with the **proxy-auth** keyword.

```
Router# show call active voice
Total call-legs: 2

    GENERIC:
SetupTime=1551144 ms
.
. (snip)
.
ReceiveBytes=63006
VOIP:
ConnectionId[0x220A95B7 0x6B3611D5 0x801DBD53 0x8F65BA34]
.
. (snip)
.
CallerName=
CallerIDBlocked=False
Username=1234567890123456          <-- PUID from Proxy-Auth header
```

Example 2:

Output when the **aaa username** command is set to the default (**no**) or **calling-number** keyword.

```
Router(config)# /
Router(config-sip-ua)# no aaa username proxy-auth

Router# sh call active voice
Total call-legs: 2

GENERIC:
SetupTime=1587000 ms
.
. (snip)
.
ReceiveBytes=22762
VOIP:
ConnectionId[0xF7C22E07 0x6B3611D5 0x8022BD53 0x8F65BA34]
.
. (snip)
.
CallerName=
CallerIDBlocked=False
Username=1234                                <-- calling-number
```

Troubleshooting Tips

To troubleshoot the Enhanced Billing Support for SIP Gateways feature, perform the following steps:

- Make sure that you can make a voice call.
- Use the **debug ccsip all** command to enable all SIP debugging capabilities, or use one of the following SIP debug commands:
 - **debug ccsip calls**
 - **debug ccsip error**
 - **debug ccsip events**
 - **debug ccsip messages**
- In addition, **debug ccsip events** and **debug ccsip all** include new output specific to the Enhanced Billing Support for SIP Gateways feature. The example shows how the Proxy-Authorization header is broken down into a decoded user name and password.

```
CCSIP SPI: SIP Call Events tracing is enabled

21:03:21: sippmh_parse_proxy_auth: Challenge is 'Basic'.
21:03:21: sippmh_parse_proxy_auth: Base64 user-pass string is
'MTIzNDU2Nzg5MDEyMzQ1Njou'.
21:03:21: sip_process_proxy_auth: Decoded user-pass string is '1234567890123456:.'.
21:03:21: sip_process_proxy_auth: Username is '1234567890123456'.
21:03:21: sip_process_proxy_auth: Pass is '..'.
21:03:21: sipSPIAddBillingInfoToCcb: sipCallId for billing records =
10872472-173611CC-81E9C73D-F836C2B6@172.18.192.19421:03:21: ****Adding to UAS Request
table
```

Configuration Examples



Note

IP addresses and hostnames in this example are fictitious.

This section provides a configuration example highlighting the minimal configuration options that are necessary to carry out the full functionality of the Enhanced Billing Support on SIP Gateways feature. After configuring the **aaa username** command described in this document, the gateway uses the information received in the SIP Authorization header and makes it available to AAA and Tool Command Language (TCL) Interactive Voice Response (IVR) services. Typically, if you expect to use the full functionality of this feature, AAA and TCL/IVR have been configured previously.

```

Current configuration : 4017 bytes
!
version 12.2
no service single-slot-reload-enable
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log uptime
no service password-encryption
!
hostname 3640-1
!
logging rate-limit console 10 except errors
! Need the following aaa line
aaa new-model
!
! Need the following four aaa lines
aaa authentication login h323 group radius
aaa authorization exec h323 group radius
aaa accounting connection h323 start-stop group radius
aaa session-id common
enable password lab
!
!
!
memory-size iomem 15
clock timezone GMT 0
voice-card 2
!
ip subnet-zero!
ip domain-name sip.com
ip name-server 172.18.192.154
ip name-server 10.10.1.5
!
no ip dhcp-client network-discovery
isdn switch-type primary-5ess
isdn voice-call-failure 0
!
voice service voip
sip
rellxx disable
!
!
fax interface-type fax-mail
mta receive maximum-recipients 0
call-history-mib retain-timer 500
!
!
controller E1 1/0
!

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controller E1 1/1
!
controller T1 2/0
framing esf
linecode b8zs
pri-group timeslots 1-24
!
controller T1 2/1
framing sf
linecode ami
!
! Need the following three lines
gw-accounting h323
gw-accounting h323 vsa
gw-accounting voip
!
!
interface Ethernet0/0
ip address 10.10.1.4 255.255.255.0
half-duplex
ip rsvp bandwidth 7500 7500
!
interface Ethernet0/1
no ip address
shutdown
half-duplex
!
interface Ethernet0/2
no ip address
shutdown
half-duplex
!
interface Ethernet0/3
no ip address
shutdown
half-duplex
!
interface FastEthernet1/0
ip address 172.18.192.197 255.255.255.0
duplex auto
speed auto
ip rsvp bandwidth 75000 75000
!
interface Serial2/0:23
no ip address
no logging event link-status
isdn switch-type primary-5ess
isdn incoming-voice modem
isdn T306 200000
isdn T310 200000
no cdp enable
!
ip classless
ip route 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 172.18.192.1
ip route 172.18.0.0 255.255.0.0 172.18.192.1
no ip http server
!
ip radius source-interface FastEthernet1/0
logging source-interface FastEthernet1/0
!
!
! Need the following radius-server lines for accounting/authentication
radius-server host 172.18.192.154 auth-port 1645 acct-port 1646
radius-server retransmit 1

```

```
radius-server key lab
radius-server vsa send accounting
radius-server vsa send authentication
call rsvp-sync
!
!
! Need the following call application lines in order to enable
! tcl scripting feature.
call application voice voice_billing tftp://172.18.207.15/app_passport_silent.2.0.0.0.tcl
!
voice-port 2/0:23
!
voice-port 3/0/0
!
voice-port 3/0/1
!
voice-port 3/1/0
!
voice-port 3/1/1
!
!
mgcp profile default
dial-peer cor custom
!
!
!
dial-peer voice 3640110 pots
destination-pattern 3640110
port 3/0/0
!
dial-peer voice 3640120 pots
destination-pattern 3640120
port 3/0/1
!
dial-peer voice 3660110 voip
destination-pattern 3660110
session protocol sipv2
session target ipv4:172.18.192.194
codec g711ulaw
!
dial-peer voice 3660120 voip
destination-pattern 3660120
session protocol sipv2
session target ipv4:172.18.192.194
codec g711ulaw
!
dial-peer voice 222 pots
huntstop
application session
destination-pattern 222
no digit-strip
direct-inward-dial
port 2/0:23
!
!
! Need to add the application line below to enable the tcl script
dial-peer voice 999 voip
application voice_billing
destination-pattern ...
session protocol sipv2
session target ipv4:10.10.1.2:5061
codec g711ulaw
!
!
```

```
! Need to add the aaa line below in order to enable proxy-authorization
! header processing
sip-ua
aaa username proxy-auth
!
!
line con 0
exec-timeout 0 0
length 0
line aux 0
line vty 0 4
!
!
end
```

Command Reference

This section documents the new **aaa username** command. All other commands used with this feature are documented in the Cisco IOS Release 12.2 command reference publications.

aaa username

To determine the information to populate the username attribute for AAA billing records, use the **aaa username** command in SIP user agent configuration mode. To achieve default capabilities, use the **no** form of this command.

```
aaa username { calling-number | proxy-auth }
```

```
no aaa username
```

Syntax Description

calling-number	Uses the FROM: header in the SIP INVITE (default value). This keyword is used in most implementations.
proxy-auth	Parses the Proxy-Authorization header. Decodes the Microsoft Passport user ID (PUID) and password, and then populates the PUID into the username attribute and a "." into the password attribute. The username attribute is used for billing and the "." is used for the password, because the user has already been authenticated prior to this point.

Defaults

The default is **calling-number**.

Command Modes

SIP user agent configuration

Command History

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12.2(2)XB	This command was introduced.
12.2(8)T	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(8)T. The Cisco AS5300, Cisco AS5350, and Cisco AS5400 platforms were not supported in this release.
12.2(11)T	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(11)T and support was added for the Cisco AS5300, Cisco AS5350, and Cisco AS5400 platforms.

Usage Guidelines

Parsing of the Proxy-Authorization header, decoding of the PUID and password, and populating of the username attribute with the PUID must be enabled through this command. If this command is not issued, the Proxy-Authorization header is ignored.

The keyword **proxy-auth** is a nonstandard implementation, and SIP gateways do not normally receive or process the **proxy-auth** header.

Examples

The following example shows the processing of the SIP username from the Proxy-Authorization header being enabled:

```
Router(config)# sip-ua
Router(config-sip-ua)# aaa username proxy-auth
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
show call active voice	Shows active call information for voice calls or fax transmissions in progress.
show call history voice	Displays the voice call history table.

Glossary

AAA—authentication, authorization, and accounting. AAA is a suite of network security services that provides the primary framework through which you can set up access control on your Cisco router or access server.

call-ID—A general header that uniquely identifies a particular invitation or all registrations of a particular client.

call leg— A logical connection between the router and another endpoint.

gateway—A gateway allows SIP or H.323 terminals to communicate with terminals configured to other protocols by converting protocols. A gateway is the point where a circuit-switched call is encoded and repackaged into IP packets.

INVITE—A method that initiates a session. It indicates that a user is invited to participate, provides a session description, indicates the type of media, and provides insight regarding the capabilities of the called and calling parties.

ITSP—Internet telephony service provider.

ISDN—Integrated Services Digital Network. Communication protocol offered by telephone companies that permits telephone networks to carry data, voice, and other source traffic.

MSN—Microsoft Network.

proxy—A SIP UAC or UAS that forwards requests and responses on behalf of another SIP UAC or UAS.

RADIUS—Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service. Service used for collecting and providing AAA information.

SIP—Session Initiation Protocol. An application-layer protocol originally developed by the Multiparty Multimedia Session Control (MMUSIC) working group of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). Their goal was to equip platforms to signal the setup of voice and multimedia calls over IP networks. SIP features are compliant with IETF RFC 2543, published in March 1999.

TCL IVR— Tool Command Language (TCL) Interactive Voice Response (IVR).

UA—user agent.

UAC—user agent client. A client application that initiates a SIP request.

UAS—user agent server (or user agent). A server application that contacts the user when a SIP request is received, then returns a response on behalf of the user. The response accepts, rejects, or redirects the request.

VoIP—Voice over IP. The ability to carry normal telephone-style voice over an IP-based Internet with POTS-like functionality, reliability, and voice quality. VoIP is a blanket term that generally refers to the Cisco standards-based approach (for example, H.323) to IP voice traffic.