



RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication

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Some call sessions for Internet service provider (ISP) subscribers are billed through authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) messages in a prepaid time model. When these subscribers are preauthenticated, a RADIUS server checks for any remaining credit in the prepaid time model and sets a session timeout based on the credit available. The RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication feature is useful in situations where the PPP authentication that follows the preauthentication phase of these call sessions does not return the Session-Timeout value (RADIUS attribute 27), and therefore allows the ISP to add call setup time to the subscriber's bill.

History for the RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication Feature

Release	Modification
12.2(15)T	This feature was introduced.
12.2(28)SB	This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(28)SB.

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Prerequisites for the RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication Feature

- This feature is specific to RADIUS. Basic AAA authentication and preauthentication must be configured.
- Preauthentication and normal PPP authentication are required for legacy functionality.

Information About the RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication Feature

You need to understand the following concept about the RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication feature:

- [RADIUS Attribute 27 and the PPP Authentication Phase, page 2](#)

RADIUS Attribute 27 and the PPP Authentication Phase

The RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication feature was developed for ISPs that want to bill dial-in subscribers for call setup time and the entire duration of the call session. These subscribers are billed through AAA messages in a prepaid time model. When the subscribers are preauthenticated, a RADIUS server checks for any remaining credit in the prepaid time model and sets a session timeout (in minutes or seconds) based on the credit available. This time can range from a few seconds for ISDN users, to much longer for asynchronous dial-up subscribers.

Until the RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication feature was developed, the value of RADIUS attribute 27, which is returned during the preauthentication phase of a call, was either ignored or overwritten during the PPP authentication phase. Even when the PPP authentication phase did not return a value for attribute 27, the old value obtained during the preauthentication phase was being ignored.

With the RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication feature introduced for Cisco IOS Release 12.2(15)T, if the PPP authentication phase does not return a value for attribute 27, the old value that was returned during the preauthentication phase is saved and used to time out the session; attribute 27 is saved in a preauthentication database for future use. However, if the PPP authentication user profile has a session timeout configured and PPP authentication succeeds, the new value downloaded during PPP authentication overwrites the old attribute 27 value. By setting the session timeout value in the preauthentication phase itself, the service provider can bill the subscriber for the call setup time and the call duration.

How to Configure the RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication Feature

No new configuration is required. The RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication feature is included in all Cisco platforms that support preauthentication, and that have RADIUS attribute 27, Session-Timeout, specified in a preauthentication user profile.

Additional References

For additional information related to the RADIUS Timeout Set During Pre-Authentication feature, refer to the following sections:

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Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
RADIUS attributes and user profiles	<i>Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide</i> , Release 12.2. Refer to “RADIUS Attributes” in the Appendixes.

Standards

Standards	Title
None	—

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
None	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

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<http://www.cisco.com/register>

RFCs

RFCs	Title
None	—

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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Command Reference

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