

Understand Admin Access and RBAC Policies on ISE

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Introduction

This document describes the features of ISE to manage Administrative Access on Identity Services Engine (ISE).

Prerequisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have the knowledge of these topics:

- ISE
- Active Directory

- Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

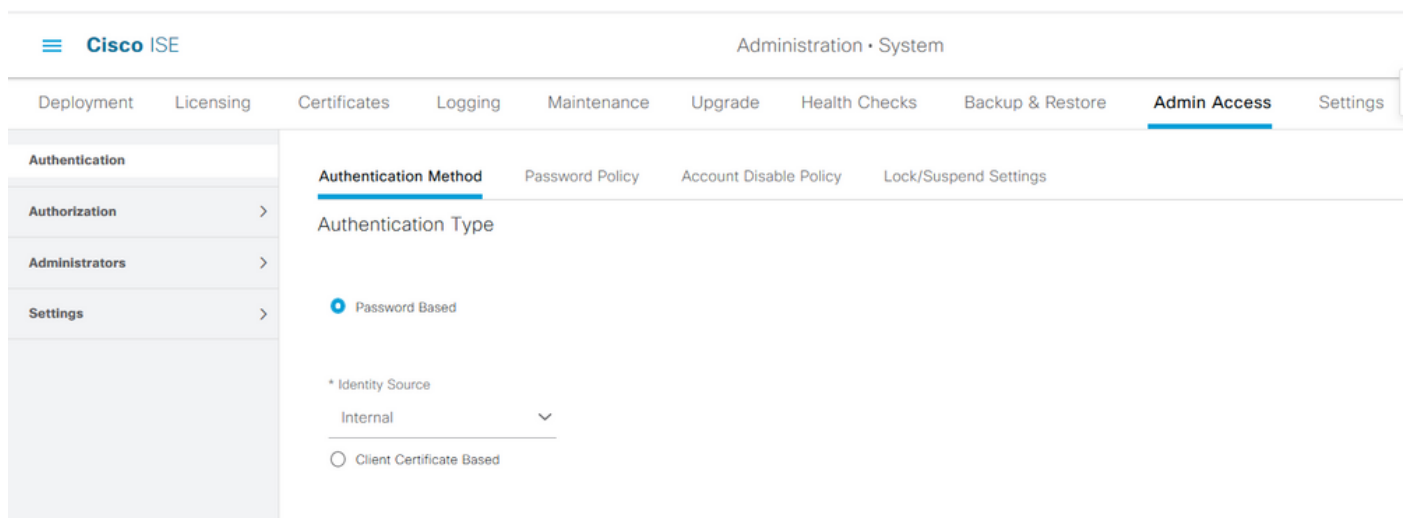
- Identity Services Engine 3.0
- Windows Server 2016

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Configure

Authentication Settings

Admin Users need to authenticate themselves to access any information on ISE. The identity of admin users can be verified by using the ISE Internal Identity Store or an External Identity Store. The authenticity can be verified by either a password or a certificate. In order to configure these settings, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authentication**. Select the required authentication type under the **Authentication Method** tab.



Note: Password-Based authentication is enabled by default. If this is changed to Client Certificate-Based authentication, it causes an application server restart on all deployment nodes.

Identity Services Engine does not allow to configure the password policy for Command Line Interface (CLI) from the CLI. Password policy for both the Graphical User Interface (GUI) and the CLI can only be configured via the GUI of ISE. In order to configure this, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authentication** and navigate to the **Password Policy** tab.

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Authentication

Authorization >

Administrators >

Settings >

Authentication Method

Password Policy

Account Disable Policy

Lock/Suspend Settings

GUI and CLI Password Policy

* Minimum Length: 4 characters (Valid Range 4 to 127)

Password must not contain:

- ☒ Admin name or its characters in reverse order
- ☐ * cisco* or its characters in reverse order
- ☐ This word or its characters in reverse order:
- ☐ Repeated characters four or more times consecutively
- ☐ Dictionary words, their characters in reverse order or their letters replaced with other characters ⓘ
 - ☒ Default Dictionary ⓘ
 - ☐ Custom Dictionary ⓘ No file selected.

The newly added custom dictionary file will replace the existing custom dictionary file.

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Password must contain at least one character of each of the selected types:

- ☒ Lowercase alphabetic characters
- ☒ Uppercase alphabetic characters
- ☒ Numeric characters
- ☐ Non-alphanumeric characters

Password History

- ☒ Password must be different from the previous 3 versions [When enabled CLI remembers only last 1 password irrespective of value configured]

* Cannot reuse password within 15 days (Valid Range 0 to 365)

Password Lifetime

Admins can be required to periodically change their password

If Admin user is also configured as a network user, an expired enable password can cause the admin account to become disabled

- ☒ Administrator passwords expire 45 days after creation or last change (valid range 1 to 3650)
- ☒ Send an email reminder to administrators 30 days prior to password expiration (valid range 1 to 3650)

ISE has a provision to disable an inactive admin user. In order to configure this, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authentication** and navigate to **Account Disable Policy** tab.

The screenshot shows the Cisco ISE Administration interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Cisco ISE' and 'Administration • System'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with tabs: 'Deployment', 'Licensing', 'Certificates', 'Logging', 'Maintenance', 'Upgrade', 'Health Checks', 'Backup & Restore', and 'Admin Access' (which is highlighted). On the left, a sidebar menu shows 'Authentication' (selected), 'Authorization', 'Administrators', and 'Settings'. The main content area has sub-tabs: 'Authentication Method', 'Password Policy', 'Account Disable Policy' (highlighted), and 'Lock/Suspend Settings'. Under 'Account Disable Policy', the title 'Account Disable Policy' is shown. A checkbox labeled 'Disable account after' is checked, followed by a text input field containing '30' and the text 'days of inactivity. (Valid range 1 to 365)'.

ISE also provides the facility to lock or suspend an admin user account based on the number of failed login attempts. In order to configure this, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authentication** and navigate to the **Lock/Suspend Settings** tab.

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To manage administrative access, there is a need for administrative groups, users, and various policies/rules to control and manage their privileges.

Configure Admin Groups

Navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators > Admin Groups** to configure administrator groups. There are few groups that are built-in by default and cannot be deleted.

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Licensing

Certificates

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Maintenance

Upgrade

Health Checks

Backup & Restore

Admin Access

Settings

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Authorization

Administrators















Admin Users

Admin Groups

Settings

Admin Groups

EditAddDuplicateDeleteReset All Ext. groups

	Name	External Groups Mapped	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Customization Admin	0	Access Permission to Guest Menu and Device Portal Management.
<input type="checkbox"/>	 ERS Admin	0	Full access permission to External RESTful Services (ERS) APIs. Admins ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 ERS Operator	0	Read-only access permission to the External RESTful Services (ERS) API...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Elevated System Admin	0	Access permission for Operations tab. Includes System and data access ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Helpdesk Admin	0	Access permission for Operations tab.
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Identity Admin	0	Access permission for Operations tab. Includes Identity Management and...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 MnT Admin	0	Access permission for Operations tab.
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Network Device Admin	0	Access permission for Operations tab. Includes Network Resources and ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Policy Admin	0	Access permission for Operations and Policy tabs. Includes System and I...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 RBAC Admin	0	Access permission for Operations tab. Includes System and data access ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Read Only Admin	0	Access Permission for admin with read-only functionality
<input type="checkbox"/>	 SPOG Admin	0	This is the group for SPOG Admin to use the APIs for export and import
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Super Admin	0	Access permission for Operations, Policy and Administration tabs. Includ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	 System Admin	0	Access permission for Operations tab. Includes System and data access ...

In order to configure Admin Users, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators > Admin Users**.

The screenshot shows the Cisco ISE Administration console. The top navigation bar includes 'Administration • System' and a menu with 'Deployment', 'Licensing', 'Certificates', 'Logging', 'Maintenance', 'Upgrade', 'Health Checks', 'Backup & Restore', 'Admin Access', and 'Settings'. The 'Admin Access' tab is selected. On the left, a sidebar menu shows 'Authentication', 'Authorization', 'Administrators' (expanded), 'Admin Users', 'Admin Groups', and 'Settings'. The main content area is titled 'Administrators' and contains a table with columns: Status, Name, Description, First Name, Last Name, Email Address, and Admin Groups. A single row is visible for the 'Default Admin User' with status 'Enabled' and group 'Super Admin'. Above the table are action buttons: Edit, Add, Change Status, Delete, and Duplicate.

Click **Add**. There are two options to choose from. One is to add a new user altogether. The other one is to make a Network Access User (i.e., a user-configured as an internal user to access the network/devices) as an ISE admin.

This screenshot is similar to the previous one but with the '+ Add' button dropdown menu open. The menu offers two options: 'Create an Admin User' and 'Select from Network Access Users'. The table below still shows the 'Default Admin User'.

After you select an option, the required details must be provided and the user group must be selected based on which the permissions and privileges are given to the user.

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Deployment Licensing Certificates Logging Maintenance Upgrade Health Checks Backup & Restore **Admin Access** Settings

Administrators List > New Administrator

Admin User

* Name

Status ☒ Enabled ☐

Email ☐ Include system alarms in emails

External ☐ ⓘ

Read Only ☐

Inactive account never disabled ☐

Password

* Password ⓘ

* Re-Enter Password ⓘ

[Generate Password](#)

User Information

First Name

Last Name

Account Options

Description

Admin Groups

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Admin Groups

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- Customization Admin
- ERS Admin
- ERS Operator
- Elevated System Admin
- Helpdesk Admin
- Identity Admin

Configure Permissions

There are two types of permissions that can be configured for a user group:

1. Menu Access
2. Data Access

Menu Access controls the navigational visibility on ISE. There are two options for every tab, Show or Hide, that can be configured. A Menu Access rule can be configured to show or hide selected tabs.

Data Access controls the ability to read/access/modify the Identity Data on ISE. Access permission can be configured only for Admin Groups, User Identity Groups, Endpoint Identity Groups, and Network Device Groups. There are three options for these entities on ISE which can be configured. They are Full Access, Read-Only Access, and No Access. A Data Access rule can be configured to choose one of these three options for each tab on ISE.

Menu Access and Data Access policies must be created before they can be applied to any admin group. There are a few policies that are built-in by default but they can always be customized or a new one can be created.

In order to configure a Menu Access policy, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authorization > Permissions > Menu Access**.

The screenshot shows the Cisco ISE Administration console. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Deployment, Licensing, Certificates, Logging, Maintenance, Upgrade, Health Checks, Backup & Restore, and Admin Access (which is selected). The left sidebar shows a tree view with Authentication, Authorization (selected), Permissions (selected), Menu Access (selected), Data Access, RBAC Policy, Administrators, and Settings. The main content area is titled 'Menu Access' and contains a table of permissions. Above the table are links for Edit, Add, Duplicate, and Delete. The table has columns for Name and Description.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Super Admin Menu Access	Access permission for Operations tab, Policy tab, Guest Access tab, Mobile Device Management tab
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Admin Menu Access	Access permission for Operations tab, Policy tab, Guest Access tab, Mobile Device Management tab,
<input type="checkbox"/>	Helpdesk Admin Menu Access	Access permission for Operations tab.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identity Admin Menu Access	Access permission for Operations tab and Identity Management.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Network Device Menu Access	Access permission for Operations tab and Network Resources.
<input type="checkbox"/>	System Admin Menu Access	Access permission for Operations tab and System.
<input type="checkbox"/>	RBAC Admin Menu Access	Access permission for Operations tab and System.
<input type="checkbox"/>	MnT Admin Menu Access	Access permission for Operations tab.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Customization Admin Menu Access	Access Permission to Guest Menu and Device Portal Management.
<input type="checkbox"/>	TACACS+ Admin Menu Access	Access Permission to Operations, Administration and Workcenter

Click **Add**. Each navigational option in ISE can be configured to be shown/hidden in a policy.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Menu Access Permission' form in the Cisco ISE Administration console. The top navigation bar is the same as the previous screenshot. The left sidebar is also the same. The main content area is titled 'Create Menu Access Permission'. It has a form with a 'Name' field (containing 'Custom_Menu_Access') and a 'Description' field. Below the form is a section titled 'Menu Access Privileges' which contains a tree view of the ISE Navigation Structure. The tree view shows the following structure: Policy (selected), Administration, System (selected), Deployment, Licensing, Certificates, Certificate Manage, System Certificates, and Trusted Certificates. To the right of the tree view is a section titled 'Permissions for Menu Access' with two radio buttons: 'Show' (selected) and 'Hide'.

In order to configure Data Access policy, navigate to **Administation > System > Admin Access > Authorization > Permissions > Data Access**.

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EditAddDuplicateDelete

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Super Admin Data Access	Access permission for Admin Groups, User Identity Groups, Endpoint Identity Groups, All Locations and All Device Types.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Admin Data Access	Access permission for User Identity Groups and Endpoint Identity Groups.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identity Admin Data Access	Access permission for User Identity Groups and Endpoint Identity Groups.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Network Admin Data Access	Access permission for All Locations and All Device Types.
<input type="checkbox"/>	System Admin Data Access	Access permission for Admin Groups.
<input type="checkbox"/>	RBAC Admin Data Access	Access permission for Admin Groups.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Customization Admin Data Access	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TACACS+ Admin Data Access	Access permission for All Locations and All Device Types, User Identity groups and End point identity groups.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read Only Admin Data Access	Access permission for All Locations and All Device Types, User Identity groups and End point identity groups.

Click **Add** to create a new policy and configure permissions to access Admin/User Identity/Endpoint Identity/Network Groups.

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Create Data Access Permission

* NameCustom_Data_Access

Description

Data Access Privileges

Permissions for Data Access

> Admin Groups

> User Identity Groups

> Endpoint Identity Groups

Blacklist

GuestEndpoints

RegisteredDevices

Unknown

> Profiled

> Network Device Groups

☒ Full Access

☐ Read Only Access

☐ No Access

Configure RBAC policies

RBAC stands for Role-Based Access Control. Role (Admin Group) to which a user belongs can be configured to use the desired Menu and Data Access policies. There can be multiple RBAC policies configured for a single role OR multiple roles can be configured in a single policy to access Menu and/or Data. All of those applicable policies are evaluated when an admin user tries

to perform an action. The final decision is the aggregate of all policies applicable to that role. If there are contradictory rules which permit and deny at the same time, the permit rule overrides the deny rule. To configure these policies, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authorization > RBAC Policy**.

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Authentication

Authorization ▾

Permissions >

RBAC Policy

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Settings >

Create Role Based Access Control policies by configuring rules based on Admin groups, Menu Access permissions (menu items), Data Access permissions (identity group data elements). Note that system-created and default policies cannot be deleted. For decision making, all applicable policies will be evaluated. The subject's permissions will be the aggregate of all permissions from each applicable policy (policies are displayed in alphabetical order of the policy name).

RBAC Policies

Rule Name	Admin Groups	Permissions	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customization Admin Policy	If Customization Admin	+ then Customization Admin Menu ...	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elevated System Admin Policy	If Elevated System Admin	+ then System Admin Menu Access ...	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERS Admin Policy	If ERS Admin	+ then Super Admin Data Access	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERS Operator Policy	If ERS Operator	+ then Super Admin Data Access	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERS Trustsec Policy	If ERS Trustsec	+ then Super Admin Data Access	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helpdesk Admin Policy	If Helpdesk Admin	+ then Helpdesk Admin Menu Access	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identity Admin Policy	If Identity Admin	+ then Identity Admin Menu Access ...	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MnT Admin Policy	If MnT Admin	+ then MnT Admin Menu Access	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Network Device Policy	If Network Device Admin	+ then Network Device Menu Access...	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy Admin Policy	If Policy Admin	+ then Policy Admin Menu Access a...	+ Actions ▾
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RBAC Admin Policy	If RBAC Admin	+ then RBAC Admin Menu Access a...	+ Actions ▾

Click **Actions** to Duplicate/Insert/Delete a policy.

Note: System-created and default policies cannot be updated, and default policies cannot be deleted.

Note: Multiple Menu/Data Access permissions cannot be configured in a single rule.

Configure Settings for Admin Access

In addition to the RBAC policies, there are a few settings that can be configured which are common to all the admin users.

In order to configure the number of Maximum Sessions Allowed, Pre-login, and Post-login Banners for GUI and CLI, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Settings > Access**. Configure these under the **Session** tab.

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Administrators >
Settings ▾
Access
Session
Portal Customization

Session IP Access MnT Access

GUI Sessions

Maximum Concurrent Sessions 10 (Valid Range 1 to 20)

☒ Pre-login banner

Welcome to ISE

☐ Post-login banner

CLI Sessions

Maximum Concurrent Sessions 5 (Valid Range 1 to 10)

☐ Pre-login banner

To configure the list of IP addresses from which the GUI and the CLI can be accessed, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Settings > Access** and navigate to the **IP Access** tab.

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Session **IP Access** MnT Access

▼ Access Restriction

☐ Allow all IP addresses to connect

☒ Allow only listed IP addresses to connect

▼ Configure IP List for Access Restriction

IP List

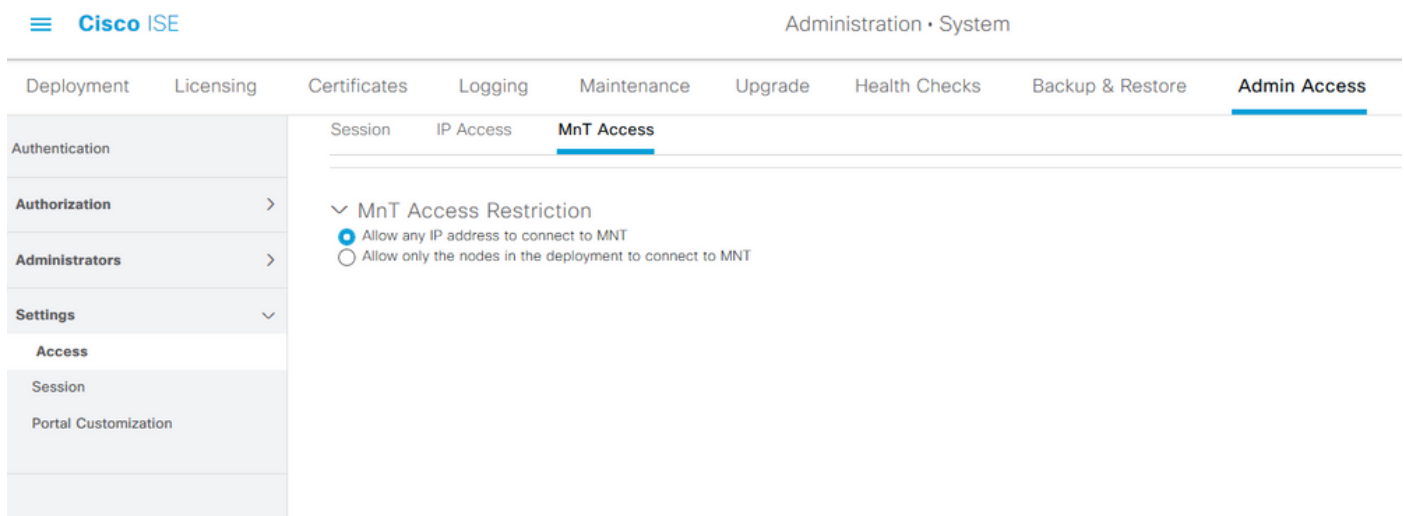
+ Add Edit Delete

<input type="checkbox"/> IP	<input type="checkbox"/> MASK
<input type="checkbox"/> 10.9.8.0	<input type="checkbox"/> 24

To configure a list of nodes from which administrators can access the MnT section in Cisco ISE, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Settings > Access** and navigate to the **MnT Access** tab.

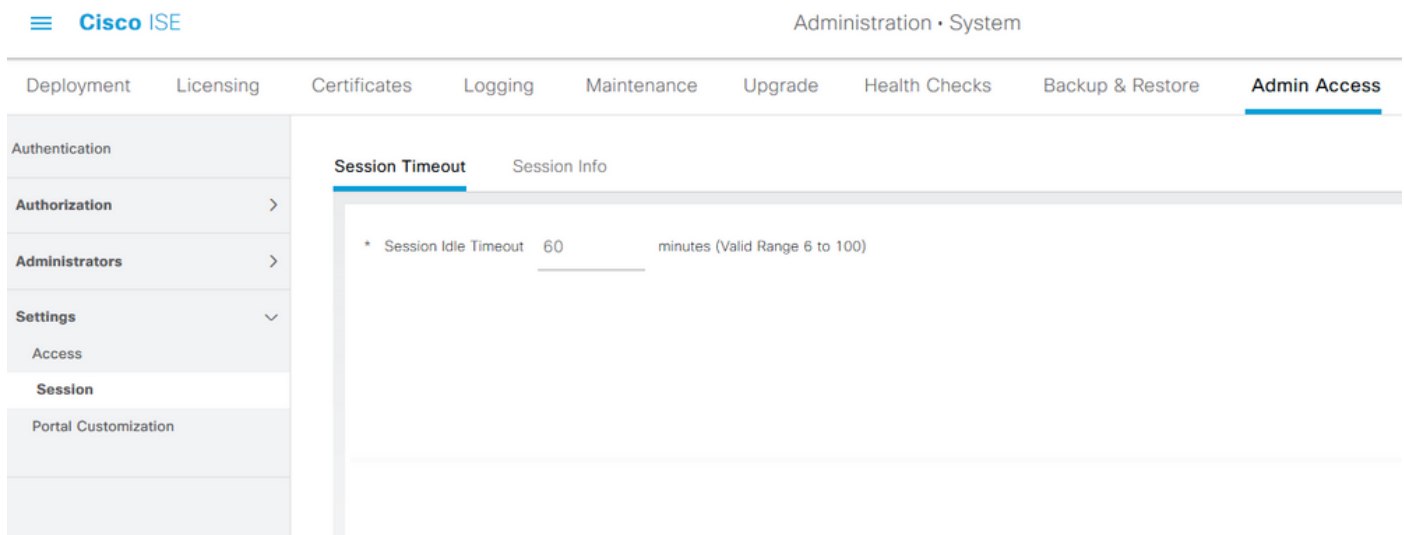
To allow nodes or entities either within the deployment or outside the deployment to send syslogs

to MnT, click the **Allow any IP address to connect to MNT** radio button. To allow only nodes or entities within the deployment to send syslogs to MnT, click **Allow only the nodes in the deployment to connect to MNT** radio button.



Note: For ISE 2.6 patch 2 and later, Use "ISE Messaging Service" for UDP Syslogs delivery to MnT is turned on by default which doesn't allow syslogs coming from any other entities outside of deployment.

In order to configure a timeout value due to the inactivity of a session, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Settings > Session**. Set this value under the **Session Timeout** tab.



In order to view/invalidate the current active sessions, navigate to **Administration > Admin Access > Settings > Session** and click the **Session Info** tab.

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Session Info

Select session and terminate

Session Info

Invalidate

	UserID	IP Address	Session Creation Time	Session Last Accessed
<input type="checkbox"/>	admin	10.65.48.253	Fri Oct 09 01:16:59 IST 2020	Fri Oct 09 01:45:10 IST 2020

Configure Admin Portal Access with AD Credentials

Join ISE to AD

In order to join ISE to an external domain, navigate to **Administration > Identity Management > External Identity Sources > Active Directory**. Enter the new join point name and active directory domain. Enter the credentials of the AD account that can add and make changes to computer objects, and click **OK**.

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External Identity Sources

< [Icon] [Gear]

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▾ [Folder] Active Directory

[Icon] AD

[Folder] LDAP

[Folder] ODBC

[Folder] RADIUS Token

[Folder] RSA SecurID

[Folder] SAML Id Providers

[Folder] Social Login

Connection

Whitelisted Domains

PassiveID

Groups

Attributes

Advanced S

* Join Point Name

AD

[i]

* Active Directory Domain

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[i]

Join Domain

[X]

Please specify the credentials required to Join ISE node(s) to the Active Directory Domain.

* AD User Name [i] Administrator

* Password ●●●●●●●●●●

☐ Specify Organizational Unit [i]

☐ Store Credentials [i]

CancelOK

Connection

Whitelisted Domains

PassiveID

Groups

Attributes

Advanced Settings

* Join Point Name

AD

* Active Directory Domain

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+ Join

+ Leave

Test User

Diagnostic Tool

Refresh Table

<input type="checkbox"/>	ISE Node	ISE Node R...	Status	Domain Controller	Site
<input type="checkbox"/>	rini-ise-30.gce.iselab.local	STANDALONE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operational	WIN-5KSMPOHEP5A.rinsantr.l...	Default-First-Site-Name

Select Directory Groups

Navigate to **Administration > Identity Management > External Identity Sources > Active Directory**. Click on the desired Join Point Name and navigate to the **Groups** tab. Click on **Add > Select Groups from Directory > Retrieve Groups**. Import at least one AD Group to which your administrator belongs, and click **OK**, then click **Save**.

Identity Sources

Connection

Edit

+

☐ Na

No data availa

Select Directory Groups

This dialog is used to select groups from the Directory.

Domain

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Name Filter *

SID *

Type

Filter

ALL

Retrieve Groups...

50 Groups Retrieved.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Group SID	Group Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/Enterprise Key Admins	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-29458652...	UNIVERSAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/Enterprise Read-only Domain ...	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-29458652...	UNIVERSAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/Group Policy Creator Owners	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-29458652...	GLOBAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/Key Admins	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-29458652...	GLOBAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/Protected Users	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-29458652...	GLOBAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/RAS and IAS Servers	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-29458652...	DOMAIN LOCAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/Read-only Domain Controllers	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-29458652...	GLOBAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/Schema Admins	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-29458652...	UNIVERSAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/Test Group	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-29458652...	GLOBAL

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Cancel

OK

Connection	Whitelisted Domains	PassiveID	Groups	Attributes	Advanced Settings
Edit + Add Delete Group Update SID Values					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	SID			
<input type="checkbox"/>	rinsantr.lab/Users/Test Group	S-1-5-21-1977851106-3699455990-2945865208-1106			

Enable Administrative Access for AD

In order to enable password-based authentication of ISE using AD, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authentication**. In the **Authentication Method** tab, select the **Password-Based** option. Select **AD** from the **Identity Source** drop-down menu and click **Save**.

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Account Disable Policy
Lock/Suspend Settings

Authentication Type

☒ Password Based

* Identity Source

AD:AD

☐ Client Certificate Based

Save

Configure the ISE Admin Group to AD Group Mapping

This allows authorization to determine the Role Based Access Control (RBAC) permissions for the administrator based on group membership in AD. To define a Cisco ISE Admin Group and map that to an AD group, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators > Admin Groups**. Click **Add** and enter a name for the new Admin group. In the Type field, check the **External** check box. From the **External Groups** drop-down menu, select the AD group to which this Admin Group is to be mapped (as defined in the Select Directory Groups section above). **Submit** the changes.

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Admin Groups > ISE AD Admin Group

Admin Group

* NameISE AD Admin Group

Description

Type☒ External

External Identity SourceName : AD

External Groups

*

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Member Users

Users

+ Add

Delete

Status

Email

Username

First Name

Last Name

No data available

Set RBAC Permissions for the Admin Group

To assign RBAC permissions to the Admin Group created in the previous section, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authorization > RBAC Policy**. From the **Actions** drop-down menu on the right, select **Insert new policy**. Create a new rule, map it with the Admin Group defined in the above section, and assign it with desired data and menu access permissions, then click **Save**.

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Create Role Based Access Control policies by configuring rules based on Admin groups,Menu Access permissions (menu items), Data Access permissions (identity group data elements) and other ci allowed on a single policy. You can copy the default policies shown below,then modify them as needed. Note that system-created and default policies cannot be updated, and default policies cannot evaluated. The subject's permissions will be the aggregate of all permissions from each applicable policy.Permmit overrides Deny. (The policies are displayed in alphabetical order of the policy name).

RBAC Policies

Rule Name	Admin Groups	Permissions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customization Admin Policy	If Customization Admin	+ then Customization Admin Men... + Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RBAC Policy 1	If ISE AD Admin Group	+ then Super Admin Menu Acces... X Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elevated System Admin Poli	If Elevated System Admin	+ then
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERS Admin Policy	If ERS Admin	+ then
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERS Operator Policy	If ERS Operator	+ then

Super Admin Menu Access

Super Admin Data Access

Access ISE with AD Credentials and Verify

Log out of the administrative GUI. Select the Join Point name from the **Identity Source** drop-down menu. Enter the username and password from the AD database, and log in.



Identity Services Engine

Intuitive network security

Username
TestUser

Password
●●●●●●●●

Identity Source
AD



Login



To confirm that the configuration works properly, verify the authenticated username from **Settings** icon on the top right corner of the ISE GUI. Navigate to **Server Information** and verify the Username.

Server Information

Username: TestUser

Host: rini-ise-30

Personas: Administration, Monitoring, Policy
Service (SESSION,PROFILER)

Role: STANDALONE

System Time: Oct 27 2020 01:23:21 AM
Asia/Kolkata

FIPS Mode: Disabled

Version: 3.0.0.458

Patch Information: none

OK

Configure Admin Portal Access with LDAP

Join ISE to LDAP

Navigate to **Administration > Identity Management > External Identity Sources > Active Directory > LDAP**. Under the **General** tab, enter a name for the LDAP and choose the schema as **Active Directory**.

External Identity Sources



> Certificate Authentication F

▼ Active Directory



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LDAP Identity Source

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* Name LDAPExample

Description

▶ Schema

Active Directory



Next, to configure the connection type, navigate to the **Connection** tab. Here, set the Hostname/IP of the Primary LDAP server along with the port 389(LDAP)/636 (LDAP-Secure). Enter the path of the Admin distinguished name (DN) with the Admin password of the LDAP server.

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Attributes

Advanced Settings

Primary Server

Secondary Server

☐ Enable Secondary Server

* Hostname/IP 10.127.196.131

Hostname/IP

* Port 389

Port

389

☐ Specify server for each ISE node

Access

☐ Anonymous Access☒ Authenticated Access

Access

☒ Anonymous Access☐ Authenticated Access

Admin DN

* CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC

Admin DN

admin

Password

* ••••••••••

Password

Secure Authentication

☐ Enable Secure Authentication

Secure Authentication

☐ Enable Secure Authentication

Next, navigate to the **Directory Organization** tab and click on **Naming Contexts** to choose the correct organization group of the user based on the hierarchy of users stored in the LDAP server.

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LDAP Identity Source

General Connection **Directory Organization** Groups Attributes Advanced Settings

* Subject Search Base DC=rinsantr,DC=lab

Naming Contexts...



* Group Search Base DC=rinsantr,DC=lab

Naming Contexts...



Search for MAC Address in Format XX-XX-XX-XX-XX-XX

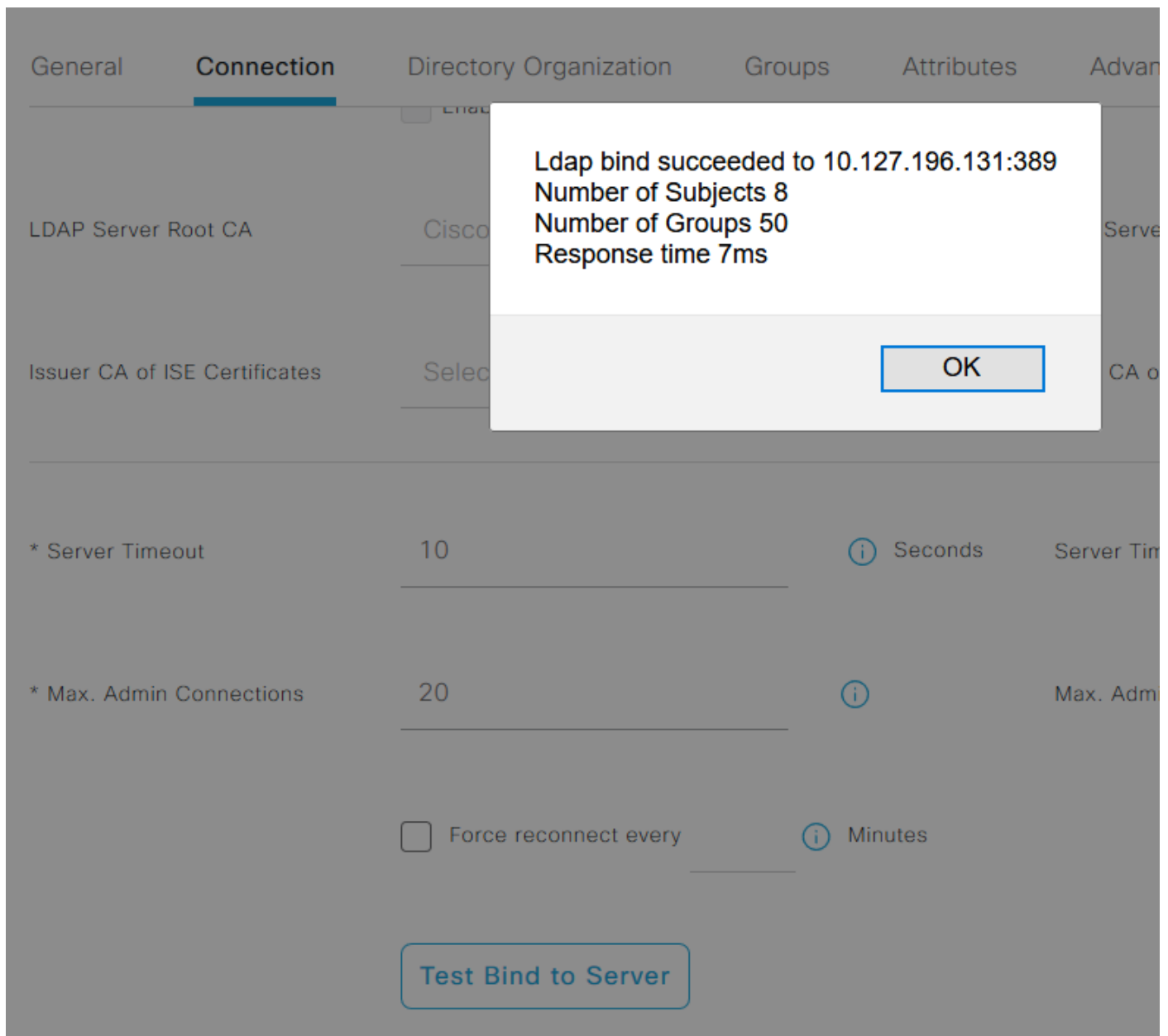
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Strip start of subject name up to the last occurrence of the separator \

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Strip end of subject name from the first occurrence of the separator

Click on **Test Bind to Server** under the **Connection** tab to test the reachability of the LDAP server from ISE.



Now navigate to the **Groups** tab and click **Add > Select Groups From Directory > Retrieve Groups**. Import at least one group to which your administrator belongs, and click **OK**, then click **Save**.

Select Directory Groups



This dialog is used to select groups from the Directory. Click **Retrieve Groups...** to read directory.

Filter: * Retrieve Groups... Number of Groups Retrieved: 50 (Limit is 100)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	CN=Server Operators,CN=Builtin,DC=rinsantr,DC=lab
<input type="checkbox"/>	CN=Storage Replica Administrators,CN=Builtin,DC=rinsantr,DC=lab
<input type="checkbox"/>	CN=System Managed Accounts Group,CN=Builtin,DC=rinsantr,DC=lab
<input type="checkbox"/>	CN=Terminal Server License Servers,CN=Builtin,DC=rinsantr,DC=lab
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CN=Test Group,CN=Users,DC=rinsantr,DC=lab
<input type="checkbox"/>	CN=Users,CN=Builtin,DC=rinsantr,DC=lab
<input type="checkbox"/>	CN=Windows Authorization Access Group,CN=Builtin,DC=rinsantr,DC=lab

Cancel OK


Internal Identity Sources

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> Active Directory

> LDAP

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- ODBC
- RADIUS Token
- RSA SecurID

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LDAP Identity Source

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Groups

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Advanced Settings

 Edit

 Add 

 Delete Group

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	CN=Test Group,CN=Users,DC=rinsantr,DC=lab

Enable Administrative Access for LDAP Users

In order to enable password-based authentication of ISE using LDAP, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authentication**. In the **Authentication Method** tab, select the **Password-Based** option. Select **LDAP** from the **Identity Source** drop-down menu and Click **Save**.

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Password Policy

Account Disable Policy

Lock/Suspend Settings

Authentication Type

☒ Password Based

* Identity Source

LDAP:LDAPExample

☐ Client Certificate Based

Save

Map the ISE Admin Group to LDAP Group

This allows the configured user to get Administrator access based on the authorization of the RBAC policies, which in turn is based on the LDAP group membership of the user. To define a Cisco ISE Admin Group and map it to an LDAP group, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators > Admin Groups**. Click **Add** and enter a name for the new Admin group. In the Type field, check the **External** check box. From the **External Groups** drop-down menu, select the LDAP group to which this Admin Group is to mapped (as retrieved and defined previously). **Submit** the changes.

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Admin Group

* Name

ISE LDAP Admin Group

Description

Type

☒ External

External Identity Source

Name : LDAPExample

External Groups

*

CN=Test Group,CN=Users,DC=

Set RBAC Permissions for the Admin Group

To assign RBAC permissions to the Admin Group created in the previous section, navigate to **Administration > System > Admin Access > Authorization > RBAC Policy**. From the **Actions** drop-down menu on the right, select **Insert new policy**. Create a new rule, map it with the Admin Group defined in the above section, and assign it with desired data and menu access permissions, then click **Save**.

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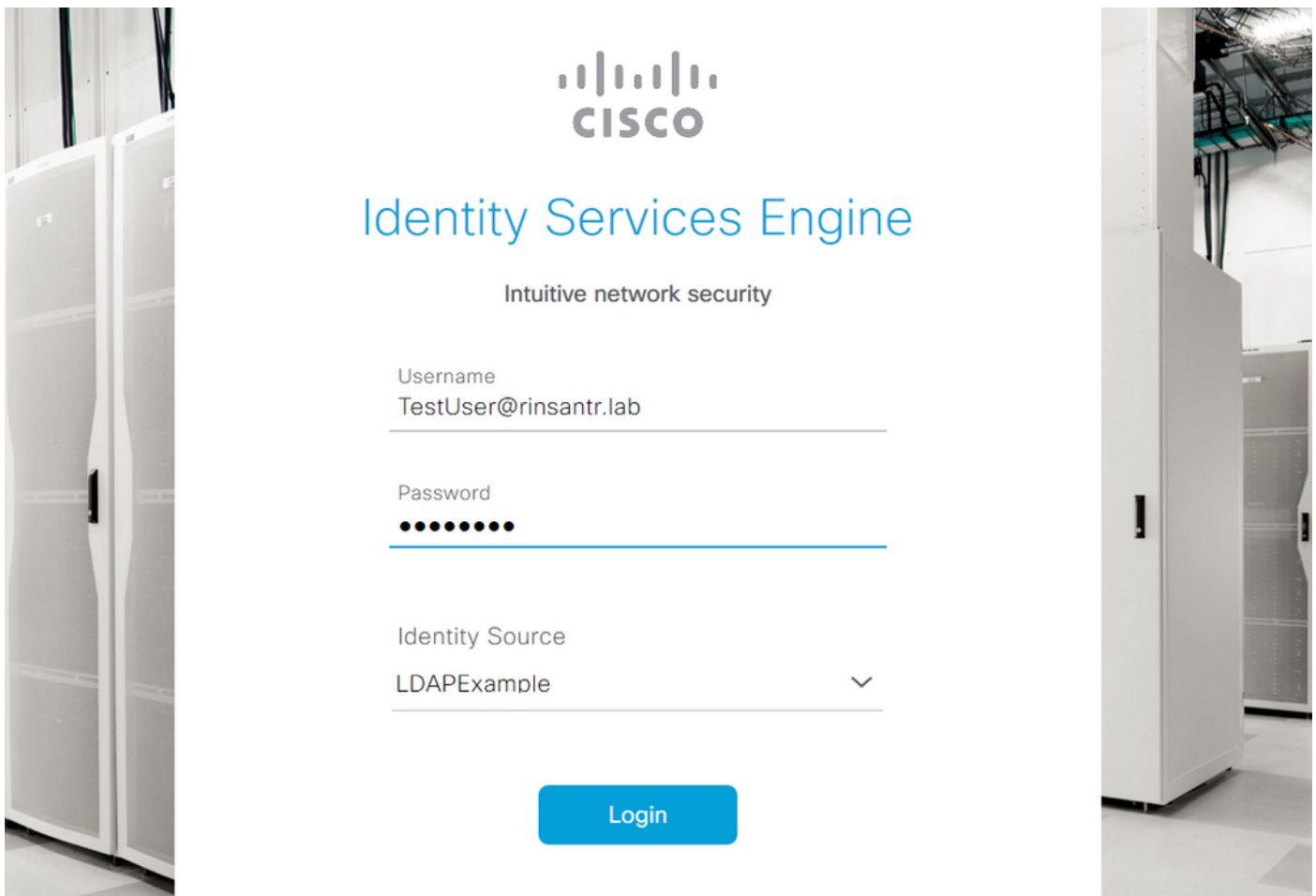
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RBAC Policies

Rule Name	Admin Groups	Permissions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customization Admin Policy	If Customization Admin	+ then Customization Admin Menu ... + Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RBAC Policy 2	If ISE LDAP Admin Group	+ then Super Admin Menu Access a... x Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elevated System Admin Poli	If Elevated System Admin	+ then Super Admin Menu Access +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERS Admin Policy	If ERS Admin	+ then Read Only Admin Data Acces: +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERS Operator Policy	If ERS Operator	+ then Super Admin Data Access + Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERS Trustsec Policy	If ERS Trustsec	+ then Super Admin Data Access + Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helpdesk Admin Policy	If Helpdesk Admin	+ then Helpdesk Admin Menu Access + Actions

Access ISE with LDAP Credentials and Verify

Log out of the administrative GUI. Select the LDAP name from the **Identity Source** drop-down menu. Enter the username and password from the LDAP database, and log in.



The image shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) login interface. It features the Cisco logo at the top, followed by the text "Identity Services Engine" and "Intuitive network security". Below this, there are three input fields: "Username" with the value "TestUser@rinsantr.lab", "Password" with masked characters, and "Identity Source" with a dropdown menu showing "LDAPExample". A blue "Login" button is at the bottom.

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Identity Services Engine

Intuitive network security

Username
TestUser@rinsantr.lab

Password
●●●●●●●●

Identity Source
LDAPExample

Login

In order to confirm that the configuration works properly, verify the authenticated username from the **Settings** icon on the top right corner of the ISE GUI. Navigate to **Server Information** and verify the Username.



Server Information

Username: TestUser@rinsantr.lab

Host: rini-ise-30

Personas: Administration, Monitoring, Policy
Service (SESSION,PROFILER)

Role: STANDALONE

System Time: Oct 27 2020 03:48:32 AM
Asia/Kolkata

FIPS Mode: Disabled

Version: 3.0.0.458

Patch Information: none

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