IPsec Anti-Replay Window Expanding and Disabling

Cisco IP security (IPsec) authentication provides anti-replay protection against an attacker duplicating encrypted packets by assigning a unique sequence number to each encrypted packet. The decryptor keeps track of which packets it has seen on the basis of these numbers. Currently, the default window size is 64 packets. Generally, this number (window size) is sufficient, but there are times when you may want to expand this window size. The IPsec Anti-Replay Window: Expanding and Disabling feature allows you to expand the window size, allowing the decryptor to keep track of more than 64 packets.

Note Security threats, as well as the cryptographic technologies to help protect against them, are constantly changing. For more information about the latest Cisco cryptographic recommendations, see the Next Generation Encryption (NGE) white paper.

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Prerequisites for IPsec Anti-Replay Window Expanding and Disabling

- Before configuring this feature, you should have already created a crypto profile.

How to Configure IPsec Anti-Replay Window Expanding and Disabling

Configuring IPsec Anti-Replay Window Expanding and Disabling Globally

To configure IPsec Anti-Replay Window: Expanding and Disabling globally (so that it affects all SAs that are created), perform the following steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto ipsec security-association replay window-size** [*N*]
4. **crypto ipsec security-association replay disable**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**crypto ipsec security-association replay window-size** [*N*] **Example:** `Router (config)# crypto ipsec security-association replay window-size 256`	Sets the size of the SA replay window globally. **Note** Configure this command or the **crypto ipsec security-association replay disable** command. The two commands are not used at the same time.
Step 4	**crypto ipsec security-association replay disable** **Example:** `Router (config)# crypto ipsec security-association replay disable`	Disables checking globally. **Note** Configure this command or the **crypto ipsec security-association replay window-size** command. The two commands are not used at the same time.

Configuration Examples for IPsec Anti-Replay Window Expanding and Disabling

Global Expanding and Disabling of an Anti-Replay Window Example

The following example shows that the anti-replay window size has been set globally to 1024:

```
version 12.3
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
no service password-encryption
!
hostname VPN-Gateway1
!
boot-start-marker
boot-end-marker
!
!
clock timezone EST 0
no aaa new-model
ip subnet-zero
!
!
ip audit po max-events 100
no ftp-server write-enable
!
!
crypto isakmp policy 10
  encryption aes
  authentication pre-share
  group 14
crypto isakmp key cisco123 address 192.165.201.2
crypto ipsec security-association replay window-size 1024
crypto ipsec transform-set basic esp-aes esp-sha-hmac

!
!
interface Ethernet0/0
 ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0
!

!
!
access-list 101 permit ip 192.168.1.0 0.0.0.255 172.16.2.0 0.0.0.255 access-list 101 remark
 Crypto ACL
!
!
control-plane
!
!
line con 0
line aux 0
line vty 0 4
!
!
end
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Security Command Reference
IP security and encryption	Configuring Security for VPNs with IPsec

MIBs

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None.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

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None.	--

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