



IPv6 Support for LDAP

The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) is an application protocol for accessing and maintaining distributed directory information services over an IP network.

The IPv6 Support for LDAP feature module describes the changes introduced in authentication, authorization or accounting (AAA) to support IPv6 transport for LDAP protocol.

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Finding Feature Information

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Restrictions for IPv6 Support for LDAP

- Only bind, search, and compare operations are supported.
- The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) referrals are not supported.
- Unsolicited messages or notifications from LDAP server are not handled.

Information About IPv6 Support for LDAP

To support Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) over IPv6, changes are made to authentication, authorization and accounting (AAA) transactions in terms of authentication and authorization while communicating over an IPv6 network. In order to support LDAP over an IPv6 network, transport calls have been modified to support both IPv4 and IPv6 based on the server configuration.

Transport Layer Security

Transport Layer Security (TLS) is an application-level protocol that enables secure transactions of data through privacy, authentication, and data integrity. It relies upon certificates, public keys, and private keys for clients to prove the identity. Certificates are issued by Certificate Authorities (CAs). Each certificate includes the name of the authority that issued it, the name of the entity to which the certificate was issued, the entity's public key, and time stamps that indicate the certificate's expiration date. TLS support for LDAP is mentioned in RFC 2830 as an extension to the LDAP protocol.

LDAP Operations

Bind

The bind operation is used to authenticate a user to the server. It is used to start a connection with the LDAP server. LDAP is a connection-oriented protocol. The client specifies the protocol version and the client authentication information. LDAP supports the following binds:

- Authenticated bind
- Anonymous bind

An authenticated bind is performed when a root distinguished name (DN) and password are available. In the absence of a root DN and password, an anonymous bind is performed. In LDAP deployments, the search operation is performed first and the bind operation later. This is because, if a password attribute is returned as part of the search operation, the password verification can be done locally on an LDAP client. Thus, there is no need to perform an extra bind operation. If a password attribute is not returned, the bind operation can be performed later. Another advantage of performing a search operation first and a bind operation later is that the DN received in the search result can be used as the user DN instead of forming a DN by prefixing the username (cn attribute) with the base DN. All entries stored in an LDAP server have a unique DN. The DN consists of two parts: the Relative Distinguished Name (RDN) and the location within the LDAP server where the record resides.

Most of the entries that you store in an LDAP server will have a name, and the name is frequently stored in the Common Name (cn) attribute. Because every object has a name, most objects you store in an LDAP will use their cn value as the basis for their RDN.

Compare

The compare operation is used to replace a bind request with a compare request for an authentication. The compare operation helps to maintain the initial bind parameters for the connection.

Search

A search operation is used to search the LDAP server. The client specifies the starting point (base DN) of the search, the search scope (either the object, its children, or the subtree rooted at the object), and a search filter.

For authorization requests, the search operation is directly performed without a bind operation. The LDAP server can be configured with certain privileges for the search operation to succeed. This privilege level is established with the bind operation.

An LDAP search operation can return multiple user entries for a specific user. In such cases, the LDAP client returns an appropriate error code to AAA. To avoid these errors, appropriate search filters that help to match a single entry must be configured.

How to Configure IPv6 Support for LDAP

Configuring Device-to-LDAP Server Communication

The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) host is a multiuser system running LDAP server software, such as Active Directory (Microsoft) and OpenLDAP. Configuring device-to-LDAP server communication can have several components:

- Hostname or IP address
- Port number
- Timeout period
- Base distinguished name (DN)

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **aaa new-model**
4. **ldap server *name***
5. **ipv6 *ipv6-address***
6. **transport port *port-number***
7. **timeout retransmit *seconds***
8. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example: Device> enable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	aaa new-model Example: Device(config)# aaa new-model	Enables AAA.
Step 4	ldap server <i>name</i> Example: Device(config)# ldap server server1	Configures a device as an LDAP protocol and enters LDAP server configuration mode.
Step 5	ipv6 <i>ipv6-address</i> Example: Device(config-ldap-server)# ipv6 2001:DB8:0:0:8:800	Specifies an IPv6 address to the LDAP server.
Step 6	transport port <i>port-number</i> Example: Device(config-ldap-server)# transport port 200	Configures the transport protocol for connecting to the LDAP server.
Step 7	timeout retransmit <i>seconds</i> Example: Device(config-ldap-server)# timeout retransmit 20	Specifies the number of seconds a device waits for a reply to an LDAP request before retransmitting the request.
Step 8	exit Example: Device(config-ldap-server)# exit	Exits the LDAP server configuration mode and enters global configuration mode.

Configuring LDAP Protocol Parameters

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `aaa`
4. `ldap server name`
5. `bind authenticate root-dn password [0 string | 7 string] string`
6. `search-filter user-object-type string`
7. `base-dn string`
8. `mode secure [no-negotiation]`
9. `secure cipher 3des-edc-cbc-sha`
10. `exit`

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<p><code>enable</code></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device> enable</pre>	<p>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	<p><code>configure terminal</code></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>	<p>Enters global configuration mode.</p>
Step 3	<p><code>aaa</code></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# aaa new-model</pre>	<p>Enables AAA.</p>
Step 4	<p><code>ldap server name</code></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# ldap server server1</pre>	<p>Defines a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server and enters LDAP server configuration mode.</p>
Step 5	<p><code>bind authenticate root-dn password [0 string 7 string] string</code></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-ldap-server)# bind authenticate root-dn</pre>	<p>Specifies a shared secret text string used between the device and an LDAP server. Use the 0 line option to configure an unencrypted shared secret. Use the 7 line option to configure an encrypted shared secret.</p>

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<pre>"cn=administrator,cn=users,dc=nac-blr2,dc=example,dc=com password"</pre>	
Step 6	<p>search-filter user-object-type <i>string</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-ldap-server)# search-filter user-object-type string1</pre>	Specifies the search filter to be used in the search requests.
Step 7	<p>base-dn <i>string</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-ldap-server)# base-dn "dc=sns,dc=example,dc=com"</pre>	Specifies the base distinguished name (DN) of the search.
Step 8	<p>mode secure [no-negotiation]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-ldap-server)# mode secure no-negotiation</pre>	Configures LDAP to initiate the transport layer security (TLS) connection and specifies the secure mode.
Step 9	<p>secure cipher 3des-ede-cbc-sha</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-ldap-server)# secure cipher 3des-ede-cbc-sha</pre>	Specifies the ciphersuite in the case of a secure connection.
Step 10	<p>exit</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-ldap-server)# exit</pre>	Exits LDAP server configuration mode and enters global configuration mode.

Configuring Search and Bind Operations for an Authentication Request

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **aaa new-model**
4. **ldap server *name***
5. **authentication bind-first**
6. **authentication compare**
7. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	aaa new-model Example: Device(config)# aaa new-model	Enables AAA.
Step 4	ldap server <i>name</i> Example: Device(config)# ldap server server1	Defines a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server and enter LDAP server configuration mode.
Step 5	authentication bind-first Example: Device(config-ldap-server)# authentication bind-first	Configures the sequence of search and bind operations for an authentication request.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	authentication compare Example: Device(config-ldap-server)# authentication compare	Replaces the bind request with the compare request for authentication.
Step 7	exit Example: Device(config-ldap-server)# exit	Exits LDAP server configuration mode.

Monitoring and Maintaining LDAP Scalability Enhancements

The following **show** and **debug** commands can be entered in any order.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **clear ldap server**
3. **debug ldap**
4. **show ldap server**
5. **show ldap attributes**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1

enable

Enables privileged EXEC mode.

- Enter your password if prompted.

Example:

```
Device> enable
```

Step 2

clear ldap server

Clears the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server of the TCP connection.

Example:

```
Device# clear ldap server
```

Step 3

debug ldap

Displays information associated with LDAP.

Example:

```
Device# debug ldap
```

Step 4

show ldap server

Displays the LDAP server state information and various other counters for the server.

Example:

```
Device# show ldap server
```

Step 5

show ldap attributes

Displays information about default LDAP attribute mapping.

Example:

```
Device# show ldap attributes
```

LDAP Attribute	Format	AAA Attribute
=====	=====	=====
airespaceBwDataBurstContract	Ulong	bsn-data-bandwidth-burst-contr
userPassword	String	password
airespaceBwRealBurstContract	Ulong	bsn-realtime-bandwidth-burst-c
employeeType	String	employee-type
airespaceServiceType	Ulong	service-type
airespaceACLName	String	bsn-acl-name
priv-lvl	Ulong	priv-lvl
memberOf	String DN	supplicant-group
cn	String	username
airespaceDSCP	Ulong	bsn-dscp
policyTag	String	tag-name
airespaceQOSLevel	Ulong	bsn-qos-level
airespace8021PType	Ulong	bsn-8021p-type
airespaceBwRealAveContract	Ulong	bsn-realtime-bandwidth-average
airespaceVlanInterfaceName	String	bsn-vlan-interface-name
airespaceVapId	Ulong	bsn-wlan-id
airespaceBwDataAveContract	Ulong	bsn-data-bandwidth-average-con
sAMAccountName	String	sam-account-name
meetingContactInfo	String	contact-info
telephoneNumber	String	telephone-number
Map: att_map_1		
department	String DN	element-req-qos

Configuration Examples of IPv6 Support for LDAP

Example: Device-to-LDAP Server Communication

The following example shows how to create server group server1 and specify the IP address, transport port 200, and retransmit values:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# aaa new-model
```

```

Device(config)# ldap server server1
Device(config-ldap-server)# ipv6 2001:DB8:0:0:8:800
Device(config-ldap-server)# transport port 200
Device(config-ldap-server)# timeout retransmit 20
Device(config-ldap-server)# exit

```

Example: LDAP Protocol Parameters

The following example shows how to configure Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) parameters:

```

Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# aaa new-model
Device(config)# ldap server server1
Device(config-ldap-server)# bind authenticate root-dn
"cn=admin,dc=example,dc=com password"
Device(config-ldap-server)# base-dn "dc=sns,dc=example,dc=com"
Device(config-ldap-server)# mode secure no-negotiation
Device(config-ldap-server)# secure cipher 3des-ede-cbc-sha
Device(config-ldap-server)# exit

```

Example: Search and Bind Operations for an Authentication Request

The following example shows how to configure the sequence of search and bind operations for an authentication request:

```

Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# aaa new-model
Device(config)# ldap server server1
Device(config-ldap-server)# authentication bind-first
Device(config-ldap-server)# authentication compare
Device(config-ldap-server)# exit

```

Example: Server Information from an LDAP Server

The following is sample output from an LDAP server:

```

Device# show ldap server all

Server Information for server1
=====
Server name           :server1
Server IP             :2001:DB8:0:0:8:800
Server listening Port :389
Connection status     :DOWN
Root Bind status      :No Bind
Server mode           :Non-Secure
Cipher Suite          :0x00
Authentication Seq    :Search first. Then Bind/Compare      password next
Authentication Procedure :Bind with user password
Request timeout       :30
-----
* LDAP STATISTICS *
Total messages [Sent:0, Received:0]
Response delay(ms) [Average:0, Maximum:0]
Total search [Request:0, ResultEntry:0, ResultDone:0]
Total bind [Request:0, Response:0]
Total extended [Request:0, Response:0]
Total compare [Request:0, Response:0]
Search [Success:0, Failures:0]
Bind [Success:0, Failures:0]

```

Missing attrs in Entry [0]

Additional References for IPv6 Support for LDAP

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
AAA	<i>Configuring Authentication Module</i>

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 4511	<i>Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)</i>
RFC 4513	<i>Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP): Authentication Methods and Security Mechanisms</i>

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Feature Information for IPv6 Support for LDAP

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 1: Feature Information for IPv6 Support for LDAP

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IPv6 Support for LDAP	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.3SE	<p>The IPv6 Support for LDAP feature describes IPv6 transport support for the LDAP protocol by introducing changes in authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) transactions.</p> <p>The following commands have been newly introduced or modified: ldap server, show ldap server.</p>