

SIP TLS Support

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Overview

The Cisco Unified Border Element (CUBE) supports secure SIP calls with Transport Layer Security (TLS). CUBE uses TLS over TCP transport to provide privacy and data integrity of SIP signaling messages it exchanges with remote services. TLS can be configured at the global, tenant and dial peer levels to secure signaling sessions with remote endpoints.

Feature Information

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.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 1: Feature Information

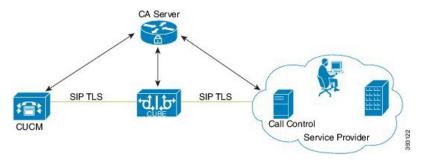
Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Client Identity Validation through CN-SAN Fields in a TLS Certificate	Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.8.1a	Support introduced for CN-SAN validation of client certificate. The following commands under voice class tls-profile tag were updated or introduced: • cn-san validate { client bidirectional } • cn-san tag san-name

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Configurable SIP Trunk Listen Port	Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.8.1a	Incoming calls may now be associated with a trunk by destination IP and port number.
Trunk Specific TLS Policy		Trunk specific TLS security trustpoint may now be defined in a tenant configuration. The voice class tls-cipher <i>tag</i> command was introduced to configure preferred TLS cipher options.

Deployment

The following figure illustrates an example of CUBE with SIP TLS connections.

Figure 1: CUBE with SIP TLS connections



In a typical deployment, CUBE is placed between an enterprise calling solution such as CUCM, and the PSTN. These devices are authenticated and enrolled with a Certificate Authority (CA) server that issues certificates. When making a call, a TLS session is created based on mutual trust established through PKI (public key infrastructure), which involves the exchange and validation of certificates signed by a trusted certificate authority (CA). This secure session is then used to send and receive SIP messages, including the sharing of symmetric keys used to encrypt media in associated SRTP streams.



Note

PKI requires clients to use the correct time. It is recommended that all devices in a solution are synchronized with a common source using NTP.

TLS Versions

Cisco IOS XE supports TLS versions 1.0, 1.1 and 1.2. It is recommended that TLS version 1.2 is used wherever possible to ensure security and compliance.

Peer Verification

When establishing a TLS connection, there are several options for verifying the peer.

Certificate Verification

Every TLS session is verified by authenticating the certificate provided by the peer during the TLS exchange. Certificates may be self-signed, or signed by a mutually trusted Certificate Authority (CA). Provided that the certificate is found to be valid, the TLS session is established.

The limitation to this approach alone, is that it does not provide any assurance that the session is being established with the intended peer. For example, you may wish to connect with abc.com. In this case, CUBE would resolve the peer's fully qualified domain name using DNS and establish a connection with the resulting IP address. If this DNS resolution were compromised and the session established with a server at xyz.com with its own valid certificate, the session would still be established. To counter this possibility, the certified hostname of the peer should also be verified.

Hostname Verification

To ensure that a TLS session is established with the intended peer, CUBE can be configured to validate that hostname information provided in the peer's certificate is as expected. Both the Common Name (CN) and Subject Alternative Name (SAN) certificate fields are used to validate the peer.

Prior to Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.8.1a, CUBE was able to verify peer identity for outbound connections only, using the **cn-san-validate server** option. Here, the TLS session is established only if the Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) of the intended destination can be matched with the CN or SAN fields provided in the peer's certificate.

From Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.8.1a, CUBE can also verify peer identity for inbound connections. In this case the client provided certificate CN or SAN fields are matched against a list of preconfigured, permitted FQDNs. The **cn-san validate** command has been extended to include **client** and **bidirectional** options to configure inbound and/or outbound verification. The **cn-san** command is also used to configure a permitted list of FQDNs.

When an inbound TLS session is established using CN-SAN verification, the trusted IP address check is bypassed. You don't, therefore, need to add trust list IP addresses for peers that will be verified using CN-SAN.

Also from Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.8.1a, it is possible to configure CN-SAN verification and a list of trusted FQDNs in a TLS profile assigned to a tenant configuration. This allows you to craft unique TLS policies for each SIP trunk.

Remote Application Selection

To realise more efficient use of IP addresses, application service providers direct incoming TLS connections to different applications that share a common address using the TLS Server Name Indication (SNI) header. CUBE supports this concept, allowing the target application to be defined in a TLS policy. By associating a TLS policy that includes target SNI details with a tenant, all calls placed through the trunk are directed efficiently to the destination application.

TLS Cipher Suites

Cisco IOS XE supports the following TLS cipher suites, which may be configured, in preference order using the **voice class tls cipher** command.

- DHE_RSA_AES128_GCM_SHA256
- DHE_RSA_AES256_GCM_SHA384
- DHE RSA WITH AES 128 CBC SHA

- DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
- ECDHE_RSA_AES128_GCM_SHA256
- ECDHE_RSA_AES256_GCM_SHA384
- RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
- RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
- ECDHE_ECDSA_AES128_GCM_SHA256
- ECDHE_ECDSA_AES256_GCM_SHA384

Restrictions

• ECDSA ciphers are not supported with TLS version 1.0.

Prerequisites

- Cisco 4000 series Integrated Services Routers (ISR4300 and ISR4400) require a security license to use TLS for SIP applications.
- For higher call volumes, you may also require a High Security (HSEC) license for your router.

Configure SIP TLS

Step 1: Create a certificate for CUBE to use

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	

Command or Action	Purpose
Router# configure terminal	

Step 1a: Create a private key

SUMMARY STEPS

1. crypto key generate rsa{general-keys | usage-keys} [label key-label] [exportable] [modulus modulus-size] [storage device]

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	crypto key generate rsa{general-keys usage-keys} [label key-label] [exportable] [modulus modulus-size] [storage device] Example: Router(config) # crypto key generate rsa general-keys label kp1 exportable	Note Note: Alternatively to create an elliptic curve
		modulus in a range from 512 to 4096. If you do n enter the modulus keyword and specify a size, you be prompted.

Step 1b: Create a trustpoint to hold the certificate

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. crypto pki trustpoint name
- **2. rsakeypair** *key-label* [*key-size* [*encryption-key-size*]]
- 3. fqdn CUBE FQDN
- 4. (Optional) serial-number [none]
- **5.** (Optional) **ip-address** [*ip-address* | *interface-name* | **none**]
- **6. subject-name** x.500-name
- **7. subject-alt-name** *fqdn*
- 8. enrollment [mode ra][retry period minutes][retry count number][terminal [pem]] url url[pem]]
- **9. revocation-check** *method1*[*method2*[*method3*]]
- 10. crl
- 11. password string
- **12**. exit

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<pre>crypto pki trustpoint name Example: Router(config) # crypto pki trustpoint CUBE-TrustPoint</pre>	Declares the trustpoint that your router should use. Argument is as follows: • name—Creates a name for the trustpoint that you created. • cube1—Represents the trustpoint name that the user specifies.
Step 2	<pre>rsakeypair key-label [key-size [encryption-key-size]] Example: Router(config) # rsakeypair kp1</pre>	Note Alternatively use eckeypair key-label, if you have created an elliptic curve key. Specifies which key pair to associate with the certificate. Arguments are as follows: • key-label—Name of the key pair, which is generated during enrollment if it does not exists or if the auto-enroll regenerate command is configured. • key-size—(Optional) Size of the desired RSA key. If not specified, the existing key size is used. • encryption-key-size—(Optional) Size of the second key, which is used to request separate encryption, signature keys, and certificates.
Step 3	<pre>fqdn CUBE FQDN Example: Router (ca-trustpoint) # fqdn cube.example.com</pre>	Specifies Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN).

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	(Optional) serial-number [none] Example:	Specifies whether the router serial number should be included in the certificate request. Keyword is as follows:
	Router(ca-trustpoint)# serial-number	• none—(Optional) Specifies that a serial number will not be included in the certificate request.
Step 5	(Optional) ip-address [ip-address interface-name none] Example :	Specifies a dotted IP address or an interface that will be included as "unstructuredAddress" in the certificate request. Arguments and keyword are as follows:
	Router(ca-trustpoint)# ip-address 172.18.197.154 GigabitEthernet2	• ip-address—Specifies a dotted IP address that will be included as "unstructuredAddress" in the certificate request.
		• interface—Specifies an interface, from which the router can get an IP address, that will be included as "unstructureAddress" in the certificate request.
		• none—Specifies that an IP address is not to be included in the certificate request.
Step 6	subject-name x.500-name	Specifies the subject name in the certificate request. Argument is as follows:
	Example:	• x.500-name —(Optional) Specifies the subject name
	Router(ca-trustpoint) # subject-name CN=cube.example.com	that is used in the certificate request.
Step 7	subject-alt-name fqdn	Specifies the subject-alternate-name of the FQDN.
	Example:	
	Router (ca-trustpoint)# subject-alt-name cube.example.com	
Step 8	enrollment [mode ra][retry period minutes][retry count number][terminal [pem]] url url[pem]]	Specifies the enrollment parameters of a certificate authority (CA). Arguments and keywords are as follows:
	Example: Router (ca-trustpoint) # enrollment url terminal	• mode—(Optional) Registration authority (RA) mode, if your CA system provides an RA. By default, RA mode is disabled.
		• retry period minutes—(Optional) Specifies the period in which the router waits before sending the CA another certificate request. The default is 1 minute between retries. (Specify from 1 through 60 minutes.)
		• retry count number—(Optional) Specifies the number of times a router resends a certificate request when it does not receive a response from the previous request. The default is 10 retries. (Specify from 1 through 100 retries.)

	Command or Action	Purpose
		 url url—URL of the file system where your router should send certificate requests. For enrollment method options, see the enrollment url command.
		• terminal —includes the Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) encapsulation boundaries.
		• pem —(Optional) Adds privacy-enhanced mail (PEM) boundaries to the certificate request.
Step 9	revocation-check method1[method2[method3]]	This describes one specific behaviour - that is
	Example:	revocation-check none. The command more generally defines how the router should check to see if the certificate in the trustpoint has been revoked by the CA.
	Router(ca-trustpoint)# revocation-check none	• method1 [method2 [method3]]—Method used by the router to check the revocation status of the certificate
		Available methods are as follows:
		 crl—Certificate checking is performed by a certificate revocation list (CRL). This is the default behavior.
		• none—Certificate checking is not required.
		• ocsp—Certificate checking is performed by an Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP).
		Note If the second and the third methods are specified, each method will be used only if the previous method returns an error, such as the server being down.
Step 10	crl	
	Example:	
	Router(ca-trustpoint)# crl	
Step 11	password string	(Optional) Specifies the revocation password for the
	Example:	certificate. Argument is as follows:
	Router(ca-trustpoint)# password password	• <i>string</i> —Name of the password
Step 12	exit	Exists the current mode.
	Example:	
	Router# exit	

Step 1c: Create a certificate signing request

SUMMARY STEPS

1. crypto pki enroll trustpoint

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	crypto pki enroll trustpoint Example:	The Certificate Signing Request is displayed on the terminal. This should be sent to the Certificate Authority to generate a signed certificate.
	Device(config) # crypto pki enroll CUBE-TrustPoint	

Step 1d: Authenticate the trustpoint using the signing CA's certificate

SUMMARY STEPS

1. crypto pki authenticate trustpoint

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	crypto pki authenticate trustpoint	Paste the CA certificate when prompted so that the sign
	Example:	certificate can be authenticated when entered.
	crypto pki authenticate CUBE-TrustPoint	

Step 1e: Import signed certificate

SUMMARY STEPS

1. crypto pki import <trustpoint> certificate

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	crypto pki import <trustpoint> certificate</trustpoint>	Imports the certificate given by the CA using the method
	Example:	configured for the trustpoint.
	Router(config)# crypto pki import CUBE-TrustPoint certificate	

Step 2: Configure preferred TLS cipher options

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. voice class tls-cipher tag
- **2. cipher** *preference cipher-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	voice class tls-cipher tag	Creates a cipher list with the provided tag number.
	Example:	
	Router(config)# voice class tls-cipher 100	
Step 2	cipher preference cipher-name	Add up to 10 ciphers in order of preference.
	Example:	
	Router(config-class)# cipher 1 DHE_RSA_AES128_GCM_SHA256	

Step 3: Configure TLS preferences with a TLS profile

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. voice class tls-profile tag
- 2. cipher cipher-list-tag
- 3. cn-san-validate [server | client | bidirectional]
- 4. trustpoint trustpoint-name
- 5. sni send

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	voice class tls-profile tag	Creates a TLS profile with the provided tag number.	
	Example:		
	Router(config-class)# voice class tls-profile 100		
Step 2	cipher cipher-list-tag	The trustpoint label refers to the CUBE's certificate that	
	Example:	generated with the Cisco IOS PKI commands as part of t enrollment process. cipher 100 command argument, avoi	
	Router(config-class)# tls-profile 100 cipher 100	changes to the configuration if SIP should mandate newer ciphers. The SSL layer in Cisco IOS does not support TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA. Therefore, CUBE actively uses only the	

	Command or Action	Purpose	
		TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA suite in strict mode.	
Step 3	<pre>cn-san-validate [server client bidirectional] Example: Router(config-class) # tls-profile 100 cn-san validate bidirectonal</pre>	cn-san-validate {server client bidirectional} - Enables server identity validation through Common Name (CN) and Subject Alternate Name (SAN) fields in the server certificate during client initiated SIP/TLS connections. CUBE will only permit a TLS connection to be established if the domain name configured in the SIP session target is included in either the CN or SAN field of the certificate received from the server, client or both. Once you configure cn-san-validate{server client both}, the specified domain name check is carried out for every new TLS session.	
Step 4	<pre>trustpoint trustpoint-name Example: Router(config-class) # tls-profile 100 trustpoint CUBE-TrustPoint</pre>	• trustpoint <i>string</i> —Refers to the trustpoint for the enrolled certificate.	
Step 5	<pre>sni send Example: Router(config-class)# tls-profile 100 sni send</pre>	sni send enables Server Name Indication (SNI), a TLS extension that allows a TLS client to indicate the name of the server that it is trying connect during the initial TLS handshake process. Only the fully qualified DNS hostname of the server is sent in the client hello. SNI does not support IPv4 and IPv6 addresses in the client hello extension. After receiving a "hello" with the server name from the TLS client, the server uses appropriate certificate in the subsequent TLS handshake process. SNI is supported from TLS 1.2.	

Step 4: Configure trunk or Tenant for TLS

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. voice class tenant tag
- **2. tls-profile** *tag*
- 3. session transport tcp tls
- **4. listen-port secure** *port-number*
- **5. url** $\{sip \mid sips \mid tel\}$
- **6**. end

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	voice class tenant tag	Enables tenant configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device(config)# voice class tenant 100		
Step 2	tls-profile tag	Associates the voice class TLS profile with the tenant. Tag	
	Example:	range is 1—10000.	
	Device(config-class)# tls-profile 100		
Step 3	session transport tcp tls	Enable the session transport tcp tls.	
	Example:		
	Router(voice class)# session transport tcp tls		
Step 4	listen-port secure port-number	Configures the TLS listen port secure <i>port-number</i> in voice class tenant.	
	Example:		
	Device(config-class)# listen-port secure 5062		
Step 5	url { sip sips tel }	Configures URLs to either the SIP, SIPS, or TEL format for your VoIP SIP calls. Keywords are as follows: • sip—Generate URLs in SIP format for VoIP calls.	
	Example:		
	Router(config-class)# url sips	• sips—Generate URLs in SIPS format for VoIP calls.	
		• tel —Generate URLs in TEL format for VoIP calls. This SIP gateway is now configured to use TLS with endpoints sharing the same CA.	
		Note This SIP gateway is now configured to use TLS	
		with endpoints sharing the same CA.	
Step 6	end	Ends the current mode.	
	Example:		
	Router(config-class)# end		

Verify SIP TLS Configuration

After a call is made, the following commands may be used to verify details of the TLS connection.

• show sip-ua connections tcp tls brief

- · show sip-ua connections tcp tls detail
- The brief command displays the associated tenant (trunk) and listen port only.

Example brief Output

```
Router#show sip-ua connections tcp tls brief
Total active connections : 0
No. of remote closures : 0
No. of conn. failures : 0
No. of inactive conn. aggs:
TLS client
TLS client handshake failures : 0
TLS server handshake failures : 0
------ SIP Transport Layer Listen Sockets ------
 Conn-Id
                 Local-Address
                                  Tenant
 [0.0.0.0]:5061:
                                         0
  3
             8.43.21.8:8888:
             8.43.21.8:6061:
                                         400
             10.64.100.145:5091:vrf 44
  5
```

Router#

Example detail Output

```
Router#sh sip-ua connections tcp tls detail
Total active connections : 2
No. of send failures : 0
No. of send failures
                      : 3
: 0
No. of remote closures
No. of conn. failures
No. of inactive conn. ageouts: 0
Max. tls send msg queue size of 1, recorded for 10.105.34.88:8090
TLS client handshake failures : 0
TLS server handshake failures : 0
-----Printing Detailed Connection Report-----
Note:
 ** Tuples with no matching socket entry
   - Do 'clear sip <tcp[tls]/udp> conn t ipv4:<addr>:<port>'
     to overcome this error condition
 ++ Tuples with mismatched address/port entry
   - Do 'clear sip <tcp[tls]/udp> conn t ipv4:<addr>:<port> id <connid>'
     to overcome this error condition
Remote-Agent:10.105.34.88, Connections-Count:2
 Remote-Port Conn-Id Conn-State WriteQ-Size Local-Address TLS-Version (contd.)
 9 Established 0 10.64.100.145 TLSv1.2
10 Established 0 10.64.100.145 TLSv1.2
       38928
               10 Established
        8090
Cipher
                           Curve
                                    Tenant
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
                              P-256 10
               AES256-SHA
------ SIP Transport Layer Listen Sockets ------
```

Conn-Id	Local-Address	Tenant
=======	=======================================	=======
2	[8.43.21.8]:5061:	0
3	[10.64.100.145]:5090:	10
4	[10.64.100.145]:8123:	50
5	[10.64.100.145]:5061:	0

Alternatively, the debug ccsip messages command can be used to verify the "Via:" header for TLS is included. This output is a sample INVITE request of a call that uses SIP TLS and the "sips:" URI scheme:

```
INVITE sips:777@172.18.203.181 SIP/2.0
Via: SIP/2.0/TLS 172.18.201.173:5060;branch=z9hG4bK2C419
From: <sips:333@172.18.201.173>;tag=581BB98-1663
To: <sips:55555556172.18.197.154>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2005 18:31:38 GMT
Call-ID: EB5B1948-770611DA-804F9736-BFA4AC35@172.18.201.173
Remote-Party-ID: "Bob" <sips:+14085559999@1.2.3.4>
Contact: <sips:123@host>
Allow: INVITE, OPTIONS, BYE, CANCEL, ACK, PRACK, COMET, REFER, SUBSCRIBE, NOTIFY, INFO
Max-Forwards: 70
Cseq: 104 INVITE
Expires: 60
Timestamp: 730947404
Content-Length: 298
Content-Type: application/sdp
o=CiscoSystemsSIP-GW-UserAgent 8437 1929 IN IP4 172.18.201.173
s=STP Call
c=IN IP4 1.1.1.1
t=0 0
m=audio 18378 RTP/AVP 0 19
c=IN IP4 1.1.1.1
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=rtpmap:19 CN/8000
a=ptime:20
```

clear sip-ua tcp tls connection

Clear command to close a SIP TLS connection.

```
Router#clear sip-ua top tls connection ?

id Connection ID for the connection that needs to be closed in the sip top/udp process

target Target address for the connection that needs to be closed in the transport layer

Router#clear sip-ua top tls connection id ?

<1-16380> Value of the Connection ID that needs to be closed
```

Example: SIP TLS Configuration

The following example provides excerpts from a typical running configuration.

```
show running-config brief
ip domain name example.com
!
crypto pki trustpoint CUBE-TrustPoint
enrollment terminal
fqdn cube.example.com
subject-name cn=cube.example.com
```

```
subject-alt-name cube.example.com
revocation-check crl
rsakeypair cube kp1
crypto pki certificate chain CUBE-TrustPoint
certificate 07
voice class tenant 100
tls-profile 100
listen-port secure 5080
sip-server dns:sip.acme.co:5080
srtp-crypto 100
 session transport tcp tls
url sips
bind control source-interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
bind media source-interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
voice class srtp-crypto 100
crypto 1 AEAD_AES_256_GCM
crypto 2 AES_CM_128_HMAC_SHA1_80
voice class tls-cipher 100
cipher 1 DHE_RSA_AES128_GCM_SHA256
voice class tls-profile 100
cipher 100
cn-san validate bidirectional
cn-san 1 sip.acme.co
trustpoint CUBE-TrustPoint
dial-peer voice 100 voip
description Towards sip.acme.co
destination-pattern 1000
session protocol sipv2
session target sip-server
voice-class codec 1
voice-class sip tenant 100
dtmf-relay rtp-nte
no vad
1
```

Syslog Messages

• From Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.8.1a, when CUBE fails to validate the peer certificate identity check through CN-SAN validation, a syslog message is generated in the following format:

```
Sep 26 07:15:57.949: %SIP-2-TLS_HANDSHAKE_FAILED :Peer certificate identity
check failed - remote_addr=198.51.100.254, remote_port=36233,
local_addr=203.0.113.254, local_port=3000, vrf=, tenant=1
```

• When there is a failure to open listen-socket for the associated tenant, a syslog message is generated in the following format:

```
Sep 24 05:32:27.838: %SIP-2-LISTEN_SOCKET: Failed to open listen socket for ip_addr=198.51.100.255, port=8888, vrf=, transport=TLS, tenant=200
```

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