



# RADIUS Attribute Screening

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## Feature History for RADIUS Attribute Screening

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## Feature Overview

The RADIUS Attribute Screening feature allows users to configure a list of “accept” or “reject” RADIUS attributes on the network access server (NAS) for purposes such as authorization or accounting.

If a NAS accepts and processes *all* RADIUS attributes received in an Access-Accept packet, unwanted attributes may be processed, creating a problem for wholesale providers who do not control their customers’ authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) servers. For example, there may be attributes that specify services to which the customer has not subscribed, or there may be attributes that may degrade service for other wholesale dial users. The ability to configure the NAS to restrict the use of specific attributes has therefore become a requirement for many users.

The RADIUS Attribute Screening feature should be implemented in one of the following ways:

- To allow the NAS to accept and process all standard RADIUS attributes for a particular purpose, except for those on a configured reject list
- To allow the NAS to reject (filter out) all standard RADIUS attributes for a particular purpose, except for those on a configured accept list

## Benefits

The RADIUS Attribute Screening feature provides the following benefits:

### Accept or Reject Lists

Users can configure an accept or reject list consisting of a selection of attributes on the NAS for a specific purpose so unwanted attributes are not accepted and processed.

### Restricting Accept Lists to Relevant Accounting Attributes

Users might wish to configure an accept list that includes only relevant accounting attributes, thereby reducing unnecessary traffic and allowing users to customize their accounting data.

## Restrictions

### NAS Requirements

To enable this feature, your NAS should be configured for authorization with RADIUS groups.

### Accept or Reject Lists Limitations

The two filters used to configure accept or reject lists are mutually exclusive; therefore, a user can configure only one access list or one reject list for each purpose, per server group.

### Vendor-Specific Attributes

This feature does not support vendor-specific attribute (VSA) screening; however, a user can specify attribute 26 (Vendor-Specific) in an accept or reject list, which will accept or reject all VSAs.

### Required Attributes Screening Recommendation

It is recommended that users do not reject the following required attributes:

- For authorization:
  - 6 (Service-Type)
  - 7 (Framed-Protocol)
- For accounting:
  - 4 (NAS-IP-Address)
  - 40 (Acct-Status-Type)
  - 41 (Acct-Delay-Time)
  - 44 (Acct-Session-ID)

If an attribute is required, the rejection will be refused, and the attribute will be allowed to pass through.

**Note**

The user will not receive an error at the point of configuring a reject list for required attributes because the list does not specify a purpose—authorization or accounting. The server will determine whether an attribute is required when it is known what the attribute is to be used for.

## Related Documents

- *Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*, Release 12.2
- *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide*, Release 12.2

## Supported Platforms

The following platforms support the RADIUS attribute screening feature:

- Cisco 7200 series
- Cisco 7401 ASR router

### Determining Platform Support Through Feature Navigator

Cisco IOS software is packaged in feature sets that support specific platforms. To get updated information regarding platform support for this feature, access Feature Navigator. Feature Navigator dynamically updates the list of supported platforms as new platform support is added for the feature.

Feature Navigator is a web-based tool that enables you to quickly determine which Cisco IOS software images support a specific set of features and which features are supported in a specific Cisco IOS image.

To access Feature Navigator, you must have an account on Cisco.com. If you have forgotten or lost your account information, send a blank e-mail to [cco-locksmith@cisco.com](mailto:cco-locksmith@cisco.com). An automatic check will verify that your e-mail address is registered with Cisco.com. If the check is successful, account details with a new random password will be e-mailed to you. Qualified users can establish an account on Cisco.com by following the directions at <http://www.cisco.com/register>.

Feature Navigator is updated regularly when major Cisco IOS software releases and technology releases occur. For the most current information, go to the Feature Navigator home page at the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/go/fn>

## Supported Standards, MIBs, and RFCs

### Standards

None

### MIBs

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>

### RFCs

No new or modified RFCs are supported by this feature.

## Prerequisites

Before configuring a RADIUS accept or reject list, you must enable AAA.

For more information, refer to the AAA chapters in the *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide*, Release 12.2.

## Configuration Tasks

See the following section for configuration tasks for the RADIUS Attribute Screening feature. Each task in the list is identified as either optional or required.

- [Configuring RADIUS Attribute Screening](#) (required)
- [Verifying RADIUS Attribute Screening](#) (optional)

## Configuring RADIUS Attribute Screening

To configure a RADIUS attribute accept or reject list for authorization or accounting, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode:

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	Router(config)# <b>aaa authentication ppp default</b> <b>group</b> <i>group-name</i>	Specifies one or more AAA authentication methods for use on serial interfaces running PPP.  <b>default</b> —Uses the listed authentication methods that follow this argument as the default list of methods when a user logs in.  <b>group</b> <i>group-name</i> —Uses a subset of RADIUS servers for authentication as defined by the <b>aaa group server radius</b> command.
Step 2	Router(config)# <b>aaa authorization network default</b> <b>group</b> <i>group-name</i>	Sets parameters that restrict user access to the network.  <b>default</b> —Uses the listed authentication methods that follow this argument as the default list of methods when a user logs in.  <b>group</b> <i>group-name</i> —Uses a subset of RADIUS servers for authentication as defined by the <b>aaa group server radius</b> command.
Step 3	Router(config)# <b>aaa group server radius</b> <i>group-name</i>	Groups different RADIUS server hosts into distinct lists and distinct methods.  <i>group-name</i> —Character string used to name the group of servers.

	Command	Purpose
Step 4	Router(config-sg-radius)# <b>server</b> <i>ip-address</i>	Configures the IP address of the RADIUS server for the group server.
Step 5	Router(config-sg-radius)# <b>authorization</b> [ <b>accept</b>   <b>reject</b> ] <i>listname</i> or Router(config-sg-radius)# <b>accounting</b> [ <b>accept</b>   <b>reject</b> ] <i>listname</i>	<p>Specifies a filter for the attributes that are returned in an Access-Accept packet from the RADIUS server.</p> <p>or</p> <p>Specifies a filter for the attributes that are to be sent to the RADIUS server in an accounting request.</p> <p><b>Note</b> The <b>accept</b> keyword indicates that all attributes will be rejected except for the attributes specified in the <i>listname</i>. The <b>reject</b> keyword indicates that all attributes will be accepted except for the attributes specified in the <i>listname</i> and all standard attributes.</p> <p><b>accept</b>—Indicates that all attributes will be rejected except for the required attributes and the attributes specified in the <i>listname</i>.</p> <p><b>reject</b>—Indicates that all attributes will be accepted except for the attributes specified in the listname <i>listname</i>.</p> <p><i>listname</i>—Defines the given name for the accept or reject list.</p>
Step 6	Router(config-sg-radius)# <b>exit</b>	Exits server-group configuration mode.

Command	Purpose
<p><b>Step 7</b></p> <pre>Router(config)# radius-server host {hostname   ip-address} [key string]</pre>	<p>Specifies a RADIUS server host.</p> <p><i>hostname</i>—Domain Name System (DNS) name of the RADIUS server host.</p> <p><b>key</b>—Specifies the authentication and encryption key used between the router and the RADIUS daemon running on this RADIUS server.</p> <p>This key overrides the global setting of the <b>radius-server key</b> command. If no key string is specified, the global value is used.</p> <p>The key is a text string that must match the encryption key used on the RADIUS server. Always configure the key as the last item in the <b>radius-server host</b> command syntax. This is because the leading spaces are ignored, but spaces within and at the end of the key are used. If you use spaces in the key, do not enclose the key in quotation marks unless the quotation marks themselves are part of the key.</p> <p><i>string</i>—Specifies the authentication and encryption key for all RADIUS communications between the router and the RADIUS server. This key must match the encryption used on the RADIUS daemon. All leading spaces are ignored, but spaces within and at the end of the key are used. If you use spaces in your key, do not enclose the key in quotation marks unless the quotation marks themselves are part of the key.</p>
<p><b>Step 8</b></p> <pre>Router(config)# radius-server attribute list listname</pre>	<p>Defines the list name given to the set of attributes defined in the <b>attribute</b> command.</p> <p><i>listname</i>—Specifies a name for an accept or reject list.</p> <p><b>Note</b> The <i>listname</i> must be the same as the <i>listname</i> defined in Step 5.</p>
<p><b>Step 9</b></p> <pre>Router(config-sg-radius)# attribute value1, [value2 [value3]...]</pre>	<p>Adds attributes to the configured accept or reject list.</p> <p><i>value1, [value2 [value3]...]</i>—Specifies which attributes to include in an accept or reject list. The value can be a single integer, such as 7, or a range of numbers, such as 56–59. At least one attribute value must be specified.</p> <p><b>Note</b> This command can be used multiple times to add attributes to an accept or reject list.</p>

## Verifying RADIUS Attribute Screening

To verify an accept or reject list, use one of the following commands in privileged EXEC mode:

Command	Purpose
Router# <code>debug radius</code>	Displays information associated with RADIUS.
Router# <code>debug aaa accounting</code>	Displays information on accountable events as they occur.
Router# <code>debug aaa authentication</code>	Displays information on AAA authentication.
Router# <code>show radius statistics</code>	Displays the RADIUS statistics for accounting and authentication packets.

## Configuration Examples

This section provides the following configuration examples:

- [Authorization Accept Example, page 7](#)
- [Accounting Reject Example, page 8](#)
- [Authorization Reject and Accounting Accept Example, page 8](#)
- [Rejecting Required Attributes Example, page 8](#)

### Authorization Accept Example

The following example shows how to configure an accept list for attribute 6 (Service-Type) and attribute 7 (Framed-Protocol); all other attributes (including VSAs) are rejected for RADIUS authorization.

```
aaa new-model
aaa authentication ppp default group radius-sg
aaa authorization network default group radius-sg
aaa group server radius radius-sg
    server 1.1.1.1
        authorization accept min-author
!
radius-server host 1.1.1.1 key mykey1
radius-server attribute list min-author
    attribute 6-7
```

## Accounting Reject Example

The following example shows how to configure a reject list for attribute 66 (Tunnel-Client-Endpoint) and attribute 67 (Tunnel-Server-Endpoint); all other attributes (including VSAs) are accepted for RADIUS accounting.

```
aaa new-model
aaa authentication ppp default group radius-sg
aaa authorization network default group radius-sg
aaa group server radius radius-sg
    server 1.1.1.1
    accounting reject tnl-x-endpoint
!
radius-server host 1.1.1.1 key mykey1
radius-server attribute list tnl-x-endpoint
    attribute 66-67
```

## Authorization Reject and Accounting Accept Example

The following example shows how to configure a reject list for RADIUS authorization and configure an accept list for RADIUS accounting. Although you cannot configure more than one accept or reject list per server group for authorization or accounting, you can configure one list for authorization and one list for accounting per server group.

```
aaa new-model
aaa authentication ppp default group radius-sg
aaa authorization network default group radius-sg
aaa group server radius radius-sg
    server 1.1.1.1
    authorization reject bad-author
    accounting accept usage-only
!
radius-server host 1.1.1.1 key mykey1
radius-server attribute list usage-only
    attribute 1,40,42-43,46
!
radius-server attribute list bad-author
    attribute 22,27-28,56-59
```

## Rejecting Required Attributes Example

The following example shows debug output for the **debug aaa accounting** command. In this example, required attributes 44, 40, and 41 have been added to the reject list:

```
Router# debug aaa authorization

AAA/ACCT(6): Accounting method=radius-sg (radius)
RADIUS: attribute 44 cannot be rejected
RADIUS: attribute 61 rejected
RADIUS: attribute 31 rejected
RADIUS: attribute 40 cannot be rejected
RADIUS: attribute 41 cannot be rejected
```



# Command Reference

This section documents modified commands. All other commands used with this feature are documented in the Cisco IOS Release 12.2 command reference publications.

- [accounting \(server-group configuration\)](#)
- [authorization \(server-group configuration\)](#)
- [attribute](#)
- [radius-server attribute list](#)

# accounting (server-group configuration)

To specify an accept or reject list for attributes that are to be sent to the RADIUS server in an accounting request, use the **accounting** command in server-group configuration mode.

**accounting** [**accept** | **reject**] *listname*

Syntax Description	Parameter	Description
	<b>accept</b>	(Optional) Indicates that all attributes will be rejected except for required attributes and the attributes specified in the <i>listname</i> .
	<b>reject</b>	(Optional) Indicates that all attributes will be accepted except for the attributes specified in the <i>listname</i> .
	<i>listname</i>	Defines the given name for the accept or reject list.

**Defaults** If specific attributes are not accepted or rejected, all attributes will be accepted.

**Command Modes** Server-group configuration

Command History	Release	Modification
	12.2(1)DX	This command was introduced.
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	12.2(4)B	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(4)B.

**Usage Guidelines** An accept or reject list (also known as a filter) for RADIUS accounting allows users to send only the accounting attributes their business requires, thereby reducing unnecessary traffic and allowing users to customize their own accounting data.

Only one filter may be used for RADIUS accounting per server group.



**Note**

The *listname* must be the same as the *listname* defined in the **radius-server attribute list** command which is used with the **attribute** command to add to an accept or reject list.

**Examples** The following example shows how to specify accept list “usage-only” for RADIUS accounting:

```
aaa new-model
aaa authentication ppp default group radius-sg
aaa authorization network default group radius-sg
aaa group server radius radius-sg
  server 1.1.1.1
  accounting accept usage-only
!
radius-server host 1.1.1.1 key mykey1
radius-server attribute list usage-only
  attribute 1,40,42-43,46
```

**Related Commands**

Command	Description
<b>aaa new-model</b>	Enables the AAA access control model.
<b>aaa authentication ppp</b>	Specifies one or more AAA authentication methods for use on serial interfaces running PPP.
<b>aaa authorization</b>	Sets parameters that restrict network access to the user.
<b>aaa group server radius</b>	Groups different RADIUS server hosts into distinct lists and distinct methods.
<b>authorization (server-group configuration)</b>	Specifies an accept or reject list for attributes that are returned in an Access-Accept packet from the RADIUS server.
<b>attribute</b>	Adds attributes to an accept or reject list.
<b>radius-server attribute list</b>	Defines an accept or reject list name.

## authorization (server-group configuration)

To specify an accept or reject list for attributes that are returned in an Access-Accept packet from the RADIUS server, use the **authorization** command in server-group configuration mode.

**authorization** [accept | reject] *listname*

Syntax Description		
<b>accept</b>	(Optional) Indicates that all attributes will be rejected except for required attributes and the attributes specified in the <i>listname</i> .	
<b>reject</b>	(Optional) Indicates that all attributes will be accepted except for the attributes specified in the <i>listname</i> .	
<i>listname</i>	Defines the given name for the accept or reject list.	

**Defaults** If specific attributes are not accepted or rejected, all attributes will be accepted.

**Command Modes** Server-group configuration

Command History	Release	Modification
	12.2(1)DX	This command was introduced.
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	12.2(4)B	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(4)B.

**Usage Guidelines** An accept or reject list (also known as a filter) for RADIUS authorization allows users to configure the network access server (NAS) to restrict the use of specific attributes, thereby preventing the NAS from processing unwanted attributes.

Only one filter may be used for RADIUS authorization per server group.



**Note**

The *listname* must be the same as the *listname* defined in the **radius-server attribute list** command, which is used with the **attribute** command to add to an accept or reject list.

**Examples**

The following example shows how to configure accept list “min-author” in an Access-Accept packet from the RADIUS server:

```
aaa new-model
aaa authentication ppp default group radius-sg
aaa authorization network default group radius-sg
aaa group server radius radius-sg
  server 1.1.1.1
  authorization accept min-author
!
radius-server host 1.1.1.1 key mykey1
radius-server attribute list min-author
```

attribute 6-7

Related Commands	Command	Description
	<b>aaa new-model</b>	Enables the AAA access control model.
	<b>aaa authentication ppp</b>	Specifies one or more AAA authentication methods for use on serial interfaces running PPP.
	<b>aaa authorization</b>	Sets parameters that restrict network access to the user.
	<b>aaa group server radius</b>	Groups different RADIUS server hosts into distinct lists and distinct methods.
	<b>accounting (server-group configuration)</b>	Specifies an accept or reject list for attributes that are to be sent to the RADIUS server in an accounting request.
	<b>attribute</b>	Adds attributes to an accept or reject list.
	<b>radius-server attribute list</b>	Defines an accept or reject list name.

# attribute

To add attributes to an accept or reject list, use the **attribute** command in server-group configuration mode. To remove attributes from the list, use the **no** form of this command.

**attribute** *value1* [*value2* [*value3*]...]

**no attribute** *value1* [*value2* [*value3*]...]

## Syntax Description

<i>value1</i> [ <i>value2</i> [ <i>value3</i> ]...]	Specifies which attributes to include in an accept or reject list. The value can be a single integer, such as 7, or a range of numbers, such as 56–59. At least one attribute value must be specified.
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## Defaults

If this command is not enabled, all attributes are sent to the network access server (NAS).

## Command Modes

Server-group configuration

## Command History

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## Usage Guidelines

Used in conjunction with the **radius-server attribute list** command (which defines the list name), the **attribute** command can be used to add attributes to an accept or reject list (also known as a filter). Filters are used to prevent the network access server (NAS) from receiving and processing unwanted attributes for authorization or accounting.

The **attribute** command can be used multiple times to add attributes to a filter. However, if a required attribute is specified in a reject list, the NAS will override the command and accept the attribute.

Required attributes are as follows:

- For authorization:
  - 6 (Service-Type)
  - 7 (Framed-Protocol)
- For accounting:
  - 4 (NAS-IP-Address)
  - 40 (Acct-Status-Type)
  - 41 (Acct-Delay-Time)
  - 44 (Acct-Session-ID)

**Note**

The user will not receive an error at the point of configuring a reject list for required attributes because the list does not specify a purpose—authorization or accounting. The server will determine whether an attribute is required when it is known what the attribute is to be used for.

**Examples**

The following example shows how to add attributes 12, 217, 6-10, 13, 64-69, and 218 to the list name “standard”:

```
radius-server attribute list standard
  attribute 12,217,6-10,13
  attribute 64-69,218
```

**Related Commands**

Command	Description
<a href="#">accounting (server-group configuration)</a>	Specifies an accept or reject list for attributes that are to be sent to the RADIUS server in an accounting request.
<a href="#">authorization (server-group configuration)</a>	Specifies an accept or reject list for attributes that are returned in an Access-Accept packet from the RADIUS server.
<a href="#">radius-server attribute list</a>	Defines an accept or reject list name.

# radius-server attribute list

To define an accept or reject list name, use the **radius-server attribute list** command in global configuration mode.

**radius-server attribute list** *listname*

Syntax Description	<i>listname</i>	Specifies a name for an accept or reject list.
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Defaults	No default behavior or values.
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Command Modes	Global configuration
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Command History	Release	Modification
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	12.2(4)B	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(4)B.

Usage Guidelines	A user can configure an accept or reject list with a selection of attributes on the network access server (NAS) for authentication or accounting so unwanted attributes are not accepted and processed. The <b>radius-server attribute list</b> command allows users to specify a name for an accept or reject list. This command is used in conjunction with the <b>attribute</b> command, which adds attributes to an accept or reject list.
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### Note

The *listname* must be the same as the *listname* defined in the **accounting** or **authorization** configuration command.

Examples	The following example shows how to configure the reject list “bad-author” for RADIUS authorization and accept list “usage-only” for RADIUS accounting:
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```
aaa new-model
aaa authentication ppp default group radius-sg
aaa authorization network default group radius-sg
aaa group server radius radius-sg
  server 1.1.1.1
  authorization reject bad-author
  accounting accept usage-only
!
radius-server host 1.1.1.1 key mykey1
radius-server attribute list usage-only
  attribute 1,40,42-43,46
!
radius-server attribute list bad-author
  attribute 22,27-28,56-59
```



**Note**

Although you cannot configure more than one access or reject list per server group for authorization or accounting, you can configure one list for authorization and one list for accounting per server group.

**Related Commands**

Command	Description
<b>aaa group server radius</b>	Groups different RADIUS server hosts into distinct lists and distinct methods.
<b>accounting (server-group configuration)</b>	Specifies an accept or reject list for attributes that are to be sent to the RADIUS server in an accounting request.
<b>authorization (server-group configuration)</b>	Specifies an accept or reject list for attributes that are returned in an Access-Accept packet from the RADIUS server.
<b>attribute</b>	Adds attributes to an accept or reject list.
<b>radius-server host</b>	Specifies a RADIUS server host.

## Glossary

**AAA**—Authentication, authorization, and accounting. Suite of network security services that provide the primary framework through which access control can be set up on your Cisco router or access server.

**attribute**—RADIUS Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) attributes are the original set of 255 standard attributes that are used to communicate AAA information between a client and a server. Because IETF attributes are standard, the attribute data is predefined and well known; thus all clients and servers who exchange AAA information via IETF attributes must agree on attribute data such as the exact meaning of the attributes and the general bounds of the values for each attribute.

**NAS**—Network access server. A Cisco platform (or collection of platforms, such as an AccessPath system) that interfaces between the packet world (for example, the Internet) and the circuit world (for example, the Public Switched Telephone Network).

**RADIUS**—Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service. RADIUS is a distributed client/server system that secures networks against unauthorized access. In the Cisco implementation, RADIUS clients run on Cisco routers and send authentication requests to a central RADIUS server that contains all user authentication and network service access information.

**VSA**—Vendor-specific attribute. VSAs are derived from one IETF attribute—vendor-specific (attribute 26). Attribute 26 allows a vendor to create and implement an additional 255 attributes. That is, a vendor can create an attribute that does not match the data of any IETF attribute and encapsulate it behind attribute 26; essentially, Vendor-Specific = "protocol:attribute=value".

