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AAA Overview

AAA acts as a framework for effective network management and security. It helps in managing network resources, enforcing policies, auditing network usage, and providing bill-related information. BNG connects to an external RADIUS server that provides the AAA functions.

The RADIUS server performs the three independent security functions (authentication, authorization, and accounting) to secure networks against unauthorized access. The RADIUS server runs the Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) protocol. (For details about RADIUS protocol, refer to RFC 2865). The RADIUS server manages the AAA process by interacting with BNG, and databases and directories containing user information.

The RADIUS protocol runs on a distributed client-server system. The RADIUS client runs on BNG (Cisco ASR 9000 Series Router) that sends authentication requests to a central RADIUS server. The RADIUS server contains all user authentication and network service access information.

The AAA processes, the role of RADIUS server during these processes, and some BNG restrictions, are explained in these sections:

Authentication

The authentication process identifies a subscriber on the network, before granting access to the network and network services. The process of authentication works on a unique set of criteria that each subscriber has for gaining access to the network. Typically, the RADIUS server performs authentication by matching the credentials (user name and password) the subscriber enters with those present in the database for that subscriber. If the credentials match, the subscriber is granted access to the network. Otherwise, the authentication process fails, and network access is denied.

Authorization

After the authentication process, the subscriber is authorized for performing certain activity. Authorization is the process that determines what type of activities, resources, or services a subscriber is permitted to use. For example, after logging into the network, the subscriber may try to access a database, or a restricted website. The authorization process determines whether the subscriber has the authority to access these network resources.

AAA authorization works by assembling a set of attributes based on the authentication credentials provided by the subscriber. The RADIUS server compares these attributes, for a given username, with information contained in a database. The result is returned to BNG to determine the actual capabilities and restrictions that are to be applied for that subscriber.

Accounting

The accounting keeps track of resources used by the subscriber during network access. Accounting is used for billing, trend analysis, tracking resource utilization, and capacity planning activities. During the accounting process, a log is maintained for network usage statistics. The information monitored include, but are not limited to - subscriber identities, applied configurations on the subscriber, the start and stop times of network connections, and the number of packets and bytes transferred to, and from, the network.

BNG reports subscriber activity to the RADIUS server in the form of accounting records. Each accounting record comprises of an accounting attribute value. This value is analyzed and used by the RADIUS server for network management, client billing, auditing, etc.

The accounting records of the subscriber sessions may timeout if the BNG does not receive acknowledgments from the RADIUS server. This timeout can be due to RADIUS server being unreachable or due to network connectivity issues leading to slow performance of the RADIUS server. If the sessions on the BNG are not acknowledged for their Account-Start request, loss of sessions on route processor fail over (RPFO) and other critical failures are reported. It is therefore recommended that a RADIUS server **deadtime** be configured on the BNG, to avoid loss of sessions. Once this value is configured, and if a particular session is not receiving an accounting response even after retries, then that particular RADIUS server is considered to be non-working and further requests are not sent to that server.

The **radius-server deadtime limit** command can be used to configure the **deadtime** for RADIUS server. For details, see [Configuring RADIUS Server Settings, on page 21](#).

Restrictions

- On session disconnect, transmission of the Accounting-Stop request to RADIUS may be delayed for a few seconds while the system waits for the "final" session statistics to be collected from the hardware. The Event-Timestamp attribute in that Accounting-Stop request should, however, reflect the time the client disconnects, and not the transmission time.

Using RADIUS Server Group

A RADIUS server group is a named group of one or more RADIUS servers. Each server group is used for a particular service. For example, in an AAA network configuration having two RADIUS server groups, the first server group can be assigned the authentication and authorization task, while the second group can be assigned the accounting task.

Server groups can include multiple host entries for the same server. Each entry, however, must have a unique identifier. This unique identifier is created by combining an IP address and a UDP port number. Different ports of the server, therefore, can be separately defined as individual RADIUS hosts providing a specific AAA service. In other words, this unique identifier enables RADIUS requests to be sent to different UDP ports on the same server. Further, if two different host entries on the same RADIUS server are configured for the same service (like the authentication process), then the second host entry acts as a fail-over backup for the first one. That is, if the first host entry fails to provide authentication services, BNG tries with the second host entry. (The RADIUS host entries are tried in the order in which they are created.)

For assigning specific actions to the server group, see [Configuring RADIUS Server Group, on page 4](#).

Configuring RADIUS Server Group

Perform this task to define a named server group as the server host.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **aaa group server radius** *name*
3. **accounting accept** *radius_attribute_list_name*
4. **authorization reply accept** *radius_attribute_list_name*
5. **deadtime** *limit*
6. **load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size** *size* **ignore-preferred-server**
7. **server** *host_name* **acct-port** *accounting_port_number* **auth-port** *authentication_port_number*
8. **source-interface** *name value*
9. **vrf** *name*
10. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# <code>configure</code>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	aaa group server radius <i>name</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# <code>aaa group server radius r1</code>	Configures the RADIUS server group named r1.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	accounting accept <i>radius_attribute_list_name</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-sg-radius)# accounting accept att_list	Configures the radius attribute filter for the accounting process to accept only the attributes specified in the list.
Step 4	authorization reply accept <i>radius_attribute_list_name</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-sg-radius)# authorization reply accept att_list1	Configures the radius attribute filter for the authorization process to accept only the attributes specified in the list.
Step 5	deadtime limit Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-sg-radius)# deadtime 40	Configures the RADIUS server-group deadtime. The deadtime limit is configured in minutes. The range is from 1 to 1440, and the default is 0.
Step 6	load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size size ignore-preferred-server Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-sg-radius)# load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size 50 ignore-preferred-server	Configures load balancing batch size after which the next host is picked.
Step 7	server host_name acct-port accounting_port_number auth-port authentication_port_number Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-sg-radius)# server 1.2.3.4 acct-port 455 auth-port 567	<p>Specifies the radius server, and its IP address or host name. Configures the UDP port for RADIUS accounting and authentication requests. The accounting and authentication port number ranges from 0 to 65535. If no value is specified, then the default is 1645 for auth-port, and 1646 for acct-port.</p> <p>From Cisco IOS XR Software Release 5.3.1 and later, IPv6 address can also be configured for the RADIUS server. But, the host name option is supported only for IPv4 domain, and not for IPv6.</p>
Step 8	source-interface name value Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-sg-radius)# source-interface Bundle-Ether 455	Configures the RADIUS server-group source-interface name and value for Bundle-Ether.
Step 9	vrf name Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-sg-radius)# vrf vrf_1	Configures the vrf to which the server radius group belongs.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	Use the commit or end command.	<p>commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.</p> <p>end —Prompts user to take one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring Radius Server-Group: An example

```

configure
aaa group server radius r1
accounting accept r1 r2
authorization reply accept a1 a2
deadtime 8
load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size 45 ignore-preferred-server
server host_name acct-port 355 auth-port 544
source-interface Bundle-Ether100.10
vrf vrf_1
!
end

```

Specifying Method List

Method lists for AAA define the methods using which authorization is performed, and the sequence in which these methods are executed. Before any defined authentication method is performed, the method list must be applied to the configuration mechanism responsible for validating user-access credentials. The only exception to this requirement is the default method list (named "default"). The default method list is automatically applied if no other method list is defined. A defined method list overrides the default method list.

On BNG, you have to specify the method list and the server group that will be used for AAA services. For specifying method lists, see [Configuring Method Lists for AAA, on page 6](#).

Configuring Method Lists for AAA

Perform this task to assign the method list to be used by the server group for subscriber authentication, authorization, and accounting.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **aaa authentication subscriber default** *method-list-name* **group** *server-group-name*
3. **aaa authorization subscriber default** *method-list-name* **group** *server-group-name* | **radius**

4. **aaa accounting subscriber default** *method-list-name* **group** *server-group-name*
5. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<p>configure</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	<p>aaa authentication subscriber default <i>method-list-name</i> group <i>server-group-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa authentication subscriber default method1 group group1 radius group group2 group group3 ...</pre>	Configures the method-list which will be applied by default for subscriber authentication. You can either enter 'default' or a user-defined name for the AAA method-list. Also, enter the name of the server group, on which the method list is applied.
Step 3	<p>aaa authorization subscriber default <i>method-list-name</i> group <i>server-group-name</i> radius</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa authorization subscriber default method1 group group1 radius group group2 group group3 ...</pre>	Configures the method-list which will be applied by default for subscriber authorization. You can either enter 'default' or a user-defined name for the AAA method-list. Also, enter the name of the server group, on which the method list is applied.
Step 4	<p>aaa accounting subscriber default <i>method-list-name</i> group <i>server-group-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa accounting subscriber default method1 group group1 radius group group2 group group3 ...</pre>	Configures the method-list which will be applied by default for subscriber accounting. You can either enter 'default' or a user-defined name for the AAA method-list. Also, enter the name of the server group, on which the method list is applied.
Step 5	Use the commit or end command.	<p>commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.</p> <p>end —Prompts user to take one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring Method-list for AAA: An example

```
configure
aaa authentication subscriber default group radius group rad2 group rad3..
aaa authorization subscriber default group radius group rad1 group rad2 group rad3..
aaa accounting subscriber default group radius group rad1 group rad2 group rad3..
!
!
end
```

Defining AAA Attributes

The AAA attribute is an element of RADIUS packet. A RADIUS packet transfers data between a RADIUS server and a RADIUS client. The AAA attribute parameter, and its value - form a Attribute Value Pair (AVP). The AVP carries data for both requests and responses for the AAA transaction.

The AAA attributes either can be predefined as in Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) attributes or vendor defined as in vendor-specific attributes (VSAs). For more information about the list of BNG supported attributes, see [RADIUS Attributes](#).

The RADIUS server provides configuration updates to BNG in the form of attributes in RADIUS messages. The configuration updates can be applied on a subscriber during session setup through two typical methods—per-user attributes, which applies configuration on a subscriber as part of the subscriber's authentication Access Accept, or through explicit domain, port, or service authorization Access Accepts. This is all controlled by the Policy Rule Engine's configuration on the subscriber.

When BNG sends an authentication or an authorization request to an external RADIUS server as an Access Request, the server sends back configuration updates to BNG as part of the Access Accept. In addition to RADIUS configuring a subscriber during setup, the server can send a change of authorization (CoA) message autonomously to the BNG during the subscriber's active session life cycle, even when the BNG did not send a request. These RADIUS CoA updates act as dynamic updates, referencing configured elements in the BNG and instructing the BNG to update a particular control policy or service policy.

BNG supports the concept of a "service", which is a group of configured features acting together to represent that service. Services can be represented as either features configured on dynamic-templates through CLI, or as features configured as RADIUS attributes inside Radius Servers. Services are activated either directly from CLI or RADIUS through configured "activate" actions on the Policy Rule Engine, or through CoA "activate-service" requests. Services can also be deactivated directly (removing all the involved features within the named service) through configured "deactivate" action on the Policy Rule Engine or through CoA "deactivate-service" requests.

The attribute values received from RADIUS interact with the subscriber session in this way:

- BNG merges the values received in the RADIUS update with the existing values that were provisioned statically by means of CLI commands, or from prior RADIUS updates.
- In all cases, values received in a RADIUS update take precedence over any corresponding CLI provisioned values or prior RADIUS updates. Even if you reconfigured the CLI provisioned values, the system does not override session attributes or features that were received in a RADIUS update.
- Changes made to CLI provision values on the dynamic template take effect immediately on all sessions using that template, assuming the template features have not already been overridden by RADIUS. Same applies to service updates made through CoA "service-update" requests.

AAA Attribute List

An attribute list is named list that contains a set of attributes. You can configure the RADIUS server to use a particular attribute list to perform the AAA function.

To create an attribute list, see [Configuring RADIUS Attribute List, on page 14](#).

AAA Attribute Format

It is possible to define a customized format for some attributes. The configuration syntax for creating a new format is:

```
aaa attribute format <format-name> format-string [length] <string> * [<Identity-Attribute>]
```

where:

- **format-name** — Specifies the name given to the attribute format. This name is referred when the format is applied on an attribute.
- **length** — (Optional) Specifies the maximum length of the formatted attribute string. If the final length of the attribute string is greater than the value specified in LENGTH, it is truncated to LENGTH bytes. The maximum value allowed for LENGTH is 255. If the argument is not configured, the default is also 255.
- **string** — Contains regular ASCII characters that includes conversion specifiers. Only the % symbol is allowed as a conversion specifier in the STRING. The STRING value is enclosed in double quotes.
- **Identity-Attribute** — Identifies a session, and includes user-name, ip-address, and mac-address. A list of currently-defined identity attributes is displayed on the CLI.

Once the format is defined, the FORMAT-NAME can be applied to various AAA attributes such as username, nas-port-ID, calling-station-ID, and called-station-ID. The configurable AAA attributes that use the format capability are explained in the section [Creating Attributes of Specific Format, on page 9](#).

To create a customized nas-port attribute and apply a predefined format to nas-port-ID attribute, see [Configuring RADIUS Attribute Format, on page 16](#).

Specific functions can be defined for an attribute format for specific purposes. For example, if the input username is "text@abc.com", and only the portion after "@" is required as the username, a function can be defined to retain only the portion after "@" as the username. Then, "text" is dropped from the input, and the new username is "abc.com". To apply username truncation function to a named-attribute format, see [Configuring AAA Attribute Format Function, on page 18](#).

Creating Attributes of Specific Format

BNG supports the use of configurable AAA attributes. The configurable AAA attributes have specific user-defined formats. The following sections list some of the configurable AAA attributes used by BNG.

Username

BNG has the ability to construct AAA username and other format-supported attributes for subscribers using MAC address, circuit-ID, remote-ID, and DHCP Option-60 (and a larger set of values available in CLI). The DHCP option-60 is one of the newer options that is communicated by the DHCP client to the DHCP server in its requests; it carries Vendor Class Identifier (VCI) of the DHCP client's hardware.

The MAC address attribute is specified in the CLI format in either of these forms:

- mac-address: for example, 0000.4096.3e4a
- mac-address-ietf: for example, 00-00-40-96-3E-4A
- mac-address-raw: for example, 000040963e4a
- mac-address-custom1: for example, 01.23.45.67.89.AB

(This particular MAC address format is available only from Cisco IOS XR Software Release 6.2.1 and later).

An example of constructing a username in the form "mac-address@vendor-class-ID" is:

```
aaa attribute format USERNAME-FORMAT format-string "%s@%s" mac-address dhcp-vendor-class
```

NAS-Port-ID

The NAS-Port-ID is constructed by combining BNG port information and access-node information. The BNG port information consists of a string in this form:

```
"eth phy_slot/phy_subslot/phy_port:XPI.XCI"
```

For 802.1Q tunneling (QinQ), XPI is the outer VLAN tag and XCI is the inner VLAN tag.

If the interface is QinQ, the default format of nas-port-ID includes both the VLAN tags; if the interface is single tag, it includes a single VLAN tag.

In the case of a single VLAN, only the outer VLAN is configured, using this syntax:

```
<slot>/<subslot>/<port>/<outer_vlan>
```

In the case of QinQ, the VLAN is configured using this syntax:

```
<slot>/<subslot>/<port>/<inner_vlan>.<outer_vlan>
```

In the case of a bundle-interface, the phy_slot and the phy_subslot are set to zero (0); whereas the phy_port number is the bundle number. For example, 0/0/10/30 is the NAS-Port-ID for a Bundle-Ether10.41 with an outer VLAN value 30.

The nas-port-ID command is extended to use the 'nas-port-type' option so that the customized format (configured with the command shown above) can be used on a specific interface type (nas-port-type). The extended nas-port-ID command is:

```
aaa radius attribute nas-port-id format <FORMAT_NAME> [type <NAS_PORT_TYPE>]
```

If 'type' option is not specified, then the nas-port-ID for all interface types is constructed according to the format name specified in the command. An example of constructing a maximum 128 byte NAS-Port-ID, by combining the BNG port information and Circuit-ID is:

```
aaa attribute format NAS-PORT-ID-FORMAT1 format-string length 128 "eth %s/%s/%s:%s.%s %s"
physical-slot physical-subslot physical-port outer-vlan-Id inner-vlan-id circuit-id-tag
```

An example of constructing the NAS-Port-ID from just the BNG port information, and with "0/0/0/0/0" appended at the end for circuit-ID, is:

```
aaa attribute format NAS-PORT-ID-FORMAT2 format-string "eth %s/%s/%s:%s.%s 0/0/0/0/0/0"
physical-slot physical-subslot physical-port outer-vlan-Id inner-vlan-id
```

An example of constructing the NAS-Port-ID from just the Circuit-ID is:

```
aaa attribute format NAS-PORT-ID-FORMAT3 format-string "%s" circuit-id-tag
```

The NAS-Port-ID formats configured in the above examples, can be specified in the `nas-port-ID` command, thus:

```
For IPoEoQINQ interface:-
aaa radius attribute nas-port-id format NAS-PORT-ID-FORMAT1 type 41

For Virtual IPoEoQINQ interface:-
aaa radius attribute nas-port-id format NAS-PORT-ID-FORMAT2 type 44

For IPOEoE interface:-
aaa radius attribute nas-port-id format NAS-PORT-ID-FORMAT3 type 39
```

NAS-Port-Type on Interface or VLAN Sub-interface

In order to have different production models for subscribers on the same BNG router, but different physical interfaces of same type, the NAS-Port-Type is made configurable for each physical interface, or VLAN sub-interface. With a different NAS-Port-Type value configured on the interface, the NAS-Port and NAS-Port-ID gets formatted according to the formats defined globally for the new NAS-Port-Type configured on the interface, instead of the actual value of NAS-Port-Type that the interface has. This in turn sends different formats of NAS-Port, NAS-Port-ID and NAS-Port-Type to the RADIUS server for the subscribers under different production models.

In the case of sub-interfaces, the hierarchy to be followed in deciding the format of NAS-Port-Type to be sent to the RADIUS server is:

1. Verify whether the NAS-Port-Type is configured on the sub-interface in which the subscriber session arrives.
2. If NAS-Port-Type is not configured on the sub-interface, verify whether it is configured on the main physical interface.
The format of NAS-Port or NAS-Port-ID is based on the NAS-Port-Type retrieved in [Step 1](#) or [Step 2](#).
3. If NAS-Port-Type is configured on neither the sub-interface nor the main physical interface, the format of NAS-Port or NAS-Port-ID is based on the format of the default NAS-Port-Type of the sub-interface.
4. If a NAS-Port or NAS-Port-ID format is not configured for the NAS-Port-Type retrieved in steps 1, 2 or 3, the format of NAS-Port or NAS-Port-ID is based on the default formats of NAS-Port or NAS-Port-ID.

Use this command to configure NAS-Port-Type per interface or VLAN sub-interface:

```
aaa radius attribute nas-port-type <nas-port-type>
```

where:

<nas-port-type> is either a number ranging from 0 to 44, or a string specifying the nas-port-type.

Refer [Configuring RADIUS Attribute Nas-port-type, on page 17](#).

Calling-Station-ID and Called-Station-ID

BNG supports the use of configurable calling-station-ID and called-station-ID. The calling-station-ID is a RADIUS attribute that uses Automatic Number Identification (ANI), or similar technology. It allows the network access server (NAS) to send to the Access-Request packet, the phone number from which the call came from. The called-station-ID is a RADIUS attribute that uses Dialed Number Identification (DNIS), or similar technology. It allows the NAS to send to the Access-Request packet, the phone number that the user called from.

The command used to configure the calling-station-ID and called-station-ID attributes is:

```
aaa radius attribute calling-station-id format <FORMAT_NAME>
aaa radius attribute called-station-id format <FORMAT_NAME>
```

Examples of constructing calling-station-ID from mac-address, remote-ID, and circuit-ID are:

```
aaa radius attribute calling-station-id format CLID-FORMAT
aaa attribute format CLID-FORMAT format-string "%s:%s:%s" client-mac-address-ietf
remote-id-tag circuit-id-tag
```

Examples of constructing called-station-ID from mac-address, remote-ID, and circuit-ID are:

```
aaa radius attribute called-station-id format CLDID-FORMAT
aaa attribute format CLDID-FORMAT format-string "%s:%s" client-mac-address-raw circuit-id-tag
```

NAS-Port Format

NAS-Port is a 4-byte value that has the physical port information of the Broadband Remote Access Server (BRAS), which connects the Access Aggregation network to BNG. It is used both by Access-Request packets and Accounting-Request packets. To uniquely identify a physical port on BRAS, multiple pieces of information such as shelf, slot, adapter, and so on is used along with the port number. A configurable format called format-e is defined to allow individual bits or group of bits in 32 bits of NAS-Port to represent or encode various pieces that constitute port information.

Individual bits in NAS-Port can be encoded with these characters:

- Zero: 0
- One: 1
- PPPoX slot: S
- PPPoX adapter: A
- PPPoX port: P
- PPPoX VLAN Id: V
- PPPoX VPI: I
- PPPoX VCI: C
- Session-Id: U
- PPPoX Inner VLAN ID: Q

```
aaa radius attribute nas-port format e [string] [type {nas-port-type}]
```

The above command is used to configure a format-e encode string for a particular interface of NAS-Port type (RADIUS attribute 61). The permissible nas-port type values are:

Nas-port-types	Values	Whether value can be derived from associated interface	Whether value can be configured on the interface configuration mode
ASYNC	0	No	Yes
SYNC	1	No	Yes
ISDN	2	No	Yes
ISDN_V120	3	No	Yes
ISDN_V110	4	No	Yes
VIRTUAL	5	No	Yes
ISDN_PIAFS	6	No	Yes
X75	9	No	Yes
ETHERNET	15	No	Yes
PPPATM	30	No	Yes
PPPOEOA	31	No	Yes
PPPOEOE	32	Yes	Yes
PPPOEOVLAN	33	Yes	Yes
PPPOEQINQ	34	Yes	Yes
VIRTUAL_PPPOEOE	35	Yes	Yes
VIRTUAL_PPPOEOVLAN	36	Yes	Yes
VIRTUAL_PPPOEQINQ	37	Yes	Yes
IPSEC	38	No	Yes
IPOEOE	39	Yes	Yes
IPOEOVLAN	40	Yes	Yes
IPOEQINQ	41	Yes	Yes
VIRTUAL_IPOEOE	42	Yes	Yes
VIRTUAL_IPOEOVLAN	43	Yes	Yes
VIRTUAL_IPOEQINQ	44	Yes	Yes

Examples:

For non-bundle: GigabitEthernet0/1/2/3.11.pppoe5

```

where:
PPPoEoQinQ (assuming 2 vlan tags): interface-type
1: slot
2: adapter
3: port
vlan-ids: whatever the outer and inner vlan-ids received in the PADR were
5: session-id

aaa radius attribute nas-port format e SSAAAPPPQQQQQQQQQVVVVVVVVVVUUUU type 34
Generated NAS-Port:      01100011QQQQQQQQQVVVVVVVVVV0101

For bundle: Bundle-Ether17.23.pppoe8
where:
Virtual-PPPoEoQinQ (assuming 2 vlan tags): interface-type
0: slot
0: adapter
17 (bundle-id): port
Vlan-Ids: whatever the outer and inner vlan-ids received in the PADR were.
8: session-id

aaa radius attribute nas-port format e PPPPPPQQQQQQQQQVVVVVVVVVVUUUUUU type 37
Generated NAS-Port:      010001QQQQQQQQQVVVVVVVVVV000101

```

NAS-port format for IP/DHCP sessions are represented in these examples:

```

For IPoEoVLAN interface type:
aaa radius attribute nas-port format e SSAAAPPPVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVV type 40

For IPoEoQinQ:
aaa radius attribute nas-port format e SSAAAPPPPPQQQQQQQQQVVVVVVVVVV type 41

For virtual IPoEoVLAN:
aaa radius attribute nas-port format e PPPPPPVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVUUUUUU type 43

```

NAS-port format for PPPoE sessions are represented in these examples:

```

For PPPoEoVLAN interface type:
aaa radius attribute nas-port format e SSAAAPPPVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVUUUU type 33

For Virtual PPPoEoVLAN:
aaa radius attribute nas-port format e PPPPPPVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVUUUUUU type 36

```



Note If a NAS-Port format is not configured for a NAS-Port-Type, the system looks for a default CLI configuration for the NAS-Port format. In the absence of both these configurations, for sessions with that particular NAS-Port-Type, the NAS-Port attribute is not sent to the RADIUS server.

Configuring RADIUS Attribute List

Perform this task to create a RADIUS attribute list that is used for filtering authorization and accounting attributes.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **radius-server attribute list** *listname*

3. **attribute** *list_of_radius_attributes*
4. **attribute vendor-id** *vendor-type number*
5. **vendor-type** *vendor-type-value*
6. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server attribute list <i>listname</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server attribute list l1	Defines the name of the attribute list.
Step 3	attribute <i>list_of_radius_attributes</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-attribute-filter)# attribute a1, a2	Populates the list with radius attributes. Note For more information about supported attributes, see RADIUS Attributes .
Step 4	attribute vendor-id <i>vendor-type number</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# attribute vendor-id 6456	Configures the attribute filtering to be applied to vendor specific attributes (VSAs) by allowing vendor specific information for VSAs to be specified in radius attribute list CLI. Vendor specific information comprises of vendor-id, vendor-type, and optional attribute name in case of Cisco generic VSA. The vendor-id ranges from 0 to 4294967295.
Step 5	vendor-type <i>vendor-type-value</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-attribute-filter-vsa)# vendor-type 54	Configures the vendor specific information such as the vendor-type to be specified in radius attribute list. The range of the vendor-type value is from 1 to 254.
Step 6	Use the commit or end command.	commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session. end —Prompts user to take one of these actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring RADIUS Attribute List: An example

```
configure
radius-server attribute list list_! attribute B C
attribute vendor-id vendor-type 10
vendor-type 30
!
end
```

Configuring RADIUS Attribute Format

Perform this task to the define RADIUS attribute format for the nas-port attribute, and apply a predefined format on nas-port-ID attribute.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **aaa radius attribute**
3. **nas-port format e string type nas-port-type value**
4. **nas-port-id format format name**
5. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	aaa radius attribute Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa radius attribute	Configures the AAA radius attribute.
Step 3	nas-port format e string type nas-port-type value Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# nas-port format e format1 type 30	Configures the format for nas-port attribute. The string represents a 32 character string representing the format to be used. The nas-port-value ranges from 0 to 44.
Step 4	nas-port-id format format name Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# nas-port-id format format2	Applies a predefined format to the nas-port-ID attribute.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	Use the commit or end command.	<p>commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.</p> <p>end —Prompts user to take one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring RADIUS Attribute Format: An example

```
configure
aaa radius attribute
nas-port format e abcd type 40
nas-port-id format ADEF
!
end
```

Configuring RADIUS Attribute Nas-port-type

Perform this task to configure RADIUS Attribute nas-port-type on a physical interface or VLAN sub-interface:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **interface** *type interface-name*
3. **aaa radius attribute nas-port-type** {*value* | *name*}
4. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<p>configure</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	<p>interface <i>type interface-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/0/0/0</pre>	Enters the interface configuration mode.
Step 3	aaa radius attribute nas-port-type { <i>value</i> <i>name</i> }	Configures the RADIUS Attribute nas-port-type value.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# aaa radius attribute nas-port-type 30</pre> <p>or</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# aaa radius attribute nas-port-type Ethernet</pre>	<p>The range of <i>value</i> is from 0 to 44.</p> <p>See table in NAS-Port Format, on page 12, for permissible nas-port-type values within this range.</p>
Step 4	Use the commit or end command.	<p>commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.</p> <p>end —Prompts user to take one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring RADIUS Attribute Nas-port-type: An example

```
configure
interface gigabitEthernet 0/0/0/0
  aaa radius attribute nas-port-type Ethernet
!
end
```

Configuring AAA Attribute Format Function

Perform this task to configure a function for the AAA attribute format. The function is for stripping the user-name till the delimiter.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **aaa attribute format** *format-name*
3. **username-strip prefix-delimiter** *prefix_delimiter*
4. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<p>configure</p> <p>Example:</p>	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	
Step 2	aaa attribute format <i>format-name</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa attribute format red	Specifies the format name for which the function is defined.
Step 3	username-strip prefix-delimiter <i>prefix_delimiter</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-id-format)# username-strip prefix-delimiter @	Configures the function to strip the username preceding the prefix delimiter, which is @.
Step 4	Use the commit or end command.	commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session. end —Prompts user to take one of these actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring AAA Attribute Format Function: An example

```
configure
aaa attribute format red
username-strip prefix-delimiter @
!
!
end
```

Suppressing Unassigned Attributes

You can suppress unassigned (experimental) attributes like 196 that are sent during access-request by the BNG router to the RADIUS.

Configuration Example

To suppress unassigned (experimental) attributes like 196 that are sent during access-request by the BNG router to the RADIUS, you must complete the following configurations:

1. Create an attribute list to filter an attribute, for example attribute 196.
2. Configure the radius server host in the AAA group.

3. Filter and reject the attribute list containing attribute 196 from being sent to RADIUS.
4. (Optional) Configure the IP address of the private RADIUS server for the group server
5. (Optional) Configure the radius-server key.

Configuration

```

/* Enter the global configuration mode and then create an attribute list to filter an
attribute. */
Router# configure
Router(configure)# radius-server attribute list <name-of-the-filter-list>
Router(config-attribute-filter)# attribute <attribute-number>
Router(config-attribute-filter)# commit
Router(config-attribute-filter)# exit

/* Enter the global configuration mode and then configure the radius server host in the AAA
group. */
Router(configure)# aaa group server radius <name-of-the-RADIUS-server>

/* Filter and reject the attribute list containing attribute 196 from being sent to RADIUS.
*/
Router(config-sg-radius)# authorization request reject <name-of-the-filter-list>

/* (Optional) Configure the IP address of the private RADIUS server for the group server.
*/
Router(config-sg-radius)# server-private <ip-address-of-the-radius-server> auth-port
<auth-port-number> acct-port <acct-port-number>

/* (Optional) Configure the radius-server key. */
Router(config-sg-radius-private)# key <key-secret-for-the-radius>
Router(config-sg-radius-private)# commit

```

Running Configuration

```

Router# show running configuration
radius-server attribute list FILTER-mm
attribute 196
!
aaa group server radius TEST.
authorization request reject FILTER-mm
server-private 192.0.2.0 auth-port 1 acct-port 2
key 7

```

Making RADIUS Server Settings

In order to make BNG interact with the RADIUS server, certain server specific settings must be made on the BNG router. This table lists some of the key settings:

Settings	Description
Server host	Defines the RADIUS server details to which BNG will connect.
Attribute list	Defines which attribute list is to be used.
Server key	Defines the encryption status.
Dead criteria	Defines the criteria that is used to mark a RADIUS server as dead.

Settings	Description
Retransmit value	Defines the number of retries the BNG makes to send data to RADIUS server.
Timeout value	Defines how long BNG waits for the RADIUS server to reply.
Automated testing	Defines the duration after which automated testing will start and the username to be tested.
IP DSCP	Allows RADIUS packets to be marked with a specific Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) value.

For more making RADIUS server settings, see [Configuring RADIUS Server Settings, on page 21](#).

For more making specific automated testing settings, see [Configuring Automated Testing, on page 25](#).

For more making specific IP DSCP settings, see [Setting IP DSCP for RADIUS Server, on page 26](#).

Restriction

The service profile push or asynchronously pushing a profile to the system is not supported. To download a profile from Radius, the profile must be requested initially as part of the subscriber request. Only service-update is supported and can be used to change a service that was previously downloaded.

Configuring RADIUS Server Settings

Perform this task to make RADIUS server specific settings on the BNG router.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **radius-server host** *ip-address acct-port accounting_port_number auth-port authentication_port_number*
3. **radius-server attribute list** *list_name attribute_list*
4. **radius-server key** *7 encrypted_text*
5. **radius-server disallow null-username**
6. **radius-server dead-criteria time** *value*
7. **radius-server dead-criteria tries** *value*
8. **radius-server deadtime** *limit*
9. **radius-server ipv4 dscp** *codepoint_value*
10. **radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size** *size*
11. **radius-server retransmit** *retransmit_value*
12. **radius-server source-port extended**
13. **radius-server timeout** *value*
14. **radius-server vsa attribute ignore unknown**
15. **radius source-interface Loopback** *value vrf vrf_name*
16. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server host ip-address acct-port accounting_port_number auth-port authentication_port_number Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server host 1.2.3.4 acct-port 455 auth-port 567	Specifies the radius server and its IP address. Configures the UDP port for RADIUS accounting and authentication requests. The accounting and authentication port numbers range from 0 to 65535. If no value is specified, then the default is 1645 for the auth-port and 1646 for the acct-port. From Cisco IOS XR Software Release 5.3.1 and later, IPv6 address can also be configured for the RADIUS server host.
Step 3	radius-server attribute list list_name attribute_list Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server attribute list rad_list a b	Specifies the radius server attributes list, and customizes the selected radius attributes.
Step 4	radius-server key 7 encrypted_text Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-radius-host)# radius-server key 7 rngiry	Specifies the per-server encryption key that overrides the default, and takes the value 0 or 7, which indicates that the unencrypted key will follow.
Step 5	radius-server disallow null-username Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server disallow null-username	Specifies that the null-username is disallowed for the radius server.
Step 6	radius-server dead-criteria time value Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server dead-criteria time 40	Specifies the dead server detection criteria for a configured RADIUS server. The time (in seconds) specifies the minimum time that must elapse since a response is received from this RADIUS server.
Step 7	radius-server dead-criteria tries value Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server dead-criteria tries 50	Specify the value for the number of consecutive timeouts that must occur on the router before the RADIUS server is marked as dead. The value ranges from 1 to 100.
Step 8	radius-server deadtime limit Example:	Specifies the time in minutes for which a RADIUS server is marked dead. The deadtime limit is specified in minutes

	Command or Action	Purpose
	RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server deadtime 67	and ranges from 1 to 1440. If no value is specified, the default is 0.
Step 9	radius-server ipv4 dscp <i>codepoint_value</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server ipv4 dscp 45	Allows radius packets to be marked with a specific differentiated services code point (DSCP) value. This code point value ranges from 0 to 63.
Step 10	radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size <i>size</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size 500	Configures the radius load-balancing options by picking the server with the least outstanding transactions. This load-balancing method uses the batch-size for the selection of the server. The size ranges from 1 to 1500. If no value is specified, the default is 25.
Step 11	radius-server retransmit <i>retransmit_value</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server retransmit 45	Specifies the number of retries to the active server. The retransmit value indicates the number of retries in numeric and ranges from 1 to 100. If no value is specified, then the default is 3.
Step 12	radius-server source-port extended Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server source-port extended	Configures BNG to use a total of 200 ports as the source ports for sending out RADIUS requests.
Step 13	radius-server timeout <i>value</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server timeout	Specifies the time to wait for a radius server to reply. The value is in seconds and ranges from 1 to 1000. The default is 5.
Step 14	radius-server vsa attribute ignore unknown Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server vsa attribute ignore unknown	Ignores the unknown vendor-specific attributes for the radius server.
Step 15	radius source-interface Loopback <i>value</i> vrf <i>vrf_name</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius source-interface Loopback 655 vrf vrf_1	Specifies loopback interface for source address in RADIUS packets. The value ranges from 0 to 65535.
Step 16	Use the commit or end command.	commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<p>end —Prompts user to take one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring RADIUS Server Settings: Examples

```

\\Configuring RADIUS Server Options
configure
radius-server attribute list list1 a b
radius-server dead-criteria time 100
radius-server deadtime 30
radius-server disallow null-username
radius-server host 1.2.3.4 acct-port 655 auth-port 566
radius-server ipv4 dscp 34
radius-server key 7 ERITY$
radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size 25
radius-server retransmit 50
radius-server source-port extended
radius-server timeout 500
radius-server vsa attribute ignore unknown
!
!
end

\\Configuring RADIUS Attribute List
radius-server attribute list list_! attribute B C
attribute vendor-id vendor-type 10
vendor-type 30
!
end

\\Configuring RADIUS Server Host
configure
radius-server host 1.3.5.7 acct-port 56 auth-port 66
idle-time 45
ignore-acct-port
ignore-auth-port 3.4.5.6
key 7 ERWQ
retransmit 50
test username username
timeout 500
!
end

\\Configuring RADIUS Server Key
configure
radius-server key 7 ERWQ
!
end

\\Configuring Load Balancing for RADIUS Server

```



```

configure
radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size 25
radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size 45
!
end

\\Ignoring Unknown VSA Attributes in RADIUS Server
configure
radius-server vsa attribute ignore unknown
!
end

\\Configuring Dead Criteria for RADIUS Server
configure
radius-server dead-criteria time 60
radius-server dead-criteria tries 60
!
end

\\Configuring Disallow Username
configure
radius-server disallow null-username
!
end

\\Setting IP DSCP for RADIUS Server
configure
radius-server ipv4 dscp 43
radius-server ipv4 dscp default
!
end

```

Configuring Automated Testing

Perform this task to test if the external RADIUS server is UP or not.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **radius-server idle-time** *idle_time*
3. **radius-server test username** *username*
4. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	<p>radius-server idle-time <i>idle_time</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-radius-host)# radius-server idle-time 45</pre>	Specifies the idle-time after which the automated test should start. The idle time is specified in minutes, and ranges from 1 to 60.
Step 3	<p>radius-server test username <i>username</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-radius-host)# radius-server test username user1</pre>	Specifies the username to be tested for the automated testing functionality.
Step 4	Use the commit or end command.	<p>commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.</p> <p>end —Prompts user to take one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring Automated Testing: An example

```
configure
radius-server idle-time 60
radius-server test username user_1
!
end
```

Setting IP DSCP for RADIUS Server

Perform this task to set IP differentiated services code point (DSCP) for RADIUS server.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **radius-server ipv4 dscp** *codepoint_value*
3. **radius-server ipv4 dscp default**
4. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server ipv4 dscp <i>codepoint_value</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server ipv4 dscp 45	Allows radius packets to be marked with a specific differentiated services code point (DSCP) value that replaces the outdated IP precedence, a 3-bit field in the Type of Service byte of the IP header originally used to classify and prioritize types of traffic. This code point value ranges from 0 to 63.
Step 3	radius-server ipv4 dscp default Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server ipv4 dscp default	Matches the packets with default dscp (000000).
Step 4	Use the commit or end command.	commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session. end —Prompts user to take one of these actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Setting IP DSCP for RADIUS Server: An example

```
configure
radius-server ipv4 dscp 43
radius-server ipv4 dscp default
!
end
```

Balancing Transaction Load on the RADIUS Server

The RADIUS load-balancing feature is a mechanism to share the load of RADIUS access and accounting transactions, across a set of RADIUS servers. Each AAA request processing is considered to be a transaction. BNG distributes batches of transactions to servers within a server group.

When the first transaction for a new is received, BNG determines the server with the lowest number of outstanding transactions in its queue. This server is assigned that batch of transactions. BNG keeps repeating this determination process to ensure that the server with the least-outstanding transactions always gets a new batch. This method is known as the least-outstanding method of load balancing.

You can configure the load balancing feature either globally, or for RADIUS servers that are part of a server group. In the server group, if a preferred server is defined, you need to include the keyword "ignore-preferred-server" in the load-balancing configuration, to disable the preference.

For configuring the load balancing feature globally, see [Configuring Load Balancing for Global RADIUS Server Group, on page 28](#).

For configuring the load balancing feature on RADIUS servers that are part of a named server group, see [Configuring Load Balancing for a Named RADIUS Server Group, on page 29](#).

Configuring Load Balancing for Global RADIUS Server Group

Perform this task to activate the load balancing function for the global RADIUS server group. As an example, in this configuration the preferred server is set to be ignored.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size *size***
3. **radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size *size***
4. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size <i>size</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size 500	Configures the radius load-balancing options by picking the server with the least-outstanding transactions. This load-balancing method uses the batch-size for the selection of the server. The size ranges from 1 to 1500. If no value is specified, the default is 25.
Step 3	radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size <i>size</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size 500	Configures the radius load-balancing options by disabling the preferred server for this Server Group. This load-balancing method uses the batch-size for the selection of the server. The size ranges from 1 to 1500. If no value is specified, the default is 25.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	Use the commit or end command.	<p>commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.</p> <p>end —Prompts user to take one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring Load Balancing for RADIUS Server: An example

```
configure
radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size 25
radius-server load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size 45
!
end
```

Configuring Load Balancing for a Named RADIUS Server Group

Perform this task to activate the load balancing function for a named RADIUS server group. As an example, in this configuration the preferred server is set to be ignored.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **aaa group server radius** *server_group_name* **load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size size**
3. **aaa group server radius** *server_group_name* **load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size size**
4. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	<p>configure</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	<p>aaa group server radius <i>server_group_name</i> load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size size</p> <p>Example:</p>	Configures the radius load-balancing options by picking the server with the least-outstanding transactions. This load-balancing method uses the batch-size for the selection

	Command or Action	Purpose
	RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa group server radius sgl load-balance method least-outstanding batch-size 500	of the server. The size ranges from 1 to 1500. If no value is specified, the default is 25.
Step 3	aaa group server radius <i>server_group_name</i> load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size <i>size</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa group server radius sgl load-balance method least-outstanding ignore-preferred-server batch-size 500	Configures the radius load-balancing options by disabling the preferred server for this Server Group. This load-balancing method uses the batch-size for the selection of the server. The size ranges from 1 to 1500. If no value is specified, the default is 25.
Step 4	Use the commit or end command.	commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session. end —Prompts user to take one of these actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Throttling of RADIUS Records

The Throttling of AAA (RADIUS) records is a mechanism to avoid RADIUS congestion and instability. This function is useful in situations when there is insufficient bandwidth to accommodate a sudden burst of AAA requests generated by the BNG for the RADIUS server.

While configuring throttling, a threshold rate, which corresponds to the maximum number of outstanding requests, is defined. It is possible to configure independent throttling rates for access (authentication and authorization) and accounting requests. After a threshold value is reached for a server, no further requests of that type are sent to the server. However, for the pending requests, a retransmit timer is started, and if the outstanding request count (which is checked after every timer expiry), is less than the threshold, then the request is sent out.

As a session may timeout due to throttle on the access requests, a limit is set for the number of retransmit attempts. After this limit is reached, further access requests are dropped. Throttled accounting requests, however, are processed through the server-group failover process.

The throttling feature can be configured globally, or for a server-group. However, the general rule of configuration preference is that the server-group configuration overrides global configuration, if any.

The syntax for the throttling CLI command is:

```
radius-server throttle {[accounting THRESHOLD] [access THRESHOLD [access-timeout NUMBER_OF-TIMEOUTS]]}
```

where:

- **accounting THRESHOLD**—Specifies the threshold for accounting requests. The range is from 0 to 65536. The default is 0, and indicates that throttling is disabled for accounting requests.
- **access THRESHOLD**—Specifies the threshold for access requests. The range is from 0 to 65536. The default is 0, and indicates that throttling is disabled for accounting requests.
- **access-timeout NUMBER_OF-TIMEOUTS**—Specifies the number of consecutive timeouts that must occur on the router, after which access-requests are dropped. The range of is from 0 to 10. The default is 3.



Note By default, the throttling feature is disabled on BNG.

For activating throttling globally, see [Configuring RADIUS Throttling Globally, on page 31](#).

For activating throttling on a server group, see [Configuring RADIUS Throttling on a Server Group, on page 32](#).

Configuring RADIUS Throttling Globally

Perform this task to activate RADIUS throttling globally.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **radius-server throttle access *threshold_value***
3. **radius-server throttle access *threshold_value* access-timeout *value***
4. **radius-server throttle access *threshold_value* access-timeout *value* accounting *threshold_value***
5. **radius-server throttle accounting *threshold_value* access *value* access-timeout *value***
6. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# <code>configure</code>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	radius-server throttle access <i>threshold_value</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# <code>radius-server throttle access 10</code>	Controls the number of access requests sent to a RADIUS server. The threshold value denotes the number of outstanding access requests after which throttling should be performed. The range is from 0 to 65535, and the preferred value is 100.
Step 3	radius-server throttle access <i>threshold_value</i> access-timeout <i>value</i>	Specifies the number of timeouts, after which a throttled access request is dropped. The value denotes the number

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server throttle access 10 access-timeout 5</pre>	of timeouts for a transaction. The range is from 1 to 10, and the default is 3.
Step 4	<p>radius-server throttle access <i>threshold_value</i> access-timeout <i>value</i> accounting <i>threshold_value</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server throttle access 10 access-timeout 5 accounting 10</pre>	Controls the number of access timeout requests sent to a RADIUS server. The threshold value denotes the number of outstanding accounting transactions after which throttling should be performed. The range is from 0 to 65535, and the preferred value is 100.
Step 5	<p>radius-server throttle accounting <i>threshold_value</i> access <i>value</i> access-timeout <i>value</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# radius-server throttle accounting 56 access 10 access-timeout 5</pre>	Controls the number of accounting requests sent to a RADIUS server. The threshold value denotes the number of outstanding accounting transactions after which throttling should be performed. The value ranges between 0 to 65535 and the preferred value is 100.
Step 6	Use the commit or end command.	<p>commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.</p> <p>end —Prompts user to take one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring RADIUS Throttling Globally: An example

```
configure
radius-server throttle access 10 access-timeout 5 accounting 10
!
end
```

Configuring RADIUS Throttling on a Server Group

Perform this task to activate RADIUS throttling on a server group.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **aaa group server radius *server_group_name***
3. **server *hostname* acct-port *acct_port_value* auth-port *auth_port_value***

4. **throttle** *access threshold_value access-timeout value accounting threshold_value*
5. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	aaa group server radius <i>server_group_name</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa group server radius SG1	Configures the AAA (RADIUS) server-group definition.
Step 3	server <i>hostname acct-port acct_port_value auth-port auth_port_value</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-sg-radius)# server 99.1.1.10 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813	Configures a RADIUS server accounting or authentication port with either the IP address or hostname (as specified). The accounting port number and the authentication port number ranges from 0 to 65535.
Step 4	throttle access <i>threshold_value access-timeout value accounting threshold_value</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-sg-radius)# radius-server throttle access 10 access-timeout 5 accounting 10	Configures the RADIUS throttling options to control the number of access and accounting requests sent to a RADIUS server. The threshold value denotes the number of outstanding access requests or accounting transactions after which throttling should be performed. The range is from 0 to 65535, and for both access and accounting requests the preferred value is 100.
Step 5	Use the commit or end command.	commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session. end —Prompts user to take one of these actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring RADIUS Throttling on a Server Group: An example

```
configure
aaa group server radius SG1
```

```
server 99.1.1.10 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
radius-server throttle access 10 access-timeout 5 accounting 10
!
end
```

RADIUS Change of Authorization (CoA) Overview

The Change of Authorization (CoA) function allows the RADIUS server to change the authorization settings for a subscriber who is already authorized. CoA is an extension to the RADIUS standard that allows sending asynchronous messages from RADIUS servers to a RADIUS client, like BNG.



Note A CoA server can be a different from the RADIUS server.

To identify the subscriber whose configuration needs to be changed, a RADIUS CoA server supports and uses a variety of keys (RADIUS attributes) such as Accounting-Session-ID, Username, IP-Address, and ipv4:vrf-id.

The RADIUS CoA supports:

- **account-logon** — When a user logs into a network, an external web portal that supports CoA sends an account-logon request to BNG with the user's credentials (username and password). Account-logon on BNG then attempts to authenticate the user through RADIUS with those credentials.
- **account-logoff**— BNG processes the account-logoff request as a disconnect event for the subscriber and terminates the session.



Note The RADIUS CoA server does not differentiate between originators of the disconnect event. Hence, when the BNG receives an account-logoff request from the RADIUS CoA server, for both a user-initiated and an administrator-initiated request, the Acct-Terminate-Cause to be sent to the RADIUS server is always set as Admin-Reset.

- **account-update** — BNG parses and applies the attributes received as part of the CoA profile. Only subscriber-specific attributes are supported and applied on the user profile.
- **activate-service** — BNG starts a predefined service on a subscriber. The service settings can either be defined locally by a dynamic template, or downloaded from the RADIUS server.
- **deactivate-service** — BNG stops a previously started service on the subscriber, which is equivalent to deactivating a dynamic-template.

For a list of supported Vendor-Specific Attributes for account operations, see [Vendor-Specific Attributes for Account Operations](#).



Note In order for BNG to enable interim accounting, it is mandatory for the CoA request to have both accounting method list from the dynamic-template and Acct-Interim-Interval attribute from the user profile. This behavior is applicable for accounting enabled through dynamic-template. Whereas, from Cisco IOS XR Software Release 5.3.0 and later, the CoA request needs to have only the Acct-Interim-Interval attribute in the user profile.

Service Activate from CoA

BNG supports activating services through CoA requests. The CoA **service-activate** command is used for activating services. The CoA request for the service activate should contain these attributes:

- "subscriber:command=activate-service" Cisco VSA
- "subscriber:service-name=<service name>" Cisco VSA
- Other attributes that are part of the service profile

The "<subscriber:sa=<service-name>" can also be used to activate services from CoA and through RADIUS.

Duplicate service activate requests can be sent to BNG from the CoA server. BNG does not take any action on services that are already activated. BNG sends a CoA ACK message to the CoA server under these scenarios:

- When a duplicate request with identical parameters comes from the CoA for a service that is already active.
- When a duplicate request with identical parameters comes from the CoA to apply a parameterized service.

BNG sends a CoA NACK message to the CoA server with an error code as an invalid attribute under these scenarios:

- When a request comes from the CoA to deactivate a non-parameterized service that is not applied to the session.
- When a request comes from the CoA to deactivate a parameterized service that is not applied to the session.
- When a duplicate request to apply a parameterized service is made with non-identical parameters from the CoA.
- When a request with non-identical parameters comes from CoA to deactivate a parameterized service.

Service Update from CoA

The service update feature allows an existing service-profile to be updated with a new RADIUS attribute list representing the updated service. This impacts any subscriber who is already activated with the service and new subscriber who activate the service in the future. The new CoA **service-update** command is used for activating this feature. The CoA request for the service update should have these attributes:

- "subscriber:command=service-update" Cisco VSA
- "subscriber:service-name=<service name>" Cisco VSA
- Other attributes that are part of the service profile

A service update CoA should have a minimum of these attributes:

- `vsa cisco generic 1 string "subscriber:command=service-update"`
- `vsa cisco generic 1 string "subscriber:service-name=<service name>"`

Web Logon with RADIUS Based CoA

To support Web Logon, a set of Policy Rule Events need to be configured in an ordered manner. These events are as follows:

- `session-start`:
 - On the start of a session, a subscriber is setup to get internet connectivity. The service is activated to redirect HTTP traffic to a Web portal for web-based logon.
 - Start the timer with duration for the maximum waiting period for authentication.
- `account-logon` — The Web portal collects the user credentials such as username and password and triggers a CoA `account-logon` command. When this event is triggered, subscriber username and password are authenticated by the RADIUS server. Once the authentication is successful, the HTTP redirect service is deactivated, granting user access to already connected internet setup. Also, the timer established in `session-start` must be stopped. However, if the authentication fails during `account-logon`, BNG sends a NAK CoA request, allowing for further authentication attempts to take place.
- `timer expiry` — When the timer expires, the subscriber session is disconnected based on the configuration.

Multi-Action Change of Authorization

BNG supports multi-action Change of Authorization (CoA) wherein service providers can activate and deactivate multiple services using a single CoA request. Multi-action CoA is supported for **Service-Logon** and **Service-Logoff** CoA commands. The **Service-Logon** command can contain one or more **Service-Activate** attributes, and optionally **Service-Deactivate** attributes, for multi-action CoA to specify service(s) to be activated or deactivated. Similarly, the **Service-Logoff** command can contain one or more **Service-Deactivate** attributes, and optionally **Service-Activate** attributes, for multi-action CoA to specify service(s) to be deactivated or activated.

MA-CoA supports up to a maximum of 10 service activations or deactivations per MA-CoA request, however, it is recommended to issue six activations or deactivations per MA-CoA request.

During the multi-action CoA request, if any of the COA requests fail to activate or deactivate, then any of the services which have been activated or deactivated as part of that CoA request is rolled back to its previous state. The session restores back to the its pre-MA-CoA state upon failure to activation or deactivation.

A rollback-failure event, exception, can be configured to specify what action to be taken when a service rollback fails following a failed MA-CoA request (that is, a case of a double-failure condition). The default action to be taken when the rollback fails is to preserve the session, however, you can configure to terminate the session.

The following example details on the rollback failure exception.

```
policy-map type control subscriber PL1
  event session-start match-first
  class type control subscriber class-default do-all
    1 activate dynamic-template pkt-trigl
```

```

!
!
event exception match-first
  class type control subscriber coa-rollback-failure do-all
    10 disconnect
!
!
!

```

An Example of a Multi-Action Change of Authorization Use Case

The following example lists the sequence of events that occur in the case of a PTA session initiation.

1. PTA session's web traffic redirected to a service portal (HTTP Redirect)
2. The user activates the first level of service through the service portal. A multi-action COA request is initiated in the following sequence.
 - a. Deactivate redirection
 - b. Activate Turbo Button 1
 - c. Activate VoIP with two channels
3. The user activates the second level of service through the service portal. A multi-action COA request is initiated in the following sequence.
 - a. Deactivate Turbo Button 1
 - b. Activate Turbo Button 2
 - c. Deactivate VoIP with two channels
 - d. Activate VoIP with 4 channels

Interworking with Service-Level Accounting

BNG supports Service-Level Accounting, where a service is a collection of features that are activated and deactivated as a group. Service-Level Accounting and MA-CoA features are independent, that is, they can be applied separately. However, MA-CoA accounts for services that are activated or deactivated that have Service-Level Accounting enabled through the dynamic template configuration.

Generating Accounting Records

The following cases describes how the multi-action CoA records are generated for accounting purposes.

MA-CoA ACK Case

- If MA-CoA request contains only service activate commands, then START accounting record for those services are generated after the CoA Ack is sent out.
- If MA-CoA request contains only deactivate services or combination of activate and deactivate services, then for those services START or STOP accounting records are generated after the CoA Ack is sent out.

MA-CoA NAK Case (Rollback scenario)

- If MA-CoA request fails due to presence of invalid command formats or due to internal software failure or due to presence of invalid service names, that are not defined in the box, in such cases the accounting START or STOP messages are not generated upon rollback.
- If MA-CoA request fails due to internal feature programming failure, then the Service-START or Service-STOP accounting records may be generated for the services that were activated or deactivated before the failure. After the failure, the rollback is initiated and appropriate Service-START or Service-STOP records are generated for these services.

High Availability for MA-CoA

If an high availability event other than a line card online insertion and removal (LC-OIR), such as a process restart or an RP failover occurs while an MA-CoA request is being processed, then the affected session is restored to its pre-MA-CoA state. The policy plane does not make an attempt to automatically recover the MA-CoA message or to resume processing. Instead, the CoA Client times out and re-sends the MA-CoA request to the BNG router.

An Example with Verification Commands

The following example shows the profile of a subscriber with existing services, modified with a MA-CoA request, and the subscriber profile with the changed services invoked by the MA-CoA request.

Multi-Action Change of Authorization - Verification Commands

Session with an Existing Service -----[1]

```
show subsscriber session all detail internal
```

```
Interface:                Bundle-Ether1.1.ip1
Circuit ID:               Unknown
Remote ID:                Unknown
Type:                     IP: DHCP-trigger
IPv4 State:               Up, Wed Jul  9 14:25:40 2014
IPv4 Address:             12.1.0.2, VRF: default
IPv4 Up helpers:          0x00000040 {IPSUB}
IPv4 Up requestors:       0x00000040 {IPSUB}
Mac Address:              0000.0c00.0001
Account-Session Id:      00000001
Nas-Port:                 Unknown
User name:                0000.0c00.0001
Outer VLAN ID:           10
Subscriber Label:         0x00000040
Created:                  Wed Jul  9 14:25:37 2014
State:                    Activated
Authentication:           unauthenticated
Authorization:            authorized
Ifhandle:                 0x020001a0
Session History ID:       1
Access-interface:         Bundle-Ether1.1
Policy Executed:
```

```
event Session-Start match-first [at Wed Jul  9 14:25:37 2014]
class type control subscriber ISN_CM do-all [Succeeded]
  1 activate dynamic-template ISN_TEMPLATE_1 [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
  2 authorize aaa list default [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
  1001 activate dynamic-template svcQoSacct2 [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
  1002 activate dynamic-template svcQoSacct3 [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
```

```

Session Accounting: disabled
Last COA request received: unavailable
User Profile received from AAA:
Attribute List: 0x1000eb24
  1:  ipv4-mtu          len= 4  value= 1500(5dc)
Services:
  Name       : ISN_TEMPLATE_1
  Service-ID : 0x4000002
  Type       : Template
  Status     : Applied
-----
  Name       : svcQoSacct1
  Service-ID : 0x400000a
  Type       : Multi Template
  Status     : Applied
-----
  Name       : svcQoSacct2
  Service-ID : 0x400000b
  Type       : Template
  Status     : Applied
-----
  Name       : svcQoSacct3
  Service-ID : 0x400000c
  Type       : Template
  Status     : Applied
-----
[Event History]
  Jul  9 14:29:41.056 IPv4 Start
  Jul  9 14:29:44.384 SUBDB produce done
  Jul  9 14:29:44.384 IPv4 Up
    
```

RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:BNG#show subscriber database association

Location 0/RSP1/CPU0

```

Bundle-Ether1.1.ip1, subscriber label 0x40
  Name                               Template Type
  -----
  U00000040                           User profile
  svcQoSacct3                           Service
  svcQoSacct2                           Service
  svcQoSacct1                           Service
  ISN_TEMPLATE_1                       IP subscriber
    
```

MA-CoA Request Initiated From RADIUS Client -----

[2]

```

exec /bin/echo
"Cisco-AVPair='subscriber:sd=svcQoSacct1',Cisco-AVPair='subscriber:sd=svcQoSacct2',
Cisco-AVPair='subscriber:sd=svcQoSacct3',Cisco-AVPair='subscriber:sa=qosin_coa',
Cisco-AVPair='subscriber:sa=qosout_coa',Acct-Session-Id=00000001" | /usr/local/bin/radclient
-r 1 -x 5.11.17.31:1700 coa coa
    
```

RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:BNG#show subscriber manager statistics AAA COA location 0/rsp1/cpu0

[CHANGE OF AUTHORIZATION STATISTICS]

CoA Requests:

Type	Received	Acked	NAKed
====	=====	=====	=====
Account Logon	0	0	0
Account Logoff	0	0	0
Account Update	0	0	0
Disconnect	0	0	0
Single Service Logon	0	0	0
Single Service Logoff	0	0	0
Single Service Modify	0	0	0
Multiple Service	1	1	0

Errors:
None

RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:BN#show subscriber session all detail internal

```
Interface: Bundle-Ether1.1.ip1
Circuit ID: Unknown
Remote ID: Unknown
Type: IP: DHCP-trigger
IPv4 State: Up, Wed Jul 9 14:25:40 2014
IPv4 Address: 12.1.0.2, VRF: default
IPv4 Up helpers: 0x00000040 {IPSUB}
IPv4 Up requestors: 0x00000040 {IPSUB}
Mac Address: 0000.0c00.0001
Account-Session Id: 00000001
Nas-Port: Unknown
User name: 0000.0c00.0001
Outer VLAN ID: 10
Subscriber Label: 0x00000040
Created: Wed Jul 9 14:25:37 2014
State: Activated
Authentication: unauthenticated
Authorization: authorized
Ifhandle: 0x020001a0
Session History ID: 1
Access-interface: Bundle-Ether1.1
Policy Executed:
```

```
event Session-Start match-first [at Wed Jul 9 14:25:37 2014]
class type control subscriber ISN_CM do-all [Succeeded]
  1 activate dynamic-template ISN_TEMPLATE_1 [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
  2 authorize aaa list default [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
  1001 activate dynamic-template svcQoSAct2 [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
  1002 activate dynamic-template svcQoSAct3 [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
```

Session Accounting: disabled

Last COA request: Wed Jul 9 14:27:37 2014

COA Request Attribute List: 0x1000f0c4

```
1: sd len= 11 value= svcQoSAct1
2: command len= 18 value= deactivate-service
3: service-info len= 11 value= svcQoSAct1
4: service-name len= 11 value= svcQoSAct1
5: sd len= 11 value= svcQoSAct2
6: command len= 18 value= deactivate-service
7: service-info len= 11 value= svcQoSAct2
8: service-name len= 11 value= svcQoSAct2
9: sd len= 11 value= svcQoSAct3
10: command len= 18 value= deactivate-service
11: service-info len= 11 value= svcQoSAct3
12: service-name len= 11 value= svcQoSAct3
13: sa len= 9 value= qosin_coa
14: command len= 16 value= activate-service
15: service-info len= 9 value= qosin_coa
16: service-name len= 9 value= qosin_coa
```



```

17: sa len= 10 value= qosout_coa
18: command len= 16 value= activate-service
19: service-info len= 10 value= qosout_coa
20: service-name len= 10 value= qosout_coa
Last COA response: Result ACK
COA Response Attribute List: 0x1000f4e4
1: sd len= 11 value= svcQoSacct1
2: sd len= 11 value= svcQoSacct2
3: sd len= 11 value= svcQoSacct3
4: sa len= 9 value= qosin_coa
5: sa len= 10 value= qosout_coa
User Profile received from AAA:
Attribute List: 0x1000f6f4
1: ipv4-mtu len= 4 value= 1500(5dc)
Services:
Name : ISN_TEMPLATE_1
Service-ID : 0x4000002
Type : Template
Status : Applied
-----
Name : qosin_coa
Service-ID : 0x4000006
Type : Multi Template
Status : Applied
-----
Name : qosout_coa
Service-ID : 0x4000008
Type : Multi Template
Status : Applied
-----
[Event History]
Jul 9 14:29:41.056 IPv4 Start
Jul 9 14:29:44.384 IPv4 Up
Jul 9 14:31:41.504 CoA request
Jul 9 14:31:41.632 SUBDB produce done [many]

```

Changed Subscriber Profile after the MA-CoA Request is Processed from RADIUS

-----[3]

```
RP/0/RSP1/CPU0:BNG#show subscriber database association
```

```
Location 0/RSP1/CPU0
```

```
Bundle-Ether1.1.ip1, subscriber label 0x40
Name Template Type
-----
U00000040 User profile
qosout_coa Service
qosin_coa Service
ISN_TEMPLATE_1 IP subscriber
```

In the above example, the subscriber profile existing services are defined by [1], the changes initiated by the MA-CoA request is represented by [2], and the changes that are impacted by the MA-CoA request is shown in [3].

Restrictions in Multi-Action Change of Authorization

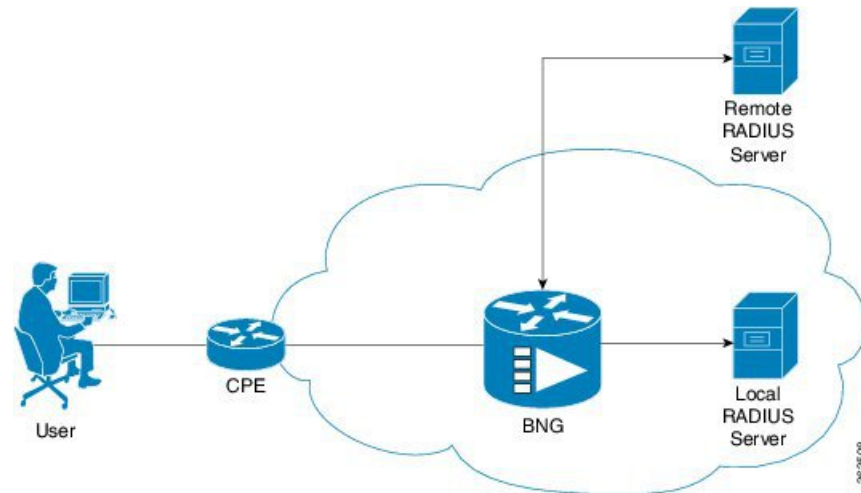
Multi-Action Change of Authorization is subjected to the following restrictions:

- **Service-Activate and Service-Deactivate commands only:** Only the Service-Activate and Service-Deactivate commands are supported in the MA-CoA requests. If a MA-CoA request containing account-logon, account-logoff, account-update, session-query, or disconnect-request commands is received, the request is rejected.
- Cisco VSAs of format "**subscriber:command= activate-service**" and "**subscriber:service-name=Svc1**" are not supported in MA-COA. If requests containing these VSA formats are received, a NAK is sent. Only formats of the "**subscriber:sa/sd=svcname**" type is supported.
- Event **service-logon** and **service-logoff** actions are not supported under policy map for services activated or deactivated through MA-CoA (same as service activation done as part of Access-Accept).
- MA-CoA with QoS Shaper Parameterization is not supported.
- **CoA Account-Update messages must not contain any Service-Activate or Deactivate VSAs:** MA-CoA does not restrict or detect Service-Activate or Service-Deactivate VSAs within the CoA Account-Update messages, however, the support is not available.
- **Scale, Performance, Boundary Conditions:** The following are the conditions for MA-CoA:
 - MA-CoA does not to impose any significant limitations on scaling, in terms of the total number of sessions or the number of services applied per session.
 - MA-CoA supports up to a maximum of 10 service activations or deactivations per MA-CoA request. If the number of action requests exceeds the limit of 10, a NAK is initiated for the last request received.
 - MA-CoA can handle a maximum of 30 CoA messages per second.

User Authentication and Authorization in the Local Network

The user authentication and authorization in the local network feature in BNG provides the option to perform subscriber authorization locally (in a subscriber's network), instead of both remote authentication and authorization that occurs in RADIUS servers. With the User Authentication and Authorization in the Local Network feature, you can run the RADIUS server locally in your network, manage, and configure the RADIUS server locally in your network to the profile that is required for the environment. In the case of a remote RADIUS server, the RADIUS server is maintained by an external regulatory body (not within the subscriber's network) and subscriber will not be able to manage or configure the server.

Figure 1: User Authentication and Authorization in the Local Network



User Authentication and Authorization in the Local Network feature is used in a case when a user wants to perform a two-level authentication or authorization, first, a remote authentication (or authorization) followed by a local authorization (or authentication).



Note All the debug commands applicable to AAA server are applicable on User Authentication and Authorization in the Local Network feature.

For IPoE subscribers, User Authentication and Authorization in the Local Network is a two-level authorization process as a part of the session-start event. For PTA subscribers, User Authentication and Authorization in the Local Network is a remote server authentication process, followed by a local server authorization process.

Policy Configurations for IPoE Sessions

The following policy configuration explains how the authentication and authorization process occurs in IPoE subscriber sessions. The authentication and authorization processes are performed using two RADIUS servers (one located remotely and the other located locally). At first, the authentication request is routed to the remotely located RADIUS server, which is not in the user's control. Then, to authorize the session, the authorization request is routed to the local RADIUS server, where the subscriber profile for the service provider is maintained.

As a first step in the authorization process, you can configure the authentication process to download the authorization profile from the local RADIUS server. However, when both RADIUS servers have the same authorization profiles, either partially or completely, that part of the authorization profile that is the same is overridden by the one downloaded from the local RADIUS server, and the other part of the authorization profile is merged.

Case 1: Subscriber session created by applying the user profile downloaded from the local RADIUS server.

```
Radius Server1 (located remotely, profile not controlled by the operator
```

```
    0000.0000.0001 Cleartext-Password := "shootme"
    Fall-Through = no
```

Radius Server2 (located locally, profile controlled by the operator)

```
0000.0000.0001 Cleartext-Password := "shootme"
Class = "IPSUB",
Cisco-avpair += "ip:sub-qos-policy-in=12MUp",
Cisco-avpair += "ip:sub-qos-policy-out=12MDown",
Fall-Through = no
```

Case 2: Subscriber session created by applying the user profile downloaded from the remote RADIUS server, and in this case, the policy attribute values are overridden by the local RADIUS server profile.

Radius Server1 (located remotely, profile not controlled by the operator)

```
0000.0000.0001 Cleartext-Password := "shootme"
Cisco-avpair += "ip:sub-qos-policy-in=6MUp",
Cisco-avpair += "ip:sub-qos-policy-out=6MDown",
Fall-Through = no
```

Radius Server2 (located locally, profile controlled by the operator)

```
0000.0000.0001 Cleartext-Password := "shootme"
Class = "IPSUB",
Cisco-avpair += "ip:sub-qos-policy-in=12MUp",
Cisco-avpair += "ip:sub-qos-policy-out=12MDown",
Fall-Through = no
```

Profile Created by the Attribute Merging of both the Local and Remote Server Profiles

```
RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:BNB#sh run aaa
radius-server host 10.105.236.46 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
key 7 111B1801464058
!
radius-server host 10.105.236.237 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
key 7 095E4F0D485744
!
aaa group server radius local_server
server 10.105.236.237 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
!
aaa group server radius remote_server
server 10.105.236.46 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
!
aaa accounting subscriber acct_meth broadcast group local_server group remote_server
aaa authorization subscriber local_server group local_server
aaa authorization subscriber remote_server group remote_server

RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:BNB#

RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:BNB#sh run policy-map type control subscriber ISN_CNTRL_1
policy-map type control subscriber ISN_CNTRL_1
event session-start match-all
  class type control subscriber ISN_CM do-all
    10 activate dynamic-template ISN_TEMPLATE_1
    11 authorize aaa list remote_server identifier source-address-mac password shootme
    12 authorize aaa list local_server identifier source-address-mac password shootme
  !
!
end-policy-map
!
```

```

RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:BNG#
Remote User Profile
0000.0c00.0001 Cleartext-Password := "shootme"
    cisco-avpair += "subscriber:accounting-list=acct_meth", -- [(A) Same attribute on both
    profile]
    Session-Timeout += 1000, ----- [(B) Attribute defined in
remote profile only]
    Acct-Interim-Interval = 3600 ----- [(C) Same attribute on both
profiles with diff value]

Local User profile
0000.0c00.0001 Cleartext-Password := "shootme"
    cisco-avpair += "subscriber:accounting-list=acct_meth", -- [(A) Same attribute on both
    profile]
    cisco-avpair += "sub-qos-policy-in=12MUp",----- [(D) Attribute defined in
local profile only]
    cisco-avpair += "sub-qos-policy-out=12MDown",----- [(E) Attribute defined in
local profile only]
    cisco-avpair += "ipv4:inacl=innet", ----- [(F) Attribute defined in
local profile only]
    cisco-avpair += "ipv4:outacl=outnet", ----- [(G) Attribute defined in
local profile only]
    Acct-Interim-Interval = 3000 ----- [(H) Same attributes on both
profiles with diff value]

RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:BNG#sh subscriber session all detail internal
Interface:          Bundle-Ether1.1.ip22
Circuit ID:         Unknown
Remote ID:          Unknown
Type:              IP: DHCP-trigger
IPv4 State:        Up, Wed Jun 18 16:56:25 2014
IPv4 Address:      12.16.0.24, VRF: default
IPv4 Up helpers:   0x00000040 {IPSUB}
IPv4 Up requestors: 0x00000040 {IPSUB}
Mac Address:       0000.0c00.0001
Account-Session Id: 000000bb
Nas-Port:          Unknown
User name:         0000.0c00.0001
Outer VLAN ID:    10
Subscriber Label:  0x00000075
Created:           Wed Jun 18 16:56:15 2014
State:             Activated
Authentication:    unauthenticated
Authorization:     authorized
Ifhandle:          0x000012a0
Session History ID: 11
Access-interface:  Bundle-Ether1.1
Policy Executed:

    event Session-Start match-all [at Wed Jun 18 16:56:15 2014]
    class type control subscriber ISN_CM do-all [Succeeded]
    10 activate dynamic-template ISN_TEMPLATE_1 [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
    11 authorize aaa list remote_server [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
    12 authorize aaa list local_server [cerr: No error][aaa: Success]
Session Accounting:
Acct-Session-Id:   000000bb
Method-list:       acct_meth
Accounting started: Wed Jun 18 16:56:25 2014
Interim accounting: On, interval 50 mins
Last successful update: Never
Next update in:   00:46:48 (dhms)

```

```

Last update sent:      Never
Updates sent:         0
Updates accepted:     0
Updates rejected:     0
Update send failures: 0
Last COA request received: unavailable
User Profile received from AAA:
Attribute List: 0x1000e764
1: session-timeout len= 4  value= 1000(3e8)  ----- [(B) Attribute value fetched from
the remote profile]
2: accounting-list len= 9  value= acct_meth  ----- [(A) Attribute common to both the
profiles]
3: sub-qos-policy-in len= 5  value= 12MUp    ----- [(D) Attribute defined in the local
profile]
4: sub-qos-policy-out len= 7  value= 12MDown ----- [(E) Attribute defined in the local
profile]
5: inacl             len= 5  value= inet     ----- [(F) Attribute defined in the local
profile]
6: outacl            len= 6  value= outnet   ----- [(G) Attribute defined in the local
profile]
7: acct-interval     len= 4  value= 3000(bb8) ----- [(I) Attribute value fetched from
the local profile]
Services:
Name       : ISN_TEMPLATE_1
Service-ID : 0x4000002
Type       : Template
Status     : Applied
-----

```

In the above example, the server profile attributes are defined in both the Local RADIUS and the Remote RADIUS servers. Attributes (A), (B), and (C) are defined in remote RADIUS server profile, and attributes (A), (D), (E), (F), (G), and (H) are defined in the local RADIUS server profile. The subscriber session created by applying the user profile downloaded from the local RADIUS server contains attributes (B), (A), (D), (E), (F), (G), and (I), where the attribute (B) is fetched from the remote RADIUS server profile; the attribute (A) is common to both the RADIUS server profiles; the attributes (D), (E), (F), and (G) are the attributes fetched from the local RADIUS server profile; and attribute (I) is common to both the profiles, however, the attribute value differs on both the profiles. In this case, the value of the attribute (I) is fetched from the local RADIUS server profile.

Policy Configurations for PTA Sessions

The following policy configuration explains how the authentication and authorization processes occur in PTA subscriber sessions. In the case of PTA subscriber sessions, the authentication and authorization processes consists of two steps:

1. Domain Authorization on LAC: Achieved through the local RADIUS server where the domain authorization occurs.

```

policy-map type control subscriber vpdn_ipv4_pmap
event session-start match-first
  class type control subscriber vpdn_ipv4_cmap do-until-failure
  ! activate dynamic-template vpdn_v4
  !
event session-activate match-first
  class type control subscriber vpdn_ipv4_cmap do-until-failure
  10 authorize aaa list vpdn-author-list format vpdn_domain password cisco

```

```

    20 authenticate aaa list vpdn-authen-list
    !

```

2. User Authentication before forwarding on LAC: Achieved using two RADIUS servers: one local RADIUS server for domain authorization and another remote RADIUS server for user authentication.

```

radius-server vsa attribute ignore unknown

radius-server host 5.8.23.156 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
key 7 02050D480809
!
radius-server host 5.8.23.160 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
key 7 030752180500
!
radius-server key 7 0214055F5A545C
aaa attribute format vpdn_domain
username-strip prefix-delimiter @
!
aaa accounting network default start-stop group radius
aaa group server radius vpdn-authen
server 5.8.23.160 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
!
aaa group server radius vpdn-author
server 5.8.23.156 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
!
aaa accounting subscriber default group radius
aaa authorization subscriber vpdn-author-list group vpdn-author
aaa authentication subscriber vpdn-authen-list group vpdn-authen
!

```

Service Accounting

Accounting records for each service enabled on a subscriber can be sent to the configured RADIUS server. These records can include service-start, service-stop, and service-interim records containing the current state of the service and any associated counters. This feature is the Service Accounting feature. Service accounting records are consolidated accounting records that represent the collection of features that make up a service as part of a subscriber session.

Service accounting starts when a subscriber session comes up with a service enabled on it. This can happen through a dynamic template applied through a control policy, through access-accept (AA) messages when the session is authorized, or through a change of authorization (CoA), when a new service is applied on a subscriber session. Service accounting stops either when the session is terminated, or a service is removed from the session through CoA, or some other event that deactivates the service. Start records have no counters; interim and stop records with QoS counters are generated when service accounting is enabled for QoS. Interim accounting records can be generated, in between start and stop accounting, as an option with a pre-defined periodic interval. When the interim period is zero, interim accounting records are not created. Different interim intervals are based on every service for each session. Service accounting is enabled on each template, based on the configuration.

Service Accounting is supported on bundle subscriber interfaces as well as line card subscriber interfaces.



Note The policy-map associated to a dynamic template can be edited to change the service parameters. However, this does not update the accounting records. Therefore, to generate all the accounting records accurately, it is recommended that a new service with all the required service parameters be created and associated to the new service, through a CoA.

For service accounting, statistics for ingress and egress QoS policies, which are applied under each service for a given subscriber, may need to be reported as part of the accounting interim and stop records. For each service, these QoS counters can be reported as part of the accounting records:

- BytesIn — Aggregate of bytes matching all classes of the ingress QoS policy for the service minus the policer drops.
- PacketsIn — Aggregate of packets matching all classes of the ingress QoS policy for the service minus the policer drops.
- BytesOut — Aggregate of bytes matching all classes of the egress QoS policy for the service minus the queuing drops.
- PacketsOut — Aggregate of packets matching all classes of the egress QoS policy for the service minus the queuing drops.

Dynamic template features that support accounting statistic collection and require that their statistics be reported in the AAA service accounting records can enable accounting statistics on their features using the newly-introduced optional **acct-stats** configuration option. This option is not available for the features that do not support statistic collection. By default, QoS accounting statistics are disabled to optimize performance.



Note The QoS counters for each direction is reported only if a QoS policy is applied for that service in the given direction. For example, if a service does not have an ingress policy applied, BytesIn and PacketsIn counters are reported as being 0.

Pre-requisites

- Subscriber accounting, the parent accounting record for service accounting, must be configured to enable the service accounting feature to work.
- The keyword **acct-stats** must be configured in service-policy configuration to enable the service accounting feature to report feature counter information as part of the records.

Restriction

- IPv4 and IPv6 subscriber sessions has a single set of service accounting records. They are merged into one set of bytes_in, bytes_out, packets_in, packets_out counters.
- Service accounting is not supported for static sessions.

Configuring Service Accounting

Perform this task to configure service accounting through the dynamic template:

Before you begin

You must configure subscriber accounting before performing this task. Refer [Creating Dynamic Template for IPv4 or IPv6 Subscriber Session](#) for configuring procedure.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **aaa accounting service** {*list_name* | **default**} {**broadcast group** {*group_name* | **radius**} | **group** {*group_name* | **radius**} }
3. **aaa service-accounting** [**extended** | **brief**]
4. **dynamic-template**
5. **type service** *dynamic-template-name*
6. **accounting aaa list** {*method_list_name* | **default**} **type service** [**periodic-interval** *time*]
7. {**ipv4** | **ipv6**} **access-group** *access-list-name*
8. **service-policy** {**input** | **output** | **type**} *service-policy_name* [**acct-stats**]
9. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	aaa accounting service { <i>list_name</i> default } { broadcast group { <i>group_name</i> radius } group { <i>group_name</i> radius } } Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa accounting service ll group srGroup1	Creates an accounting list for service accounting
Step 3	aaa service-accounting [extended brief] Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# aaa service-accounting brief	(Optional) Sets accounting parameters for service to select the level of subscriber accounting state and to identify attribute reporting in brief or extended form. Note The default setting is extended.
Step 4	dynamic-template Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# dynamic-template	Enters the dynamic-template configuration mode.
Step 5	type service <i>dynamic-template-name</i> Example:	Creates a dynamic-template with a user-defined name for a service.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-dynamic-template)# type service s1	
Step 6	accounting aaa list { <i>method_list_name</i> default } type service [periodic-interval <i>time</i>] Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-dynamic-template-type)# accounting aaa list l1 type service periodic-interval 1000	Configures the service accounting feature.
Step 7	{ ipv4 ipv6 } access-group <i>access-list-name</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-dynamic-template-type)# ipv4 access-group ACL1 RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-dynamic-template-type)# ipv6 access-group ACL2	Sets IPv4 or IPv6 access list to an interface.
Step 8	service-policy { input output type } <i>service-policy_name</i> [acct-stats] Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-dynamic-template-type)# service-policy input QoS1 acct-stats RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config-dynamic-template-type)# service-policy output QoS2 acct-stats	Associates a service-policy to the dynamic template, and enables service accounting feature using acct-stats keyword.
Step 9	Use the commit or end command.	commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session. end —Prompts user to take one of these actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring Service Accounting: Example

```
configure
aaa accounting service S1 group SG1
aaa service-accounting brief
dynamic-template
type service s1
  accounting aaa list S1 type service periodic-interval 600
```

```

ipv4 access-group ACL1
service-policy input QOS1 acct-stats
service-policy output QOS2 acct-stats
!
!
end

```

Statistics Infrastructure

The accounting counters are maintained by the service accounting statistics IDs (statsD) infrastructure. Service accounting interacts with the statistics infrastructure in this manner:

- Each feature has a statistics collector process that is responsible for returning statistics counters for that feature.
- A single collector can handle counters for multiple features.
- An accounting process, the service accounting management agent, uses the access library to register for notifications and request statistics, and pushes to a radius server.

There is a polling period to pull the data from statsD. To support sub-second accuracy on stop records, the statistics are immediately pulled when the session is terminated, without waiting for any polling method to get accurate data. The same method is followed by session accounting and service accounting. Sub-second accuracy is not supported for data reported in interim records, because no data is pulled while sending interim accounting records.

Configuring Statistics IDs (statsD)

The statsD is configured to poll feature statistics by default every 900 seconds (that is, every 15 minutes). Perform this task to change the default figure to either increase or decrease the polling interval.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure**
2. **statistics period service-accounting** *{period | disable}*
3. Use the **commit** or **end** command.

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router# configure	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	statistics period service-accounting <i>{period disable}</i> Example: RP/0/RSP0/CPU0:router(config)# statistics period service-accounting 1800	Sets collection period for statistics collectors for the service accounting feature.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	Use the commit or end command.	<p>commit —Saves the configuration changes and remains within the configuration session.</p> <p>end —Prompts user to take one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes — Saves configuration changes and exits the configuration session. • No —Exits the configuration session without committing the configuration changes. • Cancel —Remains in the configuration session, without committing the configuration changes.

Configuring Service Accounting: Example

```
configure
  statistics period service-accounting 1800
end
```

Understanding Per-VRF AAA Function

The Per VRF AAA function allows authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) on the basis of virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) instances. This feature permits the Provider Edge (PE) or Virtual Home Gateway (VHG) to communicate directly with the customer's RADIUS server, (which is associated with the customer's Virtual Private Network (VPN)), without having to go through a RADIUS proxy.

ISPs must be able to define operational parameters such as AAA server groups, method lists, system accounting, and protocol-specific parameters, and associate those parameters to a particular VRF instance.

The Per VRF AAA feature is supported with VRF extensions to server-group, RADIUS, and system accounting commands. The list of servers in server groups is extended to include definitions of private servers, in addition to references to the hosts in the global configuration. This allows simultaneous access to both customer servers and global service provider servers. The syntax for the command used to configure per-vrf AAA globally is:

```
radius source-interface subinterface-name [vrf vrf-name]
```

RADIUS Double-Dip Feature

BNG supports the RADIUS double-dip feature, where BNG sends the first authentication or authorization request to a service provider's RADIUS server, which in turn responds with the correct VRF associated with the subscriber session. Subsequently, the BNG redirects the original request, and sends it as a second request, to the correct RADIUS server that is associated with the designated VRF.

RADIUS over IPv6

From Cisco IOS XR Software Release 5.3.1 and later, RADIUS over IPv6 is supported in BNG, thereby allowing IPv6 address also for various RADIUS configurations and CoA client configurations.

These commands are extended to support IPv6 address:

- **radius-server host** (global configuration mode)
- **radius server** (radius server group configuration mode)
- **radius server-private** (radius server group configuration mode)
- **aaa server radius dynamic-author client** (global configuration mode)

For details on configuring RADIUS server group and settings, see [Configuring RADIUS Server Group, on page 4](#) and [Configuring RADIUS Server Settings, on page 21](#).

Additional References

These sections provide references related to implementing RADIUS.

RFCs

Standard/RFC - AAA	
RFC-2865	Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS)
RFC-2866	RADIUS Accounting
RFC-2867	RADIUS Accounting Modifications for Tunnel Protocol Support
RFC-2868	RADIUS Attributes for Tunnel Protocol Support
RFC-2869	RADIUS Extensions
RFC-3575	IANA Considerations for RADIUS
RFC-4679	DSL Forum Vendor-Specific RADIUS Attributes
RFC-5176	Dynamic Authorization Extensions to RADIUS

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
—	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

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