

Role-Based CLI Access

The Role-Based CLI Access feature allows the network administrator to define views, which are a set of operational commands and configuration capabilities that provide selective or partial access to Cisco IOS EXEC and configuration (config) mode commands. Views restrict user access to Cisco IOS command-line interface (CLI) and configuration information; that is, a view can define what commands are accepted and what configuration information is visible. Thus, network administrators can exercise better control over access to Cisco networking devices.

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Prerequisites for Role-Based CLI Access

Your image must support CLI views.

Restrictions for Role-Based CLI Access

Lawful Intercept Images Limitation

CLI views are a part of all platforms and Cisco IOS images because they are a part of the Cisco IOS parser. However, the lawful intercept view is available only in images that contain the lawful intercept subsystem.

Maximum Number of Allowed Views

The maximum number of CLI views and superviews, including one lawful intercept view, that can be configured is 15. (This does not include the root view.)

Parse View Profiles

When you configure Parse View profiles, the 'no' or 'default' commands in combination with any configuration commands are not saved to the startup-configuration file. The configuration is accepted and is persistent until the device is reloaded. Examples of commands which are not saved to the startup-configuration:

- command configure include all no
- · command interface include all no
- · command configure include all default

Information About Role-Based CLI Access

Benefits of Using CLI Views

Although users can control CLI access via both privilege levels and enable mode passwords, these functions do not provide network administrators with the necessary level of detail needed when working with Cisco IOS devices. CLI views provide a more detailed access control capability for network administrators, thereby, improving the overall security and accountability of Cisco IOS software.

As of Cisco IOS Release 12.3(11)T, network administrators can also specify an interface or a group of interfaces to a view; thereby, allowing access on the basis of specified interfaces.

Root View

When a system is in root view, it has all of the access privileges as a user who has level 15 privileges. If the administrator wishes to configure any view to the system (such as a CLI view, a superview, or a lawful intercept view), the system must be in root view.

The difference between a user who has level 15 privileges and a root view user is that a root view user can configure a new view and add or remove commands from the view. Also, when you are in a CLI view, you have access only to the commands that have been added to that view by the root view user.

Lawful Intercept View

Like a CLI view, a lawful intercept view restricts access to specified commands and configuration information. Specifically, a lawful intercept view allows a user to secure access to lawful intercept commands that are held within the TAP-MIB, which is a special set of simple network management protocol (SNMP) commands that store information about calls and users.

Commands available in lawful intercept view belong to one of the these categories:

- · Lawful intercept commands that should not be made available to any other view or privilege level
- CLI views that are useful for lawful intercept users but do not have to be excluded from other views or privilege levels

Superview

A superview consists of one or more CLI views, which allow users to define what commands are accepted and what configuration information is visible. Superviews allow a network administrator to easily assign all users within configured CLI views to a superview instead of having to assign multiple CLI views to a group of users.

Superviews contain these characteristics:

- A CLI view can be shared among multiple superviews.
- Commands cannot be configured for a superview; that is, you must add commands to the CLI view and add that CLI view to the superview.
- Users who are logged into a superview can access all of the commands that are configured for any of the CLI views that are part of the superview.
- Each superview has a password that is used to switch between superviews or from a CLI view to a superview.
- If a superview is deleted, its associated CLI views are not deleted.

View Authentication via a New AAA Attribute

View authentication is performed by an external authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) server via the new attribute **cli-view-name**.

AAA authentication associates only one view name to a particular user; that is, only one view name can be configured for a user in an authentication server.

How to Use Role-Based CLI Access

Configuring a CLI View

Perform this task to create a CLI view and add commands or interfaces to the view, as appropriate.

Before you begin

Before you create a view, you must perform the following tasks:

- Enable AAA using the **aaa new-model** command.
- Ensure that your system is in root view-not privilege level 15.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable view
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. parser view view-name [inclusive]
- 4. secret [0 | 5] encrypted-password

- **5. commands** *parser-mode* {**exclude** | **include-exclusive** | **include**} [**all**] [**interface** *interface-name* | *command*]
- **6**. end
- **7. enable** [privilege-level | **view** view-name]
- 8. show parser view all

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable view	Enables root view.	
	Example:	• Enter your privilege level 15 password (for example, root password) if prompted.	
	Device> enable view		
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device# configure terminal		
Step 3	parser view view-name [inclusive]	Creates a view including all commands by default. If the inclusive keyword option is not selected, it creates a view excluding all commands by default. You are in the view	
	Example:		
	Device(config) # parser view first inclusive Device(config-view) #	configuration mode.	
Step 4	secret [0 5] encrypted-password	Associates a CLI view or superview with a password.	
	Example:	Note You must issue this command before you can configure additional attributes for the view.	
	Device(config-view)# secret 5 secret	Note With CSCts50236, the password can be removed or overwritten. Use the no secret command to remove the configured password.	
Step 5	commands parser-mode {exclude include-exclusive include} [all] [interface interface-name command]	Adds commands or interfaces to a view and specifies the mode in which the specified command exists.	
	Example: Device(config-view) # commands exec include show version	While configuring parser view profiles, the following no or default commands are not saved to the startup configuration. These commands are in use until the device is reloaded. Once the device is reloaded, reapply these commands to get the required results. • commands configure include all no • commands configure include all no • commands configure include all default	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	end Example:	Exits view configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-view)# end	
Step 7	<pre>enable [privilege-level view view-name] Example: Device# enable view first</pre>	Prompts you for a password to access a configured CLI view, and you can switch from one view to another view. Enter the password to access the CLI view.
Step 8	<pre>show parser view all Example: Device# show parser view all</pre>	(Optional) Displays information for all views that are configured on the device. Note Although this command is available for both root and lawful intercept users, the all keyword is available only to root users. However, the all keyword can be configured by a user in root view to be available for users in lawful intercept view and CLI view.

Troubleshooting Tips

You must associate a password with a view. If you do not associate a password, and you attempt to add commands to the view using the **commands** command, a system message such as the following is displayed:

%Password not set for view <viewname>.

Configuring a Lawful Intercept View

Perform this task to initialize and configure a view for lawful-intercept-specific commands and configuration information.

Before you begin

Before you initialize a lawful intercept view, ensure that the privilege level is set to 15 using the **privilege** command.



Note

Only an administrator or a user who has level 15 privileges can initialize a lawful intercept view.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable view
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. li-view li-password user username password password
- 4. username lawful-intercept [name] [privilege privilege-level | view view-name] password password

- **5.** parser view view-name
- 6. secret 5 encrypted-password
- 7. name new-name

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable view	Enables root view.
	Example:	• Enter your privilege level 15 password (for example, root password) if prompted.
	Device> enable view	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	li-view li-password user username password password	Initializes a lawful intercept view.
	Example:	After the li-view is initialized, you must specify at least one user via user username password password options.
	Device(config)# li-view lipass user li_admin password li_adminpass	
Step 4	username lawful-intercept [name] [privilege privilege-level view view-name] password password	Configures lawful intercept users on a Cisco device.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# username lawful-intercept li-user1 password li-user1pass	
Step 5	parser view view-name	(Optional) Enters view configuration mode, which allows
	Example:	you to change the lawful intercept view password or the lawful intercept view name.
	Device(config)# parser view li view name	
Step 6	secret 5 encrypted-password	(Optional) Changes an existing password for a lawful
	Example:	intercept view.
	Device(config-view)# secret 5 secret	
Step 7	name new-name	(Optional) Changes the name of a lawful intercept view.
	Example:	If this command is not issued, the default name of the lawful intercept view is "li-view."
	Device(config-view)# name second	

Troubleshooting Tips

To display information for all users who have access to a lawful intercept view, issue the **show users lawful-intercept** command. (This command is available only to authorized lawful intercept view users.)

Configuring a Superview

Perform this task to create a superview and add at least one CLI view to the superview.

Before you begin

Before adding a CLI view to a superview, ensure that the CLI views that are added to the superview are valid views in the system; that is, the views have been successfully created using the **parser view** command.



Note

You can add a view to a superview only after you configure a password for the superview (using the **secret 5** command). Thereafter, issue the **view** command in view configuration mode to add at least one CLI view to the superview.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable view
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. parser view superview-name superview
- **4. secret 5** *encrypted-password*
- **5. view** *view-name*
- 6. end
- 7. show parser view all

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable view	Enables root view.
	Example:	• Enter your privilege level 15 password (for example, root password) if prompted.
	Device> enable view	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	parser view superview-name superview	Creates a superview and enters view configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# parser view su_view1 superview	
Step 4	secret 5 encrypted-password	Associates a CLI view or superview with a password.
	Example:	Note You must issue this command before you can configure additional attributes for the view.
	Device(config-view)# secret 5 secret	
Step 5	view view-name	Adds a normal CLI view to a superview.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example:	Issue this command for each CLI view that is to be added to a given superview.
Step 6	Device(config-view)# view view_three end Example:	Exits view configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-view)# end Device#	
Step 7	show parser view all Example:	(Optional) Displays information for all views that are configured on the device.
	Device# show parser view	Note Although this command is available for both root and lawful intercept users, the all keyword is available only to root users. However, the all keyword can be configured by a user in root view to be available for users in lawful intercept view and CLI view.

Monitoring Views and View Users

To display debug messages for all views-root, CLI, lawful intercept, and superview-use the **debug parser view** command in privileged EXEC mode.

Configuration Examples for Role-Based CLI Access

Example: Configuring a CLI View

The following example shows how to configure two CLI views, "first" and "second". Thereafter, you can verify the CLI view in the running configuration.

```
Device(config) # parser view first inclusive

Device(config-view) # secret 5 firstpass

Device(config-view) # command exec exclude show version

Device(config-view) # command exec exclude configure terminal

Device(config-view) # command exec exclude all show ip

Device(config-view) # exit

Device(config) # parser view second

Device(config-view) # secret 5 secondpass

Device(config-view) # command exec include-exclusive show ip interface

Device(config-view) # command exec include logout

Device(config-view) # exit

!

Device(config-view) # do show running-config | beg view

parser view first inclusive

secret 5 $1$MCmh$QuZaU8PIMPlff9sFCZvqW/
```

```
commands exec exclude configure terminal commands exec exclude configure commands exec exclude all show ip commands exec exclude show version commands exec exclude show !

parser view second secret 5 $1$iP2M$R16BXKecMEiQesxLyqygW. commands exec include-exclusive show ip interface commands exec include show ip commands exec include show commands exec include logout
```

Example: Verifying a CLI View

After you have configured the CLI views "first" and "second", you can issue the **enable view**command to verify which commands are available in each view. The following example shows which commands are available inside the CLI view "first" after the user has logged into this view. (Because the **show ip** command is configured with the all option, a complete set of suboptions is shown, except the **show ip interface** command, which is using the **include-exclusive** keyword in the second view.)

```
Device# enable view first
Password:
Device# ?
Exec commands:
 configure Enter configuration mode
 enable Turn on privileged commands
          Exit from the EXEC
 exit
            Show running system information
 show
Device# show ?
 ip IP information
 parser Display parser information
 version System hardware and software status
Device# show ip ?
  access-lists
                       List IP access lists
                       The active IP accounting database
 accounting
 aliases
                       IP alias table
                       IP ARP table
 arp
 as-path-access-list List AS path access lists
                        BGP information
                        IP fast-switching route cache
 cache
 casa
                       display casa information
 cef
                       Cisco Express Forwarding
 community-list
                       List community-list
 dfp
                        DFP information
                        Show items in the DHCP database
 dhcp
 drp
                       Director response protocol
                       DVMRP information
 dvmrp
 eigrp
                        IP-EIGRP show commands
  extcommunity-list
                        List extended-community list
  flow
                        NetFlow switching
 helper-address
                        helper-address table
                       HTTP information
 http
                       IGMP information
 igmp
                        ICMP Device Discovery Protocol
 irdp
```

Example: Configuring a Lawful Intercept View

The following example shows how to configure a lawful intercept view, add users to the view, and verify the users that were added:

```
!Initialize the LI-View.
Device(config) # li-view lipass user li_admin password li_adminpass
Device (config) # end
! Enter the LI-View; that is, check to see what commands are available within the view.
Device# enable view li-view
Password:
Device# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Device (config) # parser view li-view
Device(config-view)# ?
View commands:
 commands Configure commands for a view
  default Set a command to its defaults
          Exit from view configuration mode
 exit
           New LI-View name
 name
           Negate a command or set its defaults
 password Set a password associated with CLI views
Device(config-view)#
! NOTE:LI View configurations are never shown as part of 'running-configuration'.
! Configure LI Users.
Device (config) # username lawful-intercept li-user1 password li-user1pass
Device(config)# username lawful-intercept li-user2 password li-user2pass
! Displaying LI User information.
Device# show users lawful-intercept
li_admin
li-user1
li-user2
Device#
```



Note

The lawful intercept view is available only on specific images and the view name option is available only in the LI view.

Example: Configuring a Superview

The following sample output from the **show running-config** command shows that "view_one" and "view_two" have been added to superview "su_view1", "view_three", and "view_four" have been added to superview "su_view2":

```
Device# show running-config !

parser view su_view1 superview secret 5 <encoded password> view view_one view view_two !

parser view su_view2 superview secret 5 <encoded password> view view_three
```

```
view view_four
```

Additional References for Role-Based CLI Access

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
Security commands	Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands A to C Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands D to L Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands M to R Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands S to Z
SNMP, MIBs, CLI configuration	Cisco IOS Network Management Configuration Guide , Release 15.0.
Privilege levels	"Configuring Security with Passwords, Privileges and Logins" module.

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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Feature Information for Role-Based CLI Access

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

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

Table 1: Feature Information for Role-Based CLI Access

Feature Name Relea	ses Feature Information
Role-Based CLI Access	The Role-Based CLI Access feature enables network administrators to restrict user access to CLI and configuration information.
	The CLI view capability was extended to restrict user access on a per-interface level, and additional CLI views were introduced to support the extended view capability. Also, support to group configured CLI views into a superview was introduced.
	The following commands were introduced or modified: commands (view) , enable , li-view , name (view) , parser view , parser view superview , secret , show parser view , show users , username , and view .
Role-Based CLI Inclusive Views	The Role-Based CLI Inclusive Views feature enables a standard CLI view including all commands by default.
	The following command was modified: parser view inclusive .