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Feature history for geofencing

This table describes the developments of this feature, by release.

Table 1: Feature History

Feature name	Release information	Description
Geofencing	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.6.1a Cisco vManage Release 20.6.1	This feature provides a way to restrict a device's location to an operational geographical boundary, and to identify a device's location and report any violations of the configured boundary. If the device is identified to be in violation, you can restrict network access to the device using Cisco SD-WAN Manager operational commands. In the CLI or a CLI template, configure geofencing coordinates for establishing the location of the device. You can also register for SMS alerts.
Added Support for Configuring Geofencing Using a Cisco System Feature Template	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.7.1a Cisco vManage Release 20.7.1	This feature adds support for configuring the geographical boundary of a device using a Cisco System feature template. With this feature, you can also configure automatic geolocation detection, where the device determines its own location, while configuring geofencing. A new parameter auto-detect-geofencing-location is added to the geolocation (system) command.
Added Support for LTE Advanced NIM Modules	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.8.1a	Added support for Long-Term Evolution (LTE) Advanced Network Interface Modules (NIMs) for Cisco ISR 4000 routers.

Geofencing

Geofencing is a location-based feature that includes

- defining a geographical boundary within which a device can be deployed,
- configuring alerts to be sent to Cisco SD-WAN Manager or a mobile number when a device leaves the geographical boundary, and
- restricting network access when a device leaves the specified boundary.

Geographical boundary

Devices use Global Positioning System (GPS) functionality provided by a Long-Term Evolution (LTE) Pluggable Interface Module (PIM) to determine the device location.

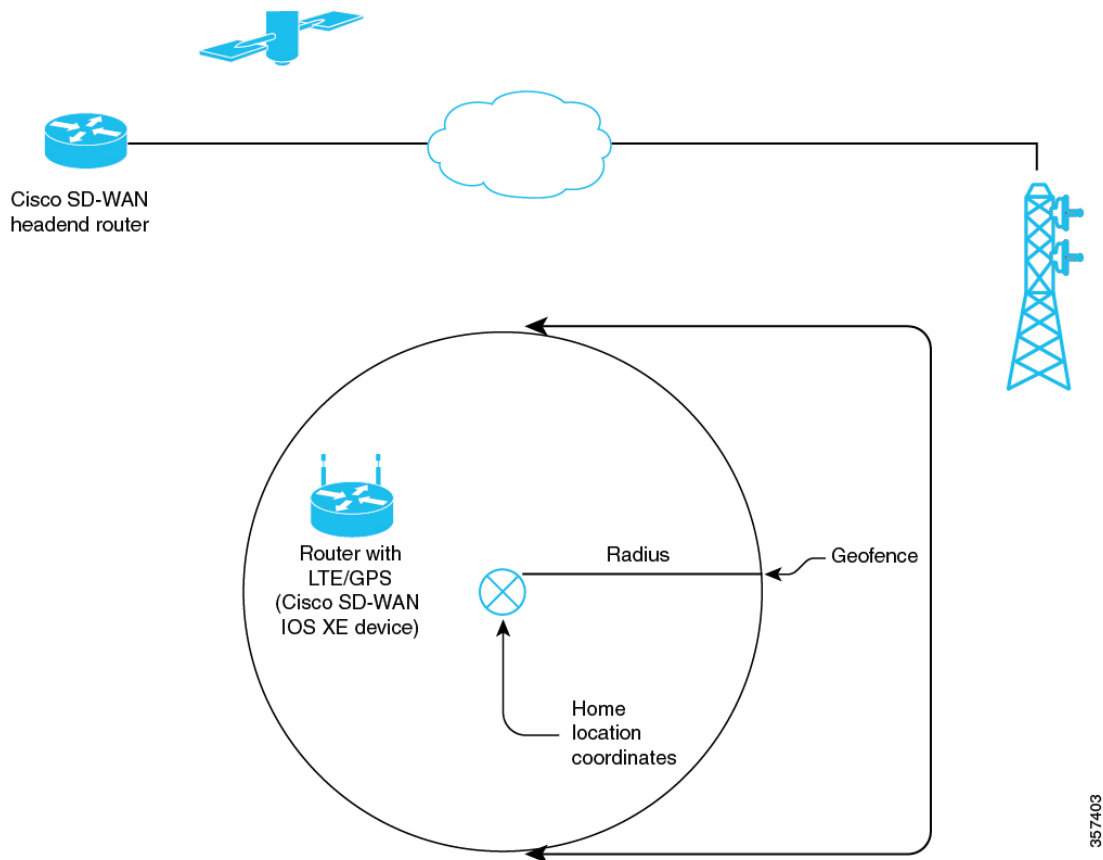
You can configure these for geofencing:

- Base location (latitude and longitude) and a geofence range for device detection
- Short message service (SMS) alert registration for sending SMS messages to a mobile number
- GPS enablement on an LTE PIM in the controller cellular 0/x/0 section

Geofencing status alerts are sent to Cisco SD-WAN Manager upon detection of device boundary violations.

Overview

Figure 1: Overview of geofencing



Configuration

- In Cisco SD-WAN Manager, you can use operational commands for restricting network access if a device exceeds its geographical boundary.
For information on the operational commands for restricting network access, refer to the *Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Monitor and Maintain Configuration Guide*.
- From Cisco vManage Release 20.7.1, you can configure geofencing using a Cisco System feature template.

Benefits of geofencing

- Protects against inappropriate access to an organization's network if a device is beyond its geographical boundary
- Notifies end users of any displaced devices
- Supports a geofence radius for specifying the target location of the device
- Supports SMS alerts for mobile phone alerts

Platforms supported for geofencing

Supported devices:

- Cisco ISR 1000 with Long-Term Evolution (LTE) (fixed and pluggable)
- Cisco Catalyst 8K with LTE Pluggable Interface Module (PIM)
- Cisco ISR 4000 with LTE Advanced Network Interface Modules (NIMs)

Supported LTE PIMs:

- P-LTE-VZ(WP7601)
- P-LTE-US(WP7603)
- P-LTE-JN(WP7605)
- P-LTE-MNA(WP7610)
- P-LTE-GB(WP7607)
- P-LTE-IN(WP7608)
- P-LTE-AU(WP7609)
- P-LTEA-EA(EM7455)
- P-LTEA-LA(EM7430)

Supported LTE advanced NIMs:

- NIM-LTEA-EA(EM7455)
- NIM-LTEA-LA(EM7430)

Prerequisites for geofencing

Built-in LTE interface

Ensure that your Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN C1100 series router has a built-in Long-Term Evolution (LTE) interface.

SIM card

A SIM card is mandatory in the LTE PIM for receiving SMS alerts.

Restrictions for geofencing

Device mode

Geofencing is supported only on devices in controller mode.

Configure geofencing

Geofencing is a location-based feature that enables defining a geographical boundary within which a device can operate.

Use one of these methods to configure geofencing:

- [Feature template](#)
- [CLI commands](#)

Configure geofencing using templates

Geofencing is a location-based feature that enables defining a geographical boundary within which a device can operate.

From Cisco vManage Release 20.7.1, you can configure geofencing using a Cisco System feature template.

Follow these steps to configure geofencing using a feature template.

- Step 1** From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Templates**.
- Step 2** Click **Feature Templates**.
In Cisco vManage Release 20.7.x and earlier releases, **Feature Templates** is titled **Feature**.
- Step 3** Click **Add Template**.
- Step 4** Choose a device.
- Step 5** In the **Select Template > Basic Information** section, click **Cisco System**.
- Step 6** In the **Template Name** field, enter a name for the template.
The name can be up to 128 characters and can contain only alphanumeric characters.
- Step 7** In the **Template Description** field, enter a description of the template.
The description can be up to 2048 characters and can contain only alphanumeric characters.
- Step 8** In the **Basic Configuration** section of the **Cisco System** template, choose a value from the drop-down list for **Console Baud Rate (bps)**.
Console Baud Rate (bps) is a mandatory field for configuring geofencing.
- Step 9** Click **GPS** or navigate to the **GPS** section of the **Cisco System** template.
- Step 10** In the **Latitude** field, leave the field set to **Default** for automatic detection of a device.
Range: -90.0 - 90.0
- Step 11** In the **Longitude** field, leave the field set to **Default** for automatic detection of a device.
Range: -180.0 - 180.0.

**Note**

If you manually specify **Latitude** and **Longitude** coordinates, you disable automatic detection of a device. Automatic detection of a device can fail if a device does not have a last-known valid location.

Step 12 In the **Geo Fencing Enable** field, change the scope from **Default** to **Global**, and click **Yes** to enable geofencing. The **Geo Fencing Enable** field is not enabled by default.

Step 13 (Optional) In the **Geo Fencing Range in meters** field, specify a geofencing range unit in meters. The geofencing range specifies the radius from the base target location in meters. The default geofencing range is 100 meters. You can configure a geofencing range of 100 to 10,000 meters.

Step 14 (Optional) In the **Enable SMS** drop-down list, change the scope to **Global**, and click **Yes** to enable SMS alerts. An SMS alert is delivered when a device is determined to be outside the configured geofencing radius of its target location.

**Note**

The presence of a SIM card is mandatory in the Long-Term Evolution PIM for receiving SMS alerts.

Step 15 (Optional) In the **Mobile Number 1** field, add a mobile number for receiving SMS alerts.

**Note**

Mobile numbers must start with a + sign, include a country code, an area code, with no spaces between the country code and the area code, and the remaining digits.

Sample mobile number: +12344567236.

You can configure additional mobile phone numbers by clicking the + icon.

You can configure up to a maximum of four mobile numbers.

Step 16 Click **Save**.

Configure geofencing using CLI commands

Geofencing is a location-based feature that enables defining a geographical boundary within which a device can operate.

For information on the operational commands for restricting network access, refer to the *Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Monitor and Maintain Configuration Guide*.

Follow these steps to configure geofencing using CLI commands:

Step 1 Configure latitude, longitude, a geofence range, and SMS alerts.

- a) Configure a base location latitude and longitude.

Example:

```
Device(config)# system
Device(config-system)# gps-location latitude 37.317342 longitude -122.218170
```

- b) Enable automatic detection of a device where the device determines its own location.

Example:

```
Router(config)# system
Router(config-system)# no gps-location latitude
```

```
Router(config-system)# no gps-location longitude
Router(config-system)# gps-location auto-detect-geofencing-location
```

Do not configure latitude and longitude coordinates when using the auto-detect-geofencing-location parameter.

You can choose to either configure a base location using latitude and longitude coordinates, or you can enable automatic detection of a device.

- c) Enable, configure, and specify a geofence range.

For geofencing range, the unit is meters. Geofencing range is an optional configuration parameter, and if not configured, it takes the default value of 100 meters.

Example:

```
Device(config-system)# gps-location geo-fencing-enable
Device(config-system)# gps-location geo-fencing-config
Device(config-geo-fencing-config)# geo-fencing-range 1000
```

- d) Add mobile numbers for receiving SMS alerts.

Example:

```
Device(config-geo-fencing-config)# sms

Device(config-sms)# sms-enable
Device(config-sms)# mobile-number +12344567234
Device(config-mobile-number-+12344567234)# exit
Device(config-mobile-number-+12344567234)# mobile-number +12344567235
Device(config-mobile-number-+12344567235)# exit
Device(config-mobile-number-+12344567235)# mobile-number +12344567236
Device(config-mobile-number-+12344567236)# exit
Device(config-mobile-number-+12344567236)# mobile-number +12344567237
Device(config-mobile-number-+12344567237)# exit
Device(config-sms)# commit
```

Step 2 Enable GPS on an LTE PIM.

These are example CLI configurations for enabling GPS on an LTE PIM in the 0/x/0 section of the configuration.

- a) Enable GPS on an LTE PIM in the controller cellular section.

Example:

```
Device(config)# controller Cellular 0/2/0
Device(config-Cellular-0/2/0)# lte gps enable
```

- b) Enable ms-based mode with a SIM card present in an LTE PIM.

We recommend that you use ms-based with a SIM card present.

Mobile station-based assistance refers to the case where the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS-enabled) mobile device computes its own position locally.

Example:

```
Device(config-Cellular-0/2/0)# lte gps mode ms-based
```

- c) Enable National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) streaming.

Example:

```
Device(config-Cellular-0/2/0)# lte gps nmea
```

Configuration example using CLI commands

Configuration example for geofencing, with automatic location detection

This is an end-to-end configuration of geofencing and controller cellular, with automatic detection of a device location.

```
system
  gps-location auto-detect-geofencing-location
  gps-location geo-fencing-enable
  gps-location geo-fencing
    geo-fencing-range 1000
  sms
    sms-enable
    mobile-number +112312345676
    !
    mobile-number +112312345677
    !
    mobile-number +112312345678
    !
    mobile-number +112312345679
    !
    !
  !
system-ip          10.1.1.35
site-id            273
admin-tech-on-failure
organization-name  LTE-Test
vbond vbond-dummy.test.info port 12346
!
controller Cellular 0/2/0
lte gps enable
lte gps mode ms-based
lte gps nmea
!
```

Configuration example for geofencing, with manual configuration of location

This is an end-to-end configuration of geofencing and controller cellular, with manual configuration of latitude and longitude coordinates.

```
system
  gps-location latitude 37.317342
  gps-location longitude -122.218170
  gps-location geo-fencing-enable
  gps-location geo-fencing-config
    geo-fencing-range 1000
  sms
    sms-enable
    mobile-number +112312345676
    !
    mobile-number +112312345677
    !
    mobile-number +112312345678
    !
    mobile-number +112312345679
    !
    !
    !
```

Methods for verifying the geofencing configuration

You can use one or more of these verification commands to view information about the geofencing configuration.

Verifying that geofencing is enabled

Use the **show sdwan geofence-status** command to verify that geofencing is enabled.

In the output, `Geofence Config Status = Geofencing-Enabled` indicates that geofencing is enabled.

In the output, `Auto-Detect Geofencing Enabled = true` indicates that automatic detection of the device is enabled. If automatic detection of the device is not enabled, `Auto-Detect Geofencing Enabled = false` is displayed in the output.

```
Device# show sdwan geofence-status
geofence-status
  Geofence Config Status =          Geofencing-Enabled
  Target Latitude =                37.317342
  Target Longitude =               -122.218170
  Geofence Range(in m) =           100
  Current Device Location Status =   Location-Valid
  Current Latitude =                 37.317567
  Current Longitude =               -122.218170
  Current Device Status =           Within-defined-fence
  Distance from target location(in m) = 30
  Last updated device location timestamp = 2021-05-06T22:58:34+00:00
  Auto-Detect Geofencing Enabled =  true
```

Verifying GPS enablement and mode

Use the **show cellular 0/x/0 gps** command to check the GPS enablement and mode.

In the output, `GPS Feature = enabled` indicates that GPS for controller cellular is enabled.

In the output, `GPS Mode Configured = ms-based` indicates that the GPS mode is ms-based.

```
Device# show cellular 0/2/0 gps
GPS Feature = enabled
GPS Mode Configured = ms-based
GPS Port Selected = Dedicated GPS port
GPS Status = GPS coordinates acquired
Last Location Fix Error = Offline [0x0]
=====
GPS Error Count = 0
NMEA packet count = 17899
NMEA unknown packet count = 0

Per talker traffic count =
  US-GPS = 5982
  GLONASS = 2560
  GALILEO = 3505
  BEIDOU = 0
  GNSS = 3409
  Unknown talker = 2443
=====
Speed over ground in km/hr = 0
=====

Latitude = 31 Deg 19 Min 14.6203 Sec North
Longitude = 122 Deg 58 Min 32.8164 Sec West
*Apr 15 23:58:45.298: GPS Mode Configured =Timestamp (GMT) = Thu Apr 15 23:57:21 2021
```

```

Fix type index = 0, Height = 18 m
Satellite Info
-----
Satellite #2, elevation 51, azimuth 42, SNR 24 *
Satellite #5, elevation 36, azimuth 144, SNR 34 *
Satellite #6, elevation 14, azimuth 45, SNR 24 *
Satellite #12, elevation 72, azimuth 146, SNR 33 *
Satellite #25, elevation 60, azimuth 305, SNR 25 *
=====
Total Satellites in view = 5
Total Active Satellites = 5
GPS Quality Indicator = 1
Total satellites from each constellation:
    US-GPS = 3
    GLONASS = 1
    GALILEO = 1
    BEIDOU = 0
=====

```

Displaying geofencing notifications

Use the **show sdwan notification stream viptela** command to display geofencing notifications.

```

Device# show sdwan notification stream viptela
notification
eventTime 2021-04-13T23:05:02.881093+00:00
system-logout-change
severity-level minor
host-name pm5
system-ip 172.16.255.15
user-name admin
user-id 0
!
!
notification
eventTime 2021-04-14T00:36:31.344117+00:00
geo-fence-alert-status
severity-level major
host-name pm5
system-ip 172.16.255.15
alert-type device-location-inside
alert-msg Device Locking started for Geofencing Mode and device is within range

```

Geofencing alarms

You can monitor geofencing alarms based on severity or based on time, in Cisco SD-WAN Manager, from **Monitor > Logs**.



Note

Cisco vManage Release 20.6.1 and earlier: **Monitor > Alarms**

Table 2: Geofencing alarms

Type	Severity	Description
Device Location Outside	Critical	This notification is sent when the device location is outside the defined geofencing range.

Type	Severity	Description
Device Location Inside	Major	This notification is sent when the device location is determined to be inside the defined geofence range when it was previously determined to be outside the defined geofence range, or the device location could not be obtained due to a GPS signal outage.
Device Location Lost	Major	This notification is sent when the device location cannot be determined due to a GPS outage.
Device Location Update	Major	This notification is sent when the device location changes by more than 20 meters either when geofencing is enabled or not. If geofencing is not enabled, this notification is sent only if the device location is available.