



## CHAPTER 1

# Using the Predefined SAN Administrator Role

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This chapter describes how to use the predefined SAN administrator (san-admin) role on the Cisco Nexus 5000 Series devices.

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## Information About the Predefined SAN Administrator Role

The current Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) model in the Cisco Nexus 5000 Series device allows you to configure custom access roles that are based on rules. A rule can permit or deny access to a certain feature, interface, or command. For more information about RBAC, see the *Cisco Nexus 5000 Series NX-OS System Management Configuration Guide, Release 5.x*.

Limitations with the RBAC implementation previous to Release 5.2(1)N1(1) prompted the creation of a predefined SAN administrator role. These limitations were as follows:

- Some RBAC features that could be used for rule creation were not defined. This restriction caused the user to have to configure multiple rules for permitting or denying access to a certain feature.
- Mapping between the System Network Management Protocol (SNMP) object ID and the RBAC feature was missing for certain storage-area network (SAN) features. This restriction blocked SNMP management even if the role was configured to allow it.
- There was no role separation between LAN and SAN administrators.

To allow separation between SAN and local-area network (LAN) administrator responsibility, a new predefined SAN administrator role, called san-admin, has been created. You cannot modify this role, but you can use it to create your own custom role with custom defined rules that are appropriate for your specific organization. The RBAC model has also been enhanced and some new RBAC features have been defined to make rule creation easier.

## SAN Administrator Role

The SAN administrator (san-admin) role allows a separation of SAN and LAN administrative tasks. With this role you can perform only Fibre Channel (FC) and Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) configuration tasks using SNMP or the command line interface (CLI), without impact any Ethernet capabilities.

With the san-admin role, you can do the following tasks:

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- Configure all interfaces. There is no restriction to only Fibre Channel (FC) interfaces.
- Configure all attributes of FC unified ports other than creating or deleting ports
- Configure all virtual SAN (VSAN) information, including database and membership
- Map preconfigured virtual LANs (VLANs) for FCoE to VSANs
- Configure zoning
- Configure and manage the following SAN features:
  - FC-SP
  - FC-PORT-SECURITY
  - FCoE
  - FCoE-NPV
  - FPORT-CHANNEL-TRUNK
  - PORT-TRACK
  - FABRIC-BINDING
- Configure SNMP-related parameters, except SNMP community and SNMP users.
- Save the entire running configuration, including FC/FCoE, Ethernet interface, and other non-default configurations.
- View all other configurations (read-only privileges).

## **Role-Feature Mapping**

The san-admin role has role-feature mapping capabilities that you can use to permit or deny access to that feature. The features that can be mapped are as follows:

- copy (copy-related commands)
- trapRegEntry (SNMP trap registry command)
- snmpTargetAddrEntry (SNMP trap target command)
- snmpTargetParamsEntry (SNMP trap target parameters command)
- fcfe (FC fe related commands)
- fcoe (FCoE related commands)
- trunk (FC port channel trunk related commands)
- fcmgmt (FC management related commands)
- port-track (Port-track related commands)
- port-security (FC port security related commands)
- fabric-binding (Fabric binding commands)

## **Examples**

The examples in the following sections show you how to perform various tasks for the SAN administrator role:

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## **Configuring a User with the SAN Administrator Role**

This example shows how to create a new user-id called “mynewuser” and assign that user to the san-admin role.

```
switch# configuration terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)# username mynewuser role san-admin password cisco123
switch(config)# show user-account
user:admin
    this user account has no expiry date
    roles:network-admin
user:mynewuser
    this user account has no expiry date
    roles:san-admin
```

## **Verifying the SAN Administrator Role Configuration**

This example shows how to verify the “mynewuser” SAN administrator role. It also shows this user’s restricted command list, compared with the default command list.

```
Nexus 5000 Switch
login: mynewuser
Password:
Bad terminal type: "xterm-256color". Will assume vt100.
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switch# ?
clear          Reset functions
configure     Enter configuration mode
copy          Copy from one file to another
debug         Debugging functions
show          Show running system information
end           Go to exec mode
exit          Exit from command interpreter
```

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## Enabling the FCoE Feature for the SAN Administrator User

This example shows how to enable the FCoE feature for the “mynewuser” SAN administrator user. (You can enable only FC-related features for a SAN administrator user role.)

```
switch# configuration terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)# feature ?
  fcoe          Enable/Disable FCoE/FC feature
  fcoe-npv      Enable/Disable FCoE NPV feature
switch(config)# feature fcoe
FC license checked out successfully
fc_plugin extracted successfully
FC plugin loaded successfully
FCoE manager enabled successfully
FC enabled on all modules successfully
Enabled FCoE QoS policies successfully
```

## Modifying the SAN Administrator Default Role

The san-admin role is a predefined system-based role that cannot be modified. However, you can use it as a model to create a new SAN administrator role.

This example shows how to create a new SAN administrator role, called “newsan-admin” and modify the role to allow the following capabilities:

- Upgrade and downgrade of the Cisco NX-OS system and kickstart image.
- Configuration of the 5548UP base ports to Ethernet or native FC type. (A reload of the module is still required to change the port-type assignment.)

```
switch# configuration terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)# role name newsan-admin
switch(config-role)# rule 1 permit read-write feature snmp
switch(config-role)# rule 2 permit read-write feature snmpTargetParamsEntry
switch(config-role)# rule 3 permit read-write feature snmpTargetAddrEntry
switch(config-role)# rule 4 permit read-write feature trapRegEntry
switch(config-role)# rule 5 permit read-write feature interface
switch(config-role)# rule 6 permit read-write feature fabric-binding
switch(config-role)# rule 7 permit read-write feature vsanIfvsan
switch(config-role)# rule 8 permit read-write feature vsan
switch(config-role)# rule 9 permit read-write feature wwnm
switch(config-role)# rule 10 permit read-write feature zone
switch(config-role)# rule 11 permit read-write feature span
switch(config-role)# rule 12 permit read-write feature fcns
switch(config-role)# rule 13 permit read-write feature fcsp
switch(config-role)# rule 14 permit read-write feature fdmi
switch(config-role)# rule 15 permit read-write feature fspf
switch(config-role)# rule 16 permit read-write feature rscn
switch(config-role)# rule 17 permit read-write feature rmon
switch(config-role)# rule 18 permit read-write feature copy
switch(config-role)# rule 19 permit read-write feature port-security
switch(config-role)# rule 20 permit read-write feature fcoe
switch(config-role)# rule 21 permit read-write feature port-track
switch(config-role)# rule 22 permit read-write feature fcfe
switch(config-role)# rule 23 permit read-write feature fcmgmt
switch(config-role)# rule 24 permit read-write feature trunk
switch(config-role)# rule 25 permit read-write feature rd1
switch(config-role)# rule 26 permit read-write feature fcdomain
```

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```
switch(config-role)# rule 27 permit read-write feature install
switch(config-role)# rule 28 permit command configuration terminal; slot 1
switch(config-role)# rule 29 permit read
```

**Verifying the New SAN Administrator Role Configuration**

This example assumes that a new user was created called “newsanadmin” and it was assigned the newsan-admin role. This example shows how to verify the newsan-admin RBAC role using the newsanadmin user:

```
Nexus 5000 Switch
login: newsanadmin
Password:
Bad terminal type: "xterm-256color". Will assume vt100.
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switch# configuration terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
switch(config)# slot 1
switch(config-slot)# port 16-32 type fc
switch(config-slot)# copy running-config startup-config
[#####] 100%
Copy complete, now saving to disk (please wait)...
switch(config-slot)# install all kickstart
bootflash:n5000-uk9-kickstart.5.2.1.N1.0.211.bin system
bootflash:n5000-uk9.5.2.1.N1.0.211.bin

Verifying image bootflash:/n5000-uk9-kickstart.5.2.1.N1.0.211.bin for boot variable
"kickstart".
[#####] 100% -- SUCCESS

Verifying image bootflash:/n5000-uk9.5.2.1.N1.0.211.bin for boot variable "system".
```

**Displaying the User Role Configurations**

This example shows how to display the user roles and their configurations:

```
switch# show role

Role: network-admin
Description: Predefined network admin role has access to all commands
on the switch
-----
Rule      Perm   Type      Scope      Entity
-----
1         permit read-write

Role: network-operator
```

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Description: Predefined network operator role has access to all read commands on the switch

```
-----
Rule      Perm      Type      Scope      Entity
-----
1         permit   read
```

Role: vdc-admin

Description: Predefined vdc admin role has access to all commands within a VDC instance

```
-----
Rule      Perm      Type      Scope      Entity
-----
1         permit   read-write
```

Role: vdc-operator

Description: Predefined vdc operator role has access to all read commands within a VDC instance

```
-----
Rule      Perm      Type      Scope      Entity
-----
1         permit   read
```

Role: san-admin

Description: Predefined system role for san administrators. This role cannot be modified.

vsan policy: permit (default)

Vlan policy: permit (default)

Interface policy: permit (default)

Vrf policy: permit (default)

```
-----
Rule      Perm      Type      Scope      Entity
-----
27        permit   read
26        permit   read-write  feature    fcdomain
25        permit   read-write  feature    rd1
24        permit   read-write  feature    trunk
23        permit   read-write  feature    fcmgmt
22        permit   read-write  feature    fcfe
21        permit   read-write  feature    port-track
20        permit   read-write  feature    fcoe
19        permit   read-write  feature    port-security
18        permit   read-write  feature    copy
17        permit   read-write  feature    rmon
16        permit   read-write  feature    rscn
15        permit   read-write  feature    fspf
14        permit   read-write  feature    fdmi
13        permit   read-write  feature    fcsp
12        permit   read-write  feature    fcns
11        permit   read-write  feature    span
10        permit   read-write  feature    zone
9         permit   read-write  feature    wwnm
8         permit   read-write  feature    vsan
7         permit   read-write  feature    vsanIfvsan
6         permit   read-write  feature    fabric-binding
5         permit   read-write  feature    interface
4         permit   read-write  feature    trapRegEntry
3         permit   read-write  feature    snmpTargetAddrEntry
2         permit   read-write  feature    snmpTargetParamsEntry
1         permit   read-write  feature    snmp
```

Role: priv-14

Description: This is a system defined privilege role.

vsan policy: permit (default)

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```
Vlan policy: permit (default)
Interface policy: permit (default)
Vrf policy: permit (default)
```

```
-----
Rule      Perm      Type      Scope      Entity
-----
1         permit  read-write
```

Role: priv-13

```
Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
vsan policy: permit (default)
Vlan policy: permit (default)
Interface policy: permit (default)
Vrf policy: permit (default)
```

Role: priv-12

```
Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
vsan policy: permit (default)
Vlan policy: permit (default)
Interface policy: permit (default)
Vrf policy: permit (default)
```

Role: priv-11

```
Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
vsan policy: permit (default)
Vlan policy: permit (default)
Interface policy: permit (default)
Vrf policy: permit (default)
```

Role: priv-10

```
Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
vsan policy: permit (default)
Vlan policy: permit (default)
Interface policy: permit (default)
Vrf policy: permit (default)
```

Role: priv-9

```
Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
vsan policy: permit (default)
Vlan policy: permit (default)
Interface policy: permit (default)
Vrf policy: permit (default)
```

Role: priv-8

```
Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
vsan policy: permit (default)
Vlan policy: permit (default)
Interface policy: permit (default)
Vrf policy: permit (default)
```

Role: priv-7

```
Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
vsan policy: permit (default)
Vlan policy: permit (default)
Interface policy: permit (default)
Vrf policy: permit (default)
```

Role: priv-6

```
Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
vsan policy: permit (default)
Vlan policy: permit (default)
Interface policy: permit (default)
Vrf policy: permit (default)
```

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```

Role: priv-5
  Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
  vsan policy: permit (default)
  Vlan policy: permit (default)
  Interface policy: permit (default)
  Vrf policy: permit (default)

```

```

Role: priv-4
  Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
  vsan policy: permit (default)
  Vlan policy: permit (default)
  Interface policy: permit (default)
  Vrf policy: permit (default)

```

```

Role: priv-3
  Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
  vsan policy: permit (default)
  Vlan policy: permit (default)
  Interface policy: permit (default)
  Vrf policy: permit (default)

```

```

Role: priv-2
  Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
  vsan policy: permit (default)
  Vlan policy: permit (default)
  Interface policy: permit (default)
  Vrf policy: permit (default)

```

```

Role: priv-1
  Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
  vsan policy: permit (default)
  Vlan policy: permit (default)
  Interface policy: permit (default)
  Vrf policy: permit (default)

```

```

Role: priv-0
  Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
  vsan policy: permit (default)
  Vlan policy: permit (default)
  Interface policy: permit (default)
  Vrf policy: permit (default)

```

Rule	Perm	Type	Scope	Entity
10	permit	command		traceroute6 *
9	permit	command		traceroute *
8	permit	command		telnet6 *
7	permit	command		telnet *
6	permit	command		ping6 *
5	permit	command		ping *
4	permit	command		ssh6 *
3	permit	command		ssh *
2	permit	command		enable *
1	permit	read		

```

Role: priv-15
  Description: This is a system defined privilege role.
  vsan policy: permit (default)
  Vlan policy: permit (default)
  Interface policy: permit (default)
  Vrf policy: permit (default)

```

Rule	Perm	Type	Scope	Entity
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```
permit read-write
```

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