Configuring AAA

This chapter describes how to configure authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) on Cisco NX-OS devices.

This chapter includes the following sections:

Information About AAA

This section includes information about AAA on Cisco NX-OS devices.

AAA Security Services

The AAA feature allows you to verify the identity of, grant access to, and track the actions of users managing a Cisco NX-OS device. Cisco NX-OS devices support Remote Access Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) or Terminal Access Controller Access Control System Plus (TACACS+) protocols.

Based on the user ID and password combination that you provide, Cisco NX-OS devices perform local authentication or authorization using the local database or remote authentication or authorization using one or more AAA servers. A preshared secret key provides security for communication between the Cisco NX-OS

device and AAA servers. You can configure a common secret key for all AAA servers or for only a specific AAA server.

AAA security provides the following services:

Authentication Identifies users, including login and password dialog, challenge and response, messaging support, and, depending on the security protocol that you select, encryption.
Authentication is the process of verifying the identity of the person or device accessing the Cisco NX-OS device, which is based on the user ID and password combination provided by the entity trying to access the Cisco NX-OS device. Cisco NX-OS devices allow you to perform local authentication (using the local lookup database) or remote authentication (using one or more RADIUS or TACACS+ servers).

Authorization Provides access control.
AAA authorization is the process of assembling a set of attributes that describe what the user is authorized to perform. Authorization in the Cisco NX-OS software is provided by attributes that are downloaded from AAA servers. Remote security servers, such as RADIUS and TACACS+, authorize users for specific rights by associating attribute-value (AV) pairs, which define those rights with the appropriate user.

Accounting Provides the method for collecting information, logging the information locally, and sending the information to the AAA server for billing, auditing, and reporting.
The accounting feature tracks and maintains a log of every management session used to access the Cisco NX-OS device. You can use this information to generate reports for troubleshooting and auditing purposes. You can store accounting logs locally or send them to remote AAA servers.

Note The Cisco NX-OS software supports authentication, authorization, and accounting independently. For example, you can configure authentication and authorization without configuring accounting.

Benefits of Using AAA

AAA provides the following benefits:

- Increased flexibility and control of access configuration
- Scalability
- Standardized authentication methods, such as RADIUS and TACACS+
- Multiple backup devices

Remote AAA Services

Remote AAA services provided through RADIUS and TACACS+ protocols have the following advantages over local AAA services:

- It is easier to manage user password lists for each Cisco NX-OS device in the fabric.
- AAA servers are already deployed widely across enterprises and can be easily used for AAA services.

- You can centrally manage the accounting log for all Cisco NX-OS devices in the fabric.
- It is easier to manage user attributes for each Cisco NX-OS device in the fabric than using the local databases on the Cisco NX-OS devices.

AAA Server Groups

You can specify remote AAA servers for authentication, authorization, and accounting using server groups. A server group is a set of remote AAA servers that implement the same AAA protocol. The purpose of a server group is to provide for failover servers in case a remote AAA server fails to respond. If the first remote server in the group fails to respond, the next remote server in the group is tried until one of the servers sends a response. If all the AAA servers in the server group fail to respond, then that server group option is considered a failure. If required, you can specify multiple server groups. If the Cisco NX-OS device encounters errors from the servers in the first group, it tries the servers in the next server group.

AAA Service Configuration Options

The AAA configuration in Cisco NX-OS devices is service based, which means that you can have separate AAA configurations for the following services:

- User Telnet or Secure Shell (SSH) login authentication
- Console login authentication
- Cisco TrustSec authentication
- 802.1X authentication
- Extensible Authentication Protocol over User Datagram Protocol (EAPoUDP) authentication for Network Admission Control (NAC)
- User management session accounting
- 802.1X accounting

This table provides the related CLI command for each AAA service configuration option.

Table 1: AAA Service Configuration Commands

AAA Service Configuration Option	Related Command
Telnet or SSH login	**aaa authentication login default**
Console login	**aaa authentication login console**
Cisco TrustSec authentication	**aaa authentication cts default**
802.1X authentication	**aaa authentication dot1x default**
EAPoUDP authentication	**aaa authentication eou default**
User session accounting	**aaa accounting default**

AAA Service Configuration Option	Related Command
802.1X accounting	**aaa accounting dot1x default**

You can specify the following authentication methods for the AAA services:

All RADIUS servers	Uses the global pool of RADIUS servers for authentication.
Specified server groups	Uses specified RADIUS or TACACS+ server groups you have configured for authentication.
Local	Uses the local username or password database for authentication.
None	Specifies that no AAA authentication be used.

Note If you specify the all RADIUS servers method, rather than a specified server group method, the Cisco NX-OS device chooses the RADIUS server from the global pool of configured RADIUS servers, in the order of configuration. Servers from this global pool are the servers that can be selectively configured in a RADIUS server group on the Cisco NX-OS device.

This table shows the AAA authentication methods that you can configure for the AAA services.

Table 2: AAA Authentication Methods for AAA Services

AAA Service	AAA Methods
Console login authentication	Server groups, local, and none
User login authentication	Server groups, local, and none
Cisco TrustSec authentication	Server groups only
802.1X authentication	Server groups only
EAPoUDP authentication	Server groups only
User management session accounting	Server groups and local
802.1X accounting	Server groups and local

Note For console login authentication, user login authentication, and user management session accounting, the Cisco NX-OS device tries each option in the order specified. The local option is the default method when other configured options fail.

Related Topics

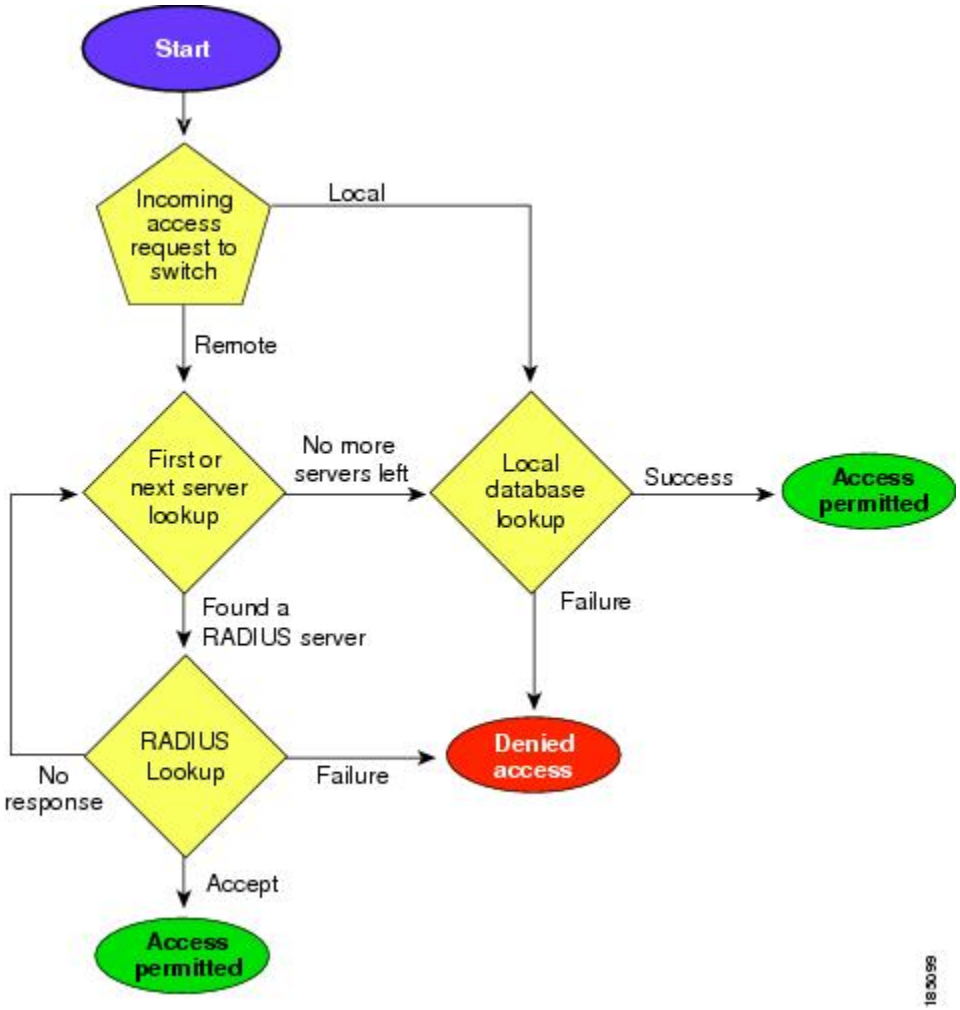
- Configuring Cisco TrustSec

- Configuring 802.1X
- Configuring NAC

Authentication and Authorization Process for User Login

This figure shows a flow chart of the authentication and authorization process for user login.

Figure 1: Authorization and Authentication Flow for User Login



The following list explains the process:

- When you log in to the required Cisco NX-OS device, you can use the Telnet, SSH, or console login options.
- When you have configured the AAA server groups using the server group authentication method, the Cisco NX-OS device sends an authentication request to the first AAA server in the group as follows:
  - If the AAA server fails to respond, the next AAA server is tried and so on until the remote server responds to the authentication request.

- If all AAA servers in the server group fail to respond, the servers in the next server group are tried.
- If all configured methods fail, the local database is used for authentication.

- If the Cisco NX-OS device successfully authenticates you through a remote AAA server, then the following possibilities apply:
  - If the AAA server protocol is RADIUS, then user roles specified in the cisco-av-pair attribute are downloaded with an authentication response.
  - If the AAA server protocol is TACACS+, then another request is sent to the same server to get the user roles specified as custom attributes for the shell.
  - If the user roles are not successfully retrieved from the remote AAA server, then the user is assigned with the vdc-operator role.

- If your username and password are successfully authenticated locally, the Cisco NX-OS device logs you in and assigns you the roles configured in the local database.

Note "No more server groups left" means that there is no response from any server in all server groups. "No more servers left" means that there is no response from any server within this server group.

Virtualization Support for AAA

All AAA configuration and operations are local to the virtual device context (VDC), except the default console methods and the AAA accounting log. The configuration and operation of the AAA authentication methods for the console login apply only to the default VDC. The AAA accounting log is only in the default VDC. You can display the contents from any VDC but you must clear it in the default VDC.

For more information on VDCs, see the *Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Licensing Guide, Release 4.2*.

Licensing Requirements for AAA

The following table shows the licensing requirements for this feature:

Product	License Requirement
Cisco NX-OS	AAA requires no license. Any feature not included in a license package is bundled with the Cisco NX-OS system images and is provided at no extra charge to you. For an explanation of the Cisco NX-OS licensing scheme, see the *Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Licensing Guide, Release 4.2*.

Prerequisites for AAA

Remote AAA servers have the following prerequisites:

- Ensure that at least one RADIUS or TACACS+ server is reachable through IP.
- Ensure that the Cisco NX-OS device is configured as a client of the AAA servers.
- Ensure that the secret key is configured on the Cisco NX-OS device and the remote AAA servers.
- Ensure that the remote server responds to AAA requests from the Cisco NX-OS device.

Related Topics

- Configuring RADIUS Server Hosts
- Configuring TACACS+ Server Hosts
- Manually Monitoring RADIUS Servers or Groups
- Manually Monitoring TACACS+ Servers or Groups

AAA Guidelines and Limitations

AAA has the following guidelines and limitations:

- If you have a user account configured on the local Cisco NX-OS device that has the same name as a remote user account on an AAA server, the Cisco NX-OS software applies the user roles for the local user account to the remote user, not the user roles configured on the AAA server.

Default Settings for AAA

This table lists the default settings for AAA parameters.

Table 3: Default AAA Parameter Settings

Parameters	Default
Console authentication method	**local**
Default authentication method	**local**
Login authentication failure messages	Disabled
MSCHAP authentication	Disabled
Default accounting method	**local**
Accounting log display length	250 KB

Configuring AAA

This section describes the tasks for configuring AAA on Cisco NX-OS devices.

Note If you are familiar with the Cisco IOS CLI, be aware that the Cisco NX-OS commands for this feature might differ from the Cisco IOS commands that you would use.

Process for Configuring AAA

Follow these steps to configure AAA authentication and accounting:

1. If you want to use remote RADIUS or TACACS+ servers for authentication, configure the hosts on your Cisco NX-OS device.
2. Configure console login authentication methods.
3. Configure default login authentication methods for user logins.
4. Configure default AAA accounting default methods.

Related Topics

- Configuring RADIUS
- Configuring TACACS+
- Configuring Console Login Authentication Methods, page 8
- Configuring Default Login Authentication Methods, page 10
- Configuring AAA Accounting Default Methods, page 16
- Configuring AAA Authentication Methods for 802.1X
- Enabling the Default AAA Authenication Method for EAPoUDP

Configuring Console Login Authentication Methods

This section describes how to configure the authentication methods for the console login.

The authentication methods include the following:

- Global pool of RADIUS servers
- Named subset of RADIUS or TACACS+ servers
- Local database on the Cisco NX-OS device
- Username only (none)

The default method is local.

Note The configuration and operation of AAA for the console login apply only to the default VDC.

Note The **group radius** and **group** *server-name* forms of the **aaa authentication** command refer to a set of previously defined RADIUS servers. Use the **radius-server host** command to configure the host servers. Use the **aaa group server radius** command to create a named group of servers.

Before You Begin

Ensure that you are in the default VDC.

Configure RADIUS or TACACS+ server groups, as needed.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **aaa authentication login console** {**group** *group-list* [**none**] | **local** | **none**}
3. **exit**
4. (Optional) **show aaa authentication**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 1	**configure terminal**
	
	Example:
	`switch# configure terminal`
	`switch(config)#`
		Enters configuration mode.

Step 2	**aaa authentication login console** {**group** *group-list* [**none**]	**local**	**none**} **Example:** `switch(config)# aaa authentication login console group radius`	Configures login authentication methods for the console. The *group-list* argument consists of a space-delimited list of group names. The group names are the following: **radius** — Uses the global pool of RADIUS servers for authentication. ***named-group*** — Uses a named subset of RADIUS or TACACS+ servers for authentication. The **local** method uses the local database for authentication, and the **none** method specifies that no AAA authentication be used. The default console login method is **local**, which is used when no methods are configured or when all the configured methods fail to respond.

Step 3	**exit**
	
	Example:
	`switch(config)# exit`
	`switch#`
		Exits configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**show aaa authentication** **Example:** `switch# show aaa authentication`	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the console login authentication methods.
Step 5	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Related Topics

- Configuring RADIUS Server Groups
- Configuring TACACS+ Server Groups

Configuring Default Login Authentication Methods

The authentication methods include the following:

- Global pool of RADIUS servers
- Named subset of RADIUS or TACACS+ servers
- Local database on the Cisco NX-OS device
- Username only

The default method is local.

Before You Begin

Configure RADIUS or TACACS+ server groups, as needed.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **aaa authentication login default** {**group** *group-list* [**none**] | **local** | **none**}
3. **exit**
4. (Optional) **show aaa authentication**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 1	**configure terminal**
	
	Example:
	`switch# configure terminal`
	`switch(config)#`
		Enters configuration mode.

Step 2	**aaa authentication login default** {**group** *group-list* [**none**] | **local** | **none**} **Example:** `switch(config)# aaa authentication login default group radius`	Configures the default authentication methods. The *group-list* argument consists of a space-delimited list of group names. The group names are the following: • **radius**—Uses the global pool of RADIUS servers for authentication. • *named-group*—Uses a named subset of RADIUS or TACACS+ servers for authentication. The **local** method uses the local database for authentication, and the **none** method specifies that no AAA authentication be used. The default login method is **local**, which is used when no methods are configured or when all the configured methods fail to respond. You can configure one of the following: • AAA authentication groups • AAA authentication groups with no authentication • Local authentication • No authentication **Note** The **local** keyword is not supported (and is not required) when configuring AAA authentication groups because local authentication is the default if remote servers are unreachable. For example, if you configure **aaa authentication login default group g1**, local authentication is tried if you are unable to authenticate using AAA group g1. In contrast, if you configure **aaa authentication login default group g1 none**, no authentication is performed if you are unable to authenticate using AAA group g1.

Step 3	**exit**
	
	Example:
	`switch(config)# exit`
	`switch#`
		Exits configuration mode.

Step 4	**show aaa authentication** **Example:** `switch# show aaa authentication`	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the default login authentication methods.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Related Topics

- Configuring RADIUS Server Groups
- Configuring TACACS+ Server Groups

Enabling the Default User Role for AAA Authentication

You can allow remote users who do not have a user role to log in to the Cisco NX-OS device through a RADIUS or TACACS+ remote authentication server using a default user role. When you disable the AAA default user role feature, remote users who do not have a user role cannot log in to the device.

You can enable or disable this feature for the VDC as needed. For the default VDC, the default role is network-operator. For nondefault VDCs, the default VDC is vdc-operator.

Before You Begin

Make sure that you are in the correct VDC. To switch VDCs, use the **switchto vdc** command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **aaa user default-role**
3. **exit**
4. (Optional) **show aaa user default-role**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 1	**configure terminal**
	
	Example:
	`switch# configure terminal`
	`switch(config)#`
		Enters configuration mode.

Step 2	**aaa user default-role** **Example:** `switch(config)# aaa user default-role`	Enables the default user role for AAA authentication. The default is enabled. You can disable the default user role feature by using the **no** form of this command.

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 3	**exit**
	
	Example:
	`switch(config)# exit`
	`switch#`
		Exits configuration mode.

Step 4	**show aaa user default-role** **Example:** `switch# show aaa user default-role`	(Optional) Displays the AAA default user role configuration.
Step 5	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Related Topics

- Configuring User Accounts and RBAC

Enabling Login Authentication Failure Messages

When you log in, the login is processed by rolling over to the local user database if the remote AAA servers do not respond. In such cases, the following messages display on the user's terminal if you have enabled login failure messages:

```
Remote AAA servers unreachable; local authentication done.
Remote AAA servers unreachable; local authentication failed.
```

Before You Begin

Make sure that you are in the correct VDC. To switch VDCs, use the **switchto vdc** command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **aaa authentication login error-enable**
3. **exit**
4. (Optional) **show aaa authentication**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 1	**configure terminal**
	
	Example:
	`switch# configure terminal`
	`switch(config)#`
		Enters configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**aaa authentication login error-enable** **Example:** `switch(config)# aaa authentication login error-enable`	Enables login authentication failure messages. The default is disabled.

Step 3	**exit**
	
	Example:
	`switch(config)# exit`
	`switch#`
		Exits configuration mode.

Step 4	**show aaa authentication** **Example:** `switch# show aaa authentication`	(Optional) Displays the login failure message configuration.
Step 5	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Enabling MSCHAP or MSCHAP V2 Authentication

Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (MSCHAP) is the Microsoft version of CHAP. The Cisco NX-OS software also supports MSCHAP Version 2 (MSCHAP V2). You can use MSCHAP for user logins to a Cisco NX-OS device through a remote authentication server (RADIUS or TACACS+). MSCHAP V2 only supports user logins to a Cisco NX-OS device through remote authentication RADIUS servers. If you configure a TACACS+ group with MSCHAP V2, the AAA default login authentication uses the next configured method, or the local method, if no other server group is configured.

Note The Cisco NX-OS software may display the following message:

" Warning: MSCHAP V2 is supported only with Radius."

This warning message is informational only and does not affect MSCHAP V2 operation with RADIUS.

By default, the Cisco NX-OS device uses Password Authentication Protocol (PAP) authentication between the Cisco NX-OS device and the remote server. If you enable MSCHAP or MSCHAP V2, you need to configure your RADIUS server to recognize the MSCHAP and MSCHAP V2 vendor-specific attributes (VSAs).

This table shows the RADIUS VSAs required for MSCHAP.

Table 4: MSCHAP and MSCHAP V2 RADIUS VSAs

Vendor-ID Number	Vendor-Type Number	VSA	Description
311	11	MSCHAP-Challenge	Contains the challenge sent by an AAA server to an MSCHAP or

Vendor-ID Number	Vendor-Type Number	VSA	Description
			MSCHAP V2 user. It can be used in both Access-Request and Access-Challenge packets.
211	11	MSCHAP-Response	Contains the response value provided by an MSCHAP or MSCHAP V2 user in response to the challenge. It is only used in Access-Request packets.

Before You Begin

Disable AAA ASCII authentication for logins.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **no aaa authentication login ascii-authentication**
3. **aaa authentication login** {**mschap** | **mschapv2**} **enable**
4. **exit**
5. (Optional) **show aaa authentication login** {**mschap** | **mschapv2**}
6. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 1	**configure terminal**
	
	Example:
	`switch# configure terminal`
	`switch(config)#`
		Enters configuration mode.

Step 2	**no aaa authentication login ascii-authentication** **Example:** `switch(config)# no aaa authentication login ascii-authentication`	Disables ASCII authentication.
Step 3	**aaa authentication login** {**mschap**	**mschapv2**} **enable** **Example:** `switch(config)# aaa authentication login mschap enable`	Enables MSCHAP or MSCHAP V2 authentication. The default is disabled. **Note** You cannot enable both MSCHAP and MSCHAP V2 on your Cisco NX-OS device.

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 4	**exit**
	
	Example:
	`switch(config)# exit`
	`switch#`
		Exits configuration mode.

Step 5	**show aaa authentication login** {**mschap** | **mschapv2**} **Example:** `switch# show aaa authentication login mschap`	(Optional) Displays the MSCHAP or MSCHAP V2 configuration.
Step 6	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Related Topics

- Using AAA Server VSAs with Cisco NX-OS Devices, page 18

Configuring AAA Accounting Default Methods

Cisco NX-OS software supports TACACS+ and RADIUS methods for accounting. Cisco NX-OS devices report user activity to TACACS+ or RADIUS security servers in the form of accounting records. Each accounting record contains accounting attribute-value (AV) pairs and is stored on the AAA server.

When you activate AAA accounting, the Cisco NX-OS device reports these attributes as accounting records, which are then stored in an accounting log on the security server.

You can create default method lists defining specific accounting methods, which include the following:

RADIUS server group	Uses the global pool of RADIUS servers for accounting.
Specified server group	Uses a specified RADIUS or TACACS+ server group for accounting.
Local	Uses the local username or password database for accounting.

Note If you have configured server groups and the server groups do not respond, by default, the local database is used for authentication.

Before You Begin

Configure RADIUS or TACACS+ server groups, as needed.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **aaa accounting default** {**group** *group-list* | **local**}
3. **exit**
4. (Optional) **show aaa accounting**
5. (Optional) **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose

Step 1	**configure terminal**
	
	Example:
	`switch# configure terminal`
	`switch(config)#`
		Enters configuration mode.

Step 2	**aaa accounting default** {**group** *group-list* | **local**} **Example:** `switch(config)# aaa accounting default group radius`	Configures the default accounting method. The *group-list* argument consists of a space-delimited list of group names. The group names are the following: • **radius**—Uses the global pool of RADIUS servers for accounting. • *named-group*—Uses a named subset of TACACS+ or RADIUS servers for accounting. The **local** method uses the local database for accounting. The default method is **local**, which is used when no server groups are configured or when all the configured server groups fail to respond.

Step 3	**exit**
	
	Example:
	`switch(config)# exit`
	`switch#`
		Exits configuration mode.

Step 4	**show aaa accounting** **Example:** `switch# show aaa accounting`	(Optional) Displays the configuration AAA accounting default methods.
Step 5	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Related Topics

- Configuring RADIUS Server Groups
- Configuring TACACS+ Server Groups

Using AAA Server VSAs with Cisco NX-OS Devices

You can use vendor-specific attributes (VSAs) to specify Cisco NX-OS user roles and SNMPv3 parameters on AAA servers.

About VSAs

The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) draft standard specifies a method for communicating VSAs between the network access server and the RADIUS server. The IETF uses attribute 26. VSAs allow vendors to support their own extended attributes that are not suitable for general use. The Cisco RADIUS implementation supports one vendor-specific option using the format recommended in the specification. The Cisco vendor ID is 9, and the supported option is vendor type 1, which is named cisco-av-pair. The value is a string with the following format:

```
protocol : attribute seperator value *
```

The protocol is a Cisco attribute for a particular type of authorization, the separator is = (equal sign) for mandatory attributes, and * (asterisk) indicates optional attributes.

When you use RADIUS servers for authentication on a Cisco NX-OS device, the RADIUS protocol directs the RADIUS server to return user attributes, such as authorization information, along with authentication results. This authorization information is specified through VSAs.

VSA Format

The following VSA protocol options are supported by the Cisco NX-OS software:

Shell	Protocol used in access-accept packets to provide user profile information.
Accounting	Protocol used in accounting-request packets. If a value contains any white spaces, put it within double quotation marks.

The following attributes are supported by the Cisco NX-OS software:

roles Lists all the roles assigned to the user. The value field is a string that stores the list of group names delimited by white space. For example, if you belong to roles network-operator and vdc-admin, the value field would be network-operator vdc-admin. This subattribute is sent in the VSA portion of the Access-Accept frames from the RADIUS server, and it can only be used with the shell protocol value. These examples use the roles attribute:

```
shell:roles=network-operator vdc-admin
```

```
shell:roles*network-operator vdc-admin
```

The following examples show the roles attribute as supported by FreeRADIUS:

```
Cisco-AVPair = shell:roles=\network-operator vdc-admin\
```

```
Cisco-AVPair = shell:roles*\network-operator vdc-admin\
```

Note When you specify a VSA as shell:roles*"network-operator vdc-admin" or "shell:roles*\"network-operator vdc-admin\"", this VSA is flagged as an optional attribute and other Cisco devices ignore this attribute.

accountinginfo Stores accounting information in addition to the attributes covered by a standard RADIUS accounting protocol. This attribute is sent only in the VSA portion of the Account-Request frames from the RADIUS client on the switch, and it can only be used with the accounting protocol-related PDUs.

Specifying Cisco NX-OS User Roles and SMNPv3 Parameters on AAA Servers

You can use the VSA cisco-av-pair on AAA servers to specify user role mapping for the Cisco NX-OS device using this format:

```
shell:roles="roleA roleB …"
```

If you do not specify the role option in the cisco-av-pair attribute, the default user role is network-operator.

You can also specify your SNMPv3 authentication and privacy protocol attributes as follows:

```
shell:roles="roleA roleB..." snmpv3:auth=SHA priv=AES-128
```

The SNMPv3 authentication protocol options are SHA and MD5. The privacy protocol options are AES-128 and DES. If you do not specify these options in the cisco-av-pair attribute, MD5 and DES are the default authentication protocols.

Related Topics

- Configuring User Accounts and RBAC

Monitoring and Clearing the Local AAA Accounting Log

The Cisco NX-OS device maintains a local log for the AAA accounting activity. You can monitor this log and clear it.

Note The AAA accounting log is local to the default VDC. You can monitor the contents from any VDC, but you must clear it in the default VDC.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show accounting log** [*size* | **last-index** | **start-seqnum** *number* | **start-time** *year month day hh*:*mm*:*ss*]
2. (Optional) **clear accounting log**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**show accounting log** [*size* | **last-index** | **start-seqnum** *number* | **start-time** *year month day hh*:*mm*:*ss*] **Example:** `switch# show accounting log`	Displays the accounting log contents. By default, the command output contains up to 250,000 bytes of the accounting log. You can use the *size* argument to limit command output. The range is from 0 to 250000 bytes. You can also specify a starting sequence number or a starting time for the log output.The range of the starting index is from 1 to 1000000. Use the **last-index** keyword to display the value of the last index number in the accounting log file.
Step 2	**clear accounting log** **Example:** `switch# clear aaa accounting log`	(Optional) Clears the accounting log contents.

Verifying AAA Configuration

To display AAA configuration information, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
show aaa accounting	Displays AAA accounting configuration.
show aaa authentication [**login** {**ascii-authentication** | **error-enable** | **mschap** | **mschapv2**}]	Displays AAA authentication login configuration information.
show aaa groups	Displays the AAA server group configuration.
show running-config aaa [**all**]	Displays the AAA configuration in the running configuration.
show startup-config aaa	Displays the AAA configuration in the startup configuration.

For detailed information about the fields in the output from these commands, see the Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Security Command Reference, Release 4.2.

Configuration Example for AAA

The following example shows how to configure AAA:

```
aaa authentication login default group radius
aaa authentication login console group radius
aaa accounting default group radius
```

Additional References for AAA

This section includes additional information related to implementing AAA.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco NX-OS Licensing	*Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Licensing Guide, Release 4.2*
Command reference	Cisco Nexus 7000 Series NX-OS Security Command Reference, Release 4.2

Standards

Standards	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature, and support for existing standards has not been modified by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
• CISCO-AAA-SERVER-MIB • CISCO-AAA-SERVER-EXT-MIB	To locate and download MIBs, go to the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/public/sw-center/netmgmt/cmtk/mibs.shtml

Feature History for AAA

This table lists the release history for this feature.

Table 5: Feature History for AAA

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
MSCHAP V2 authentication	4.2(1)	Allows the enabling or disabling of MSCHAP V2 authentication.