



IPv6 Access Control Lists

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Restrictions for IPv6 ACLs

With IPv4, you can configure standard and extended numbered IP ACLs, named IP ACLs, and MAC ACLs. IPv6 supports only named ACLs.

The switch supports most Cisco IOS-supported IPv6 ACLs with some exceptions:

- The switch does not support matching on these keywords: **routing header**, and **undetermined-transport**.
- The switch does not support reflexive ACLs (the **reflect** keyword).
- This release does not support router ACL and VLAN ACLs (VLAN maps) for IPv6.
- The switch does not apply MAC-based ACLs on IPv6 frames.
- When configuring an ACL, there is no restriction on keywords entered in the ACL, regardless of whether or not they are supported on the platform. When you apply the ACL to an interface that requires hardware forwarding (physical ports), the switch checks to determine whether or not the ACL can be supported on the interface. If not, attaching the ACL is rejected.
- If an ACL is applied to an interface and you attempt to add an access control entry (ACE) with an unsupported keyword, the switch does not allow the ACE to be added to the ACL that is currently attached to the interface.

IPv6 ACLs on the switch have these characteristics:

- Fragmented frames (the **fragments** keyword as in IPv6) are not supported.
- The same statistics supported in IPv4 are supported for IPv6 ACLs.
- If the switch runs out of hardware space, the packets associated with the ACL are processed to the CPU, and the ACLs are applied in software.
- The switch supports IPv6 address-matching for a full range of prefix-lengths.

Information About Configuring IPv6 ACLs

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ACL Overview

Packet filtering can help limit network traffic and restrict network use by certain users or devices. ACLs filter traffic as it passes through a router or switch and permit or deny packets crossing specified interfaces or VLANs. An ACL is a sequential collection of permit and deny conditions that apply to packets. When a packet is received on an interface, the switch compares the fields in the packet against any applied ACLs to verify that the packet has the required permissions to be forwarded, based on the criteria specified in the access lists. One by one, it tests packets against the conditions in an access list. The first match decides whether the switch accepts or rejects the packets. Because the switch stops testing after the first match, the order of conditions in the list is critical. If no conditions match, the switch rejects the packet. If there are no restrictions, the switch forwards the packet; otherwise, the switch drops the packet. The switch can use ACLs on all packets it forwards, including packets bridged within a VLAN.

You configure access lists on a router to provide basic security for your network. If you do not configure ACLs, all packets passing through the switch could be allowed onto all parts of the network. You can use ACLs to control which hosts can access different parts of a network or to decide which types of traffic are forwarded or blocked at router interfaces. For example, you can allow e-mail traffic to be forwarded but not Telnet traffic. ACLs can be configured to block inbound traffic, outbound traffic, or both.

IPv6 ACLs Overview

You can filter IP Version 6 (IPv6) traffic by creating IPv6 access control lists (ACLs) and applying them to interfaces similar to how you create and apply IP Version 4 (IPv4) named ACLs.

You can apply both IPv4 and IPv6 ACLs to an interface.

Interactions with Other Features and Switches

- If a bridged frame is to be dropped due to a port ACL, the frame is not bridged.

- You can create both IPv4 and IPv6 ACLs on a switch, and you can apply both IPv4 and IPv6 ACLs to the same interface. Each ACL must have a unique name; an error message appears if you try to use a name that is already configured.

You use different commands to create IPv4 and IPv6 ACLs and to attach IPv4 or IPv6 ACLs to the same Layer 2 interface. If you use the wrong command to attach an ACL (for example, an IPv4 command to attach an IPv6 ACL), you receive an error message.

- You cannot use MAC ACLs to filter IPv6 frames. MAC ACLs can only filter non-IP frames.
- If the hardware memory is full, the packets associated with the ACL are processed to the CPU, and the ACLs are applied in software.

Default Configuration for IPv6 ACLs

The default IPv6 ACL configuration is as follows:

```
Device# show access-lists preauth_ipv6_acl
IPv6 access list preauth_ipv6_acl (per-user)
permit udp any any eq domain sequence 10
permit tcp any any eq domain sequence 20
permit icmp any any nd-ns sequence 30
permit icmp any any nd-na sequence 40
permit icmp any any router-solicitation sequence 50
permit icmp any any router-advertisement sequence 60
permit icmp any any redirect sequence 70
permit udp any eq 547 any eq 546 sequence 80
permit udp any eq 546 any eq 547 sequence 90
deny ipv6 any any sequence 100
```

Supported ACL Features

IPv6 ACLs on the switch have these characteristics:

- Fragmented frames (the fragments keyword as in IPv4) are supported.
- The same statistics supported in IPv4 are supported for IPv6 ACLs.
- If the switch runs out of TCAM space, packets associated with the ACL label are forwarded to the CPU, and the ACLs are applied in software.

IPv6 Port-Based Access Control List Support

The IPv6 PACL feature provides the ability to provide access control (permit or deny) on Layer 2 switch ports for IPv6 traffic. IPv6 PACLs are similar to IPv4 PACLs, which provide access control on Layer 2 switch ports for IPv4 traffic. They are supported only in the ingress direction and in hardware.

ACLs and Traffic Forwarding

The IPv6 ACL Extensions for Hop by Hop Filtering feature allows you to control IPv6 traffic that might contain hop-by-hop extension headers. You can configure an access control list (ACL) to deny all hop-by-hop traffic or to selectively permit traffic based on protocol.

IPv6 access control lists (ACLs) determine what traffic is blocked and what traffic is forwarded at device interfaces. ACLs allow filtering based on source and destination addresses, inbound and outbound to a specific interface. Use the **ipv6 access-list** command to define an IPv6 ACL, and the **deny** and **permit** commands to configure its conditions.

The IPv6 ACL Extensions for Hop by Hop Filtering feature implements RFC 2460 to support traffic filtering in any upper-layer protocol type.

How to Configure IPv6 ACLs

This section provides information about how to configure IPv6 ACLs.

Configuring IPv6 ACLs

To filter IPv6 traffic, you perform these steps:

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **{ipv6 access-list list-name**
4. **{deny | permit} protocol {source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length|any| host source-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] { destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length | any | host destination-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]][dscp value] [fragments] [log] [log-input] [sequence value] [time-range name]**
5. **{deny | permit} tcp {source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length | any | host source-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] {destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length | any | host destination-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] [ack] [dscp value] [fin] [log] [log-input] [neq {port | protocol}] [psh] [range {port | protocol}] [rst] [sequence value] [syn] [time-range name] [urg]**
6. **{deny | permit} udp {source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length | any | host source-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] {destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length | any | host destination-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] [dscp value] [log] [log-input] [neq {port | protocol}] [range {port | protocol}] [sequence value] [time-range name]**
7. **{deny | permit} icmp {source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length | any | host source-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] {destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length | any | host destination-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] [icmp-type [icmp-code] | icmp-message] [dscp value] [log] [log-input] [sequence value] [time-range name]**
8. **end**
9. **show ipv6 access-list**
10. **show running-config**
11. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example:	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password, if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	{ipv6 access-list list-name Example: Device(config)# ipv6 access-list example_acl_list	Defines an IPv6 ACL name, and enters IPv6 access list configuration mode.
Step 4	{deny permit} protocol {source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length any host source-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] { destination-ipv6-prefix/ prefix-length any host destination-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]][dscp value] [fragments] [log] [log-input] [sequence value] [time-range name]	Enter deny or permit to specify whether to deny or permit the packet if conditions are matched. These are the conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For protocol, enter the name or number of an Internet protocol: ahp, esp, icmp, ipv6, pcp, stcp, tcp, or udp, or an integer in the range 0 to 255 representing an IPv6 protocol number. • The <i>source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length</i> or <i>destination-ipv6-prefix/ prefix-length</i> is the source or destination IPv6 network or class of networks for which to set deny or permit conditions, specified in hexadecimal and using 16-bit values between colons (see RFC 2373). • Enter any as an abbreviation for the IPv6 prefix ::/0. • For host <i>source-ipv6-address</i> or <i>destination-ipv6-address</i>, enter the source or destination IPv6 host address for which to set deny or permit conditions, specified in hexadecimal using 16-bit values between colons. • (Optional) For operator, specify an operand that compares the source or destination ports of the specified protocol. Operands are lt (less than), gt (greater than), eq (equal), neq (not equal), and range. If the operator follows the <i>source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length</i> argument, it must match the source port. If the operator follows the <i>destination-ipv6- prefix/prefix-length</i> argument, it must match the destination port. • (Optional) The port-number is a decimal number from 0 to 65535 or the name of a TCP or UDP port. You can use TCP port names only when filtering

	Command or Action	Purpose
		<p>TCP. You can use UDP port names only when filtering UDP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Optional) Enter dscp value to match a differentiated services code point value against the traffic class value in the Traffic Class field of each IPv6 packet header. The acceptable range is from 0 to 63. • (Optional) Enter fragments to check noninitial fragments. This keyword is visible only if the protocol is ipv6. • (Optional) Enter log to cause an logging message to be sent to the console about the packet that matches the entry. Enter log-input to include the input interface in the log entry. • (Optional) Enter sequence value to specify the sequence number for the access list statement. The acceptable range is from 1 to 4,294,967,295. • (Optional) Enter time-range name to specify the time range that applies to the deny or permit statement.
Step 5	<pre>{deny permit} tcp {source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length any host source-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] {destination-ipv6- prefix/prefix-length any host destination-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] [ack] [dscp value] [fin] [log] [log-input] [neq {port protocol}] [psh] [range {port protocol}] [rst] [sequence value] [syn] [time-range name] [urg]</pre>	<p>(Optional) Define a TCP access list and the access conditions.</p> <p>Enter tcp for Transmission Control Protocol. The parameters are the same as those described in Step 3a, with these additional optional parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ack—Acknowledgment bit set. • fin—Finished bit set; no more data from sender. • neq {port protocol}—Matches only packets that are not on a given port number. • psh—Push function bit set. • range {port protocol}—Matches only packets in the port number range. • rst—Reset bit set. • syn—Synchronize bit set. • urg—Urgent pointer bit set.
Step 6	<pre>{deny permit} udp {source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length any host source-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] {destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length any host destination-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] [dscp value] [log] [log-input] [neq {port protocol}] [range {port protocol}] [sequence value] [time-range name]]</pre>	<p>(Optional) Define a UDP access list and the access conditions.</p> <p>Enter udp for the User Datagram Protocol. The UDP parameters are the same as those described for TCP, except</p>

	Command or Action	Purpose
		that the [operator [port]] port number or name must be a UDP port number or name.
Step 7	<pre>{deny permit} icmp {source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length any host source-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] {destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length any host destination-ipv6-address} [operator [port-number]] [icmp-type [icmp-code] icmp-message] [dscp value] [log] [log-input] [sequence value] [time-range name]</pre>	<p>(Optional) Define an ICMP access list and the access conditions.</p> <p>Enter icmp for Internet Control Message Protocol. The ICMP parameters are the same as those described for most IP protocols in Step 1, with the addition of the ICMP message type and code parameters. These optional keywords have these meanings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>icmp-type</i>—Enter to filter by ICMP message type, a number from 0 to 255. <i>icmp-code</i>—Enter to filter ICMP packets that are filtered by the ICMP message code type, a number from 0 to 255. <i>icmp-message</i>—Enter to filter ICMP packets by the ICMP message type name or the ICMP message type and code name. To see a list of ICMP message type names and code names, use the ? key or see command reference for this release.
Step 8	end	Return to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 9	show ipv6 access-list	Verify the access list configuration.
Step 10	show running-config Example: <pre>Device# show running-config</pre>	Verifies your entries.
Step 11	copy running-config startup-config Example: <pre>Device# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

What to do next

Attach the IPv6 ACL to an Interface

Attaching an IPv6 ACL to an Interface

You can apply an ACL to inbound traffic on Layer 2 interfaces.

Follow these steps to control access to an interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *interface-id*
4. **ipv6 address** *ipv6-address*
5. **ipv6 traffic-filter** *access-list-name in*
6. **end**
7. **show running-config**
8. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password, if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>interface-id</i>	Identify a Layer 2 interface on which to apply an access list, and enter interface configuration mode.
Step 4	ipv6 address <i>ipv6-address</i>	This command is not required on Layer 2 interfaces or if the interface has already been configured with an explicit IPv6 address.
Step 5	ipv6 traffic-filter <i>access-list-name in</i>	Apply the access list to incoming traffic on the interface. Note The out keyword is not supported for Layer 2 interfaces (port ACLs).
Step 6	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	show running-config Example: Device# show running-config	Verifies your entries.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# <code>copy running-config startup-config</code>	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Monitoring IPv6 ACLs

You can display information about all configured access lists, all IPv6 access lists, or a specific access list by using one or more of the privileged EXEC commands shown in the table below:

Command	Purpose
<code>show access-lists</code>	Displays all access lists configured on the switch.
<code>show ipv6 access-list [access-list-name]</code>	Displays all configured IPv6 access lists or the access list specified by name.

This is an example of the output from the `show access-lists` privileged EXEC command. The output shows all access lists that are configured on the switch.

```
Device# show access-lists
Extended IP access list hello
 10 permit ip any any
IPv6 access list ipv6
  permit ipv6 any any sequence 10
```

This is an example of the output from the `show ipv6 access-list` privileged EXEC command. The output shows only IPv6 access lists configured on the switch.

```
Device# show ipv6 access-list
IPv6 access list inbound
  permit tcp any any eq bgp (8 matches) sequence 10
  permit tcp any any eq telnet (15 matches) sequence 20
  permit udp any any sequence 30
IPv6 access list outbound
  deny udp any any sequence 10
  deny tcp any any eq telnet sequence 20
```

Configuring PACL Mode and Applying IPv6 PACL on an Interface

Before you begin

Before you configure the IPv6 PACL feature, you must configure an IPv6 access list. Once you have configured the IPv6 access list, you must configure the port-based access control list (PACL) mode on the specified IPv6 Layer 2 interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`

2. **configure terminal**
3. **ipv6 access-list** *access-list-name*
4. **exit**
5. **interface** *type number*
6. **ipv6 traffic-filter** *access-list-name in*
7. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password, if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	ipv6 access-list <i>access-list-name</i> Example: Device(config)# ipv6 access-list list1	Defines an IPv6 ACL and enters IPv6 access list configuration mode.
Step 4	exit Example: Device(config-ipv6-acl)# exit	Exits IPv6 access list configuration mode and enters global configuration mode.
Step 5	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/1	Specifies an interface type and number and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 6	ipv6 traffic-filter <i>access-list-name in</i> Example: Device(config-if)# ipv6 traffic-filter list1 in	Filters incoming IPv6 traffic on an interface.
Step 7	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and enters privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring IPv6 ACL Extensions for Hop by Hop Filtering

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**

3. **ipv6 access-list** *access-list-name*
4. **permit** *protocol* {*source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length* | **any** | **host** *source-ipv6-address* } [*operator* [*port-number*]] {*destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length* | **any** | **host** *destination-ipv6-address* } [*operator* [*port-number*]] [**dscp** *value*] [**hbh**] [**log**] [**log-input**] [**reflect** *name* [**timeout** *value*]] [**sequence** *value*] [**time-range** *name*]
5. **deny** *protocol* {*source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length* | **any** | **host** *source-ipv6-address* } [*operator* [*port-number*]] {*destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length* | **any** | **host** *destination-ipv6-address* } [*operator* [*port-number*]] [**dscp** *value*] [**hbh**] [**log**] [**log-input**] [**sequence** *value*] [**time-range** *name*]
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	ipv6 access-list <i>access-list-name</i> Example: Device(config)# ipv6 access-list hbh-acl	Defines an IPv6 ACL and enters IPv6 access list configuration mode.
Step 4	permit <i>protocol</i> { <i>source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length</i> any host <i>source-ipv6-address</i> } [<i>operator</i> [<i>port-number</i>]] { <i>destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length</i> any host <i>destination-ipv6-address</i> } [<i>operator</i> [<i>port-number</i>]] [dscp <i>value</i>] [hbh] [log] [log-input] [reflect <i>name</i> [timeout <i>value</i>]] [sequence <i>value</i>] [time-range <i>name</i>] Example: Device(config-ipv6-acl)# permit icmp any any	Sets permit conditions for the IPv6 ACL.
Step 5	deny <i>protocol</i> { <i>source-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length</i> any host <i>source-ipv6-address</i> } [<i>operator</i> [<i>port-number</i>]] { <i>destination-ipv6-prefix/prefix-length</i> any host <i>destination-ipv6-address</i> } [<i>operator</i> [<i>port-number</i>]] [dscp <i>value</i>] [hbh] [log] [log-input] [sequence <i>value</i>] [time-range <i>name</i>] Example: Device(config-ipv6-acl)# deny icmp any any	Sets deny conditions for the IPv6 ACL.
Step 6	end Example: Device (config-ipv6-acl)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC configuration mode.

Configuration Examples for IPv6 ACLs

This section provides configuration examples for IPv6 ACLs.

Example: Configuring IPv6 ACLs

This example configures the IPv6 access list named CISCO. The first deny entry in the list denies all packets that have a destination TCP port number greater than 5000. The second deny entry denies packets that have a source UDP port number less than 5000. The second deny also logs all matches to the console. The first permit entry in the list permits all ICMP packets. The second permit entry in the list permits all other traffic. The second permit entry is necessary because an implicit deny -all condition is at the end of each IPv6 access list.

```
Device(config)# ipv6 access-list CISCO
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# deny tcp any any gt 5000
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# deny ::/0 lt 5000 ::/0 log
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# permit icmp any any
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# permit any any
```

Example: Configuring PACL Mode and Applying IPv6 PACL on an Interface

```
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ipv6 access-list list1
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# exit
Device(config-if)# ipv6 traffic-filter list1 in
```

Example: IPv6 ACL Extensions for Hop by Hop Filtering

```
Device(config)# ipv6 access-list hbh_acl
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# permit tcp any any hbh
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# permit tcp any any
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# permit udp any any
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# permit udp any any hbh
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# permit hbh any any
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# permit any any
Device(config-ipv6-acl)# exit

! Assign an IP address and add the ACL on the interface.

Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/1
Device(config-if)# ipv6 address 1001::1/64
Device(config-if)# ipv6 traffic-filter hbh_acl in
Device(config-if)# exit
Device(config)# exit
Device# clear counters
Clear "show interface" counters on all interfaces [confirm]
Device#

! Verify the configurations.

Device# show running-config interface gigabitethernet 0/1
```

```

Building configuration...

Current configuration : 114 bytes
!
interface gigabitethernet 0/1
no switchport
ipv6 address 1001::1/64
ipv6 traffic-filter hbh_acl
end

```

Additional References for IPv6 Access Control Lists

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
For complete syntax and usage information for the commands used in this chapter.	Consolidated Platform Command Reference, Cisco IOS Release 15.2(7)Ex (Catalyst 2960-L Switches)
ACLs	For more information, see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Access Control Lists Overview" in the <i>Security Configuration Guide</i> • "Configuring IPv4 Access Control Lists" in the <i>Security Configuration Guide</i>

Feature History for IPv6 Access Control Lists

This table provides release and related information for features explained in this module.

These features are available on all releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS Release 15.2(5)E	IPv6 Access Control Lists	You can filter IPv6 traffic by creating IPv6 ACLs and applying them to interfaces similar to how you create and apply IPv4 named ACLs. You can also create and apply input router ACLs to filter Layer 3 management traffic.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform and software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to <http://www.cisco.com/go/cfn>.

