IP-Prefix and SGT-Based SXP Filtering

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Restrictions for IP-Prefix and Security Group Tag (SGT)-Based Security Exchange Protocol (SXP) Filtering

- No high availability support for the stateful synchronization of IP-Security Group Tag (SGT) bindings in an Security Exchange Protocol (SXP) database between active and standby devices.
- Filters applied to an existing connection will take effect only on the subsequent bindings that are exported or imported. The filters do not apply to any bindings that have been exported or imported prior to applying the filters.
- Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF)-specific filtering is not supported, and a filter specified for a peer IP is applicable across all VRFs on the device.
- SGT values in filter rules will be a list of single SGT numbers. SGT ranges are not supported.

Information About IP-Prefix and SGT-Based SXP Filtering

Overview

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The IP-to-SGT filtering allow systems to selectively import or export only bindings of interest. In an SXP connection, a filter can be configured on a device that acts either as a speaker or a listener, based on the filtering that happens during the export or import of bindings.

In the case of bidirectional SXP connections, filters are applied in either of the directions, based on whether a speaker or listener filter is configured. If a peer is a part of both the speaker and the listener filter groups, then filtering is applied in both directions.

Filters can be applied either on a peer-to-peer basis or globally (applicable to all SXP connections). In both cases, the filter can be applied on the speaker or the listener.

Filter Rules

A filter that needs to be applied on a device is created with a set of filter rules. Each filter rule specifies the action or actions to be taken for bindings with specific SGT values and/or IP-prefix values. Each binding is matched against the values specified in the filter rules; if a match is found, the corresponding action specified in the filter rule is applied. An action that can be applied on a selected binding is either a permit or a deny action. When a filter is enabled on the speaker or listener during the export or import of IP-SGT bindings, the bindings are filtered based on the filter rules.

If a rule is not specified for a binding in a filter list, the catch-all rule that is configured in the filter-list is executed. In the absence of a catch-all rule, the corresponding binding is implicitly denied.

Types of SXP Filtering

IP-SGT bindings are filtered in one of the following ways:

- SGT-based filtering: Filters IP-SGT bindings in an SXP connection based on the SGT value.
- IP-prefix based filtering: Filters IP-SGT bindings in an SXP connection based on the IP-prefix value.
- SGT and IP-prefix based filtering: Filter IP-SGT bindings in an SXP connection based on the SGT value and IP-prefix value.

A filter rule is applied on each of the IP-SGT binding.

How to Configure IP-Prefix and SGT-Based SXP Filtering

This section describes how to configure IP-prefix and SGT-cased SXP filtering.

Configuring SXP Filter List

In this step, a filter list is created to hold a set of rules. These rules filter the IP-SGT bindings by allowing bindings that are permitted, and blocking bindings that are denied. Each rule can be based on an SGT, IP prefix, or a combination of both the SGT and IP prefix.

If a filter list does not have a rule that matches a specific IP-SGT binding, the binding is implicitly denied unless a default or catch-all ruled is defined.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable**	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal**	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**cts sxp filter-list** *filter-name*	Configures a Cisco TrustSec filter list and enters filter-list configuration mode.
Step 4	*sequence-number* **permit ipv4** *ip-address/prefix* **deny sgt** *sgt-value*	Configures a filter list rule.
Step 5	**exit**	Exits filter-list configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 6	**cts sxp filter-list** *filter-name*	Configures a Cisco TrustSec filter list and enters filter list configuration mode.
Step 7	[*sequence-number*] **deny sgt** *sgt-value* **permit ipv6** *ipv6-address/prefix*	Configures a filter list rule.
Step 8	**exit**	Exits filter-list configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 9	**cts sxp filter-list** *filter-name*	Configures a Cisco TrustSec filter list and enters filter list configuration mode.
Step 10	[*sequence-number*] **permit ipv6** *ipv6-address/prefix* **permit** *sgt-value* **permit**	Configures a filter list rule.
Step 11	**end**	Exits filter-list configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring SXP Filter Group

In this step, a set of peers are combined into a group, and a filter list is applied to the group. A filter-group can either be defined as a speaker group or listener group. To apply the same filter list to all speakers or all listeners, you can create a global speaker filter group or a global listener filter group.

Note Only one filter list can be attached to a filter group.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable**	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal**	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**cts sxp filter-group listener** *listener-name*	Configures an SXP filter-group listener, and enters filter-group configuration mode.
Step 4	**filter** *filter-list-name*	Configures a filter list rule.
Step 5	**peer** *ipv4-address*	Configures the IP address of a peer.
Step 6	**exit**	Exits filter-group configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	**cts sxp filter-group speaker** *speaker-name*	Configures a voice VLAN on a multiple VLAN access port.
Step 8	**filter** *filter-list-name*	Configures a filter list name.
Step 9	**peer** *ipv4-address*	Configures the IP address of a peer.
Step 10	**end**	Exits filter-group configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuring a Global Listener or Speaker Filter Group

When configuring a global listener and global speaker filter group, the filter is applied to across the box for all SXP connections that are in listener or speaker mode.

When adding a filter-list to a filter group the currently configured set of filter lists on the box is displayed as a help string.

Note The **peer** command is not available for the global listener and global speaker filter-group.

Procedure

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Step 1	**enable**	Enables privileged EXEC mode.

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		• Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal**	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**cts sxp filter-group listener global** *filter-list-name*	Configures a global listener filter group.
Step 4	**cts sxp filter-group speaker global** *filter-list-name*	Configures a global speaker filter group.
Step 5	**end**	Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Enabling SXP Filtering

After the SXP filter list and filter groups are configured, you must enable filtering.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable**	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal**	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**cts sxp filter enable**	Configures a source template for the interface.
Step 4	**exit**	Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	**show cts sxp filter-list** *filter_name*	Displays the filter lists configured on the device along with the filter rules in each of the filter list.

Configuring the Default or Catch-All Rule

The default or catch-all rule is applied on IP-SGT bindings for which there was no match with any of the rules in the filter list. If a default rule is not specified, these IP-SGT bindings are denied.

Define the default or catch-all rule in the filter-list configuration mode of the corresponding filter list.

Procedure

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Step 1	**enable**	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	**configure terminal**	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**cts sxp filter-list** *filter-name*	Configures a Cisco TrustSec filter list and enters filter-list configuration mode.
Step 4	**permit ipv4** *ip-address/prefix*	Permits access if the conditions are matched.
Step 5	**deny ipv6** *ipv6-address/prefix*	Denies access if the conditions are matched.
Step 6	**permit sgt all**	Permits bindings corresponding to all SGTs.
Step 7	**end**	Exits filter-list configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Configuration Examples for IP-Prefix and SGT-Based SXP Filtering

The following sections show configuration examples of IP-prefix and SGT-based SXP filtering.

Example: Configuring an SXP Filter List

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# cts sxp filter-list filter1
Device(config-filter-list)# permit ipv4 10.1.1.0/24 deny sgt 3 4
Device(config-filter-list)# exit
Device(config)# cts sxp filter-list filter2
Device(config-filter-list)# permit sgt all
Device(config-filter-list)# exit
Device(config)# cts sxp filter-list filter3
Device(config-filter-list)# deny ipv6 2001:db8::1/64 permit sgt 67
Device(config-filter-list)# end
```

Example: Configuring an SXP Filter Group

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# cts sxp filter-group listener group1
Device(config-filter-group)# filter filter1
Device(config-filter-group)# peer 172.16.0.1 192.168.0.1
Device(config-filter-group)# exit
Device(config)# cts sxp filter-group listener global group2
Device(config)# end
```

Example: Enabling SXP Filtering

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# cts sxp filter-enable
Device(config)# end
```

Example: Configuring the Default or Catch-All Rule

The following example shows how to create a default prefix rule that permits bindings corresponding to all IPv4 and IPv6 addresses:

```
Device(config)# cts sxp filter-list filter1
Device(config-filter-list)# permit ipv4 10.0.0.0/0
Device(config-filter-list)# deny ipv6 2001:db8::1/0
```

The following example shows how to create a default SGT rule that permits bindings corresponding to all SGTs:

```
Device(config)# cts sxp filter-list filter_1
Device(config-filter-list)# permit sgt all
```

Verifying IP-Prefix and SGT-Based SXP Filtering

To verify the configuration, use the following commands:

The **debug cts sxp filter events** command is used to log events related to the creation, removal, and update of filter-lists and filter-groups. This command is also used to capture events related to the matching actions in a filtering process.

```
Device# debug cts sxp filter events
```

The following sample output from the **show cts sxp filter-group speaker** command displays SXP speaker filter groups:

```
Device# show cts sxp filter-group speaker group1
   Filter-group: group1
   Filter-name: filter1
   Peer-list: 172.16.0.1 192.168.0.1
```

The following sample output from the **show cts sxp filter-group listener** command displays SXP speaker listener groups:

```
Device# show cts sxp filter-group listener

Global Listener Filter: Not configured
   Filter-group: group1
   Filter-name: filter1
   Peer-list: 172.16.0.1 192.168.0.1
   Filter-group: group2
   Filter-name: filter1
```

```
   Peer-list: 192.0.2.1, 198.51.100.1, 203.0.113.1
```

The following sample output from the **show cts sxp filter-group speaker detailed** command displays detailed information about SXP speaker filter groups:

```
Device# show cts sxp filter-group speaker group1 detailed

   Filter-group: group1
   Filter-name: filter1
   Filter-rules:
      10 deny sgt 30
      20 deny prefix 10.1.0.0/16
      30 permit sgt 60-100
   Peer-list: 172.16.0.1 192.168.0.1
```

The following sample output from the **show cts sxp filter-group** command displays information about all configured filter groups:

```
Device# show cts sxp filter-group

Global Listener Filter: Not configured

Global Speaker Filter: Not configured

Listener Group:
   Filter-group: group1
   Filter-name: filter1
   Peer-list: 172.16.0.1 192.168.0.1
   Filter-group: group2
   Filter-name: filter1
   Peer-list: 192.0.2.1, 198.51.100.1, 203.0.113.1

Speaker Group:
   Filter-group: group3
   Filter-name: filter1
   Peer-list: 172.16.0.1 192.168.0.13
   Filter-group: group2
   Filter-name: filter1
   Peer-list: 192.0.2.1, 198.51.100.1, 203.0.113.1
```

The following sample output from the **show sxp filter-group detailed** command displays detailed information about all configured SXP filter groups:

```
Device# show cts sxp filter-group detailed

Global Listener Filter: Configured
   Filter-name: global1
   Filter-rules:
      10 deny 192.168.0.13/32
      20 deny sgt 100-200

Global Speaker Filter: Configured
   Filter-name: global2
   Filter-rules:
      10 deny 192.168.0.13/32
      20 deny sgt 100-200

Listener Group:
   Filter-group: group1
```

```
   Filter-name: filter1
   Filter-rules:
      10 deny sgt 30
      20 deny prefix 172.16.0.0/16
      30 permit sgt 60-100
   Peer-list: 172.16.0.1, 192.168.0.13

   Filter-group: group2
   Filter-name: filter1
   Filter-rules:
      10 deny sgt 30
      20 deny prefix 172.16.0.0/16
      30 permit sgt 60-100
   Peer-list: 192.0.2.1, 198.51.100.1, 203.0.113.1

Speaker Group
   Filter-group: group3
   Filter-name: filter1
   Filter-rules:
      10 deny sgt 30
      20 deny prefix 172.16.0.0/16
      30 permit sgt 60-100
   Peer-list: 10.10.10.1, 172.16.0.1, 192.168.0.13

   Filter-group: group2
   Filter-name: filter1
   Filter-rules:
      10 deny sgt 30
      20 deny prefix 172.16.0.0/16
      30 permit sgt 60-100
   Peer-list: 192.0.2.1, 198.51.100.1, 203.0.113.1
```

Syslog Messages for SXP Filtering

Syslog messages for SXP filtering are generated to indicate the various events related to filtering.

Syslog Messages for Filter Rules

The maximum number of rules that can be configured in a single filter is 128. The following message is generated every time the number of filter rules that is configured in a single filter increases by 20% of the limit:

```
CTS SXP filter rules exceed %[ ] threshold. Reached count of [count] out of [max] in filter
 [filter-name].
```

The following message is generated when the number of rules configured in a single filter reaches 95% of the maximum number of rules allowed for a filter list:

```
CTS SXP filter rules exceed [ ] threshold. Reached count of [count] out of [max] in filter
 [filter-name].
```

The following message is generated when the number of rules configured in a single filter reaches the maximum number of allowed rules, and no more rules can be added.

```
Reached maximum filter rules. Could not add new rule in filter [filter-name]
```

Syslog Messages for Filter Lists

The maximum number of filter lists that can be configured is 256. The following message is generated every time the number of filter lists that is configured increases by 20% of this limit:

```
CTS SXP filter rules exceed %[ ] threshold. Reached count of [count] out of [max] in filter
 [filter-name].
```

The following message is generated when the number of filter lists that is configured reaches 95% of the maximum number of allowed filter lists:

```
CTS SXP filter rules exceed %[ ] threshold. Reached count of [count] out of [max]
```

The following message is generated when the number of filter lists that is configured reaches the maximum number of allowed filter lists, and no more filter lists can be added:

```
Reached maximum filter count. Could not add new filter
```

Feature History for IP-Prefix and SGT-Based SXP Filtering

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

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

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.2	IP-Prefix and SGT-Based SXP Filtering	The IP-Prefix and SGT-Based SXP Filtering feature provides a filtering mechanism to solve the high IP-SGT bindings scale issue.
Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.9.1	IP-Prefix and SGT-Based SXP Filtering	This feature was implemented on the C9200CX-12P-2X2G, C9200CX-8P-2X2G, and C9200CX-12T-2X2G models.

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