

HTTP Gleaning

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Information About HTTP Gleaning

HTTP Gleaning Overview

The device sensor is used to gather endpoint data from network devices. The endpoint information helps to complete the profiling capability of devices. Profiling is the process of determining the endpoint type based on the information gleaned from various protocol packets from an endpoint during its connection to a network. The HTTP Gleaning feature allows the device sensor to extract the HTTP packet type, length, value (TLV) to get information about the type of the end device.

User-Agent is one such TLV that contains information such as end-device operating system details and the browser used for the operation. This information is gleaned by the device sensor. The device classifier can use this information to ascertain the device type.

HTTP User-Agent requires the following functionalities to support HTTP gleaning.

- HTTP packet handler
- HTTP packet header parser
- HTTP TLV gleaner (DSensor shim)

Device sensors use filters to include or exclude specific TLVs to be stored by the device sensor cache. The filter configuration is a two-step process.

- 1. Creating a protocol filter list.
- 2. Applying the protocol filter list to the filter specification.

The protocol filter list is a protocol-specific list that stores the list of TLVs that are configured as part of this list. You can configure any number of filter lists for a single protocol.

HTTP supports only one type of TLV. Hence, a filter list does not exist. HTTP gleaning is enabled by default. To stop the processing of HTTP TLVs by the device sensor, use the **device-sensor filter-spec http** command.

How to Configure HTTP Gleaning

Configuring the Device Sensor Filter Specification for the HTTP TLV

Before you begin

By default, the device sensor gleans the HTTP packets that are received from the client. However, the user can explicitly exclude the HTTP type, length, value (TLV) from gleaning.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.	
	Device> enable		
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device# configure terminal		
Step 3	device-sensor filter-spec http exclude all	Specifies that all TLVs should be excluded from the device sensor output.	
	Example:		
	Device(config)# device-sensor filter-spec http exclude all		
Step 4	end	Ends the current configuration session and	
	Example:	returns to privileged EXEC mode.	
	Device(config)# end		

Verifying HTTP Gleaning

The following is sample output from the **show device-sensor cache** [**all** | **interface** | **mac**] command. The output shows that the HTTP TLVs are gleaned by the device sensor.

Device# show device-sensor cache all

DHCP	54:server-identifier	6 36 04 CO A8 0A 01
DHCP	50:requested-address	6 32 04 CO A8 0A 16
DHCP	0:	8 00 06 44 AD D9 03 3B 00
DHCP	255:end	2 FF 00
DHCP	12:host-name	14 OC OC 73 70 72 61 73 61 64 73 2D 6D 61 63
DHCP	61:client-identifier	9 3D 07 01 C8 E0 EB 17 0B 6F
DHCP	57:max-message-size	4 39 02 05 DC
DHCP	55:parameter-request-list	11 37 09 01 03 06 0F 77 5F FC 2C 2E
DHCP	53:message-type	3 35 01 03

The following table describes the significant fields shown in the display:

Table 1: show device-sensor cache all Field Descriptions

Field	Description
Proto	Name of the protocol.
Type:Name	Type and name of the type, length, value (TLV).
Len	Length of the TLV
Value	Value of the TLV in hexadecimal format.

Additional References for HTTP Gleaning

Description	Link
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Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	

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Feature Information for HTTP Gleaning

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
HTTP Gleaning	Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1a	The HTTP Gleaning feature allows the device sensor to extract the HTTP packet type, length, value (TLV) to derive information about the type of the end device.

Table 2: Feature Information for HTTP Gleaning