



Configuring Secure Storage

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Information About Secure Storage

Secure Storage feature allows you to secure critical configuration information by encrypting it. It encrypts asymmetric key-pairs, pre-shared secrets, the type 6 password encryption key and certain credentials. An instance-unique encryption key is stored in the hardware trust anchor to prevent it from being compromised.

Enabling Secure Storage

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters the global configuration mode.
Step 2	service private-config-encryption Example: DEvice(config)# service private-config-encryption	Enables the Secure Storage feature on your device.
Step 3	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 4	write memory Example:	Encrypts the private-config file and saves the file in an encrypted format.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device# write memory	

Disabling Secure Storage

Before you begin

To disable Secure Storage feature on a device, perform this task:

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters the global configuration mode.
Step 2	no service private-config-encryption Example: Device(config)# no service private-config-encryption	Disables the Secure Storage feature on your device. When secure storage is disabled, all the user data is stored in plain text in the NVRAM.
Step 3	end Example: Device(config)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 4	write memory Example: Device# write memory	Decrypts the private-config file and saves the file in plane format.

Verifying the Status of Encryption

Use the **show parser encrypt file status** command to verify the status of encryption. The following command output indicates that the feature is available but the file is not encrypted. The file is in 'plain text' format.

```
Device#show parser encrypt file status
Feature: Enabled
File Format: Plain Text
Encryption Version: Ver1
```