



CHAPTER 4

Managing Identities and Admin Access

This chapter describes how Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) manages its network identities and access to its resources using role-based access control policies, permissions, and settings. Cisco ISE allows you to limit access to a set of network resources or allows a certain type of system operation to be performed based on the identity of individual users, a user group or members, or an endpoint based on its corresponding role. Each role in Cisco ISE defines a set of access policies, permissions, or settings.

A user, user group or member, or an endpoint is recognized by the Cisco ISE network according to its network identity. Once identified, the network grants the access and privileges that are defined and associated with the identity. The following topics provide information and details necessary for understanding the concepts that affect how you manage identities and network access in Cisco ISE:

- [Configuring Access for Users, Endpoints, Admins, Groups, Permissions, and Accounts, page 4-2](#)
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- [Understanding Identity Management Terminology, page 4-4](#)
- [Network Access Users, page 4-9](#)
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- [Managing Admin Access \(RBAC\) Policies, page 4-42](#)
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- [Endpoint Identity Groups, page 4-62](#)



Note

When you are ready to start configuring access for the Cisco ISE network users, endpoints, administrators, groups, permissions, and accounts, see [Configuring Access for Users, Endpoints, Admins, Groups, Permissions, and Accounts, page 4-2](#).

Configuring Access for Users, Endpoints, Admins, Groups, Permissions, and Accounts

This section is the starting point for configuring access for Cisco ISE network access and sponsor users, endpoints, administrators, user groups, permissions, accounts, and endpoint groups as described in the following topics:

- [Configuring Network Access and Sponsor Users, page 4-9](#)
- [Configuring Endpoints, page 4-16](#)
- [Configuring Cisco ISE Administrators, page 4-32](#)
- [Configuring Admin Groups, page 4-36](#)
- [Configuring User Identity Groups, page 4-39](#)
- [Filtering, Adding, and Removing Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-67](#)
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Understanding User Identities, Groups, and Admin Access

Once identified and authenticated, each Cisco ISE user, group, or endpoint can access system resources or services and perform network management tasks for which they are authorized. Identification and authentication requires the use of credentials (such as usernames, passwords, certificates, or one-time passwords) that verify each administrator, network access user, user or admin group member, and endpoint as being legitimate and authorized to perform the tasks or activities associated with its identity.

**Note**

An identity role is a set of administrative tasks, each with an associated set of permissions that apply to network users, administrators, groups, or endpoints. For example, an administrator can have more than one predefined role, and a role can apply to multiple administrators.

Identity roles limit each network access user, administrator, or endpoint to a specific set of privileges and access, which is based on identity, type of administrative group in which they belong, or type of endpoint. Each member of an administrative group shares a common set of group-based privileges that are granted to that group. Cisco ISE supports a number of administrative groups, each with a unique set of privileges.

Groups are a collection of individual users or endpoints that share a common set of privileges that allow them to access a specific set of Cisco ISE services and functionality. For example, if you belong to the Change User Password admin group, you can change administrative passwords for other users.

Cisco ISE contains a variety of administrative groups, each with its own set of privileges. Whenever a user is assigned to an administrative group, that user is automatically promoted to an Admin user for that group, and shares the same privileges as every other member of that group.

**Note**

Only the administrator who creates an administrative group can add, delete, or modify the members of that group. Simply being a member of an administrative group does not give that member any administrative privileges over that group.

The Cisco ISE security model limits administrators to creating administrative groups that contain the same set of privileges that the administrator has, which is based on the administrative role of the user as defined in the Cisco ISE database. In this way, administrative groups form the basis for defining privileges for accessing the Cisco ISE systems.

Admin access is the mechanism by which the network resources, services, or functions are defined by your role, and this mechanism affects access for every user, group, or endpoint. Role-based access determines what each entity can access, which is controlled with an access control policy. Role based access also determines the administrative role that is in use, the admin group in which the entity belongs, and the corresponding permissions and settings based upon the role of the entity.

There are three functional groupings for identity management and admin access in Cisco ISE, with each group containing one or more components:

- **Identities**

- Users—Defined based on user data and assigned role (for details, see [Table 4-1](#)). This component is where you can configure a network access user identity for accessing resources and services in a Cisco ISE network.
- Endpoints—Defined based on the MAC address, device policy, and device identity group to which this endpoint belongs (for details, see [Table 4-1](#)). This component is where you can configure a network-capable device identity that can connect to and access resources and services in a Cisco ISE network.

**Note**

In a Cisco ISE network, endpoints represent the total number of supported users and devices. This endpoint can be any combination of users, personal computers, laptops, IP phones, smart phones, gaming consoles, printers, fax machines, or other types of network devices. A distinction is made only in the following identity definitions to differentiate between network access users and Cisco ISE network endpoints.

- **Groups**

- User Identity Groups—Defined based on group name, description, members, group type, and assigned role (for details, see [Table 4-1](#)). This component is where you can configure a user group by the group or role name that can access resources and services in a Cisco ISE network.
- Endpoint Identity Groups—Defined based on group name, description, parent group, and endpoint type (for details, see [Table 4-1](#)). This component is where you can configure an endpoint group by the group or device name that can access resources and services in a Cisco ISE network.

- **Admin Access**

- Policies—Role-based access control (RBAC) policies defined by rule name, groups, and permissions (for details, see [Table 4-10](#)). This component is where you can configure RBAC policies that allow admin groups to access resources and services in a Cisco ISE network.
- Administrators—Defined based on admin user data, admin group, and assigned role (for details, see [Table 4-10](#)). This component is where you can create and manage administrators who can access resources and services in a Cisco ISE network.

- Admin Groups—Defined based on group name, description, members, group type, and assigned role (for details, see [Table 4-10](#)). This component is where you can create and manage administrator groups who can access resources and services in a Cisco ISE network.
- Permissions—Defined based on group name and role, description, and menu and data access permissions (for details, see [Table 4-10](#)). This component is where you can create and manage menu and data access permissions for admin groups to access resources and services in a Cisco ISE network.
- Settings—Defined based on IP address access permission, password policy, and session timeout values (for details, see [Table 4-10](#)). This component is where you can create and manage IP address-based access, password policy, and session timeout settings for users and groups to access resources and services in a Cisco ISE network.

For more information:

The following topics provide information about identity management and admin access terminology and the related user interface that is used in the Cisco ISE network:

- For more information on identity management terminology, see [Understanding Identity Management Terminology, page 4-4](#).
- For more information on managing user and group identities, see [Managing User Identity and Group Identity Types Using the User Interface, page 4-5](#).
- For more information on admin access terminology, see [Understanding Admin Access Terminology, page 4-26](#).

Understanding Identity Management Terminology

[Table 4-1](#) defines and describes basic identity management terminology that applies to the users, groups, group members, and endpoints in ISE.

Table 4-1 ISE Identity Management Terminology

Term	Description	Identity Role
User	<p>User identity is like a container that holds information elements about each user, which form network access credentials for this user. Each user's identity is defined by data that can include username, email address, password, account description, associated administrative group, user group, and role.</p> <p>A user role is a set of permissions that determine what tasks a user can perform or what services can be accessed on the ISE network.</p>	User (for example, a network access user)
Group	<p>Group identity is composed of information elements that identify and describe a specific group of users that belong to the same administrative group. A group name is also a description of the functional role that the members of this group have. A group is a listing of the users that belong to this group.</p> <p>A group role is the set of permissions that determine the tasks each member of this group can perform or the services that can be accessed on the Cisco ISE network. Because common privileges are assigned to a group, any member of that group has that defined set of permissions.</p>	Group (for example, the System Admin group)

Table 4-1 ISE Identity Management Terminology (continued)

Term	Description	Identity Role
Group Member	<p>Group members are individual users that belong to a specific administrative group, and are listed in the Member User table for the group. The Member User table includes information about each member, including the user status (Enabled or Disabled), email address, user name, and user information (using the format: First Name, Last Name).</p> <p>Groups allow you to map individual users to a group, and in this way, confer a role-based identity and privileges associated with the group on each member. By using the Member User table, Cisco ISE allows you to filter entries in a group and add or remove entries in the table.</p> <p>Because group identity and privileges are shared by all members of the group, being a member of a group can also be used as a condition in authorization policies.</p> <p>A group member role is a set of permissions that determine the tasks a user (by virtue of being a member of a group) can perform or the services that can be accessed on the Cisco ISE network.</p>	Group member (for example, a member of the Network Device Admin group)
Endpoints	<p>From the Cisco ISE network perspective, concurrent endpoints can be users, personal computers, laptops, IP phones, smart phones, gaming consoles, printers, fax machines, or any other devices supported by the Cisco ISE network.</p> <p>However, from the perspective of the identity role of a specific network device, an endpoint identity defines these items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The network-capable device type • How the device connects to your Cisco ISE network • The network resources that can be used through wired, wireless network access devices (NADs), or by using a virtual private network (VPN) connection <p>An endpoint role is a set of permissions that determine the tasks that the device can perform or services that can be accessed on the Cisco ISE network.</p>	Endpoint device (for example, an iPhone device)

For more information:

- For more information on administrators and admin groups, see [Table 4-10](#).
- For more information on permissions and settings, see [Table 4-10](#).
- For more information on admin group role types, see [Table 4-11](#).

Managing User Identity and Group Identity Types Using the User Interface

Use the Cisco ISE dashboard as your starting point for displaying and performing the operations that allow you to manage network access users, endpoints, user identity, and endpoint identity groups. You perform management operations by using the controls, tabs, and navigation pane options for the following tasks:

- To configure users—Choose Administration > Identity Management > Identities
- To configure Endpoints—Choose Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Endpoints

- To configure user identity groups—Choose Administration > Identity Management > Groups > User Identity Groups
- To configure endpoint identity groups—Choose Administration > Identity Management > Groups > Endpoint Identity Groups

The following identifies the Cisco ISE user interface tab or menu option choices needed to perform tasks associated with users and endpoints:

- Identities—Users
 - Display the currently configured user identities.
 - Create new user identities.
 - Modify or delete existing user identities.
 - Change the status of existing user identities.
 - Import or export user identities using comma-separated value (.csv) files.
 - Duplicate an existing user identity (you can use this identity as a template to create other user identities).
 - Filter or search for existing user identities based on search criteria you configure.
- Identities—Endpoints
 - Display the currently configured endpoint identities.
 - Create new endpoint identities.
 - Modify or delete existing endpoint identities.
 - Import or export endpoint identities using .csv files.
 - Filter or search for existing endpoint identities based on search criteria you configure.

The following identifies the ISE user interface tab or menu option choices needed to perform tasks that are associated with User Identity Groups and Endpoint Identity Groups:

- Identity Groups—User Identity Groups
 - Display the currently configured user identity groups.
 - Create new user identity groups.
 - Modify or delete existing user identity groups.
 - Import or export user identity groups using .csv files.
 - Filter or search for existing user identity groups based on search criteria you configure.
- Identity Groups—Endpoint Identity Groups
 - Display the currently configured endpoint identity groups.
 - Create new endpoint identity groups.
 - Modify or delete existing endpoint identity groups.
 - Filter or search for existing endpoint identity groups based on search criteria you configure.

Table 4-2 lists the configurable user and group identity values you can set using the controls and options available in the Identities tab.

Table 4-2 Cisco ISE User and Group Identity Values

Tab or Sub Tab	User Interface Page Functions	Panel	Values
Identities: Users			
<i>Your starting point for managing network access user values</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit • Add • Change Status • Import • Export • Delete • Duplicate • Filter 	Network Access User	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name* • Email
		Password	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Password* • Re-Enter Password*
		User Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Name • Last Name
		Account Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description • Password Change check box (change on next login)
		User Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group affiliation
		Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabled • Disabled
Identities: Endpoints			
<i>Your starting point for managing endpoint values</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit • Create • Delete • Import • Export • Filter 	Endpoints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAC Address* • Policy Assignment • Identity Group Assignment

Table 4-2 Cisco ISE User and Group Identity Values (continued)

Tab or Sub Tab	User Interface Page Functions	Panel	Values
Groups: User Identity Groups			
<i>Your starting point for managing user identity group and member values</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit • Add • Delete • Filter • Import • Export 	Identity Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name* • Description
		Member Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Status – Email – Username – First Name – Last Name
Groups: Endpoint Identity Groups			
<i>Your starting point for managing endpoint identity group values</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edit • Create • Delete • Filter 	Endpoint Group List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name* • Description • Parent Group
		Endpoints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity Group Endpoints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MAC Address

**Note**

Configurable values marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

When you create an identity, you can configure or assign account options using the Account Options panel. To configure or assign account options, check the **Password Change** check box, which prompts each user to change their password at the next login.

**Note**

Only administrators that belong to the Identity Admin group are allowed to perform this same function for administrators.

To complete the configuration using your choices for user or endpoint identity types, click **Submit** to create these identities in the ISE database.

For more information:

- For more information on configuring users, see [Configuring Network Access and Sponsor Users, page 4-9](#).
- For more information on configuring endpoints, see [Endpoints, page 4-14](#).
- For more information on configuring user identity groups, see [Configuring User Identity Groups, page 4-39](#).
- For more information on configuring endpoint identity groups, see [Filtering, Creating, Editing, and Deleting Endpoint Identity Groups, page 4-63](#).
- For more information on configuring endpoints in an endpoint identity group, see [Filtering, Adding, and Removing Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-67](#).

Network Access Users

A network user is a Cisco ISE user that is authorized to access the ISE network resources based on identity. The network access user identity contains information about the user and forms the network access credentials for the user (and can consist of username, email address, password, account description, associated administrative group, user group, and role). To support Cisco ISE Sponsor groups, you need to explicitly create a sponsor user to be associated with a predefined sponsor groups. A sponsor user can be considered as another type of network access user and is created using the same process in the following procedure.

**Note**

For specific details about sponsor users and sponsor groups, see [Cisco Identity Services Engine Sponsor Portal User Guide, Release 1.0](#).

Configuring Network Access and Sponsor Users

The Network Access Users window lets you display, create, modify, delete, change the status, import or export users, duplicate, or search for attributes of Cisco ISE network access users. The following topics are covered in this section:

- [Displaying Existing Network Access Users, page 4-9](#)
- [Creating a New Network Access or Sponsor User, page 4-10](#)
- [Modifying an Existing Network Access User, page 4-10](#)
- [Deleting an Existing Network Access User, page 4-11](#)
- [Changing the Status of an Existing Network Access User, page 4-11](#)
- [Importing or Exporting Existing Network Access Users, page 4-11](#)
- [Duplicating an Existing Network Access User, page 4-13](#)
- [Searching for Specific Attributes in an Existing Network Access User, page 4-13](#)

**Warning**

Read-only functionality is unavailable for any administrative access in Cisco ISE, Release 1.0. Regardless of the level of access, any admin account can modify or delete objects for which it has permission, on any screen it can access.

Displaying Existing Network Access Users

Use this procedure to display all existing locally configured network access users.

To display existing network access users, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Users**.
The Network Access Users window appears listing all existing locally defined network access users.
- Step 2** (Optional) To create a new network access user, click the **Action** icon and choose **Create A Network Access User**.

Creating a New Network Access or Sponsor User

Use this procedure to create and configure new locally configured network access users or the required sponsor user necessary for Cisco ISE Sponsor groups.



Note

For specific details about sponsor users and sponsor groups, see [Cisco Identity Services Engine Sponsor Portal User Guide, Release 1.0](#).

To create a new network access user or sponsor user, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Users**.
The Network Access Users window appears listing all locally configured network access users.
- Step 2** Click **Add (+)** to create a new network access user.
The Network Access User page appears.
- Step 3** Enter values for the following Network Access User fields (for details, see Network Access Users in [Table 4-2 on page 4-7](#)).
- Network Access User and Status



Note

Use the best practice to include no spaces when creating the name for a network access user.

- Password
 - User Information
 - Account Options
 - User Groups
- Step 4** Click **Submit** to create a new network access user or sponsor user in the Cisco ISE database.
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Modifying an Existing Network Access User

Use this procedure to modify the configuration values for an existing locally configured network access user.

To modify an existing network access user, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Users**.
The Network Access Users window appears listing all locally configured network access users.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the network access user that you want to modify, and click **Edit**.
The corresponding Network Access User page appears.
- Step 3** Modify the values in the Network Access User fields that you want to change.
- Network Access User and Status
 - Password

- User Information
- Account Options
- User Groups

Step 4 Click **Save** to save your modified network access user in the Cisco ISE database.

Deleting an Existing Network Access User

Use this procedure to delete an existing locally configured network access user.

To delete an existing network access user, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Users**.
The Network Access Users window appears listing all locally configured network access users.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the network access user that you want to delete.
- Step 3** Click **Delete** to delete the network access user you selected.
- Step 4** Click **OK** in the confirmation dialog box to confirm that you want to delete this network access user.
The Network Access User page appears with the modified status.
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Changing the Status of an Existing Network Access User

Use this procedure to change the status of an existing locally configured network access user.

To change the status of an existing network access user, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Users**.
The Network Access Users window appears listing all locally configured network access users.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the network access user whose status you want to change, and click **Change Status > Change Status of Selected**.
The Network Access User page appears with the modified status.
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Importing or Exporting Existing Network Access Users

Use the following procedures to import or export locally configured network access users.

To import existing network access users, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Users**.
The Network Access Users window appears listing all locally configured network access users.

Step 2 Click **Import** to import network access users from a comma-delimited text file.

The Import Users from File page appears.

- In the **File** field, enter the filename containing the network access users to import, or click **Browse** and navigate to the location where the file resides.
- Check the **Create new user(s) and update existing user(s) with new data** check boxes if you want to both create new network access users and update existing network access users.



Note

If this check box option is not selected during the import process, only a new user (or users) is created and existing users are not affected by any updates.

Step 3 (Optional) If you do not have a comma-delimited text file, click **Generate a Template** to create this type of file, which includes the following data fields:

- User Name
- First Name
- Last Name
- Email
- User Details
- Password
- Is Password Encrypted True/False
- Enable User Yes/No

Step 4 (Optional) Click **Go Back** to return to the previous window if you decide not to perform an import operation.

Step 5 Click **Save** to save your changes to the Cisco ISE database.

Use this procedure to import locally configured network access users.

To export existing network access users, complete the following steps:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Users**.

The Network Access Users window appears listing all locally configured network access users.

Step 2 Check the check box that corresponds to the network access user(s) that you want to export.

Step 3 Click **Export Selected**.

The Export Network Access User window is displayed, where you are required to enter a key for encrypting the password in the **Key** field.

Step 4 Click **Start Export** to create a users.csv file with the network access user(s) that you selected to export.

The Opening users.csv dialog box appears with two options to choose.

- Click the **Open with** radio button and choose the application to use to open the users.csv file from the drop-down list (the default is Microsoft Office Excel).
Click **Other...** to display additional choices.
- Once you have made your choice, click the **Save File** radio button to save the users.csv file in the format you selected.



Note Check the **Do this automatically for files like this from now** on check box to standardize this process.

- c. Click **OK** to export the users.csv file containing the network access users you selected.
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Duplicating an Existing Network Access User

Use this procedure to duplicate an existing network access user.

To duplicate an existing network access user, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Users**.
The Network Access Users window appears listing all locally configured network access users.
 - Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the network access user that you want to duplicate, and click **Duplicate**.
The Network Access Users window appears with the duplicated status.
 - Step 3** Modify the duplicated network access user as necessary.
 - Step 4** Click **Submit** to save this new network access user.
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Searching for Specific Attributes in an Existing Network Access User

Use this procedure to search for an existing network access user based on specific attributes.

To search for an existing network access user using specific attributes, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Users**.
The Network Access Users window appears listing all locally configured network access users.
 - Step 2** Click **Filter** and choose from one of the following options:
 - Quick Filter (see Step 3)
 - Advanced Filter (see Step 4)
 - Step 3** To perform a Quick Filter, perform the following:
 - a. Enter search criteria in one or more of the following attribute fields:
 - Status
 - Name
 - Description
 - First Name
 - Last Name
 - User Identity Groups
 - Admin

- b. To filter, click the **Go** button in each field.

Network access user entries that match the specified attribute(s) are displayed in the Network Access Users page.

Step 4 To perform an Advanced Filter, perform the following:

- a. Create a matching rule in the **Filter** drop-down list by choosing one of the following options:
 - Admin
 - Description
 - First Name
 - Last Name
 - Name
 - Status
 - User Identity Groups
 - b. In the second drop-down list, choose one of the following options:
 - Contains
 - Does not contain
 - Does not equal
 - Ends with
 - Is empty
 - Is exactly (or equals)
 - Is greater than
 - Is greater than or equal to
 - Is less than
 - Is less than or equal to
 - Is not empty
 - Starts with
 - c. In the text box, enter your desired search value.
 - d. Click **Go** to launch the filter process, or click plus (+) to add additional search criteria.
 - e. Click **Clear Filter** to reset the filter process.
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Endpoints

An endpoint is typically a network-capable device that connects to your network and uses the resources on your network through wired and wireless NADs and VPNs. Endpoints can be personal computers, laptops, IP phones, smart phones, gaming consoles, printers, and fax machines.

The MAC address of an endpoint, expressed in hexadecimal form, is always used to represent the endpoint on your network. An endpoint can be profiled statically when you create the endpoint by using its MAC address, and associating a profile to it along with an endpoint identity group in Cisco ISE.

When endpoints are discovered on your network, they can be profiled dynamically based on the configured endpoint profiling policies, and assigned to the matching endpoint identity groups depending on their profiles.

Policy Assignment

If you do not have a matching profiling policy, you can assign an unknown profiling policy. The endpoint is therefore profiled as Unknown. The endpoint that does not match any profile is grouped within the Unknown identity group. The endpoint profiled to the Unknown profile requires that you create a profile with an attribute or a set of attributes collected for that endpoint.

Identity Group Assignment

You can assign an endpoint to an identity group when you create an endpoint statically, or when you do not want to use the Create matching identity group option during evaluation of the endpoint profiling policy for an endpoint. If you do not choose the Static Group Assignment option, then the endpoint is automatically assigned to the matching identity group the next time during evaluation of the endpoint profiling policy.

Static Assignment

You can change the assignment of an endpoint from static to dynamic or from dynamic to static on the Endpoints page. The Endpoints page displays the static assignment status of endpoints as true when an endpoint is created statically, or false when the Static Assignment check box is unchecked during editing an endpoint on the Endpoints page.

Static Group Assignment

You can assign an endpoint to an identity group statically. In such cases, the Profiler service does not change the identity group the next time during the policy evaluation for these endpoints, which are previously assigned dynamically to endpoint identity groups in Cisco ISE.

The following section describes the procedure on how to manage endpoints in Cisco ISE:

[Configuring Endpoints, page 4-16](#)

Related Topics:

[Endpoint Identity Groups, page 4-62](#)



Note

For more information on endpoints and endpoint profiling in Cisco ISE networks, see [Chapter 17, “Configuring Endpoint Profiling Policies”](#).

Configuring Endpoints

The Endpoints page allows you to display, configure, and manage endpoints on your network, which provides an option to filter endpoints. You can create an endpoint statically on the Endpoints page. The Endpoints page displays the list of all the endpoints and their associated profiles, MAC addresses, and the status of static assignment as true or false.

This section describes the basic operations that allow you to manage an endpoint, an identity that accesses your network. The following topics are covered in this section:

- [Filtering Endpoints, page 4-16](#)
- [Creating an Endpoint, page 4-18](#)
- [Editing an Endpoint, page 4-19](#)
- [Deleting an Endpoint, page 4-20](#)
- [Importing Endpoints, page 4-21](#)
- [Importing Endpoints from an LDAP Server, page 4-23](#)
- [Exporting Endpoints, page 4-25](#)

Filtering Endpoints

A quick filter is a simple and quick filter that can be used to filter endpoints on the Endpoints page. It filters endpoints based on the field descriptions such as the endpoint profile, MAC address, and the static status that is assigned to endpoints when they are created on the Endpoints page.

An advanced filter is a complex filter that can also be preset for use later and retrieved, along with the results on the Endpoints page. It filters endpoints based on a specific value associated with the field description. You can add or remove filters, as well as combine a set of filters into a single advanced filter. Once created and saved, the Show drop-down lists all of the preset filters. You can choose a preset filter and view the results on the Endpoints page.

To filter endpoints on the Endpoints page, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities**.
- Step 2** From the Identities menu, choose **Endpoints** (menu).
The Endpoints page appears, which lists all the endpoints that are discovered on your network.
- Step 3** From the Endpoints page, click the >> icon.
- Step 4** Choose **Filter**.
The Quick Filter and Advanced Filter options appear. See [Table 4-3](#).
- Step 5** From the Filter menu, choose the filter option.
For more information, see the [“To filter using the Quick Filter option, complete the following steps:” section on page 4-17](#) and [“To filter using the Advanced Filter option, complete the following steps:” section on page 4-17](#)
- Step 6** From the Show drop-down, choose a preset filter.
The preset filter displays the filtered results on the Endpoints page. To return to the endpoints list, choose **All** from the Show drop-down to display all the endpoints without filtering.
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To filter using the Quick Filter option, complete the following steps:

A quick filter filters endpoints based on each field description on the Endpoints page. When you click inside any field, and as you enter the search criteria in the field, it refreshes the page with the results on the Endpoints page. If you clear the field, it displays the list of all the endpoints on the Endpoints page.

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- Step 1** To filter, click the **Go** button in each field to refresh the page with the results displayed on the Endpoints page.
- Endpoint entries that match the specified attribute(s) are displayed on the Endpoints page.
- Step 2** To clear the field, click the **Clear** button in each field.
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To filter using the Advanced Filter option, complete the following steps:

An advanced filter enables you to filter endpoints by using variables that are more complex. It contains one or more filters that filter endpoints based on the values that match the field descriptions. A filter on a single row filters endpoints based on each field description and the value that you define in the filter. Multiple filters can be used to match the value(s) and filter endpoints by using any one or all of the filters within a single advanced filter.

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- Step 1** To view and choose the field description, click the drop-down arrow.
- Step 2** To view and choose the operator, click the drop-down arrow.
- Step 3** Enter the value for the field description that you selected.
- Step 4** Click the **Add Row** (plus [+] sign) button to add a filter, or click the **Remove Row** (minus [-] sign) button to remove a filter.
- Step 5** Choose **All** to match the value in each filter, or **Any** to match the value in any one of the filters.
- Step 6** Click **Go** to start filtering.
- Step 7** Click the **Save** icon to save the filter.

The Save Preset Filter dialog appears. Enter a file name to save the filter and click **Save**. Do not include spaces when creating the name for a preset filter. Click **Cancel** to clear the filter without saving the current filter.



- Note** Any preset filter that you create and save is browser-based only and is only accessible using the same browser type (preset filters are not saved in the Cisco ISE database). For example, any preset filter you create and save using a Firefox version 3.6.x browser will not be accessible by a Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE8) browser (or vice versa).
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Table 4-3 describes the fields that allow you to filter endpoints on the Endpoints page.

Table 4-3 Filtering Endpoints

Filtering Method	Filtering Field	Filtering Field Description
Quick Filter	Endpoint Profile	This field enables you to filter endpoints by the name of the endpoint profile.
	MAC Address	This field enables you to filter endpoints by the MAC address of the endpoint.
	Static Assignment	This field enables you to filter endpoints by the endpoint static assignment status.
Advanced Filter	Choose the field description from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endpoint Profile • MAC address • Static Assignment 	Click the drop-down arrow to choose the field description.
	Operator	From the Operator field, click the drop-down arrow to choose an operator that can be used to filter endpoints.
	Value	From the Value field, choose the value for the field description that you selected against which the endpoints are filtered.

Creating an Endpoint

You can create a new endpoint statically by using the MAC address of an endpoint on the Endpoints page. You have an option to choose an endpoint profiling policy, and an identity group on the Endpoints page for static assignment. Cisco ISE does not reassign the profiling policy and the identity group for statically assigned endpoints.

To create an endpoint on the Endpoints page, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities**.
 - Step 2** Choose **Endpoints**.
The Endpoints page appears.
 - Step 3** From the Endpoints page, choose **Create**.
The New Endpoint page appears.
 - Step 4** Modify the values on the New Endpoint page, as shown in [Table 4-4](#).
 - Step 5** Click **Submit**.
The endpoint that you create appears on the Endpoints page.
 - Step 6** Click **Cancel** to return to the Endpoints page.
Alternatively, you can click the **Endpoint List** link from the New Endpoint page to return to the Endpoints page.
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Table 4-4 describes the fields that allow you to create an endpoint on the Endpoints page.

Table 4-4 *Creating Endpoints*

Field Name	Description
MAC Address	Enter the MAC address in hexadecimal form (for example, nn:nn:nn:nn:nn:nn). If you do not enter the MAC address in hexadecimal form, this field prompts you with the following message: Invalid MAC address. Please enter MAC address as nn:nn:nn:nn:nn:nn
Policy Assignment	From the Policy Assignment field, click the drop-down arrow to view the predefined endpoint profiling policies that can be assigned. Choose an endpoint profiling policy.
Identity Group Assignment	From the Identity Group Assignment field, click the drop-down arrow to view existing identity groups in the system. Choose an identity group.

Editing an Endpoint

You can only edit the policy that is assigned to endpoints and the identity group while editing endpoints.

To edit an endpoint on the Endpoints page, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities**.
- Step 2** Choose **Endpoints**.
The Endpoints page appears.
- Step 3** From the Endpoints page, choose an endpoint, and then choose **Edit**.
Here, you can edit the endpoint profiling policy and the identity group for the selected endpoint. The Attribute List displays the attributes captured for that selected endpoint when created.
- Step 4** Modify the values on the edit page, as shown in Table 4-5.



Note You can only edit the endpoint profiling policy and the identity group for an endpoint.

- Step 5** Click **Submit**.
The endpoint that you edit appears on the Endpoints page.
- Step 6** Click **Cancel** to return to the Endpoints page.
Alternatively, you can click the **Endpoint List** link to return to the Endpoints page.
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Table 4-5 describes the fields that allow you to edit an endpoint on the Endpoints page.

Table 4-5 **Editing Endpoints**

Field Name	Description
MAC address	The MAC address of the selected endpoint is displayed in hexadecimal form.
Policy Assignment	From the Policy Assignment field, click the drop-down arrow to view the predefined endpoint profiling policies that can be assigned. Choose an endpoint profiling policy.
Static Assignment	To change the dynamic status that is assigned to the endpoint, check the Static Assignment check box.
Identity Group Assignment	From the Identity Group Assignment field, click the drop-down arrow to view existing identity groups in the system. Choose an identity group.
Static Group Assignment	To change a dynamic assignment of an endpoint identity group to static, check the Static Group Assignment check box. If the check box is not checked, then the endpoint identity group is dynamic as assigned by the profiler based on policy configuration.

Deleting an Endpoint

You can delete all the endpoints or only the endpoints that you choose from the list on the Endpoints page. The Delete menu has two options: Delete All, which allows you to delete all the endpoints from the list on the Endpoints page, or Delete Selected, which allows you to delete endpoints that you choose from the list on the Endpoints page.

To delete an endpoint from the Endpoints page, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities**.
 - Step 2** Choose **Endpoints**.
The Endpoints page appears.
 - Step 3** From the Endpoints page, choose **Delete**.
The Delete Selected and Delete All options appear.
 - Step 4** From the Endpoints page, choose endpoints that you want to delete from the list.
 - Step 5** Choose **Delete Selected** or **Delete All**.
A confirmation dialog appears.
 - Step 6** Click **OK** to delete endpoints or click **Cancel** to return to the Endpoints page.
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Importing Endpoints

You can import endpoints from a comma-separated values (CSV) file in which the list of endpoints appears with the MAC address and the endpoint profiling policy details separated by a comma. The CSV file contains a header row that has two columns that list the MAC address of endpoints in one column, and endpoint profiling policies assigned to those endpoints in the next column.

If the CSV file contains endpoints that have their MAC addresses, and their assigned endpoint profiling policy is the Unknown profile, then those endpoints are immediately reprofiled in Cisco ISE to the matching endpoint profiling policies. However, they are not statically assigned to the Unknown profile. If endpoints do not have profiles assigned to them in the CSV file, then they are assigned to the Unknown profile and reprofiled to the matching endpoint profiling policies.

For example, [Table 4-6](#) shows how Cisco ISE reprofiles Unknown profiles that match the Xerox_Device profile during import. It also shows how Cisco ISE reprofiles an endpoint that is unassigned.

Table 4-6 *Unknown Profiles: Import From a File*

MAC	Endpoint Profiling Policy Assigned Before Import in Cisco ISE	Endpoint Profiling Policy Assigned After Import in Cisco ISE
00:00:00:00:01:02	Unknown	Xerox-Device
00:00:00:00:01:03	Unknown	Xerox-Device
00:00:00:00:01:04	Unknown	Xerox-Device
00:00:00:00:01:05	If there is no profile assigned to an endpoint, then it is assigned to the Unknown profile, and also reprofiled to the matching profile.	Xerox-Device

If the CSV file contains endpoints that have their MAC addresses, and their assigned endpoint profiling policy is the static assignment, then they are not reprofiled during import. If endpoints are assigned to invalid profiles in the CSV file, then they are not imported because there are no matching profiles in Cisco ISE.

For example, [Table 4-7](#) shows how Cisco ISE retains the Cisco-Device profile, the static assignment of an endpoint during import. It also shows that endpoints are not imported when they are assigned to invalid profiles in the CSV file.

Table 4-7 *Static Assignment: Import From a File*

MAC	Endpoint Profiling Policy Assigned Before Import in Cisco ISE	Endpoint Profiling Policy Assigned After Import in Cisco ISE
00:00:00:00:01:02	Cisco-Device	Cisco-Device
00:00:00:00:01:03	Unknown	Xerox-Device
00:00:00:00:01:04	Unknown	Xerox-Device
00:00:00:00:01:05	If an endpoint such as 00:00:00:00:01:05 is assigned to an invalid profile other than the profiles in Cisco ISE, then Cisco ISE displays a warning message that the policy name is invalid and the endpoint will not be imported.	The endpoint is not imported because there is no matching profile in Cisco ISE.

Generating a Template

By default, you can use the Generate a Template link to create a CSV file in the Microsoft Office Excel application and save the file locally on your system. When you click the Generate a Template link, the Cisco ISE server displays the Opening template.csv dialog.

This dialog allows you to open the template.csv file, or save the template.csv file locally on your system. If you choose to open the template.csv file from the dialog, the file opens in the Microsoft Office Excel application. The file contains a header row that displays the MAC and Endpoint Policy columns.

Table 4-8 displays the header row in the template.csv file that is created by using the Generate a Template link:

Table 4-8 CSV Template File

MAC	Endpoint Policy
00:1f:f3:4e:c1:8e	Cisco-Device

To import endpoints from a CSV file on the Endpoints page, complete the following steps:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities**.

Step 2 Choose **Endpoints**.

The Endpoints page appears.

Step 3 From the Endpoints page, choose **Import**.

Step 4 From Import, choose **Import From File** and browse to locate the file that you have already exported from the Cisco ISE server.

The file format has to be in the format as specified so that the list of endpoints appears as follows: MAC, Endpoint Policy.

You can also use the Generate a Template link to create a template and save the file. When you use this link, a default template .csv file is created with the following values: 00:22:5e:4d:fe:01, Unknown. You must update the MAC address of endpoints and their profiles and save the file with a different file name. You can use this saved file for importing endpoints. The Microsoft Office Excel application is the default application to open the .csv files.



Note Please format the file so that your list of endpoints appears as follows: MAC, Endpoint Policy. For example, 00:22:5e:4d:fe:01, Unknown.

Step 5 Perform one of the following tasks:

- Click **Submit**, and the endpoints that are imported appear on the Endpoints page.
 - Click **Cancel** to return to the Endpoints page.
 - Click the **Endpoint List** link from the Import Endpoints page to return to the Endpoints page.
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Importing Endpoints from an LDAP Server

Prerequisite:

Before you import from an LDAP sever, ensure that you have installed the LDAP server.

To import endpoints from an LDAP server, complete the following tasks:

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- Step 1** Deploy the Cisco ISE for your network.
- Step 2** Start the LDAP server.
- Step 3** Configure the following connection settings:
- a. Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Endpoints > Import > Import From LDAP**.
 - b. Enter the value for the fields for the connection settings, as shown in [Table 4-9 on page 4-24](#).
 - Host
 - Port
 - Enable Secure Connection
 - Root CA Certificate Name
 - Anonymous Bind
 - Admin DN
 - Password
 - Base DN
-  **Note** You enable either the Anonymous Bind check box, or enter the LDAP administrator credentials from the slapd.conf configuration file.
- c. Enter the value for the fields for the query settings, as shown in [Table 4-9 on page 4-24](#).
 - MAC Address objectClass
 - MAC Address Attribute Name
 - Profile Attribute Name
 - Time Out
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The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) is an application protocol that uses an LDAP directory to query and import data from the LDAP directory. LDAP is an external identity store in Cisco ISE. A directory is a set of objects with attributes that are organized in a logical and hierarchical manner. It is a tree of directory entries that contains a set of attributes. An attribute has a name, and one or more values that are defined in the schema and stored in an LDAP Data Interchange Format (LDIF) file that you use to import the attribute.

Cisco ISE allows you to import MAC addresses and the associated profiles of endpoints securely from an LDAP server. You can use an LDAP server to import endpoints and the associated profiles by using either port 389, or securely over SSL by using port 636.

You have to configure the connection settings and query settings to import from an LDAP server. If the connection settings or query settings are configured incorrectly in Cisco ISE, then the “LDAP import failed:” error message appears.

Root CA Certificate Name

The root certificate authority (CA) certificate name refers to the trusted CA certificate that is required to connect to an LDAP server. You can add (import), edit, delete, and export trusted CA certificates.

Configuring Importing of Endpoints from an LDAP server over SSL

You can import MAC addresses and the associated profiles of endpoints securely from an LDAP server.

To import endpoints from an LDAP server over SSL, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities**.
- Step 2** Choose **Endpoints**.
The Endpoints page appears.
- Step 3** From the Endpoints page, choose **Import**.
- Step 4** From Import, choose **Import From LDAP**.
- Step 5** Modify the values on the Import Endpoints from LDAP page, as shown in [Table 4-9](#).
- Step 6** Perform one of the following tasks:
- Click **Submit** and the endpoints, which are imported from an LDAP server, appear on the Endpoints page.
 - Click **Cancel** to return to the Endpoints page.
 - Click the **Endpoint List** link from the Import Endpoints from LDAP page to return to the Endpoints page.
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[Table 4-9](#) describes the fields that allow you to import endpoints from an LDAP server on the Endpoints page.

Table 4-9 Importing from LDAP

Field Name	Description
Host	Enter the hostname or the IP address of an LDAP server.
Port	Enter the configured port of an LDAP server. Note To import from an LDAP server, use port number 389. To import from an LDAP server over SSL, use port number 636.
Enable Secure Connection	To import from an LDAP server over SSL, check the Enable Secure Connection check box.
Root CA Certificate Name	Click the drop-down arrow to view the trusted CA certificates.
Anonymous Bind	To enable the anonymous bind, check the Anonymous Bind check box.
Admin DN	Enter the distinguished name (DN) configured for the LDAP administrator in the slapd.conf configuration file.

Table 4-9 *Importing from LDAP (continued)*

Field Name	Description
Password	Enter the password configured for the LDAP administrator in the slapd.conf configuration file.
Base DN	Enter the distinguished name of the parent entry. Note You can find the distinguished name of the parent entry from the LDIF file that you use for import. For example, dc=cisco, dc=com
MAC Address objectClass	Enter the query filter from the LDIF file, which is used for importing the MAC address, for example, ieee802Device.
MAC Address Attribute Name	Enter the returned attribute name from the LDIF file, which you use for import. For example, macAddress.
Profile Attribute Name	Enter the surname of the parent entry. Note You can find the surname of the parent entry in the LDIF file that you use for import. For example, sn.
Time Out [seconds]	Enter the time in seconds between 1 and 60 seconds.

Exporting Endpoints

You can export selected or all the endpoints from the Cisco ISE server to different Cisco ISE servers.

To export endpoints on the Endpoints page to a CSV file, do the following:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Identities > Endpoints**.
 - Step 2** Choose **Endpoints**.
The Endpoints page appears.
 - Step 3** Choose one or more endpoints, and choose **Export**.
The Export Selected and Export All options appear.
 - Step 4** Choose an option that decides whether to export selected endpoints or export all the endpoints from the Endpoints list page.
 - Step 5** Choose the **Open with** option.
By default, the profiler_endpoints.csv is a Microsoft Office Excel CSV file. For example, the Opening profiler_endpoints.csv dialog box appears, which allows you to open or save the profiler_endpoints.csv file. The Microsoft Office Excel application is the default application to open the .csv files.
 - Step 6** From the Opening profiler_endpoints.csv dialog box, click **OK**.
The exported list of endpoints appears in the profiler_endpoints.csv file, which opens in the Microsoft Office Excel application. The CSV file displays the header information in two separate columns such as the MAC address and Endpoint Policy. You can save this CSV file locally on your system, as well as use it for importing endpoints.
 - Step 7** From the Opening profiler_endpoints.csv dialog box, choose **Cancel** to return to the Endpoints page.
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Understanding Admin Access Terminology

Table 4-10 defines and describes some basic admin access terminology that applies to role-based access policies, administrators, admin groups, permissions, and settings in Cisco ISE.

Table 4-10 Cisco ISE Admin Access Terminology

Term	Description
Policies	Role-based access policies (known as Admin access) are access control policies that you define that allow you to restrict the network access privileges for any user or group. Role-based access policies are defined when you configure specific access control policies and permissions. These admin access policies allow you to customize the amount and type of access on a per-user or per-group basis using specified role-based access permission settings that apply to a group or an individual user.
Administrators	An individual who manages or performs a specific type of administrative task using the Cisco ISE user interface is considered an admin (or administrator). Administrators are dependent upon the admin role assigned to them, which limits the network access or tasks they can perform (a role-based access approach). Using the Cisco ISE user interface, administrator roles can perform the following tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change admin or user passwords • Manage deployments, helpdesk operations, monitoring and troubleshooting nodes, and network devices • Manage Cisco ISE services policies and admin access, Cisco ISE administrator accounts and roles, Cisco ISE administrative functions, and Cisco ISE system configuration and operations
Admin Groups	These are groups that contain a number of users that all belong to the same administrative group. Each user that belongs to an administrative group is listed in the Member User table for that group, which includes information about each member, such as user status (Enabled or Disabled), email address, user name, First Name, and Last Name. <p>Cisco ISE allows you to filter entries in a group, and add or remove entries from the Member User table. Applying role-based access information to groups directly maps these limits to any individual user who belongs to that group, because all group members share a common identity and the privileges assigned to that role (for example, users with the Network Device Admin role).</p> <p>A user's identity as a member of a specific administrative group can also be used as a condition in authorization policies. The supported Cisco ISE admin group roles and the tasks each role type can manage are listed and described in Table 4-11 on page 4-27.</p>
Permissions	Cisco ISE uses this process to control permissions or access rights to specific users or groups of users. Permissions allow you to control the ability of an individual user or group to access or manage any network service or resource. The Cisco ISE user interface provides two options: menu access and data access. Cisco ISE allows you to create, modify, duplicate, or delete permission privilege settings that limit access to Cisco ISE menus and Cisco ISE data.

Table 4-10 Cisco ISE Admin Access Terminology (continued)

Term	Description
Settings	<p>Cisco ISE uses this process to configure three key settings that affect admin access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Password Policy • Session Timeout <p>The Access settings allow you to configure access connection restrictions with two options (allow all IP addresses or allow only listed IP addresses). This option allows you to configure a list of IP addresses with a subnet mask that you configure for access. You can also edit or delete any IP addresses with a subnet mask in the configured list.</p> <p>The Password Policy settings consist of two tabs (Password Policy and Advanced) that you can use to create an admin access password policy. Under the Password Policy tab, you can choose from eight check boxes and two text fields to configure a password policy. Under the Advanced tab, you can define a password history setting in a text field or use two check boxes and text fields to define the lifetime of an admin access password.</p> <p>The Session Timeout setting allows you to define a session idle timeout period in minutes. After this period elapses, the session times out and access is no longer possible during this session.</p>

Administrative users are users of Cisco ISE that can be assigned to one or more admin-level groups. You can create an administrative user when you first configure Cisco ISE users or you can promote an existing user to this role. Administrative users can also be demoted to simple network user status by disabling the corresponding administrative privileges.

**Note**

Administrators can be considered users that have local privileges to configure and operate the Cisco ISE system.

Table 4-11 Cisco ISE Admin Group Roles and Responsibilities

Admin Group Role	Description
Helpdesk Admin	<p>This role provides access for querying all monitoring and troubleshooting operations and within the Cisco ISE administrative console, and can perform the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run all reports • Run all troubleshooting flows • View the Cisco ISE dashboard and livelogs • View alarms <p>This role cannot create, update, or delete reports, troubleshooting flows, live authentications, or alarms.</p>
Identity Admin	<p>This role provides access for managing all of the internal user identities that use the Cisco ISE administrative console across the Cisco ISE network.</p>

Table 4-11 Cisco ISE Admin Group Roles and Responsibilities (continued)

Admin Group Role	Description
Monitoring Admin	<p>This role provides access to all monitoring and troubleshooting operations within the Cisco ISE administrative console, and can perform the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage all reports (run, create, and delete) • Run all troubleshooting flows • View the Cisco ISE dashboard and livelogs • Manage alarms (create, update, view, and delete)
Network Device Admin	<p>This role provides access for Cisco ISE administrators that manage only the Cisco ISE network device repository and perform tasks such as adding, updating, or deleting devices. This role has the following permissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and write permissions on network devices • Read and write permissions on NDGs and all network resources object types
Policy Admin	<p>This role provides access for Cisco ISE policy administrators who are responsible for creating and managing the policies for all Cisco ISE services across the network that are related to authentication, authorization, posture, profiler, and client provisioning. This role has the following permissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and write permissions on all the elements used in policies, such as authorization profiles, NDGs, and conditions • Read and write permissions on services policies
RBAC Admin	<p>This role provides access for creating, updating, or deleting Cisco ISE administrator accounts, admin access policies, and assigning administrative roles. This role has the following permissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and write permissions on admin access permissions • Read and write permissions on admin access policies
Super Admin	<p>This role provides access to every Cisco ISE administrative function. This role is assigned to the default administrator account, and has create, read, update, delete, and eXecute (CRUDX) permissions on all Cisco ISE resources.</p>
System Admin	<p>This role provides access for Cisco ISE administrators who are responsible for Cisco ISE configuration and operations. This role has read and write permissions on all system administration activities, except for account definition.</p>

Managing Admin Access Types Using the User Interface

Use the Cisco ISE dashboard as your starting point for displaying and performing admin access management operations that allow you to manage policies, administrators, admin groups, permissions, and settings. You perform management operations by using the controls, tabs, and navigation pane options to perform the following tasks:

- Configure RBAC policies—Choose Administration > System > Admin Access > Policies
- Configure administrators—Choose Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators
- Configure admin groups—Choose Administration > System > Admin Access > Admin Groups

- Configure permissions—Choose Administration > System > Admin Access > Permissions
- Configure settings—Choose Administration > System > Admin Access > Settings

Table 4-12 lists the admin access types and configurable values you can set using the Admin Access tab.

Table 4-12 Cisco ISE Admin Access Types and Values

Tab: Sub Tab	User Interface Page Functions	Panel	Values
Admin Access: Policies			
<i>Your starting point for managing RBAC policies and values</i>	Create role-based admin access policies	RBAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule • RBAC Groups • Permissions
Admin Access: Administrators			
<i>Your starting point for managing Administrators</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add • Edit • Change Status • Delete • Duplicate • Filter 	New Administrator (or Edit)	Admin User <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Email • Status (Enabled or Disabled) <hr/> Password <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Password* • Re-Enter Password* <hr/> User Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Name • Last Name <hr/> Account Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description <hr/> Admin Groups

Table 4-12 Cisco ISE Admin Access Types and Values (continued)

Tab: Sub Tab	User Interface Page Functions	Panel	Values
Admin Access: Admin Groups			
<i>Your starting point for managing Admin Groups</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Edit Duplicate Delete Filter 	Admin Groups	<p>Admin Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name* Description <hr/> <p>Member User</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status Email Username First Name Last Name <p>Note In the Member Users page, you can add, remove, or search for member users having a specific attribute (or attributes) using either the Quick Filter or Advanced Filter search function.</p>
Admin Access: Permissions			
<i>Your starting point for managing Permissions</i>	<p>Menu Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Edit Duplicate Delete <p>Data Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Edit Duplicate Delete 	<p>Menu Access</p> <hr/> <p>Data Access</p>	<p>Create Menu Access Permission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name* Description <hr/> <p>Menu Access Privileges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show or Hide Menu Access Permission for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor Policy Administration <hr/> <p>Create Data Access Permission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name* Description <hr/> <p>Data Access Privileges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Access or No Access Data Access Permission for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin Groups User Identity Groups Endpoint Identity Groups All Locations All Device Types

Table 4-12 Cisco ISE Admin Access Types and Values (continued)

Tab: Sub Tab	User Interface Page Functions	Panel	Values
Admin Access: Settings			
<i>Your starting point for managing Settings</i>	Access	Configure Access Restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow all IP addresses to connect Allow only listed IP addresses to connect
		Configure IP List for Access Restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Edit Delete
	Password Policy	Password Policy tab	Password check boxes and text fields requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum length* Non-allowed characters or reverse order Lower-case alphabetic characters Upper-case alphabetic characters Numeric characters Non-numeric characters
		Advanced tab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Password history setting Password lifetime settings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disable Account Disable Reminder
Session Timeout	Session Timeout tab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session Idle Timeout* (in minutes) 	

**Note**

Configurable values marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

For more information:

- For more information about managing RBAC policies—See [Configuring RBAC Policies, page 4-50](#) and [Configuring RBAC Permissions, page 4-43](#).
- For more information about managing administrators—See [Configuring Cisco ISE Administrators, page 4-32](#) and [Administrator Access Settings, page 4-54](#).
- For more information about managing administrator Groups—See [Configuring Admin Groups, page 4-36](#).
- For more information about managing user identity groups—See [Configuring User Identity Groups, page 4-39](#).
- For more information about managing endpoint identity groups—See [Filtering, Creating, Editing, and Deleting Endpoint Identity Groups, page 4-63](#) and [Filtering, Adding, and Removing Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-67](#).

Configuring Cisco ISE Administrators

Use the Admin Users window to display, create, modify, delete, change the status, duplicate, or search for attributes of Cisco ISE administrators. The following topics are covered in this section:

- [Displaying Existing Cisco ISE Administrators, page 4-32](#)
- [Creating a New Cisco ISE Administrator, page 4-32](#)
- [Modifying an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator, page 4-33](#)
- [Deleting an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator, page 4-33](#)
- [Changing the Status of an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator, page 4-34](#)
- [Duplicating an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator, page 4-34](#)
- [Searching for Specific Attributes in an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator, page 4-34](#)

Displaying Existing Cisco ISE Administrators

Use this procedure to display the list of currently configured Cisco ISE administrators.

To display existing Cisco ISE administrators, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators**.
The Administrators window appears listing all existing locally defined administrators.

Creating a New Cisco ISE Administrator

Use this procedure to create a new Cisco ISE administrator.

To create a new Cisco ISE administrator, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators**.
The Administrators window appears listing all existing locally defined administrators.
- Step 2** Click **Add (+)**, and do one of the following:
- **Create New User**
If you choose Create New User, a blank Admin User page appears that you must configure.
 - **Select from Network Access Users**
If you choose Select from Network Access Users, a list of current users appears from which you can click to choose a user, and the corresponding Admin User page appears.
- Step 3** Enter values for the following Administrator fields (for details, see Administrators in [Table 4-12 on page 4-29](#)).
- Admin User and Status
 - Password
 - User Information
 - Account Options
 - Admin Groups

- Step 4** Click **Submit** to create the new Administrator in the Cisco ISE database.
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Modifying an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator

Use this procedure to modify an existing Cisco ISE administrator configuration.

To modify an existing Cisco ISE administrator, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators**.
The Administrators window appears.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the administrator that you want to modify, and click **Edit**.
The corresponding Admin User page appears.
- Step 3** Modify the values in the following Admin User fields that you want to change.
- Admin User and Status
 - Password
 - User Information
 - Account Options
 - Admin Groups
- Step 4** Click **Save** to save the modified administrator in the Cisco ISE database.
-

Deleting an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator

Use this procedure to delete an existing Cisco ISE administrator.

To delete an existing Cisco ISE administrator, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators**.
The Administrators window appears.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the administrator that you want to delete, click **Delete**, and do one of the following:
- Click **Remove from Administrator List**. The selected Administrator is removed from the list.
 - This action removes the selected Administrator from the list, but does not delete the user account.
 - Click **Delete Admin User**, then click **OK**.
 - This action deletes the selected administrator from the Cisco ISE database.
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Changing the Status of an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator

Use this procedure to change the status of an existing Cisco ISE administrator.

To change the status of an existing Cisco ISE administrator, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators**.
The Administrators window appears.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the administrator whose status you want to change, and click **Change Status**.
- Step 3** Click **OK** in the confirmation dialog box to change the status of the selected administrator.
The Administrators window appears with this modified status.
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Duplicating an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator

Use this procedure to duplicate an existing Cisco ISE administrator.

To duplicate an existing Cisco ISE administrator, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators**.
The Administrators window appears.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the administrator who you want to duplicate, and click **Duplicate**.
The Administrators window appears with the duplicated status.
- Step 3** Modify the duplicated administrator as necessary.
- Step 4** Click **Submit** to save this new administrator.
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Searching for Specific Attributes in an Existing Cisco ISE Administrator

Use this procedure to search for an existing Cisco ISE administrator based on specific attributes.

To search for an existing Cisco ISE administrator using specific attributes, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Administrators**.
The Administrators window appears.
- Step 2** Click **Filter** and choose one of the following options:
- Quick Filter (see Step 3)
 - Advanced Filter (see Step 4)

Step 3 To perform a Quick Filter, perform the following:

- a. Enter search criteria in one or more of the following attribute fields:
 - Status
 - Name
 - Description
 - First Name
 - Last Name
 - Admin Groups
- b. To filter, click the **Go** button in each field.

Cisco ISE administrator entries that match the specified attribute(s) are displayed in the Cisco ISE Administrators page.

Step 4 To perform an Advanced Filter, create a matching rule by performing the following:

- a. Choose one of the following options from the Filter drop-down list:
 - Admin Groups
 - Description
 - First Name
 - Last Name
 - Name
 - Status
 - b. Choose one of the following options from the second drop-down list:
 - Contains
 - Does not contain
 - Does not equal
 - Ends with
 - Is empty
 - Is exactly (or equals)
 - Is greater than
 - Is greater than or equal to
 - Is less than
 - Is less than or equal to
 - Is not empty
 - Starts with
 - c. In the text box, enter your desired search value.
 - d. Click **Go** to launch the filter process, or click plus (+) to add additional search criteria.
 - e. Click **Clear Filter** to reset the filter process.
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Configuring Admin Groups

The Admin Groups window lets you display, create, modify, delete, duplicate, or filter Cisco ISE network admin groups. The following topics are covered in this section:

- [Displaying Existing Admin Groups, page 4-36](#)
- [Creating an Admin Group, page 4-36](#)
- [Modifying an Existing Admin Group, page 4-37](#)
- [Deleting an Existing Admin Group, page 4-37](#)
- [Duplicating an Existing Admin Group, page 4-37](#)
- [Searching for Specific Attributes in an Existing Admin Group, page 4-38](#)

Displaying Existing Admin Groups

Use this procedure to display existing admin groups.

To display existing admin groups, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Admin Groups**.
The Admin Groups window appears.
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Creating an Admin Group

Use this procedure to create an admin group (and create or delete users within that admin group).

To create an admin group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Admin Groups**.
The Admin Groups window appears.
- Step 2** Click **Add**.
The Admin Groups window appears.
- Step 3** Enter the values for the following Admin Group fields.
- Name
 - Description
- Step 4** To add users to the Admin Group Users table, click **Add**. From the Users page, select the users to be added to the admin group.
- Step 5** To delete users from the Admin Group Users table, check the check box corresponding to the user that you want to delete and click **Remove**.
- Step 6** Click **Submit** to save any changes made to the admin group that you created in the Cisco ISE database.
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Modifying an Existing Admin Group

Use this procedure to modify the configuration values for an existing locally configured admin group.

To modify an existing admin group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Admin Groups**.
The Admin Groups window appears.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the admin group that you want to modify, and click **Edit**.
The corresponding Admin Group page appears.
- Step 3** Modify the member users that are part of this admin group as follows:
- Click **Add** to add new member.
 - Check the check box corresponding to existing members, and click **Remove** to delete users.
 - Click **Quick Filter** or **Advanced Filter** and search on specific attributes for admin group users.
- Step 4** Click **Save** to save your modified network access user in the Cisco ISE database.
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Deleting an Existing Admin Group

Use this procedure to delete an existing admin group (and by doing so, delete the users within that admin group).

To delete an existing admin group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Admin Groups**.
The Admin Groups window appears.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the admin group that you want to delete, and click **Delete**.
A Delete Confirmation dialog box appears.
- Step 3** Click **OK** to confirm the deletion of the selected admin group.
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Duplicating an Existing Admin Group

Use this procedure to duplicate an existing admin group.

To duplicate an existing admin group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Admin Groups**.
The Admin Groups window appears.
- Step 2** Check the check box that corresponds to the admin group you want to duplicate, and click **Duplicate**.
The Admin Group window appears with the duplicated status.
- Step 3** Modify the duplicated admin group as necessary.

Step 4 Click **Submit** to save this new admin group.

Searching for Specific Attributes in an Existing Admin Group

Use this procedure to search for an existing admin group based on specific attributes.

To search for an existing admin group using specific attributes, complete the following steps:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Admin Groups**.

The Admin Groups window appears.

Step 2 Click **Filter** and select from one of the following options:

- Quick Filter
- Advanced Filter

To perform a Quick Filter, enter search criteria in one or more of the following attribute fields:

- Name
- Description

a. To perform an Advanced Filter, create a matching rule by choosing one of the following option in the **Filter** drop-down list:

- Description
- Name

b. In the second drop-down list, choose one of the following options:

- Contains
- Does not contain
- Does not equal
- Ends with
- Is empty
- Is exactly (or equals)
- Is greater than
- Is greater than or equal to
- Is less than
- Is less than or equal to
- Is not empty
- Starts with

c. In the text box, enter your desired search value.

d. Click **Go** to launch the filter process, or click plus (+) to add additional search criteria.

e. Click **Clear Filter** to reset the filter process.

Configuring User Identity Groups

The Identity Groups window lets you display, create, modify, delete, duplicate, or filter Cisco ISE user identity groups. The following topics are covered in this section:

- [Displaying a User Identity Group, page 4-39](#)
- [Creating a User Identity Group, page 4-39](#)
- [Modifying an Existing User Identity Group, page 4-40](#)
- [Deleting an Existing User Identity Group, page 4-40](#)
- [Importing or Exporting an Existing User Identity Group, page 4-41](#)
- [Searching for Specific Attributes in an Existing User Identity Group, page 4-41](#)

Displaying a User Identity Group

Use this procedure to display a Cisco ISE user identity group.

To display existing user identity groups, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups > User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups window appears.
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Creating a User Identity Group

Use this procedure to create a user identity group (and create or delete users within this local user identity group).

To create a user identity group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups > User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups window appears.
- Step 2** In the Identity Groups navigation pane, click **User Identity Groups**, click **Action**, and click **Create Top User Identity Group**.
The User Identity Groups page appears with two panels: Identity Group and Member Users.
- Step 3** In the Identity Group panel, enter values in the following fields.
- Name*
 - Description



Note Use the best practice to include no spaces when creating the name for a user identity group.

- Step 4** To add users to the Member Users table, click **Add** in the Member Users panel.
A Users dialog box appears.
- Step 5** Click users listed in the Users dialog box to add them to this identity group.

- Step 6** To delete users from the Member Users table, check the check box corresponding to the user that you want to delete, and click **Delete**.
- A Delete confirmation dialog box appears. Click **OK** to confirm your user deletion choice.
- Step 7** Click **Submit** to save any changes made to the identity group in the Cisco ISE database.
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Modifying an Existing User Identity Group

Use this procedure to modify an existing user identity group (and by doing so, modify the users within this local user identity group).

To modify an existing user identity group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups > User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups window appears.
- Step 2** In the Identity Groups navigation pane, click **User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups page appears.
- Step 3** Check the check box corresponding to the user identity group that you want to modify, and click **Edit**.
The User Identity Groups page appears with two panels: Identity Group and Member Users.
- Step 4** Modify the settings in the Identity Group and Member Users panels as necessary (including adding or deleting group members).
- Step 5** Click **Submit** to save any changes made to the identity group in the Cisco ISE database.
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Deleting an Existing User Identity Group

Use this procedure to delete an existing user identity group (and by doing so, delete the users within this local user identity group).

To delete an existing user identity group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups > User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups window appears.
- Step 2** In the Identity Groups navigation pane, click **User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups page appears.
- Step 3** Check the check box next to the user identity group that you want to delete, and click **Delete**.
A Delete Confirmation dialog box appears. Click **OK** to confirm your user identity group deletion choice.
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Importing or Exporting an Existing User Identity Group

Use this procedure to import or export locally configured user identity groups.

To import or export existing user identity groups, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups > User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups window appears.
- Step 2** In the Identity Groups navigation pane, click **User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups page appears.
- Step 3** Click **Import** to import network access users from a comma-delimited text file.
The Import User Identity Groups from File page appears.
- In the **File** field, enter the filename that contains the user identity group that you want to import, or click **Browse** and navigate to the location where this file resides.
 - Check the **Overwrite existing data with new data** check box if you want to both add a new user identity group and update existing user identity groups.
 - If this check box option is not selected during the import process, only a new user identity group is created and existing user identity groups are not affected by any updates.
- Step 4** (Optional) If you do not have a comma-delimited text file, click **Generate a Template** to create this type of file, which includes the following data fields:
- Identity Group Name
 - Identity Group Description
- Step 5** (Optional) Click **Go Back** to return to the previous window if you decide not to perform an import operation.
- Step 6** Click **Import**.
- Step 7** To export a user identity group, you must first check the check box that corresponds to the user identity group that you want to export, and click **Export**.
The “Opening users.csv” window is displayed, and is where you can click **Save File** and click **OK** to create a users.csv file with the network access users that you selected to export.
- Step 8** Click **Save** to save your changes to the Cisco ISE database.
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Searching for Specific Attributes in an Existing User Identity Group

Use this procedure to search for an existing user identity group based on specific attributes.

To search for an existing user identity group using specific attributes, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups > User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups window appears.
- Step 2** In the Identity Groups navigation pane, click **User Identity Groups**.
The User Identity Groups page appears.

- Step 3** Click **Filter** and choose one of the following options:
- Quick Filter
 - Advanced Filter
- a. To perform a Quick Filter, enter search criteria in one or more of the following attribute fields:
 - Name
 - Description
 - b. To perform an Advanced Filter, create a matching rule by choosing one of the following options in the **Filter** drop-down list:
 - Description
 - Name
 - c. In the second drop-down list, choose one of the following options:
 - Contains
 - Does not contain
 - Does not equal
 - Ends with
 - Is empty
 - Is exactly (or equals)
 - Is greater than
 - Is greater than or equal to
 - Is less than
 - Is less than or equal to
 - Is not empty
 - Starts with
 - d. In the text box, enter your desired search value.
 - e. Click **Go** to launch the filter process, or click plus (+) to add additional search criteria.
 - f. Click **Clear Filter** to reset the filter process.
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Managing Admin Access (RBAC) Policies

In Cisco ISE, RBAC policies are simple access control policies that use RBAC concepts to manage admin access. These RBAC policies are formulated to grant permissions to a set of administrators that belong to one or more admin group(s) that restrict or enable access to perform various administrative functions using the user interface menus and admin group data elements.

RBAC policies determine if an admin user can be granted a specific type of access to a menu item or other identity group data elements. You can grant or deny access to a menu item or identity group data element to an admin user based on the admin group by using effective RBAC policies. When admin users log into the Cisco ISE user interface, they can access menus and data that are based on the policies and permissions defined for the admin groups with which they are associated.

For example, you can prevent a network administrator from viewing the Admin Access operations menu and the policy data elements. This can be achieved by creating a custom RBAC policy for the admin group with which the network administrator is associated.

For more information:

- To understand admin access terminologies, see [Understanding Admin Access Terminology, page 4-26](#)
- To manage admin access types and values, see [Managing Admin Access Types Using the User Interface, page 4-28](#)
- For detailed procedures for creating RBAC permissions, see [Configuring RBAC Permissions, page 4-43](#).
- For detailed procedures for creating RBAC policies, see [Configuring RBAC Policies, page 4-50](#).

Configuring RBAC Permissions

Cisco ISE provides an out of the box set of permissions that are associated with a set of predefined admin groups. Having pre-defined admin group permissions allow you to set permissions so that a member of any admin group can have full or limited access to the menu items within the administrative interface (known as menu access) and to delegate an admin group to use the data access elements of other admin groups (known as data access). These permissions are reusable entities that can be further used to formulate RBAC policies for various admin groups.

The following permissions are available in Cisco ISE:

- Menu Access—See [Configuring Menu Access Permissions, page 4-43](#) for more information.
- Data Access—See [Configuring Data Access Permission, page 4-47](#) for more information.

Configuring Menu Access Permissions

In Cisco ISE, the menu access permissions allow you to show or hide the menu items of the Cisco ISE administrative interface to an admin group. This feature lets you create permissions for the admin group so that you can restrict or enable access to an administrator belonging to that group at the menu level. The following topics are covered in this section:

- [Viewing Predefined Menu Access Permission, page 4-44](#)
- [Creating Custom Menu Access Permission, page 4-45](#)
- [Updating Menu Access Permission, page 4-45](#)
- [Duplicating Menu Access Permission, page 4-46](#)
- [Deleting Menu Access Permission, page 4-46](#)

Viewing Predefined Menu Access Permission

Cisco ISE provides a set of system defined menu access permissions that are already used in the default RBAC policies.

To view the default menu access for an admin group, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Permissions**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Menu Access**. The Menu Access page appears listing all existing menu access permissions, both default and user-defined.

Table 4-13 lists the default menu access permissions.

Table 4-13 Default Menu Access Permissions

Menu Access Name	RBAC Group	Permissible Set of Menu Items
Super Admin Menu Access	Super Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor > All menu items • Policy > All menu items • Administration > All menu items
Policy Admin Menu Access	Policy Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor > All menu items • Policy > All menu items • Administration > <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Identity Management > All menu items – System > Settings
Helpdesk Admin Menu Access	Helpdesk Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor > All menu items
Identity Admin Menu Access	Identity Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor > All menu items • Administration > <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Identity Management > All menu items
Network Admin Menu Access	Network Device Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor > All menu items • Administration > <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Network Resources > All menu items
System Admin Menu Access	System Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor > All menu items • Administration > <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – System > All menu items
RBAC Admin Menu Access	RBAC Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor > All menu items • Administration > <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Admin Access > All menu items
MnT Admin Menu Access	MnT Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor > All menu items

Creating Custom Menu Access Permission

This section creates custom menu access permissions.

To add a menu access permission for an admin group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Menu Access**.
The Menu Access page appears listing all existing menu access permissions, both default and user-defined.
- Step 3** Click **Add** and enter the following field values on the Create Menu Access Permission page:
- Name—Name of the menu access permission.
 - Description—Enter a brief description of the menu access permission.
- Step 4** Go to the Menu Access Privileges section, which contains two sections:
- Cisco ISE Navigation Structure displays a list of selectable menu items in a tree structure starting from top level menu items, such as Monitor, Policy, and Administration.
 - Permission For Menu Access contains two radio buttons:
 - Show—Shows the selected menu items to the member of the admin group upon login to the Cisco ISE user interface.
 - Hide—Hides the selected menu items.
- By default, all menu items are shown with **Hide** status.
- Step 5** To create menu access permission for a menu item, complete the following steps:
- a. Click to expand the menu item up to the desired level and click the menu item(s) on which you want create permission.
 - b. In the Permission area, click **Show**.
- Step 6** Click **Save**.
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Updating Menu Access Permission

You can edit only the custom menu access permissions and not the predefined menu access permissions.

To edit a menu access permission for an admin group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Menu Access**.
The Menu Access page appears listing all existing menu access permissions, both default and user-defined.
- Step 3** Check the check box next to the menu access permission(s) that you want to delete and click **Edit**.
The Edit Menu Access Permission page appears.

- Step 4** Modify the following field values:
- Name
 - Description
- Step 5** Do the following to add or remove menu items from the existing permission:
- To add a new menu item to the permission, select the menu items from the Menu Access Privileges section and click **Show** radio button.
 - To remove an existing menu item from the permission, select the menu items from the Menu Access Privileges section and click **Hide** radio button.
- Step 6** Click **Save** to save the menu access permission.
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Duplicating Menu Access Permission

Duplicating menu access permissions is a process that reuses the same set of menu items used by the original menu access.

To add a duplicate menu access permission for an admin group, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Menu Access**.
The Menu Access page appears listing all existing menu access permissions, both default and user-defined.
- Step 3** Check the checkbox next to the menu access permission(s) that you want to duplicate and click **Duplicate**.
A new menu access permission is added to the list with the word “_copy” affixed to the name of the selected permission. For example, if you want to create a duplicate of *MnT Admin Menu Access*, the duplicate will be created in the name of *MnT Admin Menu Access_copy*.
- Step 4** Modify the duplicate permission as necessary.
- Step 5** Click **Save** to save the duplicate menu access permission.
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Deleting Menu Access Permission

You can delete only the custom menu access permissions and not the predefined menu access permissions.

To delete a menu access permission for an admin group, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Menu Access**.
The Menu Access page appears listing all existing menu access permissions, both default and user-defined.
- Step 3** Check the checkbox next to the menu access permission(s) that you want to delete and click **Delete**.

- Step 4** Click **OK** in the confirmation dialog box to confirm that you want to delete the menu access permission(s).

Configuring Data Access Permission

In Cisco ISE, the data access permissions enable multiple administrators to have the data access permissions within the same user population. You can enable or restrict the use of data access permissions to one or more admin groups. This process allows autonomous delegated control to administrators of one admin group to reuse data access permissions of the chosen admin groups through selective association. Data access permissions range from full access to no access for viewing selected admin groups or the network device groups. The following topics are covered in this section:

- [Viewing Predefined Data Access Permission, page 4-47](#)
- [Creating Custom Data Access Permission, page 4-48](#)
- [Updating Data Access Permission, page 4-48](#)
- [Duplicating Data Access Permission, page 4-49](#)
- [Deleting Data Access Permission, page 4-49](#)

Viewing Predefined Data Access Permission

To create a data access permission, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Permissions**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Data Access**.
The Data Access page appears listing all existing data access permissions, both default and user-defined. [Table 4-14](#) lists the default menu access permissions.

Table 4-14 Default Data Access Permissions

Data Access Name	RBAC Group	Permissible Admin Groups	Permissible Network Device Groups
Super Admin Data Access	Super Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admin Groups • User Identity Groups • Endpoint Identity Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Locations • All Device Types
Policy Admin Data Access	Policy Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Identity Groups • Endpoint Identity Groups 	None
Identity Admin Data Access	Identity Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Identity Groups • Endpoint Identity Groups 	None
Network Admin Data Access	Network Device Admin	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Locations • All Device Types

Table 4-14 Default Data Access Permissions (continued)

Data Access Name	RBAC Group	Permissible Admin Groups	Permissible Network Device Groups
System Admin Data Access	System Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin Groups 	None
RBAC Admin Data Access	RBAC Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin Groups 	None

Creating Custom Data Access Permission

This section describes how you create custom data access permissions.

To create a data access permission, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Permissions**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Data Access**.
The Data Access page appears listing all existing data access permissions, both default and user-defined.
- Step 3** Click **Add** and then enter the name of the data access permission
The Create Data Access Permission page appears.
- Step 4** Enter a brief description of the data access permission, then go to Data Access Privileges area, which contains the following two sections:
- Hierarchy list that contains all Admin Groups, User Identity Groups, and Endpoint Identity Groups.
 - Permission for Data Access, such as Full Access and No Access. By default, all groups are shown in No Access mode.
- Step 5** To create a data access permission that provides full access to an admin group, do the following:
- a. Click to expand the Admin Group and select the desired admin group.
 - b. Click **Full Access**.
- Step 6** Click **Save**.
This creates the required data access permission.
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Updating Data Access Permission

You can edit only the custom data access permissions and not the predefined data access permissions.

To update a data access permission, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Permissions**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Data Access**.
The Data Access page appears listing all existing data access permissions, both default and user-defined.

- Step 3** Click **Edit** and modify the following values on the Edit Data Access Permission page:
- Name
 - Description
- Step 4** Complete the following steps to add or remove admin groups from the existing permission:
- To add a new admin group to the permission, select the group from the Admin Group Hierarchy and click **Full Access** radio button.
 - To remove an existing admin group from the permission, select the admin group from the Admin Group and click **No Access**.
- Step 5** Click **Save** to save the data access permission.
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Duplicating Data Access Permission

Duplicating data access permissions is a process that reuses the same set of admin groups as the original data access is having.

To add a duplicate data access permission for an admin group, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Data Access**.
The Data Access page appears listing all existing data access permissions, both default and user-defined.
- Step 3** Check the checkbox next to the data access permission(s) that you want to duplicate and click **Duplicate**.
A new data access permission is added to the list with the word “_copy” affixed to the name of the selected permission. For example, if you want to create a duplicate of *Policy Admin Data Access*, the duplicate will be created in the name of *Policy Admin Data Access_copy*.
- Step 4** Modify the duplicate permission as necessary.
- Step 5** Click **Save** to save the duplicate data access permission.
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Deleting Data Access Permission

You can delete only the custom data access permissions and not the predefined data access permissions.

To delete a data access permission for an admin group, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane, click to expand **Permission** and click **Data Access**.
The Data Access page appears listing all existing data access permissions, both default and user-defined.
- Step 3** Check the checkbox next to the data access permission(s) that you want to delete and click **Delete**.
- Step 4** Click **OK** in the confirmation dialog box to confirm that you want to delete the data access permission(s).
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Configuring RBAC Policies

In Cisco ISE, an RBAC policy is represented in an *if-then* format, where *if* is the RBAC Admin Group value and *then* is the RBAC Permission value.

From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Policy**, which displays all default RBAC policies. These default policies cannot be modified or deleted. This page also provides the interfaces to create custom RBAC policies for an admin group.

The following topics provide procedures for performing these tasks:

- [Using Predefined RBAC Policies, page 4-50](#)
- [Creating Custom RBAC Policy, page 4-51](#)
- [Updating RBAC Policy, page 4-52](#)
- [Duplicating RBAC Policy, page 4-53](#)
- [Deleting RBAC Policy, page 4-53](#)

Using Predefined RBAC Policies

Cisco ISE provides a set of system-defined RBAC policies to perform various Cisco ISE administrative functions. You can use these policies as is unless you plan for more granular access policies.

To create a custom RBAC policy, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Policy**.

The RBAC Policies page appears. This page contains a set of ready-to-use predefined policies for default admin groups.

[Table 4-15](#) lists the predefined policies, the associated admin groups, and the permissions.

Table 4-15 Predefined RBAC Policies

Policy Name	RBAC Group ¹	Permissions (Menu Access and/or Data Access) ²
Helpdesk Admin Policy	Helpdesk Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helpdesk Admin Menu Access
Identity Admin Policy	Identity Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity Admin Menu Access • Identity Admin Data Access
MnT Admin Policy	MnT Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MnT Admin Menu Access
Network Device Policy	Network Device Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Device Menu Access • Network Device Data Access
Policy Admin Policy	Policy Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Admin Menu Access • Policy Admin Data Access
RBAC Admin Policy	RBAC Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBAC Admin Menu Access • RBAC Admin Data Access

Table 4-15 Predefined RBAC Policies (continued)

Policy Name	RBAC Group ¹	Permissions (Menu Access and/or Data Access) ²
Super Admin Policy	Super Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Super Admin Menu Access • Super Admin Data Access
System Admin Policy	System Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Admin Menu Access • System Admin Data Access

1. See [Understanding Admin Access Terminology, page 4-26](#), for more information on the default admin groups.
2. See [Table 4-13](#) for the list of predefined menu access permissions and [Table 4-14](#) for the list of predefined data access permissions.

Creating Custom RBAC Policy

Besides the default policies, you can create as many custom RBAC policies that you can then apply to personalized admin groups designed specifically for your work place.

Prerequisites:

- Ensure that you have created all admin groups for which you want to define the RBAC policies. See [Configuring Admin Groups, page 4-36](#), for more information on how to create admin groups.
- Ensure that these admin groups are mapped to the individual admin users. See [Configuring Cisco ISE Administrators, page 4-32](#), for more information on how to create admin users.
- Ensure that you have configured the RBAC permissions, such as menu access and data access permissions. See [Configuring RBAC Permissions, page 4-43](#), for more information on how to create RBAC permissions.

To create a custom RBAC policy, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Policy**.
- The RBAC Policies page appears. This page contains a set of ready-to-use predefined policies for default admin groups.
- Step 2** Click the drop-down arrow for the **Action** icon next to a policy.
- A drop-down list is displayed with the policy-based choices.
- [Table 4-16](#) lists the RBAC policy object selector options.

Table 4-16 RBAC Policy Object Selector Options

Action Name	Result
Insert New Policy Above	Adds a new policy row above the selected policy
Insert New Policy Below	Adds a new policy row below the selected policy
Duplicate Above	Adds a new policy above the selected policy with a word <i>_copy</i> affixed to the selected policy name. For example, if you want to add a duplicate policy above MnT Admin Policy, a new policy called MnT Admin Policy_copy is created.

Table 4-16 RBAC Policy Object Selector Options

Action Name	Result
Duplicate Below	Adds a new policy below the selected policy with a word <i>_copy</i> affixed to the selected policy name.
Delete	Deletes the selected policy. This option is disabled for default policies.

Step 3 Click the appropriate action from the drop-down menu.

A new policy entry appears in the position that you designated in the standard panel of the RBAC Policy window.

Step 4 Enter values for the following RBAC policy fields:

- Rule Name—Enter a name for the new policy.
- RBAC Group(s)—Choose a name for the RBAC group that is associated with the policy.
 - Click the plus sign (+) next to RBAC Groups to display a drop-down list of group choices. This list shows all existing RBAC groups including the default groups and the user-defined groups.
 - Click the plus sign (+) next to RBAC Groups to add multiple RBAC groups.
- Permission(s)—Choose the permissions, which includes menu access and data access permissions.

To add permissions:

- Click the plus sign (+) next to next to Permissions to enter the menu access permission name.
- Click select button next to Enter Menu Access Permission to display a drop-down list of menu access permission choices.
- Click the necessary Menu Access Permission in the list to add it to the policy.
- Click the plus sign (+) next to the selected Menu Access Permission name to add data access permission.
- Select the button next to Enter Data Access Permission to display a drop-down list of data access permission choices.
- Click the necessary Data Access Permission in the list to add it to the policy.



Note Multiple selection of Menu Access and Data Access permissions is not allowed while creating an RBAC policy.

- Click **Submit**.

RBAC policy creation is now complete.

Updating RBAC Policy

In Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, there is no specific button or control available to edit a policy. You can update only the custom RBAC policies and not the default RBAC policies. You can update all or any RBAC Policy fields by modifying the field values that you want to change.

To edit a custom RBAC policy, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Policy**.
- The RBAC Policies page appears.
- Step 2** Modify the values of following fields, as necessary:
- Rule Name
 - RBAC Group
 - Permissions
 - Menu Access Permission
 - Data Access Permission
- Step 3** Click **Save** to save the modified RBAC Policy.
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Duplicating RBAC Policy

Use this procedure to add a duplicate RBAC policy.

To duplicate a policy, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Policy**.
- The RBAC Policies page appears.
- Step 2** Click the drop-down arrow for the **Action** icon next to the policy that you want to duplicate.
- Step 3** Select either **Duplicate Above** or **Duplicate Below**.
- A duplicate policy row is added in the desired location with the word “_copy” affixed to the selected policy name.
- Step 4** Modify values of the policy fields, as necessary.
- Step 5** Click **Save** to save the duplicate policy.
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Deleting RBAC Policy

You can delete only the custom RBAC policies and not the default RBAC policies.

To delete a policy, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** From the Cisco ISE Administration dashboard, choose **Administration > System > Admin Access > Policy**.
- The RBAC Policies page appears.
- Step 2** Click the drop-down arrow for the **Action** icon next to the policy of which you want to delete.

- Step 3** Click **Delete**.
- Step 4** Click **Save** to delete the policy from the Cisco ISE database.
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Configuring Settings for Accounts

This section describes how to configure general settings for different Cisco ISE accounts and covers the following topics:

- [Administrator Access Settings, page 4-54](#)
- [Configuring Network Access for User Accounts, page 4-57](#)

Administrator Access Settings

Cisco ISE allows you to define some rules for administrator accounts to enhance security. You can restrict access to the management interfaces, force administrators to use strong passwords, regularly change their passwords, and so on. The password policy that you define under the Administrator Account Settings in Cisco ISE applies to all administrator accounts. This section describes how to define these rules for administrator accounts:

- [Restricting Administrative Access to the Management Interfaces, page 4-55](#)
- [Configuring a Password Policy for Administrator Accounts, page 4-56](#)
- [Configuring Session Timeout for Administrators, page 4-57](#)

For more information:

Refer to the *Cisco Identity Services Engine Hardware Installation Guide, Release 1.0* for a list of ports that must be open for specific services.

The username and password that you configure using Setup is intended only for administrative access to the Cisco ISE command-line interface (CLI), and this role is considered to be the CLI-admin user. By default, the username for the CLI-admin user is “admin” and the password is user-defined during Setup (there is no default password).

As the CLI-admin user, you can start and stop the Cisco ISE application, apply software patches and upgrades, reload or shut down the Cisco ISE appliance, and view all system and application logs. Because of the special privileges of the CLI-admin user, we recommend that you protect the CLI-admin user credentials and create web-based admin users for configuring and managing your Cisco ISE deployment.

For more information:

- For information about web-based admin users, see the “[Configuring Cisco ISE Administrators](#)” section on [page 4-32](#).
- For details about the differences between the CLI-admin users and web-based admin users, refer to the *Cisco Identity Services Engine Hardware Installation Guide, Release 1.0*.

Restricting Administrative Access to the Management Interfaces

Cisco ISE allows you to restrict administrative access to the management interfaces based on the IP address of the remote client. You can choose to do one of the following:

- Allow all IP addresses to connect
- Allow only listed IP addresses to connect

If you choose the Allow only listed IP addresses to connect option, you must add a list of IP addresses.



Note

The administrator access control settings are only applicable for Cisco ISE nodes that assume the Administration, Policy Service, or Monitoring personas. These restrictions are replicated from the primary to the secondary nodes. These restrictions are not applicable for the Cisco ISE nodes that assume the Inline Posture node type.

Prerequisite:

Every Cisco ISE administrator account is assigned one or more administrative roles. To perform the operations described in the following procedure, you must have any one of the following roles assigned: Super Admin or System Admin. See [Table 4-11](#) for more information on the various administrative roles and the privileges associated with each of them.

To add a range of IP addresses to the IP List area, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane on the left, click the **Expand** button next to Settings and click **Access**.
- The Configure Access Restriction page appears.
- Step 3** Do one of the following:
- Click the **Allow all IP addresses to connect** radio button and proceed to [Step 4](#).
 - Click the **Allow only listed IP addresses to connect** radio button, and complete the following steps:
 - a. From the Configure IP List for Access Restriction area, click **Add**.
The Add IP CIDR page appears.
 - b. Enter IP addresses in the classless interdomain routing (CIDR) format in the IP address field.
Enter the subnet mask in the Netmask in CIDR format field.
 - c. Click **OK** to add the range of IP addresses to the IP List area.
 - d. Repeat the process to add more IP address ranges to this list.
Administrative access to Cisco ISE will now be restricted to the IP address ranges that are specified in this list after you click the Submit button.
- Step 4** Click **Submit** to save the changes.
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Related Topics

- [Configuring Cisco ISE Administrators, page 4-32](#)
- [Configuring Admin Groups, page 4-36](#)

Configuring a Password Policy for Administrator Accounts

You can create a password policy for administrator accounts to enhance security. The policy that you define here is applied to all administrator accounts in Cisco ISE.

Prerequisite:

Every Cisco ISE administrator account is assigned one or more administrative roles. To perform the operations described in the following procedure, you must have any one of the following roles assigned: Super Admin or System Admin. See [Table 4-11](#) for more information on the various administrative roles and the privileges associated with each of them.

To create the password policy for administrators, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access**.
- Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane on the left, click the **Expand** button next to Settings and click **Password Policy**.
- Step 3** In the Password Policy tab, enter the following information:
- **Minimum Length—(Required)** Specifies the minimum length of the password (in characters). The default is six characters.
 - **Password may not contain the admin name or its characters in reversed order**—Check this check box to restrict the use of the administrator username or its characters in reverse order.
 - **Password may not contain ‘cisco’ or its characters in reversed order**—Check this check box to restrict the use of the word “cisco” or its characters in reverse order.
 - **Password may not contain *variable* or its characters in reversed order**—Check this check box to restrict the use of any word that you define or these characters in reverse order.
 - **Password may not contain repeated characters four or more times consecutively**—Check this check box to restrict the use of repeated characters four or more times consecutively.
 - **Password must contain at least one character of each of the selected types**—Specifies that the administrator password must contain at least one character of the type that you choose from the following choices:
 - Lowercase alphabetic characters
 - Uppercase alphabetic characters
 - Numeric characters
 - Nonalphanumeric characters
 - **Password History**—Specifies the number of previous passwords from which the new password must be different to prevent the repeated use of the same password.
 - **Password Lifetime**—Specifies the following options to force users to change passwords after a specified time period:
 - Time (in days) before the administrator account is disabled if the password is not changed. (The allowable range is 0 to 2,147,483,647 days.)
 - Reminder (in days) before the administrator account is disabled.
- Step 4** Click **Save** to save the administrator password policy.
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Related Topics

- [Configuring Cisco ISE Administrators, page 4-32](#)
- [Configuring Admin Groups, page 4-36](#)

Configuring Session Timeout for Administrators

Cisco ISE allows you to determine the length of time an administration GUI session can be inactive and still remain connected. You can specify a time in minutes after which Cisco ISE logs out the administrator. After a session timeout, the administrator must log in again to access the Cisco ISE administrative user interface.

Prerequisite:

Every Cisco ISE administrator account is assigned one or more administrative roles. To perform the operations described in the following procedure, you must have any one of the following roles assigned: Super Admin or System Admin. See [Table 4-11](#) for more information on the various administrative roles and the privileges associated with each of them.

To configure session timeout, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > System > Admin Access**.
 - Step 2** From the Admin Access navigation pane on the left, click the **Expand** button next to Settings and click **Session Timeout**.
The Session Timeout page appears.
 - Step 3** Enter the amount of time in minutes that you want Cisco ISE to wait before it logs out the administrator if there is no activity. The default value is 60 minutes. The valid range is from 6 to 100 minutes.
 - Step 4** Click **Save** to save the administrator session timeout settings.
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Related Topics

- [Configuring Cisco ISE Administrators, page 4-32](#)
- [Configuring Admin Groups, page 4-36](#)

Configuring Network Access for User Accounts

Cisco ISE allows you to restrict network access for user accounts that are based on authentication settings that you configure for attributes and passwords associated with the user accounts. When defining user accounts, you can manage network access in the following ways:

- Use pre-defined system attributes or create custom attributes
- Define authentication settings that form a password policy

There are two options for configuring network access for user accounts:

- [User Custom Attributes Policy, page 4-58](#)
- [User Password Policy, page 4-58](#)

For information about configuring network access user accounts, see [Configuring Network Access User Accounts, page 4-59](#).

User Custom Attributes Policy

When you choose User Custom Attributes Policy, the page displays two panes with the following options that you can use to define user account attributes:

- Pre-defined Attributes
- Custom Attributes

The Cisco ISE provides the following predefined and nonconfigurable attributes that help define a user account:

- CredentialPassword—A string defining the credential password
- OlderGenerationPasswordList—A string list defining previous account passwords
- Description—A string representing the account password
- isSystemData—An integer representing system data for the account
- DatePasswordLastUpdatedOn—A string defining the last date the account password was updated
- EmailAddress—A string defining the email address for the account
- EnableFlag—A string defining the account as enabled
- isAdmin—A string defining whether the account role is an admin or user
- AllowPasswordChangeAfterLogin—A string that defines a password change after logging in

The Cisco ISE also allows you to define custom attributes to help further define a user account by configuring the following:

- Attribute Name—Enter a name for the custom attribute you create
- Data Type—Choose one of the following from a drop-down list for the custom attribute:
 - String
 - Integer
 - Enum
 - Float
 - Password

User Password Policy

If you choose User Password Policy, the page displays the following two tabs where you can set options:

- Password Policy
- Advanced

When you select the Password Policy tab, the Cisco ISE provides the following configurable options that you set by entering values in text boxes or selecting check boxes. Your choice of values creates a password policy for managing network access per user account:

- ***Minimum Length**—Sets minimum length of password (in characters)
- Username—Restricts the use of the username or its characters in reversed order
- Cisco—Restricts the use of “cisco” or its characters in reverse order
- Special characters—Restricts the use of special characters that you define in reverse order
- Repeated characters—Restricts the use of characters repeated four or more times consecutively
- Required characters—Requires that the password include at least one of each of the following types:

- Lowercase alphabetic characters
- Uppercase alphabetic characters
- Numeric characters
- Non-alphanumeric characters

**Note**

Options marked by an asterisk (*) are required settings that must have a value configured.

When you select the Advanced tab, Cisco ISE provides the following configurable options that you set by entering values in text boxes or selecting check boxes. Your choice of values creates an “advanced” password policy setting for managing network access per user account.

- **Password History**—Sets the number of previous versions from which the password must be different to prevent the repeated use of the same password.
- **Password Lifetime**—Sets the following options to force users to change passwords after a specified time period:
 - **Time** (in days) before the user account is disabled if the password is not changed
 - **Reminder** (in days) before the user account is disabled

Configuring Network Access User Accounts

The following topics describe how to configure or manage a network access user account:

- [Configuring a User Password Policy for the Network Access User Account, page 4-59](#)
- [Filtering the Predefined Attributes, page 4-60](#)
- [Configuring Custom Attributes for the Network Access User Account, page 4-61](#)

Configuring a User Password Policy for the Network Access User Account

Use this procedure to configure a password policy for any network access user account.

To configure a user password policy for a network access user account, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Settings > User Password Policy**.
The Password Policy page appears.
- Step 2** Click the **Password Policy** tab and configure the password policy for the user account by entering the desired values in the text boxes or selecting specific check boxes.

**Note**

For more information about the values and corresponding text boxes and check boxes, see [User Password Policy, page 4-58](#).

For example, to create a password policy that requires a strong password, enter the following values or check the following check boxes:

- Enter 10 or greater in the **Minimum Length:** text box.
- Check the **Password may not contain the username or its characters in reversed order** check box.

- Check the **Password may not contain repeated characters four or more times consecutively** check box.
- Under **Password must contain at least one character of each of the following types**, check the following check boxes:
 - Lowercase alphabetic characters
 - Uppercase alphabetic characters
 - Numeric characters
 - Non-alphanumeric characters

Step 3 Click the **Advanced** tab and configure the advanced password settings by entering values or selecting check boxes to define the Password History and Password Lifetime.

For example, to define unique passwords, enter the following values or check the following check boxes:

- Under Password History, enter 5 or greater in the **Password must be different from the previous versions** text box.
- Under Password Lifetime, check the following check boxes:
 - **Disable user account after ___ days if password was not changed**, and enter **30** in the text box (to represent 30 days).
 - **Display reminder after ___ days**, and enter **15** in the text box (to represent 15 days).

Step 4 After you make your selections, click **Save** to save this user password policy locally.

Filtering the Predefined Attributes

Predefined attributes are system-configured and cannot be modified. However, you can filter the list of predefined attributes and search for specific attributes. Use this procedure to filter and search for specific attributes of interest.

To search for specific predefined attributes, complete the following steps:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Settings > User Custom Attributes**.

The Pre-defined Attributes page appears with a list of all predefined attributes.

Step 2 Click **Filter** and choose one of the following options:

- Quick Filter
- Advanced Filter
- a. To perform a Quick Filter, enter search criteria in one of the following attribute fields:
 - Required
 - Attribute Name
 - Data Type
 - Parameter



Note

By default, all four search fields are displayed. To customize your search to one or more fields, click **Action** and choose **Columns**. Unmark any of the selected search fields that you do not wish to use in a search.

- b. To perform an Advanced Filter, create a matching rule by choosing one of the following options in the **Filter** drop-down list:
 - Attribute Name
 - Data Type
 - Parameters
 - Required
 - c. In the second drop-down list, choose one of the following options:
 - Contains
 - Does not contain
 - Does not equal
 - Ends with
 - Is empty
 - Is exactly (or equals)
 - Is not empty
 - Starts with
 - d. In the text box, enter your desired search value.
 - e. Click **Go** to launch the filter process, or click plus (+) to add additional search criteria.
 - f. Click **Clear Filter** to reset the filter process.
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Configuring Custom Attributes for the Network Access User Account

The Pre-defined Attributes page allows you to configure custom attributes as part of the authentication settings for the network access user account. The network access user account already contains a set of predefined attributes. You can configure custom attributes using the following process.

To configure custom attributes for a network access user account, complete the following steps:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Settings > User Custom Attributes**.

The Pre-defined Attributes page appears

Step 2 In the Custom Attributes pane, do the following:

- Enter the name for the custom attribute in the **Attribute Name** text box.
- In the Data Type drop-down list, choose the data type from the these choices:
 - String
 - Integer
 - Enum
 - Float
 - Password
- To add parameters, click plus (+) under Parameters and add the desired attribute names and data types.

Step 3 After making your selections, click **Save** to save these user custom attributes locally.

Endpoint Identity Groups

An endpoint identity group is used to group all the identified endpoints on your network according to their profiles. Cisco ISE creates the following three identity groups in the system: Blacklist, Profiled, and Unknown. In addition, it creates two more identity groups, such as Cisco-IP-Phone and Workstation, which are associated to the Profiled (parent) identity group.

You can create an endpoint identity group and associate the group to one of the system-created identity groups. You can also assign an endpoint that you create directly (statically) to any one of the identity group that exists in the system, and the Profiler service cannot reassign the identity group.

In addition, you can map an endpoint profile where you match the endpoint profile with an existing profile and group it to a matching identity group. If you have an endpoint profile that matches an existing profile, then the Profiler service can create a matching identity group.

This identity group becomes the child of the Profiled identity group. When you create an endpoint profiling policy, you can check the Create matching identity group check box in the Endpoint Policies page to create a matching identity group. You cannot delete the matching identity group unless the mapping of the profile is removed.

When an endpoint is mapped to an existing profile, the profiler service searches the hierarchy of profiles for the closest parent profile that has a matching group of profiles and assigns the endpoint to the appropriate profile.

Parent Group

By default, a Cisco ISE deployment creates the following three endpoint identity groups: Blacklist, Profiled, and Unknown. A parent group is the default identity group that exists in the system. The Profiler service includes the following endpoint identity groups:

- **Blacklist**—This endpoint identity group includes endpoints that are statically assigned to endpoints identities in Cisco ISE and grouped within the Blacklist identity group. An authorization profile can be defined in Cisco ISE to permit, or deny network access to endpoints in this group.
- **Profiled**—This endpoint identity group includes endpoints that are profiled by Cisco ISE and grouped within the Profiled endpoint identity group.
- **Unknown**—Endpoints that do not match any profile are grouped within the Unknown endpoint identity group.

In addition, the Profiler service includes the following endpoint identity groups, which are associated to the Profiled identity group:

- **Cisco-IP-Phone**—An identity group that contains all the profiled Cisco IP phones on your network.



Note An authorization rule for all types of Cisco IP Phones is available in Cisco ISE in the following location: **Policy > Authorization > Standard**.

- **Workstation**—An identity group that contains all the profiled workstations on your network.

Using Endpoint Identity Groups in Authorization Policies

The profiler service discovers endpoints and classifies them now into their corresponding endpoint profiling policies based on the attributes that are collected and existing endpoint profiling policies in Cisco ISE. The Cisco ISE application moves these discovered endpoints to the corresponding endpoint identity groups based on the endpoint profiling policies.

The endpoint identity groups can be effectively used in the authorization policies to provide appropriate network access privileges to the discovered endpoints. To use the endpoint identity groups more effectively in the authorization policies, you need to ensure that the endpoint profiling policies are either standalone policies (no parent to the policies), or their parent policies of the endpoint profiling policies are disabled.

This section includes the following topics that describe the procedures for managing endpoint identity groups:

- [Filtering, Creating, Editing, and Deleting Endpoint Identity Groups, page 4-63](#)
- [Filtering, Adding, and Removing Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-67](#)

**Note**

For more information on endpoints and endpoint profiling in Cisco ISE networks, see [Chapter 17, “Configuring Endpoint Profiling Policies”](#).

Filtering, Creating, Editing, and Deleting Endpoint Identity Groups

The Endpoint Identity Groups page allows you to manage endpoint identity groups, and provides an option to filter the groups by their group names and description. This section describes the basic operations that allow you to group all the identified endpoints on your network and manage the identity groups.

The procedures for managing endpoint identity groups include the following tasks:

- [Filtering Endpoint Identity Groups, page 4-63](#)
- [Creating, Editing, and Deleting an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-65](#)
- [Filtering, Adding, and Removing Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-67](#)

Filtering Endpoint Identity Groups

A quick filter is a simple and quick filter that can be used to filter identity groups on the Endpoint Identity Groups page. It filters identity groups based on the field descriptions, such as the name of the identity group and the description on the Endpoint Identity Groups page.

An advanced filter is a complex filter that can also be preset for use and retrieved later, along with the filtering results, on the Endpoint Identity Groups page. It filters based on a specific value that is associated with the field description. You can add or remove filters, as well as combine a set of filters into a single filter within the advanced filter. Once created and saved, the Show drop-down lists includes all of the preset filters. You can choose a preset filter and view the results on the Endpoint Identity Groups page.

To filter identity groups on the Endpoint Identity Groups page, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups**.
The Groups menu window appears.
- Step 2** From the Groups menu window, choose **Endpoint Identity Groups** (menu).
The Endpoint Identity Groups page appears, which lists all the identity groups.
- Step 3** From the Endpoint Identity Groups page, choose **Filter**.
- Step 4** Click the drop-down arrow to list the filter options.
The Quick Filter and Advanced Filter options appear. See [Table 4-17](#).
- Step 5** From the Filter menu, choose the filter option.
For more information, see the [“To filter using the Quick Filter option, complete the following steps:” section on page 4-64](#) and [“To filter using the Advanced Filter option, complete the following steps:” section on page 4-64](#).
- Step 6** From the Show drop-down, choose a preset filter.
The preset filter displays the filtered results on the Endpoint Identity Groups page. To return to the endpoint identity groups list, choose **All** from the Show drop-down to display all the endpoint identity groups without filtering.
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To filter using the Quick Filter option, complete the following steps:

A quick filter filters identity groups based on each field description on the Endpoint Identity Groups page. When you click inside any field, and as you enter the search criteria in the field, it refreshes the page with the result on the Endpoint Identity Groups page. If you clear the field, it displays the list of all the endpoint identity groups on the Endpoint Identity Groups page.

- Step 1** To filter, click the **Go** button in each field to refresh the page with the results displayed on the Endpoint Identity Groups page.
- Step 2** To clear the field, click the **Clear** button in each field.
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To filter using the Advanced Filter option, complete the following steps:

An advanced filter enables you to filter identity groups by using variables that are more complex. It contains one or more filters that filter identity groups based on the values that match the field descriptions. A filter on a single row filters identity groups based on each field description and the value that you define in the filter. Multiple filters can be used to match the value(s) and filter identity groups by using any one or all of the filters within a single advanced filter.

- Step 1** To view and choose the field description, click the drop-down arrow.
- Step 2** To view and choose the operator, click the drop-down arrow.
- Step 3** Enter the value for the field description that you selected.
- Step 4** Click the **Add Row** (plus [+] sign) button to add a filter, or click the **Remove Row** (minus [-] sign) button to remove a filter.
- Step 5** Choose **All** to match the value in each filter, or **Any** to match the value in any one of the filters.

Step 6 Click **Go** to start filtering.

Step 7 Click the **Save** icon to save the filter.

The Save Preset Filter dialog appears. Enter a file name to save the filter and click **Save**. Do not include spaces when creating the name for a preset filter. Click **Cancel** to clear the filter without saving the current filter.



Note Any preset filter that you create and save is browser-based only and is only accessible using the same browser type (preset filters are not saved in the Cisco ISE database). For example, any preset filter you create and save using a Firefox version 3.6.x browser will not be accessible by a Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE8) browser (or vice versa).

Table 4-17 describes the fields on the Endpoint Identity Groups page that allow you to filter the endpoint identity groups.

Table 4-17 Filtering Endpoint Identity Groups

Filtering Method	Filtering Field	Filtering Field Description
Quick Filter	Name	This field enables you to filter identity groups by the name of the endpoint identity group.
	Description	This field enables you to filter identity groups by the description of the endpoint identity group.
Advanced Filter	Choose the field description from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Description 	Click the drop-down arrow to choose the field description.
	Operator	From the Operator field, click the drop-down arrow to choose an operator that can be used to filter identity groups.
	Value	From the Value field, choose the value for the field description that you selected against which the endpoint identity groups are filtered.

Creating, Editing, and Deleting an Endpoint Identity Group

You can create, edit, or delete an endpoint identity group on the Endpoint Identity Groups page.

To create an endpoint identity group on the Endpoint Identity Groups page, complete the following steps:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups > Endpoint Identity Groups**.

The Endpoint Identity Groups page appears, which lists all the identity groups.

Step 2 From the Endpoint Identity Groups page, choose **Create**.

Step 3 Modify the values on the New Endpoint Group page, as shown in Table 4-18.

- Step 4** Perform one of the following tasks:
- Click **Submit** to create the endpoint, which appears on the Endpoint Identity Groups page.
 - Click **Cancel** to terminate the action without creating the endpoint.
- Step 5** Click the **Endpoint Group List** link from the New Endpoint Group page to return to the Endpoint Identity Groups page.

Table 4-18 describes the fields on the Endpoint Identity Groups page that allow you to create an endpoint identity group:

Table 4-18 *Creating Endpoint Identity Groups*

Field Name	Description
Name	In the Name field, enter the name of the endpoint identity group that you want to create. Note Use the best practice to include no spaces when creating the name for an endpoint identity group.
Description	In the Description field, enter the description of the endpoint identity group that you want to create.
Parent Group	Cisco ISE creates the following three endpoint identity groups on your deployment: Blacklist, Profiled, and Unknown. From the Parent Group field, choose an endpoint identity group. Click the drop-down arrow to view the endpoint identity groups, which are created on your Cisco ISE deployment.

To edit an endpoint identity group on the Endpoint Identity Groups page, complete the following steps:

- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups > Endpoint Identity Groups**.
The Endpoint Identity Groups page appears, which lists all the identity groups.
- Step 2** From the Endpoint Identity Groups page, choose an identity group, then choose **Edit**.
-  **Note** You can only edit the name and description of the identity groups that you create in the system. The name of the endpoint identity groups are not editable but their description are editable that are created by Cisco ISE in the system.
- Step 3** Perform one of the following tasks:
- Click **Reset** to revert to the previous data.
 - Verify if you want to reset the data and lose any current data, or click **Cancel** to continue with the current input data.
 - Click **Save** to save the current input data on the edit page.
- Step 4** Click the **Endpoint Group List** to return to the Endpoint Identity Groups page after editing an endpoint identity group.

To delete an endpoint identity group on the Endpoint Identity Groups page, complete the following steps:

Step 1 Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups > Endpoint Identity Groups**.

The Endpoint Identity Groups page appears, which lists all the identity groups.

Step 2 Choose an endpoint identity group from the Endpoint Identity Groups page, then choose **Delete**.



Note You can only delete the identity groups that you create in the system. You cannot delete the endpoint identity groups that are created by Cisco ISE in the system.

Step 3 Click **OK** in the confirmation dialog to delete an endpoint identity group.

Click **Cancel** to return to the Endpoint Identity Groups page without deleting the endpoint identity group.

Related Topics

[Filtering Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-68](#)

[Adding and Removing Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-69](#)

Filtering, Adding, and Removing Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group

This section describes the basic operations that allow you to manage endpoints in an endpoint identity group. The MAC address is used in all the basic operations.

You can add or remove statically added endpoints in any endpoint identity group. If an endpoint identity group assignment is not static, then endpoints are reprofiled after adding, or removing from any endpoint identity group. Endpoints that are identified dynamically by the profiler appear in appropriate endpoint identity groups. If you remove dynamically added endpoints from an endpoint identity group, Cisco ISE displays a message that you have successfully removed endpoints from the identity group but reprofiles them back in the endpoint identity group. You can only add endpoints from the Endpoints widget to a specific identity group. If you add an endpoint to the specific endpoint identity group, then the endpoint is moved from the endpoint identity group where it was dynamically grouped earlier. Upon removal from the endpoint identity group where you recently added an endpoint, the endpoint is reprofiled back to the appropriate identity group.

The Endpoint Identity Group page displays the name and description of all the endpoint identity groups. You can use the Edit menu on the Endpoint Identity Groups page to filter, add, or remove endpoints in the identity group.

The procedures for managing endpoints in the endpoint identity groups include the following tasks:

- [Filtering Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-68](#)
- [Adding and Removing Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group, page 4-69](#)

Filtering Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group

A quick filter is a simple and quick way to filter endpoints in any endpoint identity group on the Identity Group Endpoints page. An advanced filter is a complex filter that can also be preset for use later and retrieved, along with the results on the Identity Group Endpoints page. You can add or remove filters, as well as combine a set of filters into a single, advanced filter. Once created and saved, the Show drop-down lists all of the preset filters. You can choose a preset filter and view the results on the Identity Group Endpoints page. Both the filters use only the MAC address for filtering endpoints in any endpoint identity group.

To filter endpoints in an identity group on the Identity Group Endpoints page, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups**.
The Groups menu window appears.
 - Step 2** From the Groups menu window, choose **Endpoint Identity Groups** (menu).
The Endpoint Identity Groups page appears.
 - Step 3** From the Endpoint Identity Groups page, choose an identity group, and then **Edit**.
Click the arrow in front of Endpoints to display or hide the Identity Group Endpoints page.
 - Step 4** From the Identity Group Endpoints page, choose **Filter**.
 - Step 5** Click the drop-down arrow to list the filter options.
The Quick Filter and Advanced Filter options appear. See [Table 4-19](#).
 - Step 6** From the Filter menu, choose the filter option.
For more information, see the “[To filter using the Quick Filter option, complete the following steps:](#)” section on page 4-68 and “[To filter using the Advanced Filter option, complete the following steps:](#)” section on page 4-69.
 - Step 7** From the Show drop-down, choose a preset filter.
The preset filter displays the filtered results on the Identity Group Endpoints page.
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To filter using the Quick Filter option, complete the following steps:

A quick filter filters endpoints based on the MAC address in an endpoint identity group.

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- Step 1** Choose the MAC address to filter endpoints in an endpoint identity group.
When you enter search criteria, it refreshes the page with the results on the Identity Group Endpoints page.
 - Step 2** To filter, click the **Go** button in each field.
If you choose to clear the field by using the **Clear** button, this displays the list of all the endpoints on the Identity Group Endpoints page.
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To filter using the Advanced Filter option, complete the following steps:

An advanced filter allows you to filter endpoints based on the MAC address. A filter on a single row filters endpoints based on the MAC address that you define. Multiple filters can be used to match the MAC addresses and filter endpoints by using any one or all of the filters within a single advanced filter.

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- Step 1** To view and choose the field description, click the drop-down arrow to choose the MAC address for the field description.
 - Step 2** To view and choose the operator, click the drop-down arrow.
 - Step 3** Enter the value (MAC address) for the field description.
 - Step 4** Click the **Add Row** (plus [+] sign) button to add a filter, or click the **Remove Row** (minus [-] sign) button to remove a filter.
 - Step 5** Choose **All** to match the MAC address in each filter, or **Any** to match the MAC address in any one of the filters.
 - Step 6** Click **Go** to start filtering.
 - Step 7** Click the **Save** icon to save the filter.
The Save Preset Filter dialog appears.
 - Step 8** Enter a file name to save the filter and click **Save**. Do not include spaces when creating the name for a preset filter.
 - Step 9** Click **Cancel** to clear the filter without saving the preset filter.
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Table 4-19 describes the fields on the Endpoints Identity Groups page that allow you to filter endpoints in an endpoint identity group:

Table 4-19 Filtering Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group

Filtering Method	Filtering Field	Filtering Field Description
Quick Filter	MAC address	This field enables you to filter endpoints based only on the MAC address of an endpoint. Enter the MAC address.
Advanced Filter	MAC address	Click the drop-down arrow to choose the MAC address.
	Operator	From the Operator field, click the drop-down arrow to choose an operator that can be used to filter endpoints.
	Value	From the Value field, enter the MAC address against which you want to filter endpoints.

Adding and Removing Endpoints in an Endpoint Identity Group

You can add endpoints to an identity group from the Endpoints widget, or remove endpoints from the identity group. You cannot remove an endpoint from the identity group that has a matching profile with an existing profile.

To add endpoints to an endpoint identity group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose **Administration > Identity Management > Groups**.
The Groups menu window appears.
- Step 2** From the Groups menu window, choose **Endpoint Identity Groups** (menu).
The Endpoint Identity Groups page appears, which lists all the identity groups.
- Step 3** From the Endpoint Identity Groups page, choose an identity group.
- Step 4** From the Endpoint Identity Groups page, choose **Edit**.
- Step 5** Click the arrow in front of Endpoints to display or hide the Identity Group Endpoints list, which displays the list of endpoints for the selected endpoint identity group.
- Step 6** Click **Add**.
The Endpoints widget appears.
- Step 7** Choose an endpoint from the Endpoints widget.
The endpoint appears in the endpoint identity group.
- Step 8** Click the **Endpoint Group List** link on the edit page to return to the Endpoint Identity Groups page.
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To remove endpoints from the endpoint identity group, complete the following steps:

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- Step 1** Choose an endpoint from the Identity Group Endpoints list.
- Step 2** Click **Remove** to remove the endpoint from the endpoint identity group.



Note Here, you can remove endpoints from the endpoint identity group.

- Step 3** Click the **Endpoint Group List** link on the edit page to return to the Endpoint Identity Groups page.
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