

Radius and TACACS-Based User Authentication and Authorization for vEdge and Controllers with ISE

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Introduction

This document describes how to configure Radius- and TACACS-based user authentication and authorization for vEdge and controllers with Identity Service Engine (ISE).

Prerequisites

Requirements

There are no specific requirements for this document.

Components Used

For the purpose of the demonstration, ISE version 2.6 was used. vEdge-cloud and controllers running 19.2.1

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Configure

The Viptela software provides three fixed user group names: **basic**, **netadmin**, and **operator**. You must assign the user to at least one group. The Default TACACS/Radius user is automatically placed in the basic group.

Radius-Based User Authentication and Authorization for vEdge and Controllers

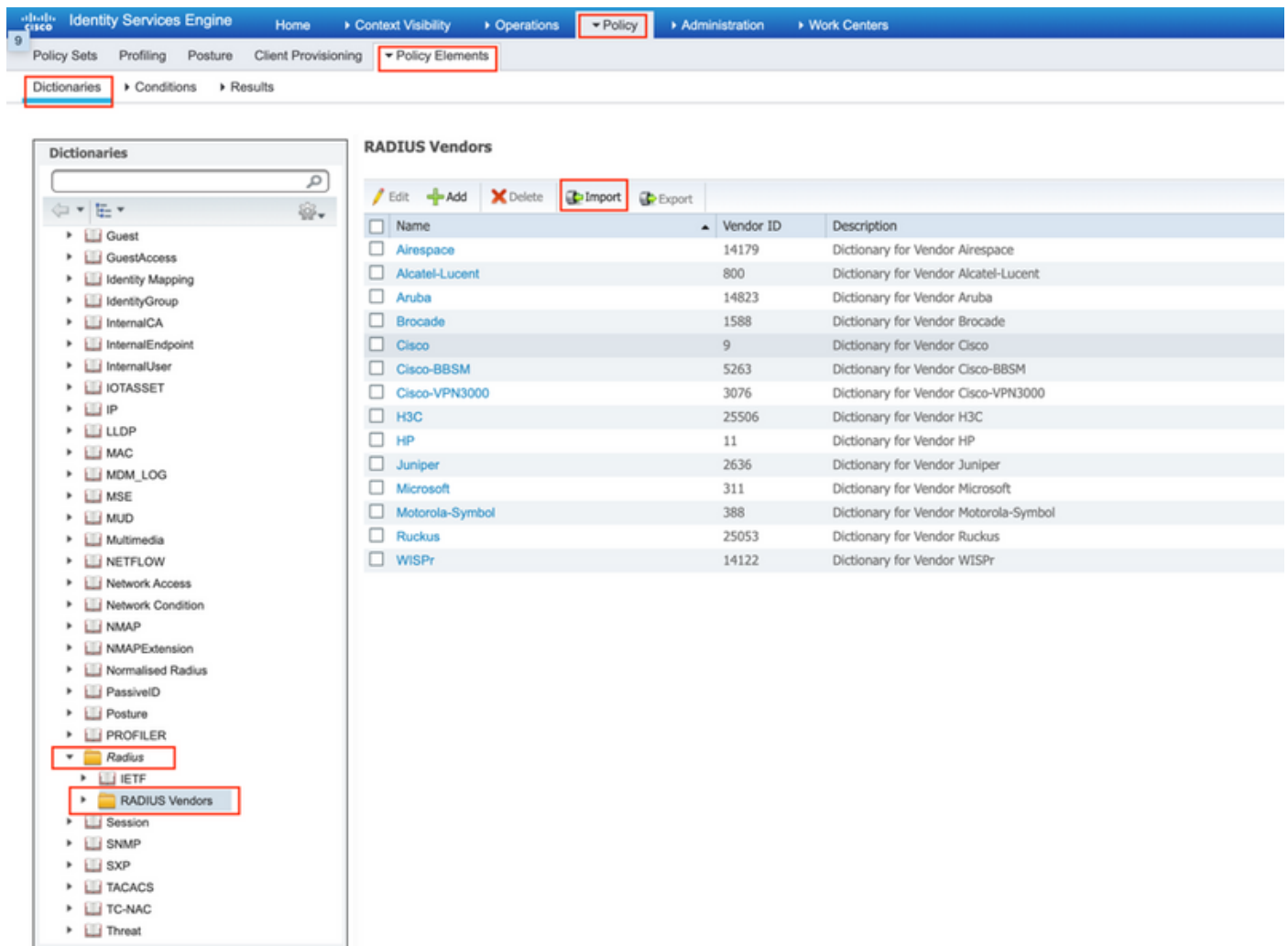
Step 1. Create a Viptela radius dictionary for ISE. To do so, create a text file with the content:

```
# -*- text -*-
#
# dictionary.viptela
#
#
# Version:      $Id$
#
VENDOR          Viptela                41916

BEGIN-VENDOR    Viptela

ATTRIBUTE       Viptela-Group-Name      1      string
```

Step 2. Upload dictionary to ISE. For this, navigate to **Policy > Policy Elements > Dictionaries**. From the list of Dictionaries, now navigate to **Radius > Radius Vendors** and then click **Import**, as shown image.



Now upload the file you created on step 1.

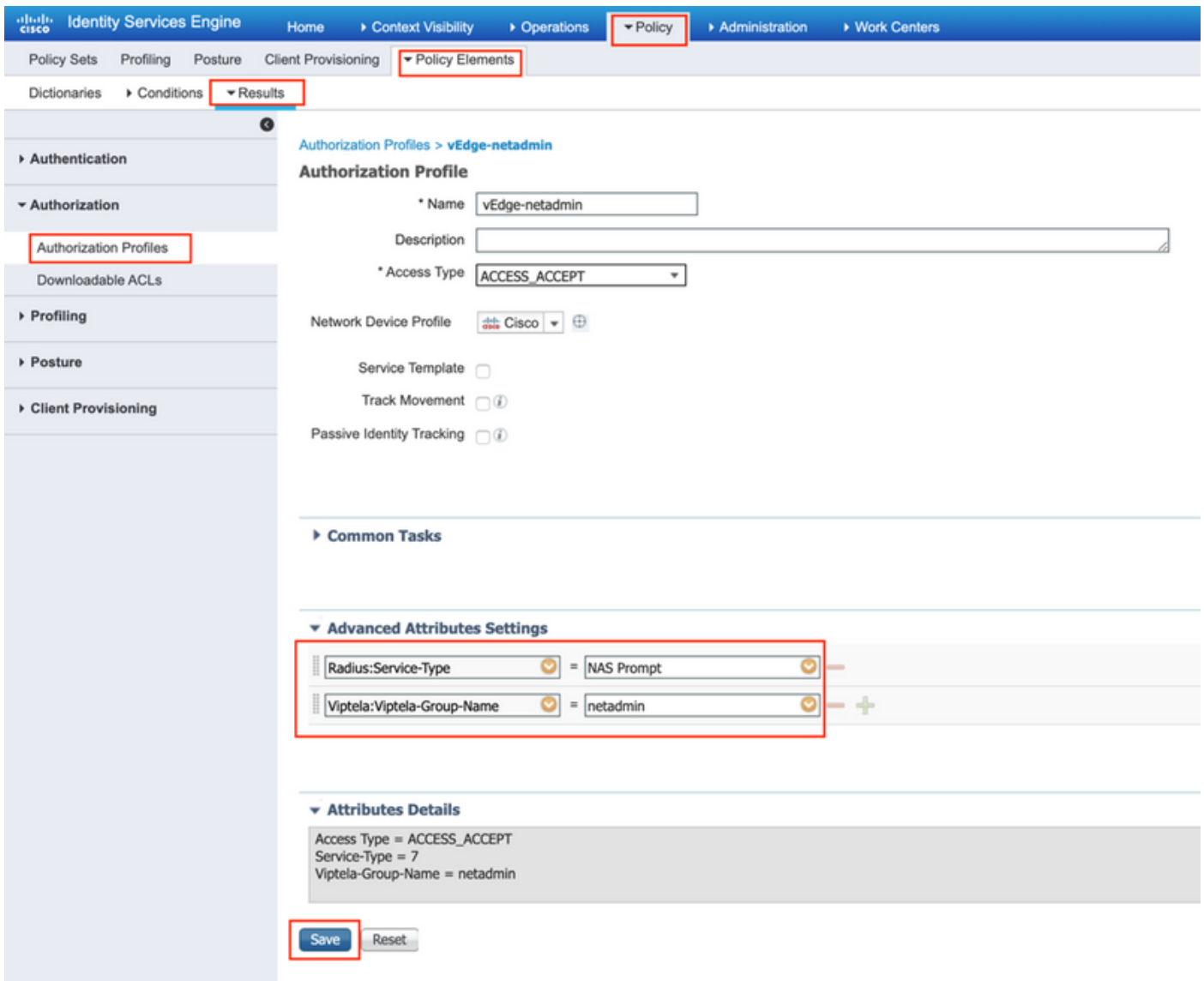
Dictionaries

Use this for to import a RADIUS Vendor. Select the file using the browser and click "Import".

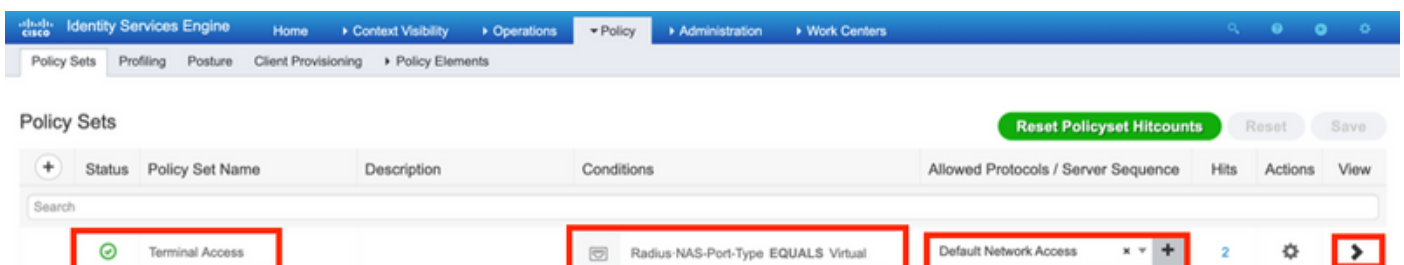
* Vendor file:
Choose file dictionary.viptela

Import Cancel

Step 3. Create an Authorization Profile. In this step Radius authorization profile assigns, for example, netadmin privilege level to an authenticated user. For this, navigate to **Policy > Policy Elements > Authorization Profiles** and specify two advanced attributes as shown in the image.



Step 4. Depends on your actual setup, your Policy Set may look differently. For the purpose of the demonstration in this article, the Policy entry called **Terminal Access** is created as shown in the image.



Click > and the next screen appears as shown in the image.

Identity Services Engine Home Context Visibility Operations Policy Administration Work Centers

Policy Sets Profiling Posture Client Provisioning Policy Elements

Policy Sets → Terminal Access Reset Pollicyset Hitcounts Reset Save

Status	Policy Set Name	Description	Conditions	Allowed Protocols / Server Sequence	Hits
✓	Terminal Access		Radius-NAS-Port-Type EQUALS Virtual	Default Network Access	2

Authentication Policy (1)
 Authorization Policy - Local Exceptions
 Authorization Policy - Global Exceptions
 Authorization Policy (2)

+	Status	Rule Name	Conditions	Results		Hits	Actions
				Profiles	Security Groups		
⋮	✓	vEdge-netadmin	IdentityGroup-Name EQUALS User Identity Groups:lab_admin	vEdge-netadmin	Select from list	1	⚙️
	✓	Default		DenyAccess	Select from list	0	⚙️

Reset Save

This policy matches based on user group lab_admin and assigns an authorization profile that was created in Step 3.

Step 5. Define NAS (vEdge router or controller) as shown in the image.

The screenshot shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) Administration console. The navigation menu includes Home, Context Visibility, Operations, Policy, Administration, and Work Centers. Under Administration, Network Resources is selected, leading to Network Devices List > vEdge-01.

Network Devices

- Name: vEdge-01
- Description: [Empty]
- IP Address: 10.48.87.232 / 32
- Device Profile: Cisco
- Model Name: [Empty]
- Software Version: [Empty]
- Network Device Group: [Empty]
- Location: All Locations (Set To Default)
- IPSEC: No (Set To Default)
- Device Type: All Device Types (Set To Default)

RADIUS Authentication Settings

- Protocol: RADIUS
- Shared Secret: ***** (Show)
- Use Second Shared Secret: [Checked] (Show)
- CoA Port: 1700 (Set To Default)
- RADIUS DTLS Settings:
 - DTLS Required: [Checked] (i)
 - Shared Secret: radius/dtls (i)
 - CoA Port: 2083 (Set To Default)
 - Issuer CA of ISE Certificates for CoA: Select if required (optional) (i)
 - DNS Name: [Empty]
- General Settings:
 - Enable KeyWrap: [Checked] (i)
 - Key Encryption Key: [Empty] (Show)
 - Message Authenticator Code Key: [Empty] (Show)
 - Key Input Format: ASCII (HEXADECIMAL)

Step 6. Configure vEdge/Controller.

```

system
aaa
  auth-order    radius local
  radius
  server 10.48.87.210
  vpn 512
  key cisco
exit
!
!

```

Step 7. Verification. Login to vEdge and ensure netadmin group assigned to the remote user.

```
vEdgeCloud1# show users
```

SESSION	USER	CONTEXT	FROM	PROTO	AUTH GROUP	LOGIN TIME
33472	ekhabaro	cli	10.149.4.155	ssh	netadmin	2020-03-09T18:39:40+00:00

TACACS-Based User Authentication and Authorization for vEdge and Controllers

Step 1. Create a TACACS profile. In this step, the TACACS profile created is assigned, for example, netadmin privilege level to an authenticated user.

- Select **Mandatory** from the **Custom attribute** section to add the attribute as:

Type	Name	Value
Mandatory	Viptela-Group-Name	netadmin

The screenshot shows the Cisco ISE configuration interface for a TACACS Profile. The breadcrumb navigation is: Home > Context Visibility > Operations > Policy > Administration > Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Elements > TACACS Profiles > vEdge. The 'TACACS Profile' configuration page is displayed, with the 'Name' field set to 'vEdge_netadmin'. The 'Description' field is empty. The 'Task Attribute View' tab is selected. Under 'Common Tasks', the 'Shell' task type is chosen. A list of task attributes is shown, including Default Privilege, Maximum Privilege, Access Control List, Auto Command, No Escape, Timeout, and Idle Time. Under 'Custom Attributes', a table shows a new attribute added: Type: Mandatory, Name: Viptela-Group-Name, Value: netadmin. The 'Save' button is highlighted in green.

Step 2. Create a device group for SD-WAN.

Identity Services Engine Home Context Visibility Operations Policy Administration Work Centers

System Identity Management Network Resources Device Portal Management pxGrid Services Feed Service Threat Centric NAC

Network Devices Network Device Groups Network Device Profiles External RADIUS Servers RADIUS Server Sequences NAC Managers External MDM Location Services

Network Device Groups

All Groups Choose group ▾

Refresh + Add Duplicate Edit Trash Show group members Import Export Flat Table Expand All Collapse All

Name	Description	No. of Network Devices
▾ All Device Types	All Device Types	--
<input type="checkbox"/> SD-WAN		0
<input type="checkbox"/> All Locations	All Locations	--
<input type="checkbox"/> Is IPSEC Device	Is this a RADIUS over IPSEC Device	--

Add Group



Name *

SD-WAN

Description

Parent Group *

All Device Types



Cancel

Save

Step 3. Configure the device and assign it to the SD-WAN device group:

Network Devices

* Name

Description

IP Address /

* Device Profile

Model Name

Software Version

* Network Device Group

Location

IPSEC

Device Type

RADIUS Authentication Settings

TACACS Authentication Settings

Shared Secret ⓘ

Enable Single Connect Mode

Legacy Cisco Device

TACACS Draft Compliance Single Connect Support

SNMP Settings

Advanced TrustSec Settings

Step 4. Define Device Administration Policy.

Depends upon your actual setup, your Policy Set may look differently. For the purpose of the demonstration in this document, the Policy is created.

Cisco Identity Services Engine									
Home > Context Visibility > Operations > Policy > Administration > Work Centers									
Network Access > Guest Access > TrustSec > BYOD > Profiler > Posture > Device Administration > PassiveID									
Overview > Identities > User Identity Groups > Ext Id Sources > Network Resources > Policy Elements > Device Admin Policy Sets > Reports > Settings									
Policy Sets									
<input type="button" value="Reset Policyset Hitcounts"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/> <input type="button" value="Save"/>									
+	Status	Policy Set Name	Description	Conditions	Allowed Protocols / Server Sequence	Hits	Actions	View	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vEdges		DEVICE Device Type EQUALS All Device Types#SD-WAN	Default Device Admin		<input type="button" value="Settings"/>	<input checked="" type="button" value="View"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	Tacacs Default policy set		Default Device Admin	0	<input type="button" value="Settings"/>	<input type="button" value="View"/>	
<input type="button" value="Reset"/> <input type="button" value="Save"/>									

Click > and the next screen appears as shown in this image. This policy matches based on device type named **SD-WAN** and assigns the Shell profile that is created in step 1.

The screenshot shows the Cisco ISE Device Administration interface. The breadcrumb navigation is: Home > Context Visibility > Operations > Policy > Administration > Work Centers > Device Administration > PassiveID > Device Admin Policy Sets. The main heading is 'Policy Sets → vEdges'. There are buttons for 'Reset Policyset Hitcounts', 'Reset', and 'Save'. A table lists policy sets with columns for Status, Policy Set Name, Description, Conditions, Allowed Protocols / Server Sequence, and Hits. The 'vEdges' policy set is expanded to show:

- Authentication Policy (1)
- Authorization Policy - Local Exceptions
- Authorization Policy - Global Exceptions
- Authorization Policy (2)

 The 'Authorization Policy (2)' section is further expanded to show a table of rules:

+	Status	Rule Name	Conditions	Results	Command Sets	Shell Profiles	Hits	Actions
	✓	vEdge-netadmin	IdentityGroup Name EQUALS User Identity Groups:lab_admin			vEdge_netadmin	0	⚙️
	✓	Default			DenyAllCommands	Deny All Shell Profile	0	⚙️

 The 'vEdge-netadmin' rule name, its condition, and its result are highlighted with red boxes. At the bottom right, there are 'Reset' and 'Save' buttons.

Step 5. Configure vEdge:

```

system
aaa
  auth-order tacacs local
!
tacacs
  server 10.48.87.210
  vpn 512
  key cisco
  exit
!
!
  
```

Step 6. Verification. Login to vEdge and ensure netadmin group assigned to remote user:

```
vEdgeCloud1# show users
```

```

          AUTH
SESSION  USER      CONTEXT  FROM          PROTO  GROUP      LOGIN TIME
-----
33472    ekhabaro  cli      10.149.4.155  ssh    netadmin   2020-03-09T18:39:40+00:00
  
```

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Related Information

- Cisco ISE Device Administration Prescriptive Deployment

Guide: <https://community.cisco.com/t5/security-documents/cisco-ise-device-administration-prescriptive-deployment-guide/ta-p/3738365#toc-hld-298630973>

- **Configuring User Access and Authentication:** https://sdwan-docs.cisco.com/Product_Documentation/Software_Features/Release_18.4/02System_and_Interfaces/03Configuring_User_Access_and_Authentication