

# Configure ISE 2.0 TACACS+ Authentication Command Authorization

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## Introduction

This document describes how to configure TACACS+ Authentication and Command Authorization based on Microsoft Active Directory (AD) group membership.

## Background Information

To configure TACACS+ Authentication and Command Authorization based on Microsoft Active Directory (AD) group membership of a user with Identity Service Engine (ISE) 2.0 and later, ISE uses AD as an external identity store to store resources such as users, machines, groups, and attributes.

## Prerequisites

## Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- Cisco IOS Router is fully operational
- Connectivity between Router and ISE.
- ISE Server is bootstrapped and has connectivity to Microsoft AD

## Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- Cisco Identity Service Engine 2.0
- Cisco IOS<sup>®</sup> Software Release 15.4(3)M3
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2

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.

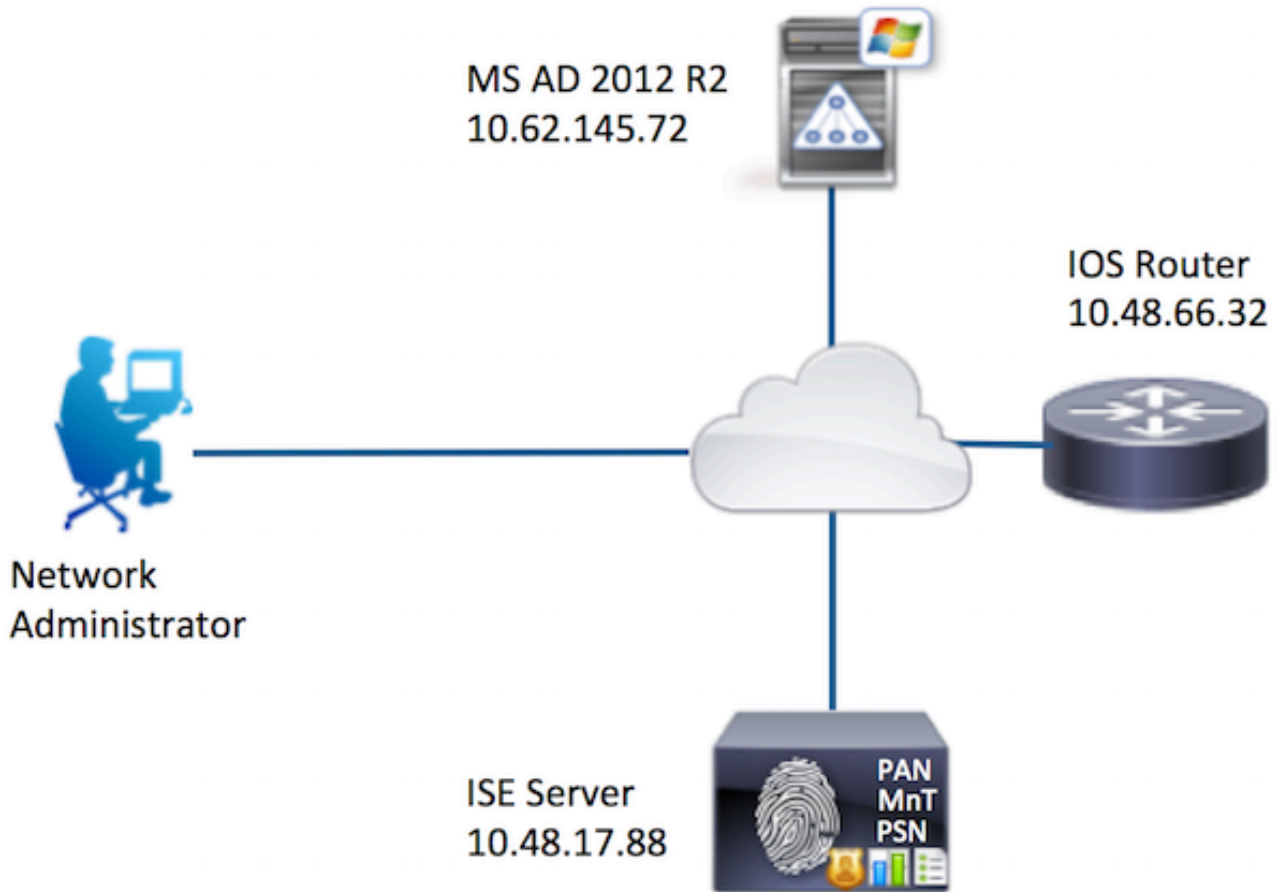
Refer to [Cisco Technical Tips Conventions](#) for more information on document conventions.

## Configure

The aim of the configuration is to:

- Authenticate telnet user via AD
- Authorize telnet user so it is placed into privileged EXEC mode after the login
- Check and send every executed command to ISE for verification

## Network Diagram



## Configurations

### Configure ISE for Authentication and Authorization

#### Join ISE 2.0 to Active Directory

1. Navigate to **Administration > Identity Management > External Identity Stores > Active Directory > Add**. Provide the Join Point Name, Active Directory Domain and click **Submit**.

Navigation path: Administration > Identity Management > External Identity Stores > Active Directory > Add

Identity Source Sequences > Settings

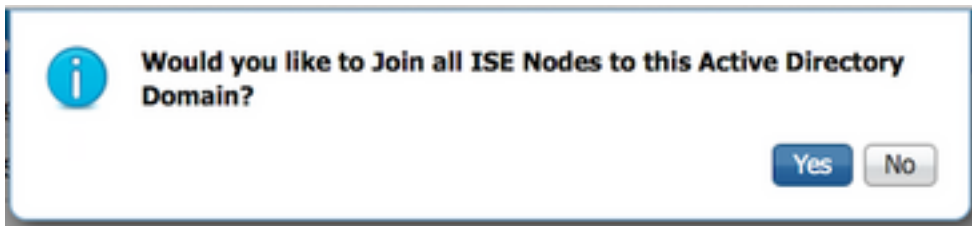
Connection

\* Join Point Name:

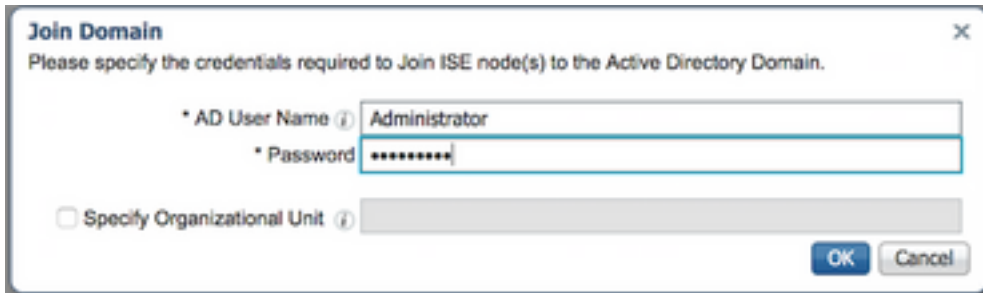
\* Active Directory Domain:

Submit Cancel

2. When prompted to Join all ISE Nodes to this Active Directory Domain, click **Yes**.



3. Provide AD User Name and Password, click **OK**.

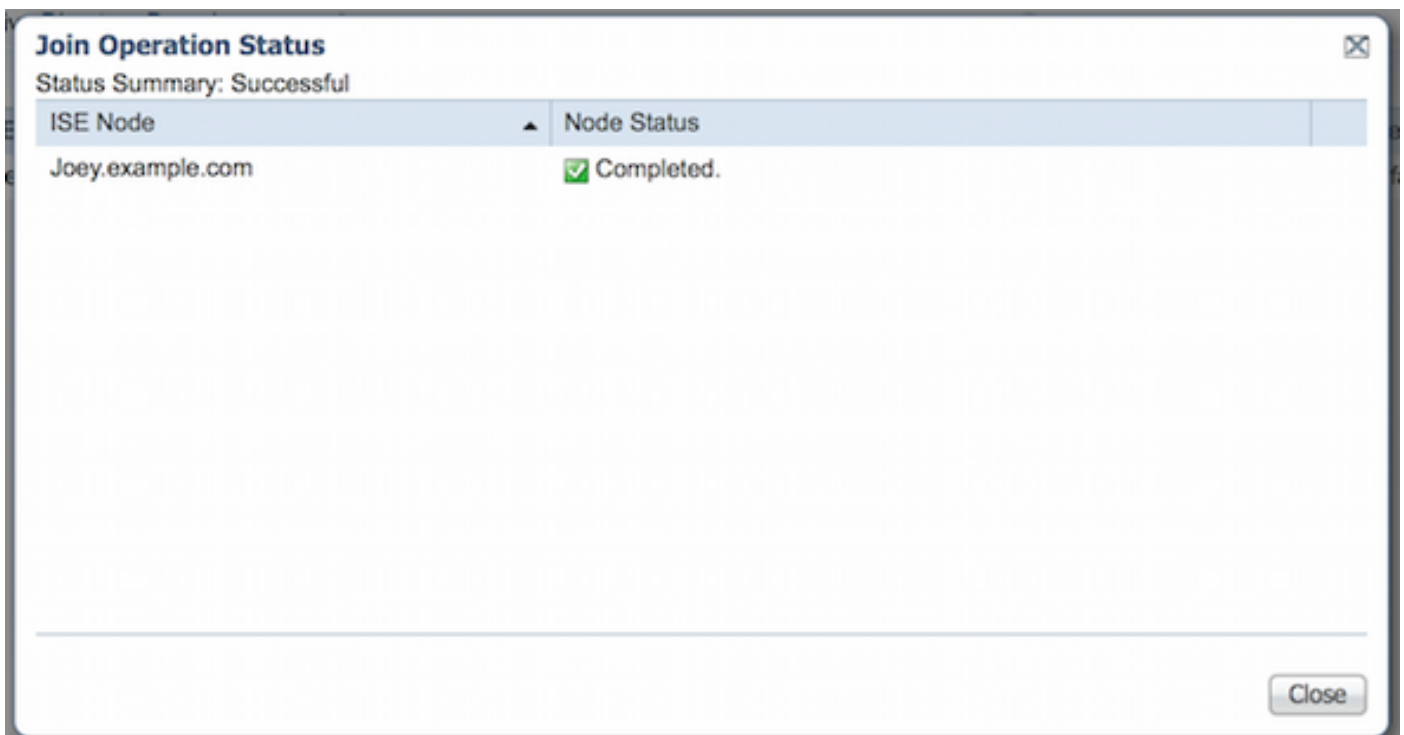


AD account required for domain access in ISE can have either of these:

- Add workstations to domain user right in respective domain
- Create Computer Objects or Delete Computer Objects permission on respective computers container where ISE machine's account is created before it joins ISE machine to the domain

**Note:** Cisco recommends to disable the lockout policy for the ISE account and configure the AD infrastructure to send alerts to the admin if a wrong password is used for that account. When the wrong password is entered, ISE does not create or modify its machine account when it is necessary and therefore possibly deny all authentications.

4. Review Operation Status. Node Status must show up as Completed. Click **Close**.



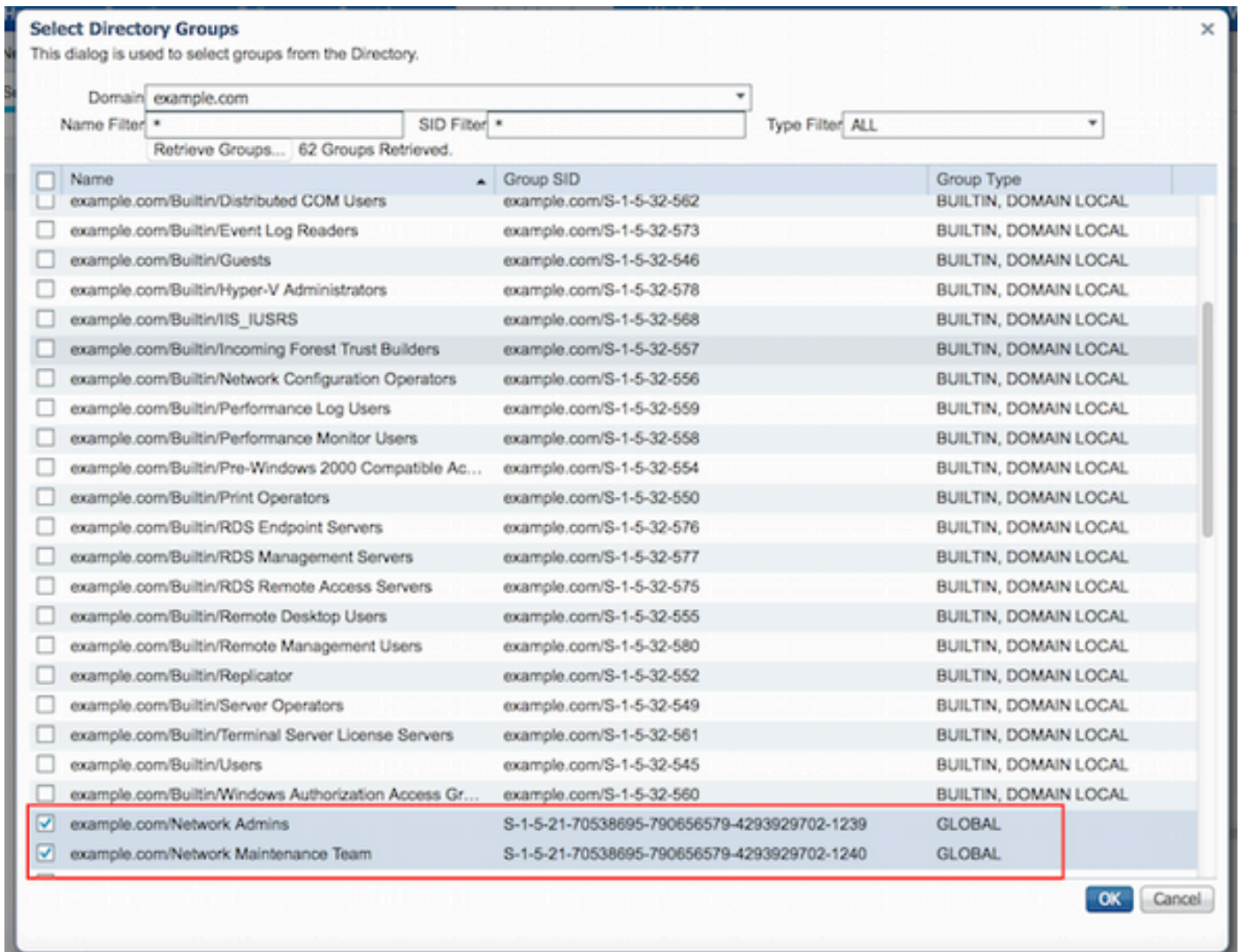
5. Status of AD is Operational.

The screenshot shows the Cisco ISE Administration interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Operations', 'Policy', 'Guest Access', 'Administration', and 'Work Centers'. Below this, there are links for 'Resources', 'Device Portal Management', 'pxGrid Services', 'Feed Service', and 'pxGrid Identifier'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Entity Source Sequences' and 'Settings'. The main content area is titled 'Connection' and shows configuration for an Active Directory domain. The 'Join Point Name' is 'AD' and the 'Active Directory Domain' is 'example.com'. There are buttons for 'Join', 'Leave', 'Test User', 'Diagnostic Tool', and 'Refresh Table'. A table below shows the status of the connection:

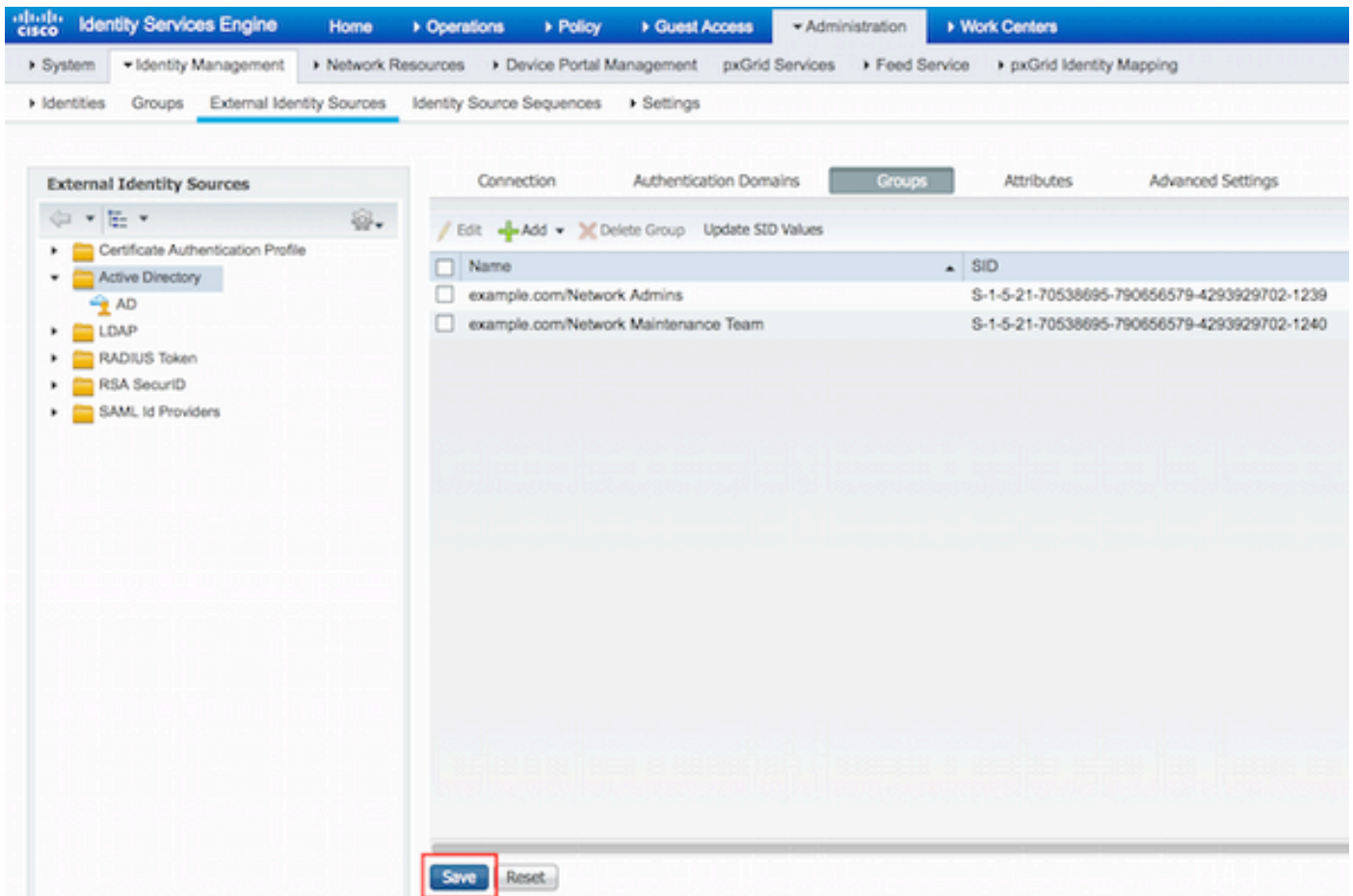
ISE Node	ISE Node Role	Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Joey.example.com	STANDALONE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operational

6. Navigate to **Groups > Add > Select Groups From Directory > Retrieve Groups**. Select **Network Admins** AD Group and **Network Maintenance Team** AD Group checkboxes, as shown in this image.

**Note:** User admin is member of Network Admins AD Group. This user has full access privileges. This user is a member of Network Maintenance Team AD Group. This user is able to execute only show commands.

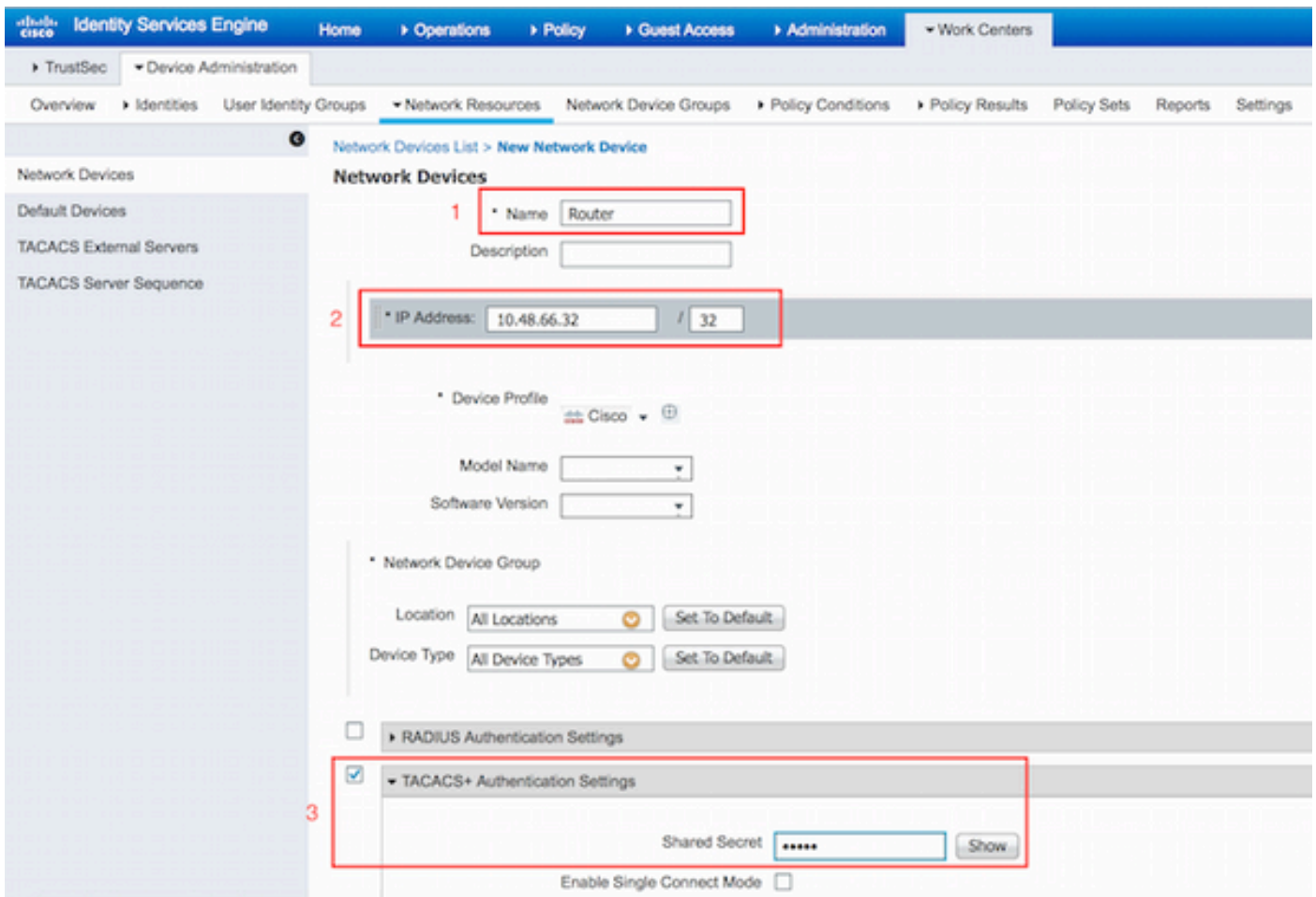


7. Click **Save** to save retrieved AD Groups.



## Add Network Device

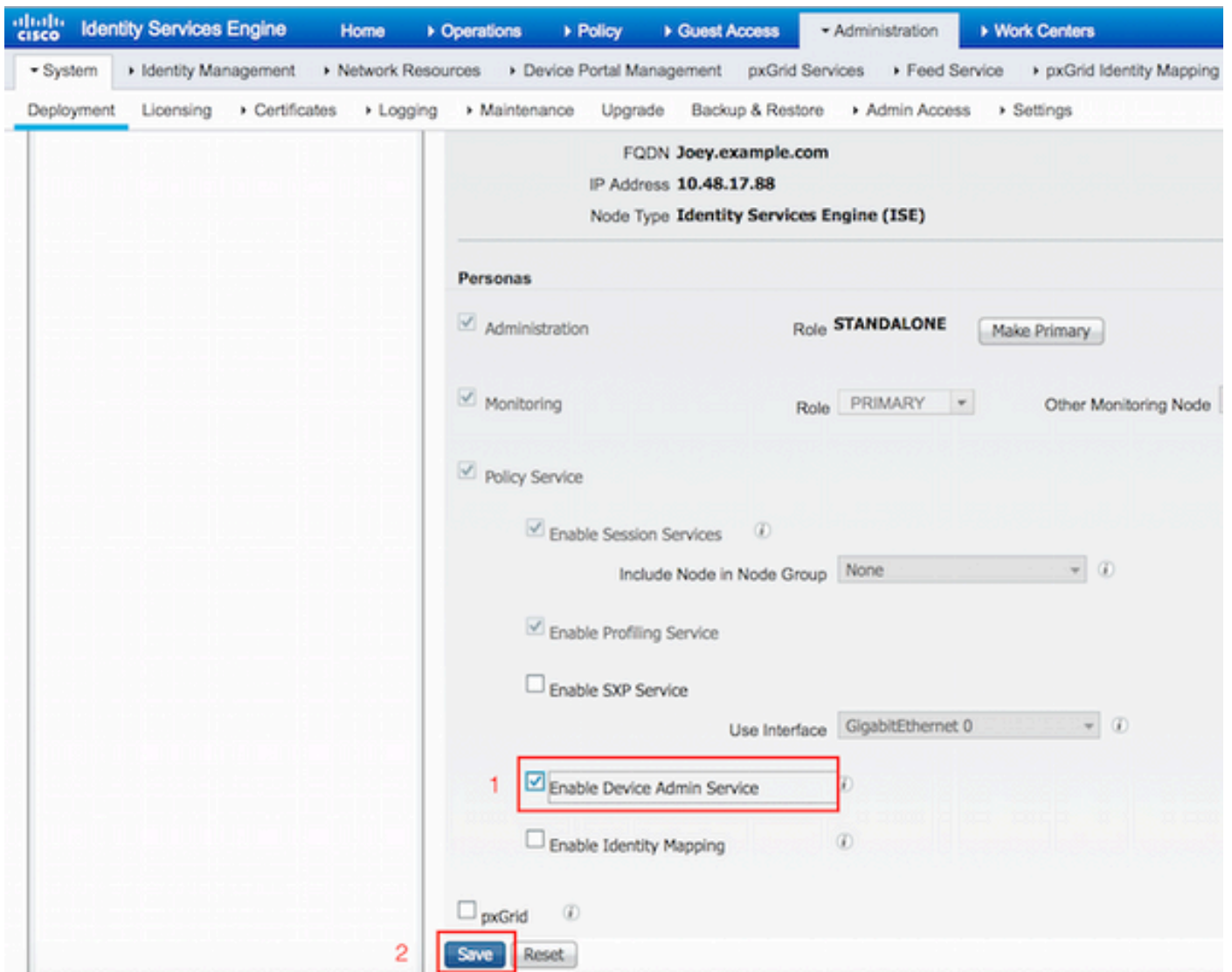
Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Network Resources > Network Devices**. Click **Add**. Provide Name, IP Address, select **TACACS+ Authentication Settings** checkbox and provide Shared Secret key.



## Enable Device Admin Service

Navigate to **Administration > System > Deployment**. Choose required Node. Choose **Enable Device Admin Service** checkbox and click **Save**.





**Note:** For TACACS you need to have separate licenses installed.

## Configure TACACS Command Sets

Two command sets are configured. First **PermitAllCommands** for the user admin which allows all commands on the device. Second **PermitShowCommands** for user user which allows only show commands.

1. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Results > TACACS Command Sets**. Click **Add**. Provide the Name **PermitAllCommands**, choose **Permit any command** checkbox that is not listed and click **Submit**.

TACACS Command Sets > New

### Command Set

1

Name \* PermitAllCommands

Description

2

Permit any command that is not listed below

	Grant	Command	Arguments
No data found.			

2. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Results > TACACS Command Sets**. Click **Add**. Provide the Name **PermitShowCommands**, click **Add** and permit **show** and **exit** commands. By default if Arguments is left blank, all arguments are be included. Click **Submit**.

Home ▶ Operations ▶ Policy ▶ Guest Access ▶ Administration ▶ Work Centers

Groups ▶ Network Resources ▶ Network Device Groups ▶ Policy Conditions ▶ Policy Results ▶ Policy Sets

TACACS Command Sets > New

### Command Set

1 Name \* PermitShowCommands

Description

Permit any command that is not listed below

0 Selected

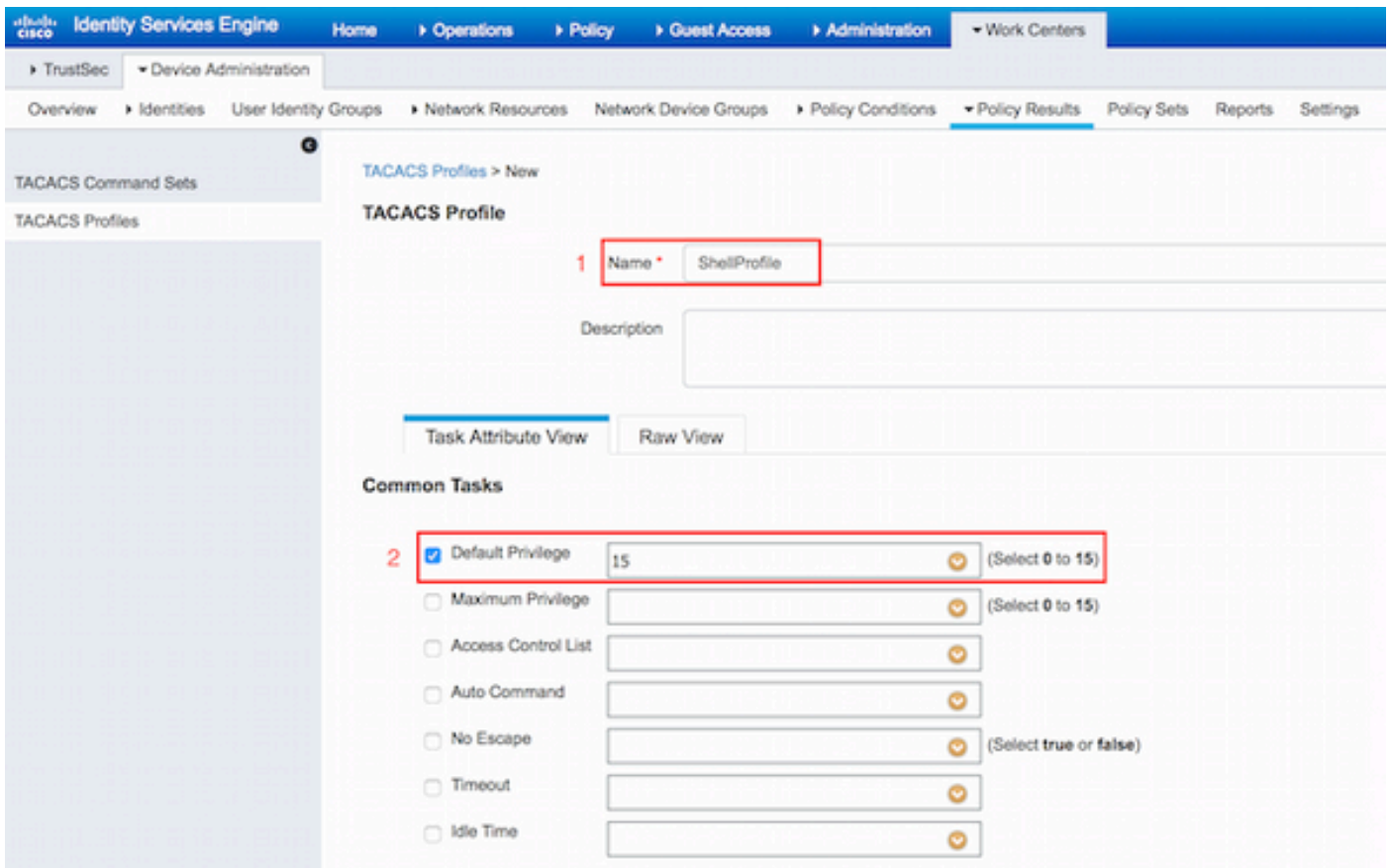
2 + Add Trash Edit Move Up Move Down

<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant	Command	Arguments
<input type="checkbox"/>	PERMIT	show	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PERMIT	exit	

3

## Configure TACACS Profile

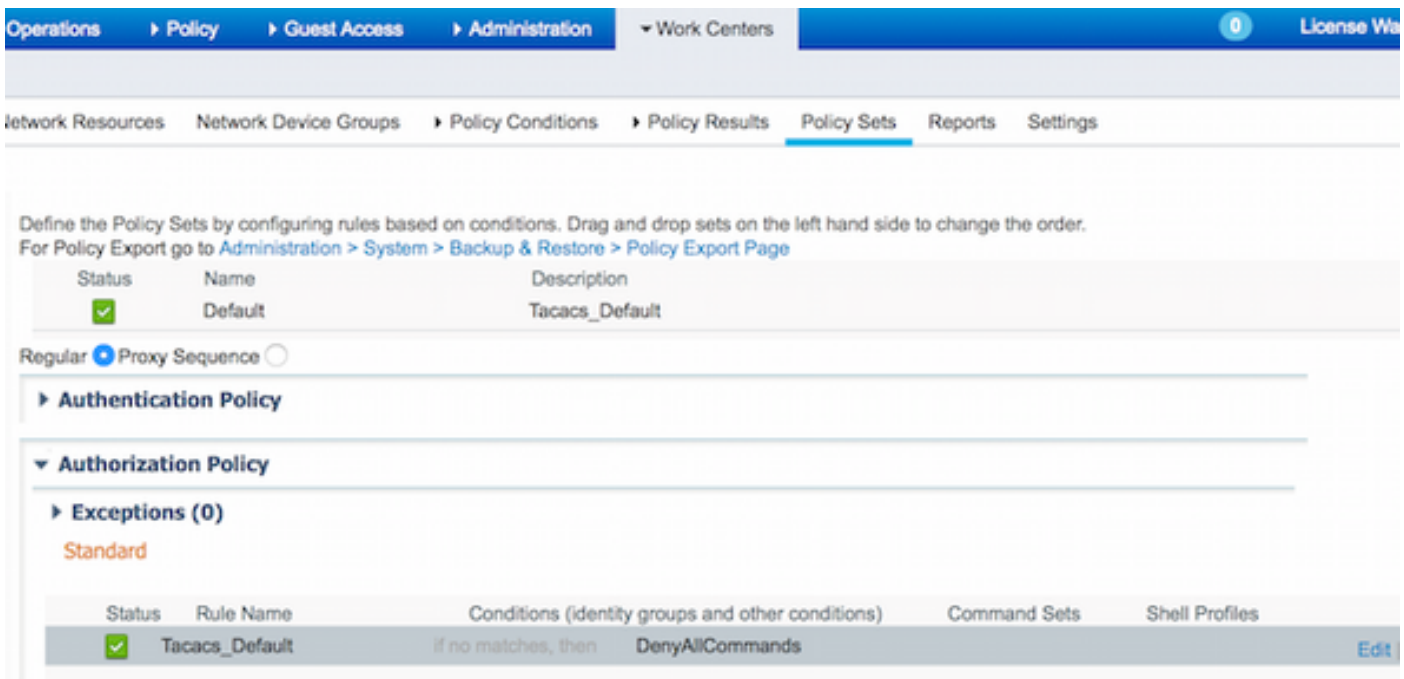
Single TACACS Profile is configured. TACACS Profile is the same concept as Shell Profile on ACS. Actual command enforcement is done via command sets. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Results > TACACS Profiles**. Click **Add**. Provide Name ShellProfile, select **Default Privilege** checkbox and enter the value of 15. Click **Submit**.



## Configure TACACS Authorization Policy

Authentication Policy by default points to All\_User\_ID\_Stores, which includes AD, so it is left unchanged.

Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Sets > Default > Authorization Policy > Edit > Insert New Rule Above.**



Two authorization rules are configured; first rule assigns TACACS profile ShellProfile and command Set PermitAllCommands based on Network Admins AD Group membership. Second

rule assigns TACACS profile ShellProfile and command Set PermitShowCommands based on Network Maintenance Team AD Group membership.

Operations > Policy > Guest Access > Administration > Work Centers 0 License Warning

Network Resources Network Device Groups > Policy Conditions > Policy Results **Policy Sets** Reports Settings

For Policy Export go to Administration > System > Backup & Restore > Policy Export Page

Status	Name	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	Tacacs_Default

Regular  Proxy Sequence

► Authentication Policy

▼ Authorization Policy

► Exceptions (0)

Standard

Status	Rule Name	Conditions (identity groups and other conditions)	Command Sets	Shell Profiles	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PermitAllCommands	if AD:ExternalGroups EQUALS example.com/Network Admins	then PermitAllCommands	AND ShellProfile	Edit   ▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PermitShowCommands	if AD:ExternalGroups EQUALS example.com/Network Maintenance Team	then PermitShowCommands	AND ShellProfile	Edit   ▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tacacs_Default	if no matches, then	DenyAllCommands		Edit   ▼

## Configure the Cisco IOS Router for Authentication and Authorization

Complete these steps in order to configure Cisco IOS Router for Authentication and Authorization.

1. Create a local user with full privilege for fallback with the **username** command as shown here.

```
username cisco privilege 15 password cisco
```

2. Enable aaa new-model. Define TACACS server ISE, and place it in the group ISE\_GROUP.

```
aaa new-model
```

```
tacacs server ISE  
address ipv4 10.48.17.88  
key cisco
```

```
aaa group server tacacs+ ISE_GROUP  
server name ISE
```

**Note:** Server key matches the one defined on ISE Server earlier.

3. Test the TACACS server reachability with the test **aaa** command as shown.

```
Router#test aaa group tacacs+ admin Krakow123 legacy  
Attempting authentication test to server-group tacacs+ using tacacs+  
User was successfully authenticated.
```

The output of the previous command shows that the TACACS server is reachable and the user has been successfully authenticated.

4. Configure login and enable authentications and then use the exec and command authorizations as shown.

```
aaa authentication login AAA group ISE_GROUP local
aaa authentication enable default group ISE_GROUP enable
aaa authorization exec AAA group ISE_GROUP local
aaa authorization commands 0 AAA group ISE_GROUP local
aaa authorization commands 1 AAA group ISE_GROUP local
aaa authorization commands 15 AAA group ISE_GROUP local
aaa authorization config-commands
```

**Note:** Method list created is named AAA, which is used later, when it is assigned to line vty.

## 5. Assign method lists to line vty 0 4.

```
line vty 0 4
  authorization commands 0 AAA
  authorization commands 1 AAA
  authorization commands 15 AAA
  authorization exec AAA
  login authentication AAA
```

# Verify

## Cisco IOS Router Verification

1. Telnet to the Cisco IOS Router as admin who belongs to the full-access group in AD. Network Admins group is the group in AD which is mapped to ShellProfile and PermitAllCommands Command set on the ISE. Try to run any command to ensure full access.

Username:**admin**

Password:

```
Router#conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Router(config)#crypto isakmp policy 10
Router(config-isakmp)#encryption aes
Router(config-isakmp)#exit
Router(config)#exit
Router#
```

2. Telnet to the Cisco IOS Router as user who belongs to the limited access group in AD. Network Maintenance Team group is the group in AD which is mapped to **ShellProfile** and **PermitShowCommands** Command set on the ISE. Try to run any command to ensure that only show commands can be issued.

Username:**user**

Password:

```
Router#show ip interface brief | exclude unassigned
```

Interface	IP-Address	OK?	Method	Status	Protocol
GigabitEthernet0/0	10.48.66.32	YES	NVRAM	up	up

```
Router#ping 8.8.8.8
Command authorization failed.
```

```
Router#configure terminal
Command authorization failed.
```

```
Router#show running-config | include hostname
hostname Router
Router#
```

## ISE 2.0 Verification

1. Navigate to **Operations > TACACS LiveLog**. Ensure that the attempts done are seen.

The screenshot shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) TACACS LiveLog interface. The navigation menu includes Home, Operations, Policy, Guest Access, Administration, and Work Centers. The TACACS LiveLog page is active, showing a table of log entries. The table has columns for Generated Time, Status, Username, Type, Authentication Policy, and Authorization Policy. The Status column has a dropdown menu set to 'All'. The table contains 13 rows of log entries. Two rows are highlighted in red, indicating failed authorization attempts for the user 'user'.

Generated Time	Status	Details	Username	Type	Authentication Policy	Authorization Policy
2015-08-18 14:28:12.011	✓		user	Authorization		Tacacs_Default >> PermitShowCo...
2015-08-18 14:28:05.11	✓		user	Authorization		Tacacs_Default >> PermitShowCo...
2015-08-18 14:27:55.408	✗		user	Authorization		Tacacs_Default >> PermitShowCo...
2015-08-18 14:27:53.013	✗		user	Authorization		Tacacs_Default >> PermitShowCo...
2015-08-18 14:27:47.387	✓		user	Authorization		Tacacs_Default >> PermitShowCo...
2015-08-18 14:27:41.034	✓		user	Authorization		Tacacs_Default >> PermitShowCo...
2015-08-18 14:27:40.415	✓		user	Authentication	Tacacs_Default >> Default >> Default	
2015-08-18 14:24:43.715	✓		admin	Authorization		Tacacs_Default >> PermitAllComm...
2015-08-18 14:24:40.834	✓		admin	Authorization		Tacacs_Default >> PermitAllComm...
2015-08-18 14:24:40.213	✓		admin	Authentication	Tacacs_Default >> Default >> Default	
2015-08-18 14:20:42.923	✓		admin	Authorization		Tacacs_Default >> PermitAllComm...
2015-08-18 14:20:42.762	✓		admin	Authentication	Tacacs_Default >> Default >> Default	

2. Click the details of one of the red reports. Failed command executed earlier can be seen.

## Overview

Request Type	Authorization
Status	Fail
Session Key	Joey/229259639/49
Message Text	Failed-Attempt: Command Authorization failed
Username	user
Authorization Policy	Tacacs_Default >> PermitShowCommands
Shell Profile	
Matched Command Set	
Command From Device	configure terminal

## Authorization Details

Generated Time	2015-08-18 14:27:55.408
Logged Time	2015-08-18 14:27:55.409
ISE Node	Joey
Message Text	Failed-Attempt: Command Authorization failed
Failure Reason	13025 Command failed to match a Permit rule

## Troubleshoot

Error: 13025 Command failed to match a Permit rule

Check the SelectedCommandSet attributes to verify that the expected Command Sets were selected by the Authorization policy.

## Related Information

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[ISE 2.0 Release Notes](#)

[ISE 2.0 Hardware Installation Guide](#)

[ISE 2.0 Upgrade Guide](#)



[ACS to ISE Migration Tool Guide](#)

[ISE 2.0 Active Directory Integration Guide](#)

[ISE 2.0 Engine Administrator Guide](#)