Configure TACACS+ over TLS 1.3 on an IOS XR Device with ISE

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Introduction

This document describes an example for TACACS+ over TLS with Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) as server and a Cisco IOS® XR device as client.

Overview

The Terminal Access Controller Access-Control System Plus (TACACS+) Protocol [RFC8907] enables centralized device administration for routers, network access servers, and other networked devices through one or more TACACS+ servers. It provides authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) services, specifically tailored for device administration use cases.

TACACS+ over TLS 1.3 [RFC8446] enhances the protocol by introducing a secure transport layer, safeguarding highly sensitive data. This integration ensures confidentiality, integrity, and authentication for the connection and network traffic between TACACS+ clients and servers.

Using this Guide

This guide divides the activities into two parts to enable ISE to manage administrative access for Cisco IOS XR based network devices.
• Part 1 – Configure ISE for Device Admin
• Part 2 - Configure Cisco IOS XR for TACACS+ over TLS

Prerequisites

Requirements

Requirements to configure TACACS+ over TLS:

- A Certificate Authority (CA) to sign the certificate used by TACACS+ over TLS to sign the certificates of ISE and network devices.
- The root certificate from the Certificate Authority (CA).
- Network devices and ISE have DNS reachability and can resolve hostnames.

Components Used

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

- ISE VMware virtual appliance, release 3.4 patch 2
- Cisco 8201 Router and Cisco NCS 5508/55A1 Router, release 25.3.1

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.

Licensing

A Device Administration license allows you to use TACACS+ services on a Policy Service node. In a high availability (HA) standalone deployment, a Device Administration license permits you to use TACACS+ services on a single Policy Service node in the HA pair.

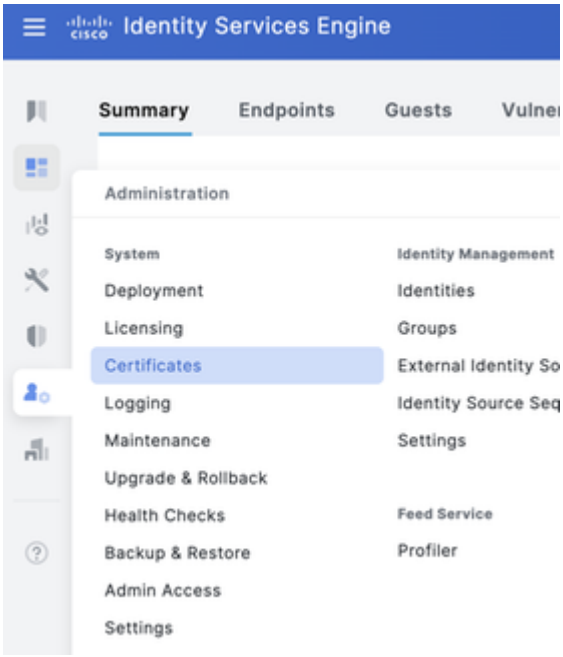
Part 1 - ISE Configuration for Device Administration

Generate Certificate Signing Request for TACACS+ Server Authentication

Step 1. Log in to the **ISE admin web portal** using one of the supported browsers.

By default, ISE uses a self-signed certificate for all services. The first step is to generate a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) to have it signed by our Certificate Authority (CA).

Step 2. Navigate to**Administration > System > Certificates**.

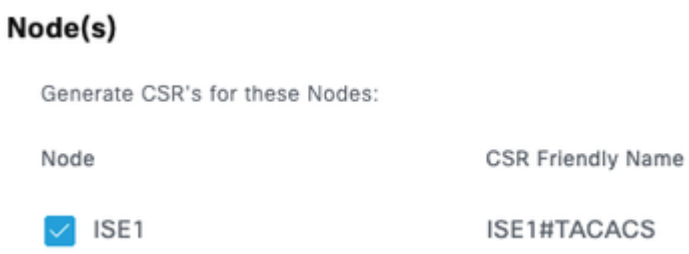


Step 3. Under **Certificate Signing Requests**, click **Generate Certificate Signing Request**. 

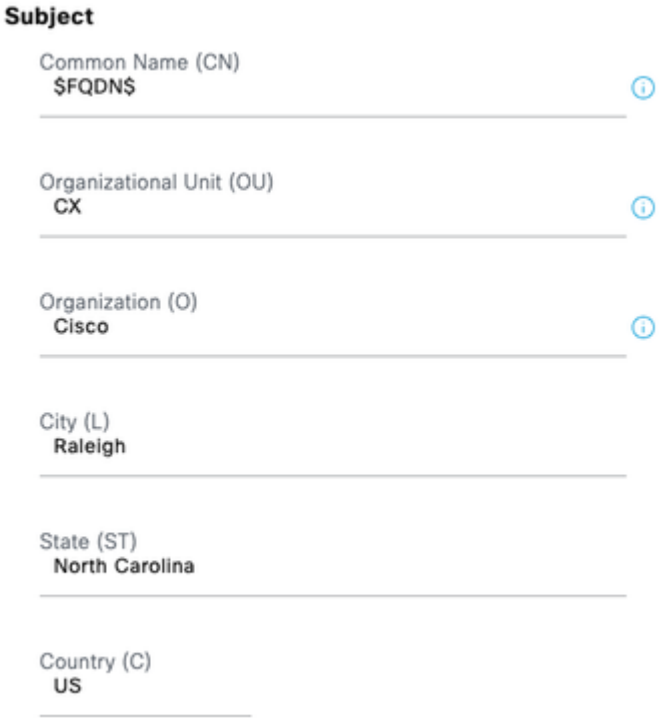
Step 4. Select**TACACS** in**Usage**.



Step 5. Select the **PSNs** that have TACACS+ enabled.



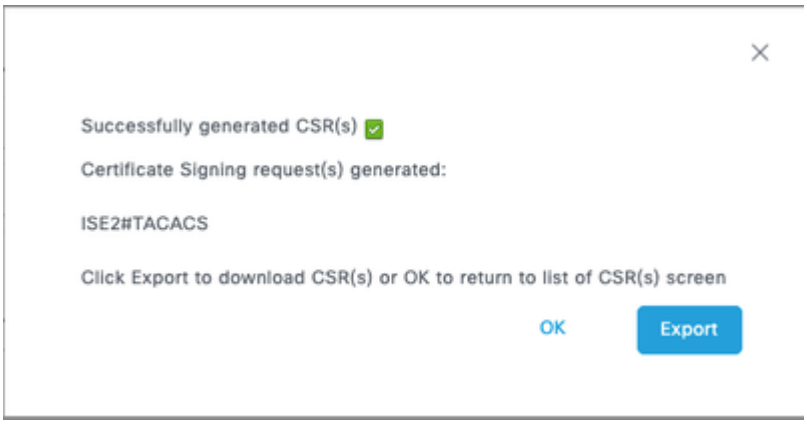
Step 6. Fill the **Subject** fields with the appropriate information.



Step 7. Add the **DNS Name** and **IP Address** under **Subject Alternative Name (SAN)**.



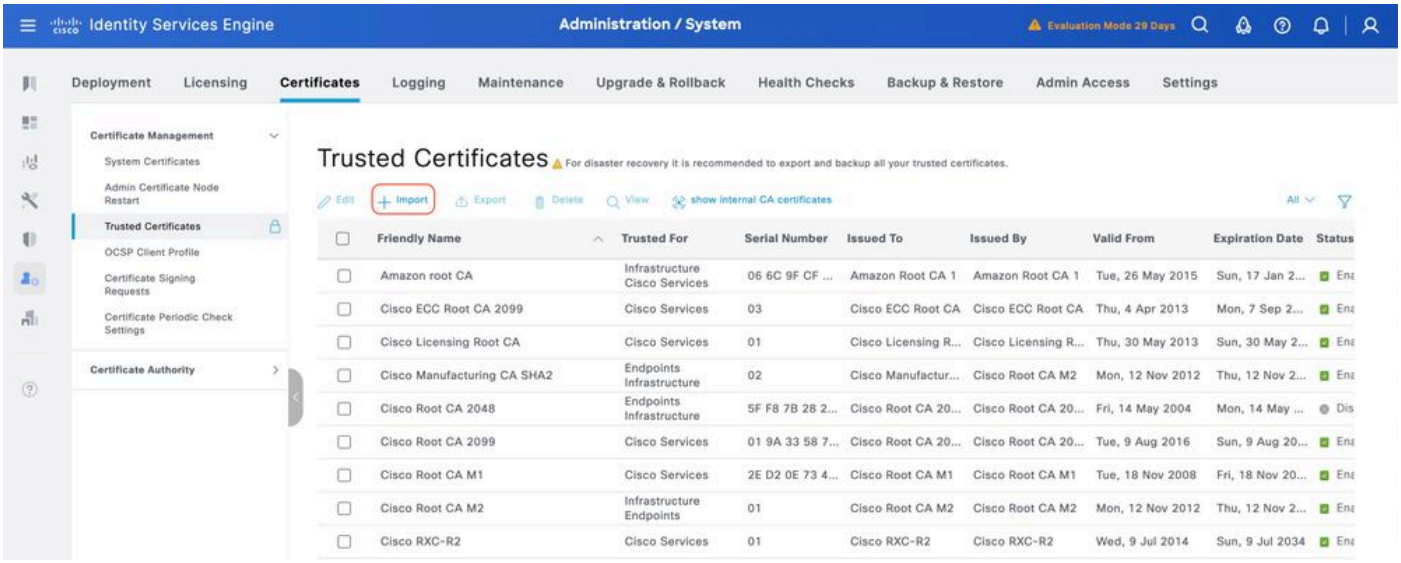
Step 8. Click **Generate** and then **Export**.



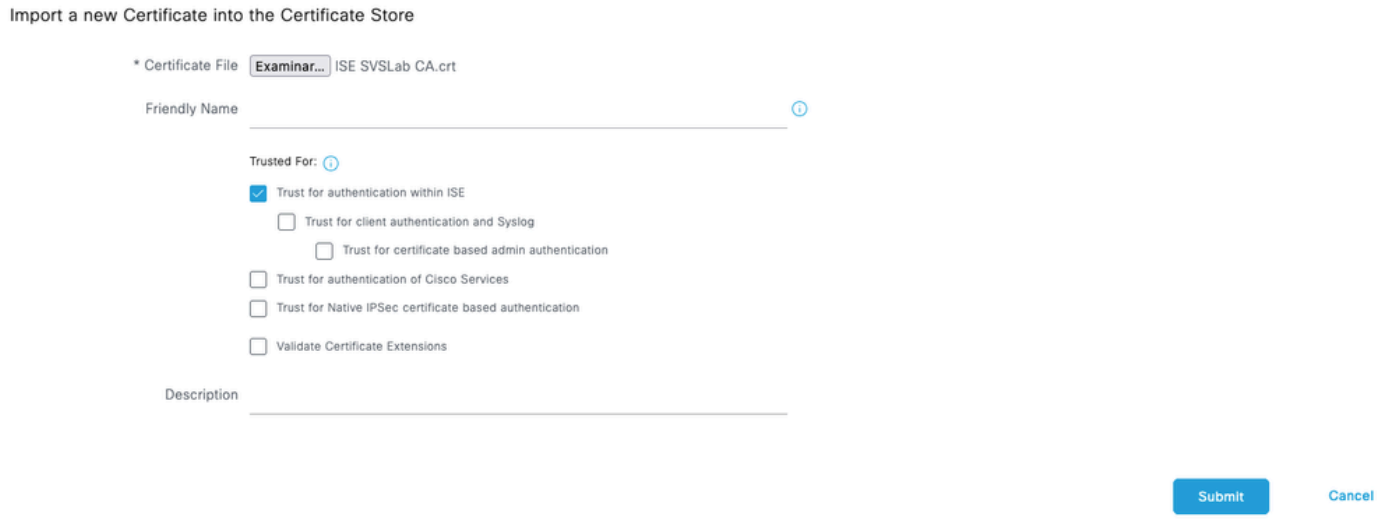
Now, you can have the certificate (CRT) signed by your **Certificate Authority (CA)**.

Upload Root CA Certificate for TACACS+ Server Authentication

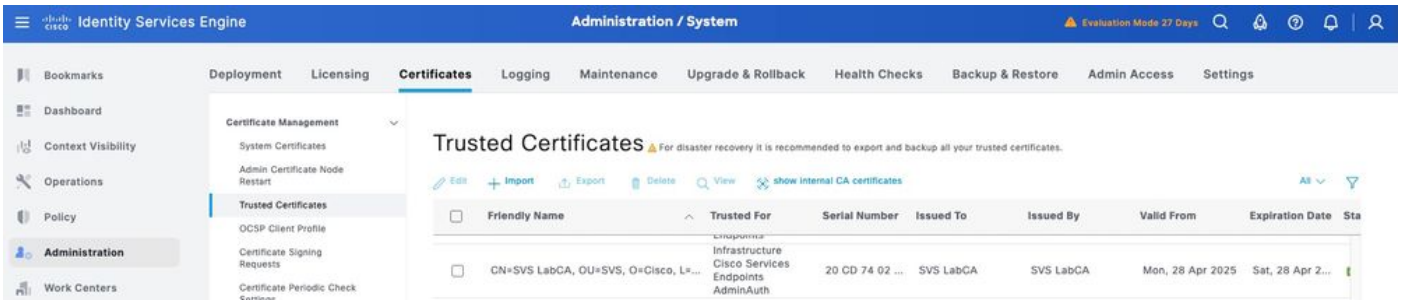
Step 1.Navigate to **Administration > System > Certificates**. Under **Trusted Certificates**, click **Import**.



Step 2. Select the **certificate** issued by the Certificate Authority (CA) that signed your TACACS Certificate Signing Request (CSR). Make sure that the **Trust for Authentication with ISE** option is enabled.



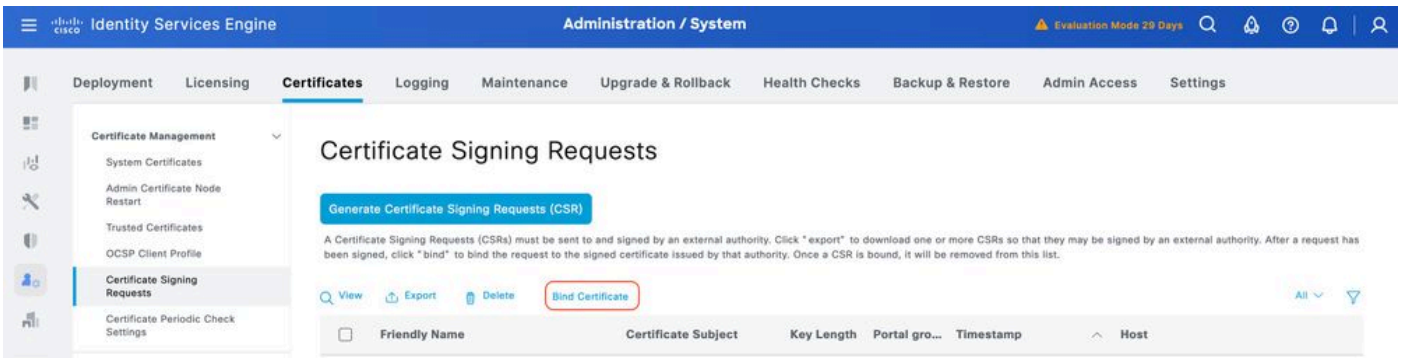
Click**Submit**. The certificate must now appear under **Trusted Certificates**.



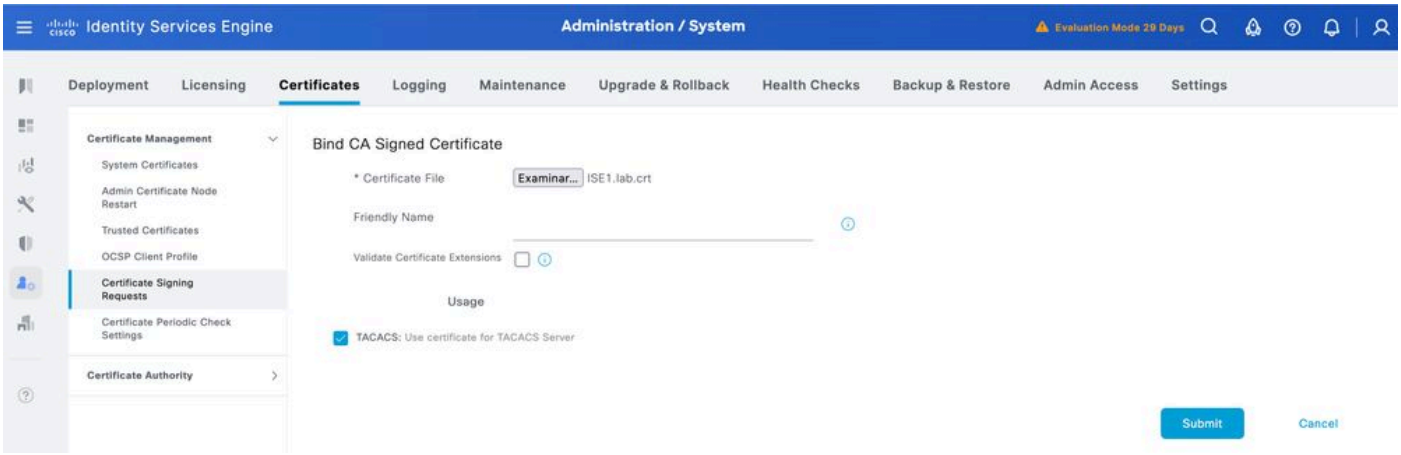
Bind the Signed Certificate Signing Request (CSR) to ISE

Once the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) is signed, you can install the signed certificate on ISE.

Step 1.Navigate to **Administration > System > Certificates**. Under **Certificate Signing Requests**, select the **TACACS CSR** generated in the previous step and click **Bind Certificate**.



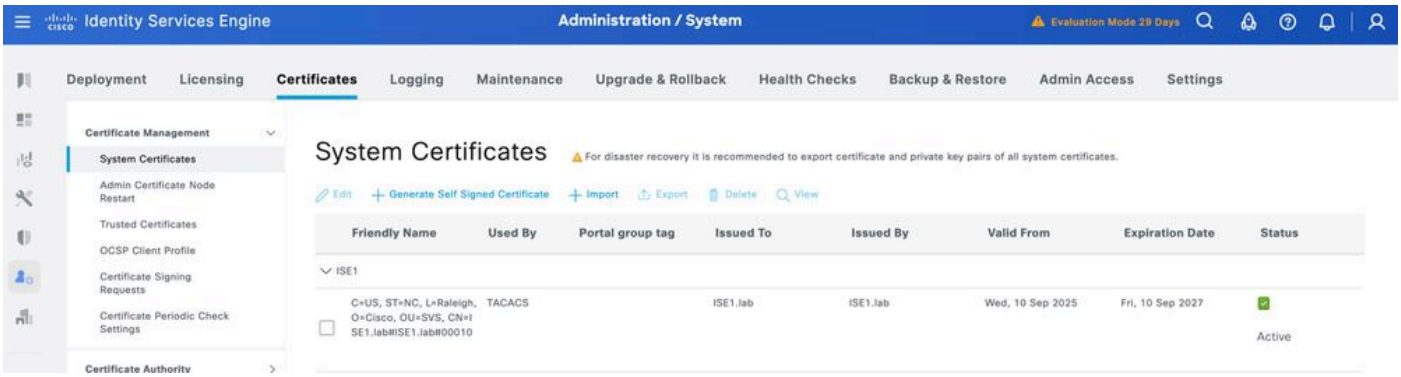
Step 2.Select the **signed certificate** and ensure the **TACACS** checkbox under **Usage** remains selected.



Step 3. Click **Submit**. If you receive a warning about replacing the existing certificate, click **Yes** to proceed.



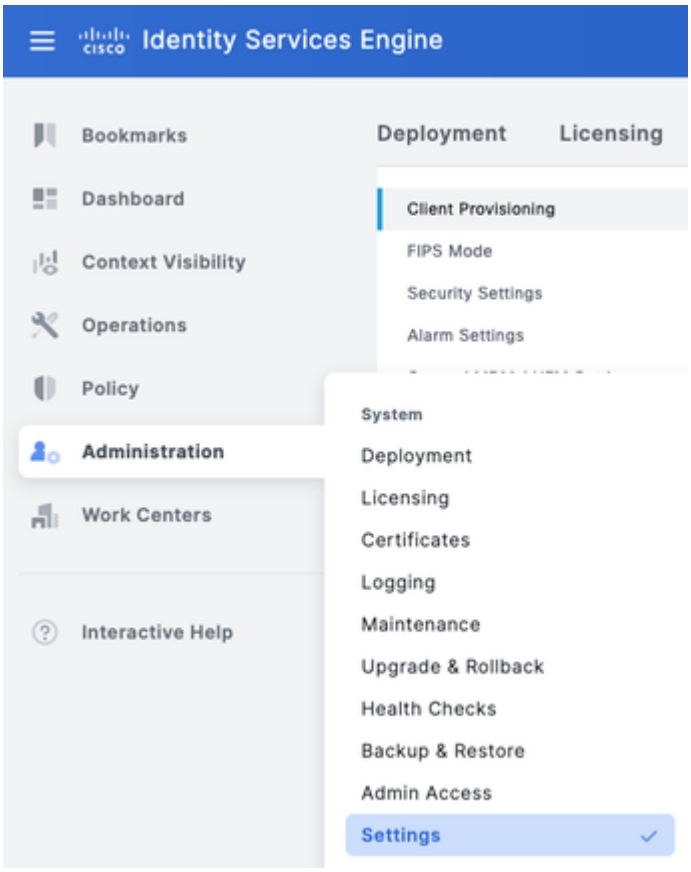
The certificate must now be correctly installed. You can verify this under **System Certificates**.



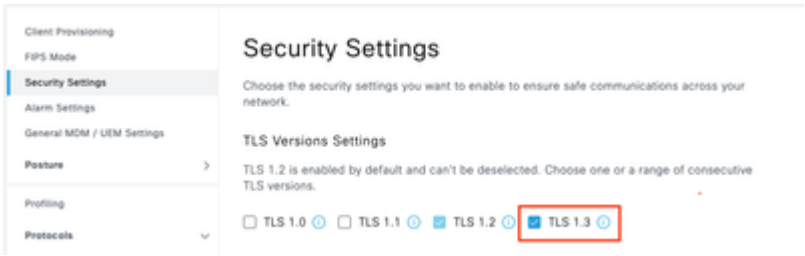
Enable TLS 1.3

TLS 1.3 is not enabled by default in ISE 3.4.x. It must be manually enabled.

Step 1.Navigate to **Administration > System > Settings**.



Step 2. Click **Security Settings**, select the check box next to **TLS1.3** under **TLS Version Settings**, then click **Save**.

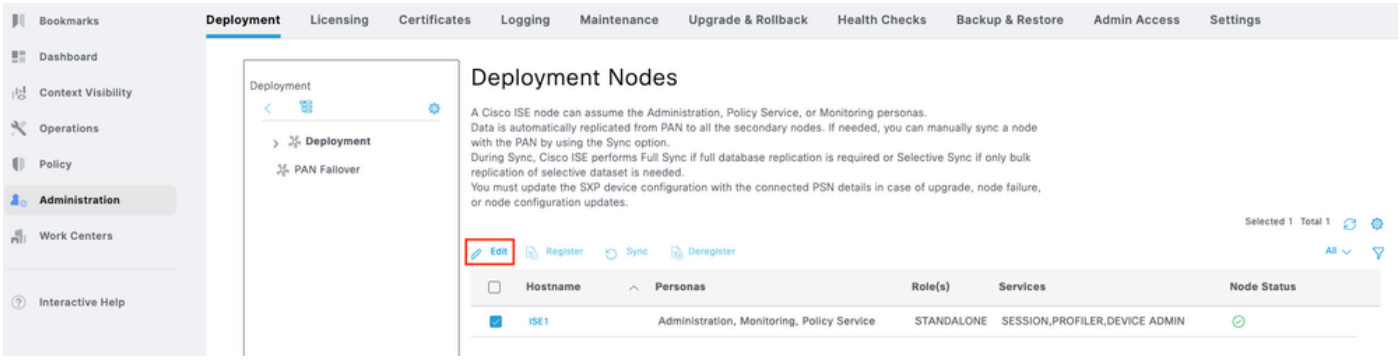


Warning: When you change the TLS version, the Cisco ISE application server restarts on all the Cisco ISE deployment machines.

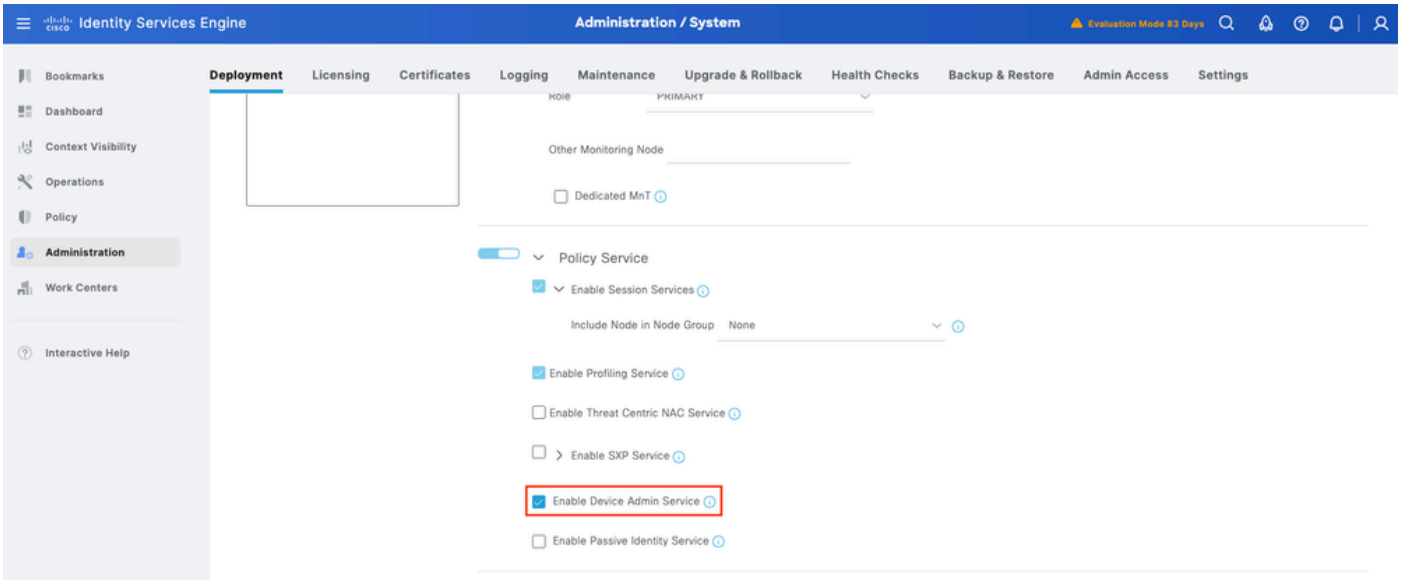
Enable Device Administration on ISE

The Device Administration service (TACACS+) is not enabled by default on an ISE node. To enable TACACS+ on a PSN node:

Step 1. Navigate to **Administration > System > Deployment**. Select the **check box** next to the **ISE node** and click **Edit**.



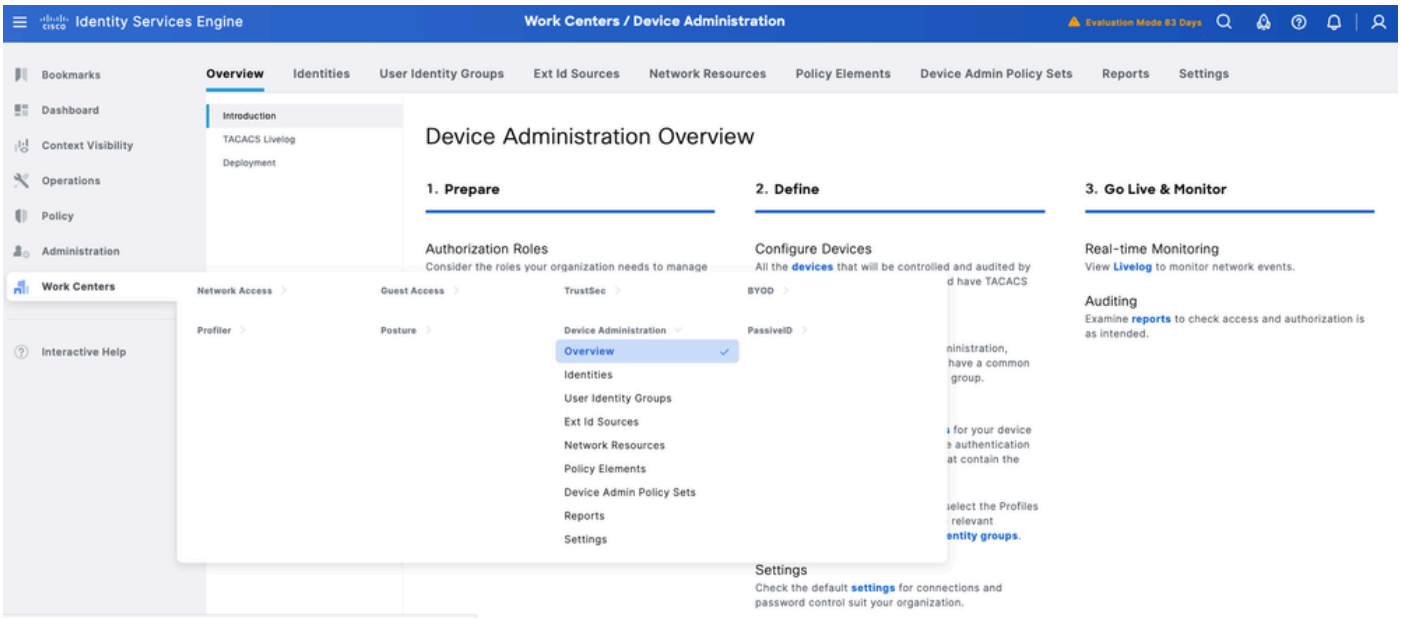
Step 2.Under **GeneralSettings**, scroll down and select the **check box** next to **Enable Device Admin Service**.



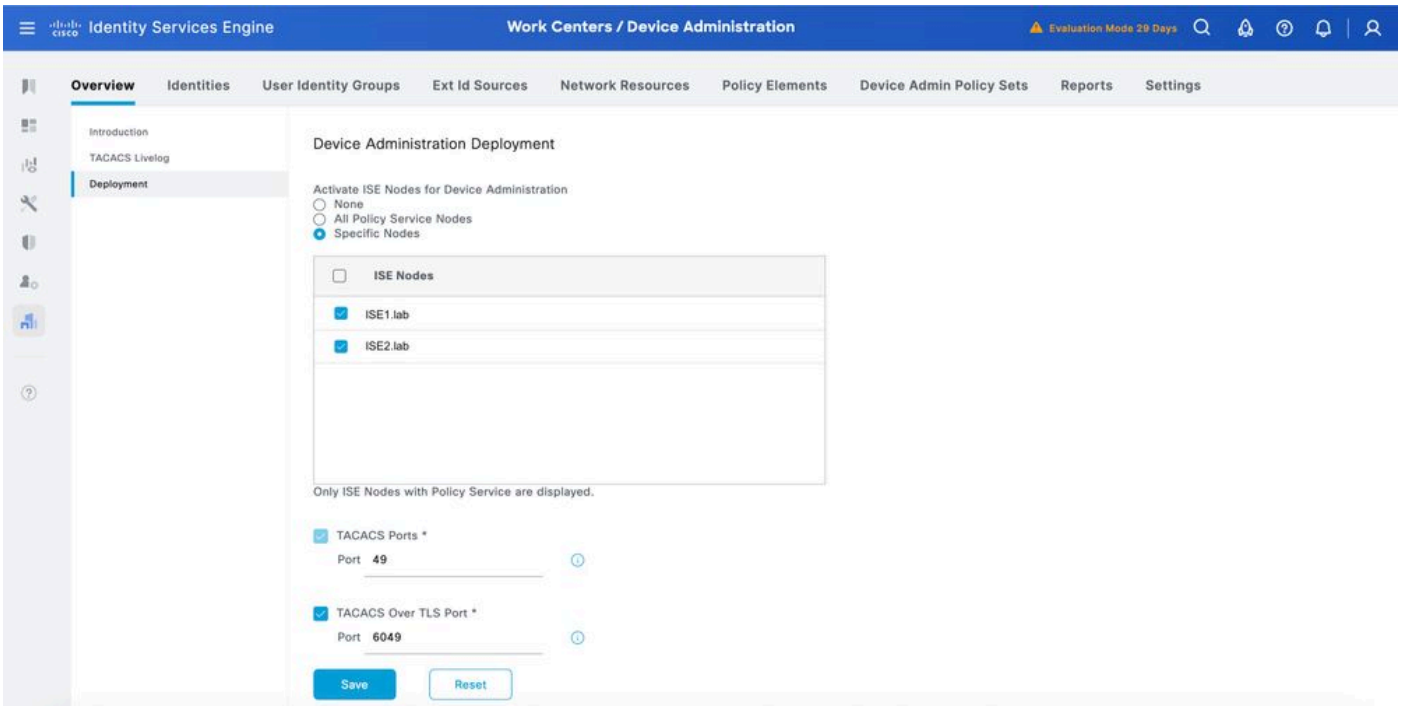
Step 3. Save the **configuration**. Device Admin Service is now enabled on ISE.

Enable TACACS Over TLS

Step 1.Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Overview**.



Step 2.Click **Deployment**. Select the **PSN nodes** where you want to enable TACACS over TLS.



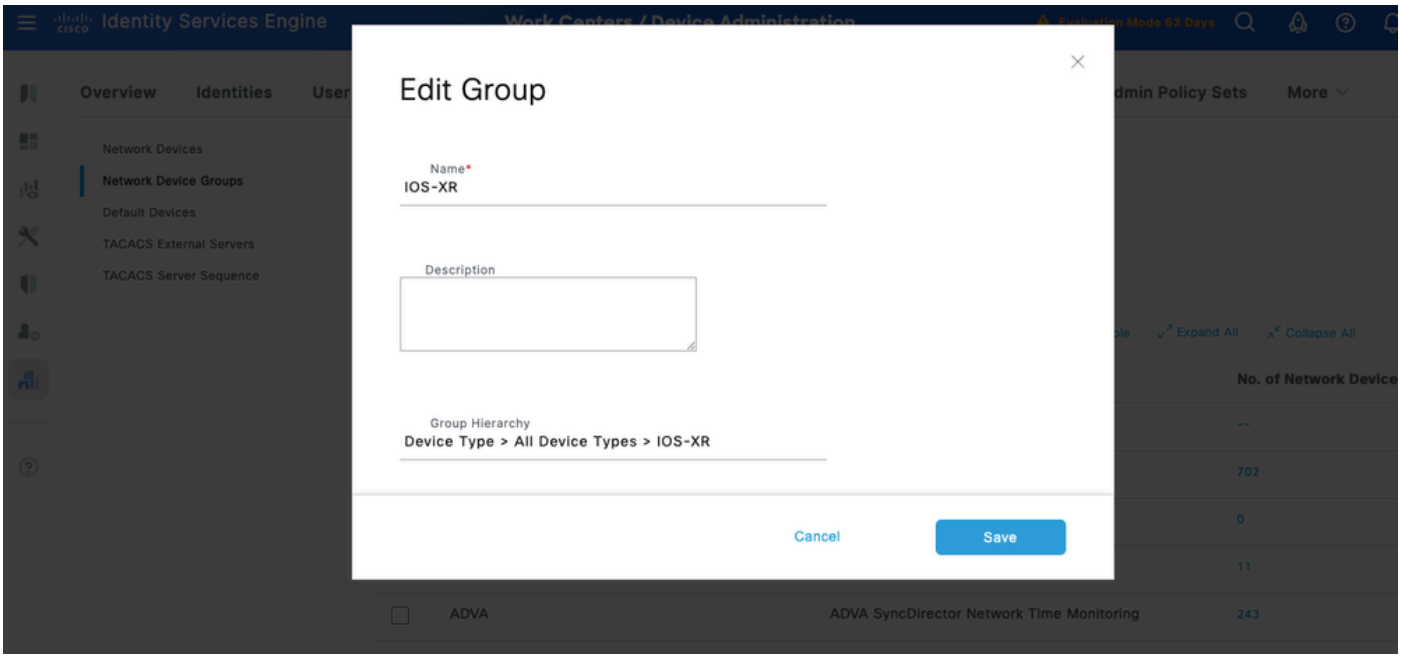
Step 3.Keep the default port **6049** or specify a different TCP port for TACACS over TLS, then click **Save**.

ISE Prerequisites and Miscellaneous Tasks

Create Network Device and Network Device Groups

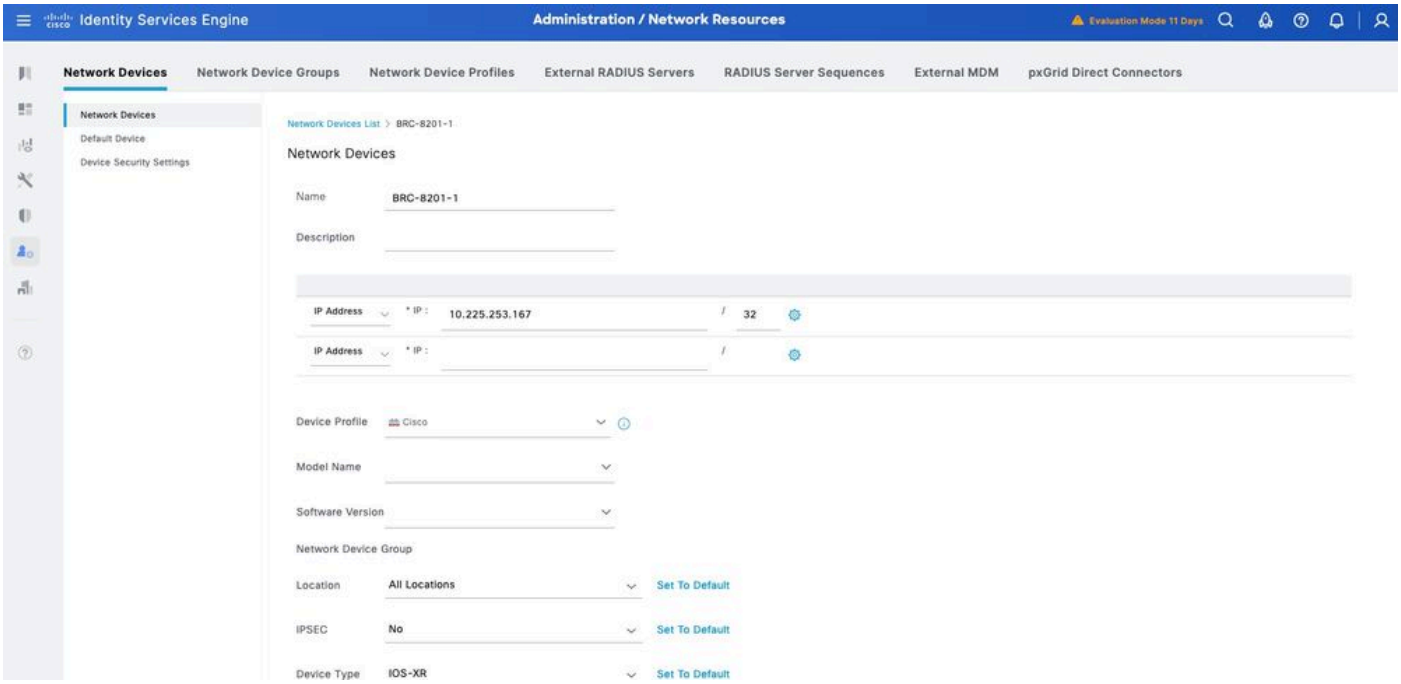
ISE provides powerful device grouping with multiple device group hierarchies. Each hierarchy represents a distinct and independent classification of network devices.

Step 1. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Network Resources**. Click **Network Device Groups** and create a group with the name **IOS XR**.

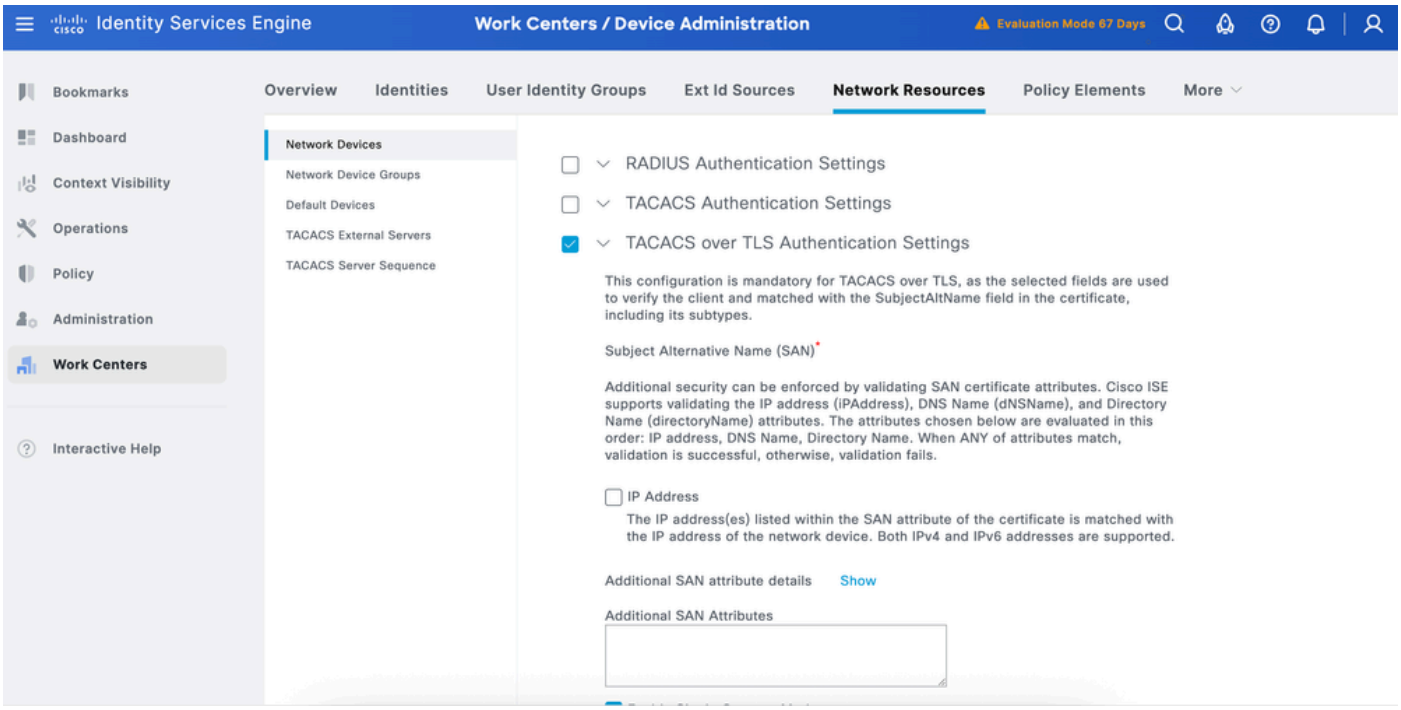


Tip: All Device Types and All Locations are default hierarchies provided by ISE. You can add your own hierarchies and define the various components in identifying a Network Device which can be used later in the Policy Condition

Step 2. Now, add a **Cisco IOS XR device** as a Network Device. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Network Resources > Network Devices**. Click **Add** to add a new Network Device.



Step 3.Enter the **IP address** of the Device and make sure to map the **Location** and **Device Type(IOS XR)** for the Device. Finally, enable the **TACACS+ over TLS Authentication Settings**.

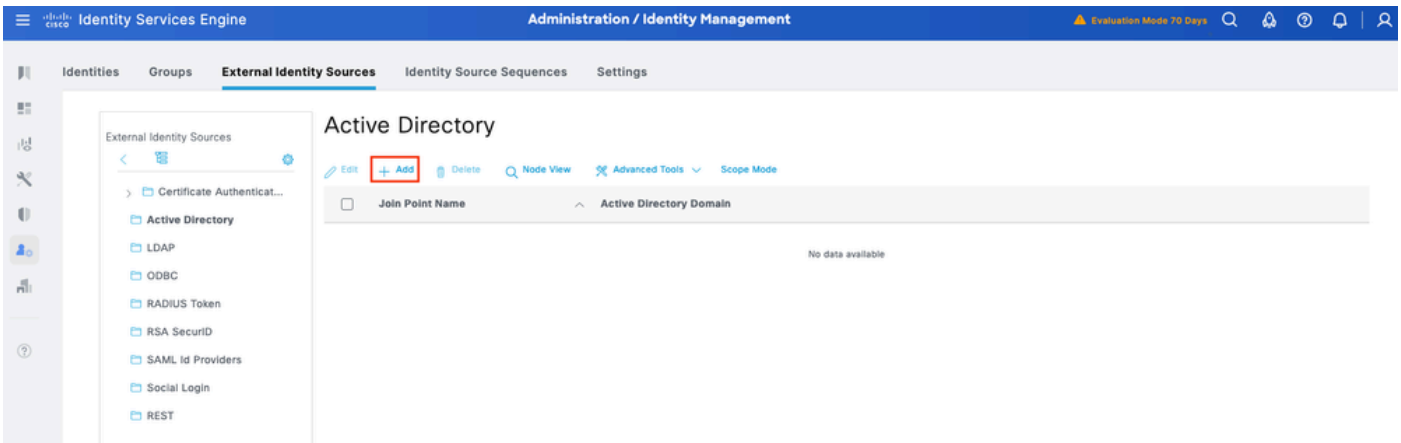


Tip: It is recommended to enable Single Connect Mode to avoid restarting the TCP session each time a command is sent to the device.

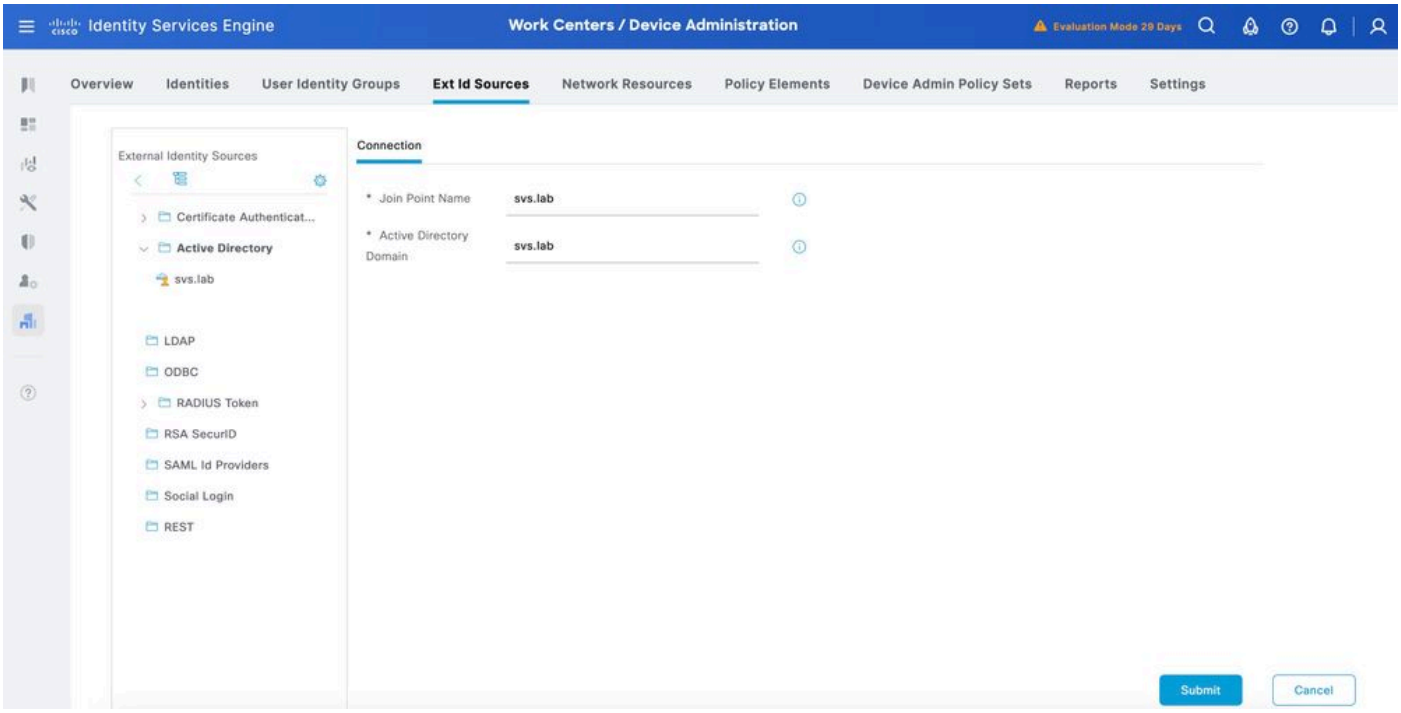
Configure Identity Stores

This section defines an Identity Store for the Device Administrators, which can be the ISE Internal Users and any supported External Identity Sources. Here uses Active Directory (AD), an External Identity Source.

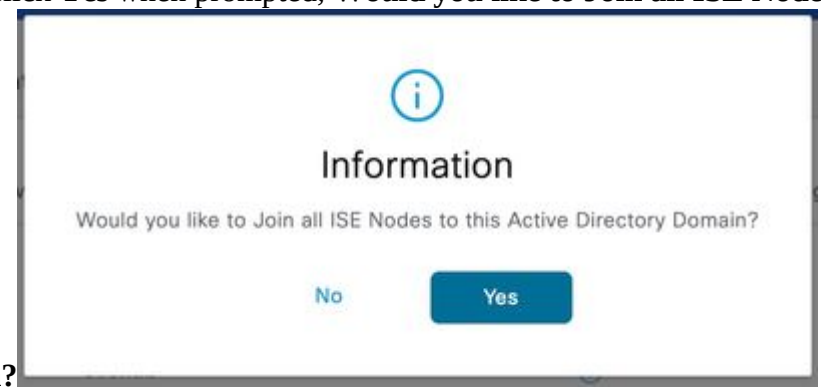
Step 1. Navigate to **Administration > Identity Management > External Identity Stores > Active Directory**. Click **Add** to define a new AD Joint Point.



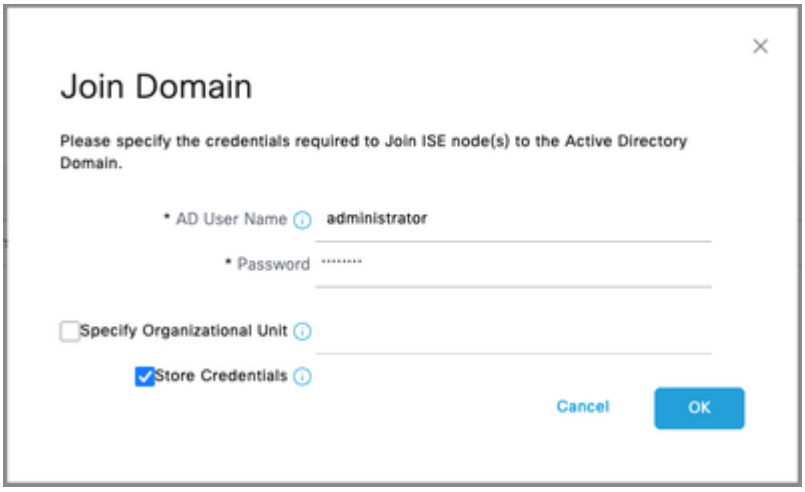
Step 2. Specify the **Join Point name** and the **AD domain name** and click **Submit**.



Step 3.Click **Yes** when prompted, **Would you like to Join all ISE Nodes to this Active Directory Domain?**

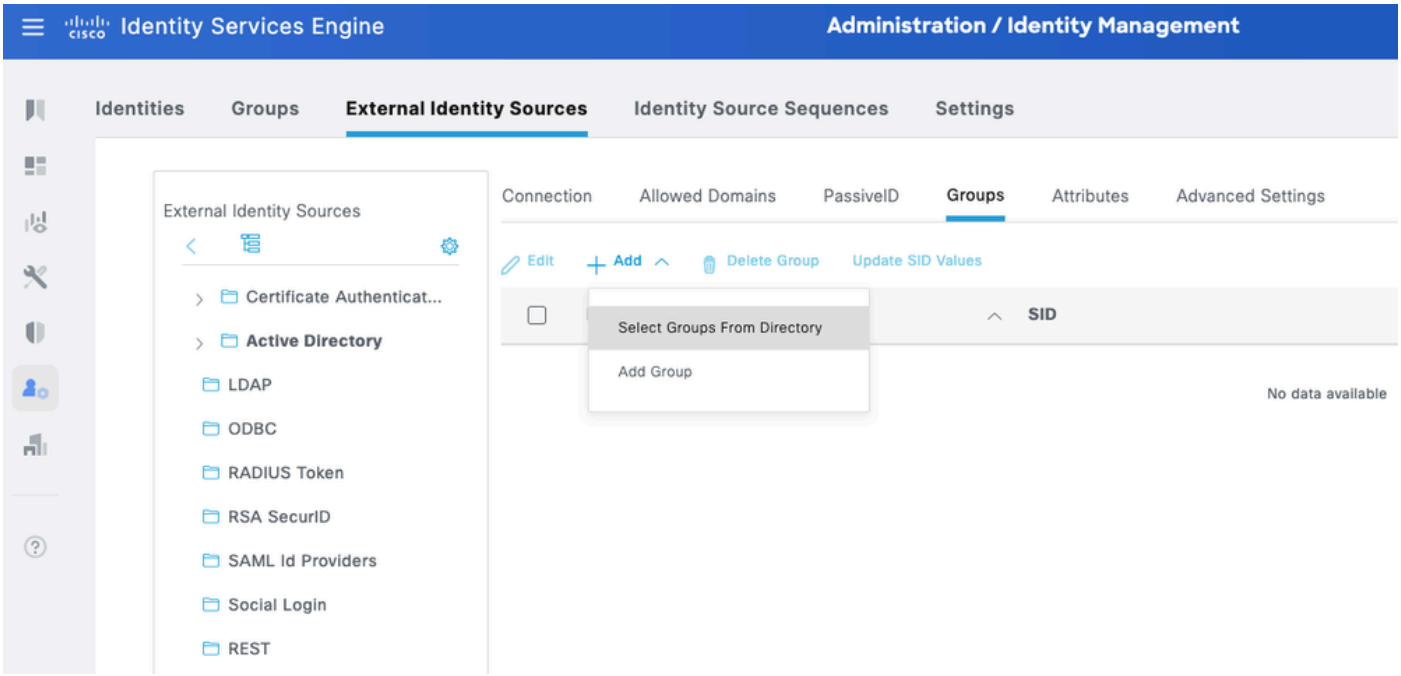


Step 4.Input the credentials with AD join privileges, and **Join** ISE to AD. Check the Status to verify it operational.

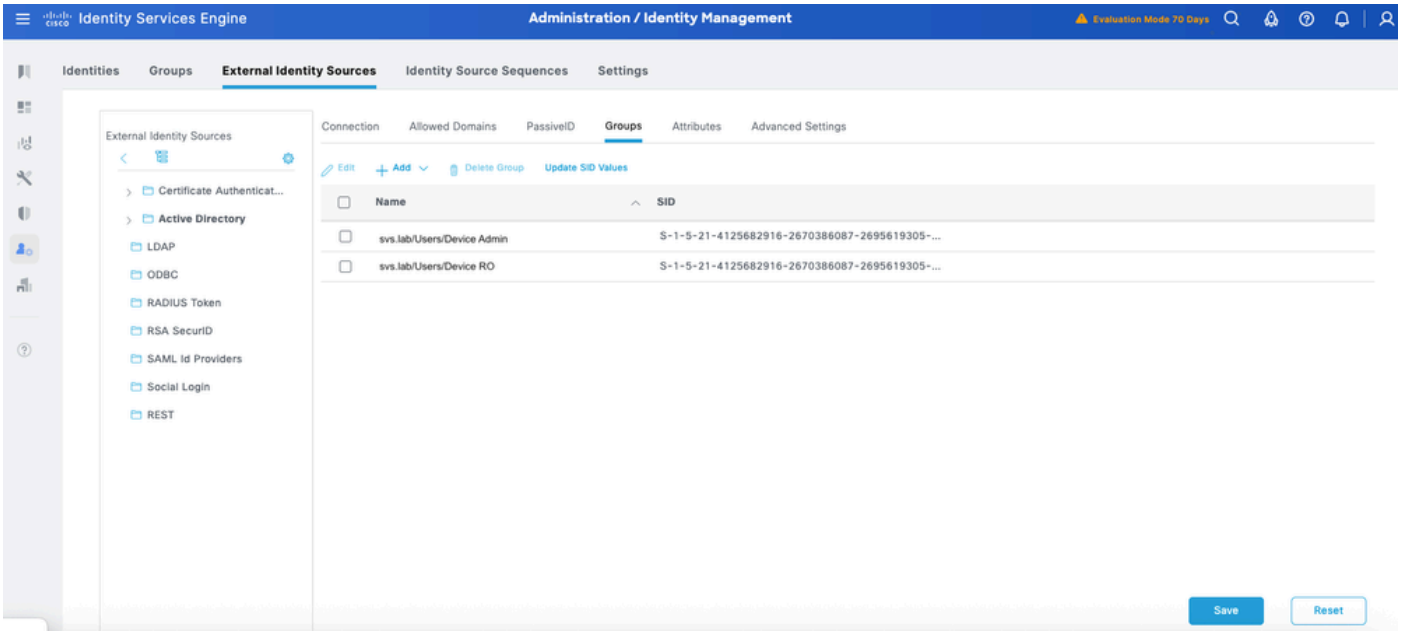




Step 5.Navigate to the **Groups** tab, and click **Add** to get all the groups needed based on which the users are authorized for the device access. This example shows the groups used in the Authorization Policy.







Configure TACACS+ Profiles

Map the TACACS+ Profiles to user roles on the Cisco IOS XR devices. In this example these are defined:

- Root System Administrator – This is the highest-privileged role in the device. The user with the root system administrator role has full administrative access to all system commands and configuration capabilities.
- Operator –This role is intended for users who need read-only access to the system for monitoring and troubleshooting purposes.

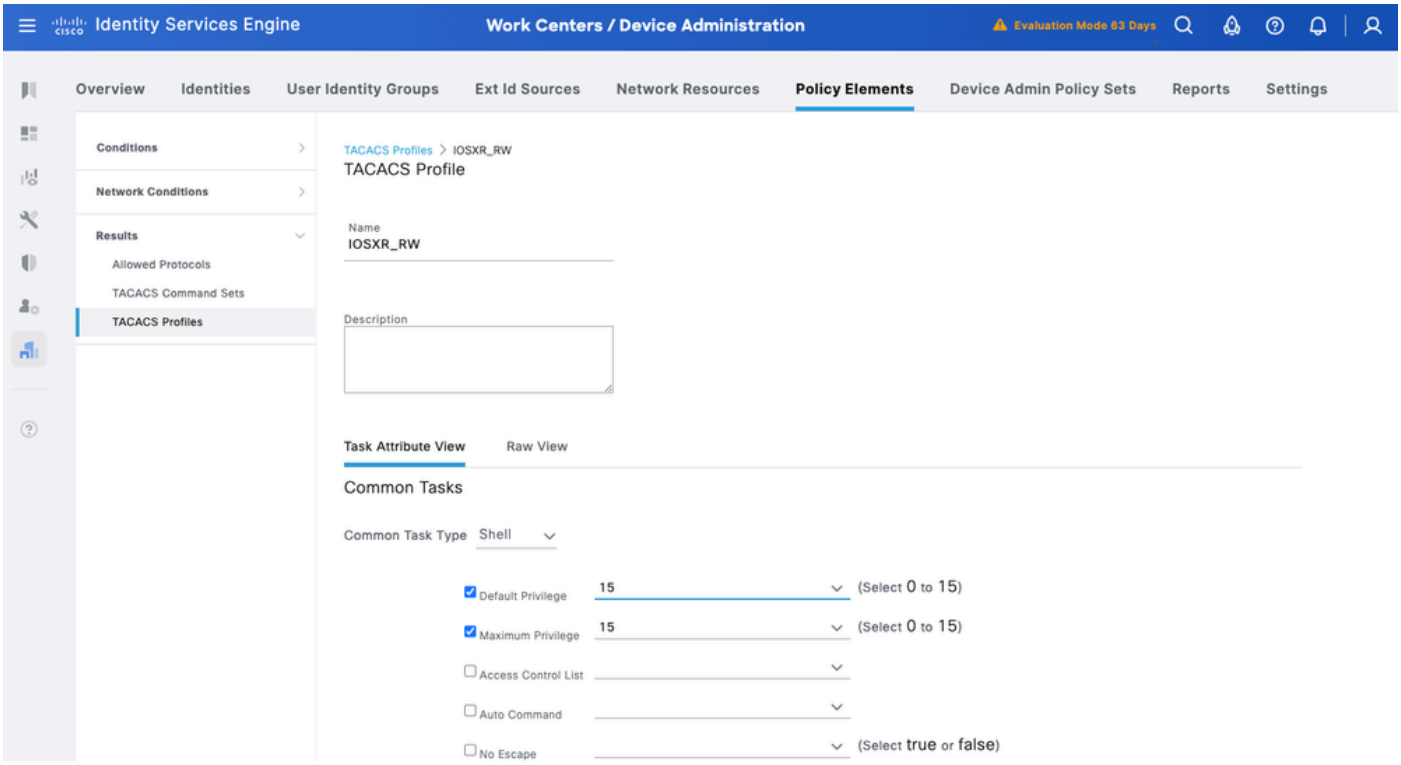
Define two TACACS+ Profiles: IOSXR_RW and IOSXR_RO.

IOS XR_RW - Administrator Profile

Step 1. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Elements > Results > TACACS Profiles**. Add a new **TACACS Profile** and name it **IOSXR_RW**.

Step 2. Check and set the **Default Privilege** and **Maximum Privilege** as **15**.

Step 3. Confirm the **config** and **Save**.

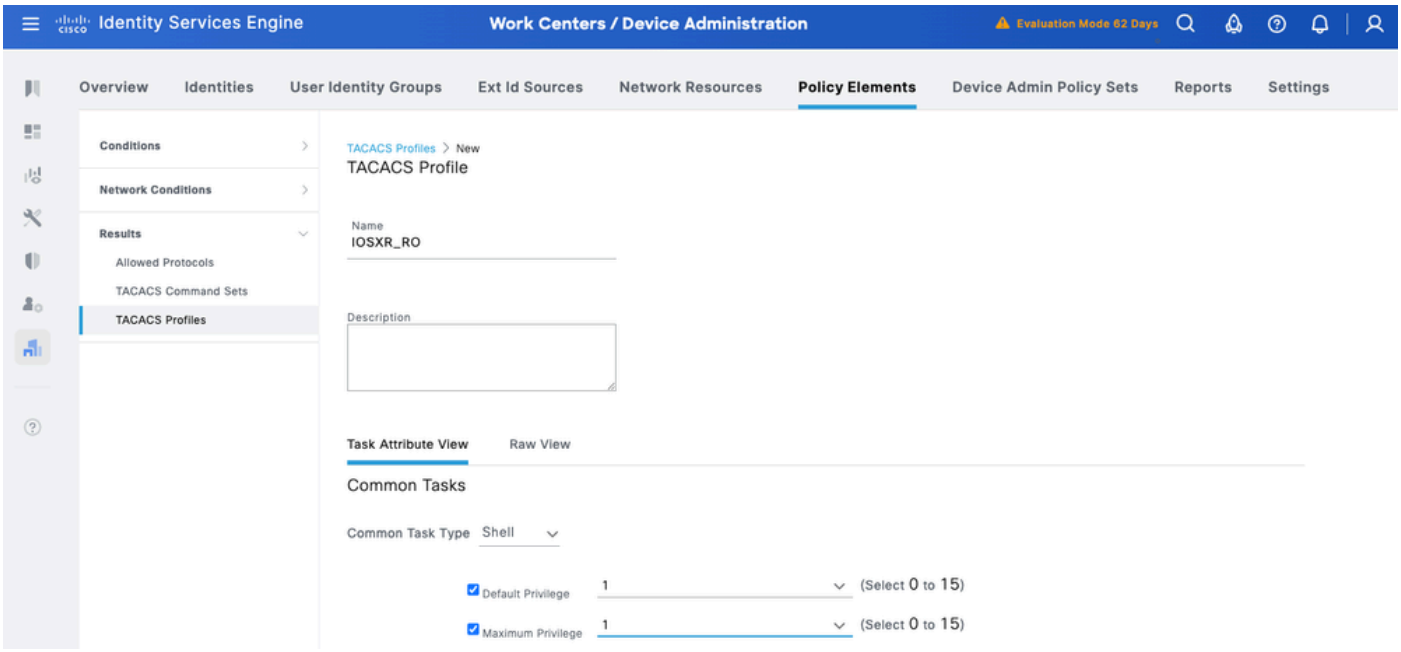


IOS XR_RO - Operator Profile

Step 1. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Elements > Results > TACACS Profiles**. Add a new **TACACS Profile** and name it **IOSXR_RO**.

Step 2. Check and set the **Default Privilege** and **Maximum Privilege** as **1**.

Step 3. Confirm the **config** and **Save**.



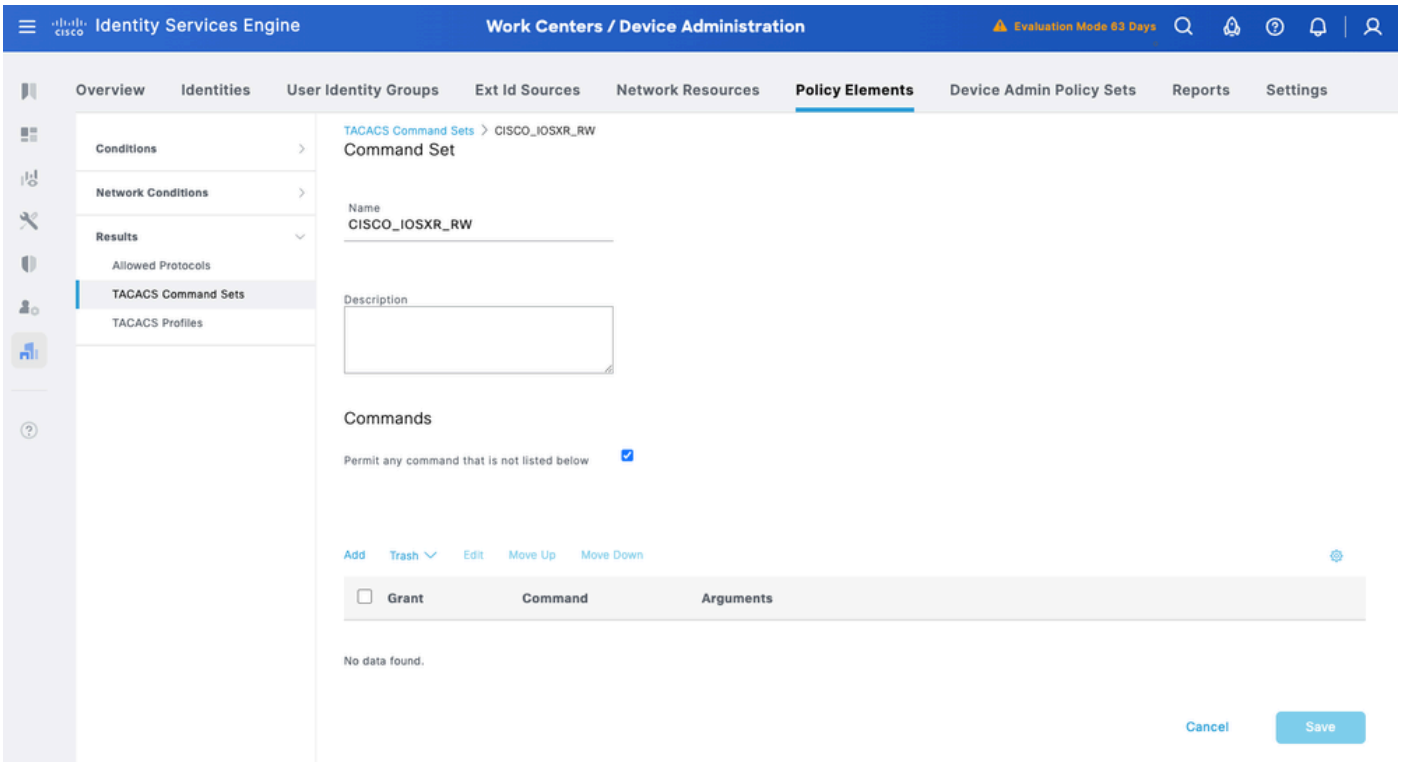
ConfigureTACACS+ Command Sets

Define the TACACS+ Commands Sets: In this example, these are defined CISCO_IOSXR_RW and CISCO_IOSXR_RO.

CISCO IOS XR RW - Administrator Command Set

Step 1. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Elements > Results > TACACS Command Sets**. Add a new **TACACS Command Set** and name it **CISCO_IOSXR_RW**.

Step 2. Check the **Permit any command that is not listed below** checkbox (this allows any command for the administrator role) and click **Save**.



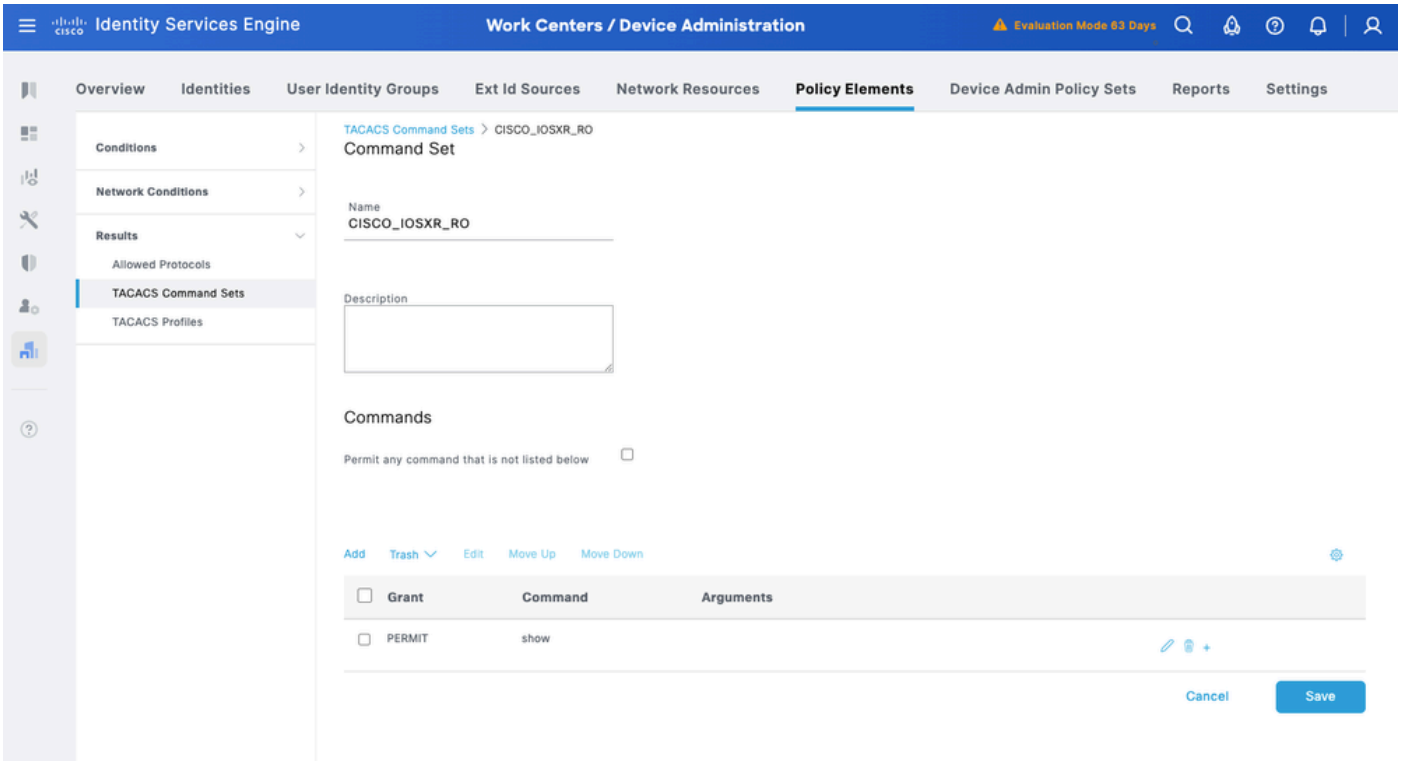
CISCO IOS XR RO - Operator Command Set

Step 1. From ISE UI, navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Elements > Results > TACACS Command Sets**. Add a new **TACACS Command Set** and name it **CISCO_IOSXR_RO**.

Step 2. In **Commands** section, add a **new command**.

Step 3. Select **Permit** from the Dropdown list for **Grant** column and enter **show** on the **Command** column; and click the **check** arrow.

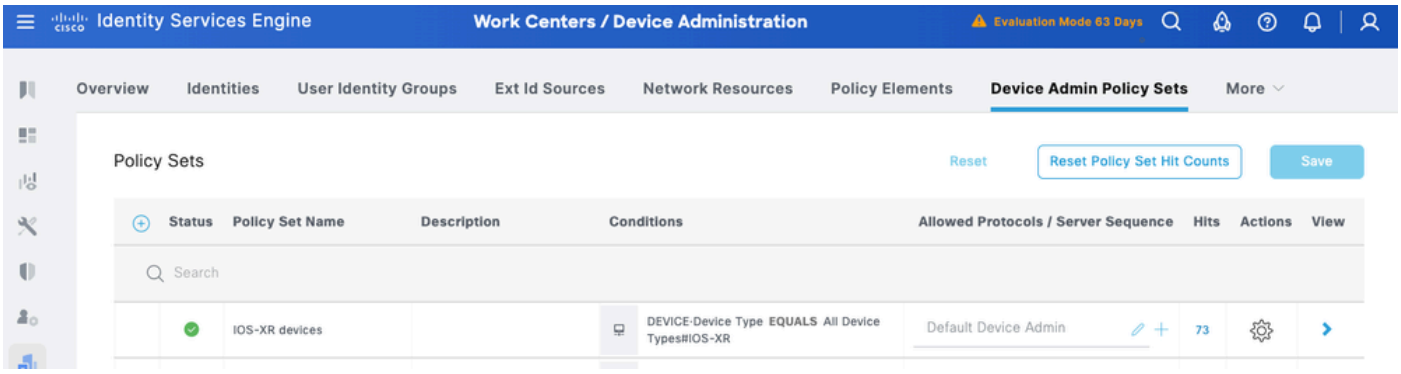
Step 4. Confirm the **data** and click **Save**.



ConfigureDevice Admin Policy Sets

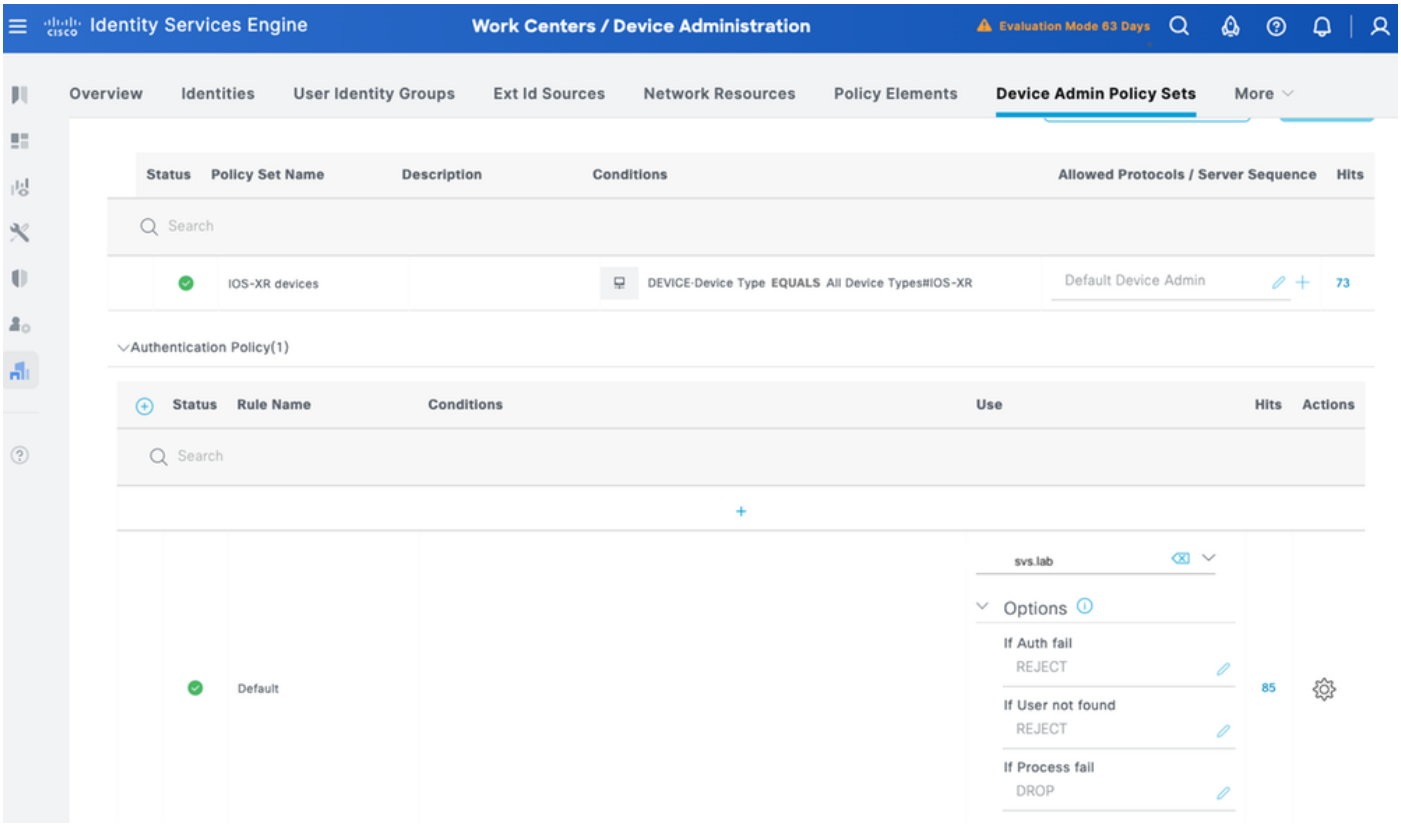
Policy Sets are enabled by default for Device Administration. Policy Sets can divide polices based on the Device Types so to ease application of TACACS profiles.

Step 1.Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Device Admin Policy Sets**. Add a new Policy Set **IOS XR Devices**. Under condition specify **DEVICE:Device Type EQUALS All Device Types#IOS XR**. Under **Allowed Protocols**, select **Default Device Admin**.



Step 2. Click **Save**and click the **right arrow** to configure this Policy Set.

Step 3. Create the **Authentication Policy**. For Authentication, you use the **AD** as the **ID Store**. Leave the default options under **If Auth fail, If User not found**and**If Process fail.**

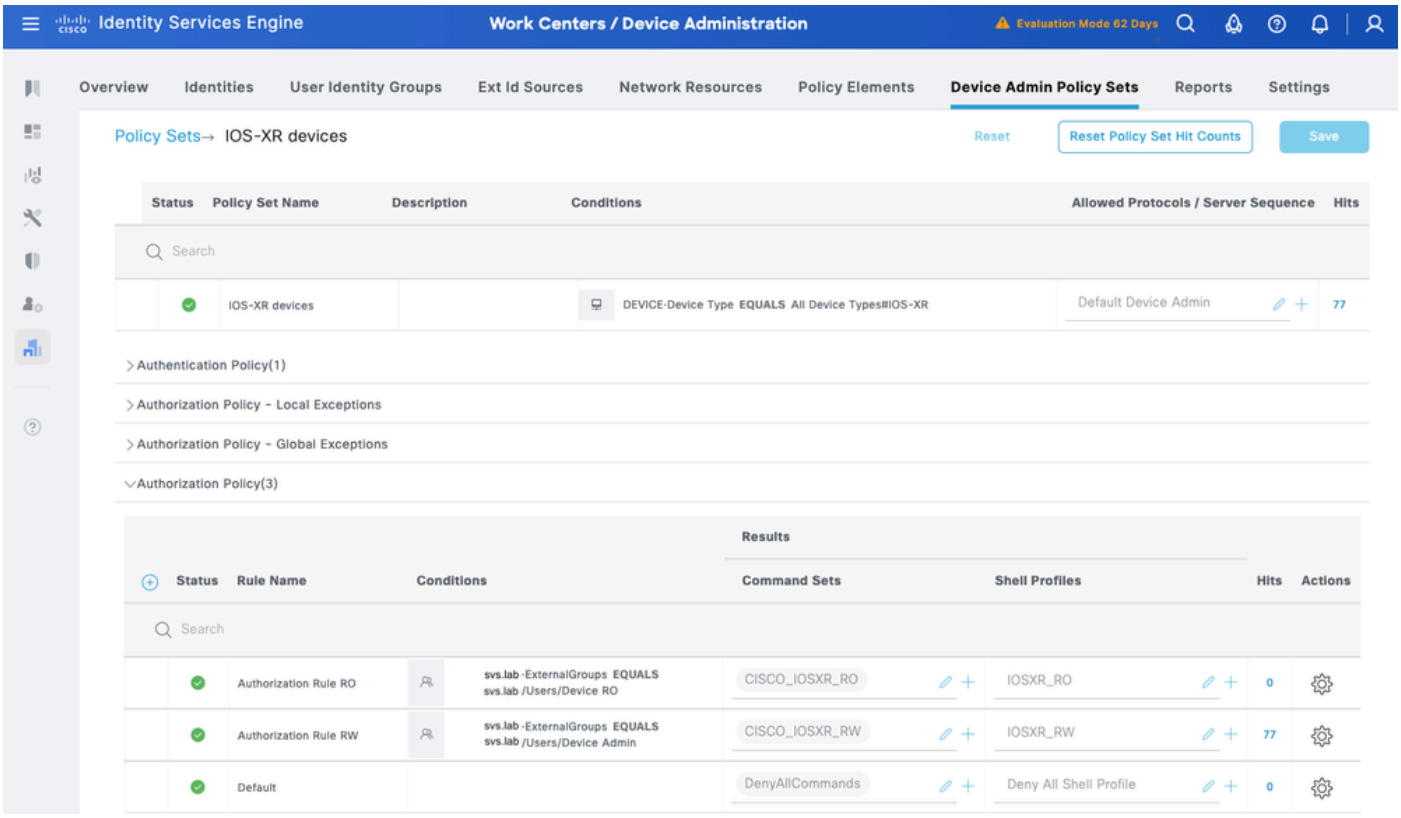


Step 4. Define the Authorization Policy.

Create the authorization policy based on user groups in Active Directory (AD).

For example:

- Users in the AD group **Device RO** are assigned the **CISCO_IOSXR_RO** Command Set and the **IOSXR_RO** Shell Profile.
- Users in the AD group **Device Admin** are assigned the **CISCO_IOSXR_RW** Command Set and the **IOSXR_RW** Shell Profile.



Part 2 - Configure Cisco IOS XR for TACACS+ over TLS 1.3

Note: For further details, please refer to IOS XR Security Configuration Guide: System Security Configuration Guide for Cisco 8000 Series Routers, IOS XR Release 25.1.x, 25.2.x, 25.3.x, 25.4.x

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Verify Software Version

TACACS over TLS is supported from XR release 25.3.1. Ensure that the device meets the minimum required software version.

<#root>

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1#sho ver
Cisco IOS XR Software,

Version 25.3.1 LNT


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Build Information:
Built By : swtools
Built On : Thu Sep 25 07:51:19 UTC 2025
```

```
Build Host : iox-lnx-153
Workspace : /auto/srcarchive12/prod/25.3.1/8000/ws

Version : 25.3.1
```

Caution: Ensure that the console connection is reachable and functioning properly.

Tip: It is recommended to configure a temporary user and change the AAA authentication and authorization methods to use local credentials instead of TACACS while making configuration changes, to avoid being locked out of the device.

Initial Configurations

Step 1. Ensure name-server (DNS) is configured and the router is successfully able to resolve Frequently Qualified Domain Names (FQDNs), especially the ISE server FQDN.

```
domain vrf mgmt name svs.lab
domain vrf mgmt name-server 10.225.253.247
no domain vrf mgmt lookup disable

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1#ping vrf mgmt ise1.svs.lab
Type escape sequence to abort.
Sending 5, 100-byte ICMP Echos to 10.225.253.209 timeout is 2 seconds:
!!!!!
Success rate is 100 percent (5/5), round-trip min/avg/max = 1/2/4 ms
```

Step 2. Clear any old/unused trustpoints and certificates. Ensure that there are no old trustpoints and certificates present. If you see any old entries, remove/clear them.

```
show crypto ca trustpoint
show crypto ca certificates

(config)# no crypto ca trustpoint <tp-name>
# clear crypto ca certificates <tp-name>
```

Note: You can manually create a new RSA keypair and attach it under trustpoint. If you do not create one, the default keypair is used. Defining ECC keypair under trustpoint is not currently supported.

Configure Trustpoint

Step 1. Keypair configuration (optional).



Note: You can manually create a new RSA keypair and attach it under trustpoint. If you do not create one, a default keypair is used.



Caution: Defining ECC keypair under trustpoint is not supported in XR 25.3.1 version.

<#root>

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config)#

crypto key generate rsa <key-label> 4096

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config)#

crypto ca trustpoint <tp-name>


RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config-trustp)#

rsakeypair <key-label>
```

Step 2. Create **trustpoint**.



Tip: subject-alternative name (SAN) is optional (if being enabled on ISE), but recommended.

<#root>

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config)#

crypto ca trustpoint svs


RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config-trustp)#

vrf mgmt


RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config-trustp)#
```

```
crl optional

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config-trustp)#

subject-name C=US,ST=NC,L=RTP,O=Cisco,OU=SVS,CN=SVS-LAB-8201-1.svs.lab

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config-trustp)#

subject-alternative-name IP:10.225.253.167,DNS:SVS-LAB-8201-1.svs.lab

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config-trustp)#

enrollment url terminal

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config-trustp)#

rsakeypair svs-4096

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1(config-trustp)#

commit
```



Note: If you need to use special characters in O or OU fields, you must use a backslash (\) before the special character. For example: O=Cisco Systems\, Inc.

Step 3. Authenticate Trustpoint by installing **CA certificate**.

```
<#root>
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1#

crypto ca authenticate svs



Enter the base64/PEM encoded certificate/certificates.
Please note: for multiple certificates use only PEM.
End with a blank line or the word "quit" on a line by itself

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIFlDCCA3ygAwIBAgIIIM1OAsTaN/UwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAwajELMAkGA1UE
BhMCVVMxFzAVBgNVBAgTDk5vcnRoIENhcm9saW5hMRAwDgYDVQQHEwdSYWxlaWdo
MQ4wDAYDVQQKEwVDaXNjbzEMMAoGA1UECxMDU1ZTMRIwEAYDVQQDEwlTVlMgTGFi
Q0EwHhcNMjUwNDI4MTcwNTAwWhcNMzUwNDI4MTcwNTAwWjBqMQswCQYDVQQGEwJV
UzEXMBUGA1UECBMOTm9ydGggQ2Fyb2xpbmExEDAOBgNVBAcTB1JhbGVpZ2gxDjAM
```

```
BgNVBAoTBUNpc2NvMQwwCgYDVQQLEwNTVlMxEjAQBgNVBAMTCVNWUyBMYWJDQTCC
AiIwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADggIPADCCAgoCggIBAJvZUOyn2vIn6gKbx3M7vaRq
2YjwZlzSH6EkEvxnJTy+kksiFD33GyHQepk7vfp4NFU5OtQ4HC7t/AOv9grDa3QW
VwvV4MBbJhFM3s0J/ejgDYcMZhIAaPy0Zo5WLboOkXEiKjPLatkXojB8FVrhLF3O
jMBSqwa4/Wlniy5S+7s4FFxsCf2OCOWfBAsnrs0tatIIhmcnx+VLJP7MRm8fOw4m
mutNo7IhbJSrgAFXmjlbBjMmgspObULo/wxMHdTbtPBf11HRHTkNIo3qyO4UADL2
WpoGhgT/FaxxBo2UBcnYVaP+jjRE0NYT973MCbVAAxtNVU6bEBR0z+LWniACzupm
+qh23SL43uW5A3iSw/BuU1E9p7BOe8oDNKU6gXlojKyLP/gC7j8AePO3ir+KZui8
b8X4iYn/67SbzZFhwxn3chkW4JYhQ4AImW1An2Q1+DMoZL7zRtSqQ3g9ZqRIMzQN
gJ+kQXe7QtT/u6m1MrtjE3gAEVpL334rTIxy9hpKZIkB86t2ZA3JX8CLsbCa13sA
z1XCoONX+6a1ekmXuAOI+t3c1sNbN2AtFi4cJovTAO1xh6OI4QnK+MNQKpTjt/E4
ydHl0rrurXsZummj9QBnkX4pqY7cDLHhdMKpbjDwg7jVLl783nTc9wYptQEPi5sw
83g9EMgKV0ARIiVUa/qlAgMBAAGjPjA8MAwGA1UdEwQFMAMBAf8wEQYJYIZIAYb4
QgEBBAQDAgAHMBkGCWCGSAGG+EIBDQQMFgpTVlMgTGFiIENBMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEB
CwUAA4ICAQAIT3O8oL2L6j/7Kk9VdcouuaBsN9o2pNEk3KXeZ8ykarNoxa87sFYr
AwXIwfAtk8uEHfnWu1QcZ3LkEJM9rHVCZuKsYd3D6qojo54HTpxRLgo5oKOdGayi
iSEkSSX9qyfLfINHR2JSVqJU6jLsy86X7q7RmIPMS7XfHzuddFNI4YDoXRX67X+v
O+ja6zTQqjO6lqJhmrSkyFbYf/ZTpe4d1OzJsZjNsNOr8bF9nOA/7qNZLp3Z3cpU
PUOKdbiSvRqnPw3e8TfITVmAzcx8COI2SrYFMSUazolVBvDy+xRKxyAtMbneGz6n
YdykCimThCKoKwp/pWpYBEqIEOf5ay1PKURO/8aj/B7aluJapXkmnj5qPeGhNOpB
Q9r14reov4so2EspkXS7CrH9yGfpIyTprokz1UvZBZ8vloI7YZmjFmem+5rT6Gnk
eU/lX7nV61SYG5W5K+I8uaKuyBHOMn7Amy3DYL5c5GJBqxpSZERbLXV+Q1tIgRU8
8ggzlPOdsS/i6Lo7ypYXOeB9HgVDCkzQsLXQuHGj/2WsgPgdRcjkvnyURk4Jx+Ib
xDrmo7eOXPpSW4l72a6Kl8CR3U2Cr4wsuvndPEq/qd2NRSBWffFOXE/AJHQG7STT
HaXLU9r2Ko6O3oecu8ysGTwLlIt/9T1/FOb0xZRugWcpJrVoTgDGuA==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

quit

```
   Serial Number : AB:CD:87:FD:41:12:C3:FE:FD:87:D5
   Subject:
      CN=SVS LabCA,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=Raleigh,ST=North Carolina,C=US
   Issued By :
      CN=SVS LabCA,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=Raleigh,ST=North Carolina,C=US
   Validity Start : 17:05:00 UTC Mon Apr 28 2025
   Validity End : 17:05:00 UTC Sat Apr 28 2035
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:May 9 14:52:20.961 UTC: pki_cmd[66362]: %SECURITY-PKI-6-LOG_INFO_DETAIL : Fingerprint: 2A
   SHA1 Fingerprint:
      0EB181E95A3ED7803BC5A8059A854A95C83AC737
Do you accept this certificate? [yes/no]:
```

yes

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:May 9 14:52:23.437 UTC: cepki[153]: %SECURITY-CEPKI-6-INFO : certificate database updated
```



Note: If you have a Subordinate CA system, you need to import both Root CA and Sub CA certificates. Use the same command with Sub CA on top and Root CA at the bottom.

Step 4. Generate **Certificate Signing Request (CSR)**.

<#root>

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1#

crypto ca enroll svs

Fri May 9 14:52:44.030 UTC
% Start certificate enrollment ...
% Create a challenge password. You will need to verbally provide this
password to the CA Administrator in order to revoke your certificate.
% For security reasons your password will not be saved in the configuration.
% Please make a note of it.

Password:

Re-enter Password:

% The subject name in the certificate will include: C=US,ST=NC,L=RTP,O=Cisco,OU=SVS,CN=10.225.253.167
% The subject name in the certificate will include:SVS-LAB-8201-1.svs.lab
% Include the router serial number in the subject name? [yes/no]:

yes

% The serial number in the certificate will be: 4090843b
% Include an IP address in the subject name? [yes/no]:

yes

Enter IP Address[]

10.225.253.167

Fingerprint: 36354532 38324335 43434136 42333545
Display Certificate Request to terminal? [yes/no]:

yes

Certificate Request follows:

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
MIIDQTCCAikCAQAwcjELMAkGA1UEBhMCVVMxCzAJBgNVBAgMAk5DMQwwCgYDVQQH
DANSVFAxDjAMBgNVBAoMBUNpc2NvMQwwCgYDVQQLDANTVlMxFzAVBgNVBAMMDjEw
LjIyNS4yNTMuMTY3MREwDwYDVQQFEwg0MDkwODQzYjCCASIwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEB
BQADggEPADCCAQoCggEBALwx9w4DnTtrloDH9iOZxPvEDARwN0t4WrPEjaQclZUA
6ax6Cxq/0JlQiUf2+eQv+4rKZqAZ1xDhiaiMGqETnO0LKpwmtx10IqXL7UYMHHwF
9vRII52zomkWA8a63Wx66UkExaXoeXaf5HkLoqDu68X83U7LPvMe1sMwvmq7Rmy2
DAu30HB/JfYlQCHmTVFz3M5fBt86xx4t1nxTFU/4lRWMC73UdL5YdKJLjMpBT2tN

```
E3piZ+kL4p1c9U4RIBkU8/G4drzFbGvHCIkWkwIOcb1X2HgtbVQdCXTAwJDmr2O9
zd2ZCa5enTbOKHbNXuHjpyOk8MewKOV2muwxVcQbej8CAwEAAaCBiTAYBgkqhkiG
9w0BCQcxCxMJQzFzY28uMTIzMGOGCSqGSIb3DQEJDjFgMF4wDgYDVR0PAQH/BAQD
AgWgMCAGA1UdJQEB/wQWMBQGCCsGAQUFBwMBBggrBgEFBQcDAjAJBgNVHRMEAjAA
MB8GA1UdEQQYMBaCDjEwLjIyNS4yNTMuMTY3hwQK4f2nMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBBQUA
A4IBAQBBXOeWF5ZUz7O1GFjuQHBBDgYb+3lhFOxbYm9psIWfv1uwjkKoL297tGHv
Iux7nMyrDVkSJ81i5BSTdd9FE6AbSFswjlYpO+IxkUM971Ejwg2rj+jABDR7I8SU
O6YO6mS9x2ZJYqImeq8xwIr19Hi+7tyaLe6apfTIljdgVxB+XyzOFJMckIO5US3j
T/3aw/115RcXerdrh36oMUHEepUjIx/15u9s1c7e1mxACoQE6f9OA+fdg2zYtOME
Z6VAw64cY+YF6iLbYv7c4lizO5Zj2NJbUKpeqijkFAkY/1rIxTHypzH/p2ma4zuS
46a+kLXsVHZ716ZMB3WrUzB2ZNOO
-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
---End - This line not part of the certificate request---
Redisplay enrollment request? [yes/no]:
```

no

Step 5. Import **CA signed certificate**.

<#root>

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-82O1-1#
```

crypto ca import svs certificate

```
Fri May 9 15:00:35.426 UTC

Enter the base64/PEM encoded certificate/certificates.
Please note: for multiple certificates use only PEM.
End with a blank line or the word "quit" on a line by itself

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIE3zCCAsegAwIBAgIINL1NAUzx14UwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAwajELMAkGA1UE
BhMCVVMxFzAVBgNVBAgTDk5vcnRoIENhcm9saW5hMRAwDgYDVQQHEwdSYWxlaWdo
MQ4wDAYDVQQKEwVDaXNjbzEMMAoGA1UECxMDU1ZTMRIwEAYDVQQDEwlTVlMgTGFi
Q0EwHhcNMjUwNTA5MTQ1NzAwWhcNMjYwNTA5MTQ1NzAwWjByMQswCQYDVQQGEwJV
UzELMAkGA1UECAwCTkMxDDAKBgNVBAcMA1JUUDEOMAwGA1UECgwFQ2lzY28xDDAK
BgNVBAsMA1NWUzEXMBUGA1UEAwwOMTAuMjI1LjI1My4xNjcxETAPBgNVBAUTCDQw
OTA4NDNiMIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEAvDH3DgOdO2uW
gMf2I5nE+8QMBHA3S3has8SNpByVlQDprHoLGr/QmVCJR/b55C/7ispmoBnXEOGJ
qIwaoROc7QsqnCa3HXQipcvtRgwcfAX29EgjnbOiaRYDxrrdbHrpSQTFpeh5dp/k
eQuioO7rxfzdTss+8x7WwzC+artGbLYMC7fQcH8l9iVAIeZNUXPczl8G3zrHHi3W
fFMVT/iVFYwLvdR0vlhOokuMykFPaO0TemJn6QvinVz1ThEgGRTz8bh2vMVsa8cI
iRaTAjRxvVfYeC1tVB0JdMDAkOavY73N3ZkJrl6dNs4ods1e4eOnLSTwx7Ao5Xaa
7DFVxBt6PwIDAQABo4GAMH4wHgYJYIZIAYb4QgENBBEWD3hjYSBjZXJ0aWZpY2F0
ZTAOBgNVHQ8BAf8EBAMCBaAwIAYDVR0lAQH/BBYwFAYIKwYBBQUHAwEGCCsGAQUF
BwMCMAkGA1UdEwQCMAAwHwYDVR0RBBgwFoIOMTAuMjI1LjI1My4xNjeHBArh/acw
DQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQADggIBAARpS5bEck+ojO121O6WxedDQ8VduObBtrnOH+Nt
94EA1co7HEe4USf1FiASAX7rNveLpY3ICmLh+tQZYTZrQ93tb9mMTZg7exqN89ZU
VlXoB2UOTri5Kl0/+izEGgyNq42/ytAP8YOO7HR/2jf7gfhoRvwcR5QNOEHv4o6l
Zma5Xio1sBbkA7JB2mpzzZg4ZjsyV8lRGXxxgyt1mwNmb7EiAc8lodRcgyp7FNh3
F/k9cMMMr5lM4Ysvoltx1k9AeLjzb2syv5/fG6QuOZdWwTaaQhOY2h/cVDiV97wg
ODlmEfdSv6QrxQSujZr22RzVyKKHltuiV2B74pthUuGRBtfHS5XFy7uTTbfGX8M6
ZJw8rX1SADr8tDplrf1ZIrPmv3ZPP7woTB22yWzydOuse+5IalbOw7OtwN4t/IIw
8CJu6HfnDXLDPZOjsC8steffrSlopwGccp3j6aZKPFz+I/Purb44a9WxEWa2TA7H
```

```
+rloynBcGMetOHxVLnptlsC7Q4mN/MDXeGyW+OTNCirNEG/gqcu+dn9EnNKkE2WV
oF537Ow+uNHoK8Bdt8mqadUT4OoUSqY8ArV0BomO5tzbemreVPmQAZ/IahZ7TqKo
3dGNonTAfFTESM1iujQ81iRKsikDHySnwcCM2nilCKZrhVq5IB8NK6jKRJZOeQAX
vMt1
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

quit

```
Serial Number : C2:F4:AB:34:02:D2:76:74:65:34:FE:D5
Subject:
serialNumber=4090843b,CN=10.225.253.167,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=RTP,ST=NC,C=US
Issued By :
CN=SVS LabCA,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=Raleigh,ST=North Carolina,C=US
Validity Start : 14:57:00 UTC Fri May 09 2025
Validity End : 14:57:00 UTC Sat May 09 2026
SHA1 Fingerprint:
21E4DA0B02181D08B6E51F0CC754BCE5B815C792
```

Step 6. Verify the router identity certificate is enrolled.

<#root>

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1#
```

show crypto ca trustpoint svs detail

```
Trustpoint        :svs-new
==========================================================
KeyPair Label: the_default
CRL:optional
enrollment: terminal
subject name: C=US,ST=NC,L=RTP,O=Cisco,OU=SVS,CN=SVS-LAB-8201-1.svs.lab

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1#
```

show crypto ca certificates svs

```
Wed May 14 14:55:58.173 UTC

Trustpoint       : svs-new
==================================================
CA certificate
  Serial Number  : 20:01:20:1F:B6:9D:C3:FE:43:78:FF:64
  Subject:
        CN=SVS LabCA,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=Raleigh,ST=North Carolina,C=US
  Issued By      :
        CN=SVS LabCA,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=Raleigh,ST=North Carolina,C=US
  Validity Start : 17:05:00 UTC Mon Apr 28 2025
  Validity End   : 17:05:00 UTC Sat Apr 28 2035
  SHA1 Fingerprint:
         0EB181E95A3ED7803BC5A8059A854A95C83AC737
Router certificate
```

```
  Key usage      : General Purpose
  Status         : Available
  Serial Number  : FD:AC:20:1F:B6:9D:C3:FE:98:43:ED
  Subject:
        serialNumber=4090843b,CN=brc-8201-1.svs.lab,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=RTP,ST=NC,C=US
  Issued By      :
        CN=SVS LabCA,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=Raleigh,ST=North Carolina,C=US
  Validity Start : 19:59:00 UTC Fri May 09 2025
  Validity End   : 19:59:00 UTC Sat May 09 2026
  SHA1 Fingerprint:
         AC17E4772D909470F753BDBFA463F2DF522CC2A6
Associated Trustpoint: svs
```

Configure TACACS & AAA with TLS

 **Caution**: Perform the configuration changes through console with local credentials.

Step 1. Configure **TACACS Server and AAA group**.

```
tacacs source-interface MgmtEth0/RP0/CPU0/0 vrf mgmt
aaa group server tacacs+ tac_tls_sc
 vrf mgmt
 server-private 10.225.253.209 port 6049
  timeout 10
  tls
   trustpoint svs
  !
  single-connection
  single-connection-idle-timeout 30
```

Step 2. Configure **AAA**.

```
aaa accounting exec default start-stop group tac_tls_sc
aaa accounting system default start-stop group tac_tls_sc
aaa accounting network default start-stop group tac_tls_sc
aaa accounting commands default stop-only group tac_tls_sc
aaa authorization exec default group tac_tls_sc local
aaa authorization commands default group tac_tls_sc none
aaa authentication login default group tac_tls_sc local
```

Certificate Renewal Process

This section describes the certificate renewal process when the configured certificates need to be replaced or

are nearing expiration.

Note: Trust point does not need to be removed from TACACS+ configuration during renewal.

Step 1. Verify current certificate validity dates.

<#root>

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1#show crypto ca certificates svs-new
Thu Aug 14 15:13:37.465 UTC

Trustpoint : svs-new
================================================
CA certificate
  Serial Number : 30:A2:10:14:C9:5E:B0:E0:07:CE:0A:24:16:69:90:ED:D1:34:B5:9B
  Subject:
        CN=Test Drive Sub CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US
  Issued By :
        CN=Test Drive Root CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US

  Validity Start : 22:12:45 UTC Thu Jun 26 2025



  Validity End : 22:12:44 UTC Tue Jun 25 2030



  CRL Distribution Point

http://svs.lab:8080/ejbca/publicweb/crls/search.cgi?iHash=m9uBlQsZDYy6wxomiFWB5Gv0AZM

  SHA1 Fingerprint:
        EA8FB276563B927FCAF0174D9FD1C58F3E8B5FF2
Trusted Certificate Chain
  Serial Number : 1F:A6:6E:2E:F8:AB:CE:B4:9C:B8:07:5A:9F:2B:32:02:B4:56:5C:96
  Subject:
        CN=Test Drive Root CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US
  Issued By :
        CN=Test Drive Root CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US
  Validity Start : 22:13:17 UTC Thu Jun 26 2025
  Validity End : 22:13:16 UTC Sun Jun 24 2035
  SHA1 Fingerprint:
        E225647FF9BDA176D2998D5A3A9770270F37D2A7
Router certificate
  Key usage : General Purpose
  Status : Available
  Serial Number : 7A:13:EB:C0:6A:8D:66:68:09:0B:32:C7:0C:D8:05:BD:81:72:9B:4E
  Subject:
        CN=brc-8201-1.svs.lab,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=RTP,ST=NC,C=US
  Issued By :
        CN=Test Drive Sub CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US
  Validity Start : 16:38:36 UTC Wed Jul 30 2025
  Validity End : 16:38:35 UTC Thu Jul 30 2026
```

```
  CRL Distribution Point

http://svs.lab:8080/ejbca/publicweb/crls/search.cgi?iHash=X4as2q+6I9Bd4QglQa8g1xoH8GY
  SHA1 Fingerprint:
        B562F3CF507CE7F97893F28BC896794CFF6995C1
Associated Trustpoint: svs-new
```

Step 2. Delete existing trustpoint certificate.

<#root>

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1#

clear crypto ca certificates KF_TP



Thu Aug 14 15:25:26.286 UTC
certificates cleared for trustpoint KF_TP
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Aug 14 15:25:26.577 UTC: cepki[382]: %SECURITY-CEPKI-6-INFO : certificate database update
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:BRC-8201-1#
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:BRC-8201-1#
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:BRC-8201-1#

show crypto ca certificates KF_TP



Thu Aug 14 15:25:37.270 UTC
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:BRC-8201-1#
```

Step 3. Re-authenticate and enroll trust point as described in the steps under **Trustpoint Configuration**.

Step 4. Verify certificate validity dates are updated.

<#root>

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:SVS-LAB-8201-1#show crypto ca certificates KF_TP
Thu Aug 14 15:31:28.309 UTC

Trustpoint : KF_TP
================================================
CA certificate
  Serial Number : 30:A2:10:14:C9:5E:B0:E0:07:CE:0A:24:16:69:90:ED:D1:34:B5:9B
  Subject:
CN=Test Drive Sub CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US
  Issued By :
        CN=Test Drive Root CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US

  Validity Start : 22:13:17 UTC Thu Jun 26 2025



  Validity End : 22:13:16 UTC Tue Jun 25 2030
```

```
  CRL Distribution Point

http://svs.lab:8080/ejbca/publicweb/crls/search.cgi?iHash=m9uBlQsZDYy6wxomiFWB5GvOAZM
  SHA1 Fingerprint:
        EA8FB276563B927FCAF0174D9FD1C58F3E8B5FF2
Trusted Certificate Chain
  Serial Number : 1F:A6:6E:2E:F8:AB:CE:B4:9C:B8:07:5A:9F:2B:32:02:B4:56:5C:96
  Subject:
        CN=Test Drive Root CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US
  Issued By :
        CN=Test Drive Root CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US
  Validity Start : 22:13:17 UTC Thu Jun 26 2025
  Validity End : 22:13:16 UTC Sun Jun 24 2035
  SHA1 Fingerprint:
        E225647FF9BDA176D2998D5A3A9770270F37D2A7
Router certificate
  Key usage : General Purpose
  Status : Available
  Serial Number : 1F:B0:AE:44:CF:8E:24:62:83:42:2F:34:BF:D0:82:07:DF:E4:49:0B
  Subject:
        CN=brc-8201-1.svs.lab,OU=SVS,O=Cisco,L=RTP,ST=NC,C=US
  Issued By :
        CN=Test Drive Sub CA G1,OU=Certification Authorities,O=Keyfactor Command,C=US
  Validity Start : 15:17:29 UTC Thu Aug 14 2025
  Validity End : 15:17:28 UTC Fri Aug 14 2026

  CRL Distribution Point

http://svs.lab:8080/ejbca/publicweb/crls/search.cgi?iHash=X4as2q+6I9Bd4QglQa8g1xoH8GY
  SHA1 Fingerprint:
        D3CE0AEB51C5E8009F626A1A9FD633FB9AFA96DE
Associated Trustpoint: KF_TP
```

Verify and Troubleshoot

Verify the configuration.

```
show crypto ca certificates [detail]
show crypto ca trustpoint detail
show tacacs details
```

Debug for TACACS+.

```
debug tacacs tls
```

Debug TLS.

```
debug ssl error
debug ssl events
```

Test the remote user before configuring AAA authentication.

<#root>

```
test aaa group tacacs2 <username> <password>
```

```
user has been authenticated
```

Clear the certificates (this deletes all certificates associated with a trust point).

```
clear crypto ca certificate <trustpoint name>
```

TACACS process restart (if necessary)

```
process restart tacacsd
```