

Configuring ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode

Configuring ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode allows the Cisco Intelligent Services Gateway (ISG) acting as a RADIUS Proxy to direct all the RADIUS traffic from the client to the RADIUS server, without creating an ISG session.

This module describes how to configure ISG in RADIUS Proxy passthrough mode.

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Prerequisites for Configuring ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode

- You need to configure the authentication and accounting methods.
- You need to configure the AAA server.

Restrictions for Configuring ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode

- High availability for RADIUS proxy passthrough is not supported. However, once, the switchover is completed, new sessions are entertained.

Information About Configuring ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode

ISG Acting as a RADIUS Proxy Passthrough

The RADIUS proxy module of the Cisco ISG can be run in the passthrough mode to proxy the client's RADIUS traffic. This improves manageability. The RADIUS Proxy passthrough mode can be configured in two ways:

- Global level: You can enable RADIUS proxy passthrough globally by configuring the **mode pass-through** command in the ISG RADIUS proxy server configuration mode. This causes all the clients configured after this command to be in RADIUS Proxy passthrough mode.
- Client level: You can enable RADIUS proxy passthrough at the client level by configuring the **mode pass-through** command for a specific client in the RADIUS proxy client configuration mode.

Note The ISG interface can also be configured for dual initiators where one initiator can be RADIUS proxy and the other non-RADIUS proxy. When a specified ISG interface having dual initiators receives the non-RADIUS proxy trigger, ISG creates a session for the client. However, if this interface has a client configured to be in RADIUS proxy pass-through mode, it does not create a session when the RADIUS proxy trigger is received. Both these scenarios can co-exist on the same ISG interface.

The RADIUS proxy configuration allows you to configure the accounting method list which specifies the AAA server to which the accounting start, interim and stop records are forwarded. This can be done at both the client level and the global level.

Benefits of Using ISG in RADIUS Proxy Passthrough Mode

- RADIUS proxy passthrough mode offers more security as the AAA server's IP address is hidden from the ultimate host.
- Performance is improved as ISG sessions are not created for RADIUS clients.
- The same ISG can serve in two different modes as listed below:
  - ISG acting as a RADIUS proxy where a session is created and the client's RADIUS messages are sent to an external AAA server.
  - ISG acting as a RADIUS proxy passthrough where a session is not created and the client's RADIUS messages are sent to an external AAA server.

How to Configure ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode

Enabling RADIUS Proxy Passthrough mode at Global Level

Perform this task to enable the RADIUS proxy passthrough mode globally.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. aaa new-model
4. aaa server radius proxy
5. mode pass-through
6. key [0 | 7] word
7. accounting method-list {method-list-name | default}
8. authentication method-list {method-list-name | default}
9. authentication port port-number
10. accounting port port-number
11. client {name | ip-address} [subnet-mask [vrfvrf-id]]
12. end

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal **Example:** `Device# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	aaa new-model **Example:** `Device(config)# aaa new-model`	Enables the authentication, authorization and accounting(AAA) access control model.
Step 4	aaa server radius proxy **Example:** `Device(config)# aaa server radius proxy`	Enters Intelligent Services Gateway (ISG) RADIUS proxy server configuration mode.
Step 5	mode pass-through **Example:**	Enables ISG RADIUS proxy pass-through mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	`Device(config-locsvr-proxy-radius)# mode pass-through`	
Step 6	key [0 | 7] word **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-proxy-radius)# key radprxykey`	Configures the encryption key to be shared between ISG and RADIUS clients. • 0 specifies that an unencrypted key will follow. • 7 specifies a hidden key will follow.
Step 7	accounting method-list {method-list-name | default} **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-proxy-radius)# accounting method-list SVC_ACCT`	Specifies the server to which accounting packets from RADIUS clients are forwarded.
Step 8	authentication method-list {method-list-name | default} **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-proxy-radius)# authentication method-list SVC_ACCT`	Specifies the server to which authentication packets from RADIUS clients are forwarded.
Step 9	authentication port port-number **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-proxy-radius)# authentication port 1645`	Specifies the port on which the ISG listens for authentication packets from RADIUS clients. • The default port is 1645.
Step 10	accounting port port-number **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-proxy-radius)# accounting port 1646`	Specifies the port on which the ISG listens for accounting packets from RADIUS clients. • The default port is 1646.
Step 11	client {name | ip-address} [subnet-mask [vrfvrf-id]] **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-proxy-radius)# client 1.1.1.1`	Specifies a RADIUS proxy client for which client-specific parameters can be configured, and enters RADIUS proxy client configuration mode.
Step 12	end **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-radius-client)# end`	Exits the ISG RADIUS proxy client configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Enabling RADIUS Proxy Passthrough mode at Client Level

Perform this task to enable the RADIUS proxy passthrough mode for an individual client.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. aaa new-model

4. aaa server radius proxy
5. client {name | ip-address} [subnet-mask [vrfvrf-id]]
6. mode pass-through
7. key [0 | 7] word
8. accounting method-list {method-list-name | default}
9. authentication method-list {method-list-name | default}
10. authentication port port-number
11. accounting port port-number
12. end

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Step 2	configure terminal **Example:** `Device# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	aaa new-model **Example:** `Device(config)# aaa new-model`	Enables the authentication, authorization and accounting(AAA) access control model.
Step 4	aaa server radius proxy **Example:** `Device(config)# aaa server radius proxy`	Enters Intelligent Services Gateway (ISG) RADIUS proxy server configuration mode.
Step 5	client {name | ip-address} [subnet-mask [vrfvrf-id]] **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-proxy-radius)# client 1.1.1.1`	Specifies a RADIUS proxy client for which client-specific parameters can be configured, and enters RADIUS proxy client configuration mode.
Step 6	mode pass-through **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-radius-client)# mode pass-through`	Enables ISG RADIUS proxy pass-through mode.
Step 7	key [0 | 7] word **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-radius-client)# key radprxykey`	Configures the encryption key to be shared between ISG and RADIUS clients. • 0 specifies that an unencrypted key will follow. • 7 specifies a hidden key will follow.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	accounting method-list {method-list-name | default} **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-radius-client)# accounting method-list SVC_ACCT`	Specifies the server to which accounting packets from RADIUS clients are forwarded.
Step 9	authentication method-list {method-list-name | default} **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-radius-client)# authentication method-list SVC_ACCT`	Specifies the server to which authentication packets from RADIUS clients are forwarded.
Step 10	authentication port port-number **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-radius-client)# authentication port 1645`	Specifies the port for which the ISG listens for authentication packets from RADIUS clients. • The default port is 1645.
Step 11	accounting port port-number **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-radius-client)# accounting port 1646`	Specifies the port on which the ISG listens for accounting packets from RADIUS clients. • The default port is 1646.
Step 12	end **Example:** `Device(config-locsvr-radius-client)# end`	Exits the ISG RADIUS proxy client configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Verifying ISG RADIUS Proxy Passthrough Sessions

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. show radius-proxy statistics
3. end

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	show radius-proxy statistics **Example:**	Displays statistics of all RADIUS proxy sessions on the ISG. **Note**

	Command or Action	Purpose
	`Device> show radius-proxy statistics` `Device> show radius-proxy statistics | include access request`	You can also use appropriate output modifiers to display a section of the statistics for all the ISG RADIUS proxy sessions based on the specification.
Step 3	end **Example:** `Device> end`	Returns to user EXEC mode.

Clearing ISG RADIUS Proxy Statistics

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. clear radius-proxy statistics
3. end

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	clear radius-proxy statistics **Example:** `Device> clear radius-proxy statistics`	Clears all ISG RADIUS proxy statistics.
Step 3	end **Example:** `Device> exit`	Returns to user EXEC mode.

Configuration Examples for Configuring ISG as RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode

Example: Configuring Radius Proxy Passthrough Mode

The following example shows how to configure ISG as a RADIUS Proxy passthrough where the interface is configured with dual initiators. Here, an ISG session is not created for the client 10.0.0.2 as it is in passthrough mode whereas a session is created for the client 12.0.0.2 as session creation is triggered by the RADIUS proxy initiator.

```
aaa server radius proxy
message-authenticator ignore
!
client 10.0.0.2
mode pass-through
key radprxykey
accounting method-list SVC_ACCT
authentication port 1645
accounting port 1646

client 12.0.0.2
key radprxykey
accounting method-list SVC_ACCT
authentication method-list SVC_ACCT
authentication port 1647
accounting port 1648
```

Example: Verifying Radius Proxy Passthrough Mode

Use the **show radius-proxy statistics** command to verify that ISG is functioning in RADIUS proxy passthrough mode.

The following is a sample output from the **show radius-proxy statistics** command, showing information for both passthrough and non-passthrough clients.

```
Device#show radius-proxy statistics

 NON-PASSTHROUGH CLIENTS
 FROM:                  Client       ISG         AAA
Access Requests:          0          0           0
Access Accepts:           0          0           0
Access Rejects:           0          0           0
Access Challenges         0          0           0
Accounting Requests       0          0           0
Accounting Starts         0          0           0
Accounting Stops          0          0           0
Accounting Updates        0          0           0
Accounting Responses      0          0           0
Accounting ON/OFFS        0          0           0

 PASSTHROUGH CLIENTS
 FROM:                  Client       ISG         AAA
```

```
Access Requests:          48000       48000       0
Access Accepts:           0           48000       48000
Access Rejects:           0           0           0
Access Challenges         0           0           0
Accounting Requests       80000       80000       0
Accounting Starts         80000       0           0
Accounting Stops          0           0           0
Accounting Updates        0           0           0
Accounting Responses      0           0           80000
Accounting ON/OFFS        0           0           0
```

Additional References for ISG as RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Master Command List, All Releases
ISG commands	ISG Command Reference
ISG as RADIUS Proxy	"Configuring ISG as a RADIUS Proxy" module in the *Intelligent Services Gateway Configuration Guide*
RADIUS configurations	"Configuring RADIUS" module in the *RADIUS Configuration Guide*
ISG Subscriber Service configurations	"Configuring ISG Subscriber Services" module in the *Intelligent Services Gateway Configuration Guide*
Command Lookup Tool	Command Lookup Tool

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/support

Feature Information for Configuring ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 1: Feature Information for Configuring ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Configuring ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode		Configuring the ISG as a RADIUS Proxy in Passthrough Mode allows the Cisco Intelligent Services Gateway (ISG) acting as a RADIUS Proxy to direct all the RADIUS traffic from the client to the RADIUS server, without creating an ISG session. The following commands were introduced: **mode pass-thru** and **authentication method-list list-authen**.