MSCHAP Version 2

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The MSCHAP Version 2 feature (introduced in Cisco IOS Release 12.2(2)XB5) allows Cisco routers to utilize Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol Version 2 (MSCHAP V2) authentication for PPP connections between a computer using a Microsoft Windows operating system and a network access server (NAS).

For Cisco IOS Release 12.4(6)T, MSCHAP V2 now supports a new feature: AAA Support for MSCHAPv2 Password Aging. Prior to Cisco IOS Release 12.4(6)T, when Password Authentication Protocol (PAP)-based clients sent username and password values to the authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) subsystem, AAA generated an authentication request to the RADIUS server. If the password expired, the RADIUS server replied with an authentication failure message. The reason for the authentication failure was not passed back to AAA subsystem; thus, users were denied access because of authentication failure but were not informed why they were denied access.

The Password Aging feature, available in Cisco IOS Release 12.4(6)T, notifies crypto-based clients that the password has expired and provides a generic way for the user to change the password. The Password Aging feature supports only crypto-based clients.

Finding Feature Information in This Module

Your Cisco IOS software release may not support all of the features documented in this module. To reach links to specific feature documentation in this module and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, use the "Feature Information for MSCHAP Version 2" section on page 15.

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Prerequisites for MSCHAP Version 2

- Configure an interface type and enter interface configuration mode by using the **interface** command.
- Configure the interface for PPP encapsulation by using the **encapsulation** command.
- Be sure that the client operating system supports all MSCHAP V2 capabilities.
- For Cisco IOS Release 12.4(6)T, the Password Aging feature only supports RADIUS authentication for crypto-based clients.
- To ensure that the MSCHAP Version 2 features correctly interpret the authentication failure attributes sent by the RADIUS server, you must configure the **ppp max-bad-auth** command and set the number of authentication retries at two or more.
- In order for the MSCHAP Version 2 feature to support the ability to change a password, the authentication failure attribute, which is sent by the RADIUS server, must be correctly interpreted as described in "Configuring MSCHAP V2 Authentication" section on page 3.

  In addition, the **radius server vsa send authentication** command must be configured, allowing the RADIUS client to send a vendor-specific attribute to the RADIUS server. The Change Password feature is supported only for RADIUS authentication.
- The Microsoft Windows 2000, Microsoft Windows XP, and Microsoft Windows NT operating systems have a known caveat that prevents the Change Password feature from working. You must download a patch from Microsoft at the following URL:

  http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;Q326770

For more information on completing these tasks, see the section "PPP Configuration" in the *Cisco IOS Dial Technologies Configuration Guide*, Release 12.2. The RADIUS server must be configured for authentication. Refer to vendor-specific documentation for information on configuring RADIUS authentication on the RADIUS server.

Restrictions for MSCHAP Version 2

- MSCHAP V2 authentication is not compatible with MSCHAP V1 authentication.
- The change password option is supported only for RADIUS authentication and is not available for local authentication.

Information About MSCHAP Version 2

MSCHAP V2 authentication is the default authentication method used by the Microsoft Windows 2000 operating system. Cisco routers that support this authentication method enable Microsoft Windows 2000 operating system users to establish remote PPP sessions without configuring an authentication method on the client.

MSCHAP V2 authentication introduced an additional feature not available with MSCHAP V1 or standard CHAP authentication: the Change Password feature. This features allows the client to change the account password if the RADIUS server reports that the password has expired.

Note MSCHAP V2 authentication is an updated version of MSCHAP that is similar to but incompatible with MSCHAP Version 1 (V1). MSCHAP V2 introduces mutual authentication between peers and a Change Password feature.

How to Configure MSCHAP Version 2

See the following sections for configuration tasks for the MSCHAP Version 2 feature.

- "Configuring MSCHAP V2 Authentication" section on page 3 (required)
- "Verifying MSCHAP V2 Configuration" section on page 5 (optional)
- "Configuring Password Aging for Crypto-Based Clients" section on page 5 (optional)

Configuring MSCHAP V2 Authentication

To configure the NAS to accept MSCHAP V2 authentication for local or RADIUS authentication and to allow proper interpretation of authentication failure attributes and vendor-specific RADIUS attributes for RADIUS authentication, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **radius-server vsa send authentication**
4. **interface** *type number*
5. **ppp max-bad-auth** *number*
6. **ppp authentication ms-chap-v2**
7. **end**

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**radius-server vsa send authentication** **Example:** `Router(config)# radius-server vsa send authentication`	Configures the NAS to recognize and use vendor-specific attributes.
Step 4	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router(config)# interface FastEthernet 0/1`	Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 5	**ppp max-bad-auth** *number* **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ppp max-bad-auth 2`	Configures a point-to-point interface to reset immediately after an authentication failure or within a specified number of authentication retries. • The default value for the *number* argument is 0 seconds (immediately). • The range is between 0 and 255. **Note** The *number* argument must be set to a value of at least 2 for authentication failure attributes to be interpreted by the NAS.
Step 6	**ppp authentication ms-chap-v2** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ppp authentication ms-chap-v2`	Enables MSCHAP V2 authentication on a NAS.
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

Verifying MSCHAP V2 Configuration

To verify that the MSCHAP Version 2 feature is configured properly, perform the following steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **show running-config interface** *type number*
2. **debug ppp negotiation**
3. **debug ppp authentication**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**show running-config interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router# show running-config interface Asynch65`	Verifies the configuration of MSCHAP V2 as the authentication method for the specified interface.
Step 2	**debug ppp negotiation** **Example:** `Router# debug ppp negotiation`	Verifies successful MSCHAP V2 negotiation.
Step 3	**debug ppp authentication** **Example:** `Router# debug ppp authentication`	Verifies successful MSCHAP V2 authentication.

Configuring Password Aging for Crypto-Based Clients

The AAA security services facilitate a variety of login authentication methods. Use the **aaa authentication login** command to enable AAA authentication no matter which of the supported login authentication methods you decide to use. With the **aaa authentication login** command, you create one or more lists of authentication methods that are tried at login. These lists are applied using the **login authentication** line configuration command.

After the RADIUS server requests a new password, AAA queries the crypto client, which in turn prompts the user to enter a new password.

To configure login authentication and password aging for crypto-based clients, use the following commands beginning in global configuration mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **aaa new-model**
4. **aaa authentication login** {**default** | *list-name*} **passwd-expiry** *method1* [*method2...*]
5. **crypto map** *map-name* **client authentication list** *list-name*

	Command	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**aaa new-model** **Example:** `Router(config)# aaa new-model`	Enables AAA globally.
Step 4	**aaa authentication login** {**default** | *list-name*} **passwd-expiry** *method1* [*method2...*] **Example:** `Router(config)# aaa authentication login userauthen passwd-expiry group radius`	Enables password aging for crypto-based clients on a local authentication list.
Step 5	**crypto map** *map-name* **client authentication list** *list-name* **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto map clientmap client authentication list userauthen`	Configures user authentication (a list of authentication methods) on an existing crypto map.

Configuration Examples

This section provides the following configuration examples:

- "Configuring Local Authentication: Example" section on page 6
- "Configuring RADIUS Authentication: Example" section on page 7
- "Configuring Password Aging with Crypto Authentication: Example" section on page 7

Configuring Local Authentication: Example

The following example configures PPP on an asynchronous interface and enables MSCHAP V2 authentication locally:

```
interface Async65
  ip address 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
  encapsulation ppp
  async mode dedicated
  no peer default ip address
  ppp max-bad-auth 3
  ppp authentication ms-chap-v2
  username client password secret
```

Configuring RADIUS Authentication: Example

The following example configures PPP on an asynchronous interface and enables MSCHAP V2 authentication via RADIUS:

```
interface Async65
  ip address 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
  encapsulation ppp
  async mode dedicated
  no peer default ip address
  ppp max-bad-auth 3
  ppp authentication ms-chap-v2
  exit
aaa authentication ppp default group radius
 radius-server host 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
 radius-server key secret
 radius-server vsa send authentication
```

Configuring Password Aging with Crypto Authentication: Example

The following example configures password aging by using AAA with a crypto-based client:

```
aaa authentication login userauthen passwd-expiry group radius
!
aaa session-id common
!
crypto isakmp policy 3
 encr 3des
 authentication pre-share
 group 2
!
crypto isakmp client configuration group 3000client
 key cisco123
 dns 10.1.1.10
 wins 10.1.1.20
 domain cisco.com
 pool ippool
 acl 153
!
crypto ipsec transform-set myset esp-3des esp-sha-hmac
!
crypto dynamic-map dynmap 10
 set transform-set myset
!
crypto map clientmap client authentication list userauthen
!
radius-server host 10.140.15.203 auth-port 1645 acct-port 1646
radius-server domain-stripping prefix-delimiter $
radius-server key cisco123
radius-server vsa send authentication
radius-server vsa send authentication 3gpp2
!
end
```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the MSCHAP Version 2 feature.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Configuring PPP interfaces	The section "PPP Configuration" in the *Cisco IOS Dial Technologies Configuration Guide*, Release 12.2.
Descriptions of the tasks and commands necessary to configure and maintain Cisco networking devices	*Cisco IOS Dial Technologies Command Reference*, Release 12.2
Lists of IOS Security Commands	*Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*, Release 12.2
Configuring PPP authentication using AAA	The section "Configuring PPP Authentication Using AAA" in the chapter "Configuring Authentication" in the *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide*, Release 12.2
Configuring RADIUS Authentication	The chapter "Configuring RADIUS" in the *Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide*, Release 12.2

Standards

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards are supported by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported by this feature.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 1661	Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP)
RFC 2548	Microsoft Vendor-specific RADIUS Attributes
RFC 2759	*Microsoft PPP CHAP Extensions, Version 2*

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Technical Support & Documentation website contains thousands of pages of searchable technical content, including links to products, technologies, solutions, technical tips, and tools. Registered Cisco.com users can log in from this page to access even more content.	http://www.cisco.com/techsupport

Command Reference

This section documents modified commands only.

- **aaa authentication login**
- **ppp authentication ms-chap-v2**

aaa authentication login

To set authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) authentication at login, use the **aaa authentication login** command in global configuration mode. To disable AAA authentication, use the **no** form of this command.

aaa authentication login {**default** | *list-name*} **passwd-expiry** *method1* [*method2...*]

no aaa authentication login {**default** | *list-name*} **passwd-expiry** *method1* [*method2...*]

Syntax Description

default	Uses the listed authentication methods that follow this argument as the default list of methods when a user logs in.
list-name	Character string used to name the list of authentication methods activated when a user logs in.
passwd-expiry	Enables password aging on a local authentication list.
method1 [*method2...*]	At least one of the keywords described in Table 1.

Defaults

If the **default** list is not set, only the local user database is checked. This has the same effect as the following command:

```
aaa authentication login default local
```

Note On the console, login will succeed without any authentication checks if **default** is not set.

Command Modes

Global configuration

Command History

Release	Modification
10.3	This command was introduced.
12.0(5)T	Group server and local-case support were added as method keywords for this command.
12.4(6)T	This command was updated to include the **passwd-expiry** keyword.

Usage Guidelines

The default and optional list names that you create with the **aaa authentication login** command are used with the **login authentication** command.

Create a list by entering the **aaa authentication login** *list-name method* command for a particular protocol, where *list-name* is any character string used to name this list (such as *MIS-access*). The *method* argument identifies the list of methods that the authentication algorithm tries, in the given sequence. Method keywords are described in Table 1.

To create a default list that is used if no list is assigned to a line, use the **login authentication** command with the default argument followed by the methods you want to use in default situations.

The additional methods of authentication are used only if the previous method returns an error, not if it fails. To ensure that the authentication succeeds even if all methods return an error, specify **none** as the final method in the command line.

If authentication is not specifically set for a line, the default is to deny access and no authentication is performed. Use the **more system:running-config** command to display currently configured lists of authentication methods.

Note In Table 1, the **group radius**, **group tacacs+**, and **group** *group-name* methods refer to a set of previously defined RADIUS or TACACS+ servers. Use the **radius-server host** and **tacacs+-server host** commands to configure the host servers. Use the **aaa group server radius** and **aaa group server tacacs+** commands to create a named group of servers.

Table 1 aaa authentication login Methods

Keyword	Description
enable	Uses the enable password for authentication.
krb5	Uses Kerberos 5 for authentication.
krb5-telnet	Uses Kerberos 5 Telnet authentication protocol when using Telnet to connect to the router.
line	Uses the line password for authentication.
local	Uses the local username database for authentication.
local-case	Uses case-sensitive local username authentication.
none	Uses no authentication.
group radius	Uses the list of all RADIUS servers for authentication.
group tacacs+	Uses the list of all TACACS+ servers for authentication.
group *group-name*	Uses a subset of RADIUS or TACACS+ servers for authentication as defined by the **aaa group server radius** or **aaa group server tacacs+** command.

Examples

The following example creates an AAA authentication list called *MIS-access*. This authentication first tries to contact a TACACS+ server. If no server is found, TACACS+ returns an error and AAA tries to use the enable password. If this attempt also returns an error (because no enable password is configured on the server), the user is allowed access with no authentication.

```
aaa authentication login MIS-access group tacacs+ enable none
```

The following example creates the same list, but it sets it as the default list that is used for all login authentications if no other list is specified:

```
aaa authentication login default group tacacs+ enable none
```

The following example sets authentication at login to use the Kerberos 5 Telnet authentication protocol when using Telnet to connect to the router:

```
aaa authentication login default krb5
```

The following example configures password aging by using AAA with a Crypto client:

```
aaa authentication login userauthen passwd-expiry group radius
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
aaa new-model	Enables the AAA access control model.
login authentication	Enables AAA authentication for logins.

ppp authentication ms-chap-v2

To enable Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol Version 2 (MSCHAP V2) authentication on a network access server (NAS), use the **ppp authentication ms-chap-v2** command in interface configuration mode. To disable MSCHAP V2 authentication, use the **no** form of this command.

ppp authentication ms-chap-v2

no ppp authentication ms-chap-v2

Syntax Description

This command has no arguments or keywords.

Defaults

MSCHAP V2 authentication is disabled.

Command Modes

Interface configuration

Command History

Release	Modification
12.2(2)XB5	This command was introduced.
12.2(13)T	This command was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(13)T.

Usage Guidelines

To enable MSCHAP V2 authentication, first configure PPP on the NAS. For the NAS to properly interpret authentication failure attributes and vendor-specific attributes, the **ppp max-bad-auth** command must be configured to allow at least two authentication retries and the **radius-server vsa send** command and **authentication** keyword must be enabled. The NAS must be able to interpret authentication failure attributes and vendor-specific attributes to support the ability to change an expired password.

Examples

The following example configures PPP on an asynchronous interface and enables MSCHAP V2 authentication locally:

```
interface Async65
 ip address 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
 encapsulation ppp
 async mode dedicated
 no peer default ip address
 ppp max-bad-auth 3
 ppp authentication ms-chap-v2
 username client password secret
```

The following example configures PPP on an asynchronous interface and enables MSCHAP V2 authentication via RADIUS:

```
interface Async65
 ip address 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
 encapsulation ppp
 async mode dedicated
 no peer default ip address
 ppp max-bad-auth 3
 ppp authentication ms-chap-v2
 exit
aaa authentication ppp default group radius
 radius-server host 10.0.0.2 255.0.0.0
 radius-server key secret
 radius-server vsa send authentication
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
debug aaa authentication	Displays information on AAA/TACACS+ authorization.
debug ppp	Displays information on traffic and exchanges in a network that is implementing PPP.
debug radius	Displays information associated with RADIUS.
ppp max-bad-auth	Configures a point-to-point interface not to reset itself immediately after an authentication failure but instead to allow a specified number of authentication retries.
radius-server vsa send	Configures the network access server to recognize and use VSAs.

Feature Information for MSCHAP Version 2

Table 2 lists the release history for this feature.

Not all commands may be available in your Cisco IOS software release. For release information about a specific command, see the command reference documentation.

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Note Table 2 lists only the Cisco IOS software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given Cisco IOS software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that Cisco IOS software release train also support that feature.

Table 2 Feature Information for MSCHAP Version 2

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
MSCHAP Version 2	12.2(2)XB5 12.2(13)T 12.4(6)T	The MSCHAP Version 2 feature (introduced in Cisco IOS Release 12.2(2)XB5) allows Cisco routers to utilize Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol Version 2 (MSCHAP V2) authentication for PPP connections between a computer using a Microsoft Windows operating system and a network access server (NAS). In 12.2(2)XB5, this feature was introduced. In 12.2(13)T, this feature was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(13)T. In 12.4(6)T, this feature was updated to include the crypto-based Password Aging feature.