



# Security and Administration

Smart PHY is hosted on Operations Hub, which provides comprehensive Role Based Access Control (RBAC) and User Management. Administrator can configure local or LDAP-based user authentication, create custom login banners, import and export Operations Hub configuration, monitor Audit and Debug logs, and create custom Kibana dashboards.

Refer to the [Cisco Operations Hub User Guide](#) for additional details.

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## Database Operations

Smart PHY stores all its inventory and provisioning data in an internal database. You can execute database import and export operations and view a history of previous operations from Smart PHY's Database Operations page.

**Figure 1: Database Operations**

The screenshot shows the Cisco Operations Hub interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Cisco logo and the text 'Cisco Operations Hub'. To the right of the navigation bar, it says 'Smart PHY · Administration · Database Operations'. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar menu on the left with the following items: Overview, Inventory, Service Definitions, RPD Associations, PROFILES (Credential Profiles, RF Power Adjust Profiles), SETTINGS (Global Configuration, GCP Redirect Configuration, Software Compatibility Rules), and ADMINISTRATION (Database Operations). The main content area is titled 'Import & Export' and 'History of Operations'. Under 'Import & Export', there are two sections: 'Export Database' and 'Import Database'. The 'Export Database' section has a description: 'Save a compressed archive of Smart PHY's Database to your local Operations Hub cluster or a remote server.' and an 'Export' button. The 'Import Database' section has a description: 'Import a Smart PHY Database archive by uploading it below.' and an 'Import' button.

## Exporting Database from Local Operation Hub Cluster

Smart PHY's Database is compressed and saved to the `/var/smartphy/backup` directory on the local filesystem. The filename format is `<cluster-name>_backup_<YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS>.tar.gz`.

This procedure exports the database from local filesystem.

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- Step 1** At the main menu, click **Smart PHY > Administration > Database Operations**.  
The **Import & Export** page appears.
- Step 2** Click **Export**.  
The **Export Database** window appears at the right side of the page.
- Step 3** Under Destination, select the **Local Operations Hub Cluster** radio button.  
If you wish to password protect the exported database, check the **Password Protect Database** checkbox, and then enter a password.
- Step 4** Click **Export**.
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## Exporting Database to a Remote Server

Smart PHY's Database is compressed and then copied to the specified file path on the remote server using SCP. The filename format is `<cluster-name>_backup_<YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS>.tar.gz`.

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- Step 1** At the main menu, click **Smart PHY > Administration > Database Operations**.  
The **Import & Export** page appears.
- Step 2** Click **Export**.  
The **Export Database** window appears at the right side of the page.
- Step 3** Under **Destination**, select the **Remote Server** radio button.  
Enter the following details for the remote server:
- Server IP Address
  - Server File Path
  - Server User Name
  - Server Password
- If you wish to password protect the exported database, check the **Password Protect Database** checkbox, and then enter a password.
- Step 4** Click **Export**.
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## Importing Database

If you have not yet added inventory or provisioning data to your Smart PHY cluster, then you can import a previously exported Smart PHY Database.

**Note:** Smart PHY only allows database import operations to occur when its internal database is empty. If inventory or provisioning data is present in its internal database, then Smart PHY blocks database import operations.

This procedure imports a database.

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**Step 1** At the main menu, click **Smart PHY** > > **Administration** > **Database Operations**.

The **Import & Export** page appears.

**Step 2** Click **Import** under the **Import Database** area.

The **Import Database** window appears at the right side of the page.

**Step 3** Under Source, select either the **Local Operations Hub cluster** or **Remote Server** radio button.

- For Local Operations Hub Cluster, enter the following details:
  - Database filename (The filename must end with `tar.gz`)
  - Optionally the password, if your password protected the exported database during export.
- For Remote Server, enter the following details:
  - Server IP Address
  - Server File Path
  - Database filename (The filename must end with `tar.gz`)
  - Server username
  - Server Password
  - Optionally the password, if your password protected the exported database during export.

**Step 4** Click **Import**.

After importing the database, Smart PHY verifies and synchronizes the imported data for several minutes. After synchronizing the credential details, the status of cBR-8 routers on Smart PHY's **Inventory** page changes to *Online*.

After the Cisco cBR-8 devices are online, you have to enable the CIN.

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## Viewing History of Database Operations

Smart PHY maintains a history of all database Operations.

The history contains the following information:

- Operation Status

- Type of Operation (Import or Export)
- Start Time
- End Time
- Result

This procedure enables you to view the history of database operations.

**Step 1** At the main menu, click **Smart PHY > Database Operations**.

**Step 2** Click the **History of Operations** tab to view the history of database operations.

You can also perform the following tasks:

- Click the **Export** icon to export history information into CSV format.
- Enter specific text in the the **Search Table** field to search and return specific information.

## Customizing Smart PHY Settings

### Feature History

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Aux Core Configuration for RPD	Cisco Smart PHY, Release 22.4	You can use this option to configure additional cores on RPD's DOCSIS Principal Core using TLV 88.1.
Decision Pending IRA	Cisco Smart PHY, Release 22.4	Decision Pending IRA functionality is introduced to handle GCP redirect delays.

Smart PHY offers several ways to customize its behavior to fit your needs:

- Global Configuration
- GCP Redirect Configuration
- Software Compatibility Rules

To customize Smart PHY's behavior, click the Operations Hub main menu, and then select **Smart PHY > Settings**.

## Global Configuration

To suit your requirements, you can customize the following configurations using Global Configuration options:

- Configure Static Routes—For more details, see the Static Routes section.
- Validate Software Compatibility—When enabled, Smart PHY performs a compatibility check based on the configured Software Compatibility Rules.

- Persist Running Configuration—When enabled, Smart PHY saves the changes that are made to the cBR-8 router's running configuration.
- Configuration Save Interval—This value determines the interval at which the changes are saved (Defaults to 60 minutes).

## Static Routes

To route traffic and for communication between an RPD and a Cisco cBR-8 router, static routes to the Cisco cBR-8 router are created when you create an RPD association. When enabled, Smart PHY automatically creates a static route for the RPD if the cBR-8 router's DPIC interface is configured with a /31 (IPv4 networks) or /127 (IPv6 networks) subnet. The static route is determined by calculating the gateway IP address and routing traffic through the gateway for the RPD.



### Note

- The DPIC must be a /31 or /127 subnet.
- Wait for the RPD to push the static route configuration.

### Sample of a Cisco Smart PHY-Generated Configuration

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cable rpd <the name assigned to the RPD>
  identifier a0f8.496f.6506
  type shelf
  rpd-ds 0 base-power 25
  rpd-ds 1 base-power 25
  core-interface Te9/1/6
  principal
    rpd-ds 0 downstream-cable 9/0/16 profile 100
    rpd-us 0 upstream-cable 9/0/1 profile 4
  r-dti 2
  rpd-event profile 0
  rpd-55d1-us-event profile 0

cable fiber-node <next available fiber-node>
  downstream Downstream-Cable 9/0/16
  upstream Upstream-Cable 9/0/1
  downstream sg-channel 0 23 downstream-Cable 9/0/16 rf-channel 0 23
  upstream sg-channel 0 3 Upstream-Cable 9/0/1 us-channel 0 3
  service-group managed md 0 Cable 9/0/1
  service-group profile SG1

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## Programming Additional Cores

By default, Smart PHY passes CCAP Core IP addresses to RPDs via GCP Redirect IRA messages. A Redirect IRA message contains a complete list of the CCAP Cores an RPD must connect to. It's sent as a response to a Startup Notification message received from an initializing RPD. The CCAP Core list, which is generated by examining an RPD's association record, contains a DOCSIS Principal Core plus any configured Video Cores and any Additional Cores.

Additional Cores can optionally be passed to RPDs by a different method, which leverages a capability in the DOCSIS Principal Core to send TLV 88.1 (ConfiguredCoreTable) updates. When the DOCSIS Principal Core (TLV 88.1) method is selected, Smart PHY excludes Additional Cores from GCP Redirect IRA messages.

Instead, Smart PHY dynamically adds or removes Additional Cores to, or from, the appropriate DOCSIS Principal Core. (Smart PHY updates the DOCSIS Principal Core by pushing “external core” CLI configuration commands.) The DOCSIS Principal Core then passes the IP addresses of the Additional Cores to the RPD by sending TLV 88.1 updates.

Should an RPD’s DOCSIS Principal core be Unmanaged or run an IOS-XE software release without support for TLV 88.1, Smart PHY ignores this selection and programs Additional Cores via GCP Redirect.

## Configuring Decision Pending IRA Message

By default, the Send Decision Pending IRA Messages feature is disabled.

When large numbers of RPDs boot-up or initialize at the same time, Smart PHY may not be able to process and reply to every incoming GCP Startup Notify message in a timely manner. RPDs with long waits may send multiple Startup Notify messages or even timeout and reboot before Smart PHY is able to reply with a GCP Redirect IRA message.

To prevent RPDs from sending multiple Startup Notify messages or rebooting unnecessarily, you can enable the Send Decision Pending IRA Messages feature. When enabled, any time Smart PHY is unable to reply to an RPD’s Startup Notify message with a GCP Redirect IRA message before a user configurable wait timer expires, Smart PHY replies with a Decision Pending IRA message.

Per the CableLabs Remote PHY specification, RPDs that receive a Decision Pending IRA message must wait for further messages from their connected CCAP core before proceeding with initialization. After sending a Decision Pending IRA message Smart PHY continues processing the RPD’s initial Startup Notify message. A GCP Redirect REX message is sent to the RPD when the processing of the initial Startup Notify message is complete.

The Send Decision Pending IRA Message wait timer defaults to 90 seconds and can be configured anywhere from a minimum of 15 seconds to a maximum of 600 seconds. You can configure this parameter from the Smart PHY **Global Configuration** page by accessing **Smart PHY > Global Configuration** from the main menu.

## GCP Redirect Configuration

Smart PHY supports GCP-redirects in compliance with the I15 revision of the CableLabs Remote PHY specification. By default, the pre-I15 GCP-redirect behavior is applied to all RPDs. Ensure that you enable the I15 GCP-redirect behavior.

## I15 GCP Redirect Configuration

Smart PHY provides the flexibility to configure I15 compliant GCP redirect behavior. I15 GCP redirect messages are enabled based on the RPD vendor and the RPD software version. If a matching pattern is available, then Smart PHY initiates a GCP redirect message in I15 format, otherwise Smart PHY continues to send pre-I15 GCP-redirect messages. In such an environment, Cisco Smart PHY provides both exact pattern match and regex patterns.

## Creating I15 GCP Redirect entry

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**Step 1** At the main menu, click **Smart PHY > Settings > GCP Redirect Configuration**.

The **GCP Redirect Configuration** page appears

- Step 2** Click **Create** to open the **Add GCP Redirect Configuration** window appears at the right side of the page.
- Step 3** Enter the RPD Vendor (For example: \*Cisco\* or \*Cisco.\*) and RPD Software Version (For example: \*v.9.4\* or \*v.9.\*).
- Step 4** Click **Add**

## I15 GCP-redirect Result Notification

Smart PHY displays the result of the RPD's `GCP Redirect Notification` message in the **RPD 360** sidebar. When redirect errors occur, Smart PHY displays the RPD status as **GcpRedirectError**. The **GcpRedirected** status indicates that the redirect message is processed successfully by the RPD.

## Software Compatibility Rules

Smart PHY allows you to add, edit, or delete software compatibility rules. Leveraging these rules, Smart PHY can detect software incompatibility between an RPD and a Cisco cBR-8 route and alert you to this incompatibility.

After an alert message appears, you have to either manually upgrade the RPD software or update the RPD's association with the appropriate SSD Profile.

## Creating a Software Compatibility Rule

This procedure creates a software compatibility rule.

- Step 1** At the main menu, click **Smart PHY > Settings > Software Compatibility Rules**.

The **Software Compatibility Rules** page appears.

- Step 2** Click **Create**.

The **Add Rule** window appears at the right side of the page.

- Step 3** Enter the following information:

Name	Description
RPD Vendor	Name of the RPD vendor.
RPD Software Version	Software version running on the RPD.
Router Product Type	Product type of the router in the Inventory. Example: CBR-8-CCAP-CHASS.
Router Software Version	Software version of the router.

- Step 4** Click **Add**

