



HTTP Services Configuration Guide

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Important Information about Cisco IOS XE 16

Effective Cisco IOS XE Release 3.7.0E (for Catalyst Switching) and Cisco IOS XE Release 3.17S (for Access and Edge Routing) the two releases evolve (merge) into a single version of converged release—the Cisco IOS XE 16—providing one release covering the extensive range of access and edge products in the Switching and Routing portfolio.



Note

The Feature Information table in the technology configuration guide mentions when a feature was introduced. It may or may not mention when other platforms were supported for that feature. To determine if a particular feature is supported on your platform, look at the technology configuration guides posted on your product landing page. When a technology configuration guide is displayed on your product landing page, it indicates that the feature is supported on that platform.



HTTP/HTTPS 1.1 Web Server and Client

The HTTP/HTTPS 1.1 Web Server and Client feature provides a consistent interface for users and applications by implementing support for HTTP/HTTPS 1.1 in Cisco IOS XE software-based devices.

This module describes the concepts and the tasks related to configuring the HTTP/HTTPS 1.1 Web Server and Client feature.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table.

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Information About the HTTP 1.1 Web Server and Client

This feature updates the Cisco implementation of the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) from 1.0 to 1.1. The HTTP server allows features and applications, such as the Cisco web browser user interface, to be run on your routing device.

The Cisco implementation of HTTP 1.1 is backward-compatible with previous Cisco IOS XE releases. If you are currently using configurations that enable the HTTP server, no configuration changes are needed, as all defaults remain the same.

The process of enabling and configuring the HTTP server also remains the same as in previous releases. Support for Server Side Includes (SSIs) and HTML forms has not changed. Additional configuration options, in the form of the **ip http timeout-policy** command and the **ip http max-connections** command, have been added. These options allow configurable resource limits for the HTTP server. If you do not use these optional commands, the default policies are used.

Remote applications may require that you enable the HTTP server before using them. Applications that use the HTTP server include:

- Cisco web browser user interface, which uses the Cisco IOS XE Homepage Server, HTTP-based EXEC Server, and HTTP IOS File System (IFS) Server
- VPN Device Manager (VDM) application, which uses the VDM Server and the XML Session Manager (XSM)
- QoS Device Manager (QDM) application, which uses the QDM Server
- IP Phone and Cisco IOS XE Telephony Service applications, which use the ITS Local Directory Search and IOS Telephony Server (ITS)

About HTTP/HTTPS Server General Access Policies

The **ip http timeout-policy** command allows you to specify general access characteristics for the server by configuring a value for idle time, connection life, and request maximum. By adjusting these values you can configure a general policy; for example, if you want to maximize throughput for HTTP/HTTPS connections, you should configure a policy that minimizes connection overhead. You can configure this type of policy by specifying large values for the **life** and **request** options so that each connection stays open longer and more requests are processed for each connection.

Another example would be to configure a policy that minimizes the response time for new connections. You can configure this type of policy by specifying small values for the **life** and **request** options so that the connections are quickly released to serve new clients.

A throughput policy would be better for HTTP/HTTPS sessions with dedicated management applications, as it would allow the application to send more requests before the connection is closed, while a response time policy would be better for interactive HTTP/HTTPS sessions, as it would allow more people to connect to the server at the same time without having to wait for connections to become available.

In general, you should configure these options as appropriate for your environment. The value for the **idle** option should be balanced so that it is large enough not to cause an unwanted request or response timeout on the connection, but small enough that it does not hold a connection open longer than necessary.

Access security policies for the HTTP/HTTPS server are configured using the **ip http authentication** command, which allows only selective users to access the server, the **ip http access-class** command, which allows only selective IP hosts to access the server, and the **ip http accounting commands** command, which specifies a particular command accounting method for HTTP/HTTPS server users.

How to Configure HTTP 1.1 Web Server and Client

Configuring the HTTP/HTTPS 1.1 Web Server

Perform this task to enable the HTTP/HTTPS server and configure optional server characteristics. The HTTP/HTTPS server is disabled by default.



Note

If you want to configure authentication (step 4), you must configure the authentication type before you begin configuring the HTTP/HTTPS 1.1 web server.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. ip http server
- 4. ip http authentication {aaa | enable | local }
- **5.** ip http accounting commands level {default | named-accounting-method-list}
- **6. ip http port** *port-number*
- 7. ip http path url
- **8.** ip http access-class access-list-number
- 9. ip http max-connections value
- 10. ip http timeout-policy idle seconds life seconds requests value

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:	Enter your password if prompted.	
	Device> enable		
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example: Device# configure terminal		
Step 3	ip http server	Enables the HTTP 1.1 server, including the Cisco web browser user interface.	
	<pre>Example: Device(config) # ip http server</pre>	Note To enable HTTP over Secure Socket Layer (HTTPS) server, use the ip http secure-server command. Before enabling HTTPS, you must disable the standard HTTP server using the no ip http server command. This command is required to ensure only secure connections to the server.	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	ip http authentication {aaa enable local }	(Optional) Specifies the authentication method to be used for login when a client connects to the HTTP/HTTPS server. The methods for authentication are:
	Example: Device(config)# ip http authentication local	• aaaIndicates that the authentication method used for the AAA login service (specified by the aaa authentication login default command) should be used for authentication.
	authentication local	• enableIndicates that the "enable" password should be used for authentication. (This is the default method.)
		• local Indicates that the login user name, password and privilege level access combination specified in the local system configuration (by the username global configuration command) should be used for authentication and authorization.
Step 5	ip http accounting commands level {default	(Optional) Specifies a particular command accounting method for HTTP/HTTPS server users.
	<pre>named-accounting-method-list} Example: Device(config) # ip http accounting commands 15 default</pre>	Command accounting for HTTP/HTTPS is automatically enabled when authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) is configured on the device. It is not possible to disable accounting. HTTP/HTTPS will default to using the global AAA default method list for accounting. The CLI can be used to configure HTTP/HTTPS to use any predefined AAA method list.
		• level Valid privilege level entries are integers from 0 to 15.
		• default Indicates the default accounting method list configured by the aaa accounting commands CLI.
		• named-accounting-method-list Indicates the name of the predefined command accounting method list.
Step 6	ip http port port-number	(Optional) Specifies the server port that should be used for HTTP/HTTPS communication (for example, for the Cisco web browser user interface).
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http port 8080	
Step 7	ip http path url	(Optional) Sets the base HTTP path for HTML files. The base path is used to specify the location of the HTTP/HTTPS server files (HTML files) on the local system.
	Example:	Generally, the HTML files are located in system flash memory.
	Device(config)# ip http path slot1:	
Step 8	ip http access-class access-list-number	(Optional) Specifies the access list that should be used to allow access to the HTTP/HTTPS server.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http access-class 20	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	ip http max-connections value	(Optional) Sets the maximum number of concurrent connections allowed to the HTTP/HTTPS server. The default value is 5.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http max-connections 10	
Step 10	ip http timeout-policy idle seconds life seconds requests	(Optional) Sets the characteristics that determine how long a connection to the HTTP/HTTPS server should remain open. The characteristics are:
	<pre>value Example: Device(config) # ip http timeout-policy idle 30 life 120 requests 100</pre>	• idleThe maximum number of seconds the connection will be kept open if no data is received or response data cannot be sent out on the connection. Note that a new value may not take effect on any already existing connections. If the server is too busy or the limit on the life time or the number of requests is reached, the connection may be closed sooner. The default value is 180 seconds (3 minutes).
		• lifeThe maximum number of seconds the connection will be kept open, from the time the connection is established. Note that the new value may not take effect on any already existing connections. If the server is too busy or the limit on the idle time or the number of requests is reached, it may close the connection sooner. Also, since the server will not close the connection while actively processing a request, the connection may remain open longer than the specified life time if processing is occurring when the life maximum is reached. In this case, the connection will be closed when processing finishes. The default value is 180 seconds (3 minutes). The maximum value is 86400 seconds (24 hours).
		• requestsThe maximum limit on the number of requests processed on a persistent connection before it is closed. Note that the new value may not take effect on already existing connections. If the server is too busy or the limit on the idle time or the life time is reached, the connection may be closed before the maximum number of requests are processed. The default value is 1. The maximum value is 86400.

Configuring the HTTP/HTTPS Client

Perform this task to enable the HTTP/HTTPS client and configure optional client characteristics.

The standard HTTP 1.1 client and the secure HTTP client are always enabled. No commands exist to disable the HTTP client. For information about configuring optional characteristics for the HTTPS client, see the HTTPS--HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0 feature module.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. ip http client cache {ager interval minutes | memory {file file-size-limit | pool pool-size-limit}
- **4.** ip http client connection {forceclose | idle timeout seconds | retry count | timeout seconds}
- 5. ip http client password password
- **6. ip http client proxy-server** *proxy-name* **proxy-port** *port-number*
- 7. ip http client response timeout seconds
- **8.** ip http client source-interface type number
- 9. ip http client username username

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	ip http client cache {ager interval minutes memory {file file-size-limit pool pool-size-limit}	Configures HTTP client cache.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http client cache memory file 5	
Step 4	<pre>ip http client connection {forceclose idle timeout seconds retry count timeout seconds}</pre>	Configures an HTTP client connection.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http client connection timeout 10	
Step 5	ip http client password password	Configures the default password used for connections to remote HTTP servers.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http client password pswd1	
Step 6	ip http client proxy-server proxy-name proxy-port port-number	Configures an HTTP proxy server.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http client proxy-server server1 proxy-port 52	
Step 7	ip http client response timeout seconds	Specifies the timeout value, in seconds, that the HTTP client waits for a response from the server.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http client response timeout 60	
Step 8	ip http client source-interface type number	Configures a source interface for the HTTP client
	Example:	
Step 9	ip http client username username	Configures the default username used for connections to remote HTTP servers.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http client user1	

Verifying HTTP/HTTPS Connectivity

To verify remote connectivity to the HTTP/HTTPS server, enter the system IP address in a web browser, followed by a colon and the appropriate port number (80 is the default port number).

For example, if the system IP address is 209.165.202.129 and the port number is 8080, enter http://209.165.202.129:8080 as the URL in a web browser.

If HTTP/HTTPS authentication is configured, a login dialog box will appear. Enter the appropriate username and password. If the default login authentication method of "enable" is configured, you may leave the username field blank, and use the "enable" password to log in.

The system home page should appear in your browser.

Configuration Examples for HTTP 1.1 Web Server

Configuring the HTTP 1.1 Web Server Example

The following example shows a typical configuration that enables the server and sets some of the characteristics:

```
ip http server
ip http authentication aaa
ip http accounting commands 15 default
ip http path flash:
```

```
ip access-list standard 20
permit 209.165.202.130 0.0.0.255
permit 209.165.201.1 0.0.255.255
permit 209.165.200.225 0.255.255.255
! (Note: all other access implicitly denied) end
ip http access-class 10
ip http max-connections 10
ip http accounting commands 1 oneacct
```

In the following example, a Throughput timeout policy is applied. This configuration would allow each connection to be idle a maximum of 30 seconds (approximately). Each connection will remain open (be "alive") until either the HTTP/HTTPS server has been busy processing requests for approximately 2 minutes (120 seconds) or until approximately 100 requests have been processed.

```
ip http timeout-policy idle 30 life 120 requests 100
```

In the following example, a Response Time timeout policy is applied. This configuration would allow each connection to be idle a maximum of 30 seconds (approximately). Each connection will be closed as soon as the first request has been processed.

```
ip http timeout-policy idle 30 life 30 requests 1
```

Where to Go Next

For information about secure HTTP connections using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) 3.0, refer to the HTTPS--HTTP with SSL 3.0 feature module at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/12 2t/12 2t15/feature/guide/ftsslsht.html

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases
HTTP commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	Cisco IOS HTTP Services Command Reference
HTTPS	HTTPSHTTP with SSL 3.0 feature module Firewall Support of HTTPS Authentication Proxy feature module

Standards and RFCs

Standard/RFC	Title
No specific standards are supported by this feature. Note that HTTP 1.1, as defined in RFC 2616, is currently classified as a "Standards Track" document by the IETF.	
RFC 2616	Hypertext Transfer Protocol HTTP/1.1

The Cisco implementation of the HTTP Version 1.1 supports a subset of elements defined in RFC 2616. Following is a list of supported RFC 2616 headers:

- Allow (Only GET, HEAD, and POST methods are supported)
- Authorization, WWW-Authenticate Basic authentication only
- Cache-control
- Chunked Transfer Encoding
- Connection close
- Content-Encoding
- Content-Language
- Content-Length
- Content-Type
- Date, Expires
- Location

MIBs

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

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software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID	

Feature Information for the HTTP 1.1 Web Server and Client

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.

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Table 1: Feature Information for HTTP 1.1 Web Server and Client

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
HTTP 1.1 Web Server and Client	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	The HTTP 1.1 Web Server and Client feature provides a consistent interface for users and applications by implementing support for HTTP 1.1 in Cisco IOS XE software-based devices. When combined with the HTTPS feature, the HTTP 1.1 Web Server and Client feature provides a complete, secure solution for HTTP services between Cisco devices.
		The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: debug ip http all, debug ip http client, ip http access-class, ip http authentication, ip http client cache, ip http client connection, ip http client password, ip http client proxy-server, ip http client response timeout, ip http client source-interface, ip http client username, ip http max-connections, ip http path, ip http port, ip http server, ip http client connection, show ip http client connection, show ip http client history, show ip http client session-module, show ip http server secure status.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
HTTP TACAC+ Accounting Support	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	The HTTP TACAC+ Accounting Support feature introduces the ip http accounting commands command. This command is used to specify a particular command accounting method for HTTP server users. Command accounting provides information about the commands for a specified privilege level that are being executed on a device. Each command accounting record corresponds to one IOS XE command executed at its respective privilege level, as well as the date and time the command was executed, and the user who executed it. The following sections provide information about this feature: The following commands were introduced or modified by this feature: ip http accounting commands.
HTTP Security	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature was introduced on Cisco ASR 1000 Series Routers.



HTTPS--HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0

The HTTPS--HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0 feature provides Secure Socket Layer (SSL) version 3.0 support for the HTTP 1.1 server and HTTP 1.1 client within Cisco IOS XE software. SSL provides server authentication, encryption, and message integrity to allow secure HTTP communications. SSL also provides HTTP client authentication. HTTP over SSL is abbreviated as HTTPS.

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Information About HTTPS--HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0

To configure the HTTP with SSL 3.0 (HTTPS) feature, you should understand the following concepts:

Secure HTTP Server and Secure HTTP Client

A secure HTTP connection means that data sent to and received from an HTTP server are encrypted before being sent out over the Internet. HTTP with SSL encryption provides a secure connection to allow such functions as configuring a router from a web browser. Cisco's implementation of the secure HTTP server and secure HTTP client uses an implementation of the SSL version 3.0. Application layer encryption provides an alternative to older methods such as having to set up a tunnel to the HTTP server for remote management. HTTP over SSL is abbreviated as HTTPS; the URL of a secure connection will begin with https:// instead of http://.

The Cisco IOS XE HTTP secure server's primary role is to listen for HTTPS requests on a designated port (the default HTTPS port is 443) and to pass the request to the HTTP 1.1 web server. The HTTP 1.1 server processes requests and passes responses (served pages) back to the HTTP secure server, which, in turn, responds to the original request.

The Cisco IOS XE HTTP secure client's primary role is to respond to Cisco IOS XE application requests for HTTPS User Agent services, perform HTTPS User Agent services on the application's behalf, and pass the response back to the application.

Certificate Authority Trustpoints

Certificate authorities (CAs) are responsible for managing certificate requests and issuing certificates to participating IPSec network devices. These services provide centralized security key and certificate management for the participating devices. Specific CA servers are referred to as "trustpoints."

The HTTPS server provides a secure connection by providing a certified X.509v3 certificate to the client when a connection attempt is made. The certified X.509v3 certificate is obtained from a specified CA trustpoint. The client (usually a web browser), in turn, has a public key that allows it to authenticate the certificate.

Configuring a CA trustpoint is highly recommended for secure HTTP connections. However, if a CA trustpoint is not configured for the routing device running the HTTPS server, the server will certify itself and generate the needed RSA key pair. Because a self-certified (self-signed) certificate does not provide adequate security, the connecting client will generate a notification that the certificate is self-certified, and the user will have the opportunity to accept or reject the connection. This option is available for internal network topologies (such as testing).

The HTTPS--HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0 feature also provides an optional command (**ip http secure-client-auth**) that, when enabled, has the HTTPS server request an X.509v3 certificate from the client. Authenticating the client provides more security than server authentication by itself.

For additional information on certificate authorities, see the "Configuring Certification Authority Interoperability" chapter in the Cisco IOS XE Security Configuration Guide .

CipherSuites

A CipherSuite specifies the encryption algorithm and digest algorithm to use on an SSL connection. Web browsers offer a list of supported CipherSuites when connecting to the HTTPS server, and the client and server will negotiate the best encryption algorithm to use from those that are supported by both. For example, Netscape Communicator 4.76 supports U.S. security with RSA Public Key Cryptography, MD2, MD5, RC2-CBC, RC4, DES-CBC, and DES-EDE3-CBC.

For the best possible encryption, you should use a browser that supports 128-bit encryption, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5.5 (or later), or Netscape Communicator version 4.76 (or later). The SSL_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA CipherSuite provides less security than the other CipherSuites, because it does not offer 128-bit encryption.

In terms of router processing load (speed), the following list ranks the CipherSuites from fastest to slowest (slightly more processing time is required for the more secure and more complex CipherSuites):

- 1 SSL_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
- 2 SSL RSA WITH RC4 128 MD5
- 3 SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA
- 4 SSL_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

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Declaring a Certificate Authority Trustpoint

Configuring a CA trustpoint is highly recommended for secure HTTP connections. The certified X.509v3 certificate for the secure HTTP server (or client) is obtained from the specified CA trustpoint. If you do not declare a CA trustpoint, then a self-signed certificate will be used for secure HTTP connections. The self-signed certificate is generated automatically.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. hostname name
- 4. ip domain-name name
- 5. crypto key generate rsa usage-keys
- 6. crypto ca trustpoint name
- 7. enrollment url url
- 8. enrollment http-proxy host-name port-number
- 9. crl {query url | optional | best-effort}
- 10. primary
- **11.** exit
- 12. crypto ca authenticate name
- 13. crypto ca enrollment name
- **14.** Do one of the following:
 - copy running-config startup-config
 - •
 - · copy system:running-config nvram:startup-config

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	hostname name	Specifies the hostname of the Device.
	<pre>Example: Device(config) # hostname Router</pre>	 This step is needed only if you have not previously configured a hostname for your Device. The hostname is required because a fully qualified domain name is needed for security keys and certificates.
Step 4	ip domain-name name	Specifies the IP domain name of the Device.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<pre>Example: Device(config)# ip domain-name example.com</pre>	 This step is needed only if you have not previously configured an IP domain name for your Device. The domain name is required because a fully qualified domain name is needed for security keys and certificates.
Step 5	crypto key generate rsa usage-keys Example: Device (config) # crypto key generate rsa usage-keys	 (Optional) Generates an RSA key pair. The usage-keys keyword specifies that two RSA special-usage key pairs should be generated (that is, one encryption pair and one signature pair) instead of one general-purpose key pair. RSA key pairs are used to sign and encrypt Internet key exchange (IKE) key management messages and are required before you can obtain a certificate for your Device. RSA key pairs are generated automatically. This command can be used to regenerate the keys, if needed. Note There are other keywords and arguments for this command, but they do not pertain to this feature.
Step 6	<pre>crypto ca trustpoint name Example: Device(config) # crypto ca trustpoint TP1</pre>	Specifies a local configuration name for the CA trustpoint and enters CA trustpoint configuration mode. Note The crypto ca identity command was replaced by the crypto ca trustpoint command.
Step 7	<pre>enrollment url url Example: Device(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment url http://example.com</pre>	Specifies a URL of the CA where your Device should send certificate requests. • If you are using Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP) for enrollment, the URL argument must be in the form http://cA-name , where <i>CA-name</i> is the host Domain Name System (DNS) name or IP address of the CA trustpoint.
Step 8	<pre>enrollment http-proxy host-name port-number Example: Device(ca-trustpoint) # enrollment http-proxy example.com 8080</pre>	(Optional) Configures the Device to obtain certificates from the CA through an HTTP proxy server.
Step 9	<pre>crl {query url optional best-effort} Example: Device(ca-trustpoint) # crl query ldap://example.com</pre>	Configures the Device to request a certificate revocation list (CRL), make CRL checking optional, or perform CRL checking on a "best-effort" basis. • CRLs ensure that the certificate of the peer has not been revoked. • The crl optional command configures the Device to accept certificates even if the appropriate CRL cannot be downloaded.

	Command or Action	Purpose
		• Use the crl query <i>url</i> command to specify the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) URL of the CA server; for example, ldap://another-server.
Step 10	primary	(Optional) Specifies that this trustpoint should be used as the primary (default) trustpoint for CA requests.
	Example: Device(ca-trustpoint)# primary	Use this command if more than one CA trustpoint will be configured on this Device.
Step 11	exit	Exits CA trustpoint configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
	<pre>Example: Device(ca-trustpoint)# exit</pre>	
Step 12	crypto ca authenticate name	Authenticates the CA by getting the public key of the CA.
	Example:	• Use the same name that you used when declaring the CA in the crypto ca trustpoint command.
	Device(config)# crypto ca authenticate TP1	
Step 13	crypto ca enrollment name	Obtains the certificate from the specified CA trustpoint.
	<pre>Example: Device(config) # crypto ca enrollment</pre>	This command requests a signed certificate from the CA for each RSA key pair.
	TP1	
Step 14	Do one of the following:	Saves the configuration to NVRAM.
	• copy running-config startup-config •	This command is required to save the certificates into NVRAM. If not used, the certificates would be lost at Device reload.
	• copy system:running-config nvram:startup-config	Note To execute EXEC mode commands in global configuration mode, you can add the do keyword before the command. For example, instead of copy running-config startup-config, you could enter do copy running-config startup-config.
	Example:	
	Device(config) # copy running-config startup-config	

Configuring the HTTPS Server with SSL 3.0

To disable the standard HTTP server and configure the HTTPS server with SSL 3.0, complete the procedure in this section.

Before You Begin

If a certificate authority is to be used for certification, you should declare the CA trustpoint on the routing device before enabling the secure HTTP server.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. Device# show ip http server status
- 3. configure terminal
- 4. no ip http server
- 5. ip http secure-server
- **6. ip http secure-port** *port-number*
- 7. ip http secure-ciphersuite [3des-ede-cbc-sha] [rc4-128-sha] [rc4-128-md5] [des-cbc-sha]
- 8. ip http secure-client-auth
- **9. ip http secure-trustpoint** *name*
- 10. end
- 11. show ip http server secure status

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	Device# show ip http server status	(Optional) Displays the status of the HTTP server.
	Example: Device# show ip http server status	• If you are unsure whether the secure HTTP server is supported in the software image you are running, enter this command and look for the line "HTTP secure server capability: {Present Not present}".
	Example:	This command displays the status of the standard HTTP server (enabled or disabled).
Step 3	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example: Device# configure terminal	
Step 4	no ip http server	Disables the standard HTTP server.
-	Example: Device(config) # no ip http server	Note When enabling the HTTPS server you should always disable the standard HTTP server to prevent insecure connections to the same services. This is a precautionary step (typically, the HTTP server is disabled by default).

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	ip http secure-server	Enables the HTTPS server.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# ip http secure-server	
Step 6	ip http secure-port port-number	(Optional) Specifies the port number that should be used for the HTTPS server. The default port number is 443. Valid options are 443 or any number
	Example:	in the range 1025 to 65535.
	Device(config)# ip http secure-port 1025	
Step 7	ip http secure-ciphersuite [3des-ede-cbc-sha] [rc4-128-sha]	(Optional) Specifies the CipherSuites (encryption algorithms) that should be used for encryption over the HTTPS connection.
	[rc4-128-md5] [des-cbc-sha] Example:	 This command allows you to restrict the list of CipherSuites that the server offers the connecting clients. For example, you may want to allow only the most secure CipherSuite to be used.
	Device(config)# ip http secure-ciphersuite rc4-128-sha rc4-128-md5	 Unless you have a reason to specify the CipherSuites that should be used, or you are unfamiliar with the details of these CipherSuites, you should leave this command unconfigured and let the server and client negotiate the CipherSuite that they both support (this is the default).
Step 8	ip http secure-client-auth	(Optional) Configures the HTTP server to request an X.509v3 certificate from the client in order to authenticate the client during the connection
	Example:	process.
	Device(config)# ip http secure-client-auth	 In the default connection and authentication process, the client requests a certificate from the HTTP server, but the server does not attempt to authenticate the client. Authenticating the client provides more security than server authentication by itself, but not all clients may be configured for CA authentication.
Step 9	ip http secure-trustpoint name	Specifies the CA trustpoint that should be used to obtain an X.509v3 security certificate and to authenticate the connecting client's certificate.
	Example: Device(config) # ip http secure-trustpoint trustpoint-01	 Use of this command assumes you have already declared a CA trustpoint using the crypto ca trustpoint command and associated submode commands.
		 Use the same trustpoint name that you used in the associated crypto ca trustpoint command.
Step 10	end	Ends the current configuration session and returns you to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	show ip http server secure status	Displays the status of the HTTP secure server configuration.
	Example:	
	Device# show ip http server secure status	

Verifying the Configuration of the HTTPS Server

To verify the configuration of the HTTPS server, connect to the router running the HTTPS server with a web browser by entering **https:**//url, where url is the IP address or hostname of the router. Successful connection using the **https** prefix (instead of the standard **http**) indicates that the HTTPS server is configured properly. If a port other than the default port is configured (using the **ip http secure-port** command), you must also specify the port number after the URL. For example:

https://209.165.202.129:1026 or

https://host.domain.com:1026

Generally, you can verify that the HTTPS server is configured and that you have a secure connection by locating an image of a padlock at the bottom of your browser window. Also note that secure HTTP connections have a URL that starts with "https:" instead of "http:".

Providing Additional Security and Efficiency

The configuration of the standard HTTP server applies to the secure HTTP server as well. To provide additional security and efficiency to both the standard HTTP server and the HTTPS server, complete the procedure in this section.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. ip http path path-name
- 4. ip http access-class access-list-number
- 5. ip http max-connections value
- 6. ip http timeout-policy idle seconds life seconds requests value

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose	
		Enter your password if prompted.	
	Example:		
	Device> enable		
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device# configure terminal		
Step 3	ip http path path-name	(Optional) Sets the base HTTP path for HTML files.	
	Example:	• The base path is used to specify the location of the HTTP server files (HTML	
	Device(config)# ip http path slot1:	files) on the local system. Generally, the HTML files are located in system flash memory.	
Step 4	ip http access-class access-list-number	(Optional) Specifies the access list that should be used to allow access to the HTTP server.	
	Example:		
	Device(config)# ip http access-class 20		
Step 5	ip http max-connections value	(Optional) Sets the maximum number of concurrent connections to the HTTP ser that will be allowed. The default value is 5.	
	Example:		
	Device(config)# ip http max-connections 10		
Step 6	ip http timeout-policy idle seconds life seconds requests value	(Optional) Sets the characteristics that determine how long a connection to the HTTP server should remain open. The characteristics are:	
	Example: Device(config) # ip http timeout-policy idle 30 life 120 requests 100	• idleThe maximum number of seconds the connection will be kept open if no data is received or response data cannot be sent out on the connection. Note that a new value may not take effect on any already existing connections. If the server is too busy or the limit on the life time or the number of requests is reached, the connection may be closed sooner. The default value is 180 seconds (3 minutes).	
		• lifeThe maximum number of seconds the connection will be kept open, from the time the connection is established. Note that the new value may not take effect on any already existing connections. If the server is too busy or the limit on the idle time or the number of requests is reached, it may close the connection sooner. Also, because the server will not close the connection while actively processing a request, the connection may remain open longer than the specified life time if processing is occurring when the life maximum is reached. In this case, the connection will be closed when processing finishes.	

Command or Ac	n Purpose
	The default value is 180 seconds (3 minutes). The maximum value is 86,400 seconds (24 hours).
	• requests The maximum limit on the number of requests processed on a persistent connection before it is closed. Note that the new value may not take effect on any already existing connections. If the server is too busy or the limit on the idle time or the life time is reached, the connection may be closed before the maximum number of requests are processed. The default value is 1. The maximum value is 86,400.

Configuring the HTTPS Client with SSL 3.0

To configure the HTTPS client with SSL 3.0, complete the procedure in this section.

Before You Begin

The standard HTTP client and the secure HTTP client are always enabled.

A certificate authority is required for secure HTTP client certification; the following steps assume that you have previously declared a CA trustpoint on the routing device. If a CA trustpoint is not configured, and the remote HTTPS server requires client authentication, connections to the secure HTTP client will fail.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- 3. ip http client secure-trustpoint trustpoint-name
- 4. ip http client secure-ciphersuite [3des-ede-cbc-sha] [rc4-128-sha] [rc4-128-md5] [des-cbc-sha]
- 5. end
- 6. show ip http client secure status

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Cton 2	Example: Device# configure terminal	(Outional) Specification CA transfer in that should be and if the annual
Step 3	ip http client secure-trustpoint trustpoint-name	(Optional) Specifies the CA trustpoint that should be used if the remote HTTP server requests client authentication.
	<pre>Example: Device(config) # ip http client</pre>	 Use of this command assumes you have already declared a CA trustpoint using the crypto ca trustpoint command and associated submode commands.
	secure-trustpoint trustpoint01	 Use the same trustpoint name that you used in the associated crypto ca trustpoint command.
		• This command is optional if client authentication is not needed, or if a primary trustpoint has been configured. If the ip http client secure-trustpoint command is not used, the Device will use the primary trustpoint, as specified by the primary CA trustpoint configuration mode command.
Step 4	ip http client secure-ciphersuite [3des-ede-cbc-sha] [rc4-128-sha]	(Optional) Specifies the CipherSuites (encryption algorithms) that should be used for encryption over the HTTPS connection.
	[rc4-128-md5] [des-cbc-sha] Example:	• This command allows you to restrict the list of CipherSuites that the client offers when connecting to a secure HTTP server. For example, you may want to allow only the most secure CipherSuites to be used.
	Device(config)# ip http client secure-ciphersuite rc4-128-sha rc4-128-md5	• Unless you have a reason to specify the CipherSuites that should be used, or you are unfamiliar with the details of these CipherSuites, you should leave this command unconfigured and let the server and client negotiate the CipherSuite that they both support (this is the default).
Step 5	end	Ends the current configuration session and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# end	
Step 6	show ip http client secure status	Displays the status of the HTTP secure server configuration.
	Example:	
	Device# show ip http client secure status	

Configuration Examples for the HTTPS--HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0 feature

The following example shows a configuration session in which the secure HTTP server is enabled, the port for the secure HTTP server is configured as 1025, and the remote CA trustpoint server "CA-trust-local" is used for certification.

```
Device# show ip http server status
HTTP server status: Disabled
HTTP server port: 80
HTTP server authentication method: enable
HTTP server access class: 0
HTTP server base path:
Maximum number of concurrent server connections allowed: 5
Server idle time-out: 600 seconds
Server life time-out: 600 seconds
Maximum number of requests allowed on a connection: 1
HTTP secure server capability: Present
HTTP secure server status: Disabled
HTTP secure server port: 443
HTTP secure server ciphersuite: 3des-ede-cbc-sha des-cbc-sha rc4-128-md5 rc4-12a
HTTP secure server client authentication: Disabled
HTTP secure server trustpoint:
Device# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Device (config) # ip http secure-server
Device(config) # ip http client secure-trustpoint CA-trust-local
Device (config) # ip http secure-port 1024
Invalid secure port value.
Device (config) # ip http secure-port 1025
Device(config)# ip http secure-ciphersuite rc4-128-sha rc4-128-md5
Device(config)# end
Device# show ip http server secure status
HTTP secure server status: Enabled
HTTP secure server port: 1025
HTTP secure server ciphersuite: rc4-128-md5 rc4-128-sha
HTTP secure server client authentication: Disabled
HTTP secure server trustpoint: CA-trust-local
In the following example, the CA trustpoint CA-trust-local is specified, and the HTTPS client is configured
to use this trustpoint for client authentication requests:
Device# config terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Device(config) # crypto ca trustpoint CA-trust-local
Device(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment url http://example.com
Device(ca-trustpoint) # crl query ldap://example.com
Device(ca-trustpoint) # primary
Device(ca-trustpoint)# exit
```

Device(config)# ip http client secure-trustpoint CA-trust-local
Device(config)# end
Device# copy running-config startup-config

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the HTTPS--HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0 feature.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
SSL 3.0	The SSL Protocol Version 3.0
	This document is available from various sources online.
Standard Cisco Web Client	HTTP 1.1 Web Client
Standard Cisco Web Server	HTTP 1.1 Web Server
Certification Authority Interoperability	Configuring Certification Authority Interoperability
	Certificate Autoenrollment
	Certificate Enrollment Enhancements
	Trustpoint CLI
	Source Interface Selection for Outgoing Traffic with Certificate Authority

Standards

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

Related MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
No new or modified MIBs are supported by this feature and support for existing MIBs has not been modified by this feature.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS XE releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

Related RFCs

RFCs	Description
RFC 2616	Cisco's implementation of HTTP is based on RFC 2616: Hypertext Transfer Protocol HTTP/1.1.

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.	http://www.cisco.com/techsupport
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.	

Feature Information for HTTPS--HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0

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.

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Table 2: Feature Information for HTTPS--HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
HTTPSHTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	This feature provides Secure Socket Layer (SSL) version 3.0 support for the HTTP 1.1 server and HTTP 1.1 client within Cisco IOS XE software. SSL provides server authentication, encryption, and message integrity to allow secure HTTP communications. SSL also provides HTTP client authentication.
		This feature is supported only in Cisco software images that support SSL. Specifically, SSL is supported in "IPSec 56" and "IPSec 3DES" images (contains "k8" or "k9" in the image name).
		The following commands are introduced or modified in the feature or features documented in this module.
		• debug ip http ssl error
		• ip http client secure-ciphersuite
		• ip http client secure-trustpoint
		• ip http secure-ciphersuite
		• ip http secure-client-auth
		• ip http secure-port
		• ip http secure-server
		• ip http secure-trustpoint
		• show ip http client secure status
		• show ip http server secure status

Glossary

RSA--RSA is a widely used Internet encryption and authentication system that uses public and private keys for encryption and decryption. The RSA algorithm was invented in 1978 by Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman. The abbreviation RSA comes from the first letter of the last names of the three original developers. The RSA algorithm is included in many applications, such as the web browsers from Microsoft and Netscape. The RSA encryption system is owned by RSA Security.

SHA -- The Secure Hash Algorithm. SHA was developed by NIST and is specified in the Secure Hash Standard (SHS, FIPS 180). Often used as an alternative to Digest 5 algorithm.

signatures, digital--In the context of SSL, "signing" means to encrypt with a private key. In digital signing, one-way hash functions are used as input for a signing algorithm. In RSA signing, a 36-byte structure of two hashes (one SHA and one MD5) is signed (encrypted with the private key).

SSL 3.0--Secure Socket Layer version 3.0. SSL is a security protocol that provides communications privacy over the Internet. The protocol allows client and server applications to communicate in a way that is designed to prevent eavesdropping, tampering, or message forgery. SSL uses a program layer located between the Internet's HTTP and TCP layers. SSL is included as part of most web server products and as part of most Internet browsers.

Glossary



Nginx/HTTP - Web Security Features

For the Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.4.1 release, the following web security enhancements have been included:

- SSL/TLS Version for HTTP secure-server can be specified.
- Security headers enhancements
- Finding Feature Information, page 33

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table.

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Information About Nginx/HTTP Web Security Features

- SSL/TLS Version for HTTP secure-server -- This enhancement is used to specify the TLS version to be used for HTTPS Server and HTTPS client sessions.
 - HTTPS Server command -- By default, it supports three versions. If you want to use a particular version for the sessions, you can specify by configuring the **ip http tls-version** command in global configuration mode. The versions are TLSv1.0, TLSv1.1, and TLSv1.2.
 - HTTPS Client command -- By default, it supports three versions. If you want to use a particular version for the sessions, you can specify by configuring the **ip http client tls-version** command in global configuration mode. The versions are TLSv1.0, TLSv1.1, and TLSv1.2.



These commands allow you to set the particular version used for sessions. The underlying SSL infrastructure supports the option of specifying either all or only one TLS version. Hence the HTTPS provides the option to specify the individual version. Use the **no** form of the command to remove the configuration.

- · Security Header Enhancements
 - ° HTTP Server The following headers are the web server security enhancements. The actual headers and respective values appear in the response by default:

X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block -- This header indicates that XSS protection is enabled [value 1] and if the browser finds any attack, it should block rendering the page.

X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN - Allows the contents to be rendered in a frame if it belongs to the same domain.

X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff - Prevents the browser from doing MIME-type sniffing.

Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=7884000 - Strict-Transport-Security HTTP header. Use the [no] ip http HSTS-Header to enable/disable this header for IOS applications. By default, it is enabled and use the no ip http HSTS-Header command disable this header from the response.

- Nginx Web user interface Nginx applications take care of the headers for their response. As Web UI is one of the NginX application, it adds the security headers. The three headers are the following:
 - X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff

Verifying the Configured Version

Use the **show ip http client all** command to see the currently enabled TLS version.

```
Device# show ip http client all
<snip>
Maximum number of requests allowed on a connection: 25
Server linger time : 60 seconds
HTTP server active session modules: ALL
HTTP secure server capability: Present
HTTP secure server status: Enabled
HTTP secure server port: 443
HTTP secure server ciphersuite: 3des-ede-cbc-sha aes-128-cbc-sha
aes-256-cbc-sha dhe-aes-128-cbc-sha ecdhe-rsa-3des-ede-cbc-sha
HTTP secure server TLS version: TLSv1.2 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.0
                                                          <<<This line shows the TLS version
that is enabled.
HTTP secure server client authentication: Disabled
HTTP secure server trustpoint:
HTTP secure server active session modules: ALL
<snip>
Use the show http server status command to see the currently enabled TLS version.
Device# show http server status
```

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<snip>

```
Maximum number of concurrent server connections allowed: 50
Maximum number of secondary server connections allowed: 50
Server idle time-out: 180 seconds
Server life time-out: 180 seconds
Server session idle time-out: 180 seconds
Maximum number of requests allowed on a connection: 25
Server linger time : 60 seconds
HTTP server active session modules: ALL
HTTP secure server capability: Present
HTTP secure server status: Enabled
HTTP secure server port: 443
HTTP secure server ciphersuite: 3des-ede-cbc-sha aes-128-cbc-sha
aes-256-cbc-sha dhe-aes-128-cbc-sha ecdhe-rsa-3des-ede-cbc-sha
HTTP secure server TLS version: TLSv1.2 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.0 <<<This line shows the TLS version
that is enabled.
HTTP secure server client authentication: Disabled
HTTP secure server trustpoint:
<snip>
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Additional HTTP configuration information	Using the Cisco Web Browser User Interface
Additional HTTPS configuration information	HTTPS - HTTP Server and Client with SSL 3.0
Additional HTTP and HTTPS commands	Cisco IOS Network Management Command Reference

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.	http://www.cisco.com/public/support/tac/home.shtml
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.	

Feature Information for Nginx/HTTP -- Web Security Features

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Table 3: Feature Information for Nginx/HTTP -- Web Security Features

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Nginx/HTTP Web Security Features	Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.4.1 Release	For the Cisco IOS XE Everest 16.4.1 release, the following web security enhancements have been included:
		• SSL/TLS Version for HTTP secure-server can be specified.
		Security headers enhancements