



SSL Custom Application

SSL Custom Application feature enables users to customize applications that run on any protocol over Secure Socket Layer (SSL), including HTTP over Secure Socket Layer (HTTPS), using the server name, if it exists in the Client Hello extensions, or the common name from the certificate that the server sends to the client.

- [Finding Feature Information, page 1](#)
- [Information About SSL Custom Application, page 1](#)
- [How to Configure SSL Custom Application, page 5](#)
- [Configuration Examples for the SSL Custom Application, page 6](#)
- [Additional References for SSL Custom Application, page 6](#)
- [Feature Information for SSL Custom Application, page 6](#)

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.

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.

Information About SSL Custom Application

Overview of SSL Custom Application

SSL Custom Application feature enables users to customize applications that run on any protocol over Secure Socket Layer (SSL), including HTTP over Secure Socket Layer (HTTPS), using the server name, if it exists in the Client Hello extensions, or the common name from the certificate that the server sends to the client.

HTTP over Secure Socket Layer (HTTPS) is a communication protocol for secure communication. HTTPS is the result of layering HTTP on SSL protocol.

In SSL sub-classification, the rule that ends later in the packet will match. For example, consider the server name 'finance.example.com', if there is a rule for 'finance' and another rule for example.com, then the rule for 'example.com' will match.

SSL Unique Name Sub-Classification

The SSL unique-name parameter is used to match SSL sessions of servers that are not known globally, or are not yet supported by NBAR. The unique-name matches the server name indication (SNI) field in the client request, if the SNI field exists, or it matches the common name (CN) field in the first certificate of the server's response.

The feature also supports cases of SSL sessions that use session-id than the SSL sessions that use handshake.

The server name is available as part of a HTTPS URL itself. For example, in the URL `https://www.facebook.com`, the server name is `www.facebook.com`. However, the certificate is found in the browser. The user can observe the certificate information by clicking on the HTTPS icon.

The following two figures display the location of the server name and common name as it is visible to the user using Wireshark tool.

The figure below highlights the location of the SNI field:

Figure 1: Server Name Indication Field

```

  Secure Sockets Layer
  TLSv1 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
    Content Type: Handshake (22)
    Version: TLS 1.0 (0x0301)
    Length: 183
  Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
    Handshake Type: Client Hello (1)
    Length: 179
    Version: TLS 1.0 (0x0301)
    Random
      Session ID Length: 0
      Cipher Suites Length: 72
    Cipher Suites (36 suites)
    Compression Methods Length: 2
    Compression Methods (2 methods)
    Extensions Length: 65
    Extension: server_name
      Type: server_name (0x0000)
      Length: 21
      Server Name Indication extension
        Server Name list length: 19
        Server Name Type: host_name (0)
        Server Name length: 16
        Server Name: www.facebook.com
    Extension: renegotiation_info
      Type: renegotiation_info (0xff01)
      Length: 1
      Renegotiation Info extension
    Extension: elliptic_curves
      Type: elliptic_curves (0x000a)
      Length: 8
      Elliptic Curves Length: 6
      Elliptic curves (3 curves)
    Extension: ec_point_formats
      Type: ec_point_formats (0x000b)
      Length: 2
      EC point formats Length: 1
      Elliptic curves point formats (1)
    Extension: SessionTicket TLS
  
```

353870

The figure below highlights the location of the CN field:

Figure 2: Common Name Field

```

[-] Secure Sockets Layer
  [-] TLSv1 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Certificate
    Content Type: Handshake (22)
    Version: TLS 1.0 (0x0301)
    Length: 1892
  [-] Handshake Protocol: Certificate
    Handshake Type: Certificate (11)
    Length: 1888
    Certificates Length: 1885
  [-] Certificates (1885 bytes)
    Certificate Length: 976
  [-] Certificate (id-at-commonName=www.facebook.com,id-at-organizationName=
    [-] signedCertificate
      version: v3 (2)
      serialNumber : 0x3c08cfeebe9feb42bb13ee03d620bdf
      [+ signature (shawithRSAEncryption)
      [+ issuer: rdnSequence (0)
      [+ validity
      [-] subject: rdnSequence (0)
        [-] rdnSequence: 5 items (id-at-commonName=www.facebook.com,id-at-or
          [+ RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-countryName=US)
          [+ RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-stateOrProvinceName=California
          [+ RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-localityName=Palo Alto)
          [+ RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-organizationName=Facebook, Inc
          [-] RDNSequence item: 1 item (id-at-commonName=www.facebook.com)
            [-] RelativeDistinguishedName item (id-at-commonName=www.faceboo
              Id: 2.5.4.3 (id-at-commonName)
              [-] DirectoryString: printableString (1)
                printableString: www.facebook.com
          [+ subjectPublicKeyInfo
          [+ extensions: 7 items
      [+ algorithmIdentifier (shawithRSAEncryption)
        Padding: 0
        encrypted: 0d8867ee01442a9146620f6728cc299befe7babcae72cdcf...
        Certificate Length: 903
  [-] Certificate (id-at-organizationalUnitName=www.verisign.com/CPS Incomp.
    [-] signedCertificate
  
```

How to Configure SSL Custom Application

Configuring SSL Custom Application

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip nbar custom *custom-protocol-name* ssl unique-name *regex id selector-id***
4. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	ip nbar custom <i>custom-protocol-name</i> ssl unique-name <i>regex id selector-id</i> Example: Device (config)# ip nbar custom name ssl unique-name www.example.com id 11	Defines the SSL-based custom protocol match and provides a hostname in the form of a regular expression. <p>Note The hostname that is configured in this command is found either in the Server Name Indication (SNI) field in the Client Hello extensions or in the Common Name (CN) field in the digital certificate that the server sends to the client.</p>
Step 4	end Example: Router(config)# end	(Optional) Exits global configuration mode.

Configuration Examples for the SSL Custom Application

Example: SSL Custom Applications

The following example displays how to configure SSL Custom Application. The hostname that is configured in this command is found either in the Server Name Indication (SNI) field in the Client Hello extensions or in the Common Name (CN) field in the digital certificate that the server sends to the client.

```
Device> enable
Device# configuration terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar custom name ssl unique-name www.example.com id 11
Device(config)# exit
```

Additional References for SSL Custom Application

Related Documents for SSL Custom Application

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
SSL Sub-classification	NBAR Protocol Pack module

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website 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 and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for SSL Custom Application

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 SSL Custom Application

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
SSL Custom Application	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.15S	SSL Custom Application feature enables users to customize applications that run on any protocol over Secure Socket Layer (SSL), including HTTP over Secure Socket Layer (HTTPS), using the server name, if it exists in the Client Hello extensions, or the common name from the certificate that the server sends to the client. The following command was introduced or modified: ip nbar custom.

