RADIUS Vendor-Specific Attributes and RADIUS Disconnect-Cause Attribute Values

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The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) draft standard specifies a method for communicating vendor-specific information between the network access server and the RADIUS server by using the vendor-specific attribute (attribute 26). Attribute 26 encapsulates vendor specific attributes (VSA), thereby, allowing vendors to support their own extended attributes otherwise not suitable for general use.

Finding Feature Information

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Information About RADIUS Vendor-Specific Attributes and RADIUS Disconnect-Cause Attribute Values

The Cisco RADIUS implementation supports one vendor-specific option using the format recommended in the specification. Cisco's vendor-ID is 9, and the supported option has vendor-type 1, which is named "cisco-avpair." The value is a string of the following format:

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protocol : attribute sep value *
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"Protocol" is a value of the Cisco "protocol" attribute for a particular type of authorization; protocols that can be used include IP, IPX, VPDN, VOIP, SHELL, RSVP, SIP, AIRNET, OUTBOUND. "Attribute" and "value" are an appropriate attribute-value (AV) pair defined in the Cisco TACACS+ specification, and "sep" is "=" for mandatory attributes and "*" for optional attributes. This allows the full set of features available for TACACS+ authorization to also be used for RADIUS.

For example, the following AV pair causes Cisco's "multiple named ip address pools" feature to be activated during IP authorization (during PPP's IPCP address assignment):

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cisco-avpair= "ip:addr-pool=first"
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If you insert an "*", the AV pair "ip:addr-pool=first" becomes optional. Note that any AV pair can be made optional.

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cisco-avpair= "ip:addr-pool*first"
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The following example shows how to cause a user logging in from a network access server to have immediate access to EXEC commands:
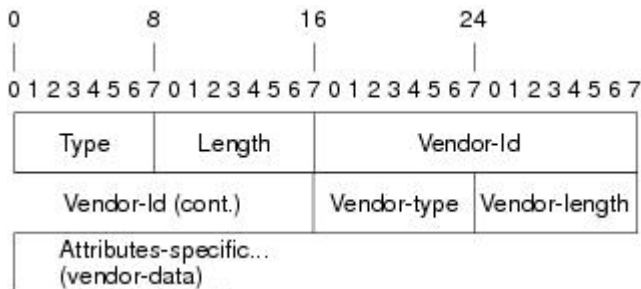
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cisco-avpair= "shell:priv-lvl=15"
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Attribute 26 contains the following three elements:

- Type
- Length
- String (also known as data)

    ◦ Vendor-Id
    ◦ Vendor-Type
    ◦ Vendor-Length
    ◦ Vendor-Data

The figure below shows the packet format for a VSA encapsulated "behind" attribute 26.

Figure 1

Note It is up to the vendor to specify the format of their VSA. The Attribute-Specific field (also known as Vendor-Data) is dependent on the vendor's definition of that attribute.

The table below describes significant fields listed in the Vendor-Specific RADIUS IETF Attributes table (second table below), which lists supported vendor-specific RADIUS attributes (IETF attribute 26).

Table 1   ***Vendor-Specific Attributes Table Field Descriptions***

Field	Description
Number	All attributes listed in the following table are extensions of IETF attribute 26.
Vendor-Specific Command Codes	A defined code used to identify a particular vendor. Code 9 defines Cisco VSAs, 311 defines Microsoft VSAs, and 529 defines Ascend VSAs.
Sub-Type Number	The attribute ID number. This number is much like the ID numbers of IETF attributes, except it is a "second layer" ID number encapsulated behind attribute 26.
Attribute	The ASCII string name of the attribute.
Description	Description of the attribute.

Table 2   ***Vendor-Specific RADIUS IETF Attributes***

Number	Vendor-Specific Company Code	Sub-Type Number	Attribute	Description
MS-CHAP Attributes				
26	311	1	MSCHAP-Response	Contains the response value provided by a PPP MS-CHAP user in response to the challenge. It is only used in Access-Request packets. This attribute is identical to the PPP CHAP Identifier. (RFC 2548
26	311	11	MSCHAP-Challenge	Contains the challenge sent by a network access server to an MS-CHAP user. It can be used in both Access-Request and Access-Challenge packets. (RFC 2548)

Number	Vendor-Specific Company Code	Sub-Type Number	Attribute	Description
VPDN Attributes				
26	9	1	l2tp-cm-local-window-size	Specifies the maximum receive window size for L2TP control messages. This value is advertised to the peer during tunnel establishment.
26	9	1	l2tp-drop-out-of-order	Respects sequence numbers on data packets by dropping those that are received out of order. This does not ensure that sequence numbers will be sent on data packets, just how to handle them if they are received.
26	9	1	l2tp-hello-interval	Specifies the number of seconds for the hello keepalive interval. Hello packets are sent when no data has been sent on a tunnel for the number of seconds configured here.
26	9	1	l2tp-hidden-avp	When enabled, sensitive AVPs in L2TP control messages are scrambled or hidden.
26	9	1	l2tp-nosession-timeout	Specifies the number of seconds that a tunnel will stay active with no sessions before timing out and shutting down.
26	9	1	tunnel-tos-reflect	Copies the IP ToS field from the IP header of each payload packet to the IP header of the tunnel packet for packets entering the tunnel at the LNS.

Number	Vendor-Specific Company Code	Sub-Type Number	Attribute	Description
26	9	1	l2tp-tunnel-authen	If this attribute is set, it performs L2TP tunnel authentication.
26	9	1	l2tp-tunnel-password	Shared secret used for L2TP tunnel authentication and AVP hiding.
26	9	1	l2tp-udp-checksum	This is an authorization attribute and defines whether L2TP should perform UDP checksums for data packets. Valid values are "yes" and "no." The default is no.
Store and Forward Fax Attributes				
26	9	3	Fax-Account-Id-Origin	Indicates the account ID origin as defined by system administrator for the **mmoip aaa receive-id** or the **mmoip aaa send-id** commands.
26	9	4	Fax-Msg-Id=	Indicates a unique fax message identification number assigned by Store and Forward Fax.
26	9	5	Fax-Pages	Indicates the number of pages transmitted or received during this fax session. This page count includes cover pages.
26	9	6	Fax-Coverpage-Flag	Indicates whether or not a cover page was generated by the off-ramp gateway for this fax session. True indicates that a cover page was generated; false means that a cover page was not generated.

Number	Vendor-Specific Company Code	Sub-Type Number	Attribute	Description
26	9	7	Fax-Modem-Time	Indicates the amount of time in seconds the modem sent fax data (x) and the amount of time in seconds of the total fax session (y), which includes both fax-mail and PSTN time, in the form x/y. For example, 10/15 means that the transfer time took 10 seconds, and the total fax session took 15 seconds.
26	9	8	Fax-Connect-Speed	Indicates the modem speed at which this fax-mail was initially transmitted or received. Possible values are 1200, 4800, 9600, and 14400.
26	9	9	Fax-Recipient-Count	Indicates the number of recipients for this fax transmission. Until e-mail servers support Session mode, the number should be 1.
26	9	10	Fax-Process-Abort-Flag	Indicates that the fax session was aborted or successful. True means that the session was aborted; false means that the session was successful.
26	9	11	Fax-Dsn-Address	Indicates the address to which DSNs will be sent.
26	9	12	Fax-Dsn-Flag	Indicates whether or not DSN has been enabled. True indicates that DSN has been enabled; false means that DSN has not been enabled.

Number	Vendor-Specific Company Code	Sub-Type Number	Attribute	Description
26	9	13	Fax-Mdn-Address	Indicates the address to which MDNs will be sent.
26	9	14	Fax-Mdn-Flag	Indicates whether or not message delivery notification (MDN) has been enabled. True indicates that MDN had been enabled; false means that MDN had not been enabled.
26	9	15	Fax-Auth-Status	Indicates whether or not authentication for this fax session was successful. Possible values for this field are success, failed, bypassed, or unknown.
26	9	16	Email-Server-Address	Indicates the IP address of the e-mail server handling the on-ramp fax-mail message.
26	9	17	Email-Server-Ack-Flag	Indicates that the on-ramp gateway has received a positive acknowledgment from the e-mail server accepting the fax-mail message.
26	9	18	Gateway-Id	Indicates the name of the gateway that processed the fax session. The name appears in the following format: hostname.domain-name.
26	9	19	Call-Type	Describes the type of fax activity: fax receive or fax send.

Number	Vendor-Specific Company Code	Sub-Type Number	Attribute	Description
26	9	20	Port-Used	Indicates the slot/port number of the Cisco AS5300 used to either transmit or receive this fax-mail.
26	9	21	Abort-Cause	If the fax session aborts, indicates the system component that signaled the abort. Examples of system components that could trigger an abort are FAP (Fax Application Process), TIFF (the TIFF reader or the TIFF writer), fax-mail client, fax-mail server, ESMTP client, or ESMTP server.
H323 Attributes				
26	9	23	Remote-Gateway-ID (h323-remote-address)	Indicates the IP address of the remote gateway.
26	9	24	Connection-ID (h323-conf-id)	Identifies the conference ID.
26	9	25	Setup-Time (h323-setup-time)	Indicates the setup time for this connection in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) formerly known as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and Zulu time.
26	9	26	Call-Origin (h323-call-origin)	Indicates the origin of the call relative to the gateway. Possible values are originating and terminating (answer).
26	9	27	Call-Type (h323-call-type)	Indicates call leg type. Possible values are **telephony** and **VoIP**.

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26	9	28	Connect-Time (h323-connect-time)	Indicates the connection time for this call leg in UTC.
26	9	29	Disconnect-Time (h323-disconnect-time)	Indicates the time this call leg was disconnected in UTC.
26	9	30	Disconnect-Cause (h323-disconnect-cause)	Specifies the reason a connection was taken offline per Q.931 specification.
26	9	31	Voice-Quality (h323-voice-quality)	Specifies the impairment factor (ICPIF) affecting voice quality for a call.
26	9	33	Gateway-ID (h323-gw-id)	Indicates the name of the underlying gateway.
Large Scale Dialout Attributes				
26	9	1	callback-dialstring	Defines a dialing string to be used for callback.
26	9	1	data-service	No description available.
26	9	1	dial-number	Defines the number to dial.
26	9	1	force-56	Determines whether the network access server uses only the 56 K portion of a channel, even when all 64 K appear to be available.
26	9	1	map-class	Allows the user profile to reference information configured in a map class of the same name on the network access server that dials out.

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26	9	1	send-auth	Defines the protocol to use (PAP or CHAP) for username-password authentication following CLID authentication.

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26	9	1	send-name	PPP name authentication. To apply for PAP, do not configure the **ppp pap sent-name password** command on the interface. For PAP, "preauth:send-name" and "preauth:send-secret" will be used as the PAP username and PAP password for outbound authentication. For CHAP, "preauth:send-name" will be used not only for outbound authentication, but also for inbound authentication. For a CHAP inbound case, the NAS will use the name defined in "preauth:send-name" in the challenge packet to the caller box.
				Note The send-name attribute has changed over time: Initially, it performed the functions now provided by both the send-name and remote-name attributes. Because the remote-name attribute has been added, the send-name attribute is restricted to its current behavior.

Number	Vendor-Specific Company Code	Sub-Type Number	Attribute	Description
26	9	1	send-secret	PPP password authentication. The vendor-specific attributes (VSAs) "preauth:send-name" and "preauth:send-secret" will be used as the PAP username and PAP password for outbound authentication. For a CHAP outbound case, both "preauth:send-name" and "preauth:send-secret" will be used in the response packet.
26	9	1	remote-name	Provides the name of the remote host for use in large-scale dial-out. Dialer checks that the large-scale dial-out remote name matches the authenticated name, to protect against accidental user RADIUS misconfiguration. (For example, dialing a valid phone number but connecting to the wrong router.)

Miscellaneous
Attributes

Number	Vendor-Specific Company Code	Sub-Type Number	Attribute	Description
26	9	2	Cisco-NAS-Port	Specifies additional vendor specific attribute (VSA) information for NAS-Port accounting. To specify additional NAS-Port information in the form an Attribute-Value Pair (AVPair) string, use the **radius-server vsa send** global configuration command.
				Note This VSA is typically used in Accounting, but may also be used in Authentication (Access-Request) packets.
26	9	1	min-links	Sets the minimum number of links for MLP.
26	9	1	proxyacl#<n>	Allows users to configure the downloadable user profiles (dynamic ACLs) by using the authentication proxy feature so that users can have the configured authorization to permit traffic going through the configured interfaces.

Number	Vendor-Specific Company Code	Sub-Type Number	Attribute	Description
26	9	1	spi	Carries the authentication information needed by the home agent to authenticate a mobile node during registration. The information is in the same syntax as the **ip mobile secure host <addr>** configuration command. Basically it contains the rest of the configuration command that follows that string, verbatim. It provides the Security Parameter Index (SPI), key, authentication algorithm, authentication mode, and replay protection timestamp range.

For more information on configuring your NAS to recognize and use VSAs, refer to the "Configuring Router to Use Vendor-Specific RADIUS Attributes" section of th e " Configuring RADIUS " module.

RADIUS Disconnect-Cause Attribute Values

Disconnect-cause attribute values specify the reason a connection was taken offline. The attribute values are sent in Accounting request packets. These values are sent at the end of a session, even if the session fails to be authenticated. If the session is not authenticated, the attribute can cause stop records to be generated without first generating start records.

The table below lists the cause codes, values, and descriptions for the Disconnect-Cause (195) attribute.

Note The Disconnect-Cause is incremented by 1000 when it is used in RADIUS AVPairs; for example, disc-cause 4 becomes 1004.

Table 3   *Disconnect-Cause Attribute Values*

Cause Code	Value	Description
0	No-Reason	No reason is given for the disconnect.

Cause Code	Value	Description
1	No-Disconnect	The event was not disconnected.
2	Unknown	Reason unknown.
3	Call-Disconnect	The call has been disconnected.
4	CLID-Authentication-Failure	Failure to authenticate number of the calling-party.
9	No-Modem-Available	A modem in not available to connect the call.
10	No-Carrier	No carrier detected. **Note** Codes 10, 11, and 12 can be sent if there is a disconnection during initial modem connection.
11	Lost-Carrier	Loss of carrier.
12	No-Detected-Result-Codes	Failure to detect modem result codes.
20	User-Ends-Session	User terminates a session. **Note** Codes 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 apply to EXEC sessions.
21	Idle-Timeout	Timeout waiting for user input. Codes 21, 100, 101, 102, and 120 apply to all session types.
22	Exit-Telnet-Session	Disconnect due to exiting Telnet session.
23	No-Remote-IP-Addr	Could not switch to SLIP/PPP; the remote end has no IP address.
24	Exit-Raw-TCP	Disconnect due to exiting raw TCP.
25	Password-Fail	Bad passwords.
26	Raw-TCP-Disabled	Raw TCP disabled.
27	Control-C-Detected	Control-C detected.
28	EXEC-Process-Destroyed	EXEC process destroyed.
29	Close-Virtual-Connection	User closes a virtual connection.
30	End-Virtual-Connection	Virtual connected has ended.
31	Exit-Rlogin	User exists Rlogin.
32	Invalid-Rlogin-Option	Invalid Rlogin option selected.

Cause Code	Value	Description
33	Insufficient-Resources	Insufficient resources.
40	Timeout-PPP-LCP	PPP LCP negotiation timed out. **Note** Codes 40 through 49 apply to PPP sessions.
41	Failed-PPP-LCP-Negotiation	PPP LCP negotiation failed.
42	Failed-PPP-PAP-Auth-Fail	PPP PAP authentication failed.
43	Failed-PPP-CHAP-Auth	PPP CHAP authentication failed.
44	Failed-PPP-Remote-Auth	PPP remote authentication failed.
45	PPP-Remote-Terminate	PPP received a Terminate Request from remote end.
46	PPP-Closed-Event	Upper layer requested that the session be closed.
47	NCP-Closed-PPP	PPP session closed because there were no NCPs open.
48	MP-Error-PPP	PPP session closed because of an MP error.
49	PPP-Maximum-Channels	PPP session closed because maximum channels were reached.
50	Tables-Full	Disconnect due to full terminal server tables.
51	Resources-Full	Disconnect due to full internal resources.
52	Invalid-IP-Address	IP address is not valid for Telnet host.
53	Bad-Hostname	Hostname cannot be validated.
54	Bad-Port	Port number is invalid or missing.
60	Reset-TCP	TCP connection has been reset. **Note** Codes 60 through 67 apply to Telnet or raw TCP sessions.
61	TCP-Connection-Refused	TCP connection has been refused by the host.
62	Timeout-TCP	TCP connection has timed out.
63	Foreign-Host-Close-TCP	TCP connection has been closed.
64	TCP-Network-Unreachable	TCP network is unreachable.

Cause Code	Value	Description
65	TCP-Host-Unreachable	TCP host is unreachable.
66	TCP-Network-Admin Unreachable	TCP network is unreachable for administrative reasons.
67	TCP-Port-Unreachable	TCP port in unreachable.
100	Session-Timeout	Session timed out.
101	Session-Failed-Security	Session failed for security reasons.
102	Session-End-Callback	Session terminated due to callback.
120	Invalid-Protocol	Call refused because the detected protocol is disabled.
150	RADIUS-Disconnect	Disconnected by RADIUS request.
151	Local-Admin-Disconnect	Administrative disconnect.
152	SNMP-Disconnect	Disconnected by SNMP request.
160	V110-Retries	Allowed V.110 retries have been exceeded.
170	PPP-Authentication-Timeout	PPP authentication timed out.
180	Local-Hangup	Disconnected by local hangup.
185	Remote-Hangup	Disconnected by remote end hangup.
190	T1-Quiesced	Disconnected because T1 line was quiesced.
195	Call-Duration	Disconnected because the maximum duration of the call was exceeded.
600	VPN-User-Disconnect	Call disconnected by client (through PPP). Code is sent if the LNS receives a PPP terminate request from the client.
601	VPN-Carrier-Loss	Loss of carrier. This can be the result of a physical line going dead. Code is sent when a client is unable to dial out using a dialer.
602	VPN-No-Resources	No resources available to handle the call. Code is sent when the client is unable to allocate memory (running low on memory).

Cause Code	Value	Description
603	VPN-Bad-Control-Packet	Bad L2TP or L2F control packets.
		This code is sent when an invalid control packet, such as missing mandatory Attribute-Value pairs (AVP), from the peer is received. When using L2TP, the code will be sent after six retransmits; when using L2F, the number of retransmits is user configurable.
		Note VPN-Tunnel-Shut will be sent if there are active sessions in the tunnel.
604	VPN-Admin-Disconnect	Administrative disconnect. This can be the result of a VPN soft shutdown, which is when a client reaches maximum session limit or exceeds maximum hopcount.
		Code is sent when a tunnel is brought down by issuing the **clear vpdn tunnel** command.
605	VPN-Tunnel-Shut	Tunnel teardown or tunnel setup has failed.
		Code is sent when there are active sessions in a tunnel and the tunnel goes down.
		Note This code is not sent when tunnel authentication fails.
606	VPN-Local-Disconnect	Call is disconnected by LNS PPP module.
		Code is sent when the LNS sends a PPP terminate request to the client. It indicates a normal PPP disconnection initiated by the LNS.
607	VPN-Session-Limit	VPN soft shutdown is enabled.
		Code is sent when a call has been refused due to any of the soft shutdown restrictions previously mentioned.
608	VPN-Call-Redirect	VPN call redirect is enabled.

For Q.850 cause codes and descriptions, see the *Cisco IOS Voice Troubleshooting and Monitoring Guide* , Release 12.4T.

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to RADIUS Vendor-Specific Attributes (VSA) and RADIUS Disconnect-Cause Attribute Values.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Security Features	*Cisco IOS Security Configuration Guide: Securing User Services* , Release 15.0.
Security Server Protocols	
RADIUS Configuration	" Configuring RADIUS " module.

Standards

Standard	Title
Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Internet Draft: Network Access Servers Requirements	Network Access Servers Requirements: Extended RADIUS Practices

MIBs

MIB	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 releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 2865	Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS)

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 RADIUS Vendor-Specific Attributes and RADIUS Disconnect-Cause Attribute Values

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Table 4   *Feature Information for RADIUS Vendor-Specific Attributes (VSA) and RADIUS Disconnect-Cause Attribute Values*

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
RADIUS Vendor-Specific Attributes (VSA) and RADIUS Disconnect-Cause Attribute Values	12.0(30)S3s 12.3(11)YS1 12.2(33)SRC	This document discusses the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) draft standard, which specifies a method for communicating vendor-specific information between the network access server and the RADIUS server by using the vendor-specific attribute (attribute 26). Attribute 26 encapsulates vendor specific attributes, thereby, allowing vendors to support their own extended attributes otherwise not suitable for general use. This feature was introduced into Cisco IOS Release 12.0(30)S3s. This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.3(11)YS1. This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRC.