

# **Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching**

The Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching feature enhances the ability of Cisco TrustSec to make Security Group Tag (SGT) transportability flexible. This feature identifies the IP-SGT binding and caches the corresponding SGT so that network packets are forwarded through all network services for normal deep packet inspection processing and at the service egress point the packets are re-tagged with the appropriate SGT.

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## **Restrictions for Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching**

The global Security Group Tag (SGT) caching configuration and the interface-specific ingress configuration are mutually exclusive. In the following scenarios, a warning message is displayed if you attempt to configure SGT caching both globally and on an interface:

• If an interface has ingress SGT caching enabled using the **cts role-based sgt-cache ingress** command in interface configuration mode, and a global configuration is attempted using the **cts role-based sgt-caching** command, a warning message is displayed as shown in this example:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface gigabitEthernet0/0
Device(config-if)# cts role-based sgt-cache ingress
Device(config-if)# exit
Device(config)# cts role-based sgt-caching
There is at least one interface that has ingress sgt caching configured. Please remove
    all interface ingress sgt caching configuration(s) before attempting global enable.
```

• If global configuration is enabled using the **cts role-based sgt-caching** command, and an interface configuration is attempted using the **cts role-based sgt-cache ingress** command in interface configuration mode, a warning message is displayed as shown in this example:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
```

```
Device(config)# cts role-based sgt-caching
Device(config)# interface gigabitEthernet0/0
Device(config-if)# cts role-based sgt-cache ingress
Note that ingress sgt caching is already active on this interface due to global
sgt-caching enable.
```

- SGT Caching for Tunneling of IPv6 packet over V4 transport & IPv4 packet over V6 transport is not supported.
- High availability and syncing of IPv6 SGACL policies on the routing platforms are not supported for IPv6-SGT caching.
- SGT caching is not supported for IPSec packets carrying SGT tags in ESP header on ISR4K based platforms.
- SGT caching is not performed for the link-local IPv6 source address.

A link-local address is a network address that is valid only for communications within the network segment (link) or the broadcast domain that the host is connected to. Link-local addresses are not guaranteed to be unique beyond a single network segment. Therefore, routers do not forward packets with link-local addresses. Because they are not unique, SGT tags for the packets with source as link-local IPv6 address are not assigned.

- SGT caching is not supported on tunnel interfaces that have IPsec with IVRF configured.
- Configuring SGT caching on a virtual template interface is not supported on a Cisco ASR 1000 platform.

## Information About Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching

## Identifying and Reapplying SGT Using SGT Caching

Cisco TrustSec uses Security Group Tag (SGT) caching to ensure that traffic tagged with SGT can also pass through services that are not aware of SGTs. Examples of services that cannot propagate SGTs are WAN acceleration or optimization, intrusion prevention systems (IPS), and upstream firewalls. In one-arm mode, a packet tagged with SGT enters a device (where the tags are cached), and is redirected to a service. After that service is completed, the packet either returns to the device, or is redirected to another device as shown in the figure. In such a scenario:

- 1. The Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching feature enables the device to identify the IP-SGT binding information from the incoming packet and caches this information.
- **2.** The device redirects the packet to the service or services that cannot propagate SGTs.
- 3. After the completion of the service, the packet returns to the device.
- 4. The appropriate SGT is reapplied to the packet at the service egress point.
- 5. Role-based enforcements are applied to the packet that has returned to the device from the service or services.
- **6.** The packet with SGTs is forwarded to other Cisco TrustSec-capable devices downstream.

Figure 1: SGT Caching in One-Arm Mode



In certain instances, some services are deployed in a bump-in-the-wire topology. In such a scenario:

- 1. The packets that go through a service or services do not come back to the device.
- 2. Single-hop SGT Exchange Protocol (SXP) is used to identify and export the identified IP-SGT bindings.
- **3.** The upstream device in the network identifies the IP-SGT bindings through SXP and reapplies the appropriate tags or uses them for SGT-based enforcement. During egress caching, the original pre-Network Address Translation (NAT) source IP address is cached as part of the identified IP-SGT binding information.
- 4. IP-SGT bindings that do not receive traffic for 300 seconds are removed from the cache.

#### Figure 2: SGT Caching in Bump-in-the-wire Topology



### SGT Caching for IPv6 Traffic

The following are the considerations for SGT caching for IPv6 traffic:

- Global Unicast IPv6 Packet: IPv6-SGT caching is performed for traffic coming in ingress and egress directions for IPv6 packets. The SGT tags come inline in the packet (ethernet header, IPSec header, GRE header). However, SGT caching for tag in IPSec packet is not supported on ISR4K based platforms.
- Multicast IPv6 Address: SGT caching is not supported for IPv6 multicast traffic and link local IPv6 addresses.
- Export of Cached IPv6-SGT Binding Via SXP: The IPv6-SGT binding learnt in the data-plane is notified to the RBM (RoleBased Manager) database in IOS. These bindings can then be exported to other trustsec devices using the SXP.

# How to Configure Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching

## **Configuring SGT Caching Globally**

#### **SUMMARY STEPS**

- 1. enable
- **2**. configure terminal
- 3. cts role-based sgt-caching
- 4. end

### **DETAILED STEPS**

#### Procedure

	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	cts role-based sgt-caching	Enables SGT caching in ingress direction for all interfaces.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# cts role-based sgt-caching	
Step 4	end	Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged
	Example:	EXEC mode.
	Device(config)# end	

## **Configuring SGT Caching on an Interface**

When an interface is configured to be on a Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) network, the IP-SGT bindings identified on that interface are added under the specific VRF. (To view the bindings identified on a corresponding VRF, use the **show cts role-based sgt-map vrf** *vrf-name* **all** command.)

### SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. enable
- 2. configure terminal
- **3.** interface *type slot/port*
- 4. cts role-based sgt-cache [ingress | egress]
- 5. end

### **DETAILED STEPS**

### Procedure

	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	interface type slot/port	Configures an interface and enters interface configuration	
	Example:	mode.	
	<pre>Device(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/1/0</pre>		
Step 4	cts role-based sgt-cache [ingress   egress]	Configures SGT caching on a specific interface.	
	Example:	• ingress—Enables SGT caching for traffic entering the specific interface (inbound traffic).	
	Device(config-if)# cts role-based sgt-cache ingress	• egress—Enables SGT caching for traffic exiting the specific interface (outbound traffic).	
Step 5	end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged	
Example:		EXEC mode.	
	Device(config-if) # end		

# Verifying Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching

### **SUMMARY STEPS**

- 1. enable
- **2**. show cts
- **3**. show cts interface

- 4. show cts interface brief
- 5. show cts role-based sgt-map all ipv4
- 6. show cts role-based sgt-map vrf

#### **DETAILED STEPS**

#### Procedure

#### Step 1 enable

Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.

#### Example:

Device> enable

#### Step 2 show cts

Displays Cisco TrustSec connections and the status of global SGT caching.

#### **Example:**

#### Device# show cts

```
Global Dot1x feature: Disabled
CTS device identity: ""
CTS caching support: disabled
CTS sgt-caching global: Enabled
Number of CTS interfaces in DOT1X mode: 0,
                                             MANUAL mode: 0
Number of CTS interfaces in LAYER3 TrustSec mode: 0
Number of CTS interfaces in corresponding IFC state
 INIT
                 state: 0
 AUTHENTICATING state: 0
 AUTHORIZING
                state: 0
 SAP NEGOTIATING state: 0
          state: 0
 OPEN
 HELD
                 state:
                         0
 DISCONNECTING state: 0
 INVALID
                state: 0
CTS events statistics:
 authentication success: 0
 authentication reject : 0
 authentication failure: 0
 authentication logoff : 0
 authentication no resp: 0
 authorization success : \boldsymbol{0}
 authorization failure : 0
 sap success
                       : 0
                       : 0
 sap failure
 port auth failure
                    : 0
```

#### **Step 3** show cts interface

Displays Cisco TrustSec configuration statistics for an interface and SGT caching information with mode details (ingress or egress).

#### **Example:**

Device# show cts interface GigabitEthernet0/1

```
Interface GigabitEthernet0/1
   CTS sgt-caching Ingress: Enabled
   CTS sgt-caching Egress : Disabled
   CTS is enabled, mode:
                            MANUAL
     Propagate SGT:
                            Enabled
     Static Ingress SGT Policy:
       Peer SGT:
                           200
       Peer SGT assignment: Trusted
   L2-SGT Statistics
                                  : 16298041
       Pkts In
       Pkts (policy SGT assigned) : 0
       Pkts Out
                                  : 5
       Pkts Drop (malformed packet): 0
       Pkts Drop (invalid SGT) : 0
```

#### **Step 4** show cts interface brief

Displays SGT caching information with mode details (ingress or egress) for all interfaces.

#### Example:

```
Device# show cts interface brief
Interface GigabitEthernet0/0
   CTS sgt-caching Ingress: Enabled
   CTS sgt-caching Egress : Disabled
   CTS is disabled
Interface GigabitEthernet0/1
   CTS sgt-caching Ingress: Enabled
   CTS sgt-caching Egress : Disabled
   CTS is enabled, mode: MANUAL
     Propagate SGT:
                            Enabled
     Static Ingress SGT Policy:
                            200
       Peer SGT:
       Peer SGT assignment: Trusted
Interface GigabitEthernet0/2
   CTS sgt-caching Ingress: Enabled
   CTS sgt-caching Egress : Disabled
   CTS is enabled, mode:
                            MANUAL
     Propagate SGT:
                            Enabled
     Static Ingress SGT Policy:
       Peer SGT: 0
       Peer SGT assignment: Untrusted
Interface GigabitEthernet0/3
   CTS sgt-caching Ingress:
                            Enabled
   CTS sgt-caching Egress : Disabled
   CTS is disabled
Interface Backplane-GigabitEthernet0/4
   CTS sgt-caching Ingress: Enabled
   CTS sgt-caching Egress : Disabled
   CTS is disabled
Interface RG-AR-IF-INPUT1
```

CTS sgt-caching Ingress: Enabled CTS sgt-caching Egress : Disabled CTS is disabled

**Step 5** show cts role-based sgt-map all ipv4

Displays all the SGT-IPv4 bindings.

Example:

Device# show cts role-based sgt-map all ipv4

Active IPv4-SGT Bindings Information

IP Address	SGT	Source
192.0.2.1	50	CACHED
192.0.2.2	50	CACHED
192.0.2.3	50	CACHED
192.0.2.4	50	CACHED
192.0.2.5	3900	INTERNAL
192.0.2.6	3900	INTERNAL
192.0.2.7	3900	INTERNAL
IP-SGT Active Bindings	Summary	
Total number of CACHED Total number of INTERNA	<b>bindi</b> L bindi	<b>ngs = 20</b> ngs = 3

Total number of active bindings = 23

#### **Step 6** show cts role-based sgt-map vrf

Displays all the SGT-IP bindings for the specific Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) interface.

Example:

```
Device# show cts role-based sgt-map vrf
%IPv6 protocol is not enabled in VRF RED
Active IPv4-SGT Bindings Information
IP Address
                 SGT
                       Source
_____
192.0.2.1
                  50
                        CACHED
192.0.2.2
                  2007 CACHED
192.0.2.3
                  50
                         CACHED
192.0.2.4
                   50
                         CACHED
```

## **Verifying IP-to-SGT Bindings**

Displays the IP-to-SGT bindings learnt in the data-plane.

```
Device# show cts role-based sgt-map all
Active IPv4-SGT Bindings Information
```

IP Address SGT Source

10.104.33.219	300	INTERNAL		
IP-SGT Active Bindings Summary				
Total number of INTERNAL bindings = 1 Total number of active bindings = 1				
Active IPv6-SGT Bindings Information				
IP Address			SGT	Source
100::/64 200::2 300::1 1000::2			124 300 300 300	CLI INTERNAL INTERNAL INTERNAL
100::/64 200::2 300::1 1000::2 IP-SGT Active Bind	lings Summary		124 300 300 300	CLI INTERNAL INTERNAL INTERNAL

# **Configuration Examples for Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching**

### **Example: Configuring SGT Caching Globally**

Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# cts role-based sgt-caching
Device(config)# end

## **Example: Configuring SGT Caching for an Interface**

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/1/0
Device(config-if)# cts role-based sgt-cache ingress
Device(config-if)# end
```

### Example: Disabling SGT Caching on an Interface

The following example shows how to disable SGT caching on an interface and displays the status of SGT caching on the interface when caching is enabled globally, but disabled on the interface.

Device> enable

```
Device# configure terminal
Device(config) # cts role-based sgt-caching
Device(config)# interface gigabitEthernet 0/1
Device(config-if) # no cts role-based sgt-cache ingress
Device (config-if) # end
Device# show cts interface GigabitEthernet0/1
Interface GigabitEthernet0/1
   CTS sgt-caching Ingress: Disabled
   CTS sgt-caching Egress : Disabled
   CTS is enabled, mode:
                           MANUAL
     Propagate SGT:
                            Enabled
     Static Ingress SGT Policy:
       Peer SGT:
                             200
       Peer SGT assignment: Trusted
   L2-SGT Statistics
       Pkts In
                                  : 200890684
       Pkts (policy SGT assigned) : 0
       Pkts Out
                                  : 14
       Pkts Drop (malformed packet): 0
       Pkts Drop (invalid SGT) : 0
```

# Additional References for Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching

#### **Related Documents**

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS Security commands	Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands A to C
	Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands D to L
	Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands M to R
	Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands S to Z
Cisco TrustSec configuration	"Cisco TrustSec Support for IOS" chapter in the <i>Cisco TrustSec</i> Configuration Guide
Cisco TrustSec overview	Overview of TrustSec
Cisco TrustSec solution	Cisco TrustSec Security Solution

### **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/cisco/web/support/index.html
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 Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching

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.

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching		The Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching feature enhances the ability of Cisco TrustSec to make Security Group Tag (SGT) transportability flexible. This feature identifies the IP-SGT binding and caches the corresponding SGT so that network packets are forwarded through all network services for normal deep packet inspection processing and at the service egress point the packets are re-tagged with the appropriate SGT.
		role-based sgt-caching, cts role-based sgt-cache [ingress   egress].
IPv6 enablement - SGT Caching	Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.8.1	The support for IPv6 is introduced.

Table 1: Feature Information for Cisco TrustSec SGT Caching