



Data DTLS

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Information About Data Datagram Transport Layer Security

Data Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) enables you to encrypt CAPWAP data packets that are sent between an access point and the controller using DTLS, which is a standards-track IETF protocol that can encrypt both control and data packets based on TLS. CAPWAP control packets are management packets that are exchanged between a controller and an access point while CAPWAP data packets encapsulate forwarded wireless frames. CAPWAP control and data packets are sent over separate UDP ports: 5246 (control) and 5247 (data).

If an access point does not support DTLS data encryption, DTLS is enabled only for the control plane, and a DTLS session for the data plane is not established.

If an access point supports Data DTLS, it enables data DTLS after receiving the new configuration from the controller. The access point performs a DTLS handshake on port 5247 and after successfully establishing the DTLS session. All the data traffic (from the access point to the controller and the controller to the access point) is encrypted.



Note The throughput is affected for some APs that have data encryption enabled.



Note If the AP's DHCP lease time is less and the DHCP pool is small, access point join failure or failure in establishing the Data Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) session may occur. In such scenarios, associate the AP with a named site-tag and increase the DHCP lease time for at least 8 days.

Configuring Data DTLS (GUI)

Follow the procedure to enable DTLS data encryption for the access points on the controller :

Procedure

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- Step 1** Click **Configuration > Tags and Profile > AP Join**.
 - Step 2** Click **Add** to create a new **AP Join Profile** or click an existing profile to edit it.
 - Step 3** Click **CAPWAP > Advanced**.
 - Step 4** Check **Enable Data Encryption** check box to enable Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) data encryption.
 - Step 5** Click **Update & Apply to Device**.
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Configuring Data DTLS (CLI)

Follow the procedure given below to enable DTLS data encryption for the access points on the controller :

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	ap profile <i>ap-profile</i> Example: Device(config)# ap profile test-ap-profile	Configures an AP profile and enters AP profile configuration mode. Note You can use the default AP profile (default-ap-profile) or create a named AP profile, as shown in the example.
Step 3	link-encryption Example: Device(config-ap-profile)# link-encryption	Enables link encryption based on the profile. Answer yes, when the system prompts you with this message: Note If you set stats-timer as as zero (0) under the AP profile, then the AP will not send the link encryption statistics. Enabling link-encryption will reboot the APs with link-encryption. Are you sure you want to continue? (y/n) [y]:
Step 4	end Example: Device(config-ap-profile)# end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	show wireless dtls connections Example: Device# show wireless dtls connections	(Optional) Displays the DTLS session established for the AP that has joined this controller.
Step 6	show ap link-encryption Example: Device# show ap link-encryption	(Optional) Displays the link encryption-related statistics (whether link encryption is enabled or disabled) counter received from the AP.

