



CCNP Security - SISAS

Layer 2 Authentication - MAB

Network Access Authentication

» Layer 2

- Supplicant does not need an IP address
- MAB and 802.1x (EAP methods)

» Layer 3

- Supplicant requires an IP address
- Local Web Authentication (web portal on the NAD)
- Central Web Authentication (web portal on the authentication server)

MAB – MAC Authentication Bypass

» MAB (MAC Authentication Bypass) is used to...

- Authenticate non 802.1x capable devices
- Trigger CWA and BYOD enrollment
- Technically is NOT an authentication method...just bypasses authentication

» If MAB is enabled on the switch interface

- Switch takes each new MAC address and sends it to RADIUS for authentication
 - RADIUS User- Name and RADIUS User-Password equals to the MAC address
 - RADIUS Calling-Station-ID equals to the MAC address
 - RADIUS Service Type is Call-Check (10) for MAB

MAB – MAC Authentication Bypass

» If “Process Host Lookup” is enabled on RADIUS server

- Authentication is done based on the RADIUS Calling-Station-ID attribute value

» If “Process Host Lookup” is disabled on RADIUS server

- Authentication is done based on the RADIUS User-Name and User-Password attributes value

MAB Configuration Steps on Supplicant

» None

- Because MAB is not a authentication protocol
- It is authentication bypass
- There is no negotiation between supplicant and NAD

MAB Configuration Steps on NAD

- » Enable AAA
 - `aaa new-model`
- » Configure dot1x default authentication list
 - `aaa authentication dot1x default group`
- » Enable MAB on switch port facing the supplicant
 - `mab [eap]`
- » Enforce authentication on switch port facing the supplicant
 - `authentication port-control auto`
- » Define RADIUS server settings
 - `radius-server host <IP> key <radius key>`
- » Optionally configure other global/interface level settings
 - `radius-server attribute 31 mac format`

MAB Configuration Steps on ISE

» Configure MAB authentication policy

- Optionally use a default one

» Configure authorization policy

- Optionally use a default one

» Add supplicant's MAC address into Internal Endpoints Store

- Authentication performed based on RADIUS Calling Station-ID attribute value

MAB Verification and Troubleshooting

» Verification

- `show mab all`
- `show authentication session`
- `show aaa servers`

» Troubleshooting

- `show authentication session interface <if_number>`
- `debug mab all`
- `debug radius authentication`

MAB and 802.1x Common Authorizations

» VLAN

- Data VLAN (by name or number)
 - Optional, it overrides the VLAN locally configured on NAD switch port
- Voice VLAN permission
 - Mandatory for voice domain, allows Phone to join the voice VLAN as configured locally on NAD

MAB and EAP Common Authorizations

» Access-Lists

- dACL (Cisco Proprietary, uses AV pairs)
 - Before 12.2(55)SE code, switch port required a pre-auth ACL to be applied
 - ACL configured on ISE
- Filter-ID ACL (IETF standard)
 - ACL configured on NAD
- Per-user ACL (Cisco proprietary, uses AV pairs)
 - ACL configured on ISE and ACE's pushed through authorization by ISE
 - ACL configured on NAD and ACL name pushed through authorization by ISE

» ACL Common configuration requirements on NAD

- `aaa authorization network default group`
- dACL also needs `radius-server vsa send authentication`
- `ip device tracking`

Authorization Verification Troubleshooting

» Verification

- `show ip access-list interface <if_number>`
- `show ip interface <if_number>`
- `show epm session interface <if_number>`
- `show authentication interface <if_number>`
- `show authentication session interface <if_number>`

» Troubleshooting

- `show ip device tracking all`
- `show aaa method-lists authorization`
- `debug radius authentication`
- `debug ip device tracking events`

Q&A