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(54) **AUTHENTICATING A CLIENT DEVICE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Examples described herein relate to techniques for authenticating a client device by obtaining device-type information during an initial phase of authentication process. According to some examples, identifying a client device intending to connect to a network and sending an identity-request thereto. Receiving an identity-response from the client device along with device-type information. Identifying a device category from a set of device categories corresponding to identified device-type information. Selecting a device policy applicable to the identified device-type information. Authenticating the client device to enable access to the network and applying the selected device policy to the client device.

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