Introduction to 802.1X:

- o IEEE 802.1x (Dot1x) is a standard set by the IEEE 802.1 working group Organization.
- o IEEE 802.1X (Dot1x) commonly referred or called Dot1x Port Based Authentication.
- o IEEE 802.1X (Dot1x) authentication is an OSI Model Data Link Layer (Layer 2) protocol.
- o IEEE 802.1X (Dot1x) provide port-based network access control using authentication.
- o IEEE 802.1X (Dot1x) authentication method service is called port-level authentication.
- o IEEE 802.1x (Dot1x) is defined as a standard for "Port-Based Network Access Control".
- o The protocol used in IEEE 802.1x (Dot1x) is called EAP Encapsulation over LANs (EAPOL).
- o IEEE 802.1x (Dot1x) uses Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) to exchange messages.
- o IEEE 802.1x (Dot1x) which referred Dot1x is used mainly for port-based authentication.
- o Dot1x can be used to prevent unauthorized devices from gaining access to the network.
- o Dot1x standards provide authentication & authorization services at network port level.
- o IEEE 802.1x (Dot1x) provide real security for wired and wireless networks at layer two.
- o IEEE 802.1x (Dot1x) authentication is a Client and Server based authentication protocol.
- o Before authentication, identity of endpoint is unknown & all traffic is block except EAPoL.
- o Once the user credentials are successfully verified, then the other user traffic is permitted.











