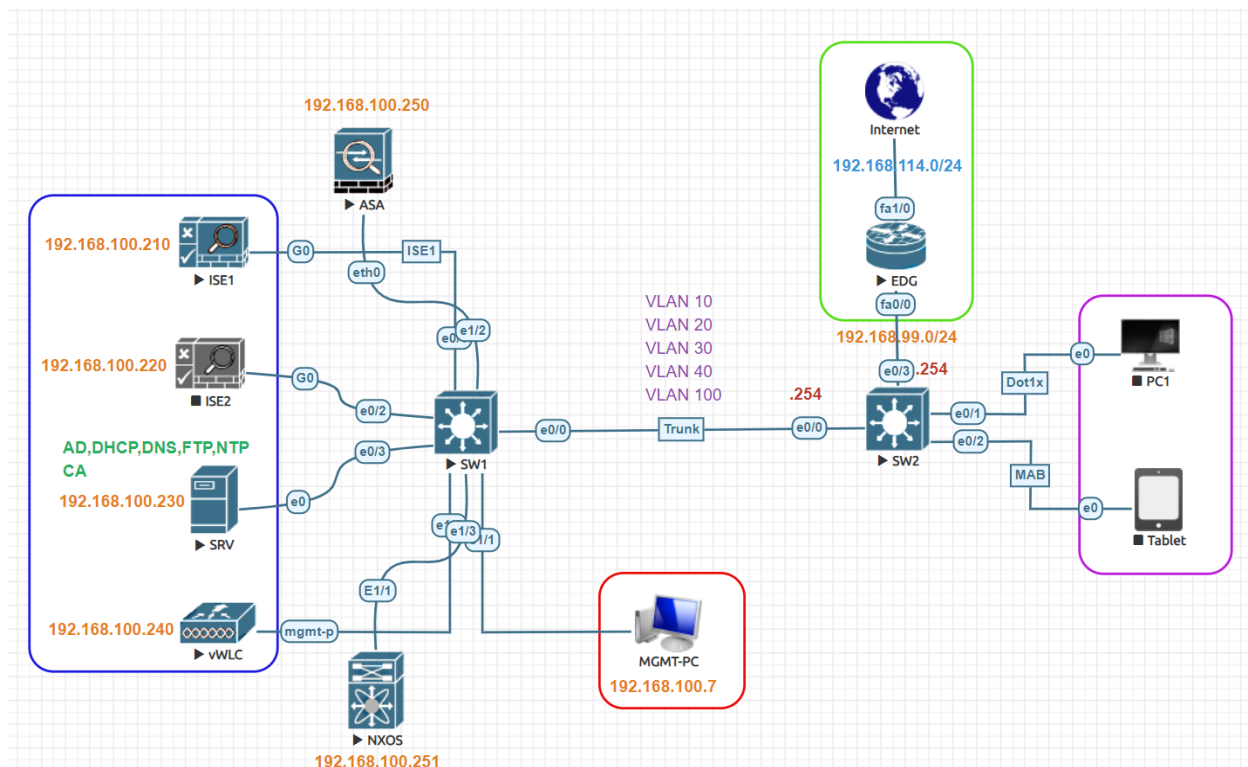


NX-OS Device Administration Lab:



Cisco ISE Primary IP Address	192.168.100.210
Cisco ISE Secondary IP Address	192.168.100.220
AD, DNS and CA Server IP Address	192.168.100.230
Domain Name:	test.local
Admin Full Access User/Group	Admin1/AdminGroup
Support Readonly Access User/Group	Sup1/SupportGroup
Test VLAN	VLAN 100
VLAN Subnet	192.168.100.0/24
VLAN 100 Gateway	192.168.100.254
Network Device	Cisco Nexus Switch
Authentication Switch MGMT IP	192.168.100.254
NXOS TACACS Interface	Ethernet 1/3
Network Device IP Address	192.168.100.251

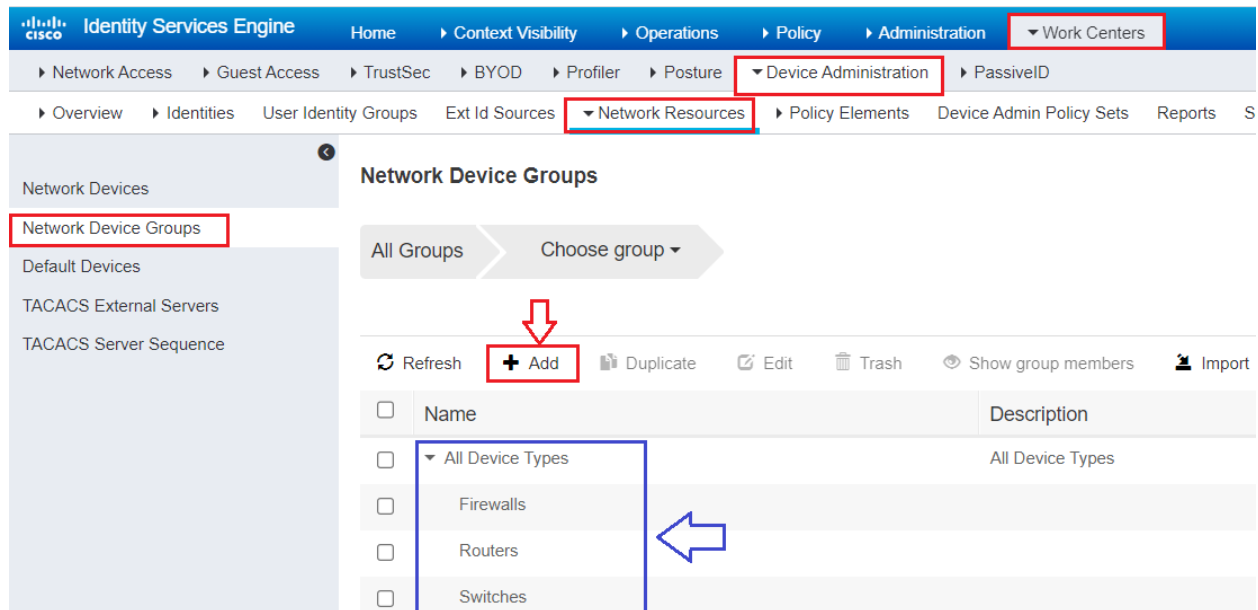
Enable TACACS+:

Navigate to **Administration > System > Deployment > Under General Setting**, check the box **Enable Device Admin Service**. Click **Save**.

The screenshot displays the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) Administration interface. The navigation pane on the left shows the hierarchy: **System** > **Deployment** > **Deployment Nodes List > ise1**. The **Deployment** menu item is highlighted. The main content area shows the **Edit Node** configuration for node **ise1**. The **General Settings** tab is selected. The configuration includes fields for Hostname (**ise1**), FQDN (**ise1.test.local**), IP Address (**192.168.100.210**), and Node Type (**Identity Services Engine (ISE)**). Below these fields, the Role is set to **PRIMARY**, and there is a **Make Standalone** button. A list of services is shown with checkboxes: **Administration** (checked), **Monitoring** (checked), **Policy Service** (checked), **Enable Session Services** (checked), **Include Node in Node Group** (set to **None**), **Enable Profiling Service** (checked), **Enable Threat Centric NAC Service** (unchecked), **Enable SXP Service** (unchecked), **Enable Device Admin Service** (checked and highlighted with a red box and an arrow), and **Enable Passive Identity Service** (unchecked). At the bottom, the **pxGrid** checkbox is checked. The **Save** button is highlighted with a red box and an arrow.

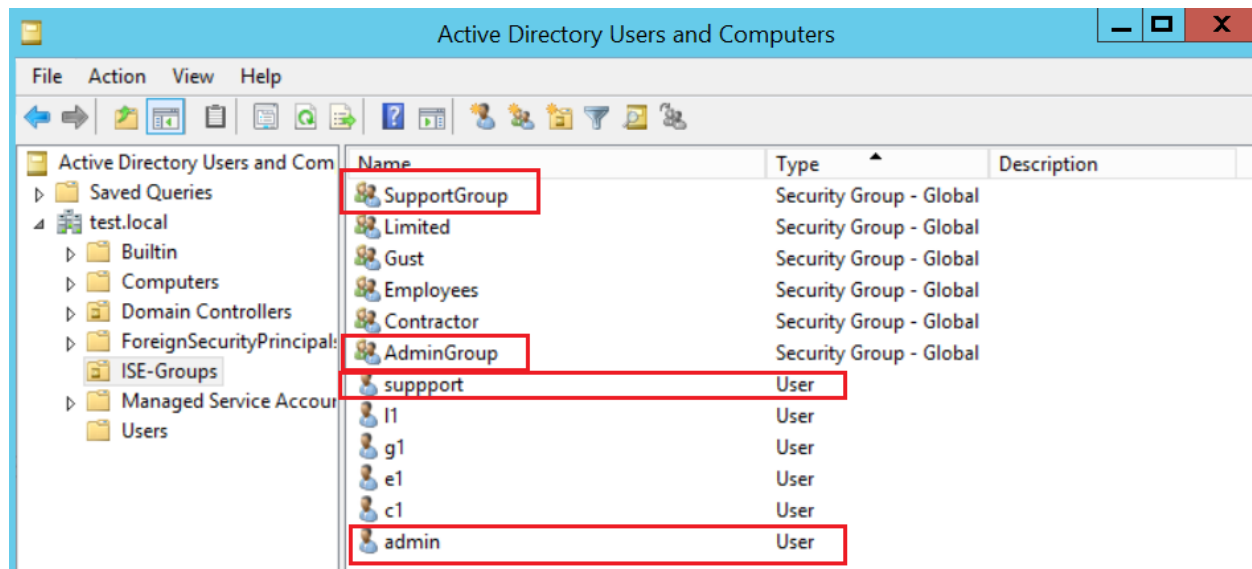
Create Device Groups:

Create device groups. We can group devices based on type or location. **Work Centers > Device Administration > Network Resources > Network Device Groups**



Create Groups and Users:

Create two groups in Active Directory and for test purpose create two users and add them to groups. Two Groups **SupportGroup** and **AdminGroup** and two users **admin1** and **sup1**



Choose **Administration > Identity Management > External Identity Sources > Active Directory**. Click the **Groups** Tab. Click on Add and then Select Groups from Directory.

Adding Network Devices:

Work Centers > Device Administration > Network Resources > Network Devices. Click Add
Provide Name & IP address of Network device to be added. Select device group.

Identity Services Engine Home Context Visibility Operations Policy Administration Work Centers

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Network Devices Network Device Groups Network Device Profiles External RADIUS Servers RADIUS Server Sequences NAC Mana

Network Devices

Default Device

Device Security Settings

Network Devices List > NEX

Network Devices

* Name NEX-SW

Description NX-OS Switch

IP Address * IP : 192.168.100.251 / 32

* Device Profile Cisco

Model Name

Software Version

* Network Device Group

Location All Locations Set To Default

IPSEC No Set To Default

Device Type Switches Set To Default

Configure TACACS authentication Settings put Shared Secret Key in this case Test123

☐ RADIUS Authentication Settings

☒ TACACS Authentication Settings

Shared Secret Test123 Hide

Enable Single Connect Mode ☐

☒ Legacy Cisco Device

☐ TACACS Draft Compliance Single Connect Support

☐ SNMP Settings

☐ Advanced TrustSec Settings

Submit Cancel

Create Command Sets:

We will create two TACACS Command Sets for each profile. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Elements > Results > TACACS Command Sets**. Click **Add**

The screenshot shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Context Visibility', 'Operations', 'Policy', 'Administration', and 'Work Centers'. The left sidebar shows a tree view with 'Conditions', 'Network Conditions', 'Results' (selected), 'Allowed Protocols', 'TACACS Command Sets' (selected), and 'TACACS Profiles'. The main content area is titled 'TACACS Command Sets' and shows '0 Selected'. A red arrow points to the '+ Add' button. Below the button are three rows of command sets: 'Name' (with a checkbox), 'ASA-Full-Access' (with a checkbox), and 'DenyAllCommands' (with a checkbox). The 'DenyAllCommands' row is marked as 'Default C'.

For example, we have created **NX-Admin** which allows all commands. Check the box under Commands 'Permit any command that is not listed below' and don't add any command.

The screenshot shows the 'TACACS Command Sets > New' configuration page. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'Command Set'. It has a 'Name' field with 'NX-Admin' and a 'Description' field. Below this is the 'Commands' section, which has a checkbox labeled 'Permit any command that is not listed below' that is checked. At the bottom, there is a table with columns 'Command' and 'Arguments'. The table has one row with 'Grant' in the 'Command' column and an empty 'Arguments' column. Above the table are buttons for '+ Add', 'Trash', 'Edit', 'Move Up', and 'Move Down'.

Another command set named **NX-ReadOnly** is created that allows only show and few other commands. * is used for wild card.

[TACACS Command Sets](#) > New

Command Set

Name: **NX-ReadOnly**

Description:

Commands

Permit any command that is not listed below ☐

1 Selected

+ Add Trash Edit Move Up Move Down

<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant	Command	Arguments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PERMIT	ping		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PERMIT	traceroute		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PERMIT	debug		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PERMIT	exit		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PERMIT	show	*	

Create TACACS Profiles:

Let's create two TACACS Profiles for our Admins and Support Users. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Policy Elements > Results > TACACS Profiles** click **Add**.

TACACS Profiles

0 Selected

Refresh **+ Add** Duplicate Trash Edit

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Type	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	ASAAdmin Pro	Shell	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Default Shell Profile	Shell	Default Shell Profile
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deny All Shell Profile	Shell	Deny All Shell Profile
<input type="checkbox"/>	WLC ALL	WLC	WLC ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	WLC MONITOR	WLC	WLC MONITOR

Conditions

Network Conditions

Results

Allowed Protocols

TACACS Command Sets

TACACS Profiles

NameNXOS Admin Profile

Description

Task Attribute ViewRaw View

Common Tasks

Common Task TypeNexus

Set attributes asMandatory

Network role

☐ None

☐ Operator (Read Only)

☒ Administrator (Read Write)

VDC role

☒ None

☐ Operator (Read Only)

☐ Administrator (Read Write)

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► Conditions

► Network Conditions

▼ Results

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TACACS Profiles

[TACACS Profiles](#) > New

TACACS Profile

Name

Description

Task Attribute View

Raw View

Common Tasks

Common Task Type

Set attributes as

Network role

☐ None

☒ Operator (Read Only)

☐ Administrator (Read Write)

VDC role

☒ None

☐ Operator (Read Only)

☐ Administrator (Read Write)

Device Administration Policy:

Here we will call all the items configured earlier. Navigate to **Work Centers > Device Administration > Device Admin Policy Sets** and add new policy or use default. Click small arrow button on right side of policy to expand.

Policy Sets

Reset Policyset Hitcounts Reset Save

Status	Policy Set Name	Description	Conditions	Allowed Protocols / Server Sequence	Hits	Actions	View
✓	Devices-Admin	TACACS Policy	Network Access Protocol EQUALS TACACS+	Default Device Admin			
✓	Default	Tacacs Default policy set		Default Device Admin	2		

Reset Save

Create **Authentication Policy** and use internal or external users in our case both.

Policy Sets → Devices-Admin

Authentication Policy (1)

Status	Rule Name	Conditions	Use	Hits
✓	Default	Network Access Protocol EQUALS TACACS+	Test_Identity_Stores	0

Then, configure authorization Policies under '**Authorization Policy**'.

Authorization Policy (5)

Status	Rule Name	Conditions	Results	Command Sets	Shell Profiles
✓	NXOS-Admin	ad.test.local.ExternalGroups EQUALS test.local/ISE-Groups/AdminGroup DEVICE Device Type EQUALS All Device Types#Switches	NX-Admin		NXOS Admin Profile
✓	NXOS-ReadOnly	ad.test.local.ExternalGroups EQUALS test.local/ISE-Groups/SupportGroup DEVICE Device Type EQUALS All Device Types#Switches	NX-ReadOnly		NXOS Support Profile

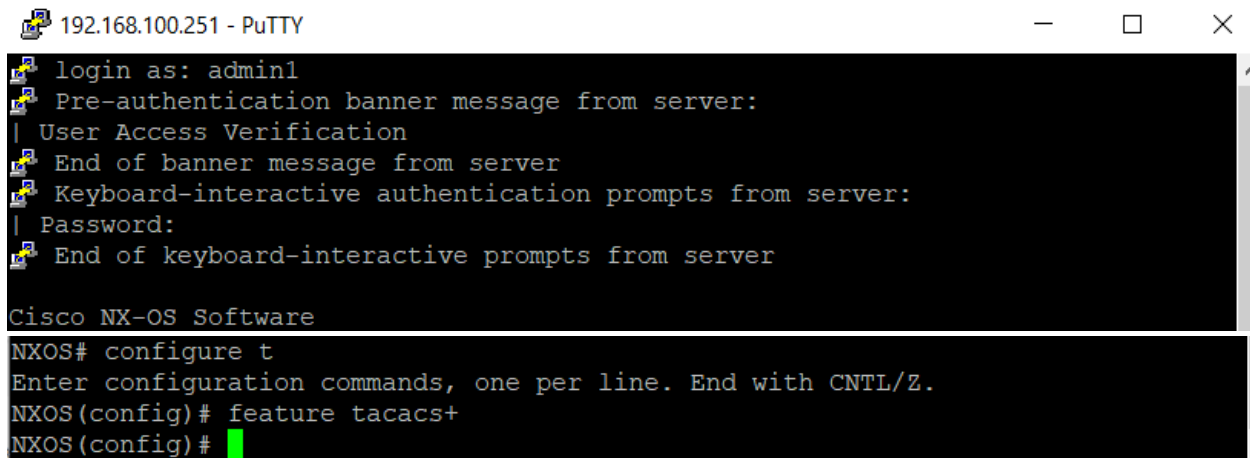
Cisco NX-OS Configuration:

NXOS(config)# interface ethernet 1/1 NXOS(config-if)# no switchport NXOS(config-if)# ip address 192.168.100.251 255.255.255.0 NXOS(config-if)# no shutdown
NXOS(config)# feature tacacs+
NXOS(config)# tacacs-server host 192.168.100.210 key Test123 NXOS(config)# tacacs-server host 192.168.100.220 key Test123
NXOS(config)# aaa group server tacacs+ MY_TACACS NXOS(config-tacacs+)# server 192.168.100.210 NXOS(config-tacacs+)# server 192.168.100.220 NXOS(config-tacacs+)# deadtime 10 NXOS(config-tacacs+)# use-vrf default NXOS(config-tacacs+)# source-interface Ethernet1/1 NXOS(config-tacacs+)# exit
NXOS(config)# aaa authentication login console local
NXOS(config)# aaa authentication login default group MY_TACACS local
NXOS(config)# aaa authentication login ascii-authentication

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NXOS(config)#
NXOS(config)# tacacs-server host 192.168.100.210 key Test123
NXOS(config)#
NXOS(config)# tacacs-server host 192.168.100.220 key Test123
NXOS(config)#
NXOS(config)# aaa group server tacacs+ MY_TACACS
NXOS(config-tacacs+)#
NXOS(config-tacacs+)# server 192.168.100.210
NXOS(config-tacacs+)#
NXOS(config-tacacs+)# server 192.168.100.220
NXOS(config-tacacs+)#
NXOS(config-tacacs+)# deadtime 10
NXOS(config-tacacs+)#
NXOS(config-tacacs+)# use-vrf default
NXOS(config-tacacs+)#
NXOS(config-tacacs+)# source-interface Ethernet1/1
NXOS(config-tacacs+)#
NXOS(config-tacacs+)# exit
NXOS(config)#
NXOS(config)# aaa authentication login console local
NXOS(config)#
NXOS(config)# aaa authentication login default group MY_TACACS local
NXOS(config)#
NXOS(config)# _aaa authentication login ascii-authentication
```

Testing and Verification:

We can test our configuration by login into the Cisco ASA Firewall by SSH. Let's try using the **admin1** user credential.



```
192.168.100.251 - PuTTY
login as: admin1
Pre-authentication banner message from server:
| User Access Verification
End of banner message from server
Keyboard-interactive authentication prompts from server:
| Password:
End of keyboard-interactive prompts from server

Cisco NX-OS Software
NXOS# configure t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
NXOS(config)# feature tacacs+
NXOS(config)#
```

We can monitor the authentication/authorization logs on ISE **Operations > TACACS > Live Logs**. The **admin1** user was successfully authenticated and authorized to run privileged commands.

Logged Time	Status	Details	Identity	Type	Authentication Policy	Authorization Policy	Ise Node	Network Device ..
Jul 26, 2021 01:51:20.971 PM	✓		admin1	Authorization		Devices-Admin >> NXOS-Admin	ise1	NEX-SW
Jul 26, 2021 01:51:20.795 PM	✓		admin1	Authentication	Devices-Admin >> Default		ise1	NEX-SW

Authorization Details

Generated Time	2021-07-26 13:51:20.971 +0:00
Logged Time	2021-07-26 13:51:20.971
Epoch Time (sec)	1627307480
ISE Node	ise1
Message Text	Device-Administration: Session Authorization succeeded
Failure Reason	
Resolution	
Root Cause	
Username	admin1
Network Device Name	NEX-SW
Network Device IP	192.168.100.251

Now let's try again using support account users **sup1**. The user **sup1** was successfully authenticated but wasn't authorized to run privileged commands.

```

192.168.100.251 - PuTTY
login as: sup1
Pre-authentication banner message from server:
| User Access Verification
End of banner message from server
Keyboard-interactive authentication prompts from server:
| Password:
End of keyboard-interactive prompts from server

NXOS# configure t
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
NXOS(config)# feature tacacs
% Permission denied for the role
NXOS(config)#

```

We can monitor the authentication/authorization logs on ISE **Operations > TACACS > Live Logs**.

Logged Time	Status	Details	Identity	Type	Authentication Policy	Authorization Policy	Ise Node	Network Device
			Identity		Authentication Policy	Authorization Policy	Ise Node	Network Device
Jul 26, 2021 01:59:24.367 PM	✓		sup1	Authorization		Devices-Admin >> NXOS-Readonly	ise1	NEX-SW
Jul 26, 2021 01:59:24.145 PM	✓		sup1	Authentication	Devices-Admin >> Default		ise1	NEX-SW

Authorization Details

Generated Time	2021-07-26 13:59:24.367 +0:00
Logged Time	2021-07-26 13:59:24.367
Epoch Time (sec)	1627307964
ISE Node	ise1
Message Text	Device-Administration: Session Authorization succeeded
Failure Reason	
Resolution	
Root Cause	
Username	sup1
Network Device Name	NEX-SW