

Meraki & Freeradius for Lab testing

Guide to setup Freeradius on Raspberry for using as a AAA server for Meraki.
Because Raspberry is running a Debian based OS, this guide should work on all Debian based systems.

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Testmatrix:

	MR55 (27.5)	MS350 (14.4)	MS390 (14.5)	MX65 (15.38)
MAB	✓	✓	✓	✓
MAB + VLAN	✓	✓	✓	na
MAB + GroupPolicy	✓	na	na	na
MAB + GroupPolicyACL	na	✓	na	na
MAB + VLAN + GroupPolicyACL	na	✓	na	na
MAB + SGT (AdaptivePolicy)	✓	na	✓	na
802.1X	✓	✓	✓	✓
802.1X + VLAN	✓	✓	✓	na
802.1X + GroupPolicy	✓	na	na	na
802.1X + GroupPolicyACL	na	✓	na	na
802.1X + VLAN + GroupPolicyACL	na	✓	na	na
802.1X + SGT (AdaptivePolicy)	✓	na	✓	na
				na
iPSK	✓	na	na	na
iPSK + VLAN	✓	na	na	na
iPSK + GroupPolicy	✓	na	na	na
iPSK + SGT (AdaptivePolicy)	✓	na	na	na

na = not available , not tested

Raspberry Pi Setup

For setting up your Raspberry Pi without mouse and keyboard have a look @:

https://github.com/thomas-sterber/Setup_Raspberry_without_mouse_and_keyboard

Install Freeradius

```
#sudo apt-get update
#sudo apt-get dist-upgrade
#sudo apt-get install freeradius
#sudo apt-get install freeradius-utils
```

Freeradius start/stop/autostart , Debug mode

Check Freeradius service

```
#sudo service freeradius status  
#pgrep freeradius
```

Stop service also disable autostart after boot

```
#sudo service freeradius stop
```

Start service also enable autostart after reboot

```
#sudo service freeradius start
```

Start in Debug Mode

```
# sudo service freeradius stop  
# sudo freeradius -X
```

Basic Freeradius Configuration

ssh to the Raspberry and login. (pi/meraki123)

>> Backup/move/clear original configs files

```
#mkdir freeradius_backup  
#cd freeradius_backup  
#sudo su  
#cp /etc/freeradius/3.0/users .  
#> /etc/freeradius/3.0/users  
#cp /etc/freeradius/3.0/clients.conf .  
#> /etc/freeradius/3.0/clients.conf  
#cp /etc/freeradius/3.0/radiusd.conf .  
#cp /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-available/eap .  
#exit
```

>> modify config-files

```
#sudo vim /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-available/eap  
change two time 'use_tunneled_reply' to 'yes'  
(EAP-TTLS section and EAP-PEAP section)  
This allows to configure the radius attributes direct in 'users'  
  
use_tunneled_reply = yes
```

```
#sudo vim /etc/freeradius/3.0/radiusd.conf  
change 'name = freeradius' to 'name = meraki-freeradius'
```

Test your Freeradius Server

```
#sudo vim /etc/freeradius/3.0/clients.conf
```

```
client localhost {  
    ipaddr = 127.0.0.1  
    secret = secret123  
}
```

```
#sudo vim /etc/freeradius/3.0/users
```

```
thomas          Cleartext-Password := "sterber"
```

```
#sudo freeradius -X    (terminal 1)
```

```
#radtest thomas sterber 127.0.0.1 0 secret123    (terminal 2)  
          (user) (pwd) (server ip) (NAS Port) (secret)
```

Freeradius and Dashboard Configs

Configure Freeradius 'clients.conf'

```
#sudo vim /etc/freeradius/3.0/clients.conf
```

Trust all incoming requests (best practice for Lab environments)

```
client all {  
    ipaddr      = 0.0.0.0/0  
    secret      = secret123  
}
```

Localhost

```
client localhost {  
    ipaddr      = 127.0.0.1  
    secret      = secret123  
}
```

Dedicated device

```
client mr56 {  
    ipaddr      = 172.16.1.4  
    secret      = secret123  
}
```

Network

```
client net_172.16 {  
    ipaddr      = 172.16.0.0/16  
    secret      = secret123  
}
```

Configure MAB

>>Freeradius 'users' Config for MR, MS and MX

a45046d55355

Cleartext-Password := "a45046d55355"

...

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

Network access

Association requirements

☐ Open (no encryption)
Any user can associate

☐ Pre-shared key (PSK)
Users must enter a passphrase to associate

☒ MAC-based access control (no encryption)
RADIUS server is queried at association time

RADIUS servers

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

>>Meraki Dashboard Switching Config

Access policies

Name

Authentication method

RADIUS servers

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Access policy type

Switchport MS350-24_oben / 16

Name

Tags

Port enabled

PoE

Type

Access policy

VLAN

>>Meraki Dashboard MX Config

Configure MX LAN ports

Enabled

Type

VLAN

Access Policy

RADIUS Servers

host	port	secret
172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Configure MAB + VLAN assignment

>>Freeradius 'users' Config for MR and MS for VLAN 10

9829a642667c

Cleartext-Password := "9829a642667c"

Tunnel-Medium-Type = 6,

Tunnel-Private-Group-ID = 10,

Tunnel-Type = VLAN

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

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RADIUS server is queried at association time

RADIUS servers

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

☒ Bridge mode: Make clients part of the LAN
Meraki devices operate transparently (no NAT or DHCP).

VLAN tagging ⓘ

Use VLAN tagging ☒

Bridge mode L2TPv3, and layer 3 roaming only

VLAN ID ⓘ

AP tags	VLAN ID	Actions
All other APs	20	Add VLAN

RADIUS override ☐ RADIUS response can override VLAN tag ☒

>>Meraki Dashboard Switch Config

Access policies

Name

Authentication method ☒ my RADIUS server ⓘ

RADIUS servers ⓘ

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Access policy type ⓘ ☒ MAC authentication bypass ⓘ

Switchport MS350-24_oben / 16

Name

Tags

Port enabled

PoE

Type

Access policy

VLAN

Configure MAB + GroupPolicy assignment

>>Freeradius 'users' Config for MR

e82a44a133c1

Cleartext-Password := "e82a44a133c1"

Filter-ID := GroupPolicy_01

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

Network access

Association requirements

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☐ Pre-shared key (PSK)
Users must enter a passphrase to associate

☒ MAC-based access control (no encryption)
RADIUS server is queried at association time

RADIUS servers

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

RADIUS attribute specifying group policy name

Filter-Id

[Group policies](#) > GroupPolicy_01

Name: GroupPolicy_01

Schedule: Scheduling disabled

Bandwidth: Use network default unlimited

Hostname visibility: Use network default

Firewall and traffic shaping: Use network firewall & shaping rules

Layer 3 firewall

#	Policy	Protocol	Source	Src port	Destination
	Allow	Any	Any	Any	Any

[Add a firewall rule](#)

Configure MAB + GroupPolicyACL assignment

>>Freeradius 'users' Config for MS

9829a642667c

Cleartext-Password := "9829a642667c"

Filter-ID := MSGroupPolicyACL_01

>>Meraki Dashboard Switch Config

Access policies

Name

Authentication method

RADIUS servers

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	

RADIUS attribute specifying group policy name

Access policy type

Switchport MS350-24_oben / 16

Name

Tags

Port enabled

PoE

Type

Access policy

VLAN

Group policies: MSGroupPolicyACL_01

Name

Schedule

Bandwidth 25 Mbps

Firewall

#	Policy	Protocol	Destination	Port	Comment
1	Deny	Any	8.8.8.8/32	Any	deny google dns
2	Deny	Any	8.8.4.4/32	Any	deny google dns
	Allow	Any	Any	Any	Default rule

Configure MAB + VLAN + GroupPolicyACL assignment

>>Freeradius 'users' Config for MS

9829a642667c

Cleartext-Password := "9829a642667c"

Filter-ID := MSGroupPolicyACL_01,

Tunnel-Medium-Type = 6,

Tunnel-Private-Group-ID = 10,

Tunnel-Type = VLAN

>>Meraki Dashboard Switch Config

Access policies

Name

Authentication method

RADIUS servers

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

RADIUS attribute specifying group policy name

Access policy type

Switchport MS350-24_oben / 16

Name

Tags

Port enabled

PoE

Type

Access policy

VLAN

[Group policies](#) > MSGroupPolicyACL_01

Name

Schedule

Bandwidth 25 Mbps [details](#)

Firewall

#	Policy	Protocol	Destination	Port	Comment
1	Deny	Any	8.8.8.8/32	Any	deny google dns
2	Deny	Any	8.8.4.4/32	Any	deny google dns
	Allow	Any	Any	Any	Default rule

Configure MAB + SGT 100 assignment

For more detail informations regarding SGT , Adaptive Policy, please have a look @

[Adaptive Policy MR Config](#)

[Adaptive Policy MS Config](#)

>>Freeradius 'users' Config for MS390 and MR Wifi6

(SGT 100 = hex 0064)

9829a642667c

Cleartext-Password := "9829a642667c"

Cisco-AVPair = "cts:security-group-tag=0064-00"

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

Network access

Association requirements

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☐ Pre-shared key (PSK)
Users must enter a passphrase to associate

☒ MAC-based access control (no encryption)
RADIUS server is queried at association time

RADIUS servers

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Adaptive Policy Group

Bridge mode and NAT mode only

0: Unknown

>>Meraki Dashboard Switching Config

Access policies

Name

MS_AccessPolicy_MAB

Authentication method

my RADIUS server

RADIUS servers

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Switchport

MS390-24P / 4

Name

dyn_SGT_mapping

Tags

+

Port enabled

Enabled Disabled

PoE

Enabled Disabled

Type

Trunk Access

Adaptive policy group

Select...

Access policy

MAB_AccessPolicy

VLAN

1

Configure iPSK

>>Freeradius 'users' Config for MR

(Tunnel-password == pre-shared password , 8 characters min)

a45046d55355

Cleartext-Password := "a45046d55355"

Tunnel-password = psk12345

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

☒ Identity PSK with RADIUS
RADIUS server is queried at association time to obtain a passphrase for a device based on its MAC address

RADIUS servers			
#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Configure iPSK + VLAN assignment

>>Freeradius 'users' Config for MR

a45046d55355

Cleartext-Password := "a45046d55355"

Tunnel-password = psk12345,

Tunnel-Medium-Type = 6,

Tunnel-Private-Group-ID = 10,

Tunnel-Type = VLAN

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

☒ Identity PSK with RADIUS
RADIUS server is queried at association time to obtain a passphrase for a device based on its MAC address

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

☒ Bridge mode: Make clients part of the LAN
Meraki devices operate transparently (no NAT or DHCP).

VLAN tagging ⓘ
Bridge mode L2TPv3, and layer 3 roaming only

Use VLAN tagging ☒

VLAN ID	AP tags	VLAN ID	Actions
	All other APs	20	

[Add VLAN](#)

RADIUS override
RADIUS response can override VLAN tag ☒

Configure iPSK + GroupPolicy assignment

>>Freeradius Config for MR

```
a45046d55355      Cleartext-Password := "a45046d55355"
                  Tunnel-password = psk12345,
                  Filter-ID := GPolicy_A
```

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

☒ Identity PSK with RADIUS
RADIUS server is queried at association time to obtain a passphrase for a device based on its MAC address

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

RADIUS attribute specifying group policy name

[Group policies](#) > GroupPolicy_01

Name

Schedule ⓘ

Bandwidth ⓘ unlimited

Hostname visibility

Firewall and traffic shaping ⓘ

Layer 3 firewall

#	Policy	Protocol	Source	Src port	Destina
	Allow	Any	Any	Any	Any

[Add a firewall rule](#)

Configure iPSK + SGT (100) assignment

>>Freeradius Config for MR

```
a45046d55355      Cleartext-Password := "a45046d55355"  
                  Tunnel-password = psk12345,  
                  Cisco-AVPair = "cts:security-group-tag=0064-00"
```

>>Meraki Wifi Config

☒ Identity PSK with RADIUS
RADIUS server is queried at association time to obtain a passphrase for a device based on its MAC address

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Adaptive Policy Group
Bridge mode and NAT mode only

0: Unknown

Configure 802.1X

>>Freeradius Config for MR, MS and MX

thomas

Cleartext-Password := "sterber"

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

Enterprise with my RADIUS server
 User credentials are validated with 802.1X at association time

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	*****

>>Meraki Dashboard Switching Config

Name MS_AccessPolicy_1X

Authentication method my RADIUS server

RADIUS servers ⓘ

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	*****

Switchport MS350-24_oben / 18

Name 802.1X Port

Tags +

Port enabled Enabled Disabled

PoE Enabled Disabled

Type Trunk Access

Access policy MS_AccessPolicy_1X

VLAN 1

>>Meraki Dashboard MX Config

Configure MX LAN ports

Enabled Enabled

Type Access

VLAN VLAN 13 (Auth-Port)

Access Policy ⓘ 802.1X

RADIUS Servers ⓘ

host	port	secret	
172.16.22.14	1812	*****	✕

add radius server

Configure 802.1X + VLAN assignment

>>Freeradius Config for MR and MS

thomas

Cleartext-Password := "sterber"
Tunnel-Medium-Type = 6,
Tunnel-Private-Group-ID = 10,
Tunnel-Type = VLAN

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

☒ Enterprise with my RADIUS server
User credentials are validated with 802.1X at association time

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

VLAN tagging ⓘ Use VLAN tagging
Bridge mode L2TPv3, and layer 3 roaming only

VLAN ID	AP tags	VLAN ID	Actions
	All other APs	20	

[Add VLAN](#)

RADIUS override RADIUS response can override VLAN tag

>>Meraki Dashboard Switch Config

Name MS_AccessPolicy_1X

Authentication method my RADIUS server

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Switchport MS350-24_oben / 18

Name 802.1X Port

Tags +

Port enabled Enabled Disabled

PoE Enabled Disabled

Type Trunk Access

Access policy MS_AccessPolicy_1X

VLAN 1

Configure 802.1X + GroupPolicy assignment

>>Freeradius Config for MR

thomas

Cleartext-Password := "sterber"

Filter-ID := GroupPolicy_01

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

Enterprise with my RADIUS server

User credentials are validated with 802.1X at association time

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

RADIUS attribute specifying group policy name

Filter-Id

[Group policies](#) > GroupPolicy_01

Name GroupPolicy_01

Schedule Scheduling disabled

Bandwidth Use network default unlimited

Hostname visibility Use network default

Firewall and traffic shaping Use network firewall & shaping rules

Layer 3 firewall

#	Policy	Protocol	Source	Src port	Destination
	Allow	Any	Any	Any	Any

[Add a firewall rule](#)

Configure 802.1X + GroupPolicyACL assignment

>>Freeradius Config for MS

thomas

Cleartext-Password := "sterber"

Filter-ID := MSGroupPolicyACL_01

>>Meraki Dashboard Switch Config

Name
MS_AccessPolicy_1X

Authentication method
my RADIUS server

RADIUS servers ⓘ

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

RADIUS attribute specifying group policy name
Filter-ID ⓘ

Access policy type ⓘ
802.1x

Switchport
MS350-24_oben / 18

Name
802.1X Port

Tags
+

Port enabled
Enabled Disabled

PoE
Enabled Disabled

Type
Trunk Access

Access policy
MS_AccessPolicy_1X

VLAN
1

Group policies · MSGroupPolicyACL_01

Name
MSGroupPolicyACL_01

Schedule ⓘ
Scheduling disabled ⓘ

Bandwidth ⓘ
Use network default ⓘ 25 Mbps ⓘ details

Firewall ⓘ
Custom network firewall & shaping rules ⓘ

#	Policy	Protocol	Destination	Port	Comment
1	Deny ⓘ	Any ⓘ	8.8.8.8/32	Any	deny google dns
2	Deny ⓘ	Any ⓘ	8.8.4.4/32	Any	deny google dns
	Allow	Any	Any	Any	Default rule

Configure 802.1X + VLAN + GroupPolicyACL assignment

>>Freeradius Config for MS

```
thomas      Cleartext-Password := "sterber"
             Filter-ID := MSGroupPolicyACL_01,
             Tunnel-Medium-Type = 6,
             Tunnel-Private-Group-ID = 10,
             Tunnel-Type = VLAN
```

>>Meraki Switch Config

Name
MS_AccessPolicy_1X

Authentication method
my RADIUS server

RADIUS servers ⓘ

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

RADIUS attribute specifying group policy name
Filter-Id

Access policy type ⓘ
802.1x

Switchport
MS350-24_oben / 18

Name
802.1X Port

Tags
+

Port enabled

Enabled

Disabled

PoE

Enabled

Disabled

Type

Trunk

Access

Access policy
MS_AccessPolicy_1X

VLAN
1

Group policies › MSGroupPolicyACL_01

Name
MSGroupPolicyACL_01

Schedule ⓘ
Scheduling disabled

Bandwidth ⓘ
Use network default
25 Mbps
details

Firewall ⓘ
Custom network firewall & shaping rules

#	Policy	Protocol	Destination	Port	Comment
1	Deny	Any	8.8.8.8/32	Any	deny google dns
2	Deny	Any	8.8.4.4/32	Any	deny google dns
	Allow	Any	Any	Any	Default rule

Configure 802.1X + SGT 100 assignment

>>Freeradius Config for MS390 and MR Wifi6
(SGT 100 = hex 0064)

thomas

Cleartext-Password := "sterber"

Cisco-AVPair = "cts:security-group-tag=0064-00"

>>Meraki Dashboard Wifi Config

Enterprise with my RADIUS server
User credentials are validated with 802.1X at association time

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Adaptive Policy Group 0: Unknown
Bridge mode and NAT mode only

>>Meraki Dashboard Switching Config

Name MS_AccessPolicy_1X

Authentication method my RADIUS server

RADIUS servers

#	Host	Port	Secret
1	172.16.22.14	1812	.....

Access policy type 802.1x

Switchport MS390-24P / 4

Name dyn_SGT_mapping

Tags +

Port enabled Enabled Disabled

PoE Enabled Disabled

Type Trunk Access

Adaptive policy group Select...

Access policy 802.1X_AccessPolicy

VLAN 1