



## **ISE Primer**

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# Course Overview

- Designed to give CCIE Security candidates an intro to ISE and some of its features.
- Not intended to be a complete ISE course.
  - Some topics are not discussed.
- Provides Basic overview of core functions.

# Instructor Introduction

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# **Introduction to the Cisco ISE and TrustSec**

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# TrustSec Solution Overview

- TrustSec helps secure networks by enforcing identity-based access policies.
- Provides the following:
  - Who?
  - What?
  - Where?
  - How?

# The Elements

- Authentication

- 802.1x
- MAB
- Web

- Authorization

- VLAN
- DACL
- SGT

- Enforcement

- SGACL
- Identity Firewall

## Guest Access

- Allows Guests on the network

## Profiler

- Allow or Deny iPhones and iPads

## Posture

- Ensure that endpoints meet certain requirements

## MACSec Encryption

- Data Integrity and Confidentiality

## Security Group Access

- Authorize users and devices

# History Lesson

- We used to have two primary models
  - NAC Appliances (or even back to Cisco NAC with ACS)
    - Policy Enforcement
    - Guest Services
    - Profiling
    - Multiple Servers
  - 802.1x Infrastructure
    - ACS or more recently ISE

# Authentication

- Flexible Methods

- 802.1x

- IEEE Standard port-based network access control encapsulating EAP over LAN

- Web

- MAB



# Authorization

- ACLs
- VLANs
- Security Group Access (SGA)
  - User info captured at ingress and each packet is tagged with this info. SGACLs applied at egress and read the SGtags to apply policy.

# Guest Access

- Allow Guests to access predetermined resources through wired network access as well as wireless network access.
- Can provide a browser based method of access control.

# Device Profiling

- Dynamically identified endpoint devices
- Manage devices based on predefined policies
- Can be used to inventory any IP-based device on the network.

# Security Enforcement

- Assess the endpoint
- Provide a means of remediation if necessary
- Provides built-in policies for over 350 security applications
  - Antivirus
  - Management Software

# Switch-Port Level Encryption

- Based on 802.1AE
  - MACSec
  - 128-bit AES Encryption
  - Prevents a number of attacks
    - MITM
    - Snooping
  - Endpoint to Access Switch
  - Switch-to-Switch

# Solution Components

- Wireless
    - WLC
    - RA-VPN
    - S2S-VPN
    - ISE
  - Campus
    - Cat 3K(-X)
    - Cat 4K
    - ISE
- DC
    - Nexus 7K
    - Cat 6500
    - ASR
    - ASA
    - ISE

# Introduction to ISE

- AAA Server
- Guest life cycle management
- Device Profiling
- Endpoint Posture
- SGA Services
- Monitoring and Troubleshooting
- Hardware or VM

# ISE and CCIE v4.0



- Cisco Identity Services Engine Configuration and initialization
- ISE auth result handling
- ISE Profiling Configuration (Probes)
- ISE Guest Services
- ISE Posture Assessment
- ISE Client Provisioning (CPP)
- ISE Configuring AD Integration/Identity Sources
- ISE support for 802.1x
- ISE MAB support
- ISE Web Auth support
- ISE definition and support for VSAs
- Support for MAB in Cisco IOS
- Support for Web Auth in Cisco IOS



# Visual Representations



ISE 3315



ISE 3395



ISE 3355

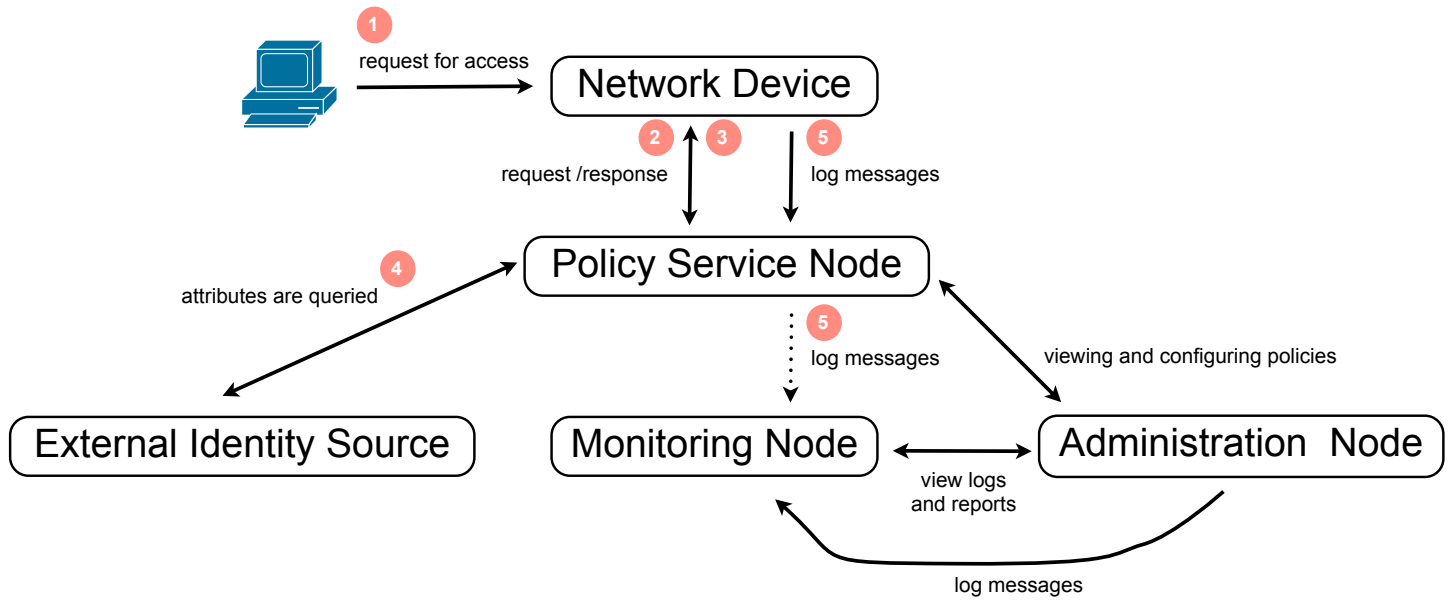


ISE icons

# ISE Software Engines

- Several Software Engines That Interact With One Another
  - External Identity Source
    - Retrieves Policies or Policy Information about a user or a device
  - Administration Node
    - User Interface and Licensing Control
  - Policy Server Node
    - Makes the decisions
  - Network Device
    - Queries the Policy Server Node and enforces what it says
  - Monitoring Node
    - Logging and Reporting Data

# Node Interaction





# Deploying ISE

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# Cisco ISE Software Installation

- Pre-installed on HW
- Must be fresh install when using VM
- Process includes
  - Boot from ISO image
  - install the OS and ISE application
  - install process pauses for you to complete the setup dialogue
- CLI Credentials= admin/(defined during setup)

# CLI access



- Username “admin”
- Password defined during setup
- Feels like Cisco CLI
  - show run
  - show version
  - show inventory
  - show interface
  - show application status ise

# GUI Access



- Default Credentials:
  - admin/cisco
- Can be controlled via CLI
- Requires Flash
- Certificates are verified
- Initial Tasks might include
  - CA Configuration, Licensing, Adding Network Devices, Admin User Configuration and NTP/Name-Server

# ISE Licensing



Identity Services Engine

ISE-10MR2 admin Log Out Feedback

Home Monitor Policy Administration Task Navigator

System Identity Management Network Resources Guest Management

Deployment Licensing Certificates Logging Operations Admin Access Settings

**License Operations**

- Current Licenses

**Current Licenses**

Edit

Administrat...	ID	Vers...	BaseType	AdvancedType	WirelessType	WirelessUpgrad...	Licen...	Base	Ad
<input type="radio"/>	ISE-10MR2	PID:ISE-VM-K...	1.0	Permanent	Permanent		cisco	1/20	0/2

Help Alarms 56 1 3

Done Internet | Protected Mode: Off 100%





# Network Devices



- NADs are AAA Clients
- If not listed in ISE an AAA Client is not able to use the services of ISE
  - devices require a shared secret verified based on IP.
  - if none is defined ISE uses default network device
- NDG's let you group devices based on location and type

# CA Certificates



- Local Certificates

- Identify the ISE to EAP supplicants, external policy servers, and management clients.

- CA Server Certificates

- Used to verify remote clients to the ISE.

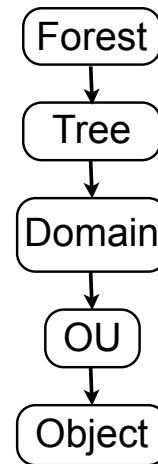


# **ISE and Active Directory**

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# ISE and AD Integration

- AD includes the following layers:
  - Object
    - user, client pc, server, printer, other devices
  - Organizational Unit
    - Logical grouping of objects in the domain
    - could be a collection of users
  - Domain
    - Grouping of objects sharing the same domain
  - Tree
    - One of more domains
  - Forest
    - Top Level of AD



## ISE and AD (cont)

- Time Sync must be within 5 minutes
- If there is a firewall in the path specific ports need opened
  - LDAP (UDP/TCP 389)
  - LDAPS (TCP 636)
  - SMB (TCP 445)
  - KDC (TCP 88)
  - Global Catalog (TCP 3268 & 3289)
  - KPASS (TCP 464)
  - NTP (UDP 123)

# ISE and AD



- A Username in AD should be predefined for ISE
- The ISE User Role must be “super admin” or “system admin”
- AD can not reside behind a NAT device
- Once you join the AD Domain you can use ISE to configure and retrieve AD Groups.
  - These groups can be used for authorization policy conditions

# Verifying ISE Operation with Active Directory

Identity Services Engine

ise admin Log Out Feedback

Home Monitor Policy Administration

System Identity Management Network Resources Guest Management

Identities Groups External Identity Sources Identity Source Sequences

External Identity Sources

- Certificate Authentication Profile
- Active Directory
- LDAP
- RADIUS Token
- RSA SecurID

Active Directory > hq.ine.com

Connection Groups

Server Connection

To configure Active Directory:

- First enter the required fields: the **Domain Name** to connect to and the **Identity Store Name** to refer to Active Directory in other pages, and click submit to commit the Active Directory configuration to all nodes in the ISE deployment.
- After the configuration has been submitted, then Join or Leave operations must be performed on each server in the deployment.

\* Domain Name

\* Identity Store Name

Local Node Status Waiting for Node information...

Connection Settings

- Enable Password Change
- Enable Machine Authentication

Help | Alarms 56 1 4

# Verifying ISE Operation with Active Directory

The screenshot displays the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) Administration console. The main interface is titled "Identity Services Engine" and includes navigation tabs for Home, Monitor, Policy, and Administration. The left sidebar shows "External Identity Sources" with options for Certificate Authentication Profile, Active Directory, LDAP, RADIUS Token, and RSA SecurID. The main content area is focused on "Active Directory > hg.ine.com" under the "Connection" tab. A "Test Connection" dialog box is open, showing a "Status: Test Succeeded" message and a checkbox for "Show Detailed Log. (Note: May contain sensitive information such as passwords.)". A yellow callout bubble points to the "Show Detailed Log" checkbox with the text "Click here to see the detailed log". Below the dialog, the "Server Connection" section provides instructions for configuring Active Directory, and the "Connection Settings" section has checkboxes for "Enable Password Change" and "Enable Machine Authentication". The bottom status bar shows "Alarms 56" and "4" notifications.



# Verifying ISE Operation with Active Directory



The screenshot displays the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) Administration console. A 'Test Connection' dialog box is open, showing the status 'Test Succeeded'. A yellow callout bubble points to the 'Show Detailed Log' checkbox, which is checked. The detailed log content is as follows:

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Executed with privileges of root
adinfo (CentrifyDC 4.3.0-192)

Host Diagnostics
uname: Linux ise 2.6.18-238.1.1.el5PAE #1 SMP Tue Jan 4 13:53:16 EST 2011 i686
OS: Linux
Version: 2.6.18-238.1.1.el5PAE
Number of CPUs: 1

IP Diagnostics
Local host name: ise
Local IP Address: 172.26.30.2
Not found in DNS! Make sure it is in Reverse Lookup Zone.
FQDN host name: ise (domain missing?)

Domain Diagnostics
```

The background console shows the 'Active Directory > hg.ine.com' configuration page, with sections for 'Server Connection' and 'Connection Settings'. The 'Connection Settings' section has 'Enable Password Change' and 'Enable Machine Authentication' checked.

Click here to see the detailed log

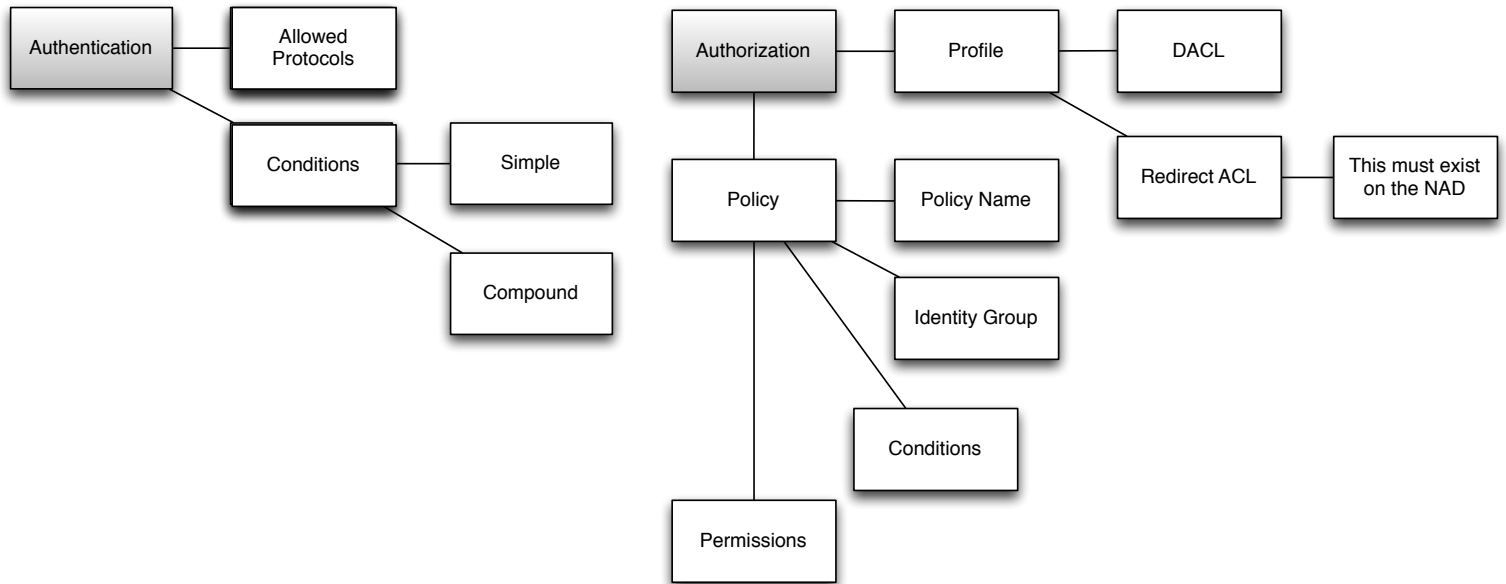




# **Classification and Policy Enforcement**

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# Using ISE for Policy Enforcement



# Authentication

## Allowed Protocols

- These are the protocols that ISE should use when communicating with network devices
  - PAP
  - PEAP
  - MS-CHAPv2
  - EAP-MD5
  - EAP-TLS
  - EAP-FAST
  - PEAP-TLS

## Conditions

- Attributes are compared to their values.
- Authentication policies can define what the value should or should not be.
- Based on evaluation, the authentication attempt may be performed or not.

## Authentication (cont)

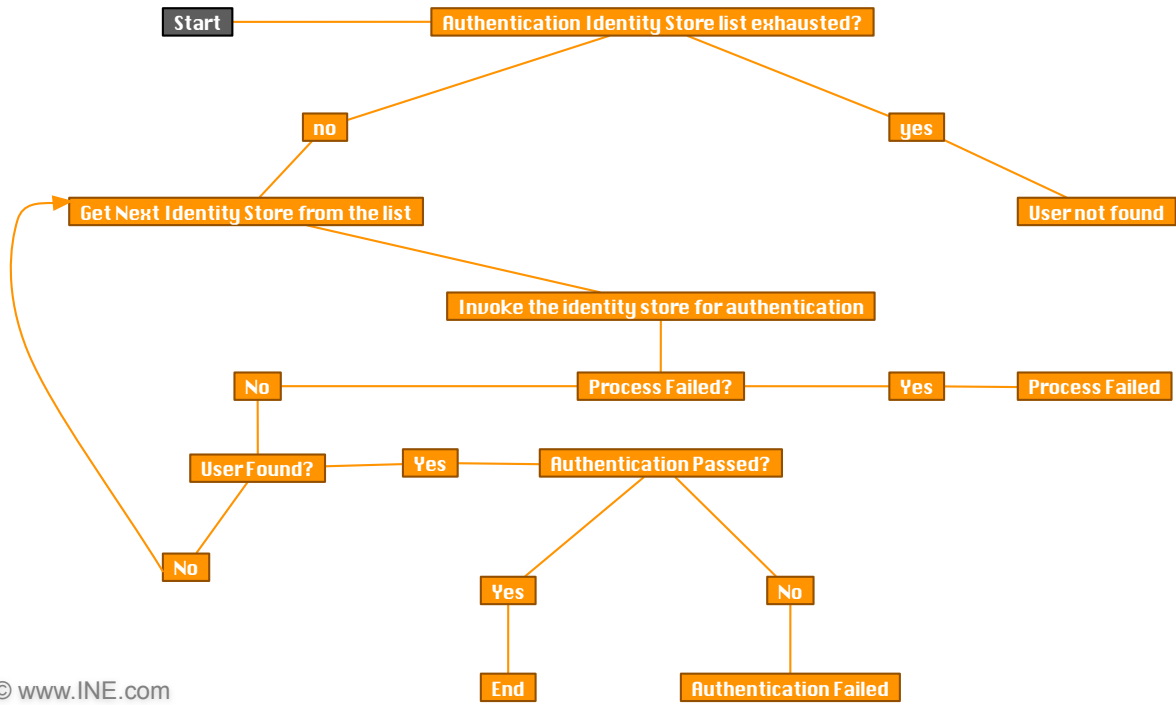
- Authentication consists of a network access service and an identity source.
  - Network Access Service is either an allowed protocol service or a proxy service that will proxy to an external RADIUS Server.
  - The Identity Source defines where ISE should look when verifying credentials provided by a user or machine.

# Policy Enforcement with Simple Policy

- Statically define the allowed protocols and the identity source or identity source sequence
- No conditions are defined
  - It is assumed all conditions have been met

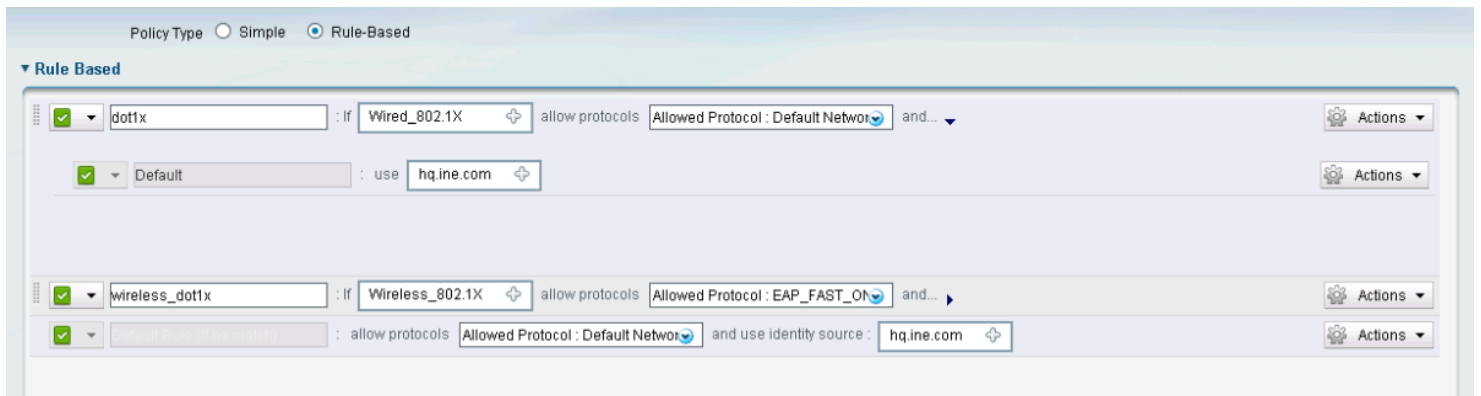
The screenshot shows a configuration window for a policy. At the top, there are two radio buttons for 'Policy Type': 'Simple' (selected) and 'Rule-Based'. Below this, there are two dropdown menus: 'Network Access Service' set to 'Allowed Protocol : Default Network Ar' and 'Identity Source' set to 'hq.ine.com'. A section titled 'Options' contains three rows of dropdown menus: 'If authentication failed' set to 'Reject', 'If user not found' set to 'Reject', and 'If process failed' set to 'Drop'. At the bottom of the window, a note reads: 'Note: For authentications using PEAP, LEAP, EAP-FAST or RADIUS MSCHAP it is not possible to continue processing when authentication fails or user is not found. If continue option is selected in these cases, requests will be rejected.'

# Policy Enforcement with Simple Policy



# Policy Enforcement with Rule-Based Policy

- Cover a wider variety of variables that can provide more options of what to do with the network traffic.
  - EXAMPLE: If wired 802.1x the use Default Network Access to define allowed protocols and then authenticate with the hq.ine.com AD database.

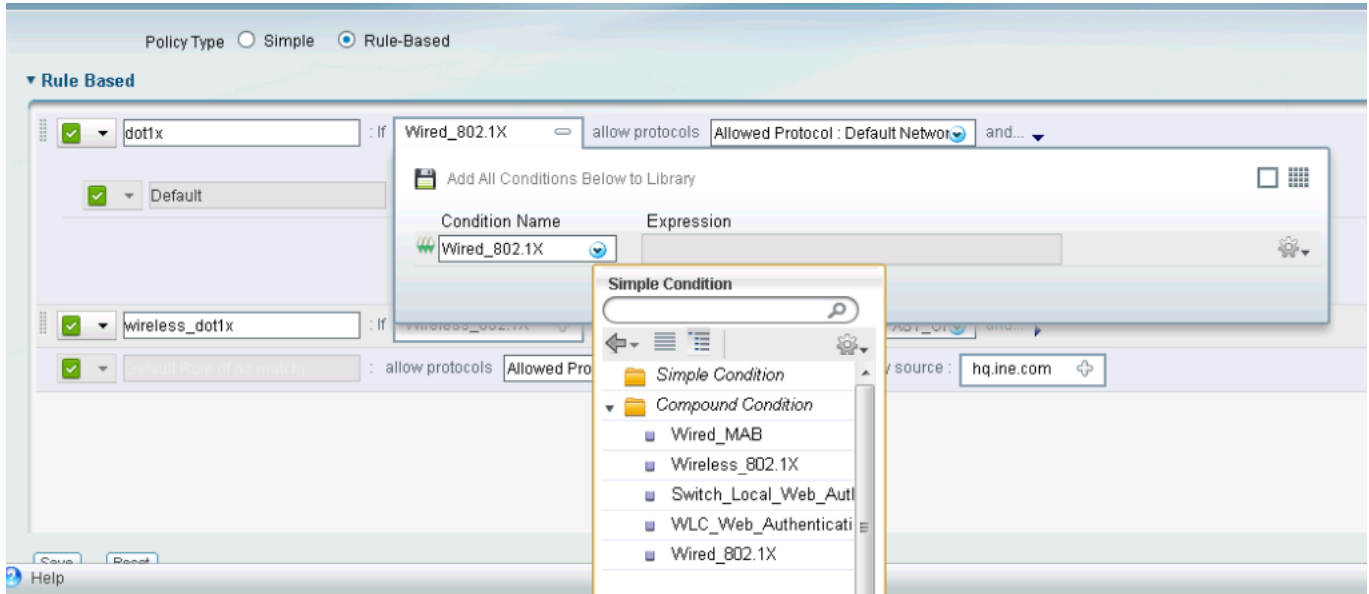


The screenshot displays a configuration interface for a network policy. At the top, there are radio buttons for "Policy Type": "Simple" (unselected) and "Rule-Based" (selected). Below this, a section titled "Rule Based" contains four policy rules, each with a "checked" status indicator and an "Actions" button.

- Rule 1:** Policy Name: dot1x. Condition: If Wired\_802.1X. Action: allow protocols Allowed Protocol: Default Network and... (dropdown arrow).
- Rule 2:** Policy Name: Default. Action: use hq.ine.com.
- Rule 3:** Policy Name: wireless\_dot1x. Condition: If Wireless\_802.1X. Action: allow protocols Allowed Protocol: EAP\_FAST\_ON and... (dropdown arrow).
- Rule 4:** Policy Name: (empty). Action: allow protocols Allowed Protocol: Default Network and use identity source: hq.ine.com.



# Configuring Cisco ISE for Policy



# Verifying Policy Enforcement for Cisco

▼ Rule Based

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	dot1x	: if	Wired_802.1X	allow protocols	Allowed Protocol : Default Network	and...	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	: use	hq.ine.com				Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	wireless_dot1x	: if	Wireless_802.1X	allow protocols	Allowed Protocol : EAP_FAST_0h	and...	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default	: use	Internal Users				Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Default Rule or no match	: allow protocols	Allowed Protocol : Default Network	and use identity source :	hq.ine.com		Actions

Save Reset



# **Configuring Cisco ISE for Wired 802.1X Authentication**

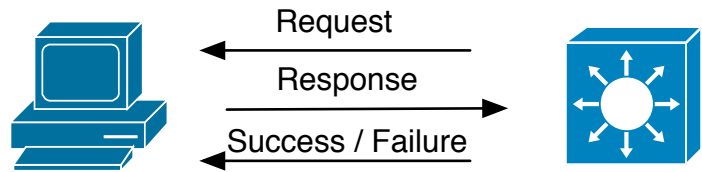
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## 802.1X Authentication

- 802.1x can be used for authenticating at a switch port or for authenticating wireless users
- Makes use of Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP).
  - EAP is not the authentication method, rather it carries arbitrary authentication information.
  - It's Media Independent

# EAP Packet Types

- There are four packet types
- They are assigned a number that is assigned to the code field in the packet
  - Request (1)
  - Response (2)
  - Success (3)
  - Failure (4)

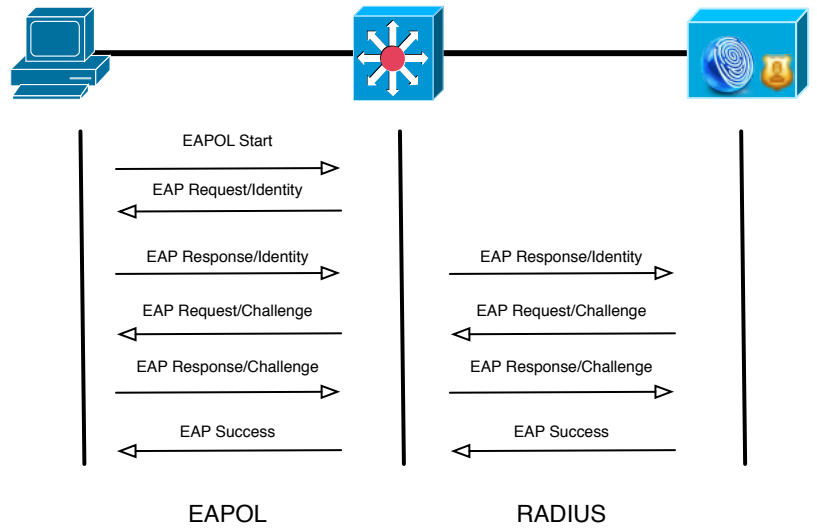


# Common EAP methods

- Challenge/Response
  - EAP-MD5
  - EAP-GTC
- Certificate-Based
  - EAP-TLS
- Tunneling
  - PEAP
  - EAP-FAST

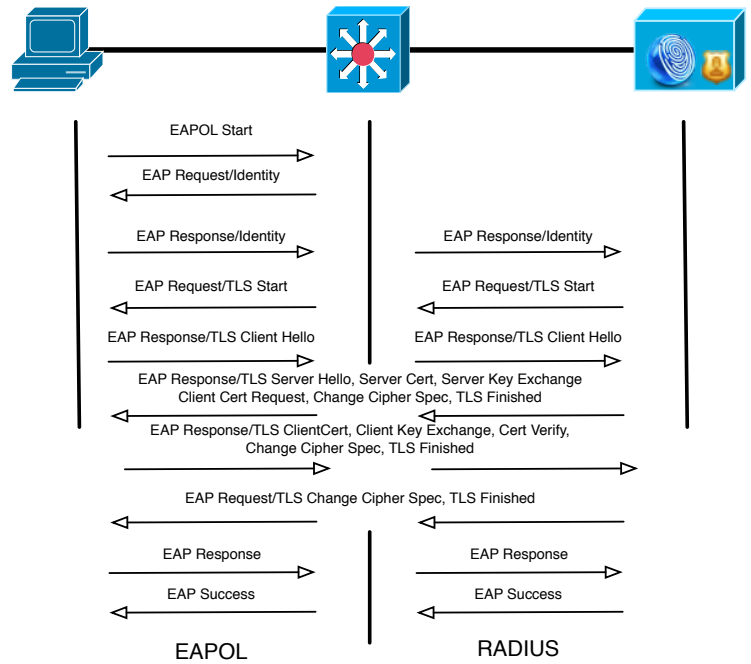
# EAP-MD5

- Challenge/Response Method
- ISE sends a challenge
- Client sends a hash of the challenge plus their password



# EAP-TLS

- Transport Layer Security
  - Mutual Authentication
  - Uses Digital Certificates
- X.509v3

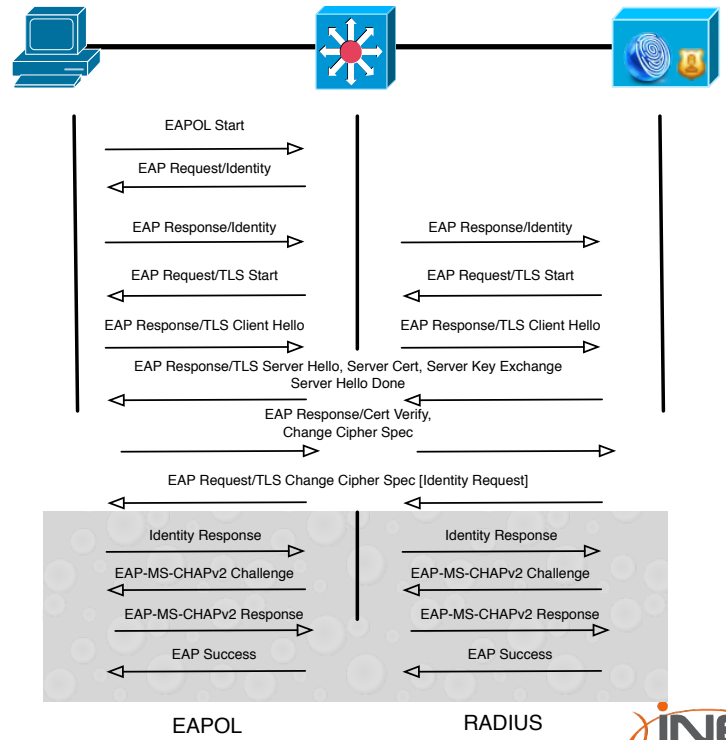




# PEAP

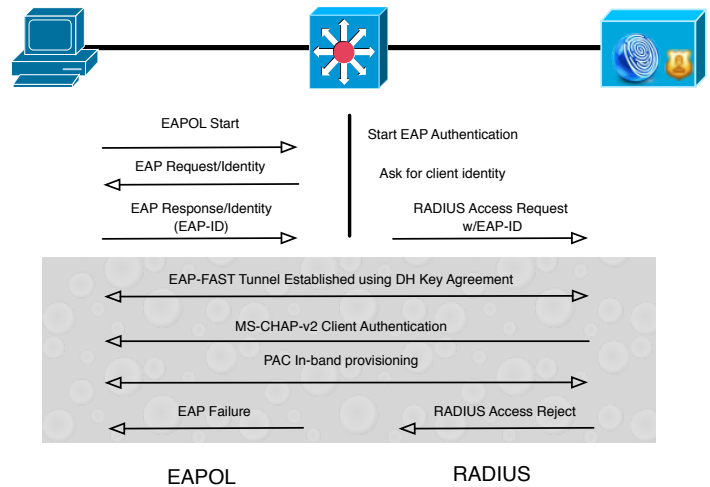
- Two Phases

- supplicant authenticates authentication server with certificate
- secure tunnel is established (phase 1)
- Supplicant is authenticated via MS-CHAPv2 in the secure tunnel



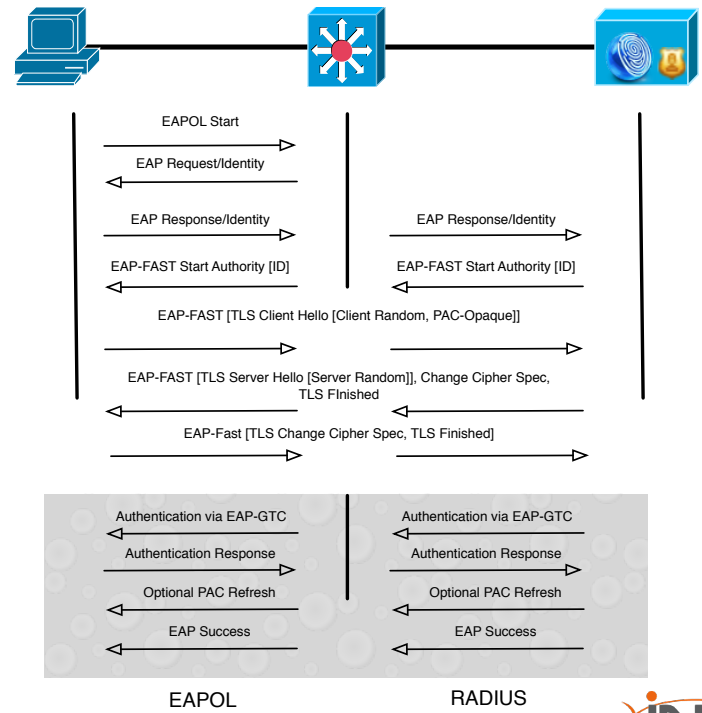
# EAP-FAST

- Flexible Authentication via Secure Tunnel
- Phase 0: Protected Access Credentials (PAC) generated.
  - Can be provisioned dynamically or manually
  - Is a unique shared credential that can authenticate the client and the server mutually.
  - Is tied to a user ID and authority ID
  - Removes the need for CA Certificates



# EAP-FAST

- Phase 1: Secure Tunnel is Established
- Phase 2: The client is authenticated via the secure tunnel.
  - Can use EAP-GTC, MS-CHAPv2 and TLS



# RADIUS

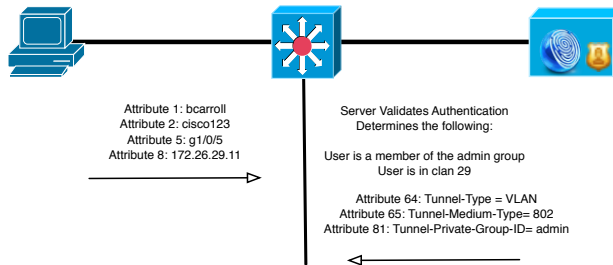
- The Authenticator encapsulates EAP in RADIUS
- Even though EAP attributes are sent, they are limited.
- RADIUS AV Pairs are very important as they can be used by a RADIUS Server to make policy decisions.
- RADIUS Attributes are specified by type, length, and value.

# AV-Pairs

- Vendor Specific AV Pairs allow for the protocol to be extended.

RADIUS Attribute	Function
1-User-Name	This is the user that is authenticating
2- User-Password	This is the user password
5- NAS-Port	This is the interface on the NAS (g1/0/5)
8-Framed-IP-Address	This is the user or RADIUS supplied IP address
26- Vendor-Specific	This is ANY attribute defined by a vendor
64- Tunnel-Type	This specifies the encapsulation type
65- Tunnel-Medium-Type	This specifies the physical medium type
81-Tunnel-Private-Group-ID	This specifies the group ID for the session

Example:



## 802.1x Port Control

- When port control is enabled the port takes on an unauthorized state
- Supplicants can speak EAP to the port
- Once authenticated the port goes Authorized

## Lab Time

- Configuring a Windows Client for 802.1X Authentication
  - Wired Auto-Config Service needs enabled
  - Properties now shows authentication tab
- Configuring Cisco ISE for Wired 802.1X Authentication
- Verifying 802.1X Authentication



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