WiNG 5.X Feature Guide

EAP-TLS with Onboard RADIUS on AP

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1. Overview

This guide will explain how to configure an onboard RADIUS server on an Access Point as main or failover method to authenticate wireless clients using 802.1X with EAP-TLS method using client-side certificates. It will also cover Access Point certificate provisioning in order to be able to authenticate clients using EAP-TLS as well as automatic Certificate Revocation List download to keep updated list of revoked certificates.

Running EAP-TLS authentication method with onboard RADIUS server can be used either as a main authentication server or as a failover AAA server, should the primary become unreachable to provide full service survivability.

1.1 Trust Model in EAP-TLS

Trust model in EAP-TLS deployments is based on the trust model of Public Key Infrastructure. The Secured Socket Layer (SSL) Handshake is happening over EAP transport protocol at Layer 2.

EAP terminology is important to note here, as examples below will be using the same terminology. In the <u>RFC3748</u> that covers Extended Authentication Protocol (EAP) there are 3 main components:

- 1) Supplicant this is a client device or end user machine, which initiates the EAP
- 2) **Authenticator** the Access Point to which the client is trying to associate and that establishes a communication to the Authentication Server.
- 3) Authentication Server the RADIUS server that responds to EAP messages to the authenticator.

In regards to PKI trust model there are several trust relationships that needs to be maintained:

1.1.1 Client Trusting Server

The Supplicant (or the client device, for example, an Android or Windows 7) must trust one root certification authority. This is given by the Supplicant's certificate signature. Using this root certification authority the client can validate the Authentication server that it is communicating with.

1.1.2 Server Trusting Client

To support EAP-TLS, the Authentication Server (most commonly a RADIUS server) must have a certificate signed by the Certification Authority that the Supplicant (client device) trusts as well. The Authentication Server in order will trust a client certificate that was signed by the same root certification authority that issued client's certificate.

1.1.3 Certification Authority

The Certification Authority acts as a third party that can validate the identity of the certificate holder. For this we have the digital signature of the authority (the certification-authority entity) that issued the certificate to the certificate holder.

Any device will have a list of trusted root certification authorities. This list is known as a certificate trust list (CTL). Any certificate in this list is automatically trusted by the client. Also note that a certificate of a trusted root certification authority is self-signed.

The certificate is validated using the public-private key pairs of the certification authority. If you trust the certification authority, then you trust this certification authority's certificate. The certification authority's certificate includes the certification authority's public key.

1.2 EAP-TLS Deployment Architectures

In traditional EAP-TLS centralized deployments proposed by many vendors today AAA server is located somewhere in customer's Data Center authenticating thousands of clients concurrently, along with PKI infrastructure (usually tiered Certification Authorities). While PKI infrastructure is generally able to manage large number of certificate due to the non-real-time nature of the process, the centralized AAA servers are often prone to overload in large deployments when handling thousands of RADIUS Requests per second from hundreds of different remote locations. This at least slows down the whole EAP authentication process for the wireless client, resulting in poor experience.



Zebra WiNG 5 leveraging distributed architecture advantages introduces distributed EAP TLS deployment model. In this model WiNG5 has combined the functions of the Authenticator and Authentication Server into each Access Point, creating a unified self-containing and highly scalable solution for EAP-TLS Deployment. In this scenario each Access Point is automatically provisioned with the RADIUS Server certificate bundle upon adoption, while CRL updates are handles via automatic periodic updates from each Access Point via any external file server:



2. Issuing certificates for the Access point.

It is important to remember that EAP-TLS authentication method requires both client-side and server-side certificates in order to perform mutual EAP-TLS authentication. This section will cover creation and import RADIUS server certificate to the Access Point that will be trusted by a Corporate Root Certification Authority.

Components used:

- Windows 2012 R2 server with Certification Authority and Domain Controller roles installed and configured.
- VX9000 controller running 5.8.1.0-012R WiNG release.
- AP7502 Access point running 5.8.1.0-012R WiNG release.
- iPad Mini 3 running iOS 9.1
- Sony Xperia Z1 running Android 5.1.1

2.1 Creating a RADIUS server trustpoint for the Access Points.

Trustpoint is a bundle of certificates and RSA private key needed to identify an end entity (client or server), as well as all the CAs (Root and Intermediate CAs) and end entity private key. Trustpoints can be used for different purposes, in this case it is required to create a trustpoint that will have a signed RADIUS server certificate and all Certification Authorities in the Root CA chain.





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11	On the Home screen of Certificate Services web page go to <i>"Download a CA certificate, certificate chain, or CRL"</i> . Then select your root CA, select encoding method as <i>Base64</i> and click on <i>Download certificate</i> :										
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12	2 Rename downloaded CA certificate file to onboardradius.ca and place it to the root of your SFTP/FTP server.										
13	As a result in the root of your files	server (SFTP/FTP) you should have these 3 files prepared:									
onb	ooardradius.prv	RSA private key for the RADIUS server certificate									
onb	ooardradius.crt	public signed X509 certificate signed by private CA									
onb	ooardradius.ca	root CA certificate (or CA chain with all intermediary CAs)									
14	4 Create a trustpoint bundle using these 3 files using <i>IZarc</i> utility if you are using Windows, other utilities will not work with WiNG. Create a .tar package:										

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2.2 Automatically Distributing a Trustpoint Bundle to the Access Points

In order to provide RADIUS server services to authenticate wireless clients using EAP-TLS, each Access Point must have a trustpoint bundle to present RADIUS server certificate to the client that is trying to authenticate. This section covers automatic upload of the trustpoint bundle to adopted Access Points.



VX#cor	nf
Enter	configurat

Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. VX-1 (config) #profile anyap GENERIC-AP VX-1 (config-profile-GENERIC-AP) #trustpoint radius-ca onboardradius VX-1 (config-profile-GENERIC-AP) #trustpoint radius-server onboardradius VX-1 (config-profile-GENERIC-AP) #commit write

VX-1(config-profile-GENERIC-AP)#end

4 Distribute the trustpoint down to the Access Points (All or per RF Domain):

VX-1#file-sync trustpoint onboardradius ?

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DEVICE-NAME Name/MAC address of AP
all All access points
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VX-1#file-sync trustpoint onboardradius all

CONTROLLER	STATUS	MESSAGE
00-0C-29-DA-47-C7	Fail	Could not find any matching APs
00-0C-29-50-EE-80	Success	Added 12 APs to upload queue

VX-1#show file-sync status

Number	OT	APS	warting	ΤU	queue	ιo	be	syncea		

AP	STATE	UPLOAD TIME	PROGRESS	RETRIES	LAST	SYNC ERROR	SYNCED BY
ap7502-6A2270 6522-1-office	downloading downloading	immediate immediate	100 100				00-0C-29-50-EE-80 00-0C-29-50-EE-80

5 Verify that the trustpoint is now loaded on the Access Point:

VX-1#show crypto pki trustpoints all on ap7502-6A2270

```
Trustpoint Name: onboardradius
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```
CRL present: no
   /C=CZ/ST=JM/L=Brno/O=Zebra/OU=TMELABS/CN=radius
   /DC=local/DC=lab/CN=HOMELAB-CA
```



6 Optionally configure automatic file-sync at the controller to allow for automatic trustpoint uploads for new Access Points upon adoption:

VX-1#conf

Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z. VX-1(config)#profile vx9000 NOC VX-1(config-profile-NOC)#file-sync auto VX-1(config-profile-NOC)#commit write VX-1(config-profile-NOC)#end

2.3 Configure Automatic CRL Updates

Certificate Revocation Lists can be automatically downloaded by the APs at specified time intervals (from 1 to 168 hours) from external file server via file-sync operation.

Optionally configure automatic CRL file download from an external file server. In this example CRL file is stored on an external HTTPS server and Access Points will update it every 24 hours:

 VX-1#conf

 Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

 VX-1 (config) #profile anyap REMOTE-AP

 VX-1 (config-profile-REMOTE-AP)#crypto pki import crl TMELABS-PKI https://tme-dc

 1.zebranoc.com/CRLD/TME-CA-ROOT.crl 24

 VX-1 (config-profile-REMOTE-AP) #commit write

 VX-1 (config-profile-REMOTE-AP) #end

2.4 Wireless LAN and AP profile configuration

2.4.1 Creating RADIUS Server Policy for the Access Points

radius-server-policy ONBOARD-TLS authentication eap-auth-type tls ignore-username-validation

2.4.2 Assign RADIUS Policy to an AP profile:



2.4.3 Create AAA policy and add onboard RADIUS as a failover method if primary authentication server fails:



2.4.4 Create an 802.1X WLAN and assign it to the AP Profile:



no autoinstall firmware
use radius-server-policy ONBOARD-TLS
interface radio1
wlan 8021X-CORP bss 1 primary
interface radio2
interface gel
interface fel
interface fe2
interface fe3
interface vlan1
ip address dhcp
ip dhcp client request options all
interface pppoel
use firewall-policy default
logging on
logging buffered debugging
service pm sys-restart

3. Connect a wireless client and verify functionality using remote-debug wireless

VX#remote-debug wireless rf-domain twinpeaks-domain clients all max-events 999 d
uration 999 events eap radius wpa-wpa2 management
Printing upto 999 messages from each remote system for upto 999 seconds. Use Ctrl-C to abort
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:22.928: mgmt:rx auth-req from 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 on radio 0 (mgmt.c:3801)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:22.929: mgmt:tx auth-rsp to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 on radio 0. status: success (mgmt.c:1302)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:22.934: mgmt:rx association-req from 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 on radio ap7502-6A2270:R1 signal-strength is -
54dBm (mgmt.c:3782)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:22.934: mgmt:Client 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 negotiated WPA2-EAP on wlan (apt1stest) (mgmt.c:3352)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:22.934: mgmt:tx association-rsp success to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 on wlan (apt1stest) (ssid:apt1stest) with
ftie 0 (mgmt.c:33
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:22.935: eap:sending eap-code-request code 1, type 1 to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:944)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:22.935: eap:sending eap-id-reg to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:971)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:22.974: eap:rx eap id-response from 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:677)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:22.974: radius:aaa-policy REDUNDANT-AAA user: Slava mac; 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 server is candidate; 1 1 0
0 0 0 (radius.c:47
[ap7502-6A2270] %%%%>16:37:22.979: radius:radius server hostname [radius-primary.zebranoc.com] not resolved. request for 9C-
F3-87-6B-9C-40 dro
[ap7502-6A2270] %%%%>16:37:23.480: radius:radius server hostname [radius-primary.zebranoc.com] not resolved. request for 9C-
F3-87-6B-9C-40 dro
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:23.981: eap:sending eap-failure to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:987)
[ap7502-6A2270] %%%%>16:37:23.981: radius:no response from radius server REDUNDANT-AAA:1 for wireless client 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-
40 (eap.c:366)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:23.982: momt:tx deauthentication [reason: radius server timeout (code:23)] to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40
(mgmt.c:1849)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.328: mgmt:rx auth-reg from 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 on radio 0 (mgmt.c:3801)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.328: mgmt:tx auth-rsp to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 on radio 0. status: success (mgmt.c:1302)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.331: mgmt:rx association-reg from 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 on radio ap7502-6A2270:R1 signal-strength is -
54dBm (mgmt.c:3782)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.331: mgmt:Client 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 negotiated WPA2-EAP on wlan (aptlstest) (mgmt.c:3352)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.332: mgmt:tx association-rsp success to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 on wlan (apt1stest) (ssid:apt1stest) with
ftie 0 (mgmt.c:33
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.332: eap:sending eap-code-request code 1, type 1 to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:944)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.332: eap:sending eap-id-reg to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:971)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.358: eap:rx eap id-response from 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:677)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.358: radius:aaa-policy REDUNDANT-AAA user: Slava mac: 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 server is candidate: 1 1 0
0 0 0 (radius.c:47
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.360: radius:access-req sent to 127.0.0.1:1812 (attempt 1) for 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (user:Slava)
(radius.c:2996)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.364: radius:RAD MSG AUTHENTICATOR (radius.c:1180)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.364: radius:rx access-challenge from radius server for 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (radius.c:3793)
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.364: eap:sending eap-code-request code 1, type 13 to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:944)

[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.364: eap:sending eap-req [eap_type:13(eap-tls)] to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:979)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:24.450: eap:rx eap pkt from 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:700)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.42: radius:access-req sent to 127.0.0.1:1812 (attempt 1) for 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (user:Slava)	
(radius.c:2996)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.330: radius:RAD_MSG_AUTHENTICATOR (radius.c:1180)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.330: radius:rx access-challenge from radius server for 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (radius.c:3793)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.330: eap:sending eap-code-request code 1, type 13 to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:944)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.330: eap:sending eap-req [eap_type:13(eap-tls)] to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:979)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.370: eap:rx eap pkt from 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:700)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.372: radius:access-req sent to 127.0.0.1:1812 (attempt 1) for 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (user:Slava)	
(radius.c:2996)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.381: radius:RAD_MSG_AUTHENTICATOR (radius.c:1180)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.381: radius:rx UserName Slava for 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (radius.c:1315)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.381: radius:rx access-accept for 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (radius.c:3558)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.381: radius:radius: updating interim acct timeout of 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 to 1800 seconds	
(radius.c:2136)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.382: eap:sending eap-success to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (eap.c:987)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.384: wpa-wpa2:tx msg #1 to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 attempt: 1 (80211i.c:527)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.390: wpa-wpa2:rx msg #2 from mu 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 (80211i.c:1074)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.390: wpa-wpa2:tx msg #3 to 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 attempt: 1 (80211i.c:801)	
[ap7502-6A2270] 16:37:27.394: wpa-wpa2:rx msg #4. WPA2-AES handshake done. 9C-F3-87-6B-9C-40 DATA-READY (80211i.c:1058)	