



# TACACS+ Configuration Examples

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## ISE TACACS+ Server

Cisco ISE is a security policy management platform that provides secure access to network resources. Cisco ISE functions as a policy decision point and enables enterprises to ensure compliance, enhance infrastructure security, and streamline service operations.

Given below are steps involved in setting up an ISE TACACS+ server as a remote authentication and authorization system for Avi Vantage.

- The ISE server is generally configured with external Identity Sources (in this case OpenLDAP).

The screenshot shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) configuration page for an Authentication Policy. The page is titled "Authentication Policy" and includes a description: "Define the Authentication Policy by selecting the protocols that ISE should use to communicate with the devices. For Policy Export go to Administration > System > Backup & Restore > Policy Export Page".

The configuration options are as follows:

- Policy Type:**  Simple  Rule-Based
- Network Access Service:** Allowed Protocol : Default Device A... (dropdown menu)
- Identity Source:** OpenLDAP (dropdown menu)
- Options:**
  - If authentication failed: Reject (dropdown menu)
  - If user not found: Reject (dropdown menu)
  - If process failed: Drop (dropdown menu)

The screenshot shows the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) configuration interface. The breadcrumb navigation at the top reads: Home > Operations > Policy > Guest Access > Administration > Work Centers. Below this, a secondary navigation bar includes: System > Identity Management > Network Resources > Device Portal Management > pxGrid Services > Feed Service > Identity Mapping. The main navigation bar shows: Identities > Groups > External Identity Sources > Identity Source Sequences > Settings. The left sidebar, titled "External Identity Sources", contains a tree view with folders for Certificate Authentication Profile, Active Directory, LDAP, RADIUS Token, RSA SecurID, and SAML Id Providers. The "LDAP" folder is expanded, and "OpenLDAP" is selected. The main content area is titled "LDAP Identity Sources List > OpenLDAP" and "LDAP Identity Source". It features a tabbed interface with "General" selected. The configuration fields include: Name (OpenLDAP), Description (empty), Schema (Custom), Subject Objectclass (inetOrgPerson), Group Objectclass (posixGroup), Subject Name Attribute (uid), Group Map Attribute (memberUid), and Certificate Attribute (empty). At the bottom, there are radio buttons for "Subject Objects Contain Reference To Groups" (unselected) and "Group Objects Contain Reference To Subjects" (selected), and a dropdown for "Subjects In Groups Are Stored In Member Attribute As" set to "Username".

LDAP Identity Sources List > [OpenLDAP](#)

### LDAP Identity Source

General **Connection** Directory Organization Groups Attributes

Primary Server	Secondary Server
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Enable Secondary Server</p> <p>* Hostname/IP <input type="text" value="10.10.23.120"/> ⓘ</p> <p>* Port <input type="text" value="389"/></p> <p>Access <input type="radio"/> Anonymous Access <input checked="" type="radio"/> Authenticated Access</p> <p>Admin DN * <input type="text" value="cn=admin,dc=example,dc=com"/></p> <p>Password * <input type="password" value="*****"/></p> <p>Secure Authentication <input type="checkbox"/> Enable Secure Authentication <input type="checkbox"/> Enable Server Identity Check</p> <p>LDAP Server Root CA <input type="text" value="Thawte Primary Root CA"/> ⓘ</p> <p>Issuer CA of ISE Certificate <input type="text" value="Select if required (optional)"/> ⓘ</p>	<p>Hostname/IP <input type="text"/> ⓘ</p> <p>Port <input type="text" value="389"/></p> <p>Access <input checked="" type="radio"/> Anonymous Access <input type="radio"/> Authenticated Access</p> <p>Admin DN <input type="text"/></p> <p>Password <input type="password"/></p> <p>Secure Authentication <input type="checkbox"/> Enable Secure Authentication <input type="checkbox"/> Enable Server Identity Check</p> <p>LDAP Server Root CA <input type="text" value="Thawte Primary Root CA"/> ⓘ</p> <p>Issuer CA of ISE Certificate <input type="text" value="Select if required (optional)"/> ⓘ</p>

LDAP Identity Sources List > [OpenLDAP](#)

### LDAP Identity Source

General Connection **Directory Organization** Groups Attributes

\* Subject Search Base   ⓘ

\* Group Search Base   ⓘ

Search for MAC Address in Format

Strip start of subject name up to the last occurrence of the separator

Strip end of subject name from the first occurrence of the separator

- ISE LDAP settings used to fetch LDAP groups in order to use them for Authorization conditions

LDAP Identity Sources List > **OpenLDAP**

### LDAP Identity Source

General    Connection    Directory Organization    **Groups**    Attributes

Edit    Add    Delete Group

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cn=Application-Operator,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cn=LDAP-Group1,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cn=anothergroup,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cn=contractors,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cn=demoavitest,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cn=denied,cn=employees,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cn=employees,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cn=partners,ou=Groups,dc=example,dc=com	

- ISE Authorization conditions added for Users in the AD groups

Identity Services Engine    Home    Operations    Policy    Guest Access    Administration    Work Centers

TrustSec    Device Administration

Overview    Identities    User Identity Groups    Network Resources    Network Device Groups    **Policy Conditions**    Policy Results    Device Admin

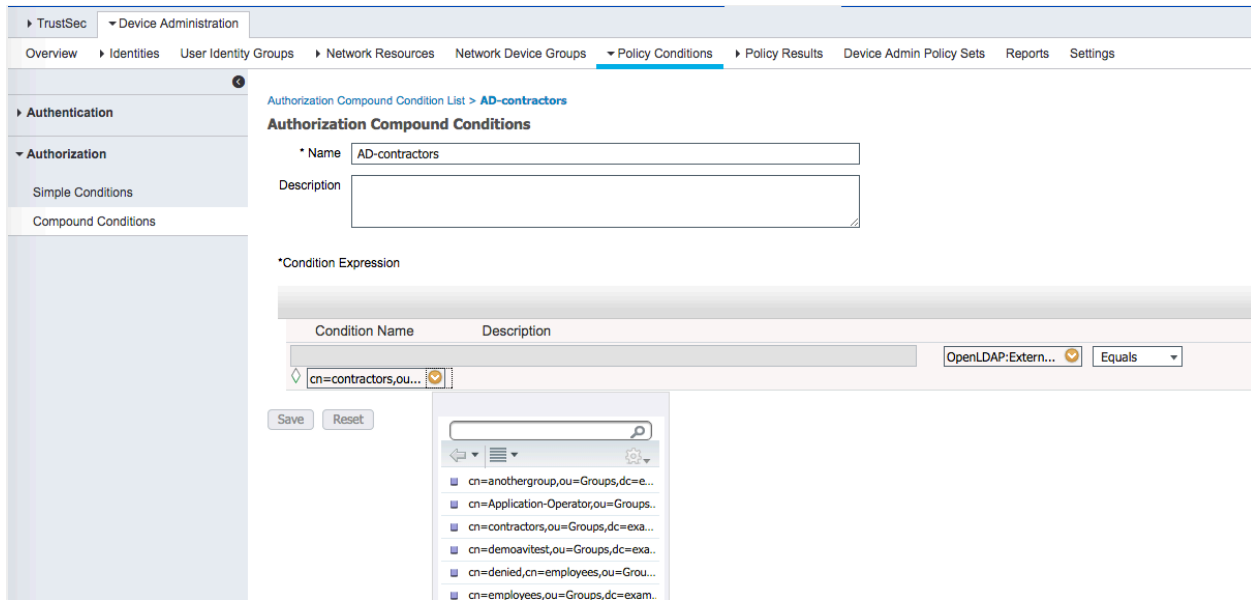
**Authorization Compound Condition List >**

### Authorization Compound Conditions

For Policy Export go to Administration > System > Backup & Restore > Policy Export Page

Edit    Add    Duplicate    Delete

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Profile
<input type="checkbox"/>	AD-contractors	
<input type="checkbox"/>	AD-employees	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BYOD_is_Registered	



- ISE server should recognize all Avi Vantage Controller cluster nodes as valid Network Devices.

**Identity Services Engine** Home Operations Policy Guest Access Administration Work Centers

System Identity Management Network Resources Device Portal Management pxGrid Services Feed Service Identity Mapping


Network Devices Network Device Groups **Network Device Profiles** External RADIUS Servers RADIUS Server Sequences NAC Managers Extern

Network Device Profile List > **AviController** Save Reset

### Network Device Profile

\* Name

Description

Icon  Change icon... Set To Default i

Vendor

#### Supported Protocols

RADIUS

TACACS+

TrustSec

RADIUS Dictionaries

#### Templates

[Expand All](#) / [Collapse All](#)

- ▶ **Authentication/Authorization**
- ▶ **Permissions**
- ▶ **Change of Authorization (CoA)**
- ▶ **Redirect**

The screenshot displays the Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) configuration interface for a Network Device. The breadcrumb navigation shows: Home > Operations > Policy > Guest Access > Administration > Work Centers > Network Resources > Device Portal Management > pxGrid Services > Feed Service > Identity Mapping > Network Devices. The left sidebar shows a tree view with 'Network devices' selected. The main content area is titled 'Network Devices List > AviControllers' and 'Network Devices'. The configuration fields are as follows:

- Name:
- Description:
- \* IP Address:  /
- \* Device Profile:
- Model Name:
- Software Version:
- \* Network Device Group
  - Location:
  - Device Type:
- RADIUS Authentication Settings
- TACACS+ Authentication Settings
  - Shared Secret:
  - Enable Single Connect Mode 
    - Legacy Cisco Device
    - TACACS+ Draft Compliance Single Connect Support

- ISE requires shell profiles and TACACS+ profiles configured.



The screenshot shows the 'TACACS Profiles' configuration page in the Identity Services Engine. The breadcrumb trail is: Home > Operations > Policy > Guest Access > Administration > Work Centers > TrustSec > Device Administration > Policy Results > TACACS Profiles. The main content area shows a table with the following data:

Name	Description
Default Shell Profile	Default Shell Profile
ShellProfileRO	
ShellProfileRW	

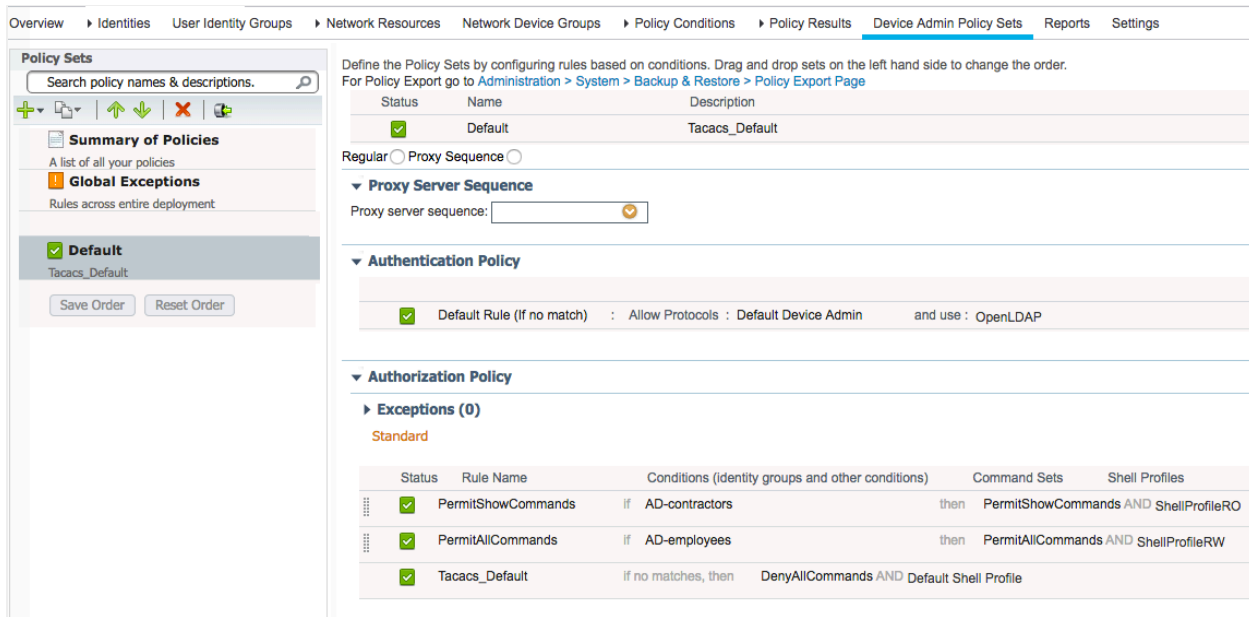
The screenshot shows the configuration details for the 'ShellProfileRW' TACACS Profile. The breadcrumb trail is: Home > Operations > Policy > Guest Access > Administration > Work Centers > TrustSec > Device Administration > Policy Results > TACACS Profiles > ShellProfileRW. The configuration fields are:

- Name: ShellProfileRW
- Description: (empty)

Below the fields are two tabs: 'Task Attribute View' and 'Raw View'. The 'Raw View' is selected, showing the following profile attributes:

```
priv-lvl=15
aviRole=read-write
```

- ISE device policy sets default condition updated to assign different shell profiles based on group membership.



- The Avi Vantage TACACS+ auth profile should be configured with the same shared secret that was assigned to the device in ISE. The "service" attribute is generally required to identify and authorize a Vantage user. Authorization attributes from a TACACS+ server can be used to map Avi Vantage users to various roles and tenants. In the case of an ACS server, service=avishell is required for user authorization; while in the case of an ISE server, service=avishell is known to cause authorization failure.

To know more, refer to [TACACS+ Authentication](#)

### Edit Auth Profile: ISE Tacacs server

Name \* ?

TACACS+ Servers ?  
  
[+ Add Item](#)

Password ?

TACACS+ Authorization Attributes ?

Name <span>?</span>	Value <span>?</span>
service	avishell

[+ Add Attribute](#)

Type ?  

LDAP
TACACS+

Port ?

TACACS+ Service ?  

Login
▼

Mandatory ?

- **Avi Vantage TACACS+ authorization role and tenant mapping configured to assign different roles based on TACACS+ attribute value**

To know more, refer to [User Account Roles](#).

Administration Accounts Settings Controller System Upgrade GSLB
? admin (admin)

Authentication/Authorization Access Settings DNS / NTP Licensing Email/SMT Tenant Settings SSH Key Settings Upload HSM Packages

Authentication/Authorization: TACACS+  
Profile: ISE Tacacs server

Tenant and Role Mapping New Mapping

Displaying 2 item(s)

	Assignment
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Authorization</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Group Any Attribute aviRole contains read-write	Tenant All Role From Select List System-Admin <div style="text-align: right;">↓ </div>
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Any Attribute aviRole contains read-only	Tenant All Role From Select List Application-Operator <div style="text-align: right;">↑ </div>

### ### Shrubbery TAC\_PLUS

- TAC\_PLUS server is a much simpler alternative to ISE/ACS. This is mostly relevant in development or testing environments. Conceptually, users are assigned to groups and groups have request and response attributes.

```
key = xxxxxxxx

group = netadmin {
    default service = permit
    login = file /etc/passwd
    service = exec {
        priv-lvl = 15
    }
}

group = admin {
    default service = permit
}

group = jenkinsattrs {
    default service = permit
    service = jenkins {
        avirole = Tacacs-Admin
        avitenant = Tacacs-Tenant1
    }
}

group = jenkinsunknown {
    default service = permit
    service = jenkins {
        avirole = "Unknown Role"
        avitenant = "Unknown Tenant"
    }
}

group = jenkinsnoattrs {
    default service = permit
    service = jenkins {
    }
}

user = aviuser {
    member = netadmin
}

user = jenkinsstest1 {
    login = cleartext "password"
    member = jenkinsattrs
}

user = jenkinsstest2 {
    login = cleartext "password"
    member = jenkinsattrs
}
}
```

```
[[root@localhost ~]# cat /etc/systemd/system/tac_plus.service
[Unit]
Description=TACACS+ Service
After=syslog.target

[Service]
Type=simple
ExecStart=/usr/local/sbin/tac_plus -C /etc/tac_plus/tac_plus.conf -L -p 49 -d 65535 -Gt -l /var/log/tac_plus.log
KillMode=process
Restart=always
ExecReload=/bin/kill -HUP $MAINPID

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

- Avi Vantage TACACS+ auth profile is configured the same way as that for ISE or ACS.

### Other Articles of Interest:

[Protocol Ports Used by Avi Vantage for Management Communication](#)