

# RADIUS Authentication and Accounting

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## Overview

Feature	Default	Menu	CLI	Web
Configuring RADIUS Authentication	None	n/a	6-8	n/a
Configuring RADIUS Accounting	None	n/a	6-22	n/a
Viewing RADIUS Statistics	n/a	n/a	6-29	n/a

RADIUS (*Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service*) enables you to use up to three servers (one primary server and one or two backups) and maintain separate authentication and accounting for each RADIUS server employed. For authentication, this allows a different password for each user instead of having to rely on maintaining and distributing switch-specific passwords to all users. For accounting, this can help you track network resource usage.

## Authentication Services

You can use RADIUS to verify user identity for the following types of primary password access to the ProCurve switch:

- Serial port (Console)
- Telnet
- SSH
- Web (5300xl, 4200vl, 2800s as of software version I.08.60, and 2600s as of software version H.08.58 switches)
- Port-Access (802.1X)

Beginning with release E.10.02, the switch also supports RADIUS accounting for Web Authentication and MAC authentication sessions.

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**Note**

The switch does not support RADIUS security for SNMP (network management) access or for the 3400cl and 6400cl switches, web browser interface access. For information on blocking access through the web browser interface, refer to “Controlling Web Browser Interface Access” on page 6-21.

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## Accounting Services

RADIUS accounting on the switch collects resource consumption data and forwards it to the RADIUS server. This data can be used for trend analysis, capacity planning, billing, auditing, and cost analysis.

## RADIUS-Administered CoS and Rate-Limiting

The 3400cl, 6400cl and 4200vl switches, plus 5300xl switches running software release E.09.xx or greater take advantage of vendor-specific attributes (VSAs) applied in a RADIUS server to support these optional, RADIUS-assigned attributes:

- 802.1p (CoS) priority assignment to inbound traffic on the specified port(s) (port-access authentication only)
- Per-Port Rate-Limiting on a port with an active link to an authenticated client (port-access authentication only)

For guidelines on configuring a RADIUS server to impose CoS and Rate-Limiting settings for authenticated client sessions, refer to “Configuring a RADIUS Server To Specify Per-Port CoS and Rate-Limiting Services” on page 7-3.

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## Terminology

**CHAP (Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol):** A challenge-response authentication protocol that uses the Message Digest 5 (MD5) hashing scheme to encrypt a response to a challenge from a RADIUS server.

**CoS (Class of Service):** Support for priority handling of packets traversing the switch, based on the IEEE 802.1p priority carried by each packet. (For more on this topic, refer to the “Overview” section in the “Quality of Service (QoS)” chapter in the *Advanced Traffic Management Guide* for your switch.)

**EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol):** A general PPP authentication protocol that supports multiple authentication mechanisms. A specific authentication mechanism is known as an EAP type, such as MD5-Challenge, Generic Token Card, and TLS (Transport Level Security).

**Host:** See **RADIUS Server**.

**NAS (Network Access Server):** In this case, a ProCurve switch configured for RADIUS security operation.

**RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial In User Service):**

**RADIUS Client:** The device that passes user information to designated RADIUS servers.

**RADIUS Host:** See RADIUS server.

**RADIUS Server:** A server running the RADIUS application you are using on your network. This server receives user connection requests from the switch, authenticates users, and then returns all necessary information to the switch. For the ProCurve switch, a RADIUS server can also perform accounting functions. Sometimes termed a *RADIUS host*.

**Shared Secret Key:** A text value used for encrypting data in RADIUS packets. Both the RADIUS client and the RADIUS server have a copy of the key, and the key is never transmitted across the network.

**Vendor-Specific Attribute:** A vendor-defined value configured in a RADIUS server to specific an optional switch feature assigned by the server during an authenticated client session.

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## Switch Operating Rules for RADIUS

- You must have at least one RADIUS server accessible to the switch.
- The switch supports authentication and accounting using up to three RADIUS servers. The switch accesses the servers in the order in which they are listed by **show radius** (page 6-29). If the first server does not respond, the switch tries the next one, and so-on. (To change the order in which the switch accesses RADIUS servers, refer to “Changing RADIUS-Server Access Order” on page 6-34.)

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### Switch Operating Rules for RADIUS

- You can select RADIUS as the primary authentication method for each type of access. (Only one primary and one secondary access method is allowed for each access type.)
- In the ProCurve switch, EAP RADIUS uses MD5 and TLS to encrypt a response to a challenge from a RADIUS server.
- When primary/secondary authentication is set to Radius/Local (for either Login or Enable) and the RADIUS server fails to respond to a client attempt to authenticate, the failure is noted in the Event Log with the message **radius: Can't reach RADIUS server < server-ip-addr >**. When this type of failure occurs, the switch prompts the client again to enter a username and password. In this case, use the local username (if any) and password configured on the switch itself.
- Zero-length usernames or passwords are not allowed for RADIUS authentication, even though allowed by some RADIUS servers.
- TACACS+ is not supported for the web browser interface access.

# General RADIUS Setup Procedure

## Preparation:

1. Configure one to three RADIUS servers to support the switch. (That is, one primary server and one or two backups.) Refer to the documentation provided with the RADIUS server application.

Table 6-2. Before configuring the switch, collect the information outlined below.

**Table 6-1. Preparation for Configuring RADIUS on the Switch**

- Determine the access methods (console, Telnet, Port-Access (802.1X), web browser interface (5300xl and 4200vl only), and/or SSH) for which you want RADIUS as the primary authentication method. Consider both Operator (login) and Manager (enable) levels, as well as which secondary authentication methods to use (local or none) if the RADIUS authentication fails or does not respond.

<pre>ProCurve(config)# show authentication Status and Counters - Authentication Information Login Attempts : 3 Respect Privilege : Disabled</pre>					<p><b>Note:</b> The <b>Webui</b> access task shown in this figure is available only on the 5300xl switches running software release E.09.xx or greater.</p>																																				
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**Figure 6-1. Example of Possible RADIUS Access Assignments**

- Determine the IP address(es) of the RADIUS server(s) you want to support the switch. (You can configure the switch for up to three RADIUS servers.)
- If you need to replace the default UDP destination port (1812) the switch uses for authentication requests to a specific RADIUS server, select it before beginning the configuration process.
- If you need to replace the default UDP destination port (1813) the switch uses for accounting requests to a specific Radius server, select it before beginning the configuration process.
- Determine whether you can use one, global encryption key for all RADIUS servers or if unique keys will be required for specific servers. With multiple RADIUS servers, if one key applies to two or more of these servers, then you can configure this key as the global encryption key. For any server whose key differs from the global key you are using, you must configure that key in the same command that you use to designate that server's IP address to the switch.
- Determine an acceptable timeout period for the switch to wait for a server to respond to a request. ProCurve recommends that you begin with the default (five seconds).

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### Configuring the Switch for RADIUS Authentication

- Determine how many times you want the switch to try contacting a RADIUS server before trying another RADIUS server or quitting. (This depends on how many RADIUS servers you have configured the switch to access.)
  - Determine whether you want to bypass a RADIUS server that fails to respond to requests for service. To shorten authentication time, you can set a bypass period in the range of 1 to 1440 minutes for non-responsive servers. This requires that you have multiple RADIUS servers accessible for service requests.
  - Optional: Determine whether the switch access level (Manager or Operator) for authenticated clients can be set by a Service Type value the RADIUS server includes in its authentication message to the switch. (Refer to “2. Enable the (Optional) Access Privilege Option” on page 6-12.)
  - Configure RADIUS on the server(s) used to support authentication on the switch. For more on this topic, refer to
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## Configuring the Switch for RADIUS Authentication

RADIUS Authentication Commands	Page
aaa authentication	6-10
< console   telnet   ssh   web > < enable   login > radius*	6-10
[ local   none ]	6-10
[login privilege-mode]*	6-12
[no] radius-server host < IP-address >	6-14
[auth-port < port-number >]	6-14
[acct-port < port-number >]	6-14, 6-25
[key < server-specific key-string >]	6-14
[no] radius-server key < global key-string >	6-17
radius-server timeout < 1 - 15 >	6-17
radius-server retransmit < 1 - 5 >	6-17
[no] radius-server dead-time < 1 - 1440 >	6-18
show radius	6-29
[< host < ip-address >]	6-30
show authentication	6-32
show radius authentication	6-32

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\*The **web** authentication option for the web browser interface is available on the 5300xl switches running software release E.09.xx or greater, and the 4200vl switches.

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## Outline of the Steps for Configuring RADIUS Authentication

There are three main steps to configuring RADIUS authentication:

1. Configure RADIUS authentication for controlling access through one or more of the following
  - Serial port
  - Telnet
  - SSH
  - Port-Access (802.1X)
  - Web browser interface (5300xl switches with software release E.09.xx or greater, and 4200vl switches)
2. 5300xl switches only, running software release E.09.xx or greater: Enable RADIUS authentication on the switch to override the default authentication operation of automatically assigning an authenticated client to the Operator privilege level. This optional feature applies the privilege level specified by the Service Type value received from the RADIUS server. (Refer to “1. Configure Authentication for the Access Methods You Want RADIUS To Protect” on page 6-10.)
3. Configure the switch for accessing one or more RADIUS servers (one primary server and up to two backup servers):

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**Note**

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This step assumes you have already configured the RADIUS server(s) to support the switch. Refer to the documentation provided with the RADIUS server documentation.)

- Server IP address
- (Optional) UDP destination port for authentication requests (default: 1812; recommended)
- (Optional) UDP destination port for accounting requests (default: 1813; recommended)
- (Optional) encryption key for use during authentication sessions with a RADIUS server. This key overrides the global encryption key you can also configure on the switch, and must match the encryption key used on the specified RADIUS server. (Default: null)

4. Configure the global RADIUS parameters.
  - **Server Key:** This key must match the encryption key used on the RADIUS servers the switch contacts for authentication and accounting services unless you configure one or more per-server keys. (Default: null.)
  - **Timeout Period:** The timeout period the switch waits for a RADIUS server to reply. (Default: 5 seconds; range: 1 to 15 seconds.)
  - **Retransmit Attempts:** The number of retries when there is no server response to a RADIUS authentication request. (Default: 3; range of 1 to 5.)
  - **Server Dead-Time:** The period during which the switch will not send new authentication requests to a RADIUS server that has failed to respond to a previous request. This avoids a wait for a request to time out on a server that is unavailable. If you want to use this feature, select a dead-time period of 1 to 1440 minutes. (Default: 0—disabled; range: 1 - 1440 minutes.) If your first-choice server was initially unavailable, but then becomes available before the dead-time expires, you can nullify the dead-time by resetting it to zero and then trying to log on again. As an alternative, you can reboot the switch, (thus resetting the dead-time counter to assume the server is available) and then try to log on again.
  - **Number of Login Attempts:** This is actually an **aaa authentication** command. It controls how many times per session a RADIUS client (and clients using other forms of access) can try to log in with the correct username and password. (Default: Three times per session.)

(For RADIUS accounting features, refer to “Configuring RADIUS Accounting” on page 6-22.)

## 1. Configure Authentication for the Access Methods You Want RADIUS To Protect

This section describes how to configure the switch for RADIUS authentication through the following access methods:

- **Console:** Either direct serial-port connection or modem connection.
- **Telnet:** Inbound Telnet must be enabled (the default).

- **SSH:** To use RADIUS for SSH access, first configure the switch for SSH operation. Refer to chapter 9, “Configuring Secure Shell (SSH)” .
- **Web (5300xl switches software release E.09.xx and greater, and 4200vl switches):** You can enable RADIUS authentication for web browser interface access to the switch.

You can also use RADIUS for Port-Based (802.1X) Access authentication. Refer to chapter 11, “Configuring Port-Based and Client-Based Access Control (802.1X)” .

You can configure RADIUS as the primary password authentication method for the above access methods. You also need to select either **local** or **none** as a secondary, or backup, method. Note that for console access, if you configure **radius** (or **tacacs**) for primary authentication, you must configure **local** for the secondary method. This prevents the possibility of being completely locked out of the switch in the event that all primary access methods fail.

**Syntax:** `aaa authentication < console | telnet | ssh | web > < enable | login > radius`

*Configures RADIUS as the primary password authentication method for console, Telnet, SSH, and/or the web browser interface (5300xl switches running software release E.09.xx or greater and 4200vl switches). (The default primary < enable | login > authentication is local.)*

`[< local | none >]`

*Provides options for secondary authentication (default: none). Note that for console access, secondary authentication must be local if primary access is not local. This prevents you from being locked out of the switch in the event of a failure in other access methods.*

For example, suppose you already configured local passwords on the switch, but want RADIUS to protect primary Telnet and SSH access without allowing a secondary Telnet or SSH access option (the switch’s local passwords):

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```

ProCurve(config)# aaa authentication telnet login radius none
ProCurve(config)# aaa authentication telnet enable radius none
ProCurve(config)# aaa authentication ssh login radius none
ProCurve(config)# aaa authentication ssh enable radius none
ProCurve(config)# show authentication

```

Status and Counters - Authentication Information

Login Attempts : 3  
Respect Privilege : Disabled

Access Task	Login Primary	Login Secondary	Enable Primary	Enable Secondary
Console	Local	None	Local	None
Telnet	Radius	None	Radius	None
Port-Access	Local			
Webui	Local	None	Local	None
SSH	Radius	None	Radius	None
Web-Auth	ChapRadius			
MAC-Auth	ChapRadius			

**Note:** The Webui access task shown in this figure is available only on the 5300xl and 4200vl switches.

The switch now allows Telnet and SSH authentication only through RADIUS.

**Figure 6-2. Example Configuration for RADIUS Authentication**

### Note

If you configure the Login Primary method as **local** instead of **radius** (and local passwords are configured on the switch), then clients connected to your network can gain access to either the Operator or Manager level without encountering the RADIUS authentication specified for Enable Primary. Refer to “Local Authentication Process” on page 6-20.

## 2. Enable the (Optional) Access Privilege Option

In the default RADIUS operation, the switch automatically admits any authenticated client to the Login (Operator) privilege level, even if the RADIUS server specifies Enable (Manager) access for that client. Thus, an authenticated user authorized for the Manager privilege level must authenticate again to change privilege levels. Using the optional **login privilege-mode** command overrides this default behavior for clients with Enable (manager) access. That is, with **privilege-mode** enabled, the switch immediately allows Enable (Manager) access to a client for whom the RADIUS server specifies this access level.

**Syntax:** [no] aaa authentication login privilege-mode

*When enabled, the switch reads the Service-Type field in the client authentication received from a RADIUS server. The following table describes the applicable Service-Type values and corresponding client access levels the switch allows upon authentication by the server.*

Service-Type	Value	Client Access Level
Administrative-User	6	Manager
NAS-Prompt-User	7	Operator
Any Other Type	Any Value Except 6 or 7	Access Denied

*This feature applies to console (serial port), Telnet, SSH, and web browser interface access to the switch. It does not apply to 802.1X port-access.*

**Notes:** *While this option is enabled, a Service-Type value other than 6 or 7, or an unconfigured (null) Service-Type causes the switch to deny access to the requesting client.*

*Authentication for the web browser interface applies only to 5300xl switches running software release E.09.xx or greater, and 4200vl switches.*

*The **no** form of the command returns the switch to the default RADIUS authentication operation. The default behavior for most interfaces is that a client authorized by the RADIUS server for Enable (Manager) access will be prompted twice, once for Login (Operator) access and once for Enable access. In the default RADIUS authentication operation, the switch's web browser interface requires only one successful authentication request. For more information on configuring the Service Type in your RADIUS application, refer to the documentation provided with the application.*

### 3. Configure the Switch To Access a RADIUS Server

This section describes how to configure the switch to interact with a RADIUS server for both authentication and accounting services.

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**Note**

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If you want to configure RADIUS accounting on the switch, go to page 6-22: “Configuring RADIUS Accounting” instead of continuing here.

**Syntax:** [no] radius-server host < ip-address >

*Adds a server to the RADIUS configuration or (with **no**) deletes a server from the configuration. You can configure up to three RADIUS server addresses. The switch uses the first server it successfully accesses. (Refer to “Changing the RADIUS Server Access Order” on page 6-34.)*

[auth-port < port-number >]

*Optional. Changes the UDP destination port for authentication requests to the specified RADIUS server (host). If you do not use this option with the **radius-server host** command, the switch automatically assigns the default authentication port number. The **auth-port** number must match its server counterpart. (Default: **1812**)*

[acct-port < port-number >]

*Optional. Changes the UDP destination port for accounting requests to the specified RADIUS server. If you do not use this option with the **radius-server host** command, the switch automatically assigns the default accounting port number. The **acct-port** number must match its server counterpart. (Default: 1813)*

[key < key-string >]

*Optional. Specifies an encryption key for use during authentication (or accounting) sessions with the specified server. This key must match the encryption key used on the RADIUS server. Use this command only if the specified server requires a different encryption key than configured for the global encryption key.*

**Note: When you save the config file using Xmodem or TFTP, the key information is not saved in the file. This causes Radius authentication to break when the config file is loaded back onto the switch.**

no radius-server host < ip-address > key

*Use the **no** form of the command to remove the key for a specified server.*

For example, suppose you have configured the switch as shown in figure 6-3 and you now need to make the following changes:

1. Change the encryption key for the server at 10.33.18.127 to “source0127”.
2. Add a RADIUS server with an IP address of 10.33.18.119 and a server-specific encryption key of “source0119”.

```
ProCurve# show radius
Status and Counters - General RADIUS Information
Deadtme (min) : 0
Timeout (secs) : 5
Retransmit Attempts : 5
Global Encryption Key :
      Auth  Acct
Server IP Addr  Port  Port  Encryption Key
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10.33.18.127   1812  1813  TempKey01
```

**Figure 6-3. Sample Configuration for RADIUS Server Before Changing the Key and Adding Another Server**

To make the changes listed prior to figure 6-3, you would do the following:

```
ProCurve(config)# radius-server host 10.33.18.127 key source0127
ProCurve(config)# radius-server host 10.33.18.119 key source0119
ProCurve(config)# show radius
```

Status and Counters - General RADIUS Information  
Deadtime(min) : 0  
Timeout(secs) : 5  
Retransmit Attempts : 5  
Global Encryption Key :

Server IP Addr	Auth Port	Acct Port	Encryption Key
10.33.18.127	1812	1813	source0127
10.33.18.119	1812	1813	source0119

Changes the key for the existing server to "source0127" (step 1, above).  
Adds the new RADIUS server with its required "source0119" key.  
Lists the switch's new RADIUS server configuration. Compare this with

**Figure 6-4. Sample Configuration for RADIUS Server After Changing the Key and Adding Another Server**

To change the order in which the switch accesses RADIUS servers, refer to "Changing RADIUS-Server Access Order" on page 6-34.

## 4. Configure the Switch's Global RADIUS Parameters

You can configure the switch for the following global RADIUS parameters:

- **Number of login attempts:** In a given session, specifies how many tries at entering the correct username and password pair are allowed before access is denied and the session terminated. (This is a general **aaa authentication** parameter and is not specific to RADIUS.)
- **Global server key:** The server key the switch will use for contacts with all RADIUS servers for which there is not a server-specific key configured by **radius-server host < ip-address > key < key-string >**. This key is optional if you configure a server-specific key for each RADIUS server entered in the switch. (Refer to "3. Configure the Switch To Access a RADIUS Server" on page 6-14.)
- **Server timeout:** Defines the time period in seconds for authentication attempts. If the timeout period expires before a response is received, the attempt fails.

- **Server dead time:** Specifies the time in minutes during which the switch avoids requesting authentication from a server that has not responded to previous requests.
- **Retransmit attempts:** If the first attempt to contact a RADIUS server fails, specifies how many retries you want the switch to attempt on that server.

**Syntax:** aaa authentication num-attempts < 1 - 10 >

*Specifies how many tries for entering the correct user-name and password before shutting down the session due to input errors. (Default: 3; Range: 1 - 10).*

[no] radius-server

key < global-key-string >

*Specifies the global encryption key the switch uses with servers for which the switch does not have a server-specific key assignment. This key is optional if all RADIUS server addresses configured in the switch include a server-specific encryption key. (Default: Null.)*

dead-time < 1 - 1440 >

*Optional. Specifies the time in minutes during which the switch will not attempt to use a RADIUS server that has not responded to an earlier authentication attempt. (Default: 0; Range: 1 - 1440 minutes)*

radius-server timeout < 1 - 15 >

*Specifies the maximum time the switch waits for a response to an authentication request before counting the attempt as a failure. (Default: 3 seconds; Range: 1 - 15 seconds)*

radius-server retransmit < 1 - 5 >

*If a RADIUS server fails to respond to an authentication request, specifies how many retries to attempt before closing the session. Default: 3; Range: 1 - 5)*

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**Note**

Where the switch has multiple RADIUS servers configured to support authentication requests, if the first server fails to respond, then the switch tries the next server in the list, and so on. If none of the servers respond, then the switch attempts to use the secondary authentication method configured for the type of access being attempted (console, Telnet, or SSH). If this occurs, refer to “RADIUS-Related Problems” in the Troubleshooting chapter of the Management and Configuration Guide for your switch.

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For example, suppose that your switch is configured to use three RADIUS servers for authenticating access through Telnet and SSH. Two of these servers use the same encryption key. In this case your plan is to configure the switch with the following global authentication parameters:

- Allow only two tries to correctly enter username and password.
- Use the global encryption key to support the two servers that use the same key. (For this example, assume that you did not configure these two servers with a server-specific key.)
- Use a dead-time of five minutes for a server that fails to respond to an authentication request.
- Allow three seconds for request timeouts.
- Allow two retries following a request that did not receive a response.

```
ProCurve (config)# aaa authentication num-attempts 2
ProCurve (config)# radius-server key My-Global-Key-1099
ProCurve (config)# radius-server dead-time 5
ProCurve (config)# radius-server timeout 3
ProCurve (config)# radius-server retransmit 2
ProCurve (config)# write mem
```

**Figure 6-5. Example of Global Configuration Exercise for RADIUS Authentication**

```

ProCurve(config)# show authentication
    
```

Status and Counters - Authentication Information

Login Attempts : 2  
 Respect Privilege : Disabled

Access Task	Login Primary	Login Secondary	Enable Primary	Enable Secondary
Console	Local	None	Local	None
Telnet	Radius	None	Radius	None
Port-Access	Local			
Webui	Local	None	Local	None
SSH	Radius	None	Radius	None
Web-Auth	ChapRadius			
MAC-Auth	ChapRadius			

ProCurve(config)# show radius

Status and Counters - General RADIUS Information

Deadtime(min) : 5  
 Timeout(secs) : 3  
 Retransmit Attempts : 2  
 Global Encryption Key : My-Global-Key-1099

Server IP Addr	Auth Port	Acct Port	Encryption Key
10.33.18.127	1812	1813	source0127
10.33.18.119	1812	1813	
10.33.18.151	1812	1813	

**Note:** The **Webui** access task shown in this figure is available only on the 5300xl switches.

After two attempts failing due to username or password entry errors, the switch will terminate the session.

Global RADIUS parameters from figure 6-5.

Server-specific encryption key for the RADIUS server that will not use the global encryption key.

These two servers will use the global encryption key.

**Figure 6-6. Listings of Global RADIUS Parameters Configured In Figure 6-5**

## Local Authentication Process

When the switch is configured to use RADIUS, it reverts to local authentication only if one of these two conditions exists:

- **Local** is the authentication option for the access method being used.
- The switch has been configured to query one or more RADIUS servers for a primary authentication request, but has not received a response, and **Local** is the configured secondary option.

For local authentication, the switch uses the Operator-level and Manager-level username/password set(s) previously configured locally on the switch. (These are the usernames and passwords you can configure using the CLI password command, the web browser interface, or the menu interface—which enables only local password configuration).

- If the operator at the requesting terminal correctly enters the username/password pair for either access level (Operator or Manager), access is granted on the basis of which username/password pair was used. For example, suppose you configure Telnet primary access for RADIUS and Telnet secondary access for local. If a RADIUS access attempt fails, then you can still get access to either the Operator or Manager level of the switch by entering the correct username/password pair for the level you want to enter.
- If the username/password pair entered at the requesting terminal does not match either local username/password pair previously configured in the switch, access is denied. In this case, the terminal is again prompted to enter a username/password pair. In the default configuration, the switch allows up to three attempts. If the requesting terminal exhausts the attempt limit without a successful authentication, the login session is terminated and the operator at the requesting terminal must initiate a new session before trying again.

# Controlling Web Browser Interface Access

To help prevent unauthorized access through the web browser interface, do one or more of the following:

- 5300xl and 4200vl Switches: Configure the switch to support RADIUS authentication for web browser interface access (For the 5300xl, software release E.09.xx and greater).
- Options for all switch models covered by this guide:
  - Configure local authentication (a Manager user name and password and, optionally, an Operator user name and password) on the switch.
  - Configure the switch's Authorized IP Manager feature to allow web browser access only from authorized management stations. (The Authorized IP Manager feature does not interfere with TACACS+ operation.)
  - Use one of the following methods to disable web browser access to the switch:

CLI: no web-management

Menu Interface—From the Main menu, select the following:

## **2. Switch Configuration**

### **1. System Information**

**Web Agent Enabled: No**

## Configuring RADIUS Accounting

<b>RADIUS Accounting Commands</b>	<b>Page</b>
[no] radius-server host < <i>ip-address</i> >	6-25
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[no] aaa accounting < exec   network   system > < start-stop   stop-only > radius	6-28
[no] aaa accounting update periodic < 1 - 525600 > ( <i>in minutes</i> )	6-28
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show radius accounting	6-33

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### Note

This section assumes you have already:

- Configured RADIUS authentication on the switch for one or more access methods
- Configured one or more RADIUS servers to support the switch

If you have not already done so, refer to “General RADIUS Setup Procedure” on page 6-7 before continuing here.

RADIUS accounting collects data about user activity and system events and sends it to a RADIUS server when specified events occur on the switch, such as a logoff or a reboot. The switches covered by this guide support three types of accounting services:

- **Network accounting:** Provides records containing the information listed below on clients directly connected to the switch and operating under Port-Based Access Control (802.1x):
  - Acct-Session-Id
  - Acct-Status-Type
  - Acct-Terminate-Cause
  - Acct-Authentic
  - Acct-Delay-Time
  - Acct-Input-Packets
  - Acct-Output-Packets
  - Acct-Input-Octets
  - Nas-Port
  - Acct-Output-Octets
  - Acct-Session-Time
  - Username
  - Service-Type
  - NAS-IP-Address
  - NAS-Identifier
  - Called-Station-Id

(For 802.1x information for the switch, refer to chapter 11, “Configuring Port-Based and Client-Based Access Control (802.1X)” .)

- **Exec accounting:** Provides records holding the information listed below about login sessions (console, Telnet, and SSH) on the switch:

- Acct-Session-Id
- Acct-Delay-Time
- NAS-IP-Address
- Acct-Status-Type
- Acct-Session-Time
- NAS-Identifier
- Acct-Terminate-Cause
- Username
- Calling-Station-Id
- Acct-Authentic
- Service-Type

- **System accounting:** Provides records containing the information listed below when system events occur on the switch, including system reset, system boot, and enabling or disabling of system accounting.

- Acct-Session-Id
- Acct-Delay-Time
- NAS-Identifier
- Acct-Status-Type
- Username
- Calling-Station-Id
- Acct-Terminate-Cause
- Service-Type
- Acct-Authentic
- NAS-IP-Address

The switch forwards the accounting information it collects to the designated RADIUS server, where the information is formatted, stored, and managed by the server. For more information on this aspect of RADIUS accounting, refer to the documentation provided with your RADIUS server.

## Operating Rules for RADIUS Accounting

- You can configure up to three types of accounting to run simultaneously: exec, system, and network.
- RADIUS servers used for accounting are also used for authentication.
- The switch must be configured to access at least one RADIUS server.
- RADIUS servers are accessed in the order in which their IP addresses were configured in the switch. Use **show radius** to view the order. As long as the first server is accessible and responding to authentica-

tion requests from the switch, a second or third server will not be accessed. (For more on this topic, refer to “Changing RADIUS-Server Access Order” on page 6-34.)

- If access to a RADIUS server fails during a session, but after the client has been authenticated, the switch continues to assume the server is available to receive accounting data. Thus, if server access fails during a session, it will not receive accounting data transmitted from the switch.

## Steps for Configuring RADIUS Accounting

1. Configure the switch for accessing a RADIUS server.

You can configure a list of up to three RADIUS servers (one primary, two backup). The switch operates on the assumption that a server can operate in both accounting and authentication mode. (Refer to the documentation for your RADIUS server application.)

- Use the same **radius-server host** command that you would use to configure RADIUS authentication. Refer to “3. Configure the Switch To Access a RADIUS Server” on page 6-14.
  - Provide the following:
    - A RADIUS server IP address.
    - Optional—a UDP destination port for authentication requests. Otherwise the switch assigns the default UDP port (1812; recommended).
    - Optional—if you are also configuring the switch for RADIUS authentication, and need a unique encryption key for use during authentication sessions with the RADIUS server you are designating, configure a server-specific key. This key overrides the global encryption key you can also configure on the switch, and must match the encryption key used on the specified RADIUS server. For more information, refer to the “[**key < key-string >**]” parameter on page 6-14. (Default: null)
2. Configure accounting types and the controls for sending reports to the RADIUS server.
    - **Accounting types:** exec (page 6-23), network (page 6-22), or system (page 6-23)
    - **Trigger for sending accounting reports to a RADIUS server:** At session start and stop or only at session stop

3. (Optional) Configure session blocking and interim updating options
  - **Updating:** Periodically update the accounting data for sessions-in-progress
  - **Suppress accounting:** Block the accounting session for any unknown user with no username access to the switch

## 1. Configure the Switch To Access a RADIUS Server

Before you configure the actual accounting parameters, you should first configure the switch to use a RADIUS server. This is the same as the process described on page 6-14. You need to repeat this step here only if you have not yet configured the switch to use a RADIUS server, your server data has changed, or you need to specify a non-default UDP destination port for accounting requests. Note that switch operation expects a RADIUS server to accommodate both authentication and accounting.

**Syntax:** [no] radius-server host < ip-address >

*Adds a server to the RADIUS configuration or (with **no**) deletes a server from the configuration.*

[acct-port < port-number >]

*Optional. Changes the UDP destination port for accounting requests to the specified RADIUS server. If you do not use this option, the switch automatically assigns the default accounting port number. (Default: 1813)*

[key < key-string >]

*Optional. Specifies an encryption key for use during accounting or authentication sessions with the specified server. This key must match the encryption key used on the RADIUS server. Use this command only if the specified server requires a different encryption key than configured for the global encryption key.*

**Note: When you save the config file using Xmodem or TFTP, the key information is not saved in the file. This causes Radius authentication to break when the config file is loaded back onto the switch.**

(For a more complete description of the **radius-server** command and its options, turn to page 6-14.)

For example, suppose you want the switch to use the RADIUS server described below for both authentication and accounting purposes.

- IP address: 10.33.18.151
- A non-default UDP port number of 1750 for accounting.

For this example, assume that all other RADIUS authentication parameters for accessing this server are acceptable at their default settings, and that RADIUS is already configured as an authentication method for one or more types of access to the switch (Telnet, Console, etc.).

```
ProCurve(config)# radius-server host 10.33.18.151 acct-port 1750 key source0151
ProCurve(config)# write mem
ProCurve(config)# show radius
```

Status and Counters - General RADIUS Information

Deadtime(min) : 5  
Timeout(secs) : 3  
Retransmit Attempts : 2  
Global Encryption Key :

Server IP Addr	Auth Port	Acct Port	Encryption Key
10.33.18.151	1812	1750	source0151

Because the radius-server command includes an **acct-port** element with a non-default 1750, the switch assigns this value to the accounting port UDP port numbers. Because auth-port was not included in the command, the authentication UDP port is set to the default 1812.

**Figure 6-7. Example of Configuring for a RADIUS Server with a Non-Default Accounting UDP Port Number**

The radius-server command as shown in figure 6-7, above, configures the switch to use a RADIUS server at IP address 10.33.18.151, with a (non-default) UDP accounting port of 1750, and a server-specific key of “source0151”.

## 2. Configure Accounting Types and the Controls for Sending Reports to the RADIUS Server

Select the Accounting Type(s):

- **Exec:** Use **exec** if you want to collect accounting information on login sessions on the switch via the console, Telnet, or SSH. (See also “Accounting Services” on page 6-4.)
- **System:** Use **system** if you want to collect accounting data when:
  - A system boot or reload occurs
  - System accounting is turned on or off

Note that there is no time span associated with using the **system** option. It simply causes the switch to transmit whatever accounting data it currently has when one of the above events occurs.

- **Network:** Use Network if you want to collect accounting information on 802.1x port-based-access users connected to the physical ports on the switch to access the network. (See also “Accounting Services” on page 4.) For information on this feature, refer to chapter 11, “Configuring Port-Based and Client-Based Access Control (802.1X)” .
- **Web or MAC:** You can also use Web or MAC to collect accounting information.

Determine how you want the switch to send accounting data to a RADIUS server:

- **Start-Stop:**
  - Send a start record accounting notice at the beginning of the accounting session and a stop record notice at the end of the session. Both notices include the latest data the switch has collected for the requested accounting type (Network, Exec, or System).
  - Do not wait for an acknowledgement.

The system option (page 6-26) ignores **start-stop** because the switch sends the accumulated data only when there is a reboot, reload, or accounting on/off event.

- **Stop-Only:**
  - Send a stop record accounting notice at the end of the accounting session. The notice includes the latest data the switch has collected for the requested accounting type (Network, Exec, or System).
  - Do not wait for an acknowledgment.

The system option (page 6-26) always delivers **stop-only** operation because the switch sends the accumulated data only when there is a reboot, reload, or accounting on/off event.

**Syntax:** [no] aaa accounting < exec | network | system > < start-stop | stop-only >  
radius

*Configures RADIUS accounting type and how data will be sent to the RADIUS server.*

For example, to configure RADIUS accounting on the switch with **start-stop** for exec functions and **stop-only** for system functions:

```
ProCurve (config)# aaa accounting exec start-stop radius
ProCurve (config)# aaa accounting system stop-only radius
ProCurve (config)# show accounting
Status and Counters - Accounting Information
Interval(min) : 0
Suppress Empty User : No

Type      | Method Mode
-----+-----
Network   | None
Exec      | Radius Start-Stop
System    | Radius Stop-Only
```

The diagram shows a terminal window with three main sections. The first section contains two configuration commands: 'aaa accounting exec start-stop radius' and 'aaa accounting system stop-only radius'. A callout box points to these two lines, stating 'Configures exec and system accounting and controls.' The second section is the output of the 'show accounting' command, enclosed in a dashed box. A callout box points to this output, stating 'Summarizes the switch's accounting configuration.' The third section is a table showing accounting types and modes. Two callout boxes point to the 'Exec' and 'System' rows, stating 'Exec and System accounting are active. (Assumes the switch is configured to access a reachable'.

**Figure 6-8. Example of Configuring Accounting Types**

### 3. (Optional) Configure Session Blocking and Interim Updating Options

These optional parameters give you additional control over accounting data.

- **Updates:** In addition to using a Start-Stop or Stop-Only trigger, you can optionally configure the switch to send periodic accounting record updates to a RADIUS server.
- **Suppress:** The switch can suppress accounting for an unknown user having no username.

**Syntax:** [no] aaa accounting update periodic < 1 - 525600>

*Sets the accounting update period for all accounting sessions on the switch. (The **no** form disables the update function and resets the value to zero.) (Default: zero; disabled).*

**Syntax:** [no] aaa accounting suppress null-username

*Disables accounting for unknown users having no username. (Default: suppression disabled)*

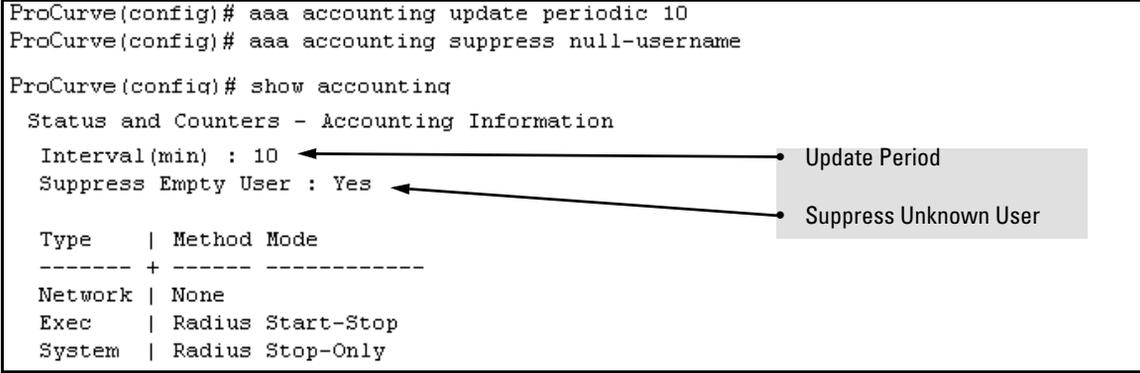
To continue the example in figure 6-8, suppose that you wanted the switch to:

- Send updates every 10 minutes on in-progress accounting sessions.
- Block accounting for unknown users (no username).

```
ProCurve(config)# aaa accounting update periodic 10
ProCurve(config)# aaa accounting suppress null-username

ProCurve(config)# show accounting
Status and Counters - Accounting Information
Interval(min) : 10
Suppress Empty User : Yes

Type   | Method Mode
-----+-----
Network | None
Exec   | Radius Start-Stop
System | Radius Stop-Only
```



**Figure 6-9. Example of Optional Accounting Update Period and Accounting Suppression on Unknown User**

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## Viewing RADIUS Statistics

### General RADIUS Statistics

**Syntax:** show radius [host < ip-addr >]

*Shows general RADIUS configuration, including the server IP addresses. Optional form shows data for a specific RADIUS host. To use **show radius**, the server's IP address must be configured in the switch, which requires prior use of the **radius-server host** command. (See "Configuring RADIUS Accounting" on page 6-22.)*

```

ProCurve(config)# show radius
Status and Counters - General RADIUS Information
  Deadttime(min) : 5
  Timeout(secs) : 10
  Retransmit Attempts : 2
  Global Encryption Key : myg10balkey

          Auth  Acct
Server IP Addr  Port  Port  Encryption Key
-----
192.33.12.65   1812  1813  my65key
  
```

**Figure 6-10. Example of General RADIUS Information from Show Radius Command**

```

ProCurve(config)# show radius host 192.33.12.65
Status and Counters - RADIUS Server Information
  Server IP Addr : 192.33.12.65
  Authentication UDP Port : 1812           Accounting UDP Port : 1813
  Round Trip Time      : 2                 Round Trip Time      : 7
  Pending Requests     : 0                 Pending Requests     : 0
  Retransmissions      : 0                 Retransmissions      : 0
  Timeouts             : 0                 Timeouts             : 0
  Malformed Responses  : 0                 Malformed Responses  : 0
  Bad Authenticators   : 0                 Bad Authenticators   : 0
  Unknown Types        : 0                 Unknown Types        : 0
  Packets Dropped      : 0                 Packets Dropped      : 0
  Access Requests      : 2                 Accounting Requests  : 2
  Access Challenges    : 0                 Accounting Responses : 2
  Access Accepts       : 2
  Access Rejects       : 0
  
```

**Figure 6-11. RADIUS Server Information From the Show Radius Host Command**

Term	Definition
Round Trip Time	The time interval between the most recent Accounting-Response and the Accounting-Request that matched it from this RADIUS accounting server.
PendingRequests	The number of RADIUS Accounting-Request packets sent to this server that have not yet timed out or received a response. This variable is incremented when an accounting-Request is sent and decremented due to receipt of an Accounting-Response, a timeout or a retransmission.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Retransmissions	The number of RADIUS Accounting-Request packets retransmitted to this RADIUS accounting server. Retransmissions include retries where the Identifier and Acct-Delay have been updated, as well as those in which they remain the same.
Timeouts	The number of accounting timeouts to this server. After a timeout the client may retry to the same server, send to a different server, or give up. A retry to the same server is counted as a retransmit as well as a timeout. A send to a different server is counted as an Accounting-Request as well as a timeout.
Malformed Responses	The number of malformed RADIUS Accounting-Response packets received from this server. Malformed packets include packets with an invalid length. Bad authenticators and unknown types are not included as malformed accounting responses.
Bad Authenticators	The number of RADIUS Accounting-Response packets which contained invalid authenticators received from this server.
Unknown Types	The number of RADIUS packets of unknown type which were received from this server on the accounting port.
Packets Dropped	The number of RADIUS packets which were received from this server on the accounting port and dropped for some other reason.
Requests	The number of RADIUS Accounting-Request packets sent. This does not include retransmissions.
AccessChallenges	The number of RADIUS Access-Challenge packets (valid or invalid) received from this server.
AccessAccepts	The number of RADIUS Access-Accept packets (valid or invalid) received from this server.
AccessRejects	The number of RADIUS Access-Reject packets (valid or invalid) received from this server.
Responses	The number of RADIUS packets received on the accounting port from this server.

## RADIUS Authentication Statistics

**Syntax:** show authentication

*Displays the primary and secondary authentication methods configured for the Console, Telnet, Port-Access (802.1x), and SSH methods of accessing the switch. Also displays the number of access attempts currently allowed in a session.*

show radius authentication

*Displays NAS identifier and data on the configured RADIUS server and the switch's interactions with this server. (Requires prior use of the **radius-server host** command to configure a RADIUS server IP address in the switch. See "Configuring RADIUS Accounting" on page 6-22.)*

```
ProCurve(config)# show authentication
Status and Counters - Authentication Information
Login Attempts : 2
Respect Privilege : Disabled
```

Access Task	Login Primary	Login Secondary	Enable Primary	Enable Secondary
Console	Local	None	Local	None
Telnet	Radius	None	Radius	None
Port-Access	Local			
Webui	Local	None	Local	None
SSH	Radius	None	Radius	None
Web-Auth	ChapRadius			
MAC-Auth	ChapRadius			

**Note:** The Webui access task shown in this figure is available only on the 5300xl switches.

**Figure 6-12. Example of Login Attempt and Primary/Secondary Authentication Information from the Show Authentication Command**

```
ProCurve (config)# show radius authentication
Status and Counters - RADIUS Authentication Information
NAS Identifier : ProCurve.
Invalid Server Addresses : 0
```

Server IP Addr		UDP Port	Timeouts	Requests	Challenges	Accepts	Rejects
192.33.12.65	1812	0	2	0	2	0	

**Figure 6-13. Example of RADIUS Authentication Information from a Specific Server**

## RADIUS Accounting Statistics

**Syntax:** show accounting

*Lists configured accounting interval, "Empty User" suppression status, accounting types, methods, and modes.*

show radius accounting

*Lists accounting statistics for the RADIUS server(s) configured in the switch (using the **radius-server host** command).*

show accounting sessions

*Lists the accounting sessions currently active on the switch.*

```
HPswitch # show accounting

Status and Counters - Accounting Information

Interval(min) : 5
Suppress Empty User : Yes

Type      | Method Mode
-----+-----
Network   | None
Exec      | Radius Start-Stop
System    | Radius Stop-Only
```

**Figure 6-14. Listing the Accounting Configuration in the Switch**

```
ProCurve # show radius accounting
Status and Counters - RADIUS Accounting Information
NAS Identifier : HPswitch
Invalid Server Addresses : 0

      UDP
Server IP Addr  Port  Timeouts  Requests  Responses
-----+-----
192.33.12.65   1813  0         1         1
```

**Figure 6-15. Example of RADIUS Accounting Information for a Specific Server**

```
ProCurve # show accounting sessions

Active Accounted actions on CONSOLE, User radius Priv 2,
Session ID 1, EXEC Accounting record, 00:02:32 Elapsed
```

**Figure 6-16. Example Listing of Active RADIUS Accounting Sessions on the Switch**

## Changing RADIUS-Server Access Order

The switch tries to access RADIUS servers according to the order in which their IP addresses are listed by the **show radius** command. Also, *when you add a new server IP address, it is placed in the highest empty position in the list.*

Adding or deleting a RADIUS server IP address leaves an empty position, but does not change the position of any other server addresses in the list. For example if you initially configure three server addresses, they are listed in the order in which you entered them. However, if you subsequently remove the second server address in the list and add a new server address, the new address will be placed second in the list.

Thus, to move a server address up in the list, you must delete it from the list, ensure that the position to which you want to move it is vacant, and then re-enter it. For example, suppose you have already configured the following three RADIUS server IP addresses in the switch:

```
ProCurve # show radius
Status and Counters - General RADIUS Information
  Deadtime(min) : 0
  Timeout(secs) : 5
  Retransmit Attempts : 3
  Global Encryption Key :

  Server IP Addr  Auth Port  Acct Port  Encryption Key
  -----
  10.10.10.1     1812  1813
  10.10.10.2     1812  1813
  10.10.10.3     1812  1813
```

RADIUS server IP addresses listed in the order in which the switch will try to access them. In this case, the server at IP address 1.1.1.1 is first.

**Note:** If the switch successfully accesses the first server, it does not try to access any other servers in the list, even if the client is denied access by the first server.

**Figure 6-17. Search Order for Accessing a RADIUS Server**

To exchange the positions of the addresses so that the server at 10.10.10.003 will be the first choice and the server at 10.10.10.001 will be the last, you would do the following:

1. Delete 10.10.10.003 from the list. This opens the third (lowest) position in the list.
2. Delete 10.10.10.001 from the list. This opens the first (highest) position in the list.

3. Re-enter 10.10.10.003. Because the switch places a newly entered address in the highest-available position, this address becomes first in the list.
4. Re-enter 10.10.10.001. Because the only position open is the third position, this address becomes last in the list.

```
ProCurve(config)# no radius host 10.10.10.003
ProCurve(config)# no radius host 10.10.10.001
ProCurve(config)# radius host 10.10.10.003
ProCurve(config)# radius host 10.10.10.001
ProCurve(config)# show radius
```

Status and Counters - General RADIUS Information

```
Deadtme(min) : 0
Timeout(secs) : 5
Retransmit Attempts : 3
Global Encryption Key :
```

Server IP Addr	Auth Port	Acct Port	Encryption Key
10.10.10.3	1812	1813	
10.10.10.2	1812	1813	
10.10.10.1	1812	1813	

Removes the "003" and "001" addresses from the RADIUS server list.

Inserts the "003" address in the first position in the RADIUS server list, and inserts the "001" address in the last position in the list.

Shows the new order in which the switch searches for a RADIUS server.

**Figure 6-18. Example of New RADIUS Server Search Order**

## Messages Related to RADIUS Operation

Message	Meaning
Can't reach RADIUS server < x.x.x.x >.	A designated RADIUS server is not responding to an authentication request. Try pinging the server to determine whether it is accessible to the switch. If the server is accessible, then verify that the switch is using the correct encryption key and that the server is correctly configured to receive an authentication request from the switch.
No server(s) responding.	The switch is configured for and attempting RADIUS authentication, however it is not receiving a response from a RADIUS server. Ensure that the switch is configured to access at least one RADIUS server. (Use <b>show radius</b> .) If you also see the message <code>Can't reach RADIUS server &lt; x.x.x.x &gt;</code> , try the suggestions listed for that message.
Not legal combination of authentication methods.	Indicates an attempt to configure <b>local</b> as both the primary and secondary authentication methods. If <b>local</b> is the primary method, then <b>none</b> must be the secondary method.