Configure Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) DHCP Relay

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Introduction

This document describes DHCP relay on Cisco ASA with the help of packet captures and debugs, and provides a configuration example.

Prerequisites

A Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) relay agent allows the security appliance to forward DHCP requests from clients to a router or other DHCP server connected to a different interface.

These restrictions apply only to the use of the DHCP relay agent:

- The relay agent cannot be enabled if the DHCP server feature is also enabled.
- You must be directly connected to the security appliance and cannot send requests through another relay agent or a router.
- For multiple context mode, you cannot enable DHCP relay, or configure a DHCP relay server, on an interface that is used by more than one context.

DHCP relay services are not available in transparent firewall mode. A security appliance in transparent firewall mode only allows Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) traffic through. All other traffic requires an

Access Control List (ACL). In order to allow DHCP requests and replies through the security appliance in transparent mode, you must configure two ACLs:

- One ACL that allows DHCP requests from the inside interface to the outside.
- One ACL that allows the replies from the server in the other direction.

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have a basic knowledge of ASA CLI and Cisco IOS® CLI.

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- ASA 5500-x Series Security Appliance Release 9.x or later
- Cisco 1800 Series Routers

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

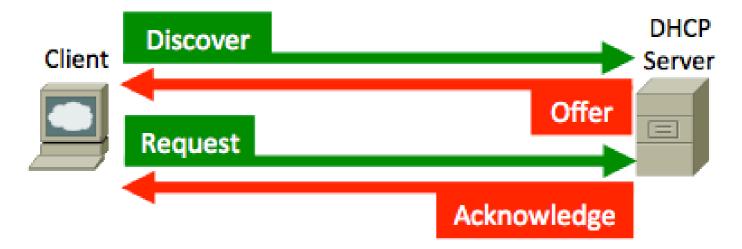
Background Information

The DHCP protocol supplies automatic configuration parameters, such as an IP address with a subnet mask, default gateway, DNS server address, and Windows Internet Name Service (WINS) address to hosts. Initially, DHCP clients have none of these configuration parameters. In order to obtain this information, they send a broadcast request for it. When a DHCP server sees this request, the DHCP server supplies the necessary information. Due to the nature of these broadcast requests, the DHCP client and server must be on the same subnet. Layer 3 devices such as routers and firewalls do not typically forward these broadcast requests by default.

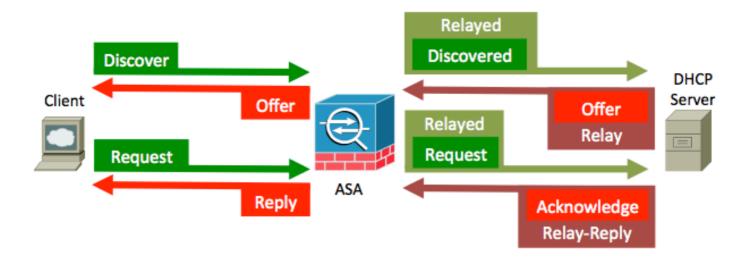
An attempt to locate DHCP clients and a DHCP server on the same subnet is not always convenient. In such a situation, you can use DHCP relay. When the DHCP relay agent on the security appliance receives a DHCP request from a host on an inside interface, it forwards the request to one of the specified DHCP servers on an outside interface. When the DHCP server replies to the client, the security appliance forwards that reply back. Thus, the DHCP relay agent acts as a proxy for the DHCP client in its conversation with the DHCP server.

Packet Flow

This image illustrates the DHCP packet flow when a DHCP relay agent is not used:



The ASA intercepts these packets and wraps them into DHCP relay format:



DHCP Relay with Packet Captures on the ASA Inside and Outside Interface

Make a note of content highligted in RED, because that is how the ASA modifies various fields.

1. In order to start the DHCP process, boot the system and send a broadcast message (DHCPDISCOVER) to the destination address 255.255.255.255 - UDP port 67.

```
Ethernet II, Src: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)

    ■ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0), Dst: 255.255.255.255 (255.255.255.255)

⊕ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: bootpc (68), Dst Port: bootps (67)
Src IP: No ip on client
Bootstrap Protocol
    Message type: Boot Request (1)
    Hardware type: Ethernet
    Hardware address length: 6
    Transaction ID: 0x79dbf3a7
                                   Transcation id should be same for Discover, Offer, Request and Ack (DORA)
    Seconds elapsed: 0

⊞ Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)

    Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Your (client) IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Relay agent IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Client MAC address: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)
    Client hardware address padding: 0000000000000000000
    Server host name not given
    Boot file name not given
    Magic cookie: DHCP
  ⊕ Option: (t=53,1=1) DHCP Message Type = DHCP Discover
                                                               DHCP Discover sent by client
  ⊕ Option: (t=116,l=1) DHCP Auto-Configuration = AutoConfigure

    ⊕ Option: (t=61,1=7) Client identifier

  ⊞ Option: (t=12,1=14) Host Name =

⊕ Option: (t=60,1=8) Vendor class identifier = "MSFT 5.0"

⊕ Option: (t=55,l=11) Parameter Request List

    End Option
    Padding
```



Note: If a VPN client requests an IP address, the relay-agent IP address is the first usable IP address that is defined by the dhcp-network-scope command, under the group-policy.

2. Normally, ASA would drop the broadcast, but because it is configured to act as a DHCP relay, it forwards the DHCPDISCOVER message as a unicast packet to the DHCP server's IP sourcing from the interface IP that faces the server. In this case, it is the outside interface IP address. Notice the change in the IP header and relay agent field:

```
Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c7 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c7), Dst: Cisco_dd:48:c8 (00:19:e7:dd:48:c8)

∃ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 198.51.100.1 (198.51.100.1), Dst: 198.51.100.2 (198.51.100.2)

⊞ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: bootps (67), Dst Port: bootps (67)
Src: ASA outside IP facing the server
■ Bootstrap Protocol
                                                                        Dst: DHCP server
    Message type: Boot Request (1)
    Hardware type: Ethernet
    Hardware address length: 6
    Hops: 1
    Transaction ID: 0x79dbf3a7
    Seconds elapsed: 0
  Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)
    Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Your (client) IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
                                                      Relay agent/IP of ASA interface facing the clients, where relay is
    Relay agent IP address: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1)
    Client MAC address: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)
    Client hardware address padding: 0000000000000000000
    Server host name not given
    Boot file name not given
    Magic cookie: DHCP
 ⊕ Option: (t=53,1=1) DHCP Message Type = DHCP Discover
  ⊕ Option: (t=116,l=1) DHCP Auto-Configuration = AutoConfigure
  ⊕ Option: (t=61,1=7) Client identifier

⊕ Option: (t=12,1=14) Host Name =
  ⊕ Option: (t=60,1=8) Vendor class identifier = "MSFT 5.0"
  ⊕ Option: (t=55, l=11) Parameter Request List
    End Option
    Padding
```

Note: Due to the fix incorporated in Cisco bug ID <u>CSCuo89924</u>, ASA in Versions 9.1(5.7), 9.3(1), and later can forward the unicast packets to the DHCP server's IP sourcing from the interface IP address that faces the client (giaddr) where the dhcprelay is enabled. In this case, it can be the inside interface IP address.

3. The server sends back a DHCPOFFER message as a unicast packet to the ASA, destined to the relay agent IP set up in DHCPDISCOVER- UDP port 67. In this case, it is the IP address of the inside interface (giaddr), where dhoprelay is enabled. Notice the destination IP in the layer 3 header:

```
Frame 2: 342 bytes on wire (2736 bits), 342 bytes captured (2736 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_dd:48:c8 (00:19:e7:dd:48:c8), Dst: Cisco_6c:b8:c7 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c7)

□ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 198.51.100.2 (198.51.100.2), Dst: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1)

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: bootps (67), Dst Port: bootps (67)

Src: DHCP server

─ Bootstrap Protocol

                                                                        Dst: Relay agent IP
    Message type: Boot Reply (2)
    Hardware type: Ethernet
    Hardware address length: 6
    Hops: 0
    Transaction ID: 0x79dbf3a7
    Seconds elapsed: 0

■ Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)

    Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Your (client) IP address: 192.0.2.4 (192.0.2.4)
    Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Relay agent IP address: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1)
    Client MAC address: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)
    Client hardware address padding: 0000000000000000000
    Server host name not given
    Boot file name not given
    Magic cookie: DHCP

⊕ Option: (t=53,1=1) DHCP Message Type = DHCP Offer

                                                                 DHCP offer
 Option: (t=54,1=4) DHCP Server Identifier = 198.51.100.2
                                                                 DHCP server IP

⊕ Option: (t=51,1=4) IP Address Lease Time = 1 day

                                                                 Lease
 ⊕ Option: (t=58,l=4) Renewal Time Value = 12 hours
  ⊕ Option: (t=59,1=4) Rebinding Time Value = 21 hours

⊕ Option: (t=1,1=4) Subnet Mask = 255.255.255.0

                                                                 Subnet mask info
  ⊕ Option: (t=6,1=8) Domain Name Server
 ⊕ Option: (t=15,1=9) Domain Name = "cisco.com"
                                                                 Domain name
    End Option
    Padding
```

4. ASA sends this packet out of the inside interface - UDP port 68. Notice the change in the IP header while the packet leaves the inside interface:

```
Frame 2: 348 bytes on wire (2784 bits), 348 bytes captured (2784 bits)

H Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

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H Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet III, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet III, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet III, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet III, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet III, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet III, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

H Ethernet III, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c:b8:6c

∃ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1), Dst: 192.0.2.4 (192.0.2.4)

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: bootps (67), Dst Port: bootpc (68)

Src: ASA interface/Relay agent IP

─ Bootstrap Protocol

                                                                                                                                                                          Dst: Offered IP
         Message type: Boot Reply (2)
         Hardware type: Ethernet
         Hardware address length: 6
         Hops: 0
         Transaction ID: 0x79dbf3a7
         Seconds elapsed: 0
     Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)
         Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
          Your (client) IP address: 192.0.2.4 (192.0.2.4)
                                                                                                                                  Offered IP
         Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
         Relay agent IP address: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1)
         client MAC address: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)
         Client hardware address padding: 0000000000000000000
         Server host name not given
         Boot file name not given
         Magic cookie: DHCP

⊕ Option: (t=53,1=1) DHCP Message Type = DHCP Offer

                                                                                                                                                     DHCP Offer
     ⊞ Option: (t=54,1=4) DHCP Server Identifier = 198.51.100.2
                                                                                                                                                    DHCP server IP
     ⊕ Option: (t=51,1=4) IP Address Lease Time = 1 day

⊞ Option: (t=58,1=4) Renewal Time Value = 12 hours

    ⊞ Option: (t=59,l=4) Rebinding Time Value = 21 hours
                                                                                                                                                     Subnet mask info
    Option: (t=1,1=4) Subnet Mask = 255.255.255.0

⊕ Option: (t=6,1=8) Domain Name Server

                                                                                                                                                     Domain name
     ⊞ Option: (t=15,l=9) Domain Name = "cisco.com"
                                                                                                                                                     Default Gateway for client
    Option: (t=3,1=4) Router = 192.0.2.1
         End Option
         Padding
```

5. Once you receive the DHCPOFFER message, send a DHCPREQUEST message in order to indicate that you accept the offer.

```
⊕ Frame 3: 366 bytes on wire (2928 bits), 366 bytes captured (2928 bits)

Ethernet II, Src: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0), Dst: 255.255.255.255 (255.255.255.255)

    □ Internet Protocol version 4, Sic. 0.0.0 (c. 0.1.1.),
    □ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: bootpc (68), Dst Port: bootps (67)
    Src: 0.0.0.0 as dient hasn't

─ Bootstrap Protocol

                                                                            accepted the IP vet
    Message type: Boot Request (1)
                                                                            Dst: L3 broadcast
    Hardware type: Ethernet
    Hardware address length: 6
    Hops: 0
    Transaction ID: 0x79dbf3a7
    Seconds elapsed: 0

■ Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)

    Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Your (client) IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Relay agent IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Client MAC address: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)
    client hardware address padding: 0000000000000000000
    Server host name not given
    Boot file name not given
    Magic cookie: DHCP

    ⊕ Option: (t=53,1=1) DHCP Message Type = DHCP Request

                                                                  DHCP request

    ⊕ Option: (t=61,l=7) Client identifier

■ Option: (t=50,1=4) Requested IP Address = 192.0.2.4

                                                                  Requested IP
  DHCP server Identifier = 198.51.100.2 DHCP server IP
  ⊕ Option: (t=12,l=14) Host Name =
                                                                  Hostname
  Option: (t=81,l=18) Client Fully Qualified Domain Name
  Option: (t=60,1=8) Vendor class identifier = "MSFT 5.0"
  ⊕ Option: (t=55,l=11) Parameter Request List
    End Option
```

6. ASA passes the DHCPREQUEST to the DHCP server.

```
H Frame 3: 366 bytes on wire (2928 bits), 366 bytes captured (2928 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c7 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c7), Dst: Cisco_dd:48:c8 (00:19:e7:dd:48:c8)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 198.51.100.1 (198.51.100.1), Dst: 198.51.100.2 (198.51.100.2)

■ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: bootps (67), Dst Port: bootps (67)

                                                                            Src: ASA outside interface
Bootstrap Protocol
                                                                            Dst: DHCP server
    Message type: Boot Request (1)
    Hardware type: Ethernet
    Hardware address length: 6
    Hops: 1
    Transaction ID: 0x79dbf3a7
    Seconds elapsed: 0

■ Bootp flags: 0x0000 (unicast)

   Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Your (client) IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
   Relay agent IP address: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1)
    Client MAC address: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)
    client hardware address padding: 0000000000000000000
    Server host name not given
    Boot file name not given
    Magic cookie: DHCP
 ⊕ Option: (t=53,l=1) DHCP Message Type = DHCP Request
                                                               DHCP request
 ■ Option: (t=61,1=7) Client identifier

⊕ Option: (t=50,l=4) Requested IP Address = 192.0.2.4

                                                                Requested IP
 ⊕ Option: (t=54,1=4) DHCP Server Identifier = 198.51.100.2
                                                               DHCP server IP
                                                                Hostname

    ⊕ Option: (t=12,1=14) Host Name = "
 ⊕ Option: (t=81,1=18) Client Fully Qualified Domain Name
 ⊕ Option: (t=60,1=8) Vendor class identifier = "MSFT 5.0"

⊕ Option: (t=55,l=11) Parameter Request List

    End Option
```

7. Once the server gets the DHCPREQUEST, it sends the DHCPACK back in order to confirm the offered IP.

```
Frame 4: 342 bytes on wire (2736 bits), 342 bytes captured (2736 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_dd:48:c8 (00:19:e7:dd:48:c8), Dst: Cisco_6c:b8:c7 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c7)

    □ Internet Protocol version 4, Src: 198.51.100.2 (198.51.100.2), Dst: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1)

⊕ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: bootps (67), Dst Port: bootps (67)
■ Bootstrap Protocol
                                                                           Dst: Relay agent IP
    Message type: Boot Reply (2)
    Hardware type: Ethernet
    Hardware address length: 6
    Hops: 0
    Transaction ID: 0x79dbf3a7
    Seconds elapsed: 0

■ Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)

    Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
                                                       Current IP on client
    Your (client) IP address: 192.0.2.4 (192.0.2.4)
                                                       IP offered to dient
    Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Relay agent IP address: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1)
    client MAC address: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)
    Client hardware address padding: 0000000000000000000
    Server host name not given
    Boot file name not given
    Magic cookie: DHCP

⊕ Option: (t=53,1=1) DHCP Message Type = DHCP ACK

                                                                DHCP Ack
                                                                DHCP server IP

⊕ Option: (t=54,1=4) DHCP Server Identifier = 198.51.100.2

                                                                Lease

⊕ Option: (t=51,1=4) IP Address Lease Time = 1 day

⊕ Option: (t=58,1=4) Renewal Time Value = 12 hours

■ Option: (t=59,l=4) Rebinding Time Value = 21 hours

                                                                Subnet mask info

    ⊕ Option: (t=1, l=4) Subnet Mask = 255.255.255.0

  ⊕ Option: (t=6,1=8) Domain Name Server
                                                                Domain name

⊕ Option: (t=15,1=9) Domain Name = "cisco.com"

                                                                Default gateway for client
    End Option
    Padding
```

8. ASA passes the DHCPACK from the DHCP server to you, and that completes the transaction.

```
Frame 4: 348 bytes on wire (2784 bits), 348 bytes captured (2784 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: Cisco_6c:b8:c6 (58:8d:09:6c:b8:c6), Dst: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)

    Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1), Dst: 192.0.2.4 (192.0.2.4)

⊕ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: bootps (67), Dst Port: bootpc (68)

Src: Relay agent IP/ASA int
■ Bootstrap Protocol
                                                                          Dst: IP offered to client
    Message type: Boot Reply (2)
    Hardware type: Ethernet
    Hardware address length: 6
    Hops: 0
    Transaction ID: 0x79dbf3a7
    Seconds elapsed: 0

■ Bootp flags: 0x0000 (Unicast)

    Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Your (client) IP address: 192.0.2.4 (192.0.2.4) IP offerd to dient
    Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Relay agent IP address: 192.0.2.1 (192.0.2.1)
    client MAC address: Vmware_84:39:6a (00:50:56:84:39:6a)
    Client hardware address padding: 0000000000000000000
    Server host name not given
    Boot file name not given
    Magic cookie: DHCP
  ⊕ Option: (t=53,l=1) DHCP Message Type = DHCP ACK
                                                                 DHCP Ack
  ⊕ Option: (t=54,1=4) DHCP Server Identifier = 198.51.100.2
                                                                DHCP server IP

⊕ Option: (t=51,1=4) IP Address Lease Time = 1 day

                                                                Lease

    ⊕ Option: (t=58,1=4) Renewal Time Value = 12 hours

⊕ Option: (t=59,1=4) Rebinding Time Value = 21 hours

  ⊕ Option: (t=1,1=4) Subnet Mask = 255.255.255.0
                                                                Subnet mask info
  ⊕ Option: (t=6,1=8) Domain Name Server
                                                                 Domain name
  ⊕ Option: (t=15,1=9) Domain Name = "cisco.com"
                                                                 Default gateway for client
  Option: (t=3,1=4) Router = 192.0.2.1
    End Option
    Padding
```

Debugs and Syslogs for DHCP Relay Transactions

This is a DHCP request forwarded to DHCP server interface 198.51.100.2:

```
DHCPRA: relay binding created for client 0050.5684.396a.DHCPD: setting giaddr to 192.0.2.1.

dhcpd_forward_request: request from 0050.5684.396a forwarded to 198.51.100.2.

DHCPD/RA: Punt 198.51.100.2/17152 --> 192.0.2.1/17152 to CP

DHCPRA: Received a BOOTREPLY from interface 2

DHCPRA: relay binding found for client 0050.5684.396a.

DHCPRA: Adding rule to allow client to respond using offered address 192.0.2.4
```

After the reply is received from the DHCP server, the security appliance forwards it to the DHCP client with MAC address 0050.5684.396a, and changes the gateway address to its own inside interface.

```
DHCPRA: forwarding reply to client 0050.5684.396a.

DHCPRA: relay binding found for client 0050.5684.396a.

DHCPD: setting giaddr to 192.0.2.1.

dhcpd_forward_request: request from 0050.5684.396a forwarded to 198.51.100.2.

DHCPD/RA: Punt 198.51.100.2/17152 --> 192.0.2.1/17152 to CP
```

DHCPRA: Received a BOOTREPLY from interface 2

DHCPRA: relay binding found for client 0050.5684.396a.

DHCPRA: exchange complete - relay binding deleted for client 0050.5684.396a.

DHCPD: returned relay binding 192.0.2.1/0050.5684.396a to address pool.

dhcpd_destroy_binding() removing NP rule for client 192.0.2.1

DHCPRA: forwarding reply to client 0050.5684.396a.

The same transaction shows up in the syslogs as well:

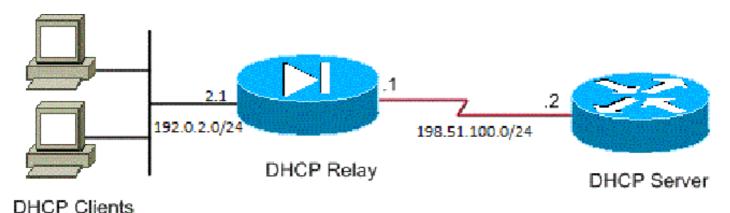
```
%ASA-7-609001: Built local-host inside:0.0.0.0
%ASA-7-609001: Built local-host identity:255.255.255.255
%ASA-6-302015: Built inbound UDP connection 13 for inside:
 0.0.0.0/68 (0.0.0.0/68) to identity:255.255.255.255/67 (255.255.255.255/67)
%ASA-7-609001: Built local-host identity:198.51.100.1
%ASA-7-609001: Built local-host outside:198.51.100.2
%ASA-6-302015: Built outbound UDP connection 14 for outside:
 198.51.100.2/67 (198.51.100.2/67) to identity:198.51.100.1/67 (198.51.100.1/67)
%ASA-7-609001: Built local-host inside:192.0.2.4
%ASA-6-302020: Built outbound ICMP connection for
 faddr 192.0.2.4/0 gaddr 198.51.100.2/1 laddr 198.51.100.2/1
%ASA-7-609001: Built local-host identity:192.0.2.1
%ASA-6-302015: Built inbound UDP connection 16 for outside:
 198.51.100.2/67 (198.51.100.2/67) to identity:192.0.2.1/67 (192.0.2.1/67)
%ASA-6-302015: Built outbound UDP connection 17 for inside:
 192.0.2.4/68 (192.0.2.4/68) to identity:192.0.2.1/67 (192.0.2.1/67)
%ASA-6-302021: Teardown ICMP connection for
 faddr 192.0.2.4/0 gaddr 198.51.100.2/1 laddr 198.51.100.2/1
```

Configure

In this section, you are presented with the information used to configure the features described in this document.

Network Diagram

This document uses this network setup:



Configurations

This document uses these configurations:

- DHCP Relay Configuration with Use of the CLI
- DHCP Relay Final Configuration
- DHCP Server Configuration

DHCP Relay Configuration with Use of the CLI

```
dhcprelay server 198.51.100.2 outside
dhcprelay enable inside
dhcprelay setroute inside
dhcprelay timeout 60
```

DHCP Relay Final Configuration

```
show run
hostname ASA
names
interface Ethernet0/0
nameif inside
security-level 0
ip address 192.0.2.1 255.255.255.0
interface Ethernet0/1
nameif outside
security-level 100
ip address 198.51.100.1 255.255.255.0
interface Ethernet0/2
no nameif
no security-level
no ip address
interface Ethernet0/3
no nameif
no security-level
no ip address
interface Management0/0
shutdown
no nameif
no security-level
no ip address
ftp mode passive
no pager
logging enable
logging buffer-size 40960
logging buffered debugging
mtu inside 1500
mtu outside 1500
no failover
```

```
icmp unreachable rate-limit 1 burst-size 1
no asdm history enable
arp timeout 14400
timeout xlate 0:30:00
timeout pat-xlate 0:00:30
timeout conn 3:00:00 half-closed 0:30:00 udp 0:15:00 icmp 0:00:02
timeout sunrpc 0:10:00 h323 0:05:00 h225 0:30:00 mgcp 0:05:00 mgcp-pat 0:05:00
timeout sip 0:30:00 sip_media 0:02:00 sip-invite 0:03:00 sip-disconnect 0:02:00
timeout sip-provisional-media 0:02:00 uauth 0:05:00 absolute
timeout tcp-proxy-reassembly 0:01:00
timeout floating-conn 0:00:00
dynamic-access-policy-record DfltAccessPolicy
http server enable
http 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 inside
no snmp-server location
no snmp-server contact
crypto ipsec security-association lifetime seconds 28800
crypto ipsec security-association lifetime kilobytes 4608000
telnet timeout 5
ssh timeout 5
console timeout 0
dhcprelay server 198.51.100.2 Outside
dhcprelay enable inside
dhcprelay setroute inside
//Defining DHCP server IP and interface//
//Enables DHCP relay on inside/client facing interface//
//Sets ASA inside as DG for clients in DHCP reply packets//
dhcprelay timeout 60
threat-detection basic-threat
threat-detection statistics access-list
no threat-detection statistics tcp-intercept
webvpn
Ţ
prompt hostname context
no call-home reporting anonymous
call-home
profile CiscoTAC-1
 no active
 destination address http https://tools.cisco.com/its/service/oddce/services/DDCEService
 destination address email callhome@cisco.com
 destination transport-method http
 subscribe-to-alert-group diagnostic
 subscribe-to-alert-group environment
 subscribe-to-alert-group inventory periodic monthly
 subscribe-to-alert-group configuration periodic monthly
  subscribe-to-alert-group telemetry periodic daily
Cryptochecksum: 7ae5f655ffe399c8a88b61cb13425972
: end
```

DHCP Server Configuration

```
show run
Building configuration...
```

```
Current configuration: 1911 bytes
! Last configuration change at 18:36:05 UTC Tue May 28 2013
version 15.1
service timestamps debug datetime msec
service timestamps log datetime msec
no service password-encryption
hostname Router
boot-start-marker
boot-end-marker
logging buffered 4096
no aaa new-model
crypto pki token default removal timeout 0
dot11 syslog
ip source-route
ip dhcp excluded-address 192.0.2.1 192.0.2.2
ip dhcp excluded-address 192.0.2.10 192.0.2.254
//IP addresses exluded from DHCP scope//
ip dhcp pool pool1
            network 192.0.2.0 255.255.255.0
import all
   dns-server 192.0.2.10 192.0.2.11 domain-name cisco.com
//DHCP pool configuration and various parameters//
Ţ
ip cef
no ipv6 cef
multilink bundle-name authenticated
license udi pid CISCO1811W-AG-A/K9 sn FCTxxxx
interface Dot11Radio0
no ip address
 shutdown
speed basic-1.0 basic-2.0 basic-5.5 6.0 9.0 basic-11.0 12.0 18.0 24.0 36.0 48.0 54.0
station-role root
interface Dot11Radio1
no ip address
shutdown
speed basic-6.0 9.0 basic-12.0 18.0 basic-24.0 36.0 48.0 54.0
station-role root
interface FastEthernet0
ip address 198.51.100.2 255.255.255.0
```

```
duplex auto
speed auto
interface FastEthernet1
no ip address
duplex auto
speed auto
interface FastEthernet2
no ip address
interface FastEthernet3
no ip address
interface FastEthernet4
no ip address
interface FastEthernet5
no ip address
interface FastEthernet6
no ip address
interface FastEthernet7
no ip address
interface FastEthernet8
no ip address
interface FastEthernet9
no ip address
interface Vlan1
no ip address
interface Async1
no ip address
encapsulation slip
ip forward-protocol nd
no ip http server
no ip http secure-server
ip route 192.0.2.0 255.255.255.0 198.51.100.1
//Static route to ensure replies are routed to relay agent IP//
control-plane
line con 0
line 1
modem InOut
stopbits 1
 speed 115200
flowcontrol hardware
line aux 0
line vty 0 4
login
```

```
transport input all
!
end
```

DHCP Relay with Multiple DHCP Servers

You can define up to ten DHCP servers. When a client sends a DHCP *Discover* packet, it is forwarded to all of the DHCP servers.

Here is an example:

```
dhcprelay server 198.51.100.2 outside
dhcprelay server 198.51.100.3 outside
dhcprelay server 198.51.100.4 outside
dhcprelay enable inside
dhcprelay setroute inside
```

Debugs with Multiple DHCP Servers

Here are some example debugs when multiple DHCP servers are used:

```
DHCP: Received a BOOTREQUEST from interface 2 (size = 300)
DHCPRA: relay binding found for client 000c.291c.34b5.
DHCPRA: setting giaddr to 192.0.2.1.
dhcpd_forward_request: request from 000c.291c.34b5 forwarded to 198.51.100.2.
dhcpd_forward_request: request from 000c.291c.34b5 forwarded to 198.51.100.3.
dhcpd_forward_request: request from 000c.291c.34b5 forwarded to 198.51.100.4.
```

Captures with Multiple DHCP Servers

Here is an example packet capture when multiple DHCP servers are used:

Verify

Use this section in order to confirm that your configuration works properly.

In order to view the statistical information about the DHCP relay services, enter the **show dhcprelay statistics** command on the ASA CLI:

ASA# show dhcprelay statistics

DHCP UDP Unreachable Errors: 1
DHCP Other UDP Errors: 0

Packets Relayed **BOOTREQUEST** 1 DHCPDISCOVER 1 DHCPREQUEST DHCPDECLINE 0 DHCPRELEASE 0 DHCPINFORM **BOOTREPLY** DHCPOFFER 1 DHCPACK 1 DHCPNAK

This output provides information on several DHCP message types, such as DHCPDISCOVER, DHCP REQUEST, DHCP OFER, DHCP RELEASE, and DHCP ACK.

- show dhcprelay state on ASA CLI
- show ip dhcp server statistics on router CLI

Troubleshoot

This section provides information you can use in order to troubleshoot your configuration.

Router#show ip dhcp server statistics

Memory usage 56637
Address pools 1
Database agents 0
Automatic bindings 1
Manual bindings 0
Expired bindings 0
Malformed messages 0
Secure arp entries 0

Message Received
BOOTREQUEST 0
DHCPDISCOVER 1
DHCPREQUEST 1
DHCPDECLINE 0
DHCPRELEASE 0
DHCPINFORM 0

Message Sent BOOTREPLY 0 DHCPOFFER 1 **DHCPACK** 1 **DHCPNAK**

ASA# show dhcprelay state Context Configured as DHCP Relay Interface inside, Configured for DHCP RELAY SERVER Interface outside, Configured for DHCP RELAY

You can also use these debug commands:

- debug dhcprelay packet
- debug dhcprelay event
- Captures
- Syslogs



Note: Refer to Important Information on Debug Commands before you use **debug** commands.

Related Information

- Captures on ASA
- Technical Support & Documentation Cisco Systems