

Configure IPsec on Catalyst 9000X Series Switches

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Introduction

This document describes how to verify Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) feature on Catalyst 9300X switches.

Prerequisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- IPsec

Components Used

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

- C9300X
- C9400X

- Cisco IOS® XE 17.6.4 and later

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

Starting in Cisco IOS® XE 17.5.1, Catalyst 9300-X series switches support IPsec. IPsec provides high levels of security through encryption and authentication, as well as protecting data from unauthorized access. The IPsec implementation on the C9300X provides secure tunnels between two peers using the sVTI (Static Virtual Tunnel Interface) configuration.

IPsec support on the Catalyst 9400X series switches was introduced in Cisco IOS® XE 17.10.1.

Terminology

IOSd	IOS daemon	This is the Cisco IOS daemon that runs on the Linux kernel. It is run as a software process within the kernel. IOSd processes CLI commands and protocols that build up state and configuration.
PD	Platform Dependent	Data and commands that are specific to the platform they are run on
IPsec	Internet Protocol Security	A secure network protocol suite that authenticates and encrypts packets of data to provide secure encrypted communication between two computers over an Internet Protocol network.
SVTI	Static Virtual Tunnel Interface	A statically configured virtual interface to which you can apply security features
SA	Security Association	An SA is a relationship between two or more entities that describes how the entities use security services to communicate securely
FED	Forwarding Engine Driver	The switch component responsible for hardware programming of UADP ASIC

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Network Diagram

For the purpose of this example, the Catalyst 9300X and ASR1001-X function as IPsec peers with IPsec Virtual Tunnel Interfaces.



Install HSEC license

Enable the IPsec feature on the Catalyst 9300X platform, an HSEC license (C9000-HSEC) is required. This is different from other Cisco IOS XE based routing platforms that support IPsec, where an HSEC license is only needed to increase the allowed encryption throughput. On the Catalyst 9300X platform, the **tunnel mode** and **tunnel protection** CLI is blocked if an HSEC license is not installed:

```
<#root>
C9300X(config)#  
int tunnell  
  
C9300X(config-if)#  
tunnel mode ipsec ipv4  
  
%'tunnel mode' change not allowed  
  
*Sep 19 20:54:41.068: %PLATFORM_IPSEC_HSEC-3-INVALID_HSEC: HSEC  
license not present: IPsec mode configuration is rejected
```

Install the HSEC license when the switch is connected to CSSM or CSLU using Smart Licensing:

```
<#root>
C9300X#  
license smart authorization request add hseck9 local  
  
*Oct 12 20:01:36.680: %SMART_LIC-6-AUTHORIZATION_INSTALL_SUCCESS: A new licensing authorization code wa
```

Verify HSEC license is correctly installed:

```
<#root>
```

```
C9300X#
```

```
show license summary
```

Account Information:

Smart Account: Cisco Systems, TAC As of Oct 13 15:50:35 2022 UTC
Virtual Account: CORE TAC

License Usage:

License	Entitlement Tag	Count	Status
<hr/>			
network-advantage	(C9300X-12Y Network Adv...)	1	IN USE
dna-advantage	(C9300X-12Y DNA Advantage)	1	IN USE
C9K HSEC	(Cat9K HSEC)	0	

```
NOT IN USE
```

Enable IPsec as the tunnel mode on the tunnel interface:

```
<#root>  
  
C9300X(config)#  
  
interface tunnell  
  
C9300X(config-if)#  
  
tunnel mode ipsec ipv4  
  
C9300X(config-if)#  
  
end
```

Once IPsec is enabled, the HSEC license becomes **IN USE**

```
<#root>  
  
C9300X#  
  
show license summary  
  
Account Information:  
Smart Account: Cisco Systems, TAC As of Oct 13 15:50:35 2022 UTC  
Virtual Account: CORE TAC  
  
License Usage:  
License Entitlement Tag Count Status  
-----  
network-advantage (C9300X-12Y Network Adv...) 1 IN USE  
dna-advantage (C9300X-12Y DNA Advantage) 1 IN USE  
C9K HSEC (Cat9K HSEC) 1  
  
IN USE
```

SVTI Tunnel Protection

IPsec configuration on the C9300X uses the standard Cisco IOS XE IPsec configuration. This is a simple SVTI configuration using [IKEv2 Smart Defaults](#), where we are using the default IKEv2 policy, IKEv2 proposal, IPsec transform, and IPsec profile for IKEv2.

C9300X Configuration

```
<#root>

ip routing

!

crypto ikev2 profile default

match identity remote address 192.0.2.2 255.255.255.255
authentication remote pre-share key cisco123
authentication local pre-share key cisco123
!

interface Tunnell1

ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.252
tunnel source 198.51.100.1
tunnel mode ipsec ipv4
tunnel destination 192.0.2.2

tunnel protection ipsec profile default
```

 **Note:** Since Catalyst 9300X is essentially an access layer switch, **ip routing** has to be explicitly enabled for routing based features like VTI to work.

Peer Configuration

```
<#root>

crypto ikev2 profile default

match identity remote address 198.51.100.1 255.255.255.255
authentication remote pre-share key cisco123
authentication local pre-share key cisco123
!

interface Tunnell1

ip address 192.168.1.2 255.255.255.252
tunnel source 192.0.2.2
tunnel mode ipsec ipv4
tunnel destination 198.51.100.1

tunnel protection ipsec profile default
```

For a more detailed discussion of the various IKEv2 and IPsec configuration constructs, please see [C9300X IPsec Configuration Guide](#).

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IPsec Tunnel

IPsec implementation on the C9300X platform is architecturally different than on the routing platforms (ASR1000, ISR4000, Catalyst 8200/8300, etc), where the IPsec feature processing is implemented in the QFP (Quantum Flow Processor) microcode.

The C9300X forwarding architecture is based on the UADP ASIC, so most of the QFP feature FIA implementation does not apply here.

Here are some of the key differences:

- **show crypto ipsec sa peer x.x.x.x platform** does not show the platform programming information from the FMAN down to the QFP.
- Packet-trace also does not work (more on this below).
- UADP ASIC does not support crypto traffic classification, so **show crypto ruleset platform** does not apply

IOSd Control Plane

IPsec control plane verification is exactly the same as that for the routing platforms, see . To display the IPsec SA installed in IOSd:

```
<#root>
C9300X#
show crypto ipsec sa

interface: Tunnel1
  Crypto map tag: Tunnel1-head-0, local addr 198.51.100.1

  protected vrf: (none)
  local ident (addr/mask/prot/port): (0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0/0/0)
  remote ident (addr/mask/prot/port): (0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0/0/0)
  current_peer 192.0.2.2 port 500
    PERMIT, flags={origin_is_acl,}
    #pkts encaps: 200, #pkts encrypt: 200, #pkts digest: 200
    #pkts decaps: 200, #pkts decrypt: 200, #pkts verify: 200
    #pkts compressed: 0, #pkts decompressed: 0
    #pkts not compressed: 0, #pkts compr.

failed: 0
  #pkts not decompressed: 0, #pkts decompress failed: 0

#send errors 0, #recv errors 0

local crypto endpt.: 198.51.100.1, remote crypto endpt.: 192.0.2.2
plaintext mtu 1438, path mtu 1500, ip mtu 1500, ip mtu idb TwentyFiveGigE1/0/1
```

```

current outbound spi: 0x42709657(1114674775)
PFS (Y/N): N, DH group: none

inbound esp sas:

    spi: 0x4FE26715(1340237589)
    transform: esp-aes esp-sha-hmac ,
    in use settings ={Tunnel, }
    conn id: 2098,
    flow_id: CAT9K:98

    , sibling_flags FFFFFFFF80000048, crypto map: Tunnel1-head-0
    sa timing: remaining key lifetime (k/sec): (26/1605)
    IV size: 16 bytes
    replay detection support: Y
    Status: ACTIVE(ACTIVE)

inbound ah sas:

inbound pcp sas:

outbound esp sas:

    spi: 0x42709657(1114674775)
    transform: esp-aes esp-sha-hmac ,
    in use settings ={Tunnel, }
    conn id: 2097,
    flow_id: CAT9K:97

    , sibling_flags FFFFFFFF80000048, crypto map: Tunnel1-head-0
    sa timing: remaining key lifetime (k/sec): (32/1605)
    IV size: 16 bytes
    replay detection support: Y
    Status: ACTIVE(ACTIVE)

outbound ah sas:

outbound pcp sas:
```

Note the **flow_id** in the output, this must match the flow id installed in the forwarding plane.

PD Control Plane

Statistics between IOSd and PD control plane

```
<#root>
C9300X#
show platfor software ipsec policy statistics
```

	PAL	CMD	REQUEST	REPLY	OK	REPLY	ERR	ABORT
SADB_INIT_START			3		3		0	0
SADB_INIT_COMPLETED			3		3		0	0
SADB_DELETE			2		2		0	0
SADB_ATTR_UPDATE			4		4		0	0

SADB_INTF_ATTACH	3	3	0	0
SADB_INTF_UPDATE	0	0	0	0
SADB_INTF_DETACH	2	2	0	0
ACL_INSERT	4	4	0	0
ACL MODIFY	0	0	0	0
ACL_DELETE	3	3	0	0
PEER_INSERT	7	7	0	0
PEER_DELETE	6	6	0	0
SPI_INSERT	39	37	2	0
SPI_DELETE	36	36	0	0
CFLOW_INSERT	5	5	0	0
CFLOW MODIFY	33	33	0	0
CFLOW_DELETE	4	4	0	0
IPSEC_SA_DELETE	76	76	0	0
TBAR_CREATE	0	0	0	0
TBAR_UPDATE	0	0	0	0
TBAR_REMOVE	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
PAL NOTIFY	RECEIVE	COMPLETE	PROC ERR	IGNORE
NOTIFY_RP	0	0	0	0
SA_DEAD	0	0	0	0
SA_SOFT_LIFE	46	46	0	0
IDLE_TIMER	0	0	0	0
DPD_TIMER	0	0	0	0
INVALID_SPI	0	0	0	0
	0	5	0	0
VTI SADB	0	33	0	0
TP SADB	0	40	0	0

IPSec PAL database summary:

DB NAME	ENT ADD	ENT DEL	ABORT
PAL_SADB	3	2	0
PAL_SADB_ID	3	2	0
PAL_INTF	3	2	0
PAL_SA_ID	76	74	0
PAL_ACL	0	0	0
PAL_PEER	7	6	0
PAL_SPI	39	38	0
PAL_CFLOW	5	4	0
PAL_TBAR	0	0	0

SADB Object Table

```
<#root>
C9300X#
show plat software ipsec switch active f0 sadb all
IPsec SADB object table:
```

SADB-ID	Hint	Complete	#RefCnt	#CfgCnt	#ACL-Ref
3	vir-tun-int	true	2	0	0

SADB entry

```
<#root>
C9300X#
show plat software ipsec switch active f0 sadb identifier 3
=====
      SADB id: 3
          hint: vir-tun-int
          completed: true
      reference count: 2
      configure count: 0
      ACL reference: 0

      SeqNo (Static/Dynamic)          ACL id
-----
```

IPsec Flow Information

```
<#root>
C9300X#
show plat software ipsec switch active f0 flow all
=====
```

```
Flow id: 97

      mode: tunnel
      direction: outbound
      protocol: esp
          SPI: 0x42709657
      local IP addr: 198.51.100.1
      remote IP addr: 192.0.2.2
      crypto map id: 0
          SPD id: 3
          cpp SPD id: 0
      ACE line number: 0
      QFP SA handle: INVALID
      crypto device id: 0
IOS XE interface id: 65
      interface name: Tunnel1
          use path MTU: FALSE
          object state: active
      object bind state: new
=====
```

```
Flow id: 98

      mode: tunnel
      direction: inbound
      protocol: esp
          SPI: 0x4fe26715
      local IP addr: 198.51.100.1
      remote IP addr: 192.0.2.2
      crypto map id: 0
          SPD id: 3
          cpp SPD id: 0
```

```
ACE line number: 0
    QFP SA handle: INVALID
crypto device id: 0
IOS XE interface id: 65
    interface name: Tunnel1
    object state: active
```

Troubleshoot

IOSd

These debug and show commands are commonly collected:

```
<#root>

show crypto eli all

show crypto socket

show crypto map

show crypto ikev2 sa detail

show crypto ipsec sa

show crypto ipsec internal

<#root>

debug crypto ikev2

debug crypto ikev2 error

debug crypto ikev2 packet

debug crypto ipsec

debug crypto ipsec error

debug crypto kmi
```

```
debug crypto socket
```

```
debug tunnel protection
```

PD Control Plane

To verify the PD Control Plane operations, use the verification steps shown previously. To debug any issues related to the PD control plane, enable PD control plane debugs:

1. **Increase** the btrace logging level to verbose:

```
<#root>
C9300X#
set platform software trace forwarding-manager switch active f0 ipsec verbose

C9300X#
show platform software trace level forwarding-manager switch active f0 | in ipsec
ipsec
verbose
```

2. **Enable** PD controlplane conditional debugging:

```
<#root>
C9300X#
debug platform condition feature ipsec controlplane submode level verbose

C9300X#
show platform conditions

Conditional Debug Global State: Stop

Feature      Type          Submode          Level
-----|-----|-----|-----
IPSEC        controlplane  N/A             |-----
```

controlplane N/A

verbose

3. **Collect** the debug output from fman_fp btrace output:

```

<#root>

C9300X#

show logging process fman_fp module ipsec internal

Logging display requested on 2022/10/19 20:57:52 (UTC) for Hostname: [C9300X] , Model: [C9300X-24Y] , Ver

Displaying logs from the last 0 days, 0 hours, 10 minutes, 0 seconds
executing cmd on chassis 1 ...
Unified Decoder Library Init .. DONE
Found 1 UTF Streams

2022/10/19 20:50:36.686071658 {fman_fp_F0-0}{1}: [ipsec] [22441]: (ERR): IPSEC-PAL-IB-Key:::
2022/10/19 20:50:36.686073648 {fman_fp_F0-0}{1}: [ipsec] [22441]: (ERR): IPSEC-b0 d0 31 04 85 36 a6 08

```

PD Data Plane

Verify the dataplane IPsec tunnel statistics including common IPsec drops such as HMAC or replay failures

```

<#root>

C9300X#

show platform software fed sw active ipsec counters if-id all

#####
Flow Stats for if-id 0x41
#####
-----
Inbound Flow Info for

flow id: 98
-----

SA Index: 1
-----

Asic Instance 0: SA Stats
  Packet Format Check Error:    0
  Invalid SA:                  0
  Auth Fail:                   0
  Sequence Number Overflows:   0
  Anti-Replay Fail:           0
  Packet Count:                200
  Byte Count:                  27600
-----
Outbound Flow Info for

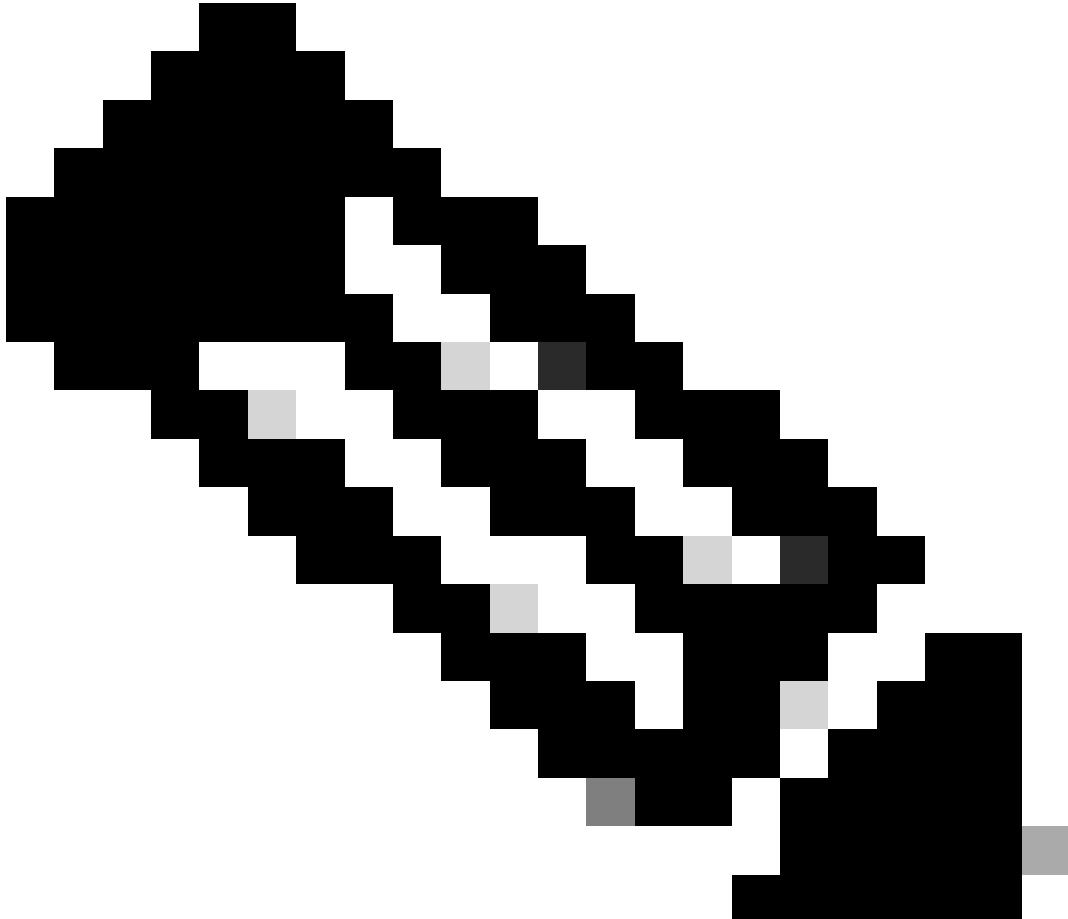
flow id: 97
-----

SA Index: 1025
-----

Asic Instance 0: SA Stats
  Packet Format Check Error:    0
  Invalid SA:                  0
  Auth Fail:                   0

```

```
Sequence Number Overflows:      0
Anti-Replay Fail:            0
Packet Count:                200
Byte Count:                 33600
```



Note: the flow id matches the flow id in the **show crypto ipsec sa** output. Individual flow statistics can also be obtained with the command **show platform software fed switch active ipsec counters sa <sa_id>** where the sa_id is the **SA Index** in the previous output.

Dataplane Packet-tracer

Packet-tracer on the UADP ASIC platform behaves very differently from that on the QFP based system. It can be enabled with either a manual trigger or a PCAP based trigger. Here is an example of using PCAP (EPC) based trigger.

1. Enable EPC and start capture:

```
<#root>
```

```
C9300X#
```

```
monitor capture test interface twentyFiveGigE 1/0/2 in match ipv4 10.1.1.2/32 any
```

```
<#root>
```

```
C9300X#
```

```
show monitor capture test
```

```
Status Information for Capture test
```

```
Target Type:
```

```
Interface: TwentyFiveGigE1/0/2, Direction: IN
```

```
Status : Inactive
```

```
Filter Details:
```

```
IPv4
```

```
Source IP: 10.1.1.2/32
```

```
Destination IP: any
```

```
Protocol: any
```

```
Buffer Details:
```

```
Buffer Type: LINEAR (default)
```

```
Buffer Size (in MB): 10
```

```
File Details:
```

```
File not associated
```

```
Limit Details:
```

```
Number of Packets to capture: 0 (no limit)
```

```
Packet Capture duration: 0 (no limit)
```

```
Packet Size to capture: 0 (no limit)
```

```
Maximum number of packets to capture per second: 1000
```

```
Packet sampling rate: 0 (no sampling)
```

2. Run the rest and stop the capture:

```
<#root>
```

```
C9300X#
```

```
monitor capture test start
```

```
Started capture point : test
```

```
*Oct 18 18:34:09.656: %BUFCAP-6-ENABLE: Capture Point test enabled.
```

```
<run traffic test>
```

```
C9300X#
```

```
monitor capture test stop
```

```
Capture statistics collected at software:
```

```
Capture duration - 23 seconds
```

```
Packets received - 5
```

```
Packets dropped - 0
```

```
Packets oversized - 0
```

```
Bytes dropped in asic - 0
```

```
Capture buffer will exists till exported or cleared
```

```
Stopped capture point : test
```

3. Export the capture into flash

```
<#root>

C9300X#

show monitor capture test buff

*Oct 18 18:34:33.569: %BUFCAP-6-DISABLE
Starting the packet display ..... Press Ctrl + Shift + 6 to exit

 1  0.000000    10.1.1.2 -> 10.2.1.2      ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0003, seq=0/0, ttl=255
 2  0.000607    10.1.1.2 -> 10.2.1.2      ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0003, seq=1/256, ttl=2
 3  0.001191    10.1.1.2 -> 10.2.1.2      ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0003, seq=2/512, ttl=2
 4  0.001760    10.1.1.2 -> 10.2.1.2      ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0003, seq=3/768, ttl=2
 5  0.002336    10.1.1.2 -> 10.2.1.2      ICMP 114 Echo (ping) request id=0x0003, seq=4/1024, ttl=2

C9300X#

monitor capture test export location flash:test.pcap
```

4. Run packet-tracer:

```
<#root>

C9300X#

show platform hardware fed switch 1 forward interface TwentyFiveGigE 1/0/2 pcap flash:test.pcap number 1

Show forward is running in the background. After completion, syslog will be generated.

C9300X#
*Oct 18 18:36:56.288: %SHFWD-6-PACKET_TRACE_DONE: Switch 1 F0/0: fed: Packet Trace Complete: Execute (0)
*Oct 18 18:36:56.288: %SHFWD-6-PACKET_TRACE_FLOW_ID: Switch 1 F0/0: fed: Packet Trace Flow id is 131077
C9300X#
C9300X#show plat hardware fed switch 1 forward last summary
Input Packet Details:
###[ Ethernet ]###
  dst        = b0:8b:d0:8d:6b:d6
  src=78:ba:f9:ab:a7:03
  type       = 0x800
###[ IP ]###
  version    = 4
  ihl        = 5
  tos        = 0x0
  len        = 100
  id         = 15
  flags      =
  frag       = 0
  ttl        = 255
  proto      = icmp
  checksum   = 0xa583
  src=10.1.1.2
  dst        = 10.2.1.2
  options    =
###[ ICMP ]###
  type       = echo-request
  code       = 0
  checksum   = 0xae17
```

Input Packet Details:

N/A: Recirculated Packet

N, At Re

```
Port : Recirculation Port
Asic Port Number : 90
Asic Instance : 0
Vlan : 0
Mapped Vlan ID : 2
STP Instance : 0
```

```

BlockForward          : 0
BlockLearn           : 0
L3 Interface         : 38
  IPv4 Routing       : enabled
  IPv6 Routing       : enabled
  Vrf Id            : 0
Adjacency:
  Station Index     : 177
  Destination Index : 21304
  Rewrite Index      : 21
  Replication Bit Map : 0x1    ['remoteData']
Decision:
  Destination Index : 21304
  Rewrite Index      : 21
  Dest Mod Index     : 0      [IGR_FIXED_DMI_NULL_VALUE]
  CPU Map Index      : 0      [CMI_NULL]
  Forwarding Mode    : 3      [Other or Tunnel]
  Replication Bit Map :        ['remoteData']
  Winner             : L3FWDIPV4 LOOKUP
  Qos Label          : 1
  SGT                : 0
  DGTID              : 0
Egress:
  Possible Replication :
    Port               : TwentyFiveGigE1/0/1
  Output Port Data   :
    Port               : TwentyFiveGigE1/0/1
    Global Port Number: 1
    Local Port Number : 1
    Asic Port Number  : 0
    Asic Instance      : 1
    Unique RI          : 0
    Rewrite Type       : 0      [Unknown]
    Mapped Rewrite Type: 13    [L3_UNICAST_IPV4_PARTIAL]
    Vlan               : 0
    Mapped Vlan ID     : 0
Output Packet Details:
  Port                 : TwentyFiveGigE1/0/1
###[ Ethernet ]###
  dst      = 00:62:ec:da:e0:02
  src=b0:8b:d0:8d:6b:e4
  type     = 0x800
###[ IP ]###
  version  = 4
  ihl     = 5
  tos     = 0x0
  len     = 168
  id      = 2114
  flags    = DF
  frag    = 0
  ttl     = 254
  proto   = ipv6_crypt
  checksum = 0x45db
  src=198.51.100.1
  dst      = 192.0.2.2
  options   =
###[ Raw ]###      load      =
6D 18 45 C9
00 00 00 06 09 B0 DC 13 11 FA DC F8 63 98 51 98 33 11 9C C0 D7 24 BF C2 1C 45 D3 1B 91 0B 5F B4 3A C0 A
*****

```

```
C9300X#
```

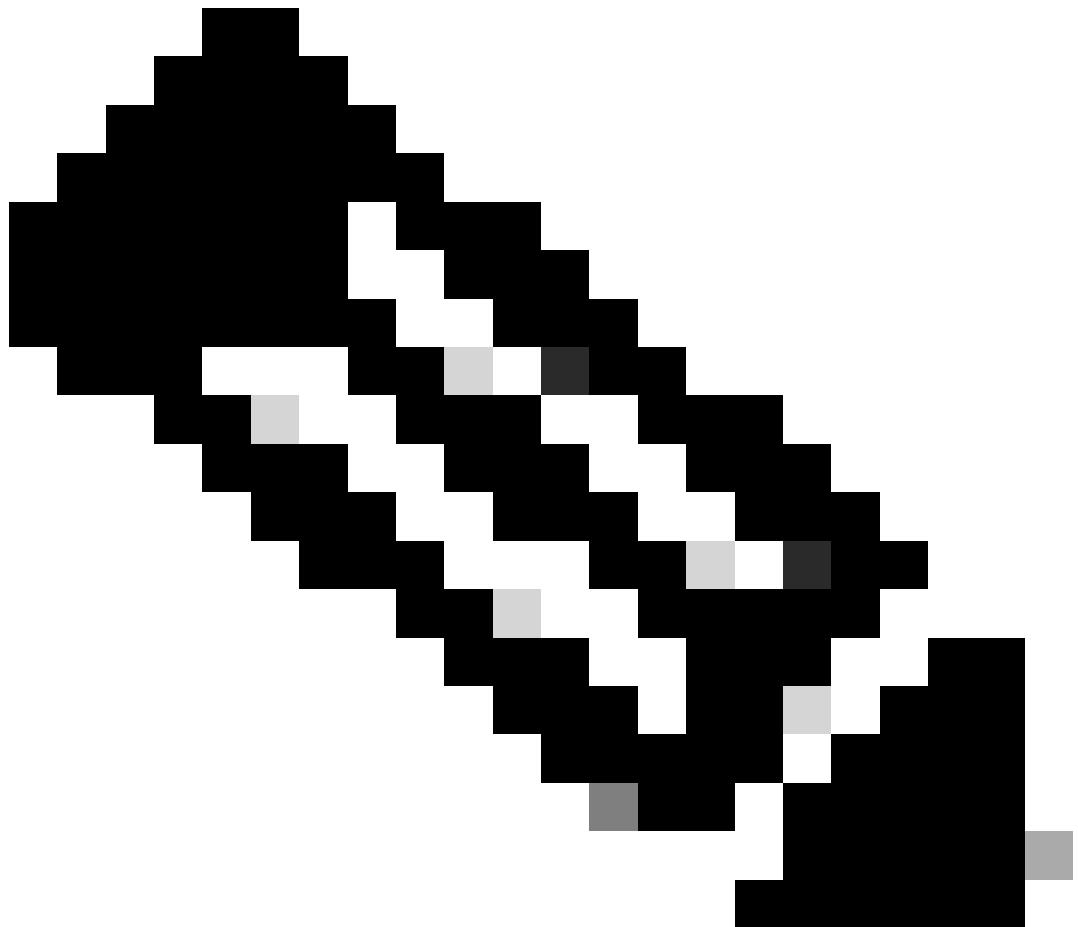
```
show crypto ipsec sa | in current outbound
```

```
current outbound spi:
```

```
0x6D1845C9
```

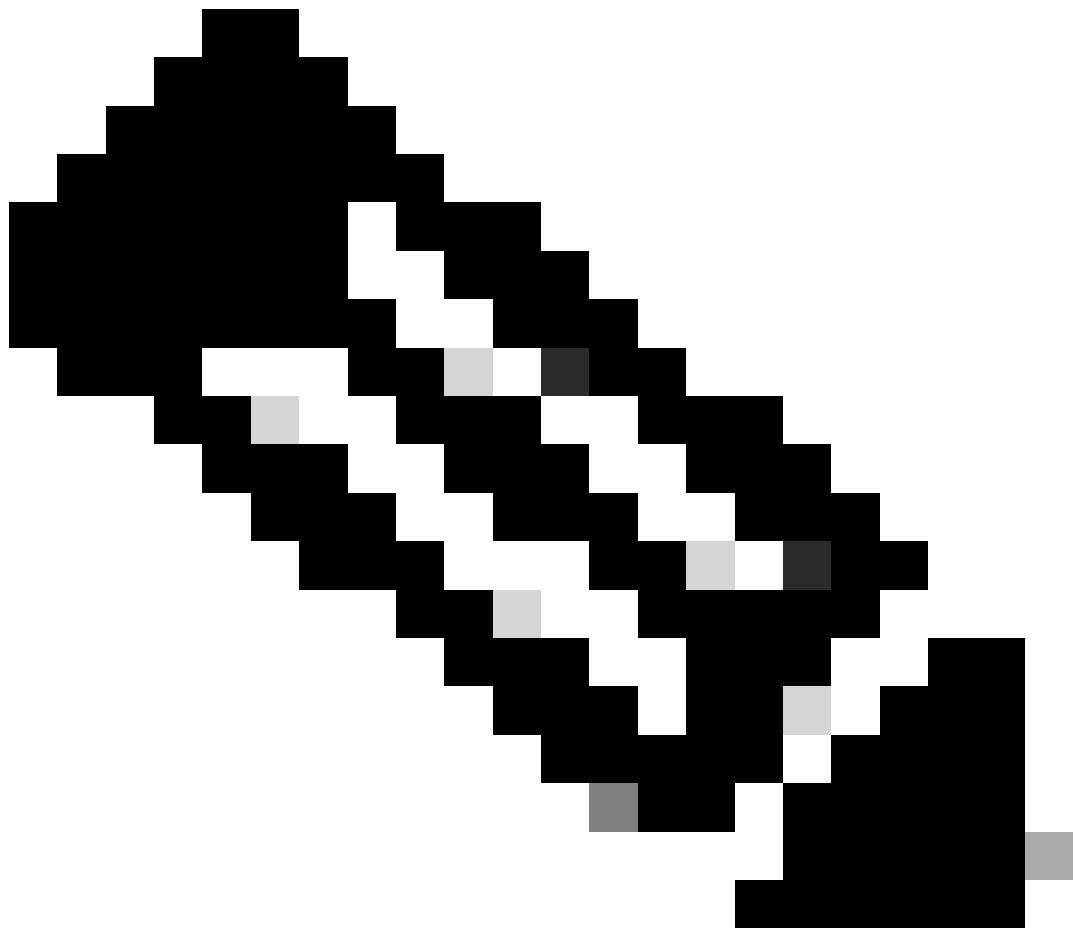
```
(1830307273)
```

```
<-- Matches the load result in packet trace
```



Note: in the previous output, the packet forwarded egress is the ESP packet with the current outbound SA SPI. For a more detailed FED forwarding decision analysis, the **detail** variant of the same command. Example: **show plat hardware fed switch 1 forward last detail** can be used.

PD Dataplane Debugging



Note: PD dataplane debugging must only be enabled with assistance from TAC. These are very low level traces that engineering needs if the issue cannot be identified via normal CLIs/Debugs.

```
<#root>
C9300X#
set platform software trace fed switch active ipsec verbose
C9300X#
debug platform condition feature ipsec dataplane submode all level verbose
C9300X#
show logging process fed module ipsec internal
```

IPsec PD SHIM Debugs

```
<#root>
```

```
debug platform software ipsec info
```

```
debug platform software ipsec error
```

```
debug platform software ipsec verbose
```

```
debug platform software ipsec all
```

Related Information

- [Configure IPsec on Catalyst 9300 Switches](#)
- [Configure IPsec on Catalyst 9400 Switches](#)
- [Cisco IOS XE 17.12.1 for Catalyst Switching](#)