

# Logging for Cisco ISE

Unfortunately ISE can't generate custom logs in the format required (FTICKS) but, fortunately, it can generate syslog logs with the right information, which can be sent to a syslog server and munged into a suitable format.

This approach assumes that the member sites are configured to include their Operator-Name in RADIUS Requests.

## Configuring Cisco ISE

This has been done with ISE 2.6 but the principle should apply to other versions.

In **Administration** → **System** → **Logging**.

In **Remote Logging Targets** create a new Logging Target with the host name of your syslog server.

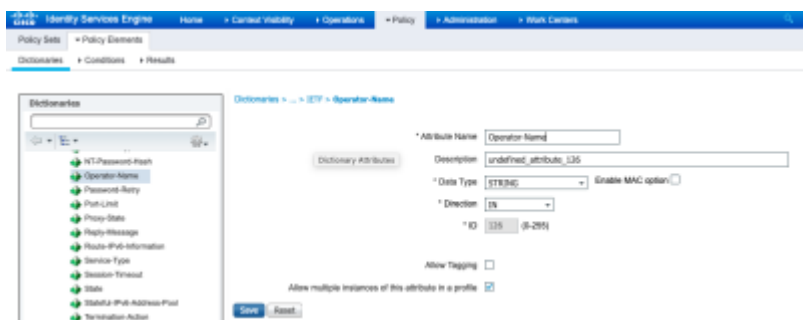
The *Facility Code* can be anything but make sure that it matches what the filters expect on the syslog server.

*Maximum Length* must be set higher than the default because the ISE log line exceeds 1024 bytes and gets split across multiple logs. 2048 seems to be high enough.

Enable *Comply to RFC3164*



In *Logging Categories* select *Passed Authentications* and add the new server to the Selected Targets.



## Configuring Syslog-NG

### Syslog proxies

Here are two options for possible syslog servers and config but you set up any syslog server as long

as it has the following behaviour:

- Proxies to utilities.govroam.uk on port 601/TCP
- Includes in the FTICKS '#FEDID=0X000#' where 0X000 is replaced by the Federation ID supplied.
- Filters down the proxied log to just those for
  - Successful authentications
  - Only authentications between member sites (i.e. NOT those to or from the Jisc NRPS)

The two options:

## syslog-ng on Linux

```
source s_remote_udp {
    udp();
    unix-stream("/dev/log" max-connections(100));};
};

filter f_local3 {
    facility(local3);
};

rewrite r_realm {
    subst("@", "", value("ISE.UserName"));
};

destination d_jisc {
    syslog("212.219.243.132"
        transport("tcp")
        port("601")
        template("F-
TICKS/govroam/1.0#REALM=${ISE.UserName}#VISICOUNTRY=GB#VISINST=${ISE.Operator
-Name}#CSI=${ISE.Calling-Station-ID}#RESULT=OK#FEDID=XXXXX#")
    );
};

log {
    source(s_remote_udp);
    filter(f_local3);
    filter{ match("Authentication succeeded" value ("MESSAGE"))};
    parser {
        kv-parser (prefix("ISE."));
    };
    filter{ "${ISE.NetworkDeviceName}" != "NRPS NAME"};
    filter{ "${ISE.SelectedAccessService}" != "NRPS NAME"};
    rewrite(r_realm);
    destination(d_jisc);
};
```

```
};
```

Replace the **XXXXX** with the Federation ID supplied.

Replace **NRPS NAME** with the NRPS name as defined in the *Network Devices* and the *External RADIUS Servers* respectively.

## NXLog on Windows

- Install [NXLog CE](#) on Windows
- Use this configuration (with paths changed appropriately)

```
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#NoFreeOnExit TRUE

define ROOT      C:\Program Files (x86)\nxlog
define CERTDIR  %ROOT%\cert
define CONFDIR  %ROOT%\conf
define LOGDIR   %ROOT%\data
define LOGFILE  %LOGDIR%\nxlog.log
LogFile %LOGFILE%

Moduledir %ROOT%\modules
CacheDir  %ROOT%\data
Pidfile   %ROOT%\data\nxlog.pid
SpoolDir  %ROOT%\data

<Extension _syslog>
  Module xm_syslog
</Extension>

<Extension _exec>
  Module xm_exec
</Extension>

<Input tcp_ise>
  Module im_tcp
  Host 10.10.10.10
  Port 514
  <Exec>
    if $SyslogFacility != "local6" drop();
    if $raw_event !~ /CISE_Passed_Authentications/ drop();
    $FedID="0X000";
  </Exec>
</Input>

<Output syslog_tls>
  Module om_ssl
  Host 212.219.243.132
  Port 6514
```

```
# CAFile c:/Program Files (x86)/nxlog/data/cacert.pem
# CertFile c:/Program Files (x86)/nxlog/data/clientreq.pem
# CertKeyFile c:/Program Files (x86)/nxlog/data/clientkey.pem
  AllowUntrusted 1
  OutputType Syslog_TLS
  Exec to_syslog_ietf();
</Output>

<Output syslog_tcp>
  Module om_tcp
  Host 212.219.243.132
  Port 601
  OutputType Syslog_TLS
  Exec to_syslog_ietf();
  Exec $SyslogFacility = "local6";
</Output>

<Route 1>
  Path tcp_ise => syslog_tcp
</Route>
```

- Change 0X000 to the supplied Federation ID.
- Change the 'Host' in 'Input tcp\_ise' to the address of the ISE host.
- (Ignore the syslog\_tls part, that's for future use)
- Restart the Service

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