



Configuration Guide

For 802.1X VLAN Assignment and MAB

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1 Overview

802.1X authentication is a network access control method which safeguards network security. If the client passes the RADIUS server authentication then the client can access the LAN. Otherwise, the client cannot access the LAN.

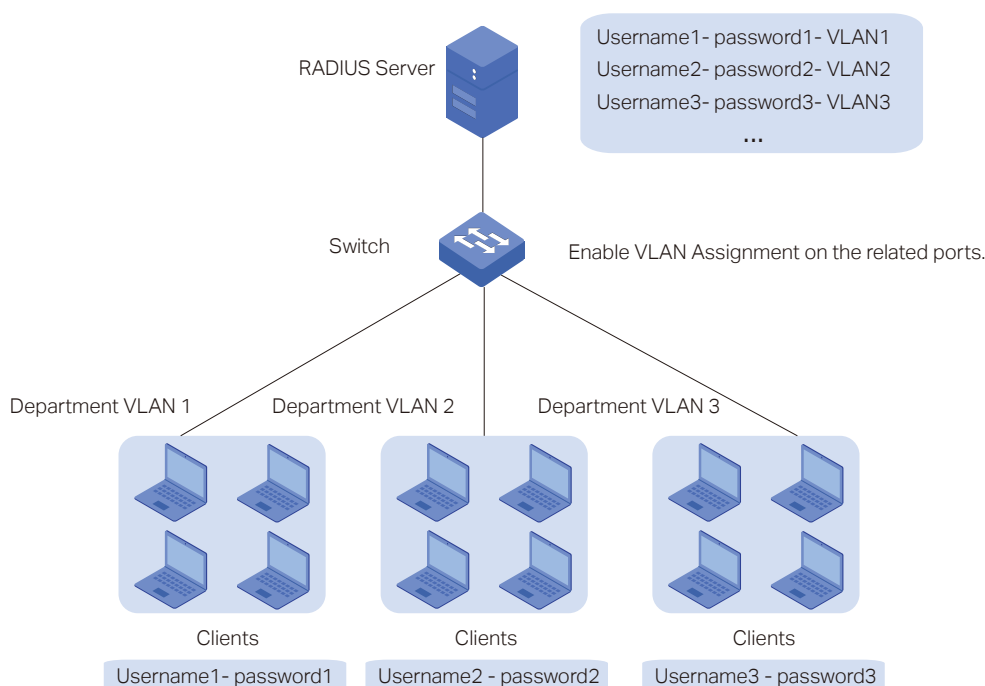
VLAN Assignment and MAB are two important features of 802.1X authentication, and act as safety controls.

VLAN Assignment

VLAN Assignment allows the RADIUS server to send the VLAN configuration to the port dynamically. VLAN Assignment is used together with 802.1X authentication. After the port is authenticated, the RADIUS server assigns the VLAN based on the username of the client connecting to the port. The username-to-VLAN mappings must already be stored in the RADIUS server database.

The figure below shows the typical topology of VLAN Assignment. VLAN Assignment is port-based. With VLAN Assignment enabled, the RADIUS server will send the VLAN configuration when the port is authenticated. VLAN IDs are assigned based on switch ports.

- If the assigned VLAN is nonexistent on the switch, the switch will create the related VLAN automatically, add the authenticated port to the VLAN and change the PVID based on the assigned VLAN.
- If the assigned VLAN exists on the switch, the switch will directly add the authenticated port to the related VLAN and change the PVID instead of creating a new VLAN.
- If no VLAN is supplied by the RADIUS server or if 802.1X authentication is disabled, the port will be still in its original VLAN.



MAB

MAB (MAC Authentication Bypass) uses the MAC address of a device to determine whether the client can get access to the network. After checking the MAC addresses of the clients that you want to access the network, add these MAC addresses into the database of the RADIUS server. With MAB enabled on the port, the switch will learn the MAC address of the device automatically and send the authentication server a RADIUS access request frame with the client's MAC address as the username and password. If the authorization succeeds, the RADIUS server grants the client access to the network. Thus devices can be authenticated without any client software installed. And MAB can be used to authenticate devices without 802.1X capability like IP phones.

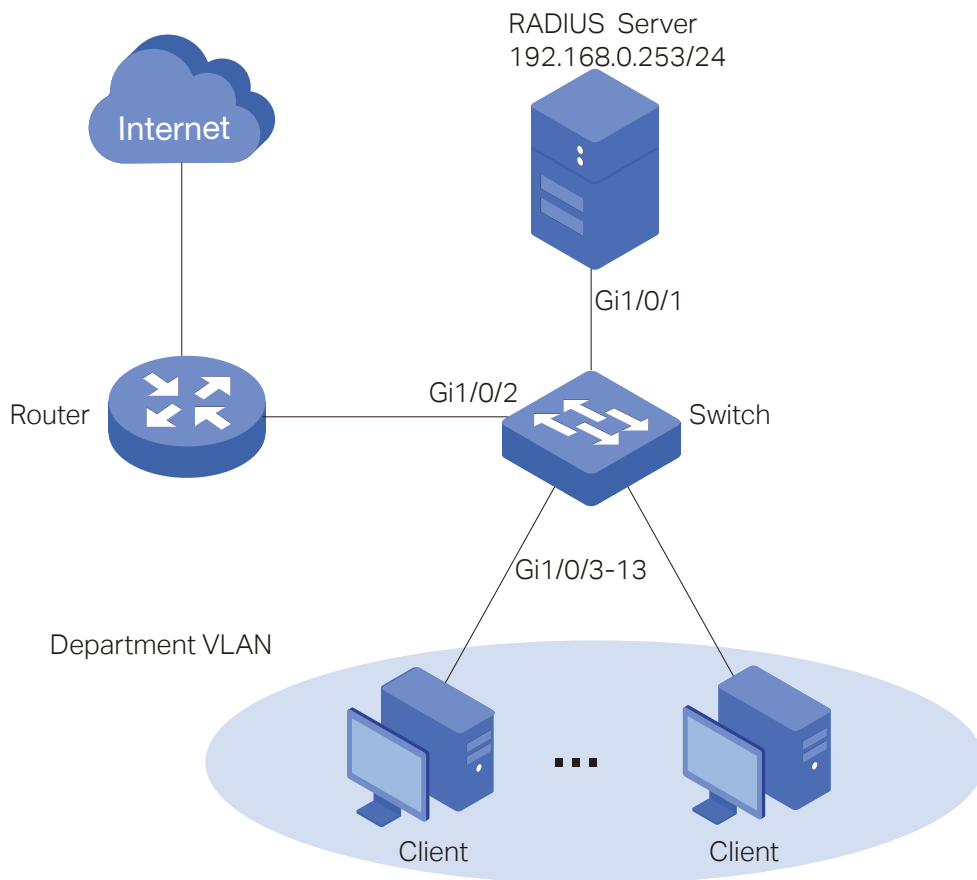
MAB interacts with the other features:

- 802.1X authentication— MAB takes effect only if 802.1X authentication is enabled on the port.
- VLAN Assignment— MAB can be used on a port with VLAN Assignment enabled. That is, if a client has an authorized MAC address identity, the switch assigns the client to a specific VLAN if VLAN Assignment is configured on the corresponding port.

2 Example for VLAN Assignment

2.1 Network Requirements

To enhance network security, a company requires that the employees can access the network normally only when their computers pass the authentication successfully. At the same time, to reduce the workload of the configuration, it is required that the ten authenticated computers can be automatically assigned to the VLANs of their departments. The network topology is shown as below.



2.2 Configuration Scheme

802.1X Authentication is commonly used in solving authentication and security problems for LAN ports. VLAN Assignment can assign multiple clients to different VLANs depending on their authentication information. Thus configure 802.1X Authentication and VLAN Assignment to meet the requirement.

The configuration is briefly summarized in the following outlines:

- 1) Build a RADIUS Server.
- 2) Configure 802.1X and VLAN Assignment on the switch.
- 3) Start the authentication on 802.1X client software.

2.3 RADIUS Server Introduction

A RADIUS server receives user authentication requests, authenticates the user, and then returns authentication results to the authenticator (the switch).

This guide takes FreeRADIUS.net as an example to build a RADIUS server. FreeRADIUS.net installation file can be downloaded from <http://freeradius.net/index.html>. Run the file and follow the wizard to install the FreeRADIUS.net on a local computer.

After installing FreeRADIUS.net on the computer, some configurations files should be modified to satisfy the 802.1X authentication requirements:

- Modify the `clients.conf` to add RADIUS client (the switch) information.
- Modify the `users.conf` to add user authentication information.

2.4 Configuration


Configuration Guidelines:

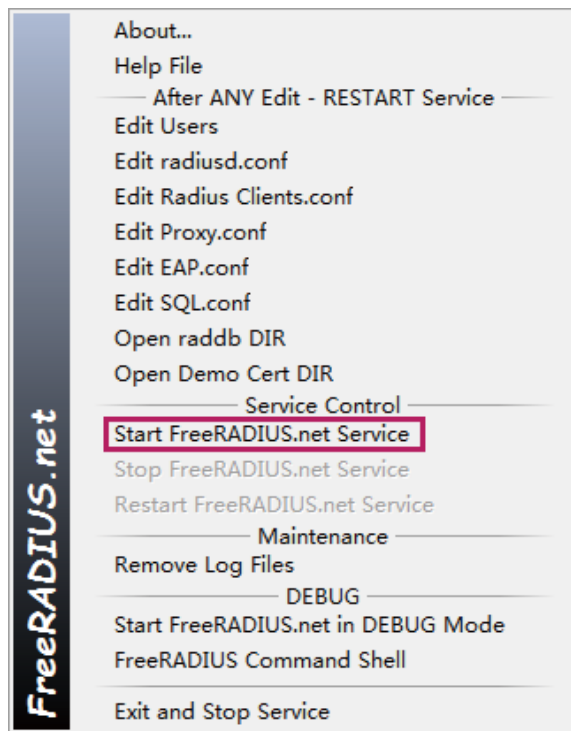
- VLAN Assignment takes effect only when the control type is **Port Based**. Set the control type as **Port Based** on the ports connected to clients.
- 802.1X authentication and Port Security cannot be enabled at the same time. Before enabling 802.1X authentication, make sure that Port Security is disabled.
- Keep 802.1X authentication disabled on ports connected to the authentication server, the internet and the management computer, which ensures the traffic will not be blocked for the switch.


Demonstrated with T2600G-28TS acting as the authenticator, FreeRADIUS.net acting as the RADIUS server and TP-Link 802.1X Client Software, the following sections provide configuration procedures. The configuration procedures on the switch will be given in two ways: using the GUI and using the CLI.

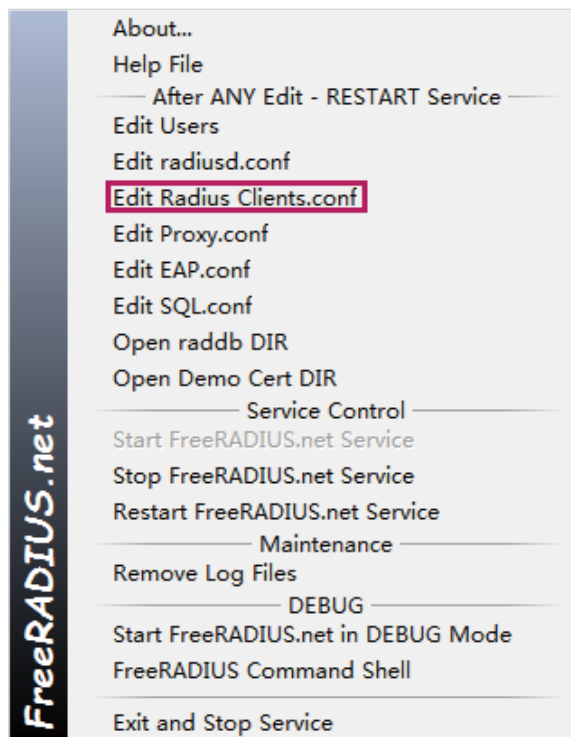
2.4.1 Build a RADIUS Server

For the network administrator, the first thing is to build a RADIUS server, and put the user information for employees into the RADIUS server. The network administrator can set different username and password for each employee or set a public username and password shared by all the employees in the same department. The setting of the username and password depends on the actual demands.

- 1) Right click the icon  to load the following window. Choose **Start FreeRADIUS.net Service** to start the RADIUS server.



- 2) Right click the icon  and choose **Edit Radius Clients.conf** to add an entry for the RADIUS client (T2600G-28TS).



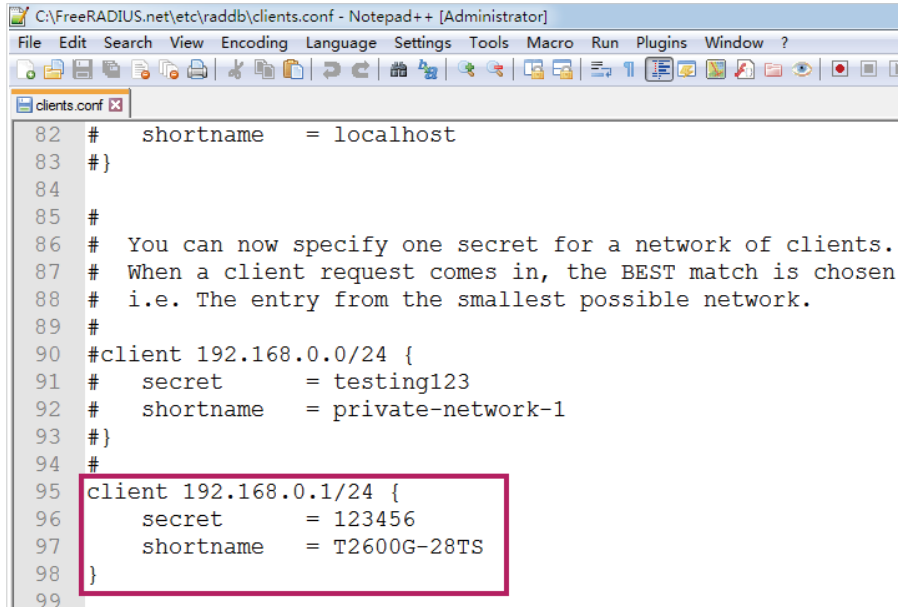
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- The IP address of network segment of the authenticator (T2600G-28TS). After the installation is completed, the default configuration file contains the commonly used network segment. Thus you can keep it as default in most cases.
- The secret which is the shared key between the RADIUS server and the switch. The RADIUS server and the switch use the key string to encrypt passwords and exchange responses.
- The shortname which is used as an alias for the fully qualified domain name, or the IP address. A value can be filled in optionally for the shortname.

According to the network topology, add the following code and save the file.




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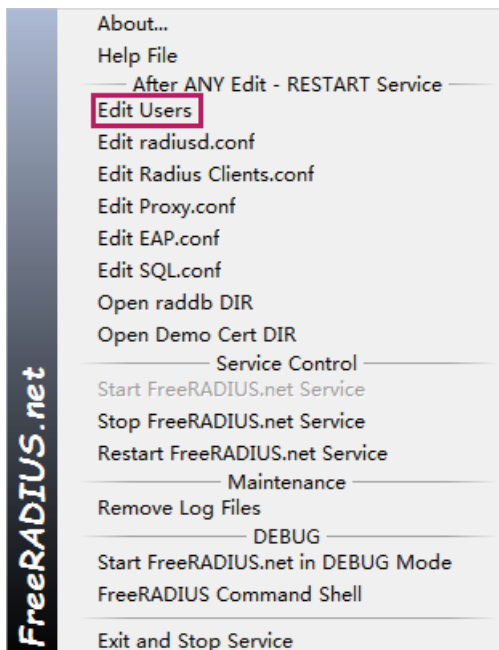
82 # shortname = localhost
83 #}
84
85 #
86 # You can now specify one secret for a network of clients.
87 # When a client request comes in, the BEST match is chosen.
88 # i.e. The entry from the smallest possible network.
89 #
90 #client 192.168.0.0/24 {
91 # secret = testing123
92 # shortname = private-network-1
93 #}
94 #
95 client 192.168.0.1/24 {
96     secret = 123456
97     shortname = T2600G-28TS
98 }
99

```

Note:

The secret can be any string, up to 32 characters in length.

- 3) Right click the icon  and choose **Edit Users** to add a user which the VLAN will be assigned to.



The user information can be modified in four aspects:

- **User-name** and **User-Password**, which is the authentication information of the clients. You can replace `rfc3580` with the username which you want and replace `demo` with the new password. Or you can ignore the default user information and add new user information which has identical format in the next line.
- **Tunnel-Type**, which indicates the tunneling protocol to be used. To configure VLAN Assignment, specify this value as `VLAN`.
- **Tunnel-Medium-Type**, which indicates the transport medium to use when creating a tunnel for tunneling protocols. To configure VLAN Assignment, specify this value as `IEEE-802`.
- **Tunnel-Private-Group-Id**, which indicates the group ID for a particular tunneled session, that is the assigned VLAN ID.

According to the network topology, add the following codes and save the file.

```

76  ## Also the "eap.conf" MUST be modified to include
77  ## "use_tunneled_reply = yes"
78  ## the default is "use_tunneled_reply = no"
79  ## this allow the "Tunnel*" AV's to be passed out
80  ## otherwise the switch will NOT see the VLAN to p
81  ##### Comments added by Jeff Reilly #####
82
83  testuser    User-Password == "testpw"
84
85  FreeRADIUS.net-Client    User-Password == "demo"
86
87  rfc3580    User-Password == "demo"
88            Tunnel-Type = "VLAN",
89            Tunnel-Medium-Type = "IEEE-802",
90            Tunnel-Private-Group-Id = "1",
91            Reply-Message = "Hello, %u"
92  tplink    User-Password == "admin1"
93            Tunnel-Type = "VLAN",
94            Tunnel-Medium-Type = "IEEE-802",
95            Tunnel-Private-Group-Id = "5",
96            Reply-Message = "Hello, %u"

```

Note:

- More than one entry which indicates username-to-VLAN mapping can be added in this file or use a database to store the entries.
- The user-name can be up to 253 characters in length.

- 4) Click **Restart FreeRaDIUS.net Service** to restart FreeRaDIUS.net.

2.4.2 Configure VLAN Assignment on the Switch

Using the GUI

- 1) Choose the menu **Network Security > AAA > Global Config** to load the following page. In the **Global Config** section, enable AAA function and click **Apply**.

Global Config

AAA: Enable Disable

- 2) Choose the menu **Network Security > AAA > Dot1x List** to load the following page. In the **Authentication Dot1x Method List** section, select an existing RADIUS server group for authentication from the Pri1 drop-down list and click **Apply**.

Authentication Dot1x Method List

Select	List	Pri1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="text" value="radius"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	default	radius

- 3) Choose the menu **Network Security > AAA > RADIUS Config** to load the following page. Enter the IP address of the RADIUS server and the shared key which is pre-defined in the Radius Clients.conf.

Server Config

Server IP: (Format:192.168.0.1)

Shared Key:

Auth Port: (1-65535)

Acct Port: (1-65535)

Retransmit: (1-3)

Timeout: sec(1-9)

NAS Identifier:

- 4) Choose the menu **Network Security > 802.1X > Global Config** to load the following page. In the **Global Config** section, enable **802.1X** and **VLAN Assignment** globally and click **Apply**.

Global Config

802.1X: Enable Disable

Auth Method:

Handshake: Enable Disable

Guest VLAN: Enable Disable

Guest VLAN ID: (2-4094)

Accounting: Enable Disable

VLAN Assignment: Enable Disable

- 5) Choose the menu **Network Security > 802.1X > Port Config** to load the following page. Select the port 1/0/3-13 which you want to deploy 802.1X VLAN Assignment and set the status for port1/0/3-13 as **Enable**. Set the control type as **Port Based** for port1/0/3-13. Set the status for port 1/0/1 and port 1/0/2 as **Disable** so that the RADIUS server and the internet will not be blocked for the switch.

Port Config								
UNIT: 1								
Select	Port	Status	MAB	Guest VLAN	Control Mode	Control Type	Authorized	LAG
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/1	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/2	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/3	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/4	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/5	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/6	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/7	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/8	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/9	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/10	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/11	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/12	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/13	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/14	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/15	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---

Using the CLI

- 1) Enable AAA globally and configure the RADIUS parameters.

```
T2600G-28TS#configure
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#aaa enable
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#aaa authentication dot1x default radius
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#radius -server host 192.168.0.253 auth-port 1812 key 123456
```

- 2) Globally enable 802.1X authentication and set the authentication protocol. Enable VLAN Assignment.

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#dot1x system-auth-control
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#dot1x auth-method eap
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#dot1x vlan-assignment
```

- 3) Disable 802.1X authentication on port 1/0/1 and port 1/0/2. Enable 802.1X authentication on port 1/0/3, set the mode as Auto, and set the control type as Port-Based.

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#interface range gigabitEthernet 1/0/1-2
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if-range)#no dot1x
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if-range)#exit
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#interface range gigabitEthernet 1/0/3-13
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if-range)#dot1x
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if-range)#dot1x port-method port-based
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if-range)#dot1x port-control auto
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if-range)#exit
```

4) Verify the configurations.

Verify the global configurations of 802.1X authentication:

```
T2600G-28TS#show dot1x global
```

```
802.1X State:                Enabled
Authentication Method:      EAP
Handshake State:            Enabled
Guest VLAN State:           Disabled
Guest VLAN ID:              N/A
802.1X Accounting State:    Disabled
802.1X VLAN Assignment State: Enabled
Quiet-period State:         Disabled
Quiet-period Timer:         10 sec.
Max Retry-times For RADIUS Packet: 3
Supplicant Timeout:         3 sec.
```

Verify the configurations of 802.1X authentication on the port:

```
T2600G-28TS#show dot1x interface
```

Port	State	MAB State	GuestVLAN	PortControl	PortMethod	Authorized	LAG
Gi1/0/1	disabled	disabled	disabled	auto	mac-based	authorized	N/A
Gi1/0/2	disabled	disabled	disabled	auto	mac-based	authorized	N/A
Gi1/0/3	enabled	disabled	disabled	auto	port-based	unauthorized	N/A
Gi1/0/4	enabled	disabled	disabled	auto	port-based	unauthorized	N/A
...							

Verify the configurations of RADIUS:

```
T2600G-28TS#show aaa global
```

```
AAA global status:      Enable
Module      Login List  Enable List
Console     default    default
Telnet      default    default
Ssh         default    default
Http        default    default
```

```
T2600G-28TS#show aaa authentication dot1x
```


```
Methodlist  pri1      pri2      pri3      pri4
default     radius    --        --        --
```

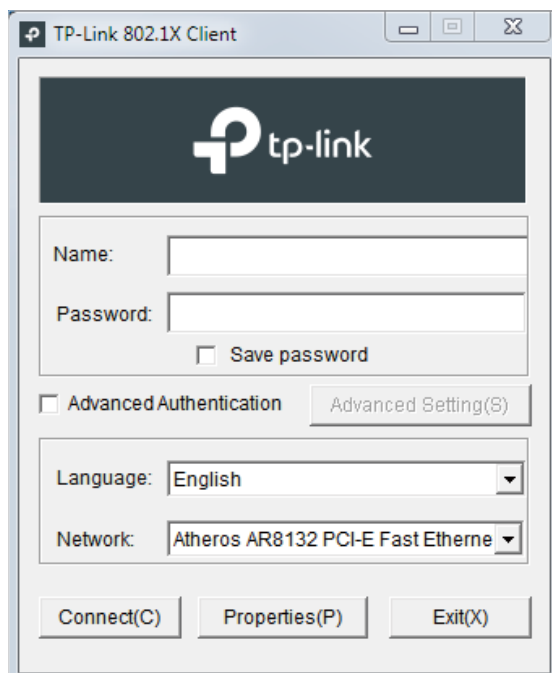
```
T2600G-28TS#show aaa group radius
```

```
192.168.0.253
```

2.4.3 Set Up Authentication on 802.1X Client Software

Before the employee can access the internet, the employee should input the authentication information on the 802.1X Client Software. The authentication information is the username and password which is set by the network administrator in the RADIUS server.

- 1) On the computer to be authorized, download the TP-Link 802.1X Client Software installation file from <http://www.tp-link.com/en/download-center.html>. Run the file and follow the wizard to install the 802.1X client software. After completing installation, double click the icon  to run the TP-Link 802.1X Client Software. The following screen will appear.



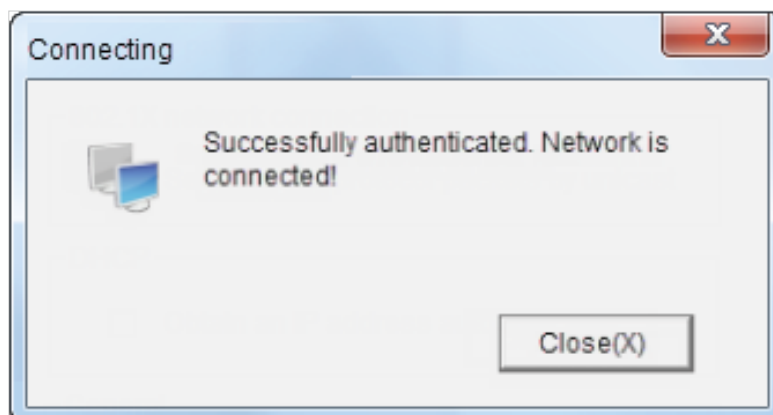
- 2) Enter the username and password. In this example, enter "tplink" as the username and "admin1" as the password, which is set in the RADIUS server, then click **Connect**.



Then the 802.1X client software will automatically register to the RADIUS server and get the authority to the internet from the RADIUS server.



When passing the authentication, the following screen will appear.



2.5 Verify the Configuration Result

After all the configurations are completed, you can follow the steps below to verify whether 802.1X VLAN Assignment works. Taking port 3 for a example, you can check the switch by using GUI and CLI.

Using the GUI

- 1) Choose the menu **Network Security > 802.1X > Port Config** to check whether the port 1/0/3 passes the 802.1X authentication successfully. After passing the 802.1X authentication successfully, the **Authorized** state will change from **Unauthorized** to **Authorized**.

Port Config								
UNIT: 1								
Select	Port	Status	MAB	Guest VLAN	Control Mode	Control Type	Authorized	LAG
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/1	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/2	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/3	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/4	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/5	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/6	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/7	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/8	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/9	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/10	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/11	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/12	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/13	Enable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/14	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/15	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---

- 2) Choose the menu **VLAN > 802.1Q VLAN > Global Config** to check whether the port 1/0/3 is assigned to the corresponding VLAN.

Vlan Table				
Select	VLAN_ID	Name	Members	Operation
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	System-VLAN	1/0/1-2,1/0/4-28	Edit Detail
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	N/A	1/0/3	Edit Detail

Total VLAN: 2

Using the CLI

- 1) Verify the 802.1X authorization states on the port:

```
T2600G-28TS#show dot1x interface
```

Port	State	MAB State	GuestVLAN	PortControl	PortMethod	Authorized	LAG
Gi1/0/1	disabled	disabled	disabled	auto	mac-based	authorized	N/A
Gi1/0/2	disabled	disabled	disabled	auto	mac-based	authorized	N/A
Gi1/0/3	enabled	disabled	disabled	auto	port-based	authorized	N/A

...

- 2) Verify the VLAN information:

```
T2600G-28TS#show vlan
```

VLAN	Name	Status	Ports
1	System-VLAN	active	Gi1/0/1, Gi1/0/2, Gi1/0/4, Gi1/0/5, Gi1/0/6, Gi1/0/7, Gi1/0/8, Gi1/0/9, Gi1/0/10, Gi1/0/11, Gi1/0/12, Gi1/0/13, Gi1/0/14, Gi1/0/15, Gi1/0/16, Gi1/0/17, Gi1/0/18, Gi1/0/19, Gi1/0/20, Gi1/0/21, Gi1/0/22, Gi1/0/23, Gi1/0/24, Gi1/0/25, Gi1/0/26, Gi1/0/27, Gi1/0/28
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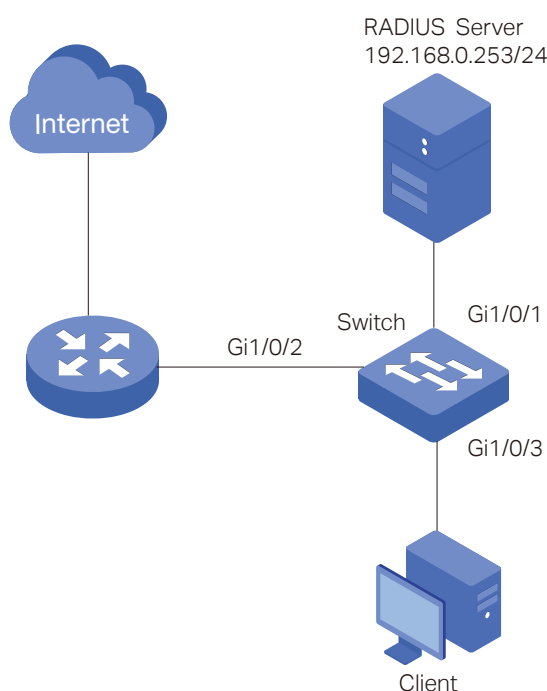
Primary	Secondary	Type	Ports
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The port has been assigned to the related VLAN. That means 802.1X VLAN Assignment works.

3 Example for MAB

3.1 Network Requirements

The network administrator wants to restrict the authority of a device to access the network resources. The device should be authenticated before getting access to the internet. For convenience, it is better that the authentication process can be performed automatically. The network topology is shown as below.



3.2 Configuration Scheme

MAB uses the MAC address of a device to determine whether the device can get access to the network. Thus MAB can be used to authenticate devices without 802.1X Client Software.

The configuration is briefly summarized in two steps:

- 1) Build a RADIUS Server.
- 2) Configure MAB on TP-Link switch.


3.3 Configuration

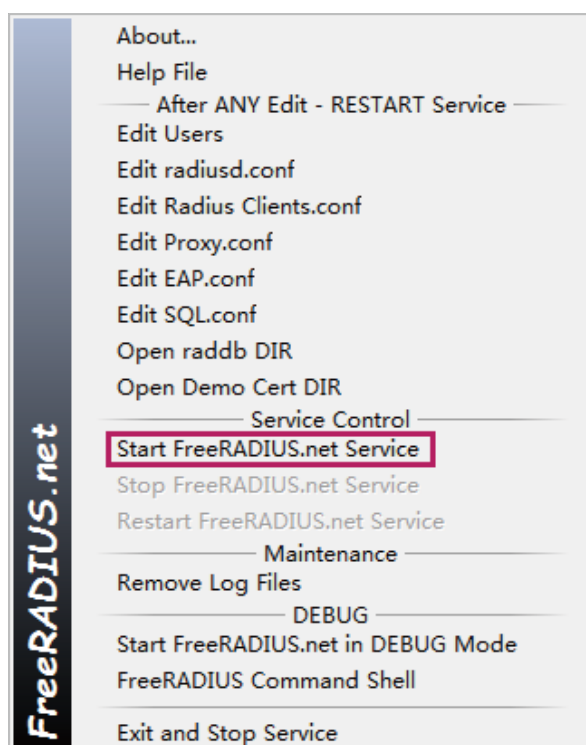
Configuration Guidelines:


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- MAB takes effect only when 802.1X Authentication is enabled. Enable 802.1X Authentication on the ports connected to clients.
- MAB takes effect only when Guest VLAN is disabled. Ensure that Guest VLAN is disabled when configuring MAB.
- 802.1X authentication and Port Security cannot be enabled at the same time. Before enabling 802.1X authentication, make sure that Port Security is disabled.
- Keep 802.1X authentication disabled on ports connected to the authentication server, the internet and the management computer, which ensures they will not be blocked from accessing the switch.

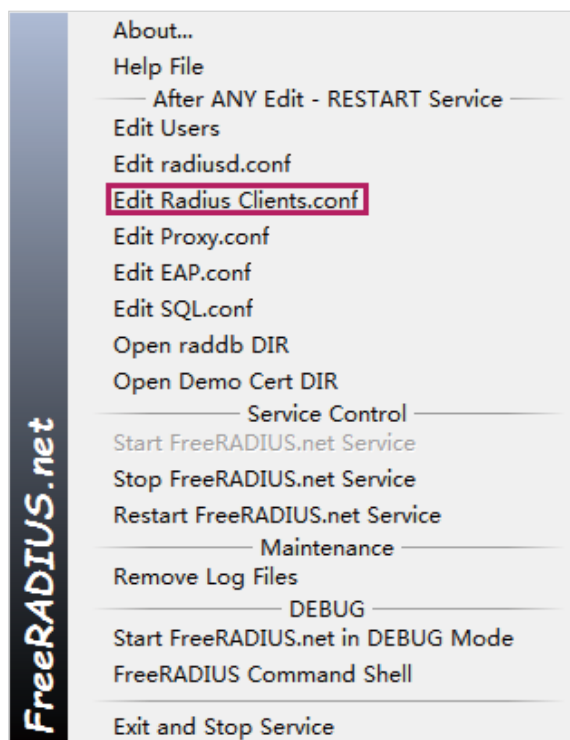
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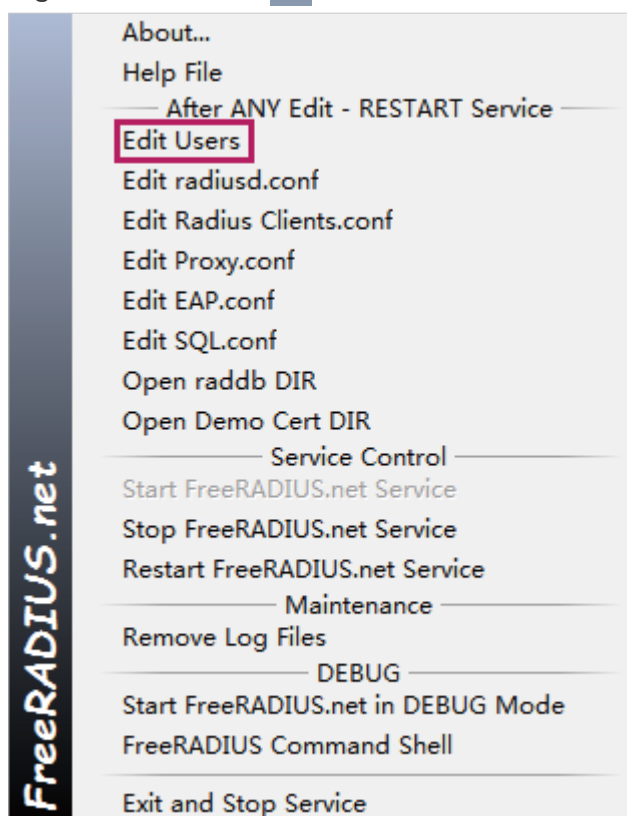
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86 #   You can now specify one secret for a network of clients.
87 #   When a client request comes in, the BEST match is chosen.
88 #   i.e. The entry from the smallest possible network.
89 #
90 #client 192.168.0.0/24 {
91 #   secret       = testing123
92 #   shortname    = private-network-1
93 #}
94 #
95 client 192.168.0.1/24 {
96     secret      = 123456
97     shortname    = T2600G-28TS
98 }
99

```

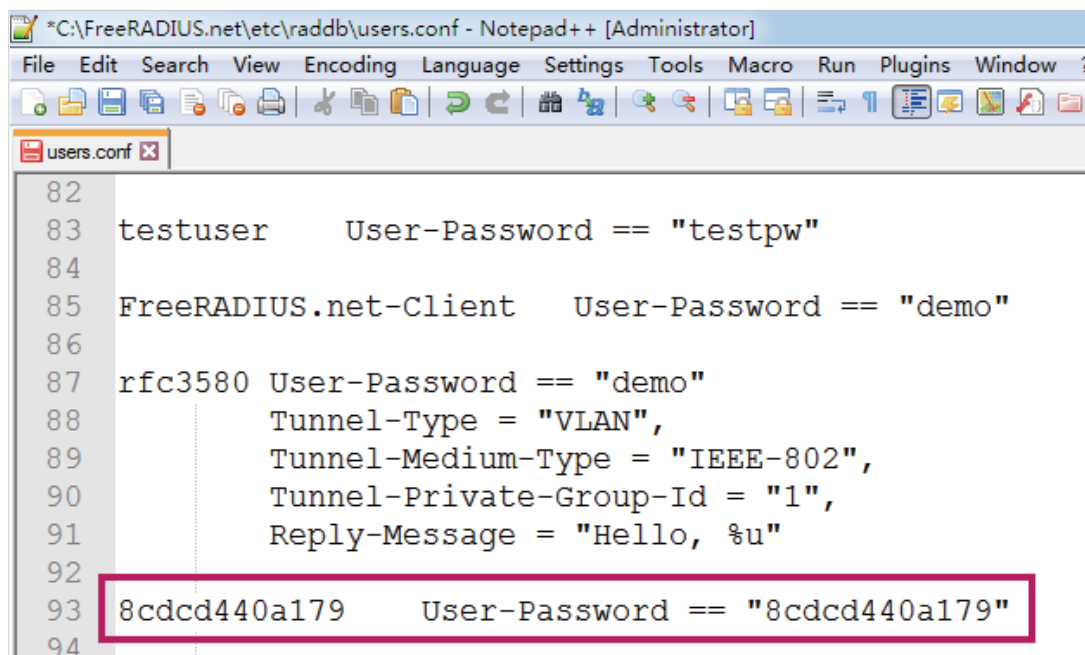
- 4) The MAC addresses of users should be stored in a database which can be accessed by the RADIUS server during the MAB attempt. This guide takes the internal database on the RADIUS server itself as an example.

Right Click the icon  and choose **Edit Users** to add an MAB user.



MAB uses the MAC address as the username and password. You can replace **rfc3580** and **demo** with the allowed MAC address. Or you can ignore the default user information and add the MAC address in the next line.

Add the following codes and save the file:



```
*C:\FreeRADIUS.net\etc\raddb\users.conf - Notepad++ [Administrator]
File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?
users.conf x
82
83 testuser    User-Password == "testpw"
84
85 FreeRADIUS.net-Client    User-Password == "demo"
86
87 rfc3580 User-Password == "demo"
88     Tunnel-Type = "VLAN",
89     Tunnel-Medium-Type = "IEEE-802",
90     Tunnel-Private-Group-Id = "1",
91     Reply-Message = "Hello, %u"
92
93 8cdcd440a179    User-Password == "8cdcd440a179"
94
```

Note:

- The format of the MAC address should be 12 hexadecimal digits, all lowercase and no punctuation. Because MAB uses the MAC address as the username and password, you should apply this format to make sure the RADIUS server can differentiate MAB requests from other type of request for network access.
- If you choose other RADIUS server in MAB, please ensure that the MAC address of the allowed client should be configured as username and password.

- 5) Click **Restart FreeRaDIUS.net Service** to restart FreeRaDIUS.net.

3.3.2 Configure MAB on the Switch

Using the GUI

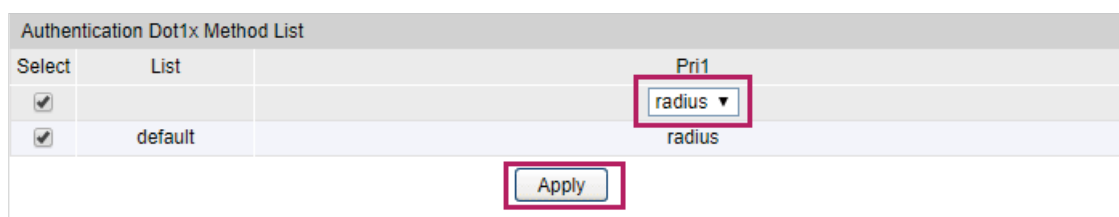
- 1) Choose the menu **Network Security > AAA > Global Config**, enable AAA function on the switch and click **Apply**.



Global Config

AAA: Enable Disable

- 2) Choose the menu **Network Security > AAA > Dot1x List**, select an existing RADIUS server group for authentication from the Pri1 drop-down list and click **Apply**.



Authentication Dot1x Method List

Select	List	Pri1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		radius
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	default	radius

- 3) Choose the menu **Network Security > AAA > RADIUS Config**, and enter 192.168.0.253 which is the IP address of the RADIUS server. Enter the shared key between the RADIUS server and the switch. The RADIUS server and the switch use the key string to encrypt passwords and exchange responses.

Server Config

Server IP: (Format 192.168.0.1)

Shared Key:

Auth Port: (1-65535)

Acct Port: (1-65535)

Retransmit: (1-3)

Timeout: sec(1-9)

NAS Identifier:

- 4) Choose the menu **Network Security > 802.1X > Global Config**, enable 802.1X globally and click **Apply**.

Global Config

802.1X: Enable Disable

Auth Method:

Handshake: Enable Disable

Guest VLAN: Enable Disable

Guest VLAN ID: (2-4094)

Accounting: Enable Disable

VLAN Assignment: Enable Disable

- 5) Choose the menu **Network Security > 802.1X > Port Config** to load the following page. Select port 1/0/3 and set the status as **Enable** and set **Control Type** as **Port Based**. Enable **MAB** for port 1/0/3. Set the status for port 1/0/1 and port 1/0/2 as **Disable** so that the RADIUS server and the internet will not be blocked for the switch.

Port Config

UNIT:

Select	Port	Status	MAB	Guest VLAN	Control Mode	Control Type	Authorized	LAG
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/1	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/2	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/3	Enable	Enable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Unauthorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/4	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/5	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/6	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/7	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/8	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/9	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/10	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/11	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/12	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/13	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/14	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/15	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Authorized	---

Using the CLI

- 1) Enable AAA globally.

```
T2600G-28TS#configure
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#aaa enable
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#aaa authentication dot1x default radius
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#radius -server host 192.168.0.253 auth-port 1812 key 123456
```

- 2) Globally enable 802.1X authentication and set the authentication protocol.

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#dot1x system-auth-control
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#dot1x auth-method eap
```

- 3) Disable 802.1X authentication on port 1/0/1 and port 1/10/2. Enable 802.1X authentication and MAB on port 1/0/3, set the mode as Auto, and set the control type as Port Based.

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#interface range gigabitEthernet 1/0/1-2
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if-range)#no dot1x
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if-range)#exit
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config)#interface gigabitEthernet 1/0/3
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if)#dot1x
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if)#dot1x port-method port-based
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if)#dot1x port-control auto
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if)#dot1x mab
```

```
T2600G-28TS(config-if)#exit
```

- 4) Verify the configurations.

Verify the global configurations of 802.1X authentication:

```
T2600G-28TS#show dot1x global
```

```
802.1X State: Enabled
```

```
Authentication Method: EAP
```

```
Handshake State: Enabled
```

```
Guest VLAN State: Disabled
```

```
Guest VLAN ID: N/A
```

```
802.1X Accounting State: Disabled
```

```
802.1X VLAN Assignment State: Disabled
```

```
Quiet-period State: Disabled
```

```
Quiet-period Timer: 10 sec.
```

```
Max Retry-times For RADIUS Packet: 3
```

Supplicant Timeout: 3 sec.

Verify the configurations of 802.1X authentication on the port:

T2600G-28TS#show dot1x interface

Port	State	MAB State	GuestVLAN	PortControl	PortMethod	Authorized	LAG
Gi1/0/1	disabled	disabled	disabled	auto	mac-based	authorized	N/A
Gi1/0/2	disabled	disabled	disabled	auto	mac-based	authorized	N/A
Gi1/0/3	enabled	enabled	disabled	auto	port-based	unauthorized	N/A

...

Verify the configurations of RADIUS:

T2600G-28TS#show aaa global

```
AAA global status:    Enable
Module      Login List  Enable List
Console     default    default
Telnet      default    default
Ssh         default    default
Http        default    default
```

T2600G-28TS#show aaa authentication dot1x

```
Methodlist  pri1    pri2    pri3    pri4
default     radius  --      --      --
```

T2600G-28TS#show aaa group radius

```
192.168.0.253
```

3.4 Verify the Configuration Result

After all configurations are completed, you can follow the steps below to test whether MAB works.

Using the GUI

- 1) Choose the menu **Network Security > 802.1X > Port Config** to check whether the port 1/0/3 has passed the authentication successfully.

Port Config									
UNIT: 1									
Select	Port	Status	MAB	Guest VLAN	Control Mode	Control Type	Authorized	LAG	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/1	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/2	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/3	Enable	Enable	Disable	Auto	Port Based	Authorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/4	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/5	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/6	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/7	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/8	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/9	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/10	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/11	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/12	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/13	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/14	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/0/15	Disable	Disable	Disable	Auto	MAC Based	Unauthorized	---	

The port authentication state changes from **Unauthorized** to **Authorized**, that is, the port has passed the authentication.

- Open a web browser and browse a website to check whether the PC can get access to the internet.

Using the CLI

- Verify the 802.1X authorization states on the port:


```
T2600G-28TS#show dot1x interface
```

Port	State	MAB State	GuestVLAN	PortControl	PortMethod	Authorized	LAG
Gi1/0/1	disabled	disabled	disabled	auto	mac-based	authorized	N/A
Gi1/0/2	disabled	disabled	disabled	auto	mac-based	authorized	N/A
Gi1/0/3	enabled	enabled	disabled	auto	port-based	authorized	N/A

...

- Open a web browser and browse a website and to check whether the PC can get access to the internet.

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