

Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (v3):  
Dynamic Attributes for the Remote Access Dialin User Service (RADIUS)

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## [2.](#) Abstract

This document defines dynamic attributes used by the Remote Access Dialin User Service (RADIUS). These attributes are written to a dynamic directory service by the RADIUS server in order to provide information about sessions in progress. This information can then be used in order to provide for control of simultaneous logins, or for detection or tracking of security incidents in progress.

## [3.](#) Introduction

The RADIUS protocol, described in [\[6\]](#)-[\[9\]](#), supports authentication, authorization and accounting for dialup users. To date, RADIUS servers have retrieved their configuration from user databases and/or flat configuration files. In order to consolidate stores of user information, it is desirable to integrate a RADIUS with an LDAP-based directory service.

This document is one of three related specifications which describe how a RADIUS server may be integrated with an LDAP-based directory service. Reference [\[14\]](#) specifies how user data utilized by a RADIUS

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server may be stored in an LDAP-based directory service. Reference [\[15\]](#) describes how user credentials submitted during PPP authentication and sent by the NAS in the RADIUS Access-Request may be validated by the RADIUS server.

This document describes how a dynamic directory service may be used to store these and other attributes relating to sessions in progress. Such information can be useful for a variety of purposes including security incident response; simultaneous usage control; or monitoring of connection quality, login time, packet size or bandwidth usage. Due to the frequency of changes to this data, dynamic attributes must be employed, as described in [\[5\]](#) and [\[10\]](#).

Attributes useful for this purpose include attributes from both the Access-Request and Access-Reply. For example, attributes such as Nas-IP-Address, Nas-Port, Nas-Identifier, Called-Station-Id, Calling-Station-Id, and Connect-Info are available from the RADIUS Access-Request packet. Other attributes such as Framed-IP-Address may be computed dynamically, and sent in the RADIUS Access-Accept packet. Attributes relating to a user's resource consumption during a session in progress are made available via the Interim Accounting Record Extension described in [\[9\]](#). These include Acct-Input-Octets, Acct-Output-Octets, Acct-Session-Id, Acct-Authentic, Acct-Session-Time, Acct-Input-Packets, Acct-Output-Packets, Acct-Terminate-Cause, Acct-Multi-Session-Id, Acct-Link-Count, Acct-Tunnel-Client-Endpoint, and Act-Tunnel-Connection-Id.

Typically it is expected that the RADIUS server will create an entry in the dynamic directory service after a successful authentication, and will delete the entry when the user logs off. However, some implementations may find it desirable to allow persistence of entries relating to failed authentications or logged off users. In this case, a refresh interval is typically set (for example, 24 hours) so that the entries will timeout after an appropriate interval.

### [3.1.](#) Example

Let us assume that BIGCO wishes to offer dialin access to their domestic sales force, as well as VPN access to contractors and finance employees travelling overseas. In order to consistently manage and account for the use of their NAS devices and Layer 2 tunnel servers (PPTP/L2F/L2TP), BIGCO has chosen to adopt the RADIUS protocol.

As part of this service offering, BIGCO may wish to restrict contractors and finance employees to a single login at a time. In order to implement this policy, it is necessary for the BIGCO RADIUS server to be able to retrieve the number of sessions in progress for a particular user.

BIGCO may also wish to implement auditing and alarming policies. For example, BIGCO may wish to set an alarm when contractors remain continuously logged on for more than a certain amount of time, attempt to access the network from more than one location simultaneously, or

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transfer more than a threshold number of octets during a given time period. It may also be desirable to set a threshold on failed authentications during a given time period, in order to detect break-ins in progress.

If an alarm is triggered, it may be desirable to have access to the Nas-IP-Address, Nas-Port, Called-Station-Id and Calling-Station-Id for the failed login attempt or session in progress so that the call may be traced.

#### [4.](#) Object definitions

The RADIUS dynamic attribute schema includes definition of the following objects:

Dynamic RADIUS Person Class

##### [4.1.](#) Dynamic RADIUS Person Class

```
( DynamicRadiusPersonClass 1
  NAME 'dynamicRadiusPersonClass'
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STRUCTURAL
MUST (
    userName $ acctSessionId $ connectionStatus
)
MAY ( nasIPAddress $ nasPort $ framedIPAddress $
    class $ calledStationId $ callingStationId $
    nasIdentifier $ acctInputOctets $
    acctOutputOctets $ acctAuthentic $
    acctSessionTime $ acctInputPackets $ acctOutputPackets $
    acctTerminateCause $ acctMultiSessionId $ acctLinkCount $
    acctInputGigawords $ acctOutputGigawords $
    nasPortType $ tunnelType $ tunnelMediumType $
    acctTunnelClientEndpoint $ acctTunnelConnection $
    tunnelPrivateGroupId $ connectInfo $ authenticationType $
    eapType $ encryptionType $ sessionLocalStartTime $
    sessionLocalEndTime $ ispId $ connectionStatus $
    serviceClass
)
)

```

## [5.](#) Attribute definitions

### [5.1.](#) New Attribute Types Used in the Dynamic RADIUS Person Class

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( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 1
    NAME 'userName'

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    DESC 'the name of the user'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
    SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 4
    NAME 'nasIPAddress'
    DESC 'IP address of the NAS'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
    SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'

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        SINGLE-VALUE
    )

    ( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 5
      NAME 'nasPort'
      DESC 'Physical port number of the NAS
           Authenticating the user'
      EQUALITY integerMatch
      SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
      SINGLE-VALUE
    )

    ( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 8
      NAME 'framedIPAddress'
      DESC 'IP address to be assigned to the user
           in dotted decimal notation'
      EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
      SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
      SINGLE-VALUE
    )

    ( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 25
      NAME 'class'
      DESC 'The service class for the user'
      EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
      SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    )

    ( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 30
      NAME 'calledStationId'
      DESC 'Phone number to which the user placed the call'
      EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
      SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    )

    ( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 31
      NAME 'callingStationId'
      DESC 'Phone number from which the user placed the call'
      EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
      SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    )

    ( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 32

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        NAME 'nasIdentifier'
        DESC 'String identifying the NAS'
        EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
        SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
        SINGLE-VALUE
    )

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 42
    NAME 'acctInputOctets'
    DESC 'How many octets have been received from the port during the s
    EQUALITY integerMatch
    SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 43
    NAME 'acctOutputOctets'
    DESC 'How many octets have been sent to the port during the session
    EQUALITY integerMatch
    SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 44
    NAME 'acctSessionId'
    DESC 'Unique Accounting ID string for the session'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
    SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 45
    NAME 'acctAuthentic'
    DESC 'Indicates how the user was authenticated. Values include RADI
        (1), Local (2), Remote (3)'
    EQUALITY integerMatch
    SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 46
    NAME 'acctSessionTime'
    DESC 'How many seconds the user has received service for'
    EQUALITY integerMatch
    SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 47

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NAME 'acctInputPackets'  
DESC 'How many packets have been received from the port during the  
EQUALITY integerMatch  
SYNTAX 'INTEGER'  
SINGLE-VALUE

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```
)  
  
( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 48  
  NAME 'acctOutputPackets'  
  DESC 'How many packets have been sent to the port during the session'  
  EQUALITY integerMatch  
  SYNTAX 'INTEGER'  
  SINGLE-VALUE  
)  
  
( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 49  
  NAME 'acctTerminateCause'  
  DESC 'Integer identifying how the session was terminated.'  
  EQUALITY integerMatch  
  SYNTAX 'INTEGER'  
  SINGLE-VALUE  
)  
  
( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 50  
  NAME 'acctMultiSessionId'  
  DESC 'Unique string linking together multiple related sessions.'  
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match  
  SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'  
)  
  
( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 51  
  NAME 'acctLinkCount'  
  DESC 'Count of links in a multilink session at time of last measurement'  
  EQUALITY integerMatch  
  SYNTAX 'INTEGER'  
)  
  
( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 52  
  NAME 'acctInputGigawords'  
  DESC 'This is an extended accounting attribute, included  
        to allow for keeping track of long or fast sessions. If
```

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        used, it represents bits 32-63 of the number of inbound
        octets during the session.'
EQUALITY integerMatch
SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 53
  NAME 'acctOutputGigawords'
  DESC 'This is an extended accounting attribute, included
        to allow for keeping track of long or fast sessions. If
        used, it represents bits 32-63 of the number of outbound
        octets during the session.'
  EQUALITY integerMatch
  SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
  SINGLE-VALUE
)

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( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 61
  NAME 'nasPortType'
  DESC 'Port on which the user has logged in. Values include
        Async(1), Sync(2), ISDN Sync(3), V.120(4), V.110(5) and Virtu
  EQUALITY integerMatch
  SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 64
  NAME 'tunnelType'
  DESC 'Type of tunnel set up. Values include
        PPTP(1), L2F(2), L2TP(3), ATMP(4), VTP(5),
        AH(6), IP-IP(7)'
  EQUALITY integerMatch
  SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
  SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 65
  NAME 'tunnelMediumType'
  DESC 'Medium tunnel runs over. Values include IP(1),
        X.25(2), ATM(3), Frame Relay(4).'
  EQUALITY integerMatch

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        SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
        SINGLE-VALUE
    )

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 66
    NAME 'acctTunnelClientEndpoint'
    DESC 'This is the address of the Tunnel Client Endpoint.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
    SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 67
    NAME 'tunnelServerEndpoint'
    DESC 'The address of the tunnel server. The format
        of the string depends on the tunnelMediumType
        attribute.'
    EQUALITY integerMatch
    SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 68
    NAME 'acctTunnelConnection'
    DESC 'This is the connection Id assigned to the call; it is included
        in Accounting-Request packets and written to ILS. A tag field lives
        in the first four octets.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
    SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

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( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 69
    NAME 'tunnelPrivateGroupId'
    DESC 'This is the private group Id assigned to the call.
        A tag field lives in the first four octets.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
    SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 77

```

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    NAME 'connectInfo'
    DESC 'This is the connect string returned by the modem in the
          initial connection, or by post-termination diagnostics.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
    SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 257
  NAME 'authenticationType'
  DESC 'This attribute indicates the authentication
        type for the user. Values include PAP (1),
        CHAP(2), EAP(3), MS-CHAP(4), and SPAP(5).'
  EQUALITY integerMatch
  SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
  SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 258
  NAME 'eapType'
  DESC 'This attribute indicates the EAP type for this
        user. It should only have a value when EAP is
        enabled for the user.'
  EQUALITY integerMatch
  SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
  SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 259
  NAME 'encryptionType'
  DESC 'Encryption type used (40-bit RC4 (1), 128-bit RC4 (2)).'
  EQUALITY integerMatch
  SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
  SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 260
  NAME 'sessionLocalStartTime'
  DESC 'This is a timestamp giving session start in local time.'
  EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
  SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
  SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 261

```

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        NAME 'sessionLocalEndTime'
        DESC 'This is a timestamp giving session end in local time.'
        EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
        SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
        SINGLE-VALUE
    )

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 262
    NAME 'ispId'
    DESC 'String identifying the local ISP to which the user
         is connected'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
    SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 263
    NAME 'connectionStatus'
    DESC 'Indicates status of the connection. Values include
         Failed Authentication (1), Logged On (2), or
         Logged Off (3).'
    EQUALITY integerMatch
    SYNTAX 'INTEGER'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)

( radius dynamicRadiusPersonClass 264
    NAME 'serviceClass'
    DESC ' String identifying class of service given to user.'
    EQUALITY caseIgnoreIA5Match
    SYNTAX 'IA5String{128}'
    SINGLE-VALUE
)
```

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