iPhone and WPA2 Enterprise/802.1x

iPhone 2.0 software delivers WPA2 Enterprise, ensuring corporate wireless networks are securely accessed on iPhone. WPA2 Enterprise uses 128-bit AES encryption, a proven block-based encryption method, providing users with the highest level of assurance that their data will remain protected.

With support for 802.1x, iPhone can be integrated into a broad range of RADIUS authentication environments. 802.1x wireless authentication methods supported on iPhone include EAP-TLS, EAP-TTLS, EAP-FAST, PEAPv0, PEAPv1, and LEAP.

For quick setup and deployment, WPA2 Enterprise network, security, and authentication settings can be configured using Configuration Profiles. For more information, see the iPhone Device Configuration Overview.

**WPA2 Enterprise Setup**

- Verify network appliances for compatibility and select an authentication type (EAP type) supported by iPhone.
- Check to ensure that 802.1x is enabled on the authentication server and, if necessary, install a server certificate and assign network access permissions to users and groups.
- Configure wireless access points for 802.1x authentication and enter the corresponding RADIUS server information.
- Test your 802.1x deployment with a Mac or a PC to ensure RADIUS authentication is properly configured.
- If you plan to use certificate-based authentication, ensure you have your public key infrastructure configured to support device and user-based certificates with the corresponding key distribution process.
- Verify certificate format and authentication server compatibility. iPhone supports PKCS1 (.cer, .crt, .der) and PKCS12 (.p12, .pfx).
- Check with your solution providers to confirm that your software and equipment are up to date with the latest security patches and firmware.
- For additional documentation regarding wireless networking standards and Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA), visit www.wi-fi.org.

**Wireless security protocols**

- WEP
- WPA Personal
- WPA Enterprise
- WPA2 Personal
- WPA2 Enterprise

**802.1x authentication methods**

- EAP-TLS
- EAP-TTLS
- EAP-FAST
- PEAPv0 (EAP-MS-CHAPv2)
- PEAPv1 (EAP-GTC)
- LEAP
WPA2/802.1x Enterprise Deployment Scenario

This example depicts a typical secure wireless deployment that takes advantage of RADIUS-based authentication.

1 iPhone requests access to network services. By selecting a wireless network, or configuring access to a specific SSID, iPhone initiates the connection.

2 After the request is received by the access point, the request is passed to the RADIUS server for authentication.

3 The RADIUS server validates the user account utilizing the directory service.

4 Once the user is authenticated, the access point provides network access with policies and permissions as instructed by the RADIUS server.