



CHAPTER 34

Configuring IPS

If you are managing a Cisco ASA 5500 series adaptive security appliance equipped with an AIP SSM, you can configure the IPS features of the AIP SSM by accessing IDM from ASDM.

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Accessing IDM from ASDM

ASDM uses IDM to configure the AIP SSM. If the AIP SSM is running IPS Version 6.0 or later, ASDM retrieves IDM from the AIP SSM and displays it as part of the ASDM interface. For earlier versions of the IPS software, IDM launches in a separate browser window.

To access IDM from ASDM, perform the following steps:

Step 1 Choose **Configuration > IPS**.

If the AIP SSM is running IPS Version 6.0 or later, ASDM retrieves IDM from the AIP SSM and displays it as part of the ASDM interface.

If the AIP SSM is running an earlier version of IPS software, ASDM displays a link to IDM.

Step 2 If a link appears in the in the ASDM pane, the AIP SSM is running a pre-6.0 version of the IPS software. Click the link to launch IDM in a new browser window. You will need to provide a username and password to access IDM.

Step 3 If a password dialog box appears, the AIP SSM is running IPS Version 6.0 or later software. Enter the AIP SSM password and click **OK**.

The IDM panes appear in the ASDM window.

If the password to access IDM is lost, you can reset the password using ASDM. See [Resetting the AIP SSM Password, page 34-2](#), for more information.

For information about configuring IPS features, see the IDM online help. The IDM online help is available from the IDM panes displayed in ASDM. Additionally, you can see the IDM and IPS documentation on Cisco.com at the following location:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/vpndevc/ps4077/products_installation_and_configuration_guides_list.html

Resetting the AIP SSM Password

You can use ASDM to reset the AIP SSM password to the default if the AIP SSM is running IPS Version 6.0 or later. The default password is “cisco” (without the quotation marks). After resetting the password, you should change it to a unique value using IDM. See [Accessing IDM from ASDM, page 34-1](#) for information about accessing IDM from ASDM.

Resetting the AIP SSM password causes the AIP SSM to reboot. IPS services are not available while the AIP SSM is rebooting.

To reset the AIP SSM password to the default, perform the following steps:

Step 1 From the ASDM menu bar, choose **Tools > IPS Password Reset**.



Note This option does not appear in the menu if an SSM is not installed. This option appears as CSC Password Reset if a CSC SSM is installed.

The IPS Password Reset confirmation dialog box appears.

Step 2 Click **OK** to reset the AIP SSM password to the default.

A dialog box displays the success or failure of the password reset. If the password was not reset, make sure you are using Version 7.2(2) or later of the platform software on the adaptive security appliance and IPS Version 6.0 or later on the AIP SSM.

Step 3 Click **Close** to close the dialog box.
