

Configure Firewall Threat Defense Modular Policy Framework

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Introduction

This document describes the Firewall Threat Defense (FTD) Modular Policy Framework (MPF)

Prerequisites

Requirements

There are not specific requirements for this document.

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- Cisco Secure Firewall 3130 Threat Defense Version 10.0.0 (Build 140)
- Firewall Management Center (FMC) Version 10.0.0 (Build 140)

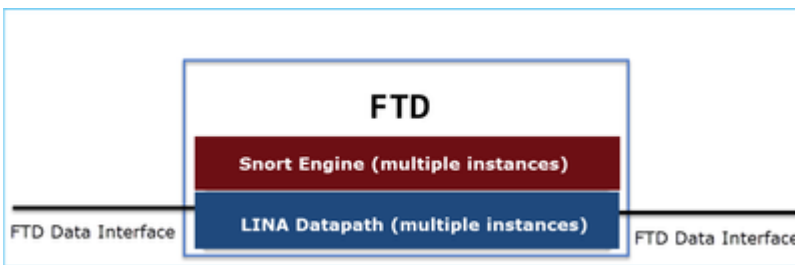
The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Background Information

FTD Data Plane Overview

FTD is a unified software image that consists of 2 main engines:

- Datapath (also known as LINA)
- Snort engine



The LINA Datapath and the Snort Engine are the main parts of the FTD's Data Plane.

MPF Ingredients

MPF uses these components:

- **class-map** matches the interesting traffic.
- **policy-map** applies actions to the interesting traffic matched by the class-map.
- **service-policy** applies the policy-map globally (on all interfaces) or on a specific interface.

Feature Directionality

Regarding feature directionality, consult the ASA configuration guide:

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa924/configuration/firewall/asa-924-firewall-config/inspect-service-policy.html>

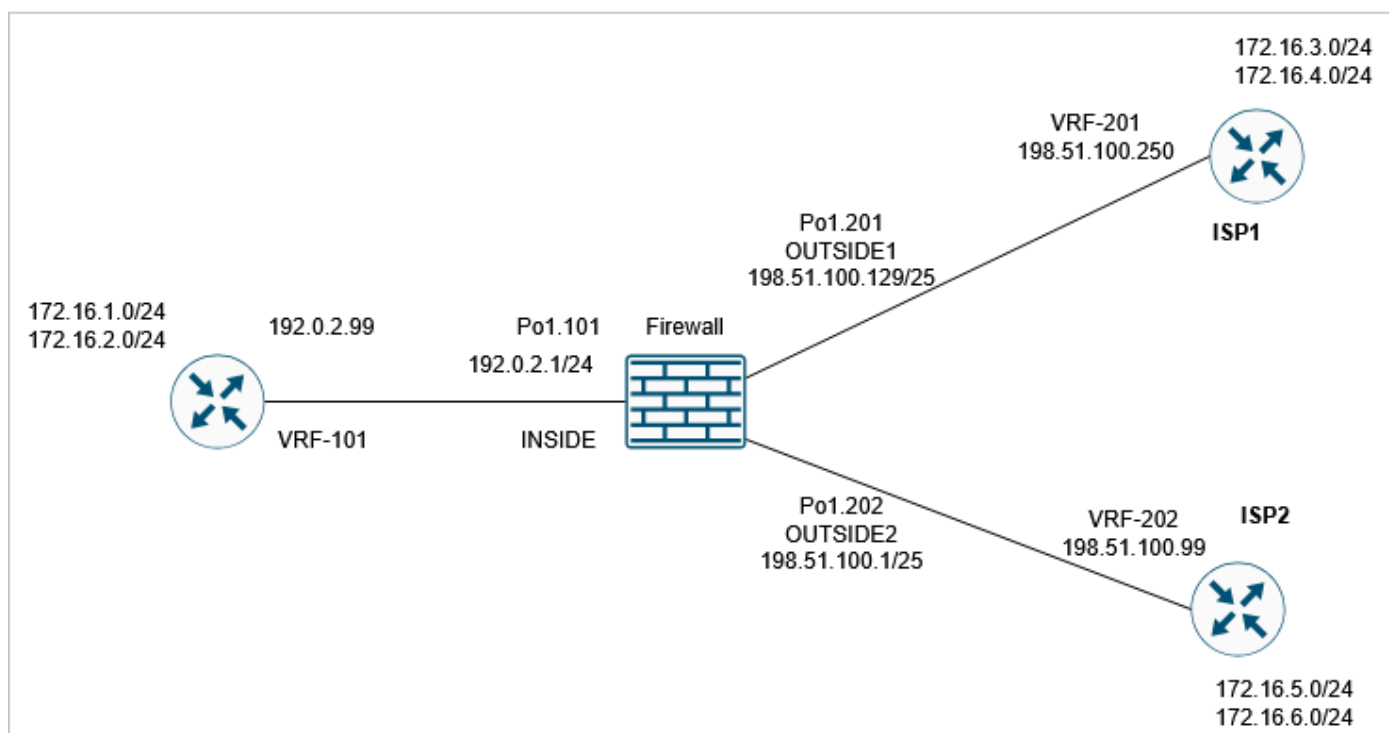
The features related to the FTD are highlighted:

Table 2. Feature Directionality

Feature	Single Interface Direction	Global Direction
Application inspection (multiple types)	Bidirectional	Ingress
NetFlow Secure Event Logging filtering	N/A	Ingress
QoS input policing	Ingress	Ingress
QoS output policing	Egress	Egress
QoS standard priority queue	Egress	Egress
TCP and UDP connection limits and timeouts, and TCP sequence number randomization	Bidirectional	Ingress
TCP normalization	Bidirectional	Ingress
TCP state bypass	Bidirectional	Ingress
User statistics for Identity Firewall	Bidirectional	Ingress

Configure

Topology



The default MPF configuration (10.0.0):

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show run policy-map
```

```
!  
!  
policy-map type inspect dns preset_dns_map  
  parameters  
    message-length maximum client auto  
    message-length maximum 512  
    no tcp-inspection  
policy-map type inspect ip-options UM_STATIC_IP_OPTIONS_MAP  
  parameters  
    eool action allow  
    nop action allow  
    router-alert action allow  
policy-map global_policy  
  class inspection_default  
    inspect dns preset_dns_map  
    inspect ftp  
    inspect h323 h225  
    inspect h323 ras  
    inspect rsh  
    inspect rtsp  
    inspect sqlnet  
    inspect skinny  
    inspect sunrpc  
    inspect sip  
    inspect netbios  
    inspect tftp  
    inspect icmp  
    inspect icmp error  
    inspect ip-options UM_STATIC_IP_OPTIONS_MAP  
  class class_snmp  
    inspect snmp  
  class class-default  
    set connection advanced-options UM_STATIC_TCP_MAP  
  
firewall#
```

```
show run class-map
```

```
!  
class-map inspection_default  
  match default-inspection-traffic  
class-map class_snmp  
  match port udp eq 4161  
!  
firewall#
```

```
show run service-policy
```

```
service-policy global_policy global
```

Task 1. Disable SIP inspection globally on FTD

The requirement in this task is to disable SIP inspection in the FTD LINA engine. One reason can be a policy requirement or a software defect related to SIP that affects transit traffic.

Solution

Before disabling SIP inspection first confirm that it s applied to transit traffic:

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
packet-tracer input INSIDE udp 172.16.1.1 5060 172.16.3.1 5060
```

```
...
```

```
Phase: 8
```

```
Type: INSPECT
```

```
Subtype: inspect-sip
```

```
Result: ALLOW
```

```
Elapsed time: 34788 ns
```

```
Config:
```

```
class-map inspection_default
```

```
match default-inspection-traffic
```

```
policy-map global_policy
```

```
class inspection_default
```

```
inspect sip
```

```
service-policy global_policy global
```

Additional Information:

```
...  
Result:  
input-interface: INSIDE(vrfid:0)  
input-status: up  
input-line-status: up  
output-interface: OUTSIDE1(vrfid:0)  
output-status: up  
output-line-status: up
```

Action: allow

Time Taken: 326018 ns

There are 2 ways to globally disable SIP inspection:

Solution 1: Disable SIP from FTD CLISH CLI

```
<#root>
```

```
>
```

```
configure inspection sip disable
```

Building configuration...

Cryptochecksum: ef7528dc 7338986d 6714a3a2 4770528e

7818 bytes copied in 0.250 secs

[OK]

Verification

```
<#root>
```

```
>
```

```
show running-config policy-map | include sip
```

```
>
```

Solution 2: Disable SIP using FlexConfig

On FMC navigate to **Devices > FlexConfig** and create a FlexConfig object:

Add FlexConfig Object

Name:

Description:

⚠ Copy-pasting any rich text might introduce line breaks while generating CLI. Please verify the CLI before deployment.

Insert | Deployment: | Type:

```
policy-map global_policy
class inspection_default
no inspect SIP
```

```
policy-map global_policy
class inspection_default
no inspect sip
```

Apply the FlexConfig policy and select **Preview Config** in order to preview it:

Preview FlexConfig

Select Device:

```
access-group CSM,F-W_ACL, global
!configure session LINA_UN SUPPORTED
policy-map global_policy
class class-default
class inspection_default
exit
!commit noconfirm revert-save
!configure session LINA_UN SUPPORTED
no dp-tcp-proxy
!commit noconfirm revert-save

###Flex-config Appended CLI ###
policy-map global_policy
class inspection_default
no inspect SIP
```

Close

Finally, **Deploy** the policy.

Verification

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show run policy-map | include sip
```

```
firewall#
```

Note – You need to clear the existing SIP connection from LINA connection table so that the connections are re-established without SIP inspection. You can use this command in order to verify the existing SIP connections:

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show conn port 5060
```

Task 2. Disable SIP inspection for specific hosts

In this task the requirement is to disable SIP inspection for traffic between these networks:

- SRC: 172.16.1.0/24
- DST: 172.16.3.0/24

One reason to do this can be a software defect related to SIP that affects transit traffic

Solution

Use FlexConfig.

Step 1

Navigate to **Objects > Access List > Extended** and create an extended access list that matches the interesting traffic. You have to use the Block action since the goal is to exclude the specific traffic. Additionally, add an Allow rule to match the rest of the traffic:

New Extended Access List Object

Name:

Entries (2) Add

Sequence	Action	Source	Source Port	Destination	Destination Port	Application	Users	SGT
1	Block	172.16.1.0/24	Any	172.16.3.0/24	Any	Any	Any	
2	Allow	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	

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Allow Overrides

Cancel Save

Step 2

Create a FlexConfig object with a class-map that matches the SIP Access Control List (ACL) and apply it into the global_policy:

Add FlexConfig Object

Name:

Description:

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| | Deployment: | Type:

```

class-map SIP_CMAP
match access-list $SIP_flows
policy-map global_policy
class inspection_default
no inspect sip
class SIP_CMAP
inspect sip

```

Variables

Name	Dimension	Default Value	Property (Type:Name)	Override	Description
SIP_flows	SINGLE	SIP_flows	EXD_ACL:SIP_fl...	false	

Cancel Save

The configured FlexConfig object:

```

class-map SIP_CMAP
match access-list $SIP_flows
policy-map global_policy

```

```
class inspection_default
  no inspect sip
class SIP_CMAP
  inspect sip
```

Note

When configuring the **permit** ACL try to be **as specific as possible** (for example, put protocol ports) to avoid any potential CPU impact. The example in this task does not specify protocol ports and can be avoided in production.

Verification 1

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show run policy-map | begin global
```

```
policy-map global_policy
  class inspection_default
    inspect dns preset_dns_map
    inspect ftp
    inspect h323 h225
    inspect h323 ras
    inspect rsh
    inspect rtsp
    inspect sqlnet
    inspect skinny
    inspect sunrpc
    inspect netbios
    inspect tftp
    inspect icmp
    inspect icmp error
    inspect ip-options UM_STATIC_IP_OPTIONS_MAP
  class class_snmp
    inspect snmp
```

```
class SIP_CMAP
```

```
inspect sip
```

```
class class-default
  set connection advanced-options UM_STATIC_TCP_MAP
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show run class-map
```

```
!  
  
class-map SIP_CMAP  
  
    match access-list SIP_flows  
  
class-map inspection_default  
    match default-inspection-traffic  
class-map class_snmp  
    match port udp eq 4161  
  
firewall#  
  
show run access-list SIP_flows  
  
access-list SIP_flows extended deny ip 172.16.1.0 255.255.255.0 172.16.3.0 255.255.255.0  
access-list SIP_flows extended permit ip any any
```

Verification 2

Traffic that is not inspected by SIP inspection has **deny=true**:

```
<#root>  
firewall#  
  
packet-tracer input INSIDE udp 172.16.1.1 5060 172.16.3.1 5060 detail | begin INSPECT  
  
Type: INSPECT  
  
Subtype: inspect-sip  
  
Result: ALLOW  
Elapsed time: 37910 ns  
Config:  
  
class-map SIP_CMAP
```

```
match access-list SIP_flows
```

```
policy-map global_policy
```

```
class SIP_CMAP
```

```
inspect sip
```

```
service-policy global_policy global
```

Additional Information:

Forward Flow based lookup yields rule:

in id=0x14af42cfa810, priority=70, domain=inspect-sip,

deny=true

hits=1

, user_data=0x000014af4570bea0, cs_id=0x0, use_real_addr, flags=0x0, protocol=0

src ip/id=172.16.1.0, mask=255.255.255.0, port=0, tag=any

dst ip/id=172.16.3.0, mask=255.255.255.0, port=0, tag=any,

dscp=0x0, input_ifc=INSIDE(vrfid:0), output_ifc=any

...

Traffic that is inspected by SIP inspection has **deny=false**:

<#root>

firewall#

```
packet-tracer input INSIDE udp 172.16.2.1 5060 172.16.3.1 5060 detail | begin INSPECT
```

```
Type: INSPECT
```

```
Subtype: inspect-sip
```

```
Result: ALLOW
```

```
Elapsed time: 34788 ns
```

```
Config:
```

```
class-map SIP_CMAP
```

```
match access-list SIP_flows
```

```
policy-map global_policy
```

```
class SIP_CMAP
```

```
inspect sip
```

```
service-policy global_policy global
```

```
Additional Information:
```

```
Forward Flow based lookup yields rule:
```

```
in id=0x14af459099d0, priority=70, domain=inspect-sip,
```

```
deny=false
```

```
hits=1, user_data=0x000014af4570bea0, cs_id=0x0, use_real_addr, flags=0x0, protocol=0
```

```
src ip/id=0.0.0.0, mask=0.0.0.0, port=0, tag=any
```

```
dst ip/id=0.0.0.0, mask=0.0.0.0, port=0, tag=any,
```

```
...
```

Verification 3

The "sip" inspect counter increases when a packet is inspected by the firewall:

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show service-policy inspect sip
```

```
Global policy:
```

```
Service-policy: global_policy
```

```
Class-map: inspection_default
```

```
Class-map: class_snmp
```

```
Class-map: SIP_CMAP
```

```
Inspect: sip ,
```

```
packet 2
```

```
, lock fail 0, drop 0, reset-drop 0, 5-min-pkt-rate 0 pkts/sec, v6-fail-close 0 sctp-drop-override 0
  tcp-proxy: bytes in buffer 0, bytes dropped 0
```

```
...
firewall#
```

```
packet-tracer input INSIDE udp 172.16.2.1 5060 172.16.3.1 5060
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show service-policy inspect sip
```

```
Global policy:
  Service-policy: global_policy
    Class-map: inspection_default
    Class-map: class_snmp
    Class-map: SIP_CMAP
    Inspect: sip ,
```

```
packet 3
```

```
, lock fail 0, drop 0, reset-drop 0, 5-min-pkt-rate 0 pkts/sec, v6-fail-close 0 sctp-drop-override 0
  tcp-proxy: bytes in buffer 0, bytes dropped 0
```

```
...
```

Task 3. Configure TCP State Bypass for specific hosts

In this task the requirement is to enable TCP state bypass for traffic between these networks:

- SRC: 172.16.2.0/24
- DST: 172.16.3.0/24

In general, it is not recommended to use TCP state bypass, but it can be used as a temporary workaround for handling asymmetric flows.

Solution 1

Step 1

Create an extended ACL that matches the interesting traffic:

New Extended Access List Object

Name: TCP_Bypass

Entries (1)

Sequence	Action	Source	Source Port	Destination	Destination Port	Application	Users	SGT
1	Allow	172.16.2.0/24	Any	172.16.3.0/24	Any	Any	Any	

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Allow Overrides

Cancel Save

Step 2

Edit the Access Control Policy (ACP) assigned to the FTD, select the **Advanced Settings** tab and edit the **Threat Defense Service Policy**. Select **Add Rule** and **Next**.

Step 3

Select the extended ACL:

Threat Defense Service Policy

1 Interface Object 2 Traffic Flow 3 Connection Setting

Extended Access List:
TCP_Bypass

Step 4

Step 5

Select **Finish**, **OK**, **Save** and **Deploy**.

The result:

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show run policy-map global_policy
```

```
!
policy-map global_policy
class inspection_default
  inspect dns preset_dns_map
  inspect ftp
  inspect h323 h225
  inspect h323 ras
  inspect rsh
  inspect rtsp
  inspect sqlnet
  inspect skinny
  inspect sunrpc
  inspect netbios
  inspect tftp
  inspect icmp
  inspect icmp error
  inspect ip-options UM_STATIC_IP_OPTIONS_MAP
```

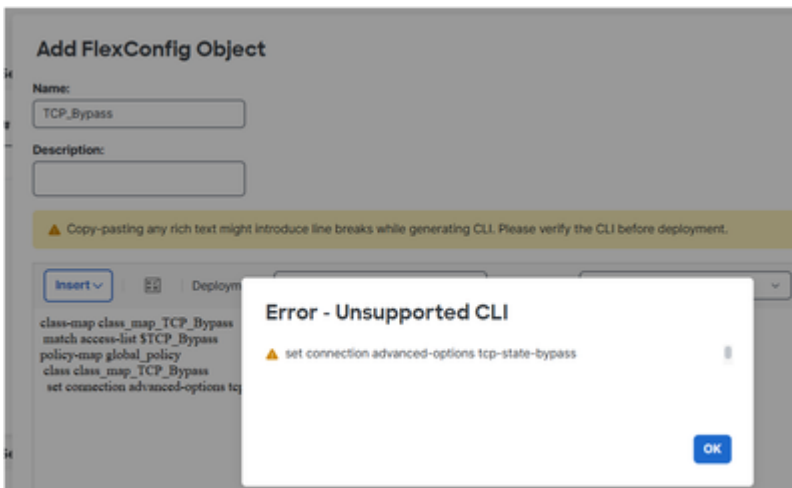
```
class class_map_TCP_Bypass
```

```
set connection random-sequence-number disable
```

```
set connection advanced-options tcp-state-bypass
```

```
class class_snmp  
inspect snmp  
class class-default  
set connection advanced-options UM_STATIC_TCP_MAP
```

Note: In previous FMC releases like 6.x you can use FlexConfig to configure TCP state bypass. In newer versions this is not supported:



Verification

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
packet-tracer input INSIDE tcp 172.16.2.1 1111 172.16.3.1 80 detail | begin CONN
```

```
Type: CONN-SETTINGS
```

```
Subtype:
```

```
Result: ALLOW
```

```
Elapsed time: 334 ns
```

```
Config:
```

```
class-map class_map_TCP_Bypass
```

```
match access-list TCP_Bypass
```

```
policy-map global_policy
```

```
class class_map_TCP_Bypass
```

```
set connection conn-max 0 embryonic-conn-max 0 random-sequence-number disable syn-cookie-mss 1380
```

```
set connection advanced-options tcp-state-bypass
```

```
service-policy global_policy global
```

Additional Information:

Forward Flow based lookup yields rule:

```
in id=0x14af45906b70, priority=7, domain=conn-set, deny=false
```

```
hits=1
```

```
, user_data=0x000014af45906df0, cs_id=0x0, use_real_addr, flags=0x0, protocol=0
```

```
src ip/id=172.16.2.0, mask=255.255.255.0, port=0, tag=any
```

```
dst ip/id=172.16.3.0, mask=255.255.255.0, port=0, tag=any,
```

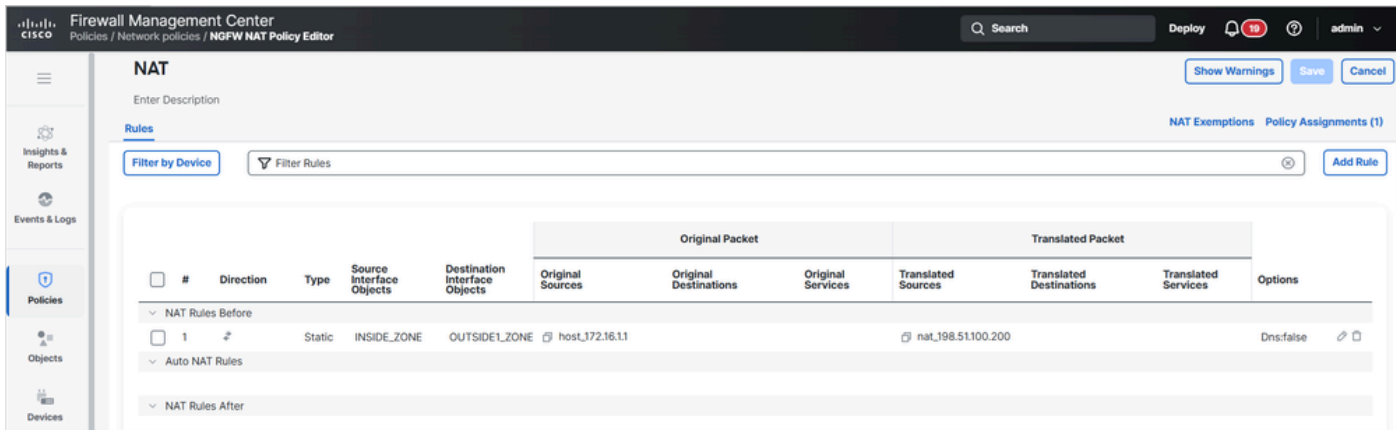
```
dscp=0x0, input_ifc=INSIDE(vrfid:0), output_ifc=any
```

```
...
```

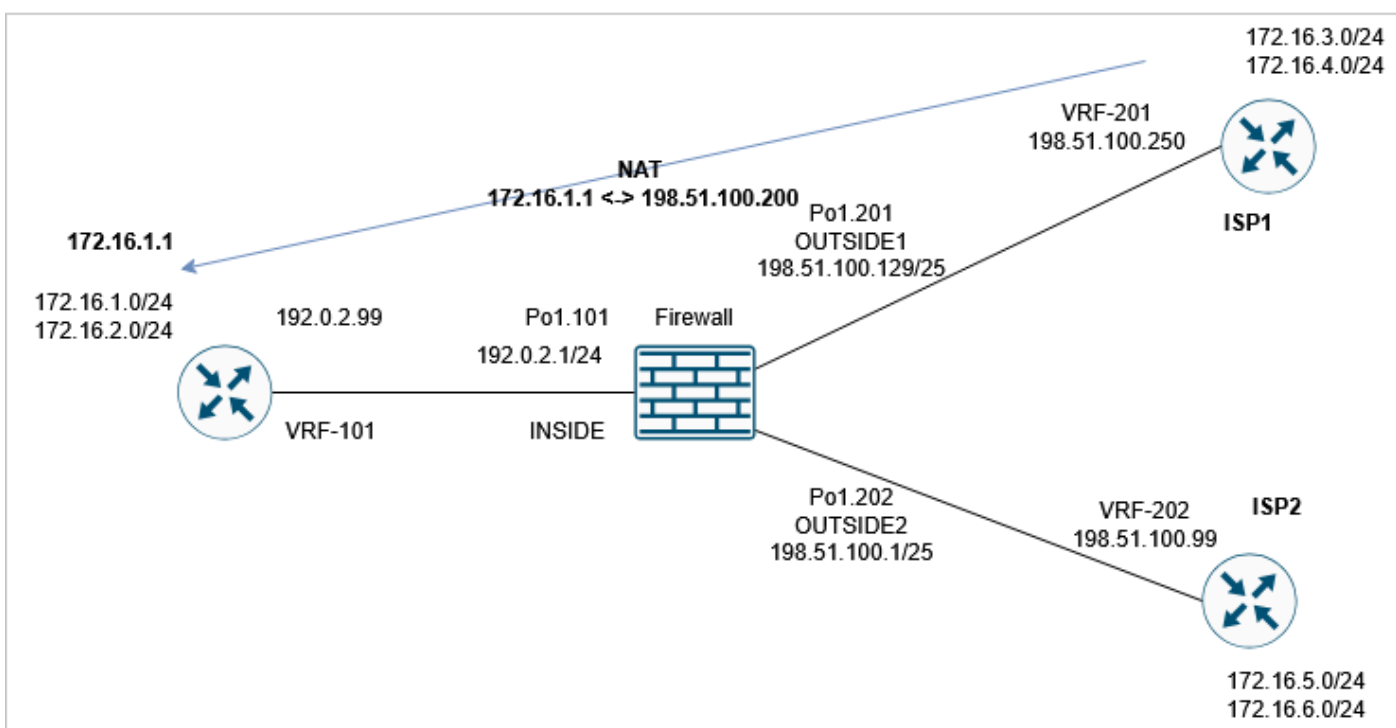
Task 4. Traceroute output modification

Prerequisite

Configure static NAT on FTD so that IP 172.16.1.1 located behind INSIDE interface appears as 198.51.100.200 on OUTSIDE1 hosts:



Then, run a traceroute from ISP1 to 198.51.100.200 (host 172.16.1.1):



```
<#root>
```

```
router1#
```

```
traceroute vrf VRF-201 198.51.100.200
```

Type escape sequence to abort.

Tracing the route to 198.51.100.200

VRF info: (vrf in name/id, vrf out name/id)

```
1 192.0.2.99 1 msec 1 msec *
```

Requirement

Modify the FTD configuration so that the traceroute matches this output:

```
<#root>
```

```
router1#
```

```
traceroute vrf VRF-201 198.51.100.200
```

Type escape sequence to abort.

Tracing the route to 198.51.100.200

VRF info: (vrf in name/id, vrf out name/id)

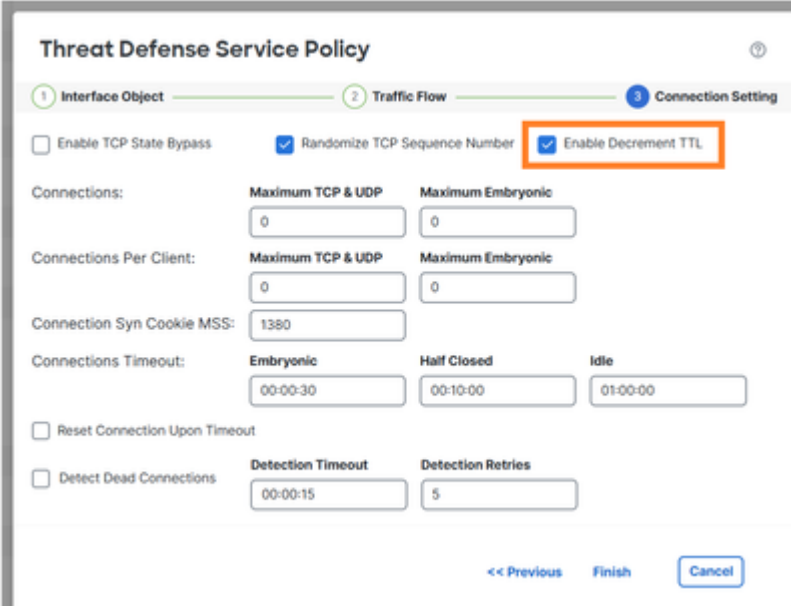
```
 1 198.51.100.129 1 msec 1 msec *
```

```
 2 198.51.100.200 1 msec 2 msec *
```

Solution

The solution includes two configuration steps:

1. Decrement the TTL:



The screenshot shows the 'Threat Defense Service Policy' configuration window. The 'Connection Setting' tab is active. The 'Enable Decrement TTL' checkbox is checked and highlighted with an orange box. Other settings include 'Randomize TCP Sequence Number' checked, 'Connections' and 'Connections Per Client' with 'Maximum TCP & UDP' and 'Maximum Embryonic' fields set to 0, 'Connection Syn Cookie MSS' set to 1380, 'Connections Timeout' with 'Embryonic' (00:00:30), 'Half Closed' (00:10:00), and 'Idle' (01:00:00) fields, 'Reset Connection Upon Timeout' unchecked, and 'Detect Dead Connections' with 'Detection Timeout' (00:00:15) and 'Detection Retries' (5) fields. Navigation buttons '<< Previous', 'Finish', and 'Cancel' are at the bottom.

After this change, the traceroute reveals the firewall hop:

```
<#root>
```

```
router1#
```

```
traceroute vrf VRF-201 198.51.100.200
```

Type escape sequence to abort.

Tracing the route to 198.51.100.200

VRF info: (vrf in name/id, vrf out name/id)

```
 1 198.51.100.129 1 msec 1 msec *
```

```
 2 192.0.2.99 1 msec 1 msec *
```

2. Disable ICMP Error inspection:

Add FlexConfig Object ?

Name:

Description:

Warning: Copy-pasting any rich text might introduce line breaks while generating CLI. Please verify the CLI before deployment.

Insert | **Deployment:** | **Type:**

```
policy-map global_policy
class inspection_default
no inspect icmp error
```

```
policy-map global_policy
class inspection_default
no inspect icmp error
```

Verification

The traceroute shows the translated NAT IP address of the remote host and the FTD interface IP address:

```
<#root>
```

```
router1#
```

```
traceroute vrf VRF-201 198.51.100.200
```

Type escape sequence to abort.
Tracing the route to 198.51.100.200
VRF info: (vrf in name/id, vrf out name/id)

```
 1 198.51.100.129 1 msec 1 msec *
```

```
 2 198.51.100.200 1 msec 2 msec *
```

Task 5. Set connection timeouts

Requirement

Change the timeout to 1 week for this flow:

- Protocol: TCP
- SRC: 172.16.1.1
- DST: 172.16.5.1

Solution

To set timeout per flow you need to use Service Policy.

Step 1

Navigate to **Objects > Access List** and create an extended ACL that matches the interesting traffic:

New Extended Access List Object

Name:

Entries (1) Add

Sequence	Action	Source	Source Port	Destination	Destination Port	Application	Users	SGT
1	Allow	172.16.1.1	Any	172.16.5.1	TCP (6)	Any	Any	

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Allow Overrides Cancel Save

Step 2

Configure an MPF policy that uses the ACL that was created in step 1:

Threat Defense Service Policy

1 Interface Object — 2 Traffic Flow — 3 Connection Setting

Extended Access List:

Set the connection idle timeout:

Threat Defense Service Policy

1 Interface Object — 2 Traffic Flow — 3 Connection Setting

Enable TCP State Bypass Randomize TCP Sequence Number Enable Decrement TTL

Connections:

Maximum TCP & UDP	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Maximum Embryonic	<input type="text" value="0"/>
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Connections Per Client:

Maximum TCP & UDP	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Maximum Embryonic	<input type="text" value="0"/>
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Connection Syn Cookie MSS:

Connections Timeout:

Embryonic	<input type="text" value="00:00:30"/>	Half Closed	<input type="text" value="00:10:00"/>	Idle	<input type="text" value="168:00:00"/>
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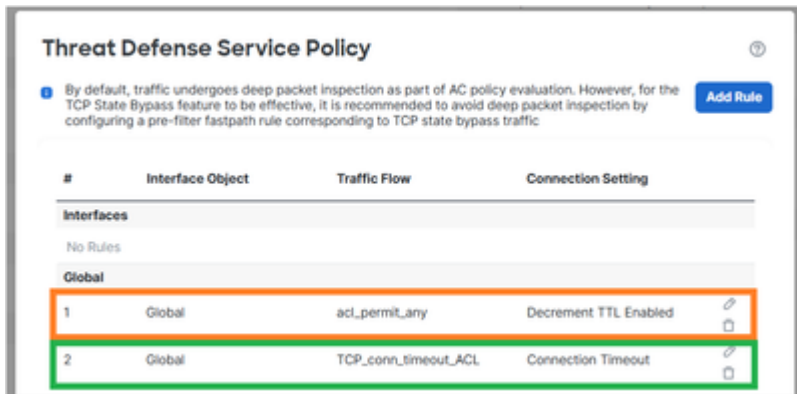
Reset Connection Upon Timeout

Detect Dead Connections

Detection Timeout	<input type="text" value="00:00:15"/>	Detection Retries	<input type="text" value="5"/>
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<< Previous Finish Cancel

Remove the rule from the previous task since it overlaps with the new requirement:



Verification

The deployed policy-map configuration:

```
<#root>
```

```
policy-map global_policy
  class inspection_default
    inspect dns preset_dns_map
    inspect ftp
    inspect h323 h225
    inspect h323 ras
    inspect rsh
    inspect rtsp
    inspect sqlnet
    inspect skinny
    inspect sunrpc
    inspect netbios
    inspect tftp
    inspect icmp
    inspect ip-options UM_STATIC_IP_OPTIONS_MAP
    inspect sip
```

```
class class_map_TCP_conn_timeout_ACL
```

```
  set connection timeout idle 168:00:00
```

```
class class_snmp
  inspect snmp
class class-default
  set connection advanced-options UM_STATIC_TCP_MAP
```

Initiate a new TCP connection from 172.16.1.1 to 172.16.5.1 and check the connection table of the FTD:

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show conn long address 172.16.5.1
```

```
...  
TCP OUTSIDE2: 172.16.5.1/23 (172.16.5.1/23) INSIDE: 172.16.1.1/29389 (172.16.1.1/29389), flags UIoN1N7,
```

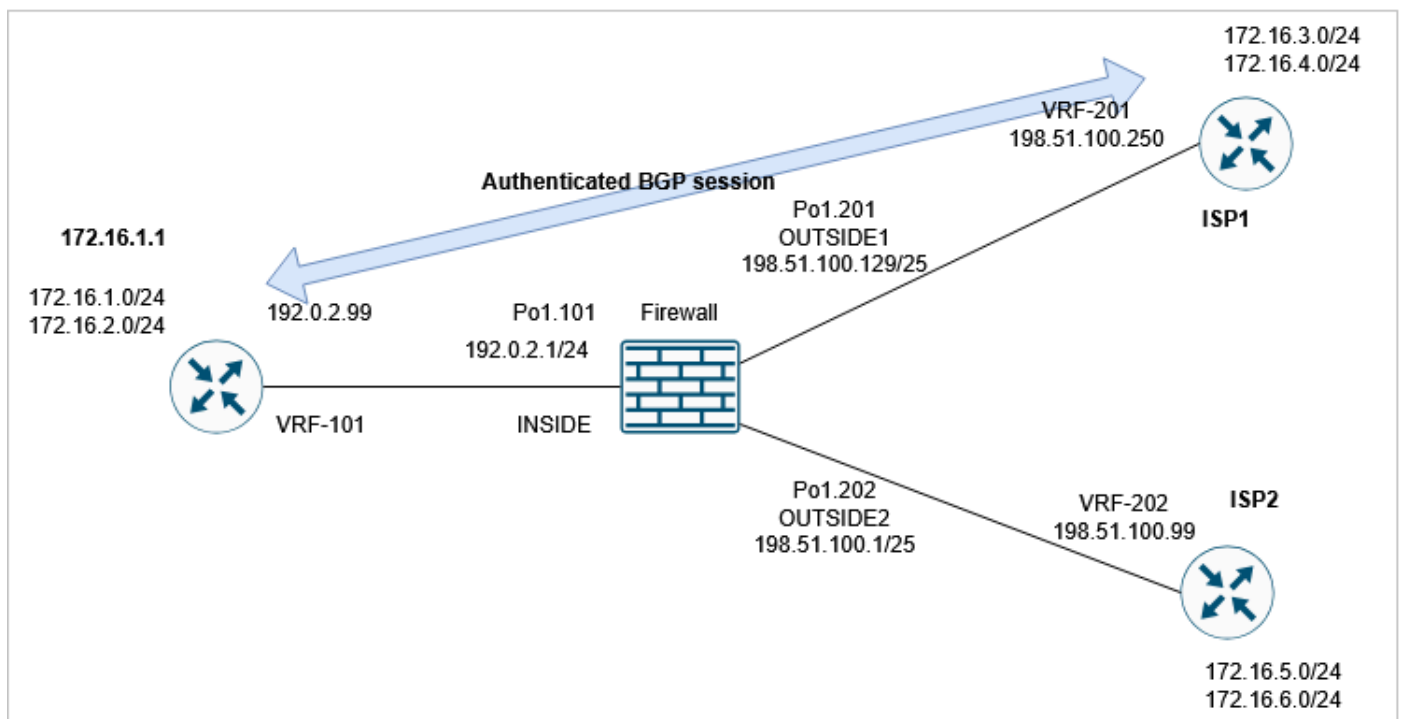
```
timeout 7D0h
```

```
, bytes 349, flow id 72, Snort id 6, rule id 268439559, Rx-RingNum 27, Internal-Data0/1  
Initiator: 172.16.1.1, Responder: 172.16.5.1  
Connection lookup keyid: 890
```

Task 6. BGP Authentication through FTD

Prerequisite

Configure a BGP session through the FTD. The BGP session needs to use authentication.



Verification

With the default FTD configuration, the BGP session is not established. On the router you can see:

```
<#root>  
router1#
```

*May 21 07:51:23.595:

%TCP-6-BADAUTH: Invalid MD5 digest

from 192.0.2.99(24591) to 198.51.100.250(179) tableid - 3

*May 21 07:51:25.595: %TCP-6-BADAUTH: Invalid MD5 digest from 192.0.2.99(24591) to 198.51.100.250(179)

*May 21 07:51:29.595: %TCP-6-BADAUTH: Invalid MD5 digest from 192.0.2.99(24591) to 198.51.100.250(179)

On the FTD you see that both sides fail to establish the BGP TCP connection (the connection flags denote that only TCP SYN packets are being received):

<#root>

firewall#

show conn port 179

3 in use, 16 most used

Inspect Snort:

preserve-connection: 2 enabled, 0 in effect, 15 most enabled, 0 most in effect

TCP OUTSIDE1 198.51.100.250:41090 INSIDE 192.0.2.99:179, idle 0:00:00, bytes 0,

flags aA N1

TCP OUTSIDE1 198.51.100.250:179 INSIDE 192.0.2.99:53629, idle 0:00:02, bytes 0,

flags aA N1

Solution

To allow an authenticated BGP session through the FTD these 2 conditions must to be met:

1. TCP MD5 (option 19) must be allowed through the FTD.
2. TCP sequence number randomization must be disabled.

TCP MD5 option is allowed by default:

9.6(2)	Default handling of the named options was changed to allow a packet if it contains a single option of a given type, and drop the packet if there are more than one option of that type. Also, the md5 , mss , allow multiple , and mss maximum keywords were added. <u>The default for the MD5 option was changed from clear to allow.</u>
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```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show run all tcp-map
```

```
!  
tcp-map UM_STATIC_TCP_MAP  
  no check-retransmission  
  no checksum-verification  
  exceed-mss allow  
  queue-limit 0 timeout 4  
  reserved-bits allow  
  syn-data allow  
  synack-data drop  
  invalid-ack drop  
  seq-past-window drop  
  tcp-options range 6 7 allow  
  tcp-options range 9 18 allow  
  tcp-options range 20 255 allow  
  tcp-options selective-ack allow  
  tcp-options timestamp allow  
  tcp-options window-scale allow  
  tcp-options mss allow  
  
  tcp-options md5 allow  
  
  ttl-evasion-protection  
  urgent-flag allow  
  window-variation allow-connection
```

Globally disable TCP Initial Sequence Number (ISN) randomization:

```
<#root>
```

```
>
```

```
configure tcp-randomization disable
```

```
Building configuration...
```

```
Cryptochecksum: f8ac5587 7ccc635e bff886a1 bcab820c
```

```
8284 bytes copied in 0.260 secs
```

```
[OK]
```

>

or (the preferred method) you create an extended access list that matches the BGP connection:

New Extended Access List Object

Name: BGP_ACL

Entries (2)

Sequence	Action	Source	Source Port	Destination	Destination Port	Application	Users	SGT
1	Allow	192.0.2.99	Any	198.51.100.250	TCP (6):179	Any	Any	
2	Allow	198.51.100.250	Any	192.0.2.99	TCP (6):179	Any	Any	

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Allow Overrides

Cancel Save

and disable the TCP sequence number randomization using the Threat Defense Service Policy:

Threat Defense Service Policy

1 Interface Object 2 Traffic Flow 3 Connection Setting

Enable TCP State Bypass Randomize TCP Sequence Number Enable Decrement TTL

Connections: Maximum TCP & UDP: 0 Maximum Embryonic: 0

Connections Per Client: Maximum TCP & UDP: 0 Maximum Embryonic: 0

Verification

The deployed policy-map configuration:

<#root>

```
policy-map global_policy
class inspection_default
inspect dns preset_dns_map
inspect ftp
inspect h323 h225
inspect h323 ras
inspect rsh
inspect rtsp
inspect sqlnet
```

```
inspect skinny
inspect sunrpc
inspect netbios
inspect tftp
inspect icmp
inspect ip-options UM_STATIC_IP_OPTIONS_MAP
inspect sip
```

```
class class_map_BGP_ACL
```

```
set connection random-sequence-number disable
```

```
class class_snmp
inspect snmp
class class-default
set connection advanced-options UM_STATIC_TCP_MAP
```

The BGP session is established through FTD:

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show conn long port 179
```

```
...
```

```
TCP OUTSIDE1: 198.51.100.250/49863 (198.51.100.250/49863) INSIDE: 192.0.2.99/179 (192.0.2.99/179), flags
```

```
, idle 44s, uptime 1m40s, timeout 1h0m, bytes 274, flow id 111, Snort id 3, rule id 268439559, Rx-RingN
```

```
Initiator: 198.51.100.250, Responder: 192.0.2.99
```

```
Connection lookup keyid: 83487134
```



Tip: You can configure a prefilter fastpath rule for the BGP traffic to avoid Snort inspection.

Task 7. Dead Connection Detection (DCD)

Requirement

Configure DCD on FTD for TCP traffic destined to host 172.16.3.1.

Solution

DCD is documented at:

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/secure-firewall/management-center/device-config/100/management-center-device-config-10-0/advanced-access-service-policies.html#id_71048

1. Navigate to **Objects > Access-List** and create an access-list that matches the interesting traffic.
2. Edit the ACP assigned to your firewall, navigate to **Advanced** options and select **Threat Defense Service Policy** to enable DCD:

The screenshot shows the 'Threat Defense Service Policy' configuration page. The 'Connection Setting' tab is selected. The 'Detect Dead Connections' checkbox is checked and highlighted with an orange box. The 'Detection Timeout' is set to 00:00:15 and 'Detection Retries' is set to 5. Other settings include 'Randomize TCP Sequence Number' checked, 'Enable TCP State Bypass' unchecked, 'Enable Decrement TTL' unchecked, 'Connections' and 'Connections Per Client' with 'Maximum TCP & UDP' and 'Maximum Embryonic' set to 0, 'Connection Syn Cookie MSS' set to 1380, and 'Connections Timeout' with 'Embryonic' set to 00:00:30, 'Half Closed' set to 00:10:00, and 'Idle' set to 00:05:00. There are also buttons for '<< Previous', 'Finish', and 'Cancel'.

The deployed configuration:

```
access-list DCD_ACL extended permit object-group ProxySG_ExtendedACL_81604390279 any host 172.16.3.1
!
class-map class_map_DCD_ACL
 match access-list DCD_ACL
policy-map global_policy
 class class_map_DCD_ACL
  set connection timeout dcd
```

How it works

Configure FTD captures to see the backend operation:

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
capture CAPI interface INSIDE match tcp host 172.16.3.1 any
```

```
firewall#
```

```
capture CAPO interface OUTSIDE1 match tcp host 172.16.3.1 any
```

Establish a TCP connection through the firewall:

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show conn long address 172.16.3.1 | begin 172.16.3.1
```

```
TCP OUTSIDE1: 172.16.3.1/23 (172.16.3.1/23) INSIDE: 192.0.2.99/23241 (192.0.2.99/23241), flags UIO N1N7
```

```
idle 1m18s
```

```
, uptime 1m22s,
```

```
timeout 5m0s
```

```
, bytes 129, flow id 127, Snort id 4, rule id 268439559, Rx-RingNum 13, Internal-Data0/1
```

```
Initiator: 192.0.2.99, Responder: 172.16.3.1
```

```
DCD probes sent: Initiator 0, Responder 0 Connection lookup keyid: 76292550
```

Initially, there are no DCD packets shown in the firewall captures:

```
<#root>
```

```
firewall#
```

```
show capture
```

```
capture CAPI type raw-data interface INSIDE [
```

Capturing - 0 bytes

```
]
match tcp host 172.16.3.1 any
capture CAPO type raw-data interface OUTSIDE1 [
```

Capturing - 0 bytes

```
]
match tcp host 172.16.3.1 any
```

When an idle connection reaches the idle timeout, the FTD sends **spoofed TCP ACK messages** to the source and destination:

<#root>

firewall#

```
show conn long address 172.16.3.1 | begin 172.16.3.1
```

```
TCP OUTSIDE1: 172.16.3.1/23 (172.16.3.1/23) INSIDE: 192.0.2.99/23241 (192.0.2.99/23241), flags UIO N1N7
```

idle 4m59s

```
, uptime 5m3s, timeout 5m0s, bytes 129, flow id 127, Snort id 4, rule id 268439559, Rx-RingNum 13, Inter
Initiator: 192.0.2.99, Responder: 172.16.3.1
DCD probes sent: Initiator 0, Responder 0 Connection lookup keyid: 76292550
```

firewall#

```
show conn long address 172.16.3.1 | begin 172.16.3.1
```

```
TCP OUTSIDE1: 172.16.3.1/23 (172.16.3.1/23) INSIDE: 192.0.2.99/23241 (192.0.2.99/23241), flags UIO N1N7
```

idle 0s

```
, uptime 5m3s, timeout 15s, bytes 129, flow id 127, Snort id 4, rule id 268439559, Rx-RingNum 13, Inter
Initiator: 192.0.2.99, Responder: 172.16.3.1
```

```
DCD probes sent: Initiator 1
```

```
, Responder 0 Connection lookup keyid: 76292550
```

firewall#

```
show conn long address 172.16.3.1 | begin 172.16.3.1
```

TCP OUTSIDE1: 172.16.3.1/23 (172.16.3.1/23) INSIDE: 192.0.2.99/23241 (192.0.2.99/23241), flags UIO N1N7
Initiator: 192.0.2.99, Responder: 172.16.3.1

DCD probes sent: Initiator 1, Responder 1

Connection lookup keyid: 76292550

If both reply, it resets the idle timer:

<#root>

firewall#

show capture CAPI

3 packets captured

1: 09:01:30.433952 802.1Q vlan#101 P0 172.16.3.1.23 > 192.0.2.99.23241: . ack 3271882019 win 32757
2: 09:01:30.434334 802.1Q vlan#101 P0

192.0.2.99.23241 > 172.16.3.1.23: . ack 1746306341 win 32746

3: 09:01:30.955654 802.1Q vlan#101 P0 172.16.3.1.23 > 192.0.2.99.23241: . ack 3271882019 win 32757
3 packets shown
firewall#

show capture CAPO

3 packets captured

1: 09:01:30.434364 802.1Q vlan#201 P0 192.0.2.99.23241 > 172.16.3.1.23: . ack 111661490 win 32746
2: 09:01:30.955288 802.1Q vlan#201 P0 192.0.2.99.23241 > 172.16.3.1.23: . ack 111661490 win 32746
3: 09:01:30.955639 802.1Q vlan#201 P0

172.16.3.1.23 > 192.0.2.99.23241: . ack 3875469573 win 32757

3 packets shown

firewall#

show conn long address 172.16.3.1 | begin 172.16.3.1

TCP OUTSIDE1: 172.16.3.1/23 (172.16.3.1/23) INSIDE: 192.0.2.99/23241 (192.0.2.99/23241), flags UIO N1N7

idle 1m29s

, uptime 6m33s, timeout 5m0s, bytes 129, flow id 127, Snort id 4, rule id 268439559, Rx-RingNum 13, Initiator: 192.0.2.99, Responder: 172.16.3.1
DCD probes sent: Initiator 1, Responder 1 Connection lookup keyid: 76292550



Note: DCD does not work on offloaded connections ('o' flag).

Related Information

https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/secure-firewall/management-center/device-config/100/management-center-device-config-10-0/advanced-access-service-policies.html#id_71048