

Understand Umbrella Application Category Rules

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Introduction

This document describes the Application Category Rules in Cisco Umbrella.

Prerequisites

Requirements

There are no specific requirements for this document.

Components Used

The information in this document is based on Cisco Umbrella.

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.

Overview

Application Category Rules offer the ability to establish policies based on Application Categories in Cisco Umbrella. With this development, it is no longer necessary to choose specific applications when you want to set a policy for a whole category of applications. As a result, access policies can automatically apply to any new controllable application that is added to Umbrella's continually increasing set of supported cloud applications.

Create Rules Based on Application Categories

To create rules based on application categories, choose from a variety of **Application Categories**, such as **Cloud Storage**, **Office Productivity**, or **Generative AI**. By doing so, the established rule can apply to all current and forthcoming applications added to those specified categories.

Previously, when an Application Category was selected, it generated a rule encompassing only the

applications that were part of that category at the time. And to apply policy to new applications added to the category, you had to manually select each new application as it became available.

Expected Behavior for Both New and Preexisting Application Category Selections

When making a new selection of Application Categories, the rules automatically encompass all new applications as they are added, adhering to the new behavior.

However, for preexisting Application Category selections, you need to reselect the Application Categories to activate this new functionality.

Additional Information

Read more in the Umbrella documentation:

[Manage Application Settings](#)

[Add an Application Setting](#)