

Migrate Configuration Between Two SWAs

Contents

[Introduction](#)

[Prerequisites](#)

[Requirements](#)

[Components Used](#)

[Before you Begin](#)

[Preparing and Backing Up the Source SWA](#)

[Step 1. Export the Configuration File](#)

[Step 2. Export the Decryption Certificate](#)

[Step 3. Export the Custom Trust Root Certificates](#)

[Step 4. Export the GUI Certificate](#)

[Step 5. Export the ISE Certificates](#)

[Step 6. Licences / Features](#)

[Step 7. Authentication Redirection Certificate](#)

[Step 8. Exporting Static Routes](#)

[Step 9. DNS Settings](#)

[Preparing the Target SWA](#)

[Step 10. Installing the Virtual SWA](#)

[Step 11. Initial SWA Setup](#)

[Step 12. Sanitizing the Configuration file](#)

[Importing the Configuration File to Target SWA](#)

[Step 13. Import Custom Trusted Root Certificates](#)

[Step 14. Import the Configuration File](#)

[Step 15. Changing the admin Password](#)

[Step 16. Commit](#)

[Step 17. Importing the Routes](#)

[Step 18. Configuring the DNS Settings](#)

[Step 19. Join/Rejoin the SWA to the Active Directory](#)

[Step 20. Re-join to SMA](#)

[Fixing Errors](#)

[Parse Error on Element port_name](#)

[Parse Error on Element ise_service](#)

[Failover is not Working on New Virtual SWA](#)

[Related Information](#)

Introduction

This document describes the process of restoring the configuration from a Secure Web Appliance (SWA) to another.

Prerequisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends knowledge of these topics:

- Access ToGraphic User Interface (GUI)of SWA
- Administrative Access to the SWA
- Administrative Access to the Security Management Appliance (SMA)
- Access to Cisco Software Licensing Portal or the SWA license file
- Active Directory privileged user access to join the SWA to domain and create DNS records

Components Used

This document is not restricted to specific software and hardware versions.

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.

Before you Begin

In this article, we outline the steps to migrate from the source SWA to the target SWA. This table lists the specifications for each system.

	Source SWA	Target SWA
Model	S396	S100v
Version	15.5.0-710	15.5.0-710
License	Smart License	Smart License
Active Directory	Joined	Joined
Integrated with Identity Services Engine (ISE)	Yes	Yes
Number of Network Interface Card (NIC)	5	5
HTTPS Decryption	Enabled with Self Signed Certificate	Enabled with Self Signed Certificate

Transparent Redirection	WCCP	WCCP
Managed by SMA	Yes	Yes
External Log Server	SCP Push	SCP Push
High Availability	Enabled	Enabled

 **Note:** Always ensure that, when installing a new virtual SWA, all network interfaces recommended by Cisco are present and configured on the Virtual Machine(VM). The interfaces can remain disconnected, but they must be available within the VM.

There are two possible scenarios when migrating the SWA from one device to another:

[Scenario-1] Replacing the existing SWA: The original SWA is decommissioned and the IP address of the Target SWA is same as the source SWA.

[Scenario-2] Adding a new SWA: The original SWA remains in service while the new SWA is configured.

Preparing and Backing Up the Source SWA

Use these steps to collect the necessary files and configuration from the Source SWA:

Step 1. Export the Configuration File

Step 1.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **System Administration** and choose **Configuration File**.

Step 1.2. Make sure **Download file to local computer to view or save** is selected.

Step 1.3. Choose **Encrypt passwords in the Configuration Files**

Step 1.4. (Optional) Choose a name for the configuration file.

Step 1.5. Click **Submit**.

Configuration File

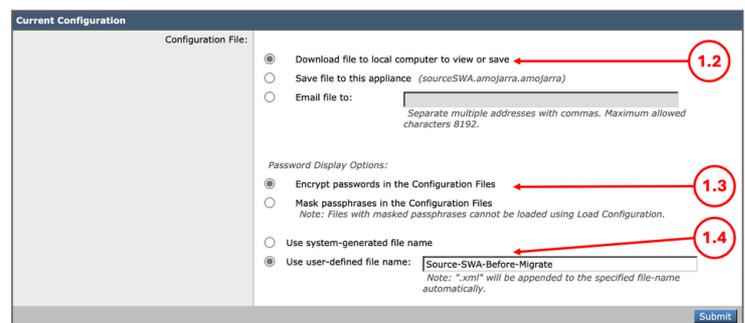


Image - Exporting the configuration File

Step 2.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **Security Services** and click **HTTPS Proxy**.

Step 2.2. Click **Edit Settings**.

Step 2.3. Download the HTTPS Decryption Certificate, by clicking **Download Certificate...** link.

Step 2. Export the Decryption Certificate

 **Note:** If the HTTPS Decryption is disabled, skip to **Step 3**.

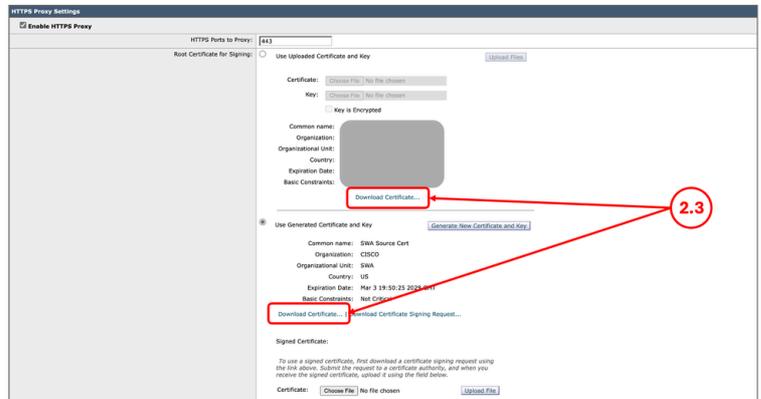


Image - HTTPS Decryption Certificate

 **Note:** In this example, both types of HTTPS Decryption certificates are illustrated; however, in your network, you can have only one type deployed.

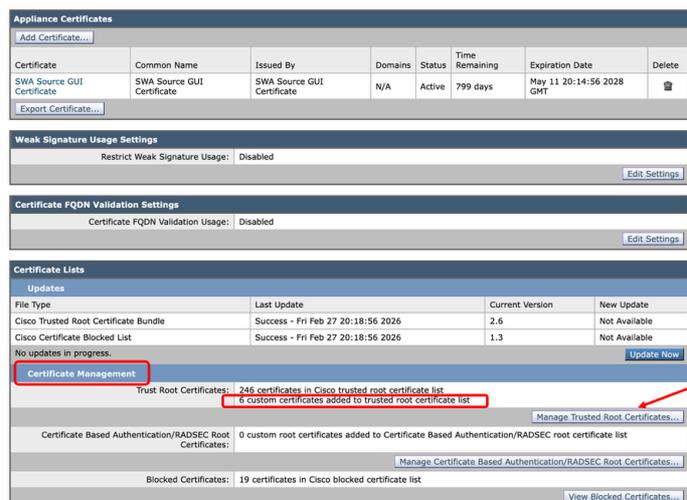
Step 3.1. From the GUI, navigate to **Network** and click **Certificate Management**.

Step 3.2. In the **Certificate Management** section, click **Manage Trusted Root Certificates**.

Step 3. Export the Custom Trust Root Certificates

 **Note:** If there no custom trusted root certificate added on the SWA skip to **Step 4**.

Certificate Management



Certificate	Common Name	Issued By	Domains	Status	Time Remaining	Expiration Date	Delete
SWA Source GUI Certificate	SWA Source GUI Certificate	SWA Source GUI Certificate	N/A	Active	799 days	May 11 20:14:56 2028 GMT	

File Type	Last Update	Current Version	New Update
Cisco Trusted Root Certificate Bundle	Success - Fri Feb 27 20:18:56 2026	2.6	Not Available
Cisco Certificate Blocked List	Success - Fri Feb 27 20:18:56 2026	1.3	Not Available

Trust Root Certificates: 246 certificates in Cisco trusted root certificate list
6 custom certificates added to trusted root certificate list

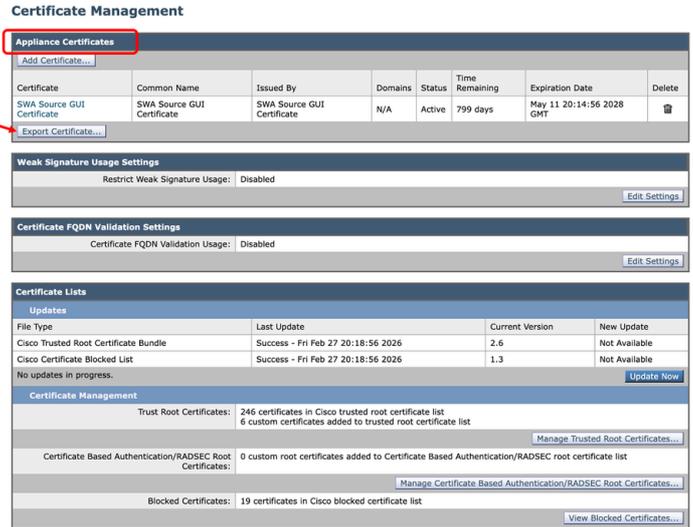
Image - Manage Trusted Root Certificates

Step 3.3. Expand each **Custom Trusted Root Certificates** by clicking their name and click **Download Certificate...**

Image - Download Trusted root Certificates

Step 4.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **Network** and click **Certificate Management**.

Step 4.2. In the **Appliance Certificates** section, click **Export Certificate**.



Step 4. Export the GUI Certificate

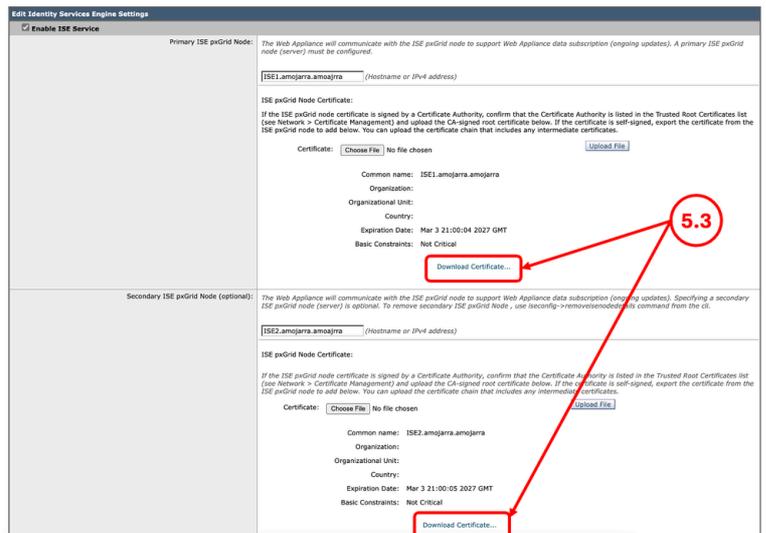
 **Note:** If you are using built-in GUI certificate, skip to **Step 5**.

Image - Export GUI Certificate

Step 5.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **Network** and click **Identity Services Engine**.

Step 5.2. Click **Edit Settings**.

Step 5.3. Download all available certificates.



Step 5. Export the ISE Certificates

 **Note:** If there are no SWA, ISE integration, skip to **Step 6**.

Image - Download ISE Certificates

Step 6. Licences / Features

Step 6.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **System Administration** and click **Licenses** or **Features** depends on the type of the license you are using.

Step 6.2. Take a screenshot of your Licenses / Features.

Step 7. Authentication Redirection Certificate

Step 7.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **Network** and click **Authentication**.

Step 7.2. If the **Credential Encryption** is enabled, Make sure you have the Certificate and the Key.

Step 7.3. Take a screenshot of the current configuration.

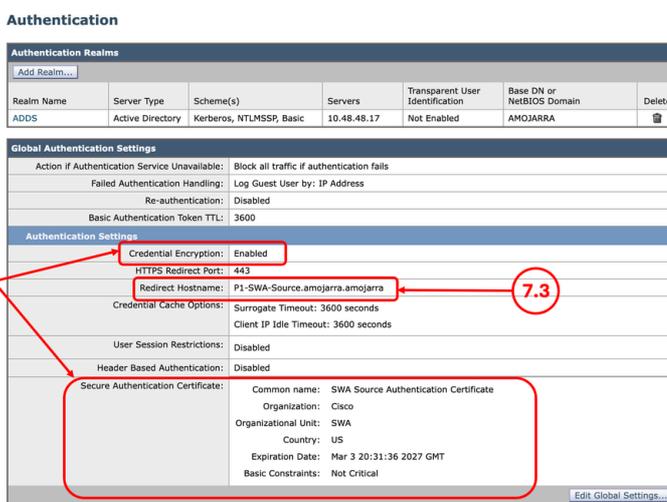


Image - Authentication Certificate



Note: You cannot download the Authentication certificate from the GUI.

Step 8. Exporting Static Routes

Step 8.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **Network** and click **Routes**.

Step 8.2. For each routing table, click **Save Route Table**.



Note: If you are planning to use the same Network configuration and IP address for the target SWA, skip to **Step 10**.

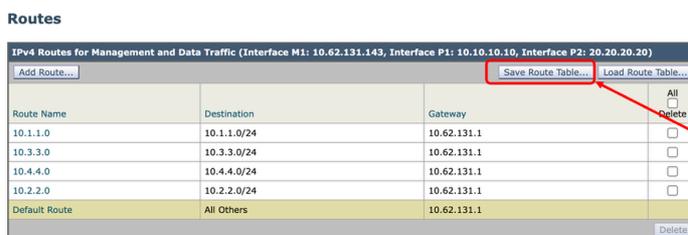


Image - Exporting Routing Table

Step 9. DNS Settings

Step 9.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **Network** and click **DNS**.

 Note: If you are planning to use the same Network configuration and IP address for the target SWA, skip to Step 10 .	Step 9.2. Take a screenshot of the DNS configuration.
--	--

Preparing the Target SWA

Step 10. Installing the Virtual SWA	Step 10.1. Use these guides to install the virtual SWA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install Secure Web Appliance on Vmware ESXi • Install Secure Web Appliance on Microsoft Hyper-V
 Note: If the target SWA is physical you can skip to Step 11 .	Step 10.2. Make sure the new SWA has the recommended network access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configure Firewall for Secure Web Appliance
Step 11. Initial SWA Setup	Step 11.1. Configure the IP address. Step 11.2. Configure the default Gateway. Step 11.3. Configure the DNS server. Step 11.4. license the Appliance. Step 11.5. Enable the Features. Step 11.6. Run the system setup wizard. You can find the detailed steps in this article: Secure Web Appliance Initial Setup
Step 12. Sanitizing the Configuration file	Step 12.1. Review the Fixing Errors section in this article to remove the ISE certificate configuration from the XML backup file.
 Note: If you are not integrating ISE with the SWA, you can skip to Step 13 .	

Importing the Configuration File to Target SWA

Step 13. Import Custom Trusted Root Certificates	Step 13.1. From the GUI, Navigate to Network and click Certificate Management .
 Note: If you are not using any Custom Trusted Root Certificate, skip to Step 14 .	Step 13.2. In the Certificate Management section, click Manage Trusted Root Certificates . Step 13.3. Click Import .

Step 13.4. Upload the certificates that previously was downloaded in **Step 3**.

⚠ Caution: When both root and intermediate certificates are available, begin by uploading the root CA certificate. After submitting and committing the changes, proceed to import the intermediate certificate.

Step 14. Import the Configuration File

Step 14.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **System Administration** and choose **Configuration File**.

Step 14.2. In the **Load Configuration** section, Select **Load a configuration file from local computer**.

Step 14.3. Click **Choose File** and select the XML configuration file.

Step 14.4. If the migration matches the **Scenario 1** and the previous IP address must be use in the new SWA, Select the check box **Load Network Settings**, else do not select this option.

Step 14.5. Click **Load**.

Step 14.6. Click **Continue** in the **Confirm Load Configuration** pop up.

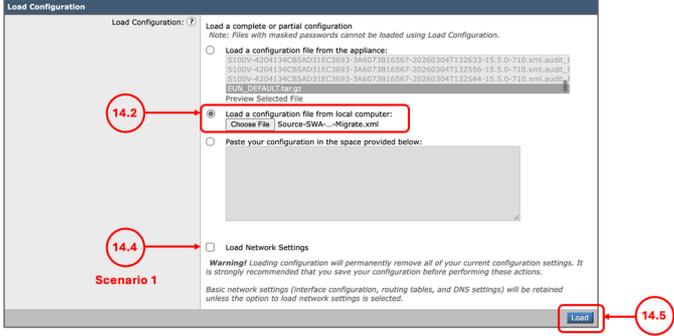


Image - Importing the Configuration

Step 15. Changing the admin Password

✎ Note: If you have the **Source SWA** admin password, Skip to **Step 16**.

15.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **System Administration** and choose **Users**.

15.2. click the **admin** user name.

15.3. Select **Change the passphrase**.

15.4. Enter the password.

15.5. click **Submit**.

Edit Local User

Local User Settings

Account Status:	Active	Lock Account?
User Name:	admin	
Full Name:	Administrator	
User Type: ?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Administrator	
Passphrase: ?	<input type="radio"/> Do not change the passphrase <input checked="" type="radio"/> Change the passphrase ← 15.3	
	Passphrase:	<input type="password" value="*****"/>
	Retype Passphrase:	<input type="password" value="*****"/> ← 15.4

[Cancel](#) [Submit](#)

Image - Changing Admin Password

Step 16. Commit

Step 16.1. Now you can **Commit** the changes.

Step 17. Importing the Routes

 **Note:** If you **Load Network Settings** while importing the configuration, skip to **Step 19**.

Step 17.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **Network** and click **Routes**.

Step 17.2. For each routing table, click **Load Route Table**.

Step 17.3. Choose the file you exported on **Step 8**.

Step 17.4. Click **Submit**.

Step 17.5. **Commit** the changes.

Step 18. Configuring the DNS Settings

 **Note:** If you **Load Network Settings** while importing the configuration, skip to **Step 19**.

Step 18.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **Network** and click **DNS**.

Step 18.2. Click **Edit Settings**.

Step 18.3. Use the screenshot from **Step 9**

Step 18.4. Click **Submit**.

Step 18.5. **Commit** the changes.

Step 19. Join/Rejoin the SWA to the Active Directory

Step 19.1. From the GUI, Navigate to **Network** and click **Authentication**.

Step 19.2. click the name of the Authentication **Realm Name**.

 **Tip:** If the SWA is assigned a new IP address and host-name, ensure that the necessary DNS records are created in the Active Directory DNS service.

Step 19.2. Click **Join Domain** and enter the credentials:

Step 20.4. Type **DELETE** and press **Enter**.

Step 20.5. Type the number associated to the SWA that has been recently migrated and press **Enter** until the wizard is finished.

Step 20.6. Type **commit** and press **Enter** to save the changes.

Step 20.7. From the SMA GUI, navigate to **Management Appliance**. Select **Centralized Services** and click **Security Appliances**.

Step 20.8. click the name of the SWA that recently were migrated.

 **Tip:** You can see the **Connection Established** column is set to **No**.

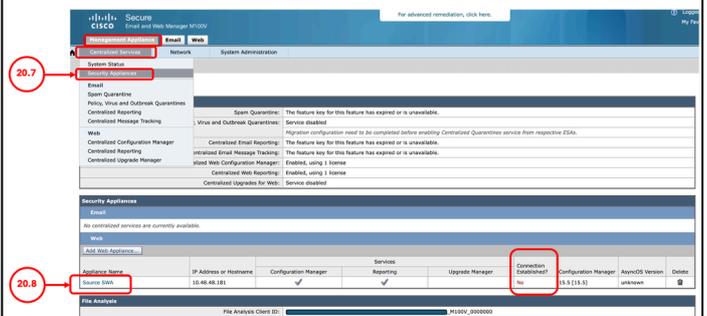


Image - SMA Security Appliance Status

Step 20.9. click **Establish Connection**.

Step 20.10. Enter the **Username** and **Passphrase** and click **Establish Connection**.

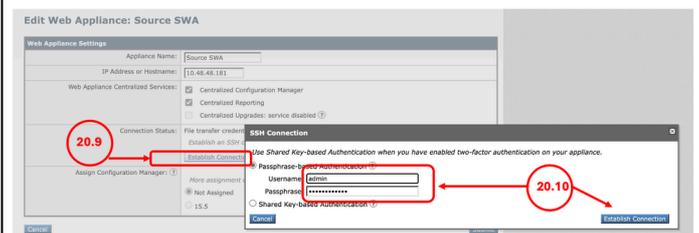


Image - Establish Connection to the SWA

Step 20.11. Assign the configuration Manager.

Edit Web Appliance: Source SWA

Image - Assign Configuration Manager

Step 20.12. Submit and Commit the changes.

Step 20.13. (Optional) you can test by publishing configuration to the SWA.

 **Tip:** The SMA retains all Reporting and Tracking data from the previous SWA.

Fixing Errors

Parse Error on Element port_name

The network port name must be one of ['Management', 'P1', 'P2', 'T1', 'T2']:

Configuration File

Error — Configuration File was not loaded. Parse Error on element "port_name" line number 85 column 18 with value "M2": The network port name must be one of ['Management', 'P1', 'P2', 'T1', 'T2'] (with optional "_v6" suffix), or start with "VLAN" or "Loopback".

Image - Network Interface Naming Error

Error — Configuration File was not loaded. Parse Error on element "port_name" line number 85 column 18 with value "M2": The network port name must be one of ['Management', 'P1', 'P2', 'T1', 'T2'] (with optional "_v6" suffix), or start with "VLAN" or "Loopback".

This error happens when you are migrating from physical SWA to Virtual. the Virtual SWA has only 5 NICs and the M2 interface is invalid. To fix the error, edit the XML configuration file in a text editor and remove these lines:

```
<port_interface>
  <port_name>M2</port_name>
  <direct>
    <jack>M2</jack>
  </direct>
</port_interface>
```

```
<ethernet>
  <ethernet_interface>M2</ethernet_interface>
  <media>autoselect</media>
  <media_opt></media_opt>
  <macaddr>aa:bb:cc:00:00:00</macaddr>
</ethernet>
```

Parse Error on Element ise_service

Configuration File

Error — Configuration File was not loaded. Parse Error on element "ise_service" line number 548 column 17:
b4Y4mw.crt.pem ISE certificate not present in /data/db/isecerts/.

Image - ISE Certificate Error

Error - Configuration File was not loaded. Parse Error on element "ise_service" line number 548 column

Since the ISE certificates are not included in the SWA configuration export, and are uploaded on the device directly, you need to remove the certificates configuration from the XML file and after successful import, configure ISE manually. to fix this issue, edit the XML configuration file in the text editor and search for the certificate name in the error (in this example, search for **AA11AA**) and delete it from the configuration file:

Before:

```
<ise_service_pxgrid_certs>
  <pxgrid_cert>AA11AA</pxgrid_cert>
  <pxgrid_cert>BB22BB</pxgrid_cert>
</ise_service_pxgrid_certs>
```

After:

```
<ise_service_pxgrid_certs></ise_service_pxgrid_certs>
```

Other than the certificate name, you need to remove the **Web Appliance Client Certificate** name as well.

In this example, the **Web Appliance Client Certificate** is a self signed certificate:

Before:

```
<ise_service_cert_generated>1</ise_service_cert_generated>
<ise_service_generated_name>xAck6T</ise_service_generated_name>
```

After:

<ise_service_cert_generated>0</ise_service_cert_generated>
<ise_service_generated_name></ise_service_generated_name>

Failover is not Working on New Virtual SWA

If the High Availability (Failover) is not working on the target virtual SWA, ensure that the Hypervisor is configured correctly. For more information, visit: [Ensure Proper Virtual WSA HA Group Functionality in a VMware Environment](#)

Related Information

- [User Guide for AsyncOS 15.2 for Cisco Secure Web Appliance](#)
- [Install Secure Web Appliance on VMware ESXi](#)
- [Install Secure Web Appliance on Microsoft Hyper-V](#)
- [Secure Web Appliance Initial Setup](#)
- [Cisco Secure Email and Web Virtual Appliance Installation Guide](#)
- [Configure Custom URL Categories in Secure Web Appliance - Cisco](#)
- [Use Secure Web Appliance Best Practices](#)
- [Configure Firewall for Secure Web Appliance](#)
- [Configure Decryption Certificate in Secure Web Appliance](#)
- [Troubleshoot Secure Web Appliance DNS Service](#)
- [Ensure Proper Virtual WSA HA Group Functionality in a VMware Environment](#)