



# Zone-Based Firewall ALG and AIC Conditional Debugging and Packet Tracing Support

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The Zone-Based Firewall ALG and AIC Conditional Debugging and Packet Tracing feature supports the following functionalities for Application Layer Gateway (ALG), and Application Inspection and Control (AIC):

- Packet tracing
- Conditional debugging
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## Information About Zone-Based Firewall ALG and AIC Conditional Debugging and Packet Tracing Support

### Packet Tracing

Packet tracing provides the ability to generate Control Plane Policing (CPP) statistics for a specified packet flow, with minimal effect on router throughput. It also traces the path of each packet in the flow, which helps in determining the input interface, features used, and the output path.

Application layer gateway (ALG) generates statistics and keeps a log of the path along which the packets travel.

### Conditional Debugging

In a typical Application layer gateway (ALG)-enabled scenario where certain connections from the source address or destination address fail, debugging displays a list of messages for all the traffic that passes through

the ALG. Enabling conditional debugging ensures that debug messages related to specified connections are displayed on the console. Prior to the introduction of this feature, debugging used to display many messages for all traffic that passes through the ALG.

## Debug Logs

The following severity levels have been added:

1. Error: Error and firewall packet drop conditions.

Examples:

- Unable to send a packet
- ALG error condition

2. Warning: Warning debug messages.

3. Info: Information about an event.

Examples:

- Packet drop due to policy configuration, malformed packets, or hardcoded limit and threshold
- State machine transition
- ALG check status
- Packet pass and drop status

4. Verbose: All log messages.

Examples:

- Data structures
- Event details




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**Note** Both the ALG-AIC functional debug flag and the severity level must be set. If only the severity level is set and the ALG-AIC functional debug flag is not set, the debug log will not be enabled. If only the ALG-AIC functional debug flag is set, the Info level, which is the default severity level, is logged.

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## Additional References for Zone-Based Firewall ALG and AIC Conditional Debugging and Packet Tracing Support

### Related Documents

| Related Topic      | Document Title  |
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| Cisco IOS commands | <a href="#">Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases</a> |

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| Firewall commands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands A to C</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands D to L</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands M to R</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cisco IOS Security Command Reference: Commands S to Z</a></li> </ul> |

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## Feature Information for Zone-Based Firewall ALG and AIC Conditional Debugging and Packet Tracing Support

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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**Table 1: Feature Information for Zone-Based Firewall ALG and AIC Conditional Debugging and Packet Tracing Support**

| Feature Name   | Releases           | Feature Information  |
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| Zone-Based Firewall ALG and AIC Conditional Debugging and Packet Tracing Support | Cisco IOS XE 3.13S | <p>The feature supports the following functionalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packet tracing</li> <li>• Conditional debugging</li> <li>• Debug logs</li> </ul> |

