

Revised: March 26, 2026

Manage Security Policies for SD-Routing Devices from Security Cloud Control

Cisco SD-WAN Manager and Security Cloud Control

Cisco Security Cloud Control is a security platform that allows you to manage your security products and achieve security outcomes from a single integrated interface.

Security Cloud Control helps you optimize your security policies by identifying inconsistencies with them and by giving you tools to fix them. Security Cloud Control also gives you ways to share objects and policies, as well as make configuration templates, to promote policy consistency across devices.

Within Security Cloud Control, user and group management occurs at the platform level. Roles are assigned to these users and groups to define their privileges for administering Security Cloud Control and the integrated products.

Integration between Cisco SD-WAN Manager and Security Cloud Control

The integration of Security Cloud Control with Cisco SD-WAN Manager enables centralized management of Cisco SD-WAN environments, thereby allowing organizations to efficiently configure, monitor, and enforce security policies across networks. This integration also facilitates advanced troubleshooting, rule optimization, and change management on the Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

This integration allows you to:

- Manage objects and policies: You can create and manage security objects and NGFW policies that can be shared across devices and policies.
- Search objects: You can search security objects across devices using the global search functionality.
- Identify existing configurations: You can identify existing security configurations and policies through the onboarded Cisco SD-WAN Manager.
- View logs and analytics: You can view all the logs and analytics data pertaining to your security objects and policies from the Security Cloud Control interface.

When the Cisco SD-WAN Manager is integrated with Security Cloud Control, it connects to Cisco SD-WAN manager and automatically imports all the objects, such as existing New Gen Firewall (NGFW) policies, security objects, and security policies that are already configured in Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

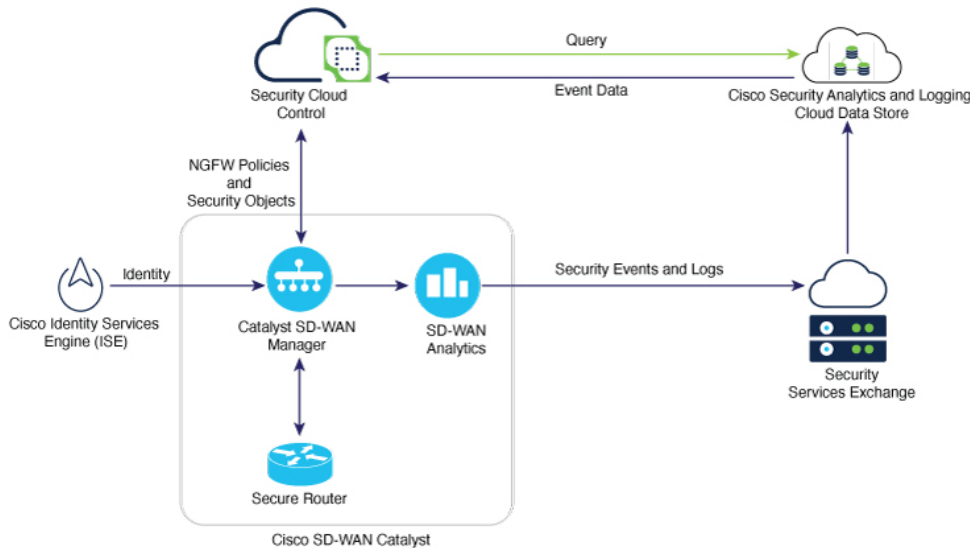
Once the integration is successful, Security Cloud Control normalizes and stores these policy objects locally. SD-WAN relinquishes the ownership of these objects to Security Cloud Control. All the policy objects will be locked in Cisco SD-WAN Manager. You can only create and update shared policy objects on the SD-WAN Manager. You cannot manage the security policies and objects from the Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

You can modify these NGFW parameters or create new ones directly from Security Cloud Control. All changes made in Security Cloud Control are synchronized and saved in Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

Managing NGFW policies and objects using Security Cloud Control

Managing NGFW capabilities of Catalyst SD-WAN through Security Cloud Control helps streamline and centralize security management across Cisco's security products.

The topology diagram illustrates the integration of Catalyst SD-WAN with Security Cloud Control and other cloud services. It shows the flow of information and interactions between various components.



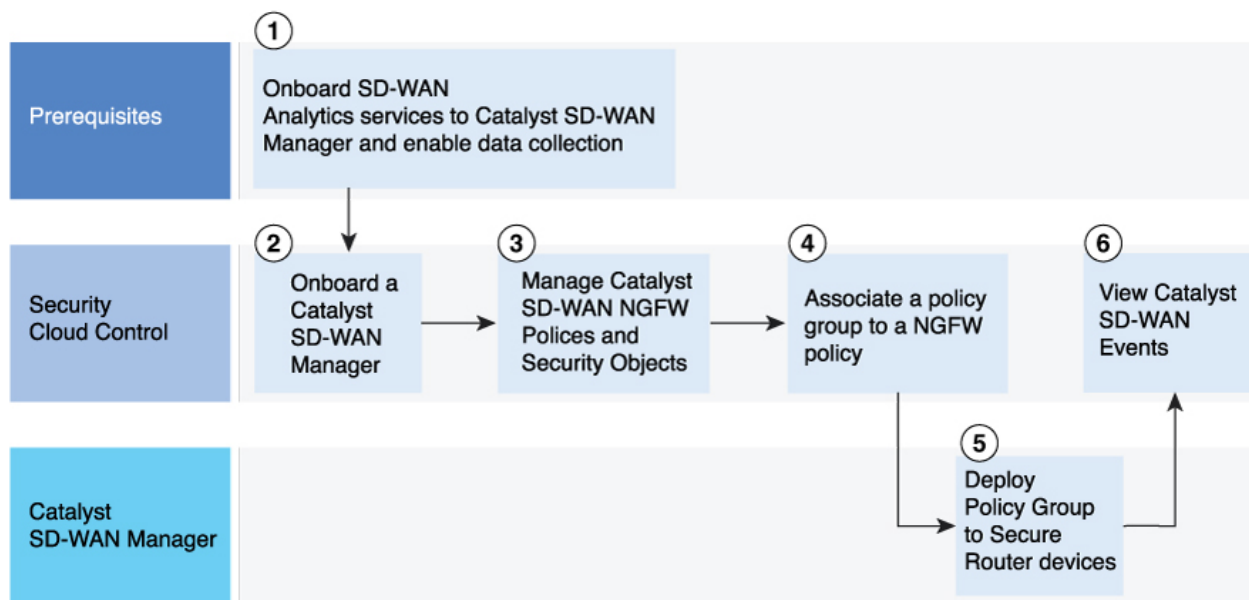
- Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE): Provides identity information to the Security Cloud Control.
- Security Cloud Control: A central point for security policy enforcement and event correlation. This component receives the identity information from ISE, reads NGFW policies and security objects from the onboarded Catalyst SD-WAN Manager, and empowers you to modify your NGFW configurations. Security Cloud Control also sends queries to Cisco Security Analytics and Logging cloud data store for events.
- Cisco SD-WAN Catalyst: This component consists of:
 - Catalyst SD-WAN Manager: Manages the SD-WAN fabric and shows NGFW policies and security objects on the Security Cloud Control when onboarded to it. The Catalyst SD-WAN Manager sends the event data received from the Secure Router to **SD-WAN Analytics**.
 - SD-WAN Analytics: Provides analytics data to the Security Services Exchange.
 - Secure Router: The SD-Routing edge device.

Summary

The integration of Security Cloud Control with Cisco SD-WAN Manager involves onboarding, managing, and deploying security policies to secure router devices. See this illustration which shows the end-to-end workflow to manage the firewall capabilities of Catalyst SD-WAN Manager using Security Cloud Control.

Workflow

This section describes the stages of Security Cloud Control integration with Cisco SD-WAN Manager and other components.



1. Onboard the SD-WAN Analytics services to the Cisco SD-WAN Manager and enable data collection.
2. In Security Cloud Control, onboard Cisco SD-WAN Manager that also imports all the associated Secure Router devices.
3. In Security Cloud Control, create security objects such as policies, objects, and security profiles. From this dashboard, you can also edit and delete the security objects that you created.
4. In Security Cloud Control, associate the NGFW policy to a Policy Group.
5. From Cisco SD-WAN Manager, deploy Policy Group to your device.
6. In Security Cloud Control, view the security events received from Cisco SD-WAN Manager by using Security Analytics and Logging for monitoring and threat detection.



Note

After Cisco SD-WAN Manager is onboarded to Security Cloud Control, the management of policies, objects, and profile can no longer be performed through the Cisco SD-WAN Manager. Instead, these management tasks must be carried out exclusively from Security Cloud Control.

Policies are created using Security Cloud Control but stored only in Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

Prerequisites

Before you perform the integration between Cisco SD-WAN Manager and Security Cloud Control, ensure you have completed the items listed in the table.

Before you begin	More information
Ensure you have Cisco SD-Routing running on Cisco IOS XE 17.18.1a at a minimum.	Go to the software download page to download the Cisco IOS XE 17.18.1a image.

Before you begin	More information
Enable cloud services in Cisco SD-WAN Manager.	See Cloud Infrastructure on SD-Routing Devices .
Onboard Cisco SD-WAN Analytics services to Cisco SD-WAN Manager and enable data collection.	See Onboard a Cisco SD-WAN Manager on Security Cloud Control .
Have either an Admin or Super Admin role on Security Cloud Control.	To learn how to assign roles to users, see Managing Roles .
Register Security Cloud Control to Cisco SD-WAN Manager in offline mode.	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Self-Service Portal (SSP) assigns a client ID and a client secret for Security Cloud Control. The portal URL is https://ssp.sdwan.cisco.com/ . The client ID and client secret is delivered by SSP to Security Cloud Control.
Know the Organization Name of your SD-WAN Manager.	The Organization Name is a unique identifier and is used to establish secure control connections within the SD-Routing environment. To view the Organization Name, log in to the Cisco SD-WAN Manager and navigate to Administration > Settings > System > Organization Name.
Generate the tenant ID and tenant name.	Go to https://us.manage.security.cisco.com/provision, choose the region where you want to provision your Security Cloud Control, and select Sign Up. For more information, see Sign in to Security Cloud Control. Your SSP account must have the same Security Cloud Control tenant and Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN tenant.
Have an active smart account.	The organization to be onboarded in Security Cloud Control must be accessible through your Smart Account and Virtual Account.
Have a valid Security Analytics and Logging subscription plan.	See Security Analytics and Logging license and Data Storage Plans .

Restrictions

Refer to this list to know all the restrictions that are applicable when you manage Cisco SD-WAN Manager security objects from Security Cloud Control.

- Cisco SD-WAN Manager can be deployed either on-premises or hosted in the Cisco cloud. To function properly, it must have cloud connectivity. If Cisco SD-WAN Manager is placed behind a NAT device, it is supported, but with restrictions. Specifically, only port 443 (HTTPS) needs to be open to enable cloud connectivity.
- To make changes in the NGFW policies, objects, and profiles from the Cisco SD-WAN Manager, you must deboard it from Security Cloud Control.
- Security profiles do not support IPS policies (Signature set objects) that are editable or customized.
- Live logs cannot be viewed on Security Cloud Control using Cisco Security Analytics and Logging (SAL). You can only view historical events.

- Exercise caution when changing user role privileges on Cisco SD-WAN Manager for users who are part of Security Cloud Control. Modifying privileges for Security Cloud Control-associated users can result in configuration failures.
- On-premises multitenant deployments of Cisco SD-WAN Manager 20.18.1 are not supported in Security Cloud Control. Only single-tenant SD-WAN Manager deployments are compatible with Security Cloud Control.
- It is recommended not to enable Dark mode in Security Cloud Control when Cisco SD-WAN Manager is integrated.

Onboard a Cisco SD-WAN Manager to Security Cloud Control

Perform these steps to onboard Cisco SD-WAN Manager to Security Cloud Control.

Step 1 Log in to Security Cloud Control tenant with your SSP account credentials.

Step 2 In the left pane, choose **Administration > Integrations > Catalyst SD-WAN**.

Step 3 On the top right corner of the page, click the Plus icon or the Onboard Services icon.

Step 4 In the **Select an integration** page, choose **Catalyst SD-WAN Manager**.

Step 5 From the **Select Organization** drop-down list, choose an organization.

The organizations displayed in the list are based on the region where the Security Cloud Control is deployed.

Step 6 In the **Create label** field, enter your desired label and click **Connect**.



Note

Labels are applied to the device after it is onboarded to Security Cloud Control. Labels allow you to group devices and filter them in the **Security Devices** page.

Step 7 Click **Close** after verifying the details of the Cisco SD-WAN Manager you are onboarding.

In the **Services** page, the **Catalyst SD-WAN** tab displays the onboarded manager.

After a successful onboarding, you can view all the security objects, security profiles, and NGFW policies in the Security Cloud Control screen. These imported policies are available in **Manage > Policies > Catalyst SD-WAN**.

You can also view a "Managed by Security Cloud Control (SCC)" banner on the Cisco SD-WAN Manager that is onboarded to Security Cloud Control.

What to do next

In the **Management** pane on the right, click **Devices** to see the onboarded devices.

You can now create new Catalyst SD-WAN security objects and security profiles from Security Cloud Control.

Manage Cisco SD-WAN security objects and policies

Create an object

Perform the steps in this task to create a new security object in Security Cloud Control.

Step 1 Log in to the Security Cloud Control platform.

Step 2 From the left navigation, choose **Manage > Objects**.

Step 3 Click **Catalyst SD-WAN**.

- Step 4** Click the + sign on the right corner to create an object.
- Step 5** Choose the object type from the **Object** drop-down list. Choose one of the object types from this list.
Choose from:

- Application
- Custom app
- Data Prefix
- Zone
- Port
- Protocol
- Geo Location
- IPS Signature (allow list)
- Allow URL List
- Block URL List
- Identity (User and SGT)
- FQDN

- Step 6** In the **Add Object** pop-up window, configure the object details and settings, and click **Save**.

Filter objects

Perform these steps to filter security objects in Security Cloud Control. You can filter the objects by object type, you can filter shared objects by their values, and filter objects based on usage and duplicate status.

- Step 1** In the Security Cloud Control left pane, go to **Manage > Objects**
In the **Objects** page, you can view the dashboard with all the objects listed.
- Step 2** Click the filter icon.
- Step 3** From the drop-down list, click the filter icon to filter the objects by object type or filter type.
You can use filters to search for the desired objects and further refine the results by typing the object name, IP address, or port number to narrow down the search within the results.

Create a new policy

NGFW security policies in Cisco SD-WAN Manager are a set of rules and configurations designed to protect systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, misuse, or threats. Cisco SD-WAN Manager provides a comprehensive framework for implementing and managing NGFW security policies.

Perform these steps to create a new security policy for Cisco SD-WAN Manager from Security Cloud Control.

- Step 1** In the Security Cloud Control platform, choose **Products > Firewall**.
- Step 2** In the left pane, click **Manage > Policies > Catalyst SD WAN**.
- Step 3** On the **Catalyst SD-WAN NGFW Policies** page, click **Add NGFW Policy**.
- Step 4** On the **Security Policy Name** tab, enter the details for these fields:

Field	Description
Policy Name	Specify a name for your NGFW policy.

Field	Description
Description	Provide a description for your policy in this field.
Device Solution	Select the sdrouting radio button in this field to create the policy for your SD-Routing devices.

Step 5 Click **Next**.

Step 6 On the **Select the optional Configuration Group to associate with the security policy** page, choose the configuration group to associate with the NGFW policy and click **Next**.

Step 7 Click **Save**.

The system displays the options to create a sub-policy. Proceed with the next task in this document if you want to create a sub-policy.

Create a sub policy

Perform these steps to create a sub-policy for your security policy, from Security Cloud Control platform.

Step 1 In the Security Cloud Control platform, choose **Products > Firewall**.

Step 2 In the left pane, choose **Manage > Policies > Catalyst SD-WAN**.

Step 3 Click the policy for which you want to create the sub-policy.

Step 4 On the **Create Sub-Policy** window, click **Add Sub Policy**.

Step 5 In the **Source Zone** field, choose the zone that is the source of the data packets.

Step 6 In the **Destination Zone** field, choose the zone that is the destination of the data packets.

Step 7 On the **Add Rule** pop-up window that is displayed, configure the rules for your sub policy. This table specifies the fields under each section.

Field	Description
Add Rule	
Rule Name	Specify a name for your rule.
Sequence	Specify the sequence or order of check.
Destination Zone	In the Destination Zone drop-down list, choose the zone to which data traffic is sent. Zones are created based on the VPNs in the configuration group selected in the create security policy workflow.
Match	
Add Conditions	To specify the match criteria or conditions for your rule, click Add Conditions under Match . From the drop-down list, choose the match conditions for your rule.
Traffic Source	

Field	Description
Data Prefix	Choose the Data Prefix from the drop-down list. This field specifies the IPv4 prefixes or IPv6 prefixes or prefix lists and/or domain names, (FQDN) or list(s). Based on the IP address type that you choose, the Source Data Prefixes field displays the prefix options.
Protocol	Configure the protocol match for your rule.
Application	From this drop-down list, choose one of more applications and a match condition for the rule.
Action	Select one of the radio buttons: • Pass: Allows the traffic to pass the destination zone without inspection. • Drop: Enables drop notifications whenever a packet is dropped. • Inspect: Enables inspection of the traffic in your zones. • Log Events: Select this check box to enable unified logging for inspect action. Select Advanced Inspection from the drop-down list.
Log Events	Select this check box to enable unified logging for inspect action. Select Advanced Inspection from the drop-down list.

Step 8 Click **Additional Settings** and if you want to configure any of these fields:

Field	Description
TCP SYN Flood Limit	Specify the threshold of SYN flood packets per second for each destination address.
Max Incomplete	Specify the timeout limits for the firewall policy. A Max Incomplete timeout limit protects firewall resources and keeps these resources from being used up.
TCP Limit	Specify the maximum TCP half-open sessions allowed on a device.
UDP Limit	Specify the maximum UDP half-open sessions allowed on a device.
ICMP Limit	Specify the maximum ICMP half-open sessions allowed on a device.
Audit Trail	Enable the Audit Trail option. This option is only applicable for rules with an inspect action.
Unified Logging	Enable the unified logging feature.

Field	Description
Optimized Policy	Enable the optimized policy option.
Session Reclassify Allow	Allow re-classification of traffic on policy change.
ICMP Unreachable Allow	Allow ICMP unreachable packets to pass through.
Advanced Inspection Profile	Attach a global advanced inspection profile (AIP) at a device level. All the rules in the device that match the traffic to be inspected are inspected using the advance inspection profile.
TLS/SSL Decryption	Choose the TLS/SSL decryption profile from the drop-down list.
High Speed Logging Source File	Add security logging server details.
External Syslog Server	Select the source interface.

Step 9 Click **Save**.

The rule is saved. To modify an existing rule, click the pencil icon next to the rule to **Edit**, **Disable**, or **Delete** the rule.

Review and create the policy

Perform this task after you add a Sub-Policy to your firewall policy.

Step 1 On the **Summary** window, review all the configuration settings for your firewall policy.

Step 2 Click **Create NGFW Policy** to create the policy.

Associate a Policy Group with the security policy

Perform these steps to associate a Policy Group with the security policy.

Step 1 On the SD-WAN Manager main menu, go to **Configurations > Policy Groups**.

Step 2 Select the Policy Group to which you want to associate the security policy.

Step 3 From the **NGFW** drop-down field, select the policy you created.

Step 4 Click **Save** to create an association between the policy and the Policy Group. This association ensures that the NGFW Policy is applied to the Policy Group.

Step 5 Select the SD Routing devices on which you want to provision this policy, and click **Next**.

Step 6 Review the workflow and complete the wizard by clicking **Deploy**, to deploy the Policy Group to the device. Your device is now ready to use the security policy.

Verifying Security Cloud Control Integration

A "Managed by Security Cloud Control (SCC)" banner displays on the Cisco SD-WAN Manager that is onboarded to Security Cloud Control, indicating a successful integration. This message can be viewed in the Cisco SD-WAN Manager by navigating to the relevant sections:

- For **Security Objects and Profiles** page, navigate to **Configuration > Policy Groups > Objects and Profiles > Security Objects**.
- For NGFW policies, navigate to **Configuration > Policy Groups > NGFW > NGFW Policy**.

After onboarding a Cisco SD-WAN Manager to Security Cloud Control, you can only view the NGFW policies in that Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

View Cisco SD-WAN Manager events in Security Cloud Control

Cisco SD-WAN Manager shares data about security events and logs with SSX which then shares the data with SAL. Security Cloud Control sends queries to Cisco Security Analytics and Logging (SAL) for event data. Data about connection events are stored in SAL. It sends the events data to Security Cloud Control.

Perform these steps to view Cisco SD-WAN Manager event logs in Security Cloud Control.

Before you begin

- A Security Cloud Control tenant with a valid Security Analytics and Logging subscription plan.
- Onboard the Cisco SD-WAN Manager to the Security Cloud Control tenant where you want to view the security events.
- Onboard the Cisco SD-WAN Analytics services to your Cisco SD-WAN Manager and enable data collection. For more information, see [Cisco Security Analytics and Login](#).

For more information about the prerequisites, see [How Catalyst SD-WAN Router Share Events with Security Cloud Control](#).

Step 1 In the Security Cloud Control navigation pane, choose **Events & Logs > Events > Event Logging**.

Step 2 Click the filter icon.

Step 3 Scroll to the **Catalyst SD-WAN Events** section and select the **Connection** check box.

What to do next

You can review and analyze connection events and take appropriate actions, such as for events with inspect action.

View audit logs in Cisco SD-WAN Manager

Security Cloud Control records user-related and system-level actions related to objects and policies in **Audit Logs**. The same changes are captured in the **Audit Logs** of Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

Using audit logs, you can monitor unauthorized activities such as multiple failed login attempts and excessive logins. You can also configure notifications for unauthorized activity.

In Security Cloud Control, you can monitor change logs, workflows, and jobs. For more information, see [Monitor and Report Change Logs, Workflows, and Jobs](#).

Use this procedure to view audit logs in Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

Step 1 To view the logs in Cisco SD-WAN Manager, go to **Monitor > Logs > Audit logs**.

Step 2 Review the **Action**, **Details**, **Date/Time**, and **User** columns.

Remove a Cisco SD-WAN Manager from Security Cloud Control

Use this procedure to deboard a Cisco SD-WAN Manager from Security Cloud Control.

- Step 1** In the left pane of Security Cloud Control, choose **Administration > Integrations**.
- Step 2** Choose the Cisco SD-WAN Manager instance you want to delete, and then click **Remove SD-WAN Devices**.
- Step 3** Click **OK** to confirm the action.