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CHAPTER 1

Read Me First



Note To achieve simplification and consistency, the Cisco SD-WAN solution has been rebranded as Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN. In addition, from Cisco IOS XE SD-WAN Release 17.12.1a and Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Release 20.12.1, the following component changes are applicable: **Cisco vManage to Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager**, **Cisco vAnalytics to Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Analytics**, **Cisco vBond to Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Validator**, **Cisco vSmart to Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Controller**, and **Cisco Controllers to Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Control Components**. See the latest Release Notes for a comprehensive list of all the component brand name changes. While we transition to the new names, some inconsistencies might be present in the documentation set because of a phased approach to the user interface updates of the software product.

Related References

- [Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Control Components Compatibility Matrix and Server Recommendations](#)
- [Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Device Compatibility](#)

User Documentation

- [User Documentation for Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17](#)

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Policy Groups

Table 1: Feature History

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Policy Groups	<p>Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.12.1a</p> <p>Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.12.1</p>	<p>This feature provides a simple, reusable, and structured approach for configuring policies in Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN. You can create a policy group, that is, a logical grouping of policies that is applied to one or more sites or devices at the site in the network. To deploy the policy group to devices, the devices must be managed by a configuration group in Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN. You can configure policies based on features that are required, recommended, or uniquely used, and then combine them to complete a policy configuration.</p> <p>The Deploy Policy Group workflow in Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN provides a guided method to select previously created policy groups and deploy them to sites or devices at the site that is managed by configuration groups.</p>

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Configure Traffic and Flow Visibility for Application Priority and SLA Policy	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.13.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.13.1	You can configure settings to enable traffic and flow visibility for the application priority and SLA policy in Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN. This feature allows you to monitor application and traffic flow over IPv4, IPv6, or both networks at the global hierarchy level in Cisco SD-WAN Manager.
Preferred Remote Color in AAR Policy	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.15.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1	You can set a remote preferred color in the AAR policy to control traffic routing based on the SLA criteria.
Device Tagging for Policy Groups	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1	With this feature you can add devices to a policy group configuration workflow using tags.

Information About Policy Groups

Policy groups simplify the experience of configuring and deploying various policies on Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices. Policy groups are a collection of different policies that you can configure through workflows and associate with and deploy on different Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices.

Overview of Policy Groups

Policy Groups provide a simple, reusable, and structured approach for configuring policies and policy objects in Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices.

Policy groups are a collection of various policies and policy parameters that you can configure quickly through a simplified workflow. Policy groups allows you to configure the basic and necessary policies with defaults to get your systems up and running. The more advanced user can switch to the **Advanced** layout to take complete control and configure detailed policy parameters such as service-level agreement (SLA) class, Quality of Service (QoS) Maps, and Match-Action parameters pertaining to the traffic policy. After creating a policy group, you can associate it with one or more sites or a single device at the site in the network and deploy it on devices managed by configuration groups.

After you've configured a policy group, you can deploy it on Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices by using the [Deploy Policy Group Workflow](#).

For more information about Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN policy and policy architecture, see [Policy Overview](#).

Overview of Policy Group Workflows

The policy group workflow guides you in creating a policy group for one or more sites or a single device at the site in the network that is managed by configuration groups in Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN. The workflow provides you with an improved configuration and troubleshooting experience. The workflow has the following features:

- You can review the various configuration values on a single page within the workflow.
- You can easily identify and fix incorrect values that appear highlighted in red. In addition, an asterisk that is adjacent to a field name helps you identify the mandatory values within the workflow.

Deploy Policy Group Workflow

You can access the workflow by choosing **Workflows > Deploy Policy Group** menu in Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

The **Deploy Policy Group** workflow enables you to associate devices with a previously created policy group and deploy the policy group to the selected devices. You can review device configurations to further add Site IDs and other variables that must be provided as part of a policy group before deploying the policy group.

After deploying a policy group, any subsequent changes to the policy group will cause the Cisco SD-WAN Controller to appear in the deployment preview, even if no changes are being deployed to the controller itself.

Additionally, any modifications to the Application Priority and SLA policy are automatically pushed to all Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices associated with the policy group, as well as the Cisco SD-WAN Controllers, regardless of which devices are selected in the deployment workflow. This behavior differs from NGFW, DNS Security, and SIG policies, where changes are only deployed to the selected Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN device.

Cisco SD-WAN Controller tasks

Starting with Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1, deploying a policy group triggers a Cisco SD-WAN Controller task during the subsequent deployment in any of the following scenarios:

- A device that was previously part of a classic centralized policy is newly associated with any policy group.
- A device is removed from a policy group that had Application Priority and SLA policies deployed.
- A device associated with the policy group is included in the Cisco SD-WAN Controller policy configuration, even if neither of the above conditions applies.

Starting with Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1, only the Cisco SD-WAN Controller intent for the current policy groups, as well as the intent for any policy group involved in a device migration is included in the CLI generation.

Policy groups for multitenant environments

Starting with Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1, in multitenant environments, Cisco SD-WAN Manager no longer provides a preview diff for centralized policies, topology groups, policy groups, or device templates. Instead, it displays the entire generated configuration as new, reflecting exactly what is applied to the device. This ensures consistency, since multitenant environments always deploy the full configuration during each deployment.

The preview diff for single tenant environments remains unchanged and continues to show configuration differences.

Add devices to a policy group using rules

Before you begin

From SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1, you can add devices to a policy group using tags.

Ensure that you have added tags to devices. For more information about tagging, refer to the Device tagging section in the *Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Systems and Interfaces Configuration Guide*.

Follow these steps to add devices to a policy group using rules:

Procedure

- Step 1** From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Policy Groups**.
- Step 2** Select a policy group from the available list.
- Step 3** Click the + **Add** option adjacent to **Associated** in the **Deployment** area.
- Step 4** Click **Manage rule**. You can select **Modify rules** or **Remove rules**. In the **Rules** section, choose values for the following options:
- Rule name**: Enter a unique name for the rule. Rule names cannot be duplicated once you create it.
 - Rule Conditions**: Choose one of the two rules and configure the conditions: **Match All** or **Match Any**.
 - Choose one of these operators:
 - **Equals**
 - **Not equals**
 - **Contains**
 - **Not contains**
 - **Starts with**
 - **End with**
- Note**
You cannot create a new rule if it conflicts with an existing rule.
- Step 5** Click **Apply**.
Based on the rule, a list of devices that will be added to or removed from the policy group appears.
- Step 6** Click **Confirm** to apply the changes.
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Benefits of Policy Groups

- Simplified user experience through an intuitive UI that allows you to quickly configure the basic policies that are required to get your Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN deployments up and running.

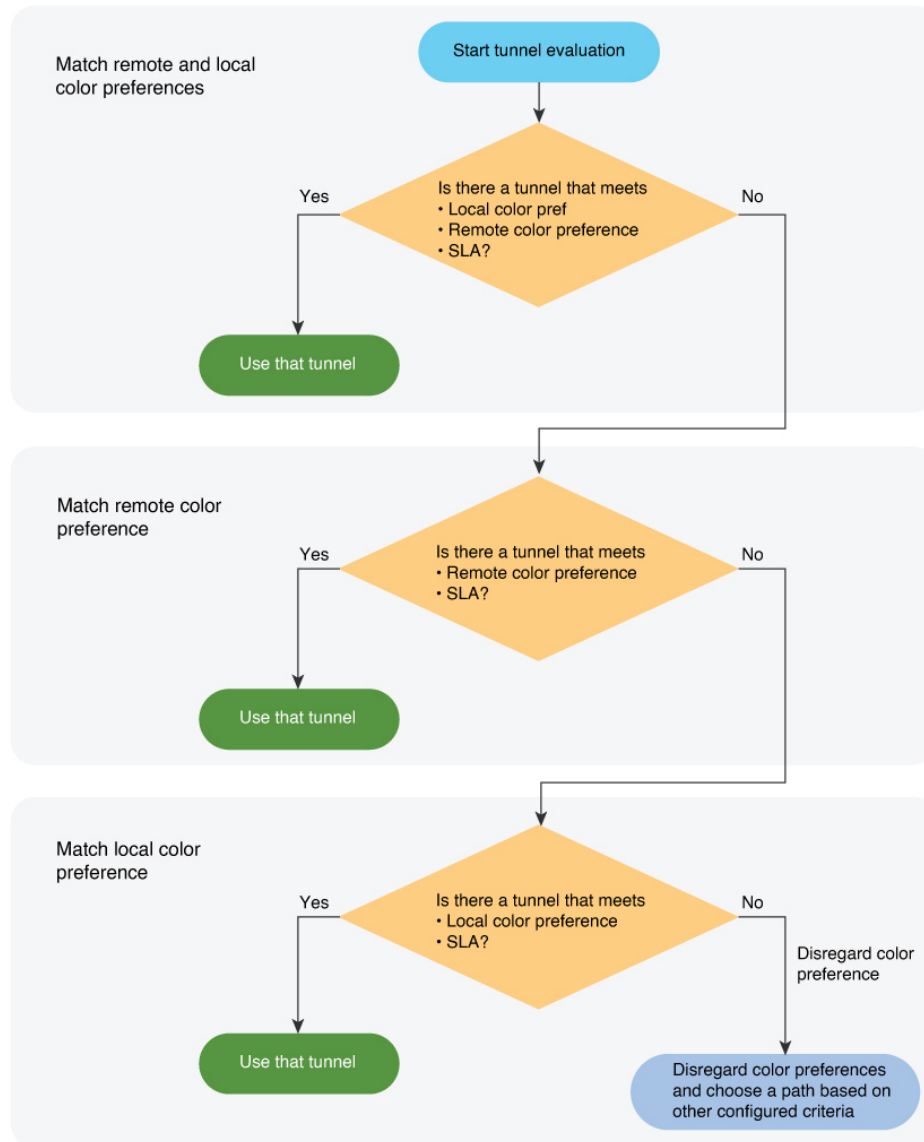
- Option to edit policy groups based on the changing needs of your network and save the configuration. You can choose to deploy these changes only when needed - during maintenance windows or in off-production hours.
- A **Preview CLI** option to preview the difference in configuration for relevant devices such as Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN device and Cisco SD-WAN Controller in one location.
- Workflows to deploy policy groups.

Information About Color Preference

Minimum supported releases: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.15.1a and Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1

The AAR policy enables you to use TLOC color preferences to determine how a device chooses a tunnel for routing traffic. You can configure a preferred local TLOC color and a preferred remote TLOC color, referring to the local and remote TLOCs associated with a tunnel. When multiple tunnels are available, the device prioritizes tunnels according to the color preferences. This flowchart shows the logic.

Figure 1: Color Preference Logic



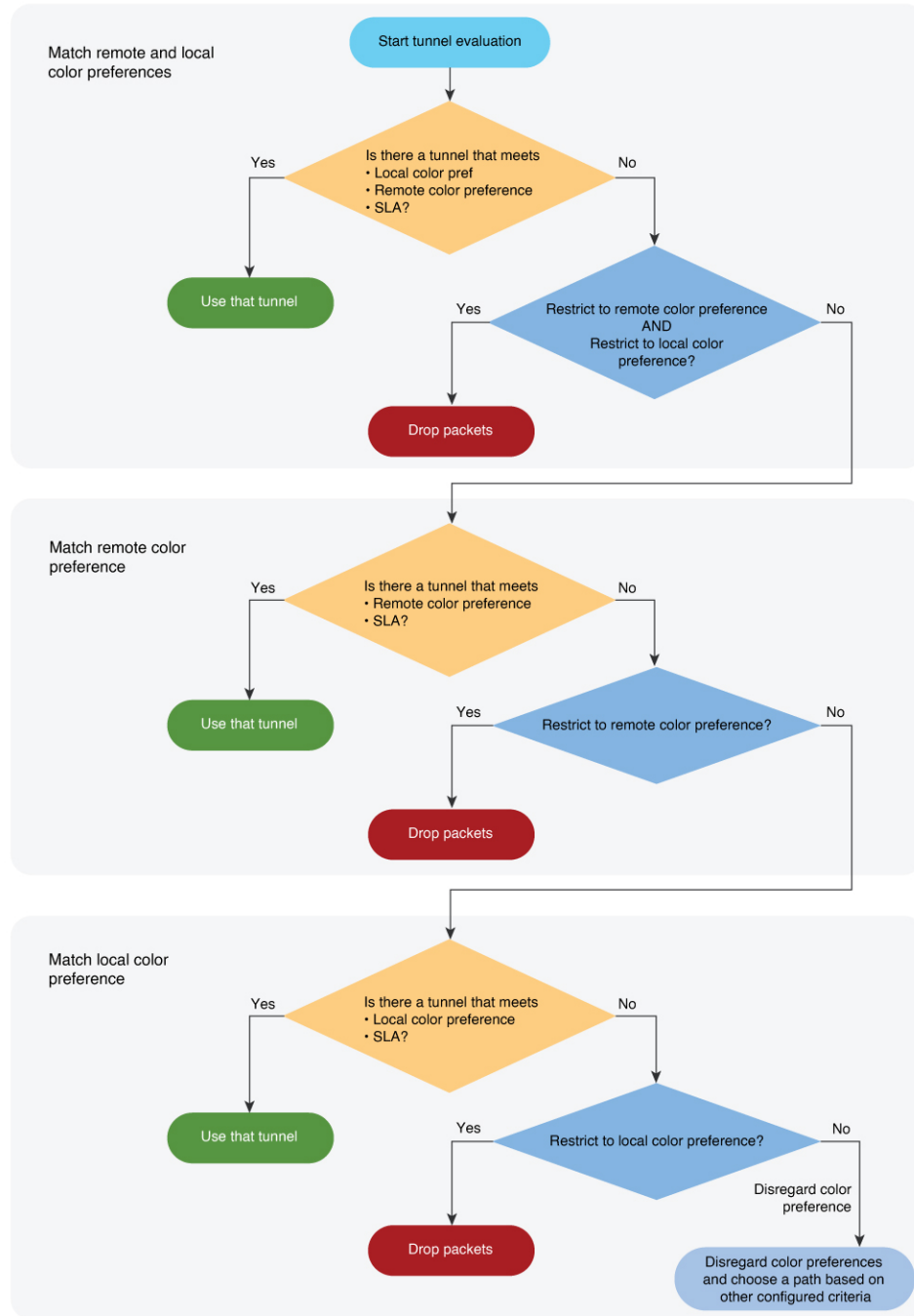
For more information, see [Application Priority and SLA](#).

For configuring remote preferred color policies using **Configuration > Policies** see [Configure Traffic Rules](#).

Restricting to a Color Preference

You can restrict the choice of a tunnel to include only tunnels that meet the configured color preferences. The options are **Restrict to Remote Color** and **Restrict to Preferred Color Group**. If no tunnels meet the criteria, the device drops the traffic. This flowchart shows the logic of choosing a tunnel when restricting to the color preferences.

Figure 2: Color Preference Logic, Restricting to Local or Remote Color



Supported Devices for Policy Groups

This feature is supported only on Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices.

Prerequisites for Policy Groups

Before you begin configuring policy groups, ensure that the following requirements are met:

- Minimum software version for Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.8.1a
Minimum software version for Cisco SD-WAN Manager: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.12.1
- Ensure that these devices are deployed and managed using a configurations group. For more information about creating configuration groups, see [Configuration Groups and Feature Profiles](#).

Configure RBAC for policy groups

Ensure that the granular role-based access control (RBAC) for policy groups is specified by expanding it. With specific permissions to the usergroup, ensure that you are able to access policy groups from **Configuration > Policy Groups**.

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Administration > Manage Users > User Groups**.
2. Click **Add User Group**.
3. Enter **User Group Name**.
4. Select the **Read** or **Write** check box against the **Policy Group** and **Device** feature that you want to assign to a user group.
5. Click **Add**.

Configure RBAC for Application Priority Policy

Ensure that the granular RBAC for the application priority policy is specified by expanding it. With the set permissions to the usergroup, ensure that you are able to access the application priority policy from **Configuration > Policy Groups**.

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Administration > Manage Users > User Groups**.
2. Click **Add User Group**.
3. Enter **User Group Name**.
4. Select the **Read** or **Write** check box against the following features that you want to assign to a user group:
 - **Feature Profile > Application Priority > Qos Policy**
 - **Feature Profile > Application Priority > Traffic Policy**
 - **Feature Profile > Policy Object > App List**
 - **Feature Profile > Policy Object > SLA Class**
 - **Feature Profile > Policy Object > TLOC**
 - **Feature Profile > Policy Object > App Probe**
 - **Feature Profile > Policy Object > Preferred Color Group**

- **Feature Profile > Policy Object > Class**
- **Feature Profile > Policy Object > Data Prefix**
- **Feature Profile > Policy Object > Data Ipv6**
- **Feature Profile > Policy Object > Policer**

5. Click **Add**.

Restrictions for Policy Groups

- The Application Priority and SLA workflow does not support custom applications.
- Before deploying policy groups to devices, they must first be managed by a configuration group.
- The forwarding class in localized policy is not supported.
- An error occurs when a duplicate parcel name (for example, Site27-VPN1) exists in another configuration group. Verify existing parcel names across all groups and modify the intended name to ensure exclusivity. Use descriptive naming conventions to prevent conflicts.

Policy validation for Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN

Policy validation in Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN is a process that

- automatically checks if your policies are accurate,
- ensures that policies comply with platform capabilities, and
- confirms that policies align with your network requirements.

This process helps verify that all configurations operate within supported limits before deployment.

Key features of policy validation

Centralized policy checks: From Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1 policy validation is centrally managed, enabling quicker error detection and ensuring configurations remain within supported limits.

Enhanced device alerts: Devices send detailed alerts to Cisco SD-WAN Manager for proactive monitoring.

Filters in a sequence: Each policy sequence supports up to 64 filters, giving you flexibility to define granular traffic matching criteria.

Entries in a list: You can create and modify lists with a combined total of up to 8192 entries including existing and new entries to ensure scalability for complex network requirements.

Key terms for policy validation

Application list: An [application list](#) is a collection of applications grouped together for policy matching, allowing you to apply policies to multiple applications at once.

Application family: An [application family](#) refers to a category of related applications such as Cisco Webex, Microsoft Teams, and Zoom. Application categories simplify policy management and enforcement.

Group of Interest - Policy

Group of interest provides a list of related policy objects that you can configure and call in the match or action components of a policy. Click **Group of Interest** to create new objects for the policy group as described in the following sections:

Application

1. Click **Application**.
2. Click **Add Application**.
3. From the **Application/Application family list** drop-down, choose the required applications or application families.
4. Click **Save**.

A few application lists are preconfigured. You cannot edit or delete these lists.

Microsoft_Apps: Includes Microsoft applications, such as Excel, Skype, and Xbox. To display a full list of Microsoft applications, click the list in the **Entries** column.

Google_Apps: Includes Google applications, such as Gmail, Google Maps, and YouTube. To display a full list of Google applications, click the list in the **Entries** column.

App Probe Class

1. Click **Add App Probe Class**.
2. In the **App Probe** dialog box, specify the following:

Field	Description
Probe Class Name	Enter a name for the probe class.
Forwarding Class	Choose the forwarding class from the drop-down list.
Color	Choose the color from the drop-down list.
DSCP	Enter the DSCP value.

3. You can add more entries if needed by clicking on + icon.
4. Click **Save**.

Color

1. Click **Color**.
2. Click **New Color List** and specify the following:

Field	Description
Color List Name	Enter a name for the list.
Select Color	Choose one or more color lists types from the drop-down list.

3. Click **Add**.

To configure multiple colors in a single list, you can choose multiple colors from the drop-down list.

Community List

A community list is used to create groups of communities to use in a match clause of a route map. A community list can be used to control which routes are accepted, preferred, distributed, or advertised. You can also use a community list to set, append, or modify the communities of a route.

1. Click **Community List**.
2. Click **Add Community List** and specify the following:

Field	Description
Community List Name	Enter a name of the community list.
Add Community	<p>Enter one or more communities separated by commas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aa:nn: Autonomous System (AS) number and network number. Each number is a 2-byte value with a range from 1 to 65535. For example, 65526. • internet: Routes in this community are advertised to the internet community. This community comprises all BGP-speaking networking devices. • local-as: Routes in this community are not advertised outside the local AS number. • no-advertise: Attaches the NO_ADVERTISE community to routes. Routes in this community are not advertised to other BGP peers. • no-export: Attaches the NO_EXPORT community to routes. Routes in this community are not advertised outside the local AS or outside a BGP confederation boundary. To configure multiple BGP communities in a single list, include multiple community options, specifying one community in each option.

3. Click **Save**.

Data Prefix

1. Click **Data Prefix**.
2. Click **Add Data Prefix**.
3. In the **Data Prefix list** dialog box, specify the following:

Field	Description
Data Prefix List Name	Enter a name for the data prefix list.
Add Data Prefix	Enter one or more data prefixes separated by commas. Does not support: 0.0.0.0/0

4. Click **Save**.

Data Prefix IPv6

1. Click **Data Prefix IPv6**.
2. Click **Add Data Prefix IPv6**.
3. In the **Data Prefix List** dialog box, specify the following:

Field	Description
Data Prefix List Name	Enter a name for the IPv6 data prefix list.
Add Data Prefix	Enter one or more IPv6 data prefixes separated by commas. Does not support: ::/0

4. Click **Save**.

Expanded Community List

1. Click **Expanded Community List**.
2. Click **Add Expanded Community List** and specify the following:

Field	Description
Community List Name	Enter a name for the community list.
Add Community	Specify details of the expanded community list that is used to filter communities using a regular expression.

Forwarding Class

1. Click **Add Forwarding Class** and specify the following:

Field	Description
Forwarding Class	Enter a name for the forwarding class.
Queue	Choose a value for the queue from the drop-down list.

2. Click **Save**.

Policer

1. Click **Policer**.
2. Click **Add Policer** and specify the following:

Field	Description
Policer List Name	Enter a name for the policer list.
Burst (bytes)	Enter the maximum traffic burst size. The range is from 15,000 to 10,000,000 bytes.
Exceed	Choose the action to take when the burst size or traffic rate is exceeded. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop: sets the packet loss priority (PLP) to low • Remark: sets the packet loss priority (PLP) to high
Rate	Enter the maximum traffic rate, a value from 8 through 10 ¹¹ bits per second (bps).

3. Click **Save**.

Preferred Color Group

1. Click **Add Preferred Color Group**.
2. In the **Preferred Color Group Name** field, enter a name for the preferred color group.
3. Choose the color preference and path preference for the primary, secondary, and tertiary colors from the **Color Preference** and the **Path Preference** drop-down lists.

Field	Description
Preferred Color Group Name	Enter a name for the preferred color group.
Color Preference	Choose the color preference from the drop-down list. You can choose multiple colors.
Path Preference	Choose the path preference from the drop-down list. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Path • Multi Hop Path • All Paths

4. Click **Save**.

Prefix List

1. Click **Prefix List**.

- Click **Add Prefix List** and specify the following:

Field	Description
Prefix List Name	Enter a name for the IPv4 prefix list.
Add Prefix	Enter one or more IPv4 prefixes separated by commas.

- Click **Save**.

Prefix List IPv6

- Click **Prefix List IPv6**.
- Click **Add Prefix List** and specify the following:

Field	Description
Prefix List Name	Enter a name for the IPv6 prefix list.
Add Prefix	Enter one or more IPv6 prefixes separated by commas.

- Click **Save**.

SLA Class

- Click **SLA Class**.
- Click **Add SLA Class** and specify the following:

Field	Description
SLA Class List Name	Enter a name of the SLA class list.
Loss (%)	Enter the maximum packet loss on the connection, a value from 0 through 100.
Latency	Enter the maximum packet latency on the connection, a value from 1 through 1,000 milliseconds.
Jitter	Enter the maximum jitter on the connection, a value from 1 through 1,000 milliseconds.
App Probe Class	Choose the app probe class from the drop-down list or click Create New to create one.
Fallback Best Tunnel	Choose this option to enable the best tunnel criteria.

- Click **Save**.

TLOC List

- Click **TLOC List**.

- Click **Add TLOC List** and specify the following:

Field	Description
List Name	Enter a name for the TLOC list.
TLOC IP	Specify the IP address for TLOC.
Color	Choose the color from the drop-down list.
Encapsulation	Choose the value from the drop-down list. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPSec GRE
Preference	Choose a preference to associate with the TLOC. The range is 0 to 4294967295.

- Click **Save**.

Add Policy Group

- From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Policy Groups > + Add Policy Group**.
- Enter a **Policy Group Name**, choose a **Solution** from the drop-down list and provide a description (optional).
- Click **Create**.



Note If you have already created a policy group, click the policy group from the list of available policy groups to edit.

Table 2: Policy group parameters

Field	Description
Policy Group Name	Specify the name of the policy group. This field is mandatory and can contain only uppercase and lowercase letters, the digits 0 through 9, hyphens (–), and underscores (_). It cannot contain spaces or any other characters.
Description	Provide a description for the policy group. It can contain up to 2048 characters including spaces.
Policy	

Field	Description
Application Priority & SLA	Choose an application priority for the policy group from the drop-down list. Click Create New to create a new application priority.
Embedded Security	Choose an embedded security policy from the drop-down list. Click Create New to create a new embedded security policy by selecting a configuration group, creating firewall policies, and other configuration settings.
Secure Internet Gateway	Configure the Secure Internet Gateway (SIG) tunnels before you apply a data policy for redirecting application traffic to an SIG. Select a Secure Internet Gateway (SIG) policy from the drop-down list. Click Create New to create a new SIG policy.
DNS Security	Select a DNS Security policy from the drop-down list. Click Create New to create a new DNS Security policy.

1. Click **Save** to save your configuration.
2. Click the pencil icon to select or unselect devices to associate or dissociate with the policy group.



Note Starting from Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1, click **+Add** adjacent to **Associated** field to select or unselect devices to associate or dissociate with the policy group. In the associate devices workflow, you can choose devices based on **Regions** and not just **Sites**.

3. Click **Deploy** to select sites and deploy the policy group..

To delete a policy group, select the ellipsis icon (...) to the right of the policy group and click **Delete**.

Application Priority and SLA

The application priority and SLA policies allows you to configure the app route policy, data policy, and QoS Map policies that route and prioritize traffic for best performance. All the basic information is preconfigured. You can specify a name and description for a policy group and configure the basic policy values. You can quickly configure the basic values to get started with the traffic policy. Configuring this policy provides the following benefits:

- Manage and customize bandwidth allocations.
- Prioritize applications based on their relevance to your business.

Create an Application Priority and SLA Policy

Click **+ Application priority & SLA policy** to create a policy and configure the values. To edit an existing policy, click the ellipsis icon (...) next to the application priority and SLA policy under **Action** and click **Edit**.

Choose one of the following options and configure the values that are based on the likely business relevance of the applications, and to give higher priority to business-relevant applications:

- **Gold** (Business-relevant): Likely to be important for business operations, for example, WebEx software.
- **Silver** (Default): No determination of relevance to business operations.
- **Bronze** (Business-irrelevant): Unlikely to be important for business operations, for example, gaming software.

Within each of the business-relevance categories, the workflow groups the applications into application lists, such as broadcast video, multimedia conferencing, VoIP telephony, and so on.



Note When you upgrade Cisco SD-WAN Manager, built-in protocol pack gets updated. This might affect the existing policy groups which are using the Application priority and SLA policy in the non-advanced layout. You need to redeploy the policies when there is an upgrade. If policy is in the advanced layout, the upgrade will not affect the policy group.

Troubleshooting Policy Group Validations

When you activate or deactivate a centralized policy or deploy a controller template, some controller-related policies associated in policy groups are deployed to prevent any errors in policy. You can avoid these validation errors using any one of the following workarounds:

- Dissociate application priority and SLA policy from any of the policy groups that have devices associated.
- Dissociate devices from any policy group that has application priority and SLA policy.
- Fix the issues in the application priority and SLA policy (In this case, you need to associate the device to a configuration group that has the selected VPNs).

Table 3: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Fabric Traffic Policy

Field	Description
Preferred Path	<p>To configure a preferred path, choose one or more colors of the data plane tunnel or tunnels from the drop-down list. Traffic is load-balanced across all the tunnels. If no tunnels match the SLA, data traffic is sent through any available tunnel.</p> <p>The preferences apply in order of priority to determine the path or color for forwarding traffic.</p>

Field	Description
When SLA not met	<p>Choose Strict/Drop to perform strict matching of the SLA class. If no data plane tunnel is available that satisfies the SLA criteria, traffic is dropped.</p> <p>Choose Fallback to best path to configure the best available tunnel to avoid a packet drop. This is the default.</p> <p>Backup Path: Path for traffic to use if the primary path fails.</p>
Backup Path	To configure an alternate path for traffic flow, choose a path from the drop-down list.
Traffic Filtering	Click Edit to view and update app classification based on the business relevance. Choose a service provider class option and drag and drop the applications into different classes such as Gold or Bronze and click Save to update the configuration.
SLA	Add the SLA class in the traffic policy. Click Edit to configure the SLA class by adjusting the values for Loss (%), Latency (ms), or Jitter (ms) for the traffic policy.
QoS Queues	<p>Click Add QoS Policy to add a QoS queue. Click Edit to configure the QoS Queues. Choose one of the following values for the QoS queuing model:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Queues • 5 Queues • 6 Queues • 8 Queues

Table 4: Internet Offload Traffic

Field	Description
Secure Internet Gateway	<p>Choose an application or application family list to tunnel traffic through a Secure Internet Gateway.</p> <p>Enable Fallback to routing for traffic to undergo normal routing if the SIG tunnels are down.</p> <p>Starting from Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, you can choose a Cloud OnRamp for SaaS-capable application (Cloud OnRamp for SaaS applications with common user defined endpoints) from the Secure Internet Gateway dropdown.</p>

Field	Description
Direct Internet Access	<p>Select an application or application family list to allow direct internet access.</p> <p>Enable Fallback to routing for traffic to undergo normal routing if Direct Internet Access (DIA) is not available.</p> <p>Starting from Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, you can choose a Cloud OnRamp for SaaS-capable application (Cloud OnRamp for SaaS applications with common user defined endpoints) from the Direct Internet Access dropdown.</p>

Table 5: Apply Policy

Field	Description
Target	<p>Configure the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction: Choose the direction for applying the policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All: Bidirection traffic flow • Service: Incoming traffic from service. • Tunnel: Incoming traffic from the tunnel. • VPN: Choose a target VPN from the drop-down list. • Interface: Specify a value or a variable for the Ethernet interface or DSL PPPoE interface type for applying the QoS policy.

Advanced Layout

The advanced view provides further options to configure the traffic policy along with rules, service level agreement (SLA) class, and QoS Map. Click the **Advanced** button on the top-right corner of the window to switch to the advanced view.



Note If you make changes to the application priority and SLA policies and switch to the advanced layout, the changes are retained. You cannot switch back to the default view.

Based on the values you configure in the workflow, a policy profile and the relevant policy objects are created in the back-end when the workflow is completed. Similarly, you can configure traffic filtering and rules by creating the match and action conditions of a policy. You can also configure the app route policy SLA class and create customized QoS queues.

The VPNs that you intend to use in policy group must be present in service or transport profile of configuration group.

You can identify the VPNs when you configure VPNs using configuration groups as VPNs are identified with VPN name. Where as, when you configure VPNs from CLI template, VPNs are identified by VPN IDs. Hence, you cannot read the VPNs in policy groups when they are configured in CLI.

Table 6: Add Traffic Policy

Field	Description
Policy Name	Specify a name for the traffic policy.
VPN	Choose a VPN from the drop-down list.
Direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose the direction for applying the policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All: Bidirectional traffic flow • Service: Incoming traffic from service • Tunnel: Incoming traffic from tunnel

Table 7: Add Rules

Field	Description
Sequence	The sequence number of the rule.
Name	Specify a name for the rule.
Protocol	Choose a protocol from the drop-down list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPv4 • IPv6 • Both
Match	Choose a value for the match condition from the available options. For more information about match conditions, see the Match Condition table in the section <i>Configure Traffic Rules</i> in Centralized Policy .
Action	Choose a value for the action to take if the policy matches, from the available options. For more information about action values, see the Action Condition table in the section <i>Configure Traffic Rules</i> in Centralized Policy .

Field	Description
Base Action	Choose one of the following base actions for the packets based on the rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept • Drop

Table 8: Action Parameters on Policy Groups

Field	Description
Secure Service Edge	<p>Minimum supported releases: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.13.1a and Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.13.1</p> <p>Redirect application traffic to a Secure Service Edge instance.</p> <p>For more information on configuring Automatic tunnels on Cisco Secure Access, see Automatic Tunnels.</p> <p>Check the Fallback to Routing check box to route internet-bound traffic through the Cisco SD-WAN overlay when all Secure Service Edge tunnels are down.</p>
Remote Preferred Color	<p>Minimum supported releases: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.15.1a and Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1</p> <p>You can set a preferred remote color in the AAR policy to control traffic routing based on the application list.</p> <p>Use the Restrict to Remote Color option to drop traffic if the selected remote color does not meet the SLA.</p>

To rearrange match–action pairs in the route policy, drag them to the desired position and click **Save Match and Actions**.

Table 9: SLA Class Components

Parameter	Description
jitter <i>milliseconds</i>	The maximum jitter on the connection Range: 1–1000 milliseconds
latency <i>milliseconds</i>	The maximum packet latency on the connection Range: 1–1000 milliseconds

Parameter	Description
<i>loss percentage</i>	The maximum packet loss on the connection Range: 1–100 percent

Starting from Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.14.1a, the SLA class loss, latency, and jitter values are as follows:

- Default values: Loss 5%, latency 500 ms, jitter 500 ms
- Business relevant values: Loss 2%, latency 300 ms, jitter 60 ms
- Business irrelevant values: Loss 10%, latency 600 ms, jitter 600 ms
- Bulk data values: Loss 5%, latency 500 ms, jitter 500 ms

For more information about SLA class and its components, see [SLA Classes](#) in *Application-Aware Routing*.

Table 10: QoS Queue

Field	Description
Queuing Model	Choose a value from the drop-down list for the queuing model.
Policy Name	Provide a name for the policy.
Interface	Specify a value for the interface.
Forwarding class	Choose a value for the forwarding class from the drop-down list.
Bandwidth %	Specify the maximum bandwidth. The range is 1–99.
Drops	Choose a value for the drop type from the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random Early • Tail
Scheduling type	Specify how to prioritize data packets for transmission to the destination by configuring the schedule type. The default is Weighted Round Robin (WRR).

For more information about QoS, see the section *Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Forwarding and QoS Overview* in [Forwarding and QoS](#).

Monitor traffic flow

Minimum supported releases: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.13.1a, Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.13.1.

You can configure collectors by clicking the **Additional Settings** tab, which provide options to monitor traffic flow on incoming packets in the LAN for application and flow visibility over IPv4, IPv6, or both network addresses.

Before you begin, ensure that you have configured Cflowd collector details in the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu from **Configuration > Network Hierarchy > Collectors > Cflowd**.



Note The Cflowd configuration applies to the global level and not the site level.

The additional settings that you configure are applied to the Cisco SD-WAN Controllers while deploying the application priority and SLA policy. For more information about configuring Cflowd, see the section [Configure Cflowd in *Configure Collectors in a Network Hierarchy*](#).

Enable traffic flow monitoring

To enable traffic flow monitoring while configuring an application priority & SLA policy, click the **Additional Settings** tab in the top-right corner and configure the following values:

Table 11: Additional Settings

Field	Description
Application Visibility	Monitor all the applications running in all VPNs over IPv4, IPv6, or both networks in the LAN.
Flow Visibility	Monitor traffic flow over IPv4, IPv6, or both network addresses in the LAN.



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Table 12: Feature History

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Security Policy Using Policy Groups	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.12.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.12.1	This feature provides a simple, reusable, and structured approach for configuring security policies in Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN. You can create a security policy, that is, a logical grouping of policies that is applied to one or more sites or a single device at a site in the network. To deploy the policy group to devices, the devices must be managed by a configuration group in Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN. The Deploy Policy Group workflow provides a guided method to choose previously created policy groups and deploy them to sites or a single device at a site that is managed by configuration groups.

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Configure Secure Service Edge	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.13.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.13.1	With this feature you can configure a Secure Service Edge (SSE) profile using Cisco Secure Access as the provider. You can associate the SSE profile to a policy group to deploy to a device.
Add Source Interface for High-Speed Logging and External Syslog	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.16.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.16.1	This enhancement for security logging allows you to specify the following in the additional settings of the security policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source interfaces for high-speed logging (HSL) servers (up to four) • Source interface for the external syslog server
Enhancements to Security Policy Using Policy Groups	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.15.2 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.2 Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.16.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.16.1	The following enhancements are introduced with this release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedded Security is called NGFW in Cisco SD-WAN Manager. • Create copies of security policy and sub-policy. • View all configured rules for specific policies in the NGFW policy dashboard. • For each rule, Clone rule, Add rule on top, and Add rule below options are added.
Version Management for Security Policy	Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1	With this feature you can track and manage changes to your security policies using the version history.
IPv6 Rule and Rule Set Support in Security Policies	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.18.2 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.2	You can configure IPv6 data prefix lists, rule with rule sets, and object groups in security policy using Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Enhancements for NGFW in Policy Groups	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1	The following enhancements are introduced with this release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import and export of the firewall policies. • Display rule hit count. • Drag and drop rules in a policy to update the priority. • Display policy and object usage reference in the NGFW policy dashboard. • Rule and policy name retention in the running CLI configuration.
DNS Security with Cisco Secure Access	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1	This feature monitors and controls the DNS requests by blocking access to unauthorized domains and applies consistent DNS-based security policies across devices. DNS security fallback ensures that dns security policy routing is determined by device routing configurations. In the event of a failover where the NAT Direct Internet Access (DIA) route is unavailable, connectivity is maintained by service vpn routing, ensuring continued reachability.
Increase in Local Domain Bypass Scale	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1	With this feature the local domain bypass entries are increased to 256.
Increase in FQDN Scale	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1 Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1	With this feature the FQDN entries are increased to 256.

Information About Security Policy

Configuring security policies using policy groups simplifies the experience of configuring and deploying policies on Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices. Use a workflow to configure policies and associate them with devices in the network.

The **Policy Groups** page includes the following:

- **Policy Group** (see [Policy Group](#) chapter)
- **Application Priority & SLA** (see [Policy Group](#) chapter)

- **NGFW**

In Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1 and earlier releases, **NGFW** is called **Embedded Security**.

- **Secure Internet Gateway (SIG)**

- **DNS Security**

Version management for security policies

Minimum supported releases: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.18.1a and Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1

With this feature Cisco SD-WAN Manager supports multiple versions of the same security policy. You can view and revert to an older version of the feature configuration at any point. Before making any new changes you do not need to copy or backup the feature configurations manually.

Every time you make changes to the security policy, a new version of the policy is generated, and the older versions are maintained in Cisco SD-WAN Manager. Cisco SD-WAN Manager saves only the last 30 versions.

Enable RBAC for Security Policy

To create a policy group and security feature profiles using configuration groups, role-based access control (RBAC) must provide read and write permissions on the following profiles to access each feature. Set the permissions of the user group to enable access to policy groups from **Configuration > Policy Groups**.

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Administration > Manage Users > User Groups**.
2. Click **Add User Group**.
3. Enter **User Group Name**.
4. Check a **Read** or **Write** check box for the **Policy Group**, **Device** and **Deploy** feature that you want to assign to a user group.
5. Check a **Read** or **Write** check box for the following features that you want to assign to a user group:
 - **Feature Profile > DNS Security > DNS Policy**
 - **Feature Profile > Sig Security > Sig Policy**
 - **Feature Profile > NGFW > Legacy Policy**
 - **Feature Profile > NGFW > NGFirewall**
 - **Feature Profile > NGFW > Policy**
 - **Feature Profile > Policy Object > Advanced Inspection Profile**

The **Advanced Inspection Profile** has the following subfeature profiles:

- Advanced Malware Protection
- Intrusion Prevention
- SSL Decryption

- SSL Decryption Profile
- URL Filtering

6. Click **Add**.

Restrictions for Security Policy

IPv6 rules or rulesets

IPv6 rules or rulesets do not support identity.

IPv4 rules with rulesets

Only IPv4 rules with an NGFW policy support Identity. IPv4 rules with rulesets are not supported.

Matching traffic, custom application in a custom-defined application list

From Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.14.1a and Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.14.1, security policy supports matching traffic using a custom application in a custom-defined application list. In earlier releases, this is not supported.

VPNs or interfaces not present on the target device

When a security policy was deployed with zones configured to include specific VPNs or interfaces, the system would gracefully handle situations where some of these VPNs or interfaces were not present on the target device. SD-WAN Manager automatically filters out the non-existent VPNs or interfaces before pushing the configuration, allowing the policy to deploy successfully to the device for the available elements.

For policy groups, this behavior has changed. The system now strictly mandates the presence of all VPNs and interfaces specified within a zone configuration on the target device. If any configured VPN or interface is missing on the device, the security policy deployment will fail, requiring the user to ensure all referenced VPNs and interfaces exist on the device before deployment.

Example:

Consider a zone named zoneA configured to include vlan10, gigabitethernet20, and vlan1.

For security policy: If the target device only had vlan10 configured, SD-WAN Manager would filter out gigabitethernet20 and vlan1, and the policy would successfully deploy for vlan10.

For policy groups: If the target device only has vlan10, the deployment of the security policy will now fail because gigabitethernet20 and vlan1 are mandated but not present on the device.

Replacing a SIG or SSE feature policy

Replacing a SIG or SSE feature policy within the same policy group is not supported.

Data policy redirecting DNS traffic

Data policy does not support both of these conditions together:

- Data policy redirecting DNS traffic to Umbrella

- Secure Internet Gateway (SIG) configured

Configure a Security Policy Using a Policy Group

Using the **Create Security Policy** workflow, you can create a security policy, add sub-policy, add rules to existing sub-policies, and so on.

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Workflows > Workflow Library > Create Security Policy**. Alternatively, choose **Configuration > Policy Groups**.
2. Click **Embedded Security**.
3. On the **Embedded Security** page, click **Add Security Policy**. This launches the Security Policy workflow.
4. Enter **Policy Name** and **Description** and click **Next**.
5. On the **Select the optional Configuration Group to associate with the security policy** page, choose the configuration groups and click **Next**.
6. Click **Add Sub-Policy**. Refer to the steps used in the procedure, [Configure an NGFW Sub-Policy, on page 47](#).
7. Click **Submit**. You can view the new security policy in the **Embedded Security** tab.

Configure policy objects for a Security policy

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Policy Groups > Objects and Profiles**.
Group of Interest is now called as **Objects and Profiles**.
2. Click the **Security Objects** tab. The list of security objects and profiles appears.
Security is now called as **Security Objects**.



Note To save time during policy configuration and deployment, we recommend you to create single policy objects for Data Prefix, Geo Location, FQDN, Port, Protocol, and reuse it in all the common places.

Use the following tables to configure a different group of lists for security policy:

Application

Field	Description
Application List Name	Name of the application list. Note See the information about custom applications in Restrictions for Security Policy.

Field	Description
Applications	Choose one or more application types from the drop-down list. For example, Third Party Control, ABC News, Microsoft Teams, and so on. Choose one or more application family types from the drop-down list. For example, application-service, audio_video, authentication, behavioral, compression, database, encrypted, and so on.

Data Prefix

Field	Description
Data Prefix List Name	Name of the prefix list.
Data Prefix	The data prefix value.

Data Prefix IPv6

From Cisco SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.2, you can configure data prefix IPv6.

Field	Description
Name	Name of the data prefix list.
Data Prefix IPv6	The data prefix IPv6 value.

Rule Set

From Cisco SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.2, you can configure a rule set.

Field	Description
Rule Set name	Name of the rule set.
Type	You can choose IPv6 or IPv4.

To configure rules within a rule set, see [Configure NGFW](#).

Object Group

From Cisco SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.2, you can configure an object group.

Field	Description
Object Group Name	Name of the object group.

Field	Description
Description	Description of the object group
Type	You can choose IPv6 or IPv4.

To see more information on the match conditions, see [Configure NGFW](#).

Local Domain

Field	Description
Local Domain List Name	Name of the local domain list.
Local Domain	The local domain values separated by comma. For example, cisco.com.

FQDN (Fully Qualified Domain Name)

The FQDN is intended to be used for matching standalone servers in data centers or a private cloud. When matching public URLs, the recommended match action is **drop**. If you use **inspect** for public URLs, you must define all related sub URLs and redirect URLs.

Field	Description
FQDN List Name	Name of the FQDN list.
FQDN	The URL names separated by comma. For example, cisco.com. From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1, 256 FQDN entries are supported.

Signature

The signature set blocks vulnerability with a Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) score that is greater than or equal to 9. It also blocks Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVEs) published in the last two years and that have the rule categories: Malware CNC, Exploit Kits, SQL Injection or blocked list.

Field	Description
IPS Signature List Name	Name of the IPS signature list.
IPS Signature	The signatures in the format <code>Generator ID:Signature ID</code> , separated with commas. For example, 1234:5678. Range is 0 to 4294967295

URL Allow

List-based filtering allows the user to control access by permitting or denying access based on allowed or blocked lists. Here are some important points to note about these lists:

- URLs that are allowed are not subjected to any category-based filtering.
- If the same item is configured under both the allowed and blocked list, the traffic is allowed.
- If the traffic does not match either the allowed or blocked lists, then it is subjected to category-based and reputation-based filtering.

Field	Description
Allow URL List Name	Name of the Allow URL list.
Allow URL	The URLs to allow.

URL Block

List-based filtering allows the user to control access by permitting or denying access based on allowed or blocked lists.

Field	Description
Block URL List Name	Name of the Block URL list.
Block URL	The URLs to block.

Zone

Field	Description
Zone List Name	Name of the zone list.
VPN	Choose to configure zones with zone type as VPN . Add the VPNs to the zones from the drop-down list. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Processing Network • Corporate Users • Local Internet for Guests • Physical Security Devices

Field	Description
Interface	Choose to configure zones with zone type as Interface . Add the interfaces to the zones from the Add Interface drop-down list. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethernet • FastEthernet • FiveGigabitEthernet • FortyGigabitEthernet • GigabitEthernet • HundredGigE

Port

Field	Description
Port List Name	Name of the port list.
Port	The port values separated by comma. The range is 0 to 65530.

Protocol

Field	Description
Protocol List Name	Name of the protocol list.
Protocols	Select one or more protocol names from the drop-down list. For example, snmp, tcp, udp, icmp, echo, telnet, and so on.

Geo Location

Field	Description
Geo Location List Name	Name of the geolocation list.
Geo Location	Select one or more geo locations from the drop-down list. For example, Africa, Antarctic, Asia, Europe, and so on.

Click **Security profiles** to configure the following profiles:

- Advanced Inspection Profile
- Intrusion Prevention Policy

- URL Filtering
- Advanced Malware Protection
- TLS/SSL Profile
- TLS/SSL Decryption

Advanced Inspection Profile

Field	Description
Profile Name	Name of the advanced inspection profile.
Description	The description of the profile.
Select an Intrusion Prevention	Choose an intrusion prevention option from the drop-down list.
Select an URL Filter	Choose a URL filter from the drop-down list.
Select an Advanced Malware Protection	Choose an advanced malware protection.
TLS Action	Choose the TLS action. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrypt • Pass Through • Do not Decrypt

Intrusion Prevention Policy

Field	Description
Profile Name	Name of the intrusion prevention policy.
Signature Set	Choose a signature set that defines the rules for an evaluating traffic from the Signature Set drop-down list. The following options are available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balanced: Provides protection without significant effect on system performance. • Connectivity: Less restrictive and provide better performance by imposing fewer rules. • Security: Provides more protection than Balanced but with an impact on performance.
Inspection Mode	Choose the inspection mode. The following options are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detection: Choose this option for intrusion detection mode. • Protection: Choose this option for intrusion protection mode.

Field	Description
Custom Signature Set	Select one or more web categories from the drop-down list. The categories are: abortion, abused-drugs, auctions, and so on.
Select an Signature Allow List	Select a signature allow list.
Alerts Log Level	Choose the alert log level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Error • Emergency • Alert • Critical • Warning • Notice • Info • Debug

URL Filtering Policy

Field	Description
Profile Name	Name of the URL filtering policy.
Web Category	Choose the web category. The options are Block and Allow.
Web Reputation	Choose the web reputation from the drop-down list. The reputation options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Risk • Suspicious • Moderate Risk • Low Risk • Trustworthy
Select one or more web categories	Select one or more web categories from the drop-down list. The categories are: abortion, abused-drugs, auctions, and so on.
Select allow URL list	Select an allow URL list.
Select block URL list	Select a block URL list.

Field	Description
Block Page Server	Choose one of the options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block Page Content: Enter the default content header and content body. • Redirect URL: Enter the redirect URL.
Alerts and Logs	Choose the alert and log type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocklist • Allowlist • Reputation/Category

Advanced Malware Protection Policy

Field	Description
Profile Name	Name of the advanced malware protection policy name.
Select AMP Cloud Region	Select AMT Cloud region. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAM • EU • APJC
Alert Log Level	Choose the alert log level. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical • Warning • Info
File Analysis	Enable file analysis.
Select TG Cloud Region	Select TG Cloud region. The options are NAM and EU.
Select one or more file types	Select one or more file types. The options are, pdf, ms-exe, new-office, rtf, mdb, mscab, mssole2, wri, xlw, flv, and swf.

TLS/SSL Profile

Field	Description
Profile Name	Name of the TLS/SSL profile.

Field	Description
Select Categories to assign action	Set the categories between the actions—Decrypt, No Decrypt, and Pass Through URL Categories. Alternatively, choose multiple categories and set the action.
Reputation	Enable reputation to choose the Decrypt Threshold . The decrypt threshold options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Risk • Suspicious • Moderate Risk • Low Risk • Trustworthy
Advanced Options	
Select a Decrypt Domain list	Choose the decrypt domain list or click Create New to create a new decrypt domain list. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter Decrypt Domain List Name. 2. Enter Decrypt Domain 3. Click Add.
Select a No Decrypt Domain list	Choose the no decrypt domain list or click Create New to create a new no decrypt domain list. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter No Decrypt Domain List Name. 2. Enter No Decrypt Domain 3. Click Add.
Fail Decrypt	Enable the fail decrypt option, if decryption fails.

TLS/SSL Decryption

Field Name	Description
Policy Name	Name of the policy. The name can contain a maximum of 32 characters.
Server Certificate Checks	
Expired Certificate	Defines what the policy should do if the server certificate has expired. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop: Drop traffic • Decrypt: Decrypt traffic

Field Name	Description
Untrusted Certificate	Defines what the policy should do if the server certificate is not trusted. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop: Drop traffic • Decrypt: Decrypt traffic
Certificate Revocation Status	Defines whether the Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) should be used to check the revocation status of the server certificate. The options are Enabled or Disabled .
Unknown Revocation Status	Defines what the policy does, if the OCSP revocation status is unknown . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop: Drop traffic • Decrypt: Decrypt traffic
Unsupported Mode Checks	
Unsupported Protocol Versions	Defines the unsupported protocol versions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop: Drop the unsupported protocol versions. • Decrypt: Decrypt the unsupported protocol versions.
Unsupported Cipher Suites	Defines the unsupported cipher suites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop: Drop the unsupported cipher suites. • Decrypt: Decrypt the unsupported cipher suites.
Failure Mode	Defines the failure mode. The options are close and open.
Certificate Bundle	Check the Use default CA certificate bundle checkbox to use the default CA.
Minimum TLS Version	Sets the minimum version of TLS that the proxy should support. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLS 1.0 • TLS 1.1 • TLS 1.2
Proxy Certificate Attributes	

Field Name	Description
RSA Keypair Modules	Defines the Proxy Certificate RSA Key modules. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1024 bit RSA • 2048 bit RSA • 4096 bit RSA
Ec Key Type	Defines the key type. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P256 • P384 • P521
Certificate Lifetime (in Days)	Sets the lifetime of the proxy certificate, in days.

Configure NGFW

In Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1 and earlier releases, NGFW is called **Embedded Security**.

Cisco SD-WAN NGFW policy offers comprehensive protection for enterprise networks, integrating features such as Application Firewall, IPS, URL Filtering, AMP, TLS Proxy, and DNS security. These policies enable organizations to create rules that manage traffic flow between defined zones. A zone is a group of one or more VPNs, which helps establish security boundaries within the overlay network, allowing control over all data traffic that passes between zones.

For more information on NGFW, see [Enterprise Firewall with Application Awareness](#).

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Policy Groups > NGFW**.
2. Choose a security policy and click **Edit**.
3. Click **Add Rule** or **Rule with Rule Sets**.

From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.2, you can add a rule set within a rule.

From Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1, you can drag and drop rules in a policy to modify the priority or sequence number of each rule.

Field	Description
Rule Name	The name of the rule.
Sequence	Specify the sequence.

Field	Description
Destination Zone	<p>In the Destination Zone drop-down list, choose the zone to which data traffic is sent. The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No-Zone• Corporate_Users• Local_Internet_for_Guests• Payment_Processing_Network• Physical_Security_Devices• Self• Untrusted <p>Zones are created based on the VPNs in the configuration group selected in the create security policy workflow.</p>

Field	Description
Match (Rule)	

Field	Description
	<p>Match Conditions</p> <p>You can choose the desired match conditions for a rule from the Add Conditions drop-down list. Available options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPv4 • IPv6 <p>You can configure IPv6 from Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.2</p> • Applications • Protocol • Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geo Location (Supported when the chosen type is IPV4) • IPv4 Prefix • Port • Destination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FQDN • Geo Location (Supported when the chosen type is IPV4) • IPv4 Prefix • Port <p>When ISE is enabled, the SGT option becomes available for both Source and Destination.</p> <p>When adding conditions for Source or Destination, select Object in Data Prefix and choose a policy object from the list.</p> <p>Identity User or User group is only supported for Source.</p> <p>From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.2, you can create Object Groups. Object groups allow users to combine multiple objects into a single group for easier policy management.</p> <p>You can add or select an Object Group only after deselecting other items in the IPv4/IPv6 rule dropdown lists.</p>

Field	Description
Match (Rule set)	<p>Match Conditions</p> <p>From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.2, you can choose the desired match conditions for a rule set from the Add Conditions drop-down list. Available options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPv4 • IPv6 • Protocol • Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geo Location (Supported when the chosen type is IPV4) • IPv4 Prefix • Port • Destination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FQDN • Geo Location (Supported when the chosen type is IPV4) • IPv4 Prefix • Port <p>When adding conditions for Source or Destination, select an object created from Objects and Profiles or create new values or objects.</p> <p>Identity user or user group is only supported for Source.</p> <p>You can create Object Groups. Object groups allow users to combine multiple objects into a single group for easier policy management.</p> <p>You can add an Object Group only when you deselect all other items in the drop-down list.</p>

Field	Description
Action	Choose the desired action conditions. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass • Drop • Inspect • Log Events: Unified Logging for Inspect Action. Select Advanced Inspection Profile from the drop-down list.



Note From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.2 you can pre-configure Object Groups, Data Prefix IPv6, and Rule set under **Policy Groups > Object and Profiles > Security Objects** . Configured security objects appear as selectable options in the drop-down list when creating rules or rule sets.

Import and export policies

From Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1 you can import or export the firewall policies. You can use Cisco SD-WAN Manager to export policies as a CSV file, modify the rules as needed, and then import the updated file. This process allows you to efficiently add or update existing rules.

For any NGFW sub-policy, click ... and select **Export** to download the CSV file. After making your modifications, click **Import** to upload the updated CSV file. During the import process, Cisco SD-WAN Manager validates the file and flags any errors.

Hit count

From Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1 you can view the hit count of each rule within a sub-policy.

A rule hit count represents the total number of times a firewall rule has been accessed. This helps you to analyze rule effectiveness and identify unused rules for removal. For any NGFW sub-policy, click ... and choose **Hit count**. In the sidebar you can view the list of all the firewall rules for the sub-policy and the hit count for each rule. You can also view the hit count for all the sites or a specific site using the sites drop-down menu.

Configure an NGFW Sub-Policy

1. From the **Configuration > Policy Groups**, choose **NGFW**.

In Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1 and earlier releases, **NGFW** is called **Embedded Security**.

2. Choose a security policy from the list and click **Edit**. and enter the following details.
3. Click **Add Sub-Policy** to add sub-policies for a security policy.

Field	Description
VPN / Interface	Specify the VPN or the interface.
Source Zone	Choose the zone that is the source of the data packets.
Zone List Name	The name of a zone list.
VPN	Choose to configure zones with zone type as VPN . Add the VPNs to the zones from the drop-down list. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Processing Network • Corporate Users • Local Internet for Guests • Physical Security Devices
Interface	Choose to configure zones with zone type as Interface . Add the interfaces to the zones from the Add Interface drop-down list.
Rule Name	The name of the rule.
Sequence	Specify the sequence.
Destination Zone	Choose the zone to which data traffic is sent. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any • Corporate_Users • Local_Internet_for_Guests • Payment_Processing_Network • Physical_Security_Devices • Self • Untrusted (VPN 0)

Field	Description
Match	<p>Choose the desired match conditions from the Add Conditions drop-down list. The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications • Protocol • Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geo Location • IPv4 Prefix • Port • Destination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FQDN • Geo Location • IPv4 Prefix • Port
Action	<p>Choose the desired action conditions. The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass • Drop • Inspect • Log Events - Unified Logging for Inspect Action. Select Advanced Inspection Profile from the drop-down list.
User / User Group	<p>An identity service engine has to be enabled to configure User / User Group sub policies. You can configure using Administration > Integration Management > Identity Service Engine.</p>

If you edit a NGFW sub-policy and disable any rule, the variables for match conditions are still shown during the deployment process. Since the rule is disabled, these values for the variables are not applicable to the device.

If the NGFW sub-policy with disabled rules is deployed on new devices, the variables are shown in the deployment process. Enter a placeholder values in order to proceed with the deployment.

Configure NGFW Additional Settings

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Policy Groups**, choose **NGFW**.

In Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1 and earlier releases, NGFW is called **Embedded Security**.

2. Choose a security policy from the list and click **Edit** and enter the following details.
3. Click **Additional Settings** to configure additional settings for a security policy.

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.
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.
High Speed Logging Source Interface	Specify the server labels of the source interface used to collect logs for high-speed logging (HSL). You can configure up to four log collector servers for HSL. Ensure that you enable security logging before specifying the source interface. For more information, see Configure Security Logging .

Field	Description
SysLog Server Source Interface	Specify the server label of the source interface associated with the external syslog server to export UTD logs. Ensure that you enable security logging before specifying the source interface. For more information, see Configure Security Logging .

4. Choose the profile from the **Advanced Inspection Profile** drop-down list or click **Create New**.

Field	Description
Profile Name	The name of the profile.
Description	The description of the profile.
Select an Intrusion Prevention	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.
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.

5. Choose the intrusion prevention from the **Select an Intrusion Prevention** drop-down list or click **Create New**.

Field	Description
Profile Name	The name of the profile. The name can have a maximum of 32 characters.
Signature Set	Specify the signature set. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balanced • Connectivity • Security

Field	Description
Inspection Mode	Specify the inspection mode. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detection • Protection
Advanced	
Customer Signature Set	Enable customer signature set to add a new global custom signature. In the Add New Global Custom Signature window, choose Download From the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote Server • Local Server (Not Recommended)
Select an Signature Allow List	Select an allowed signature list or Create New to create a new IPS signature list.
Alert Log Level	Choose the alert log level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Error • Emergency • Alert • Critical • Warning • Notice • Info • Debug

6. Click **Add**.
7. Choose the advanced malware protection profile from the **Select an Advanced Malware Protection** drop-down list or click **Create New**.

Field	Description
Profile Name	The name of the profile. The name can have a maximum of 32 characters.
Select AMP Cloud Region	Choose the AMP cloud region. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAM • EU • APJC

Field	Description
Inspection Mode	Specify the inspection mode. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detection • Protection
Alert Log Level	Choose the alert log level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical • Warning • Info
File Analysis	Enable file analysis.
Select TG Cloud Region	Choose the cloud region from the drop-down list. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAM • EU
Alert Log Level	Choose the alert log level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical • Warning • Info
Select one or more file types	Choose one or more file type from the drop-down list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All • pdf • ms-exe • new-office • rtf • mdb • mscab • msole2 • wri • xlw • flv • swf

8. Click **Add**.
9. Choose a URL filter from the **URL Filter** drop-down list or **Create New**.

Field	Description
Profile Name	The name of the profile. The name can have a maximum of 32 characters.
Web Category	Choose the web category from the drop-down list. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block • Allow
Select one or more web categories	Choose one or more web categories from the drop-down list. The options are: abortion, abused-drugs and so on.
Web Reputation	Choose the web reputation from the drop-down list. The reputation options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Risk • Suspicious • Moderate Risk • Low Risk • Trustworthy
Advanced	
Select allow url list	Select an allowed URL list or Create New to create a new allow URL list.
Select block url list	Select a blocked URL list or Create New to create a new block URL list.
Block Page Server	Choose the block page server from the drop-down list. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block Page Content • Redirect URL: Specify the redirect URL
Alerts And Logs	Choose one or more file type from the drop-down list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocklist • Allowlist • Reputation/Category

10. Click **Add**.
11. Choose **TLS Action**.

Field	Description
TLS Action	Choose the web category from the drop-down list. The options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrypt • Pass Through • Do not Decrypt
Select an TLS/SSL Decryption	Choose the TLS/SSL decryption profile from the drop-down list or Create New profile.

Version control for NGFW

Minimum supported releases: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.18.1a and Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1

Procedure

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- Step 1** From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Policy Groups**, choose **NGFW**.
 - Step 2** Choose a security policy from the list and click **Edit**.
 - Step 3** Click **Show version control** to track and manage changes to the security policy.
 - Step 4** Select two versions of the security policy and click **View diff** to view the changes made in these versions.

If you have added any configurations to the security policy, it is highlighted in green. If you have removed any configuration parameters, it is highlighted in red.

Visual diff for large policy configurations is not available. You can download the configuration using the **Download config** button and compare them manually.
 - Step 5** Click **Revert** next to a version if you wish to move back to an older version of the security policy configuration.

For large policies, create and revert operations can take upto two minutes.
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Configure a Secure Internet Gateway

Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN edge devices support routing, security, and other LAN access features that can be managed centrally. On high-end devices, you can enable all these features while providing the scale and performance required by large enterprises. However, on lower-end devices, enabling all the security features simultaneously can degrade performance. To avoid the performance degradation, integrate lower-end devices

with Secure Internet Gateways (SIG) that do most of the processing to secure enterprise traffic. When you integrate a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN edge device with a SIG, all client internet traffic, based on routing or policy, is forwarded to the SIG.

Access Umbrella credentials from **Administration > Settings > Cloud Credentials**.

To configure a secure internet gateway:

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Policy Groups > Secure Internet Gateway**.
2. Click **Add Secure Internet Gateway**.
3. Choose **SIG Provider**. The options are:
 - Umbrella
 - Zscaler
 - Generic

Umbrella Configuration

Table 13: Cisco Umbrella Credentials

Field	Description
Organization ID	Enter the Cisco Umbrella organization ID (Org ID) for your organization. For more information, see the <i>Cisco Umbrella SIG User Guide</i> .
SIG Umbrella API Key	Enter the Umbrella Management API Key. Management API keys are used in SIG is Secure Internet Gateway (SIG) - (Management) . For more information, see the Cloud Security API documentation on the Cisco DevNet portal.
SIG Umbrella API Secret	Enter the Umbrella Management API Secret. For more information, see the Cloud Security API documentation on the Cisco DevNet portal.

Zscaler Configuration

You can access Zscaler credentials from **Administration > Settings > Cloud Credentials**.

Table 14: Zscaler Credentials

Field	Description
Organization	Name of the organization in Zscaler cloud.

Field	Description
Partner base URI	This is the base URI that Cisco SD-WAN Manager uses in REST API calls. To find this information on the Zscaler portal, see the <i>ZIA Help > ZIA API > API Developer & Reference Guide > Getting Started</i> .
Username	Username of the Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN partner account.
Password	Password of the Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN partner account.
Partner API key	Partner API key. To find the key in Zscaler, see Managing SD-WAN Partner Keys .

Generic Configuration

To create tunnels, click **Configuration** and do the following:

Parameter Scope	Scope Description
Device Specific (indicated by a host icon)	Use device-specific value for the parameter. For device-specific parameters, you cannot enter value in the feature template. Enter the value when you add a device to the configuration group. To change the default key, type a new string and move the cursor out of the Enter Key box.
Global (indicated by a globe icon)	Enter value for the parameter, and apply that value to all devices.

1. Click **Add Tunnel**.
2. In the **Add Tunnel** dialog box, under **Basic Settings** configure the following:

Table 15: Basic Settings

Field	Description
Tunnel Type	Umbrella: (Read only) ipsec Zscaler: Click ipsec or gre . Generic: Click ipsec or gre .
Interface Name (1..255)	Name of the interface.
Description	Description for the interface.
Tracker	By default, a tracker is attached to monitor the health of tunnels.
Tunnel Source Interface	Name of the source interface of the tunnel. This interface should be an egress interface and is typically the internet-facing interface.

Field	Description
Source Public IP	<p>(Automatic GRE tunnels to Zscaler only)</p> <p>Public IP address of the tunnel source interface that is required to create the GRE tunnel to Zscaler.</p> <p>Default: Auto</p> <p>We recommend that you use the default configuration. With the default configuration, the Cisco IOS XE SD-WAN device finds the public IP address assigned to the tunnel source interface using a DNS query. If the DNS query fails, the device notifies Cisco SD-WAN Manager of the failure. Enter the public IP address only if the DNS query fails.</p>
Data-Center	<p>For a primary data center, click Primary, or for a secondary data center, click Secondary. Tunnels to the primary data center serve as active tunnels, and tunnels to the secondary data center serve as back-up tunnels.</p>
Tunnel Destination IP Address/FQDN	<p>(Manual tunnels only)</p> <p>The IP address of the SIG provider endpoint. The configuration of FQDN for Tunnel Destination IP address is not supported.</p>
Preshared Key	<p>(Manual tunnels only)</p> <p>This field is displayed only if you choose ipsec as the Tunnel Type. Enter the password to use with the preshared key.</p>
Advanced Options	
Shutdown	<p>Click No to enable the interface; click Yes to disable.</p> <p>Default: No</p>
IP MTU	<p>Specify the maximum MTU size of packets on the interface.</p> <p>Range: 576 to 2000 bytes</p> <p>Default: 1400 bytes</p>
TCP MSS	<p>Specify the maximum segment size (MSS) of TCP SYN packets. By default, the MSS is dynamically adjusted based on the interface or tunnel MTU such that TCP SYN packets are never fragmented.</p> <p>Range: 500 to 1460 bytes</p> <p>Default: None</p>
DPD Interval	<p>Specify the interval for IKE to send Hello packets on the connection.</p> <p>Range: 10 to 3600 seconds</p> <p>Default: 10</p>

Field	Description
DPD Retries	<p>Specify the number of seconds between DPD retry messages if the DPD retry message is missed by the peer.</p> <p>After one DPD message is missed by the peer, the router changes the state and sends a DPD retry message at a faster retry interval, which is the number of seconds between DPD retries if the DPD message is missed by the peer. The default DPD retry message is sent every 2 seconds. Five DPD retry messages can be missed before the tunnel is marked as down.</p> <p>Range: 2 to 60 seconds</p> <p>Default: 3</p>
IKE	
IKE Rekey Interval	<p>Specify the interval for refreshing IKE keys.</p> <p>Range: 300 to 86400 seconds (1 hour to 14 days)</p> <p>Default: 14400 seconds</p>
IKE Cipher Suite	<p>Specify the type of authentication and encryption to use during IKE key exchange.</p> <p>Choose one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AES 256 CBC SHA1 • AES 256 CBC SHA2 • AES 128 CBC SHA1 • AES 128 CBC SHA2 <p>The IPsec Cipher Suite defaults vary by the type of the SIG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umbrella: AES 256 GCM • Zscaler: None • Generic: NULL SHA 512

Field	Description
IKE Diffie-Hellman Group	<p>Specify the Diffie-Hellman group to use in IKE key exchange, whether IKEv1 or IKEv2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 1024-bit modulus • 14 2048-bit modulus • 15 3072-bit modulus • 16 4096-bit modulus <p>The IKE group defaults vary by the type of the SIG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umbrella: 14 2048-bit modulus • Zscaler: 2 1024-bit modulus • Generic: 16 4096-bit modulus
IPSec	
IPsec Rekey Interval	<p>Specify the interval for refreshing IPsec keys.</p> <p>Range: 300 to 1209600 seconds (1 hour to 14 days)</p> <p>Default: 3600 seconds</p>
IPsec Replay Window	<p>Specify the replay window size for the IPsec tunnel.</p> <p>Options: 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, 2048, 4096.</p> <p>Default: 512</p>
IPsec Cipher Suite	<p>Specify the authentication and encryption to use on the IPsec tunnel.</p> <p>Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AES 256 CBC SHA1 • AES 256 CBC SHA 384 • AES 256 CBC SHA 256 • AES 256 CBC SHA 512 • AES 256 GCM • NULL SHA1 • NULL SHA 384 • NULL SHA 256 • NULL SHA 512 <p>Default: AES 256 GCM</p>

Field	Description
Perfect Forward Secrecy	<p>Specify the PFS settings to use on the IPsec tunnel. Choose one of the following Diffie-Hellman prime modulus groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group-2 1024-bit modulus • Group-14 2048-bit modulus • Group-15 3072-bit modulus • Group-16 4096-bit modulus • None: disable PFS <p>The Perfect Forward Secrecy defaults vary by the type of the SIG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umbrella: None • Zscaler: None • Generic: Group 16

3. Click **Add**.



Note When a security policy associated with Zscaler is removed from a device and a new configuration group is deployed, the corresponding tunnel entry sometimes fails to be deleted from Zscaler's cloud services. As a result, attempting to establish a new tunnel may result in a DUPLICATE_ITEM error due to the presence of the existing entry. To resolve this issue, manually delete the stale tunnel entry from the Zscaler cloud whenever a security policy is removed from a device.

Tracker Configuration

To create one or more trackers to monitor tunnel health, click **Tracker** and do the following:

1. **Source IP Address:** Enter a source IP address for the probe packets.
2. Click **Add Tracker**.
3. In the **Add Tracker** dialog box, configure the following:

Table 16: Tracker Parameters

Field	Description
Name	Name of the tracker. The name can be up to 128 alphanumeric characters.
API url of endpoint	Specify the API URL for the SIG endpoint of the tunnel.

Field	Description
Threshold	Enter the wait time for the probe to return a response before declaring that the configured endpoint is down. Range: 100 to 1000 milliseconds Default: 300 milliseconds
Probe Interval	Enter the time interval between probes to determine the status of the configured endpoint. Range: 20 to 600 seconds Default: 60 seconds
Multiplier	Enter the number of times to resend probes before determining that a tunnel is down. Range: 1 to 10 Default: 3

4. Click **Add**.

High Availability Configuration

To designate active and back-up tunnels and distribute traffic among tunnels, click **High Availability** and do the following:

1. Click **Add Interface Pair**.
2. In the **Add Interface Pair** dialog box, configure the following:

Field	Description
Active Interface	Choose a tunnel that connects to the primary data center.
Active Interface Weight	Enter weight (weight range 1 to 255) for load balancing. Load balancing helps in distributing traffic over multiple tunnels and this helps increase the network bandwidth. If you enter the same weights, you can achieve ECMP load balancing across the tunnels. However, if you enter a higher weight for a tunnel, that tunnel has higher priority for traffic flow. For example, if you set up two active tunnels, where the first tunnel is configured with weight of 10, and the second tunnel with weight configured as 20, then the traffic is load-balanced between the tunnels in a 10:20 ratio.
Backup Interface	To designate a back-up tunnel, choose a tunnel that connects to the secondary data center. To omit designating a back-up tunnel, choose None .

Field	Description
Backup Interface Weight	<p>Enter weight (weight range 1 to 255) for load balancing.</p> <p>Load balancing helps in distributing traffic over multiple tunnels and this helps increase the network bandwidth. If you enter the same weights, you can achieve ECMP load balancing across the tunnels. However, if you enter a higher weight for a tunnel, that tunnel has higher priority for traffic flow.</p> <p>For example, if you set up two back-up tunnels, where the first tunnel is configured with weight of 10, and the second tunnel with weight configured as 20, then the traffic is load-balanced between the tunnels in a 10:20 ratio.</p>

3. Click **Add**.

Configure a Secure Service Edge

Before You Begin

Create the Cisco SSE credentials from **Administration > Settings > Cloud Credentials**.

Configure a Secure Service Edge

Choose the **SSE Provider**. The options are:

- Cisco Secure Access
- (Minimum supported release: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.14.1) Zscaler

Enable Context Sharing

Enable context sharing for VPN and SGT to allow Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices to share context information with SSE:

Table 17: Context Sharing

Field	Description
VPN	Enable sharing of VPN information with SSE.
SGT	Enable sharing of SGT information with SSE.

Configure a Tracker

While creating automatic tunnels, Cisco SD-WAN Manager creates and attaches a default tracker endpoint with default values for failover parameters. However, you can also create customized trackers with failover parameters that suit your requirements.

1. In the **Source IP Address** field, enter a source IP address without a subnet mask.
2. Click **Add Tracker**.

- In the **Add Tracker** pop-up window, configure the following:

Table 18: Tracker Parameters

Field	Description
Name	Name of the tracker. The name can be up to 128 alphanumeric characters.
API url of endpoint	Specify the API URL for the Secure Service Edge endpoint of the tunnel. Default: service.sig.umbrella.com
Threshold	Enter the wait time for the probe to return a response before declaring that the configured endpoint is down. Range: 100 to 1000 milliseconds Default: 300 milliseconds
Probe Interval	Enter the time interval between probes to determine the status of the configured endpoint. Range: 20 to 600 seconds Default: 60 seconds
Multiplier	Enter the number of times to resend probes before determining that a tunnel is up or down. Range: 1 to 10 Default: 3

- Click **Add**.

Configure Tunnels

To create tunnels, click **Configuration** and do the following:

- Click **Add Tunnel**.
- In the **Add Tunnel** pop-up window, under **Basic Settings**, configure the following:

Table 19: Basic Settings

Field	Description
Tunnel Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cisco Secure Access: (Read only) ipsec (Minimum supported release: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.14.1) Zscaler: ipsec or gre
Interface Name (1..255)	Name of the interface.
Description	Enter a description for the interface.

Field	Description
Tracker	By default, a tracker is attached to monitor the health of tunnels.
Tunnel Source Interface	Name of the source interface of the tunnel. This interface should be an egress interface and is typically the internet-facing interface. The tunnel source interface supports loopback.
Source Public IP	(Minimum supported release: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.14.1) Public IP address of the tunnel source interface that is required to create the GRE tunnel to Zscaler. Default: Auto. We recommend that you use the default configuration. With the default configuration, the Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN device finds the public IP address assigned to the tunnel source interface using a DNS query. If the DNS query fails, the device notifies Cisco SD-WAN Manager of the failure. Enter the public IP address only if the DNS query fails.
Data-Center	For a primary data center, click Primary , or for a secondary data center, click Secondary . Tunnels to the primary data center serve as active tunnels, and tunnels to the secondary data center serve as back-up tunnels.
Advanced Options (Optional)	
Shutdown	Click the radio button to enable this option. Default: Disabled
Enable Tracker	Click the radio button to enable this option.
IP MTU	Specify the maximum MTU size of packets on the interface. Range: 576 to 2000 bytes Default: 1400 bytes
TCP MSS	Specify the maximum segment size (MSS) of TPC SYN packets. By default, the MSS is dynamically adjusted based on the interface or tunnel MTU such that TCP SYN packets are never fragmented. Range: 500 to 1460 bytes Default: None
DPD Interval	Specify the interval for Internet Key Exchange (IKE) to send Hello packets on the connection. Range: 10 to 3600 seconds Default: 10

Field	Description
DPD Retries	<p>Specify the number of seconds between Dead Peer Detection (DPD) retry messages if the DPD retry message is missed by the peer.</p> <p>If a peer misses a DPD message, the router changes the state and sends a DPD retry message. The message is sent at a faster retry interval, which is the number of seconds between DPD retries. The default DPD retry message is sent every 2 seconds. The tunnel is marked as down after five DPD retry messages are missed.</p> <p>Range: 2 to 60 seconds</p> <p>Default: 3</p>
IKE	
IKE Rekey Interval	<p>Specify the interval for refreshing IKE keys.</p> <p>Range: 3600 to 1209600 seconds (1 hour to 14 days)</p> <p>Default: 14400 seconds</p>
IKE Cipher Suite	<p>Specify the type of authentication and encryption to use during IKE key exchange.</p> <p>Choose one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AES 256 CBC SHA1 • AES 256 CBC SHA2 • AES 128 CBC SHA1 • AES 128 CBC SHA2 <p>Default: AES 256 CBC SHA1</p>
IKE Diffie-Hellman Group	<p>Specify the Diffie-Hellman group to use in IKE key exchange, whether IKEv1 or IKEv2.</p>
IPSec	
IPsec Rekey Interval	<p>Specify the interval for refreshing IPsec keys.</p> <p>Range: 3600 to 1209600 seconds (1 hour to 14 days)</p> <p>Default: 3600 seconds</p>
IPsec Replay Window	<p>Specify the replay window size for the IPsec tunnel.</p> <p>Options: 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, 2048, or 4096 packets.</p> <p>Default: 512</p>

Field	Description
IPsec Cipher Suite	Specify the authentication and encryption to use on the IPsec tunnel. Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AES 256 CBC SHA1 • AES 256 CBC SHA 384 • AES 256 CBC SHA 256 • AES 256 CBC SHA 512 • AES 256 GCM Default: AEM 256 GCM
Perfect Forward Secrecy	Specify the Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS) settings to use on the IPsec tunnel. Choose one of the following Diffie-Hellman prime modulus groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group-2 1024-bit modulus • Group-14 2048-bit modulus • Group-15 3072-bit modulus • Group-16 4096-bit modulus • None: disable PFS

3. Click **Add**.

Applicable only to Cisco Secure Access:

Region: When you choose the region, a pair of primary and secondary region is selected. Choose the primary region that Cisco Secure Service Edge provides from the drop-down list and the secondary region is auto-selected in Cisco SD-WAN Manager. If the primary region with a unicast IP address is not reachable then the secondary region with a unicast IP address is reachable and vice versa. Cisco Secure Access ensures that both the regions are reachable at all times.



Note You can configure any DNS server on the device which connects to HTTPS to get the public IP address. To configure a source interface for HTTPS, use the **ip http client source-interface** command on Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

Configure High Availability

To designate active and back-up tunnels and distribute traffic among tunnels, click **High Availability** and do the following:

1. Click **Add Interface Pair**.
2. In the **Add Interface Pair** pop-up window, configure the following:

Table 20: Add interface pair

Field	Description
Active Interface	Choose a tunnel that connects to the primary data center.
Active Interface Weight	<p>Enter weight (weight range 1 to 255) for load balancing.</p> <p>Load balancing helps in distributing traffic over multiple tunnels and this helps increase the network bandwidth. If you enter the same weights to both the tunnels, you can achieve ECMP load balancing across the tunnels. However, if you enter a higher weight for a tunnel, that tunnel has higher priority for traffic flow.</p> <p>For example, if you set up two active tunnels, where the first tunnel is configured with weight of 10, and the second tunnel with weight configured as 20, then the traffic is load-balanced between the tunnels in a 10:20 ratio.</p>
Backup Interface	<p>To designate a back-up tunnel, choose a tunnel that connects to the secondary data center.</p> <p>To omit designating a back-up tunnel, choose None.</p>
Backup Interface Weight	<p>Enter weight (weight range 1 to 255) for load balancing.</p> <p>Load balancing helps in distributing traffic over multiple tunnels and this helps increase the network bandwidth. If you enter the same weights, you can achieve ECMP load balancing across the tunnels. However, if you enter a higher weight for a tunnel, that tunnel has higher priority for traffic flow.</p> <p>For example, if you set up two back-up tunnels, where the first tunnel is configured with weight of 10, and the second tunnel with weight configured as 20, then the traffic is load-balanced between the tunnels in a 10:20 ratio.</p>

3. Click **Add**.

Advanced Settings

(Minimum supported release: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.14.1)

Applicable only to Zscaler:

Field	Description
Primary Datacenter	Cisco SD-WAN Manager automatically selects the primary data center closest to the WAN edge device. To route traffic to a specific Zscaler data center, choose the data center from the drop-down list.
Secondary Datacenter	Cisco SD-WAN Manager automatically selects the secondary data center closest to the WAN edge device. To route traffic to a specific Zscaler data center, choose the data center from the drop-down list.

Zscaler Location

Table 21: Zscaler location

Field	Description
Zscaler Location	<p>Enter the name of a location that is configured on the ZIA Admin Portal.</p> <p>If you do not enter a location name, the Zscaler service detects the location based on the received traffic.</p> <p>From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, enter unique location name for primary and secondary routers.</p> <p>For more information about locations, see <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > About Locations</i>.</p>
Country	<p>You can enable or disable this option only if either primary or secondary data center is set to Auto. When you choose Auto, the data center selected is within the country of the device.</p>

Gateway Options

Table 22: Gateway options

Field	Description
Authentication Required	<p>See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i>.</p> <p>Default: Off</p>
Enable Caution	<p>See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i>.</p> <p>Default: Off</p>
Enable AUP	<p>See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i>.</p> <p>Default: Off</p>
XFF Forwarding	<p>See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i>.</p> <p>Default: Off</p>
Enable IPS Control	<p>See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i>.</p> <p>Default: Off</p>

Field	Description
Enable Firewall	See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i> . Default: Off

Bandwidth Control

(Minimum supported release: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1)

Table 23: Bandwidth control

Field	Description
Enforce Bandwidth Control	Enable to enforce bandwidth control on the location. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download (Mbps): Specify the maximum bandwidth limits for download. • Upload (Mbps): Specify the maximum bandwidth limits for upload. For more information about locations, see <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > About Locations</i> .

Sub-Locations

(Minimum supported release: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1)

Table 24: Sub-locations

Field	Description
Name	Enter a name for the sub-location.
Service VPN	Select a service VPN from the drop-down menu.
IP Address	Enter an IP address or a range of IP addresses for the service VPN.
Authentication Required	See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i> . Default: Off
Enable Caution	See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i> . Default: Off

Field	Description
Enable AUP	See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i> . Default: Off
XFF Forwarding	See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i> . Default: Off
Enable IPS Control	See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i> . Default: Off
Enable Firewall	See <i>ZIA Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Locations</i> . Default: Off
Enforce Bandwidth Control	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location Bandwidth: Uses bandwidth of the parent location on the sub-location. The download and upload maximum bandwidth limits are the same as specified for the parent location. A percentage of the parent location bandwidth is allocated to the sub-location based on the allocations of other sub-locations. For more information, see <i>Secure Internet and SaaS Access (ZIA) Help > Traffic Forwarding > Location Management > Configuring Sub-Locations</i>. • Override: Overrides the bandwidth of the parent location. Specify the maximum bandwidth limits for Download (Mbps) and Upload (Mbps). This bandwidth is dedicated to the sub-location and not shared with other sub-locations. • Disable: Disables the sub-location traffic from any bandwidth management

Configure DNS Security

The Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Umbrella Integration feature enables the cloud-based security service by inspecting the Domain Name System (DNS) query that is sent to the DNS server through the device. The security administrator configures policies on the Umbrella portal to either allow or deny traffic toward the fully qualified domain name (FQDN). The router acts as a DNS forwarder on the network edge, transparently intercepts DNS traffic, and forwards the DNS queries to the Umbrella cloud.

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Policy Groups > DNS Security**.
2. Click **Add DNS Security Policy**.

Field	Description
Add DNS Security Policy	From the Add DNS Security Policy drop-down list, select Create New to create a new DNS Security Policy policy.
Create New	Displays the DNS Security Policy wizard.
Policy Name	Enter a name for the policy.
Select Provider	<p>Minimum supported release: Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1</p> <p>Choose from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cisco Secure Access • Umbrella
Registration Status	Displays the status of the API Token configuration.
Manage Cisco Secure Access Registration	<p>Enter the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization ID: Cisco Secure Access organization ID for your organization. For more information, see <i>Find Your Organization ID</i> in the Cisco Secure Access User Guide. • API Key: Cisco Secure Access API Key. • Secret: Cisco Secure Access API Secret.

Field	Description
Manage Umbrella Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the Cisco Umbrella organization ID (Organization ID) for your organization. For more information, see <i>Find Your Organization ID</i> in the <i>Cisco Umbrella SIG User Guide</i>. <p>Do one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Legacy Credentials pane, enter the Registration Key. It is the Umbrella Management API Key, which is part of DNS security policy under unified security policy. Then, enter the Umbrella Management API Secret. For Legacy Credentials, navigate to Legacy Keys and select Umbrella Network Devices to obtain the key and secret <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1, in the Scope Credentials pane, enter the Registration Key. It is the Umbrella Management API Key, which is part of DNS security policy under unified security policy. Then, enter the Umbrella Management API Secret. <p>For Scope Credentials, go to API Keys and choose the appropriate key scope based on your requirements. Ensure that Tunnels and Network Devices are selected in the deployments tab (these API Keys are read/write keys).</p> <p>to add Cisco Umbrella Registration Key and Secret. Specific network-devices keys are used in DNS.</p> <p>Also see Information About Cisco Umbrella Scope Credentials.</p> <p>You can edit the umbrella credentials from Administration > Settings > Cloud Credentials.</p>
Match All VPN	Click Match All VPN to keep the same configuration for all the available VPNs.
Custom VPN Configuration	choose Custom VPN Configuration to input the specific VPNs.

Field	Description
Local Domain Bypass List	<p>Perform one of these actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a local domain from the drop-down list • Choose Create New. <p>If you click Create New, configure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Description (optional) • Local domain <p>From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 26.1.1, 256 local domain bypass entries are supported.</p>
DNS Server IP	<p>Configure DNS Server IP from the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umbrella Default • Custom DNS <p>The DNS security fallback feature is not supported for custom DNS. You must configure an explicit NAT route to the DNS server for the custom DNS redirect to work.</p>
DNSCrypt	<p>Enable or disable the encryption of DNS packets.</p> <p>The DNS security fallback feature is not supported for DNSCrypt.</p>

DNS security routing and fallback

A DNS security routing fallback mechanism is an implementation that

- ensures device configurations dictate the egress path of packets,
- maintains symmetric routing based on the device's routing table, and
- data policy configurations takes precedence over the local DNS security policy.

DNS security uses the service VPN route configuration to establish connectivity to DNS servers, ensuring that device routing tables determine the egress path.

If you want to continue with the DNS security where traffic egresses via the global VRF, then configure a NAT DIA route for the Umbrella IP addresses 208.67.222.222 and 208.67.220.220.

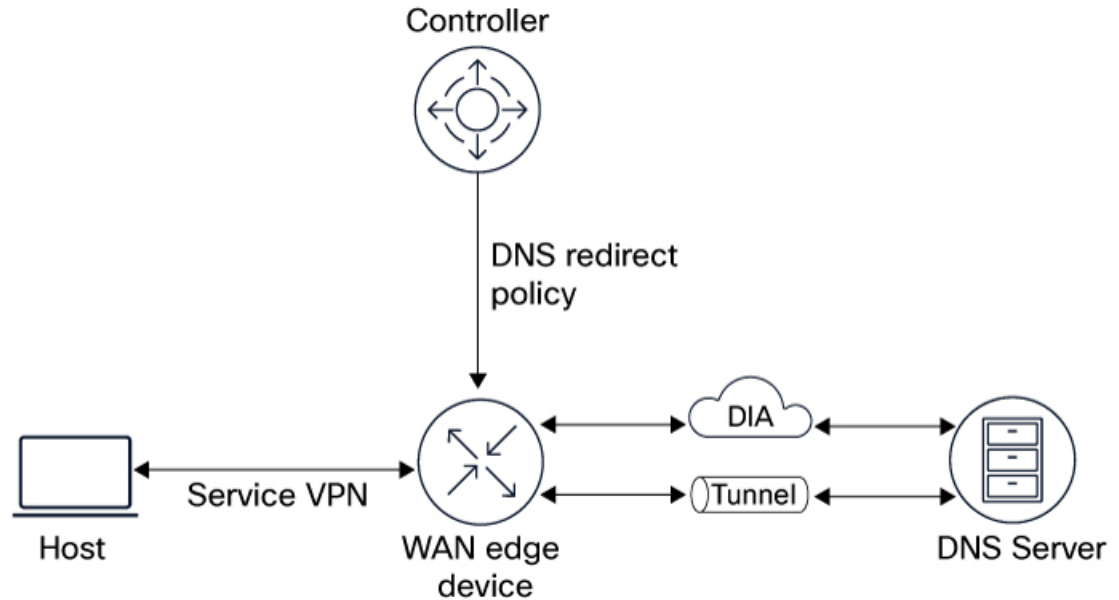
Integration with NAT trackers

You can configure a NAT tracker and monitor the availability of the path.

- If the path is healthy: The DNS traffic uses the NAT route.

- If the path fails: The NAT tracker detects the failure, withdraws the route, and the device automatically performs a new route lookup to find an alternative path (like the overlay).

Figure 3: DNS security fallback



Verify DNS security configurations using CLI

DNS security configuration example

The following is a sample configuration of the DNS security with Cisco Secure Access..

```

parameter-map type dns-defense global
local-domain test
dnscrypt
api-key apikey
orgid 1111111
secret 6 ehB_GFUYBFN]SAJM]eQPdoiJGWfRTDDdJLLPQB]JHCa]HHNgIYLbbPOJKMTdUVWHRhVgF
vrf 1
dns-resolver umbrella
match-local-domain-to-bypass
vrf 2
dns-resolver umbrella
match-local-domain-to-bypass
  
```

View VRFs registration

The `show sdwan dns-defense info` command displays how many VRFs requested registration, how many were successfully registered, and whether DNSCrypt is enabled.

```
Device# show sdwan dns-defense info
```

REGISTRATIONS REQUESTED	REGISTRATIONS COMPLETED	DNSCRYPT	LAST SUCCESS ATTEMPT
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```

11
10                                     True                               10/25/25 21:12:01

```

View registration status

The **show sdwan dns-defense device-registration** command displays the device ID and the registration status, indicating whether registration was successful or failed for any reason. The response also provides information about the cause of any failure.

```
Device# show sdwan dns-defense device-registration
```

VRF ID	RESP CODE	TAG	DEVICE_ID	DESCRIPTION
1				
201 created	vpn1	f3384af554cefba2	Device Id received successfully	
2				
201 created	vpn2	f3382ad2f8a37dc6	Device Id received successfully	



CHAPTER 4

Application Catalog

Table 25: Feature History

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Application Catalog	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.13.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.13.1	The Application Catalog feature provides control and visibility for applications running in your network environment. The application catalog is continuously updated as new applications are developed to ensure that your Cisco SD-WAN Manager environment adapts to changes in application use.
Discover and Monitor Kubernetes Clusters	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.13.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.13.1	The Cisco SD-WAN Manager integrates Kubernetes cluster discovery and monitoring to monitor your network infrastructure and your containerized applications from a single interface. The Kubernetes cluster management streamlines the network and applications while providing a visibility and control on the applications.
Cloud SaaS Feeds	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.13.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.13.1	Cloud SaaS (Software as a Service) feeds are information or data feed from SaaS applications that are hosted on the cloud. These applications can range from customer relationship management (CRM) tools to financial software, and Cisco SD-WAN Manager provides real-time data and updates as feeds from the SaaS applications.
Cloud-Sourced Applications	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.16.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.16.1	Cloud-sourced applications, derived from the Cisco SD-AVC component, complement applications from other sources, such as Protocol Packs and custom applications. You can use cloud-sourced applications in security and centralized policies, and in Cloud OnRamp for SaaS.

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Information About Application Catalog

The application catalog in Cisco SD-WAN Manager provides visibility and control of applications running in your Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN environment, powered by the Cisco SD-AVC component. The application catalog includes applications ranging from business productivity apps like Office 365 or Google Workspace to social media platforms, cloud platforms, and customer-created applications.

The application catalog is a central place to take care of all operation tasks related to applications, capabilities like updating applications and cloud SaaS feeds from different sources, creating custom applications, viewing applications in different groups, creating an application list and many more. The feature optimizes network connectivity based on the specific requirements of different Kubernetes services.

Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN support more than 4000 applications, 2500 Cloud Sourced applications through SD-AVC in addition to the existing 1500 applications supported by NBAR2.



Note You can use custom applications in the same way as any other protocol when configuring policies using policy groups or using centralized policies. For more information on configuring policies using Policy Groups, see, [Group of Interest - Policy](#).

The **Application Catalog** tab has the following features:

- Overview
- Applications
- Application Source Settings
- Discovered Application
- Application List
- Configure SD-AVC
- Configure Cloud Connection
- Cloud Sourced Applications

Information About Cloud-Sourced Applications

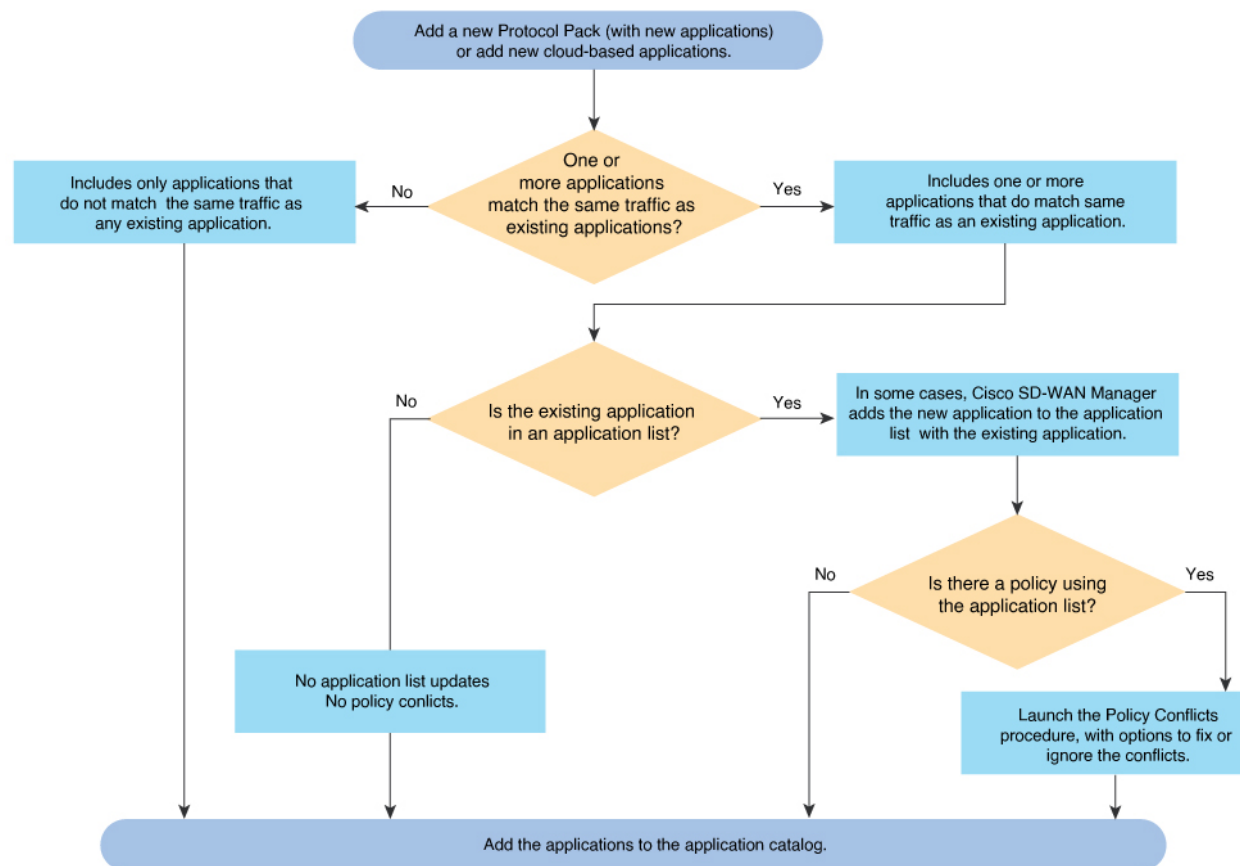
Cloud-sourced applications are applications sourced from the Cisco SD-AVC component of Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN.

Cisco SD-AVC uses cloud-based sources to continuously update its network applications database. The dynamic database adds new applications and updates existing information regularly. These are the cloud-sourced applications available in Cisco SD-WAN Manager. You can use these cloud-sourced applications in security and centralized policies, and in Cloud OnRamp for SaaS.

Adding Applications to the Application Catalog

A cloud-sourced application may match some of the same traffic as an existing application. In some cases, Cisco SD-WAN Manager prompts you to take action to resolve any conflicts.

Figure 4: Logic for Adding an Application to the Catalog



Prerequisites for Application Catalog

Application catalog functionality requires these:

- SD-AVC

In releases earlier than SD-WAN Manager 20.18.1, enable SD-AVC on the **Administration > Settings** page.



Note For Cisco Cloud-hosted fabrics using SD-WAN Control Components 20.10.x and later releases, the SD-AVC service and Cloud Connector are enabled by default. For more information see, [Cisco SD-AVC](#).

For all installation types of Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN, from SD-WAN Control Components 20.18.1, SD-AVC is enabled by default.

- SD-AVC Cloud Connector enabled for SaaS feeds

Enable SD-AVC Cloud Connector to use SaaS feeds for enhanced application classification (Optional, but recommended).

Configure SD-AVC

1. Click **SD-AVC**.
The **Cluster Management** page appears. The default tab is **Service Configuration**.
2. Click **Add Manager**.
3. In the **Add Manager** page, choose **Node Persona** from the following options:
 - Compute + Data (Up to 5 nodes each)
 - Compute (Up to 5 nodes)
 - Data (Up to 10s of nodes)
4. Enter the **Manager IP Address**, **Username** and **Password**.
5. In releases earlier than SD-WAN Manager 20.18.1, select **Enable SD-AVC**.
From SD-WAN Manager 20.18.1, SD-AVC is enabled by default.
6. Click **Add**.

Configure Cloud Connection

1. Click Configure Cloud Connection.
The Administration Settings page appears.
2. Click SD-AVC.
3. Enable Cloud Connector in the Settings / System SD-AVC page.
4. Enter the OTP and the Cloud Gateway URL.
5. Click Save.



Note For more information on SD-AVC Connector, see [Enable Cisco SD-AVC Cloud Connector](#).

Restrictions for Application Catalog

Restrictions for Cloud Sourced Applications

When you add a cloud-sourced application to the application catalog with Cloud Connector enabled, Cisco SD-WAN Manager restricts you from disabling Cloud Connector.

Restrictions for Kubernetes Clusters and Kubernetes Services

- Only Google Cloud and Amazon Web Services are supported as cloud providers.



Note AWS GovCloud is not supported.

Other cloud providers can utilize Kubernetes Clusters and Kubernetes Services feature using the manual upload option.

- Maximum number of custom applications: 1100
- Maximum number of L3/L4 rules: 20000
- Maximum number of server names: 50000

Application Catalog Overview

Applications in Registry

The Applications in Registry provide a visual representation of different types of applications in the system. It helps to understand the distribution and proportions of the applications based on their categories.

- Built in: Applications that are built-in or pre-installed in the system.
- Discovered: Applications that are discovered or detected by the system.
- Custom: Custom-built applications specifically developed for the system.

The chart segments represent the application categories, and the size of each segment indicates the relative proportion of applications in that category. Use this chart to gain insights into the application landscape and understand the composition of applications in the system. This chart illustrates the applications in the Cisco SD-WAN Manager Application registry. The device application registry is updated after pushing a configuration to the devices. For example, when a new custom application is created, it is not updated in the device application registry until a policy with that custom application is pushed to the device, however, it will be counted in the custom application on this chart since Cisco SD-WAN Manager already has the definition in its registry. All the custom applications created are seen in the Applications tab and in the chart as custom apps.

Top Applications Observed in Network

The **Applications Observed in Network** doughnut chart provides insights into the types of top applications observed within the network traffic. It displays the distribution and prevalence of different application categories.

Each segment in the chart represents a specific application category, and the size of the segment indicates the relative presence or frequency of that category within the observed network traffic. Use this chart to gain insights into the types of applications that are prominent within the network and understand the traffic composition. You can view the application details based on the timestamp. For example, Last 1 Hour, Last 3 Hours and so on. The maximum time period you can select is 24 hours.

View Applications

View the applications associated with your cloud account including the applications you create and the default applications on Cisco SD-WAN Manager.

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Application Catalog > Applications**.

A list of applications associated with your Cisco SD-WAN Manager appears.

2. Choose an application attribute from the **Select Application Attributes** drop-down box. For example, **Application Source**.

From the **Choose Filter** drop-down choose a filter to view only the relevant applications.

Configure Custom Applications

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Application Catalog > Applications > Custom Application**

2. Enter **Application name**.

Configure the following:

Field	Description
Application Name	Enter a name for the application list.
Server Names	Enter the server names. The names specify the fully qualified domain names or regex starting with '*' but not ending with '*', or both separated by commas. For example, *.customapp.com, customapptest.com, *appcustom.
Application Family	Choose the application family. The options include instant messaging, game, mail, routing, and so on.
Application Group	Choose the application group. The options include flash-group, ipsec-group, concur-group, and so on.

Field	Description
Traffic Class	<p>Choose the traffic class. The options include multimedia-conferencing, network-control, real-time-interactive, and so on.</p> <p>Note This attribute is used to categorize network traffic into different classes based on specific criteria like source and destination IP addresses, port numbers, etc. Traffic classes are crucial in the traffic matching process because they enable the Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN to identify and sort traffic, which helps in efficiently managing bandwidth and resources. When setting up the policy group workflow, different traffic classes can be allocated different priorities.</p>
Business Relevance	<p>Choose the business relevance from the drop-down list. The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze • Gold • Silver <p>Note This attribute is used to specify the priority of network traffic based on its relevance to business operations. For example, traffic related to critical business applications can be assigned a higher relevance, and therefore, a higher priority. This ensures that important traffic gets the resources it needs for optimal performance.</p>
IPv4 Address	<p>Enter the IPv4 addresses separated by commas. Subnet prefix length is 24 to 32.</p>
Ports	<p>Enter the port number or range or both separated by a space. For example, 1 2 10-20.</p>
L4 Protocol	<p>Enter L4 protocol. The options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCP • UDP • TCP-UDP

Field	Description
SaaS probe endpoint type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose IP Address and enter IP address. Cloud OnRamp for SaaS probes the server using port 80. Choose FQDN enter a fully qualified domain name of the application server. Choose URL to enter a URL using HTTP or HTTPS. Cloud OnRamp for SaaS probes the server using port 80 or port 443, depending on the URL provided.
SaaS probe endpoint value	Enter an endpoint value, based on the endpoint type that you choose. For example, 192.168.0.1, https://www.example.com, www.google.com

3. Click **Save**.

Export Application List

1. Click **Export** to export the application list.

The **Applications.csv** file is downloaded to the local desktop.

You can use custom applications in the same way as any other protocol when configuring Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN policies using policy groups or using centralized policies. For more information on configuring policies using Policy Groups, see, [Group of Interest - Policy](#).

Configure Application List

Create Application List

1. From the **Configuration > Application Catalog > Application List**, click **Create Application List**.
2. Choose **Create New** to create a new application list, or choose **Existing** to update an existing application list.
3. Enter the **Application List** or choose an **Application List** from the drop-down list to update an existing application list.
4. Choose an application or application family from the **Application** or **Application Family** drop-down list.
5. Click **Save**.

The application list is created.

To find application or application set, perform the following steps:

1. On the **Application Lists** page, you can find the existing application or application family by using the **Find Application/ Application Set** field.
2. Choose the **Default Application List** or **Custom Application List** from the **Show** drop-down list. The selected application list appears. You can filter the application or application family lists. The **Summary** pane displays the total, custom and default application lists.
3. Click **Create Application List** to create or edit an existing application list.



Note Application lists configured in the Application Catalog can only be used in the configuration of policies using Policy Groups.

Add Cloud-Sourced Applications to the Application Catalog

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Application Catalog**.
2. Click **Cloud-sourced Application**.
3. Choose one or more cloud-sourced applications by clicking the check box adjacent to the applications.
4. Click **Apply Application(s)** and choose **Apply Selected Application(s)**.

A cloud-sourced application may match some of the same traffic as an existing application. If this creates a conflict, Cisco SD-WAN Manager prompts you to take action to resolve any conflicts. For information about the logic, see [Information About Cloud-Sourced Applications](#).
5. If the policy conflict pop-up window opens, choose one of the following:
 - **Fix Conflicts**: Opens the **Conflicts** tab to enable you to update the policy.
 - Click **Manage Cloud-Sourced Application Conflicts** to add cloud-sourced applications after fixing the policy conflicts.
 - **Ignore and Apply**: Defer resolving conflicts that affect policies and add cloud-sourced applications to application catalog.



Note To remove cloud-sourced applications from the application catalog, contact Cisco technical support.

Benefits of Kubernetes Clusters and Kubernetes Services

- **Unified Network Management**: Cisco SD-WAN Manager gives the ability to add Kubernetes clusters and it discovers any applications running on them.
- **Enhanced Visibility**: The Cisco SD-WAN Manager and Kubernetes clusters integration provides complete visibility over both network infrastructure and application definitions, making it easier to identify and resolve issues.

- **Improved Performance:** Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN's ability to optimize network traffic, combined with direct visibility over Kubernetes resources, results in improved application performance.
- **Greater Efficiency:** The network management based on application requirements and Kubernetes services leads to greater operational efficiency.
- **Advanced Security:** The Cisco SD-WAN Manager and Kubernetes clusters integration provides more robust security for both network and application layers.

Benefits of Cloud SaaS Feeds

- Cloud SaaS feeds provide real-time data on cloud application classification. Cisco SD-WAN Manager uses this information to make intelligent decisions about routing and optimizing traffic to ensure the best possible performance for these applications.
- The Application classification is enhanced and up-to-date with latest Cloud SaaS feeds.

Configure, Discover Kubernetes Clusters and Kubernetes Services

Enable Kubernetes Clusters for Cloud-based Deployment

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, click **Configuration > Application Catalog**.
2. Click the **Application Source Settings** tab.
3. In the **Kubernetes Cluster** section, click **Cloud Account**.
4. Click **Add Account**.
5. Select a cloud account and click **Enable**.

The **Kubernetes Cluster** table displays the cloud accounts with the Kubernetes discovery status in the **Status** column.



Note You'll see a list of cloud accounts appearing already in the **Kubernetes Cluster** cluster table if you've configured the cloud accounts using the [Cloud OnRamp for Multicloud](#) feature.

Enable Manual Discovery of Kubernetes Clusters

1. In the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, click **Configuration > Application Catalog**.
2. Navigate to the **Application Source Settings** tab.
3. In the **Kubernetes Cluster** section, click **Manually Upload**.
4. Choose or drag and drop a kubeconfig file and click **Add**.



Note Maximum file size: 10 MB

The **Kubernetes Cluster** table displays the cloud accounts, with the Kubernetes discovery status in the **Status** column.

Once you configured the Kubernetes cluster, navigate to the **Discovered Application** tab to view the services and applications discovered on those Kubernetes clusters and create custom applications if needed.

Configure Cloud SaaS Feed Using Cisco SD-WAN Manager

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Application Catalog > Application Source Settings**.
2. In the **Cloud SaaS Feeds** table, you see a list of cloud application feeds.



Note Only if you've enabled SD-AVC and Cloud connections, you'll see the list of cloud SaaS feeds.

3. In the **Actions** column, click the **...** icon adjacent to the respective cloud SaaS feed row.
4. Click **Enable** to view cloud SaaS feeds for the application of your choice.



Note Choose **Disable** so that the application classification doesn't use the Cloud SaaS feeds and instead uses NBAR classification logic.

Monitor Kubernetes Clusters and Kubernetes Services

Monitor Kubernetes Clusters

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Application Catalog**.
2. Navigate to the **Application Source Settings** tab in the **Application Catalog** page.
3. The **Kubernetes Cluster** table displays the cluster details along with the Kubernetes cluster discovery status.

Monitor Applications

1. Navigate to the **Discovered application** tab in the **Application Catalog** page.
2. The **Kubernetes Services** table displays the discovered applications and the details to monitor the application status.

Monitor Cloud SaaS Feed

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Application Catalog > Application Source Settings**.
2. In the **Action** column, click ... icon and choose **View Feeds**.
3. In the the **View Feeds** page, you see detailed information regarding the particular cloud SaaS feeds.



CHAPTER 5

Application and Policy Compliance

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Application and Policy Compliance

Table 26: Feature History

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Policy Compliance	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.14.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Control Components Release 20.14.1	This feature analyzes application-aware policies to determine whether the updates to applications in a later Protocol Pack release change the operation of a policy. Any such change is considered a policy compliance issue. To ensure that the operation of each policy remains aligned to the policy intent, the feature flags any compliance issues to enable you to address them.
Application Compliance	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.16.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Control Components Release 20.16.1	When you update the reference Protocol Pack, Cisco SD-WAN Manager checks whether any protocols in the Protocol Pack introduce name conflicts with currently defined custom applications. If so, Cisco SD-WAN Manager does not complete the update of the reference Protocol Pack.

Information About Policy Compliance

Various types of policies specify application traffic to match by using application lists, which contain one or more applications. The applications in application lists may be from a Protocol Pack or may be user-defined custom applications. As new Protocol Packs are released, changes occur to the protocol set. These changes may include adding applications that provide more granular classification of existing applications, renaming applications, and so on.

For example, an earlier Protocol Pack may include an application that captures all traffic for a set of services. A later Protocol Pack may include separate applications for different components of the services to provide more granular classification of the traffic. To illustrate with a fictional example, an application x-media might be broken into x-audio and x-video for more granular classification.

If a policy matches traffic using an application list that includes the x-media application, the policy does not make use of the later, more granular classification as x-audio and x-video.

Check Policy Compliance

When checking the applications in a policy, Cisco SD-WAN Manager compares them with the applications in the Protocol Pack currently loaded in Cisco SD-WAN Manager. Cisco SD-WAN Manager checks policies for the following compliance issues:

- Checks existing policies to determine whether the policies match applications that have become classified in a more granular fashion in a later Protocol Pack release.
- Checks for renamed applications. For example, renaming application Skydrive to Onedrive.
- Checks for policies that match traffic broadly by transport protocol, such as http. When a policy matches traffic so broadly, it is difficult to anticipate which new applications, in later Protocol Packs, may be included in the match.

This check keeps the policy intent intact after new applications are added.

View Compliance Issues

If Cisco SD-WAN Manager detects a compliance issue with a policy, it displays the affected policies and relevant new applications. For information about viewing compliance issues, see [View and Resolve Policy Compliance Issues](#) , on page 92.

Information About Application Compliance

Minimum supported releases: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.16.1a, Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Control Components Release 20.16.1

Application compliance is a feature in Cisco SD-WAN Manager that checks new applications when you do something that adds applications to the application catalog. When you add applications, it checks whether any of the new applications have the same name as a currently defined custom application, which would cause a name conflict.

The application compliance check occurs during these actions:

Table 27: Application Compliance Check

Event	Description
Updating the reference Protocol Pack	<p>If uploading the new Protocol Pack would cause a name conflict, Cisco SD-WAN Manager aborts the upload. For about 24 hours, the task list shows the names of the custom applications that are potentially causing a name conflict. In the task list, click Completed and click the failed task to view the details.</p> <p>You can also view the names of these custom applications on the Monitor > Logs > Audit Logs page.</p>
Adding cloud-sourced applications	<p>If adding cloud-sourced applications would cause a name conflict, Cisco SD-WAN Manager aborts adding the cloud-sourced applications. For about 24 hours, the task list shows the names of the custom applications that are potentially causing a name conflict. In the task list, click Completed and click the failed task to view the details.</p> <p>You can also view the names of these custom applications on the Monitor > Logs > Audit Logs page.</p>
Upgrading to Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.16.1 from a previous release	<p>The upgrade includes Protocol Pack 71.0.0. This may potentially bring a Protocol Pack update from what you had loaded in a previous release of Cisco SD-WAN Manager. After this upgrade, Cisco SD-WAN Manager performs an application compliance check to detect any name conflicts. If there is a name conflict, Cisco SD-WAN Manager shows a message indicating the conflict, on the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance > WAN Edge page, and • Configuration > Application Catalog page. <p>You can view details in the Compliance tab on the Configuration > Application Catalog page, or on the Monitor > Compliance page.</p>

Resolving Compliance Issues

To resolve name conflict issues, remove the custom applications that have name conflicts. See [View and Resolve Application Name Conflicts, on page 92](#).

Preventing Name Conflicts

To prevent name conflicts with custom applications, from Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.16.1, Cisco SD-WAN Manager appends "-Custom" to the name of new custom applications.

Restrictions for the Policy Compliance Check

- See the [NBAR2 Protocol Pack Library](#) for information about which Protocol Pack updates are available for each Cisco IOS XE release.
- Devices using a Cisco IOS XE release earlier than Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.14.1a support only policies that use applications that were available in the original built-in Protocol Pack release of the Cisco IOS XE release. They do not support policies that use applications added in subsequent Protocol Pack releases.

For example, if the original built-in Protocol Pack release of the Cisco IOS XE release did not include application x, and a policy uses application x, then a router using a release earlier than Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.14.1a cannot support that policy. This is true even if you later upgrade the router to use a Protocol Pack that includes application x.

View and Resolve Policy Compliance Issues

1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration > Application Catalog > Compliance**.
In releases before Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.16.1, the option is **Policy Compliance**.
In the **Policy Compliance** area, the table shows the policies that do not comply with the application lists in the current Protocol Pack.
2. In the **Policy Compliance** area, click ... in the **Actions** column adjacent to the policy you want to update and choose one of these:
 - **Update Application:** Automatically updates the relevant application lists used by affected policies to incorporate the new application or applications.



Note

- Ensure that all devices in the network are using Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.14.1a or later. If there are devices in the network using earlier releases, updating applications may cause a failure in employing a policy.
- For policies created using policy groups, this action does not deploy the policy to the devices. In this case, to update devices to use the adjusted policy, deploy the policy manually to the devices.

- **Change Policy:** Opens the policy to enable you to manually edit the policy and address the use of the affected application.

View and Resolve Application Name Conflicts

Minimum supported releases: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.16.1a, Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Control Components Release 20.16.1

[Information About Application Compliance, on page 90](#) describes the details of when Cisco SD-WAN Manager performs an application compliance check. Most methods of adding new applications automatically abort if there is a potential application name conflict. But upgrading to Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.16.1 or later from an earlier release can introduce name conflicts.

If there is a name conflict, Cisco SD-WAN Manager shows a message indicating the conflict, on the

- **Maintenance** > **WAN Edge** page, and
- **Configuration** > **Application Catalog** page.

You can view details

in the **Compliance** tab on the **Configuration** > **Application Catalog** page, or on the **Monitor** > **Compliance** page.

Procedure

Step 1 From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration** > **Application Catalog**.

The page shows a message if there are any application name conflicts.

Step 2 Click the **Compliance** tab.

The **Application Compliance** area shows the affected applications and policies. It provides instructions for removing the custom applications to resolve the name conflict.

If you intend to recreate a custom application, giving it a new name, note down the information in the custom application before removing it. See [View Application Details, on page 93](#).

View Application Details

Procedure

Step 1 From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Configuration** > **Application Catalog**.

Step 2 Click the **Applications** tab.

Step 3 In the **Action** column, click ... adjacent to a custom application and choose **View**.



CHAPTER 6

Topology

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Topology

Table 28: Feature History

Feature Name	Release Information	Description
Topology	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.12.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.12.1	This feature allows you to provision a Mesh or a Hub and Spoke topology policy which is applied to Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Controllers. This allows exchange of data traffic between two or more Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices.
Region Support for Topology	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.15.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1	Apply advanced and custom topologies to a specific MRF region or a group of MRF regions. Create match conditions within custom topologies to match them with MRF region(s).
Support for Topology Tagging	Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.18.1a Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1	With this feature you can add devices to a topology using tags.

Topology

A topology is used to define the network structure. It defines the way different sites in the network are interconnected, as well as how the data flows.

You can create the following types of topology and customize them:

- **Hub and Spoke**
- **Mesh**
- **Custom**

Prerequisites for Topology

Before you begin configuring policy groups, ensure that the following requirements are met:

- Minimum software version for Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN devices: Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 17.8.1a
- Ensure that granular RBAC for topology groups is specified by expanding it. With specific permissions to the usergroup, ensure that you are able to access policy groups from **Configuration > Topology**.
 1. From the Cisco SD-WAN Manager menu, choose **Administration > Manage Users > User Groups**.
 2. Click **Add User Group**.
 3. Enter **User Group Name**.
 4. Select the **Read** or **Write** check box against the topology group and device feature that you want to assign to a user group.
 5. Click **Add**.

Create Topology

To create a topology, click **Create Topology** and provide a name, and description and click **Create**. To edit an existing topology, click the ellipsis icon to the right of the topology under **Action** and click **Edit**. When you have created a topology, click **Add Topology** and select from the following options:

- **Hub and Spoke**
- **Mesh**
- **Custom**

Hub and Spoke

In a hub and spoke configuration, devices at the branches and remote offices connect directly to specific devices and will not create tunnels to other devices. Communication is available through the configured VPN hubs.

Table 29: Hub and Spoke

Field	Description
Name	Enter a name for the Hub and Spoke topology. This field is mandatory.
VPN	Select a value for the VPN from the drop-down list. This field is mandatory.
Hub Sites	<p>Click + Add Sites to select hub sites to add to the topology.</p> <p>From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, choose By Tag Rules to select sites and devices which are tagged. For more information about device tagging, see Add Tags to Devices Using Cisco SD-WAN Manager</p> <p>From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1, Click Manage rule. You can select Modify rules or Remove rules.</p> <p>For Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, click Add and Edit Rules. The Automated Rules window is displayed. In the Rules section, choose values for the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1) Rule name: Enter a unique name for the rule. Rule names cannot be duplicated once you create it. • Rule Conditions: Choose one of the following conditions: Match All or Match Any. • Device Attribute: Choose Tags. • Condition: Choose one of the following operators: Equals, Contains, Not Contains, Not Equals, Starts with, Ends with. • Select Value: Select a tag from the list of available tags. <p>If you edit the hub site, you must update the spoke group preferences accordingly.</p>

Field	Description
Spoke Sites	<p>Click Add Spoke Group to select spoke sites to add to the topology.</p> <p>To add a spoke site, at least one hub site must be added. You can use the same site for both hub and spoke.</p> <p>From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, choose By Tag Rules to select sites and devices which are tagged. For more information about device tagging, see Add Tags to Devices Using Cisco SD-WAN Manager</p> <p>From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1, Click Manage rule. You can select Modify rules or Remove rules.</p> <p>For Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, click Add and Edit Rules. The Automated Rules window is displayed. In the Rules section, choose values for the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1)Rule name: Enter a unique name for the rule. Rule names cannot be duplicated once you create it. • Rule Conditions: Choose one of the following conditions: Match All or Match Any. • Device Attribute: Choose Tags. • Condition: Choose one of the following operators: Equals, Contains, Not Contains, Not Equals, Starts with, Ends with. • Select Value: Select a tag from the list of available tags. <p>Select the Hub Preference from the Priority drop-down list. You can add multiple priorities using the plus sign.</p>

Mesh

In a mesh configuration, devices at the branch or remote office are configured to connect directly to other devices in the organization that are also in mesh mode along with spoke devices that are configured to use as a hub.

Table 30: Mesh

Field	Description
Name	Enter a name for the Mesh topology.

Field	Description
VPN	Select a value for the VPN from the drop-down list.
Sites	<p>[Optional] Click Add sites to add sites to the mesh topology.</p> <p>From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, choose By Tag Rules to select sites and devices which are tagged. For more information about device tagging, see Add Tags to Devices Using Cisco SD-WAN Manager</p> <p>From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1, Click Manage rule. You can select Modify rules or Remove rules.</p> <p>For Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, click Add and Edit Rules. The Automated Rules window is displayed. In the Rules section, choose values for the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1)Rule name: Enter a unique name for the rule. Rule names cannot be duplicated once you create it. • Rule Conditions: Choose one of the following conditions: Match All or Match Any. • Device Attribute: Choose Tags. • Condition: Choose one of the following operators: Equals, Contains, Not Contains, Not Equals, Starts with, Ends with. • Select Value: Select a tag from the list of available tags.

Once you have created either a Hub and Spoke or Mesh topology, you can customize the topology by clicking **Customize Topology**. This migrates your current hub and spoke or mesh topology policy to a platform where you can customize the policy.

Custom Topology

This option allows you to configure Routes or TLOC policies, where you can specify the policy rules and match–action pairings to perform when a match occurs.

Table 31: Topology Attributes

Policy Type	Usage
Name	Name of the custom topology.
VPNs	The Used by data-policy and app-route-policy to list the VPNs for which the policy is applicable.

Policy Type	Usage
Level	Starting from Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1, you can choose a Level for your topology and choose between Sites and Regions .
InBound Sites	<p>Specify the route advertisements that the Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Controller receives from the devices.</p> <p>From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, choose By Tag Rules to select sites and devices which are tagged. For more information about device tagging, see Add Tags to Devices Using Cisco SD-WAN Manager</p> <p>From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1, Click Manage rule. You can select Modify rules or Remove rules.</p> <p>For Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, click Add and Edit Rules. The Automated Rules window is displayed. In the Rules section, choose values for the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1)Rule name: Enter a unique name for the rule. Rule names cannot be duplicated once you create it. • Rule Conditions: Choose one of the following conditions: Match All or Match Any. • Device Attribute: Choose Tags. • Condition: Choose one of the following operators: Equals, Contains, Not Contains, Not equals, Starts with, Ends with. • Select Value: Select a tag from the list of available tags.
OutBound Sites	<p>Specify the route advertisements that the Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Controller sends to the devices.</p> <p>From Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, choose By Tag Rules to select sites and devices which are tagged. For more information about device tagging, see Add Tags to Devices Using Cisco SD-WAN Manager</p> <p>From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1, Click Manage rule. You can select Modify rules or Remove rules.</p> <p>For Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.18.1, click Add and Edit Rules. The Automated Rules window is displayed. In the Rules section, choose values for the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (From, SD-WAN Manager 26.1.1)Rule name: Enter a unique name for the rule. Rule names cannot be duplicated once you create it. • Rule Conditions: Choose one of the following conditions: Match All or Match Any. • Device Attribute: Choose Tags. • Condition: Choose one of the following operators: Equals, Contains, Not Contains, Not Equals, Starts with, Ends with. • Select Value: Select a tag from the list of available tags.

Policy Type	Usage
Inbound Regions	When you choose Level as Regions , choose an inbound region from the list of regions.
Outbound Regions	When you choose Level as Regions , choose an outbound region from the list of regions.
Role	Choose between Border and Edge as a role for the router.

Click **Add Rules** to configure Route or TLOC policy match–action pairings that are numbered and are examined in sequential order. When a match occurs, the action is performed, and the policy analysis on that route or packet terminates. Some types of policy definitions apply only to specific VPNs.

You can configure more sequence rules, as needed and drag and drop to re-order them.

Table 32: Match

Match Condition	Description
Color	One or more colors. The available colors are: 3G, biz-internet, blue, bronze, custom1, custom2, custom3, default, gold, green, LTE, metro-ethernet, MPLS, private1 through private6, public-internet, red, and silver.
Community	Specify communities and community numbers.
Expanded Community	List of one or more BGP communities. In the Community List field, you can specify the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aa:nn: AS number and network number. Each number is a 2-byte value with a range from 1 to 65535. • internet: Routes in this community are advertised to the internet community. This community comprises all BGP-speaking networking devices. • local-as: Routes in this community are not advertised outside the local AS. • no-advertise: Attach the NO_ADVERTISE community to routes. Routes in this community are not advertised to other BGP peers. • no-export: Attach the NO_EXPORT community to routes. Routes in this community are not advertised outside the local AS or outside a BGP confederation boundary. To configure multiple BGP communities in a single list, include multiple community options, specifying one community in each option.

Match Condition	Description
OMP Tag	Tag value that is associated with the route or prefix in the routing database on the device. The range is 0 through 4294967295.
Origin	Protocol from which the route was learned.
Originator	IP address from which the route was learned.
Path Type	In a Hierarchical Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN architecture, match a route by its path type, which can be one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hierarchical Path: A route that includes hops from an access region to a border router, through region 0, to another border router, then to an edge router in a different access region. • Direct Path: A direct path route from one edge router to another edge router. • Transport Gateway Path: A route that is reoriginated by a router that has transport gateway functionality enabled.
Preference	The preference value that the route or prefix has in the local site, that is, in the routing database on the device. A higher preference value is more preferred. The range is 0 through 255.
Prefix List	One or more prefixes. Specifies the name of a prefix list.
Region	Starting from Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN Manager Release 20.15.1, one or more region identifiers.
Site	One or more overlay network site identifiers.
TLOC	Individual TLOC address.
VPN	Individual VPN identifier. Range: 1 to 65525, excluding 512. For details see the VRF range behavior change described here .

The **Reject** option is selected by default.

Table 33: Action

Match Condition	Description
Affinity	Specify the

Match Condition	Description
Community	Specify communities and community numbers.
Export To	Select a VPN list, or create a new one.
OMP Tag	Enter the OMP route tag. The range is 0 through 4294967295.
Preference	Enter the preference number for the route, a number between 0-4294967295.
Service	<p>Enter the following information:</p> <p>Type: Select a service type from the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firewall • Intrusion Detection Prevention • Intrusion Detection System • Net Service 1 • Net Service 2 <p>VPN: Enter the number of the Service VPN.</p> <p>TLOC IP: Enter the IP address of the Service TLOC.</p> <p>Color: Select a color type from the drop-down list.</p> <p>Encapsulation: Select IPSEC or GRE as the encapsulation type.</p> <p>TLOC List: Select a service TLOC list from the drop-down list, or create a new one.</p>
TLOC	Individual TLOC address.

Match Condition	Description
TLOC Action	<p>Select an action from the following option in the drop-down list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict: Direct matching traffic only to the intermediate destination. With this action, if the intermediate destination is down, no traffic reaches the final destination. If you do not configure a set tloc-action action in a centralized control policy, strict is the default behavior. • Primary: First direct matching traffic to the intermediate destination. If that driver is not reachable, then direct it to the final destination. With this action, if the intermediate destination is down, all traffic reaches the final destination. • Backup: First direct matching traffic to the final destination. If that driver is not reachable, then direct it to the intermediate destination. With this action, if the source is unable to reach the final destination directly, it is possible for all traffic to reach the final destination via the intermediate destination. • Equal Cost Multi-path: Equally direct matching control traffic between the intermediate destination and the ultimate destination. With this action, if the intermediate destination is down, all traffic reaches the ultimate destination.



Note Starting from Cisco IOS XE Catalyst SD-WAN Release 26.1.1, export and import of topology is not supported because the sites can be added with site ID and tag rules.

Click **Save Match and Actions** to commit your changes and click **Save** to add the customization.

Activate the Topology

When you have created a topology, you must activate the topology for it to take effect. By activating the topology, you create the new network structure, and as a result also deactivate any existing topology. .

1. To activate the topology, click the ellipsis icon to the right of the topology and click **Activate**
2. Click **Preview CLI** and select a device from the left pane to view the configuration difference.
3. Click **Deploy** to deploy the topology group to the Cisco SD-WAN Control Components.

To deactivate the topology, click the ellipsis icon next to the topology and click **Deactivate** and **Deploy**.



Note After you deploy a topology group, any change to the topology group is deployed to the Cisco SD-WAN Controller.
