CHAPTER 14

Configuring Inspection for Management Application Protocols

This chapter describes how to configure application layer protocol inspection. Inspection engines are required for services that embed IP addressing information in the user data packet or that open secondary channels on dynamically assigned ports. These protocols require the ASA to do a deep packet inspection instead of passing the packet through the fast path. As a result, inspection engines can affect overall throughput.

Several common inspection engines are enabled on the ASA by default, but you might need to enable others depending on your network.

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**DCERPC Inspection**

This section describes the DCERPC inspection engine. This section includes the following topics:
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**DCERPC Overview**

DCERPC is a protocol widely used by Microsoft distributed client and server applications that allows software clients to execute programs on a server remotely.
This typically involves a client querying a server called the Endpoint Mapper listening on a well known port number for the dynamically allocated network information of a required service. The client then sets up a secondary connection to the server instance providing the service. The security appliance allows the appropriate port number and network address and also applies NAT, if needed, for the secondary connection.

DCERPC inspect maps inspect for native TCP communication between the EPM and client on well known TCP port 135. Map and lookup operations of the EPM are supported for clients. Client and server can be located in any security zone. The embedded server IP address and Port number are received from the applicable EPM response messages. Since a client may attempt multiple connections to the server port returned by EPM, multiple use of pinholes are allowed, which have user configurable timeouts.

**Note**

DCERPC inspection only supports communication between the EPM and clients to open pinholes through the ASA. Clients using RPC communication that does not use the EPM is not supported with DCERPC inspection.

### Select DCERPC Map

Add/Edit Service Policy Rule Wizard > Rule Actions > Protocol Inspection Tab > Select DCERPC Map

The Select DCERPC Map dialog box lets you select or create a new DCERPC map. A DCERPC map lets you change the configuration values used for DCERPC application inspection. The Select DCERPC Map table provides a list of previously configured maps that you can select for application inspection.

**Fields**

- Use the default DCERPC inspection map—Specifies to use the default DCERPC map.
- Select a DCERPC map for fine control over inspection—Lets you select a defined application inspection map or add a new one.
- Add—Opens the Add Policy Map dialog box for the inspection.

### DCERPC Inspect Map

Configuration > Global Objects > Inspect Maps > DCERPC

The DCERPC pane lets you view previously configured DCERPC application inspection maps. A DCERPC map lets you change the default configuration values used for DCERPC application inspection.

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**Fields**

- **DCERPC Inspect Maps**—Table that lists the defined DCERPC inspect maps.
- **Add**—Configures a new DCERPC inspect map. To edit a DCERPC inspect map, choose the DCERPC entry in the DCERPC Inspect Maps table and click **Customize**.
- **Delete**—Deletes the inspect map selected in the DCERPC Inspect Maps table.
- **Security Level**—Select the security level (high, medium, or low).
  - **Low**
    - Pinhole timeout: 00:02:00
    - Endpoint mapper service: not enforced
    - Endpoint mapper service lookup: enabled
    - Endpoint mapper service lookup timeout: 00:05:00
  - **Medium**—Default.
    - Pinhole timeout: 00:01:00
    - Endpoint mapper service: not enforced
    - Endpoint mapper service lookup: disabled.
  - **High**
    - Pinhole timeout: 00:01:00
    - Endpoint mapper service: enforced
    - Endpoint mapper service lookup: disabled
  - **Customize**—Opens the Add/Edit DCERPC Policy Map dialog box for additional settings.
  - **Default Level**—Sets the security level back to the default level of Medium.

**Add/Edit DCERPC Policy Map**

**Configuration > Global Objects > Inspect Maps > DCERPC > DCERPC Inspect Map > Basic/Advanced View**

The Add/Edit DCERPC Policy Map pane lets you configure the security level and parameters for DCERPC application inspection maps.

**Fields**

- **Name**—When adding a DCERPC map, enter the name of the DCERPC map. When editing a DCERPC map, the name of the previously configured DCERPC map is shown.
- **Description**—Enter the description of the DCERPC map, up to 200 characters in length.
- **Security Level**—Select the security level (high, medium, or low).
  - **Low**
    - Pinhole timeout: 00:02:00
Endpoint mapper service: not enforced
Endpoint mapper service lookup: enabled
Endpoint mapper service lookup timeout: 00:05:00
  - Medium—Default.
    Pinhole timeout: 00:01:00
    Endpoint mapper service: not enforced
    Endpoint mapper service lookup: disabled.
  - High
    Pinhole timeout: 00:01:00
    Endpoint mapper service: enforced
    Endpoint mapper service lookup: disabled
  - Default Level—Sets the security level back to the default level of Medium.

Details—Shows the Parameters to configure additional settings.
  - Pinhole Timeout—Sets the pinhole timeout. Because a client may use the server information returned by the endpoint mapper for multiple connections, the timeout value is configurable based on the client application environment. Range is from 0:0:1 to 1193:0:0. Default is 2 minutes.
  - Enforce endpoint-mapper service—Enforces endpoint mapper service during binding.
  - Enable endpoint-mapper service lookup—Enables the lookup operation of the endpoint mapper service. If disabled, the pinhole timeout is used.

Enforce Service Lookup Timeout—Enforces the service lookup timeout specified.
Service Lookup Timeout—Sets the timeout for pinholes from lookup operation.

GTP Inspection

This section describes the GTP inspection engine. This section includes the following topics:

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- “Select GTP Map” section on page 14-5
- “GTP Inspect Map” section on page 14-6
- “IMSI Prefix Filtering” section on page 14-7
- “Add/Edit GTP Policy Map (Security Level)” section on page 14-7
- “Add/Edit GTP Policy Map (Details)” section on page 14-8
- “Add/Edit GTP Map” section on page 14-9

Note  GTP inspection requires a special license.
GTP Inspection Overview

GPRS provides uninterrupted connectivity for mobile subscribers between GSM networks and corporate networks or the Internet. The GGSN is the interface between the GPRS wireless data network and other networks. The SGSN performs mobility, data session management, and data compression (See Figure 14-1).

Figure 14-1 GPRS Tunneling Protocol

The UMTS is the commercial convergence of fixed-line telephony, mobile, Internet and computer technology. UTRAN is the networking protocol used for implementing wireless networks in this system. GTP allows multi-protocol packets to be tunneled through a UMTS/GPRS backbone between a GGSN, an SGSN and the UTRAN.

GTP does not include any inherent security or encryption of user data, but using GTP with the ASA helps protect your network against these risks.

The SGSN is logically connected to a GGSN using GTP. GTP allows multiprotocol packets to be tunneled through the GPRS backbone between GSNS. GTP provides a tunnel control and management protocol that allows the SGSN to provide GPRS network access for a mobile station by creating, modifying, and deleting tunnels. GTP uses a tunneling mechanism to provide a service for carrying user data packets.

Note

When using GTP with failover, if a GTP connection is established and the active unit fails before data is transmitted over the tunnel, the GTP data connection (with a “j” flag set) is not replicated to the standby unit. This occurs because the active unit does not replicate embryonic connections to the standby unit.

Select GTP Map

Add/Edit Service Policy Rule Wizard > Rule Actions > Protocol Inspection Tab >Select GTP Map
The Select GTP Map dialog box lets you select or create a new GTP map. A GTP map lets you change the configuration values used for GTP application inspection. The Select GTP Map table provides a list of previously configured maps that you can select for application inspection.

**Note** GTP inspection requires a special license. If you try to enable GTP application inspection on an ASA without the required license, the ASA displays an error message.

**Fields**
- Use the default GTP inspection map—Specifies to use the default GTP map.
- Select an GTP map for fine control over inspection—Lets you select a defined application inspection map or add a new one.
- Add—Opens the Add Policy Map dialog box for the inspection.

### GTP Inspect Map

**Configuration > Global Objects > Inspect Maps > GTP**

The GTP pane lets you view previously configured GTP application inspection maps. A GTP map lets you change the default configuration values used for GTP application inspection.

GTP is a relatively new protocol designed to provide security for wireless connections to TCP/IP networks, such as the Internet. You can use a GTP map to control timeout values, message sizes, tunnel counts, and GTP versions traversing the security appliance.

**Note** GTP inspection is not available without a special license.

**Fields**
- GTP Inspect Maps—Table that lists the defined GTP inspect maps.
- Add—Configures a new GTP inspect map. To edit a GTP inspect map, choose the GTP entry in the GTP Inspect Maps table and click **Customize**.
- Delete—Deletes the inspect map selected in the GTP Inspect Maps table.
- Security Level—Security level low only.
  - Do not Permit Errors
  - Maximum Number of Tunnels: 500
  - GSN timeout: 00:30:00
  - Pdp-Context timeout: 00:30:00
  - Request timeout: 00:01:00
  - Signaling timeout: 00:30:00.
  - Tunnel timeout: 01:00:00.
  - T3-response timeout: 00:00:20.
  - Drop and log unknown message IDs.
- IMSI Prefix Filtering—Opens the IMSI Prefix Filtering dialog box to configure IMSI prefix filters.
- Customize—Opens the Add/Edit GTP Policy Map dialog box for additional settings.
• Default Level—Sets the security level back to the default.

**IMSI Prefix Filtering**

**Configuration > Global Objects > Inspect Maps > GTP > IMSI Prefix Filtering**

The IMSI Prefix tab lets you define the IMSI prefix to allow within GTP requests.

**Fields**

- Mobile Country Code—Defines the non-zero, three-digit value identifying the mobile country code. One or two-digit entries will be prepended by 0 to create a three-digit value.
- Mobile Network Code—Defines the two or three-digit value identifying the network code.
- Add—Add the specified country code and network code to the IMSI Prefix table.
- Delete—Deletes the specified country code and network code from the IMSI Prefix table.

**Add/Edit GTP Policy Map (Security Level)**

**Configuration > Global Objects > Inspect Maps > GTP > GTP Inspect Map > Basic View**

The Add/Edit GTP Policy Map pane lets you configure the security level and additional settings for GTP application inspection maps.

**Fields**

- Name—When adding a GTP map, enter the name of the GTP map. When editing a GTP map, the name of the previously configured GTP map is shown.
- Description—Enter the description of the GTP map, up to 200 characters in length.
- Security Level—Security level low only.
  - Do not Permit Errors
  - Maximum Number of Tunnels: 500
  - GSN timeout: 00:30:00
  - Pdp-Context timeout: 00:30:00
  - Request timeout: 00:01:00
  - Signaling timeout: 00:30:00.
  - Tunnel timeout: 01:00:00.
  - T3-response timeout: 00:00:20.
  - Drop and log unknown message IDs.
  - IMSI Prefix Filtering—Opens the IMSI Prefix Filtering dialog box to configure IMSI prefix filters.
  - Default Level—Sets the security level back to the default.
- Details—Shows the Parameters, IMSI Prefix Filtering, and Inspections tabs to configure additional settings.
Add/Edit GTP Policy Map (Details)

Configuration > Global Objects > Inspect Maps > GTP > GTP Inspect Map > Advanced View

The Add/Edit GTP Policy Map pane lets you configure the security level and additional settings for GTP application inspection maps.

Fields

- **Name**—When adding a GTP map, enter the name of the GTP map. When editing a GTP map, the name of the previously configured GTP map is shown.
- **Description**—Enter the description of the GTP map, up to 200 characters in length.
- **Security Level**—Shows the security level and IMSI prefix filtering settings to configure.
- **Permit Parameters**—Tab that lets you configure the permit parameters for the GTP inspect map.
  - **Object Groups to Add**
    - From object group—Specify an object group or use the browse button to open the Add Network Object Group dialog box.
    - To object group—Specify an object group or use the browse button to open the Add Network Object Group dialog box.
  - **Add**—Add the specified country code and network code to the IMSI Prefix table.
  - **Delete**—Deletes the specified country code and network code from the IMSI Prefix table.
  - **Permit Errors**—Lets any packets that are invalid or that encountered an error during inspection to be sent through the ASA instead of being dropped. By default, all invalid packets or packets that failed during parsing are dropped.
- **General Parameters**—Tab that lets you configure the general parameters for the GTP inspect map.
  - **Maximum Number of Requests**—Lets you change the default for the maximum request queue size allowed. The default for the maximum request queue size is 200. Specifies the maximum number of GTP requests that will be queued waiting for a response. The permitted range is from 1 to 9999999.
  - **Maximum Number of Tunnels**—Lets you change the default for the maximum number of tunnels allowed. The default tunnel limit is 500. Specifies the maximum number of tunnels allowed. The permitted range is from 1 to 9999999 for the global overall tunnel limit.
- **Timeouts**
  - **GSN timeout**—Lets you change the default for the maximum period of inactivity before a GSN is removed. The default is 30 minutes. Timeout is in the format *hh:mm:ss*, where *hh* specifies the hour, *mm* specifies the minutes, and *ss* specifies the seconds. A value 0 means never tear down.
  - **PDP-Context timeout**—Lets you change the default for the maximum period of inactivity before receiving the PDP Context for a GTP session. The default is 30 minutes. Timeout is in the format *hh:mm:ss*, where *hh* specifies the hour, *mm* specifies the minutes, and *ss* specifies the seconds. A value 0 means never tear down.
  - **Request Queue**—Lets you change the default for the maximum period of inactivity before receiving the GTP message during a GTP session. The default is 1 minute. Timeout is in the format *hh:mm:ss*, where *hh* specifies the hour, *mm* specifies the minutes, and *ss* specifies the seconds. A value 0 means never tear down.
Signaling—Lets you change the default for the maximum period of inactivity before a GTP signaling is removed. The default is 30 minutes. Timeout is in the format \( hh:mm:ss \), where \( hh \) specifies the hour, \( mm \) specifies the minutes, and \( ss \) specifies the seconds. A value 0 means never tear down.

Tunnel—Lets you change the default for the maximum period of inactivity for the GTP tunnel. The default is 1 hour. Timeout is in the format \( hh:mm:ss \), where \( hh \) specifies the hour, \( mm \) specifies the minutes, and \( ss \) specifies the seconds. A value 0 means never tear down Request timeout—Specifies the GTP Request idle timeout.

T3-Response timeout—Specifies the maximum wait time for a response before removing the connection.

- **IMSI Prefix Filtering**—Tab that lets you configure the IMSI prefix filtering for the GTP inspect map.
  - Mobile Country Code—Defines the non-zero, three-digit value identifying the mobile country code. One or two-digit entries will be prepended by 0 to create a three-digit value.
  - Mobile Network Code—Defines the two or three-digit value identifying the network code.
  - Add—Add the specified country code and network code to the IMSI Prefix table.
  - Delete—Deletes the specified country code and network code from the IMSI Prefix table.

- **Inspections**—Tab that lets you configure the GTP inspect maps.
  - Match Type—Shows the match type, which can be a positive or negative match.
  - Criterion—Shows the criterion of the GTP inspection.
  - Value—Shows the value to match in the GTP inspection.
  - Action—Shows the action if the match condition is met.
  - Log—Shows the log state.
  - Add—Opens the Add GTP Inspect dialog box to add an GTP inspection.
  - Edit—Opens the Edit GTP Inspect dialog box to edit an GTP inspection.
  - Delete—Deletes an GTP inspection.
  - Move Up—Moves an inspection up in the list.
  - Move Down—Moves an inspection down in the list.

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**Add/Edit GTP Map**

Configuration > Global Objects > Inspect Maps > GTP > GTP Inspect Map > Add/Edit GTP Map

The Add/Edit GTP Inspect dialog box lets you define the match criterion and value for the GTP inspect map.

**Fields**

- Match Type—Specifies whether traffic should match or not match the values.
  
  For example, if No Match is selected on the string “example.com,” then any traffic that contains “example.com” is excluded from the class map.

- Criterion—Specifies which criterion of GTP traffic to match.
  - Access Point Name—Match on access point name.
  - Message ID—Match on the message ID.
RADIUS Accounting Inspection

This section describes the IM inspection engine. This section includes the following topics:

- RADIUS Accounting Inspection Overview, page 14-11
One of the well known problems is the over-billing attack in GPRS networks. The over-billing attack can cause consumers anger and frustration by being billed for services that they have not used. In this case, a malicious attacker sets up a connection to a server and obtains an IP address from the SGSN. When the attacker ends the call, the malicious server will still send packets to it, which gets dropped by the GGSN, but the connection from the server remains active. The IP address assigned to the malicious attacker gets released and reassigned to a legitimate user who will then get billed for services that the attacker will use.

RADIUS accounting inspection prevents this type of attack by ensuring the traffic seen by the GGSN is legitimate. With the RADIUS accounting feature properly configured, the security appliance tears down a connection based on matching the Framed IP attribute in the Radius Accounting Request Start message with the Radius Accounting Request Stop message. When the Stop message is seen with the matching IP address in the Framed IP attribute, the security appliance looks for all connections with the source matching the IP address.

You have the option to configure a secret pre-shared key with the RADIUS server so the security appliance can validate the message. If the shared secret is not configured, the security appliance does not need to validate the source of the message and will only check that the source IP address is one of the configured addresses allowed to send the RADIUS messages.

Note

When using RADIUS accounting inspection with GPRS enabled, the ASA checks for the 3GPP-Session-Stop-Indicator in the Accounting Request STOP messages to properly handle secondary PDP contexts. Specifically, the ASA requires that the Accounting Request STOP messages include the 3GPP-SGSN-Address attribute before it will terminate the user sessions and all associated connections. Some third-party GGSNs might not send this attribute by default.

Select RADIUS Accounting Map

The Select RADIUS Accounting Map dialog box lets you select a defined RADIUS accounting map or define a new one.

Fields

- Add—Lets you add a new RADIUS accounting map.

Add RADIUS Accounting Policy Map

The Add RADIUS Accounting Policy Map dialog box lets you add the basic settings for the RADIUS accounting map.
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Fields

- Name—Enter the name of the previously configured RADIUS accounting map.
- Description—Enter the description of the RADIUS accounting map, up to 100 characters in length.
- Host Parameters tab:
  - Host IP Address—Specify the IP address of the host that is sending the RADIUS messages.
  - Key: (optional)—Specify the key.
  - Add—Adds the host entry to the Host table.
  - Delete—Deletes the host entry from the Host table.
- Other Parameters tab:
  - Attribute Number—Specify the attribute number to validate when an Accounting Start is received.
  - Add—Adds the entry to the Attribute table.
  - Delete—Deletes the entry from the Attribute table.
  - Send response to the originator of the RADIUS message—Sends a message back to the host from which the RADIUS message was sent.
  - Enforce timeout—Enables the timeout for users.
- Users Timeout—Timeout for the users in the database (hh:mm:ss).

RADIUS Inspect Map

The RADIUS pane lets you view previously configured RADIUS application inspection maps. A RADIUS map lets you change the default configuration values used for RADIUS application inspection. You can use a RADIUS map to protect against an overbilling attack.

Fields

- Name—Enter the name of the inspect map, up to 40 characters in length.
- Description—Enter the description of the inspect map, up to 200 characters in length.
- RADIUS Inspect Maps—Table that lists the defined RADIUS inspect maps. The defined inspect maps are also listed in the RADIUS area of the Inspect Maps tree.
- Add—Adds the new RADIUS inspect map to the defined list in the RADIUS Inspect Maps table and to the RADIUS area of the Inspect Maps tree. To configure the new RADIUS map, select the RADIUS entry in Inspect Maps tree.
- Delete—Deletes the application inspection map selected in the RADIUS Inspect Maps table and from the RADIUS area of the Inspect Maps tree.

RADIUS Inspect Map Host

The RADIUS Inspect Map Host Parameters pane lets you configure the host parameter settings for the inspect map.
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RSH Inspection

RSH inspection is enabled by default. The RSH protocol uses a TCP connection from the RSH client to the RSH server on TCP port 514. The client and server negotiate the TCP port number where the client listens for the STDERR output stream. RSH inspection supports NAT of the negotiated port number if necessary.

SNMP Inspection

This section describes the IM inspection engine. This section includes the following topics:

- SNMP Inspection Overview, page 14-14
SNMP Inspection Overview

SNMP application inspection lets you restrict SNMP traffic to a specific version of SNMP. Earlier versions of SNMP are less secure; therefore, denying certain SNMP versions may be required by your security policy. The ASA can deny SNMP versions 1, 2, 2c, or 3. You control the versions permitted by creating an SNMP map.

You then apply the SNMP map when you enable SNMP inspection according to the “Configuring Application Layer Protocol Inspection” section on page 10-7.

Select SNMP Map

Add/Edit Service Policy Rule Wizard > Rule Actions > Protocol Inspection Tab > Select SNMP Map

The Select SNMP Map dialog box lets you select or create a new SNMP map. An SNMP map lets you change the configuration values used for SNMP application inspection. The Select SNMP Map table provides a list of previously configured maps that you can select for application inspection.

Fields

- Use the default SNMP inspection map—Specifies to use the default SNMP map.
- Select an SNMP map for fine control over inspection—Lets you select a defined application inspection map or add a new one.
- Add—Opens the Add Policy Map dialog box for the inspection.

SNMP Inspect Map

Configuration > Global Objects > Inspect Maps > SNMP

The SNMP pane lets you view previously configured SNMP application inspection maps. An SNMP map lets you change the default configuration values used for SNMP application inspection.

Fields

- Map Name—Lists previously configured application inspection maps. Select a map and click Edit to view or change an existing map.
- Add—Configures a new SNMP inspect map.
- Edit—Edits the selected SNMP entry in the SNMP Inspect Maps table.
- Delete—Deletes the inspect map selected in the SNMP Inspect Maps table.

Add/Edit SNMP Map

Configuration > Global Objects > Inspect Maps > SNMP > Add/Edit SNMP Map (You can get to this dialog box through various paths.)
The Add/Edit SNMP Map dialog box lets you create a new SNMP map for controlling SNMP application inspection.

**Fields**
- **SNMP Map Name**—Defines the name of the application inspection map.
- **SNMP version 1**—Enables application inspection for SNMP version 1.
- **SNMP version 2 (party based)**—Enables application inspection for SNMP version 2.
- **SNMP version 2c (community based)**—Enables application inspection for SNMP version 2c.
- **SNMP version 3**—Enables application inspection for SNMP version 3.

**XDMCP Inspection**

XDMCP inspection is enabled by default; however, the XDMCP inspection engine is dependent upon proper configuration of the `established` command.

XDMCP is a protocol that uses UDP port 177 to negotiate X sessions, which use TCP when established. For successful negotiation and start of an XWindows session, the ASA must allow the TCP back connection from the Xhosted computer. To permit the back connection, use the `established` command on the ASA. Once XDMCP negotiates the port to send the display, the `established` command is consulted to verify if this back connection should be permitted.

During the XWindows session, the manager talks to the display Xserver on the well-known port 6000 |n. Each display has a separate connection to the Xserver, as a result of the following terminal setting.

```
setenv DISPLAY Xserver:n
```

where \( n \) is the display number.

When XDMCP is used, the display is negotiated using IP addresses, which the ASA can NAT if needed. XDMCP inspection does not support PAT.