ASA and ASA FirePOWER Module Deployment

Is This Chapter for You?
The Cisco ISA 3000 is a powerful, rack-mountable, hardened firewall. This chapter describes how to deploy the ISA 3000 ASA in your network with the ASA FirePOWER module and how to perform initial configuration. This chapter does not cover the following deployments, for which you should refer to the ASA configuration guide:

- Failover
- CLI configuration

This chapter also walks you through configuring a basic security policy; if you have more advanced requirements, refer to the configuration guide.

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Note

The ISA 3000 hardware can run either ASA software or FTD software. Switching between ASA and FTD requires you to reimagine the device. See Reimage the Cisco ASA or Firepower Threat Defense Device.

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Privacy Collection Statement—The ISA 3000 does not require or actively collect personally-identifiable information. However, you can use personally-identifiable information in the configuration, for example for usernames. In this case, an administrator might be able to see this information when working with the configuration or when using SNMP.

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About the ASA

The ASA provides advanced stateful firewall and VPN concentrator functionality in one device, and with the included ASA FirePOWER module, next-generation firewall services including Next-Generation Intrusion Prevention System (NGIPS), Application Visibility and Control (AVC), URL filtering, and Advanced Malware Protection (AMP).

You can manage the ASA using one of the following managers:

- ASDM (Covered in this guide)—A single device manager included on the device.
- CLI
- Cisco Security Manager—A multi-device manager on a separate server.

You can manage the ASA FirePOWER module using one of the following managers:

- ASDM (Covered in this guide)—A single device manager included on the device.
- Firepower Management Center (FMC)—A full-featured, multidevice manager on a separate server.

You can also access the FirePOWER CLI for troubleshooting purposes.

End-to-End Procedure

See the following tasks to deploy and configure the ASA on your chassis.
Pre-Configuration

1. Review the network and default config
2. Cable the device
3. Power on the device

ASA CLI

4. (Optional) Change the IP address

ASDM

5. Log into ASDM
6. (Optional) View the serial number
9. (Optional) Apply the activation key to the device
10. Configure the ASA
11. Configure the ASA FirePOWER Module

Cisco Commerce Workspace

7. (Optional) Obtain feature licenses

Smart Software Manager

8. (Optional) Obtain the activation key

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**Review the Network Deployment and Default Configuration**

The following figure shows the recommended network deployment for the ISA 3000 with the ASA FirePOWER module. The ASA FirePOWER module needs internet access from the Management 1/1 interface for database updates, so be sure the management network can reach the internet.

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**Note**

If you cannot use the default Management IP address for ASDM access, you can set the Management IP address at the ASA CLI. See (Optional) Change the IP Address, on page 8.

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*Figure 1: ISA 3000 Network*
ISA 3000 Default Configuration

The default factory configuration for the ISA 3000 configures the following:

- **Transparent firewall mode**—A transparent firewall is a Layer 2 firewall that acts like a “bump in the wire,” or a “stealth firewall,” and is not seen as a router hop to connected devices.

- **1 Bridge Virtual Interface**—All member interfaces are in the same network (IP address not pre-configured; you must set to match your network): GigabitEthernet 1/1 (outside1), GigabitEthernet 1/2 (inside1), GigabitEthernet 1/3 (outside2), GigabitEthernet 1/4 (inside2)

- All **inside and outside** interfaces can communicate with each other.

- **Management 1/1** interface—192.168.1.1/24 for ASDM access.

- **DHCP** for clients on management.

- **ASDM access**—Management hosts allowed.

- **Hardware bypass** is enabled for the following interface pairs: GigabitEthernet 1/1 & 1/2; GigabitEthernet 1/3 & 1/4

__Note__

When the ISA 3000 loses power and goes into hardware bypass mode, only the above interface pairs can communicate; inside1 and inside2, and outside1 and outside2 can no longer communicate. Any existing connections between these interfaces will be lost. When the power comes back on, there is a brief connection interruption as the ASA takes over the flows.

- **ASA FirePOWER module**—All traffic is sent to the module in Inline Tap Monitor-Only Mode. This mode sends a duplicate stream of traffic to the ASA Firepower module for monitoring purposes only.

- **Precision Time Protocol**—PTP traffic is not sent to the FirePOWER module.

The configuration consists of the following commands:

```
firewall transparent

interface GigabitEthernet1/1
  bridge-group 1
  nameif outside1
  security-level 0
  no shutdown

interface GigabitEthernet1/2
  bridge-group 1
  nameif inside1
  security-level 100
  no shutdown

interface GigabitEthernet1/3
  bridge-group 1
  nameif outside2
  security-level 0
  no shutdown

interface GigabitEthernet1/4
  bridge-group 1
  nameif inside2
  security-level 100
```

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no shutdown
interface Management1/1
  management-only
  no shutdown
  nameif management
  security-level 100
  ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0
interface BVI1
  no ip address

access-list allowAll extended permit ip any any
access-group allowAll in interface outside1
access-group allowAll in interface outside2

same-security-traffic permit inter-interface

hardware-bypass GigabitEthernet 1/1-1/2
hardware-bypass GigabitEthernet 1/3-1/4

http server enable
http 192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0 management
dhcpd address 192.168.1.5-192.168.1.254 management
dhcpd enable management

access-list sfrAccessList extended permit ip any any
class-map sfrclass
  match access-list sfrAccessList
policy-map global_policy
  class sfrclass
    sfr fail-open monitor-only
service-policy global_policy global
Cable the Device

Manage the ISA 3000 and the ASA FirePOWER module on the Management 1/1 interface.

Procedure

Step 1
Connect GigabitEthernet 1/1 to an outside router, and GigabitEthernet 1/2 to an inside router.
These interfaces form a hardware bypass pair.

Step 2
Connect GigabitEthernet 1/3 to a redundant outside router, and GigabitEthernet 1/4 to a redundant inside router.
These interfaces form a hardware bypass pair. These interfaces provide a redundant network path if the other pair fails. All 4 of these data interfaces are on the same network of your choice. You will need to configure the BVI 1 IP address to be on the same network as the inside and outside routers.

Step 3
Connect Management 1/1 to your management computer (or network).
You will need to configure the FirePOWER module IP address to be on the same network so your computer can manage both the ASA and the FirePOWER module.

Step 4
(Optional) Connect the management computer to the console port.
If you need to change the management IP address from the default, you must also cable your management computer to the console port. See (Optional) Change the IP Address, on page 8.

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**Power on the Device**

System power is controlled by DC power; there is no power button.

**Procedure**

**Step 1**
Attach the power plug to the ISA 3000 after wiring it to the DC power source.
Refer to “Connecting to DC Power” in the hardware installation guide for instructions on proper wiring of the power plug.

**Step 2**
Check the System LED on the front panel of the ISA 3000 device; if it is steady green, the device is powered on. If it is flashing green, the device is in Boot up phase and POST.
Refer to “Verifying Connections” in the hardware installation guide to verify that all devices are properly connected to the ISA 3000.

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**(Optional) Change the IP Address**

If you cannot use the default IP address for ASDM access, you can set the IP address at the ASA CLI.

**Note**
This procedure restores the default configuration and also sets your chosen IP address, so if you made any changes to the ASA configuration that you want to preserve, do not use this procedure.

**Procedure**

**Step 1**
Connect to the ASA console port, and enter global configuration mode. See Access the ASA CLI, on page 16 for more information.

**Step 2**
Restore the default configuration with your chosen IP address.

```
configure factory-default [ip_address [mask]]
```

**Example:**

```
ciscoasa(config)# configure factory-default 10.1.1.151 255.255.255.0
```

Based on the management IP address and mask, the DHCP address pool size is reduced to 103 from the platform limit 256

WARNING: The boot system configuration will be cleared.
The first image found in disk0:/ will be used to boot the
system on the next reload.
Verify there is a valid image on disk0:/ or the system will
not boot.

Begin to apply factory-default configuration:
Clear all configuration
Executing command: interface management0/0
Executing command: nameif management
INFO: Security level for "management" set to 0 by default.
Executing command: ip address 10.1.1.151 255.255.255.0
Executing command: security-level 100
Executing command: no shutdown
Executing command: exit
Executing command: http server enable
Executing command: http 10.1.1.0 255.255.255.0 management
Executing command: dhcpd address 10.1.1.152-10.1.1.254 management
Executing command: dhcpd enable management
Executing command: logging asdm informational
Factory-default configuration is completed
ciscoasa(config)#

Step 3  Save the default configuration to flash memory.
write memory

Log Into ASDM

Launch ASDM so you can configure the ASA.

Before you begin

• See the ASDM release notes on Cisco.com for the requirements to run ASDM.

Procedure

Step 1  Enter the following URL in your browser.

• https://192.168.1.1—Management interface IP address.

The Cisco ASDM web page appears. You may see browser security warnings because the ASA does not have
a certificate installed; you can safely ignore these warnings and visit the web page.

Step 2  Click one of these available options: Install ASDM Launcher or Run ASDM.

Step 3  Follow the onscreen instructions to launch ASDM according to the option you chose.

The Cisco ASDM-IDM Launcher appears.

Step 4  Leave the username and password fields empty, and click OK.
The main ASDM window appears.
(Optional) Configure ASA Licensing

The ISA 3000 includes the Base or Security Plus license, depending on the version you ordered. The Security Plus license provides more firewall connections, VPN connections, failover capability, and VLANs.

It also comes pre-installed with the Strong Encryption (3DES/AES) license if you qualify for its use; this license is not available for some countries depending on United States export control policy. The Strong Encryption license allows traffic with strong encryption, such as VPN traffic.

This procedure describes how to obtain and activate additional licenses. You do not need to follow this procedure unless you obtain new licenses.

If you need to manually request the Strong Encryption license (which is free), see https://www.cisco.com/go/license.

You can optionally purchase an AnyConnect Plus or Apex license, which allows AnyConnect VPN client connections.

To install additional ASA licenses, perform the following steps.

Procedure

Step 1  Obtain the serial number for your ASA in ASDM by choosing Configuration > Device Management > Licensing > Activation Key.

Note  The serial number used for licensing is different from the chassis serial number printed on the outside of your hardware. The chassis serial number is used for technical support, but not for licensing. To view the licensing serial number, enter the show version | grep Serial command or see the ASDM Configuration > Device Management > Licensing Activation Key page.

Step 2  See http://www.cisco.com/go/ccw to purchase the Security Plus license using the following PID: L-ISA3000SEC+-K9-.

For AnyConnect License PIDs, see the Cisco AnyConnect Ordering Guide and the AnyConnect Licensing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

After you order a license, you will then receive an email with a Product Authorization Key (PAK) so you can obtain the license activation key. For the AnyConnect licenses, you receive a multi-use PAK that you can apply to multiple ASAs that use the same pool of user sessions. The PAK email can take several days in some cases.

Step 3  Obtain the activation key from the following licensing website: https://www.cisco.com/go/license

Enter the following information, when prompted:

- Product Authorization Keys
- The serial number of your ASA
- Your e-mail address

An activation key is automatically generated and sent to the e-mail address that you provide. This key includes all features you have registered so far for permanent licenses.
Configure the ASA

Using ASDM, you can use wizards to configure basic and advanced features. You can also manually configure features not included in wizards. You must set the BVI 1 IP address to match your network.

Procedure

Step 1  Choose Wizards > Startup Wizard, and click the Modify existing configuration radio button.

Step 4  On the ASDM Configuration > Device Management > Licensing > Activation Key pane, enter the New Activation Key.

The key is a five-element hexadecimal string with one space between each element. The leading 0x specifier is optional; all values are assumed to be hexadecimal. For example:

ASA0xd11b3d48 0xa80a4c0a 0x48e0fd1c 0xb0443480 0x843fc490

Step 5  Click Update Activation Key.
Step 2

The **Startup Wizard** walks you through configuring:

- The enable password
- Interfaces, including setting the inside and outside interface IP addresses and enabling interfaces.
- Static routes
- The DHCP server
- And more...

Step 3

Configure the ASA FirePOWER module management IP address.

a) Configure additional ASA settings as desired, or skip screens until you reach the **ASA FirePOWER Basic Configuration** screen.
b) Set the following values to work with the default configuration:

- **IP Address** — 192.168.1.2. If you changed the ASA default IP address according to (Optional) Change the IP Address, on page 8, then use an available IP address on the same network. Be sure not to use an IP address in the DHCP server range (if you used the `configure factory-default` command, do not use any address higher than the ASA address you specified).

- **Subnet Mask** — 255.255.255.0

- **Gateway** — Your management router IP address.

c) Click **I accept the agreement**, and click **Next** or **Finish** to complete the wizard.

d) Quit ASDM, and then relaunch. You should see **ASA FirePOWER** tabs on the **Home** page.

**Step 4**  
(Optional) From the **Wizards** menu, run other wizards.

**Step 5**  
To continue configuring your ASA, see the documents available for your software version at **Navigating the Cisco ASA Series Documentation**.
Configure the ASA FirePOWER Module

Use ASDM to install licenses, configure the module security policy, and send traffic to the module.

You can alternatively use the Firepower Management Center to manage the ASA FirePOWER module. See the ASA FirePOWER Module Quick Start Guide for more information.

2. Configure the FirePOWER Security Policy, on page 15.
3. Change the ASA FirePOWER Module to Inline Mode, on page 15.

Configure FirePOWER Licensing

The ASA FirePOWER module uses a separate licensing mechanism from the ASA. No licenses are pre-installed, but the box includes a PAK on a printout that lets you obtain a license activation key for the following licenses:

- **Control and Protection**—Control is also known as “Application Visibility and Control (AVC)” or “Apps”. Protection is also known as “IPS”. In addition to the activation key for these licenses, you also need “right-to-use” subscriptions for automated updates for these features.

  The Control (AVC) updates are included with a Cisco support contract.

  The Protection (IPS) updates require you to purchase the IPS subscription from http://www.cisco.com/go/ccw. This subscription includes entitlement to Rule, Engine, Vulnerability, and Geolocation updates. **Note:** This right-to-use subscription does not generate or require a PAK/license activation key for the ASA FirePOWER module; it just provides the right to use the updates.

Other licenses that you can purchase include the following:

- **Advanced Malware Protection (AMP)**
- **URL Filtering**

These licenses generate a PAK/license activation key for the ASA FirePOWER module, which you should receive in your email. See the Cisco Firepower System Feature Licenses for more information.

To install ASA FirePOWER licenses, perform the following steps.

**Procedure**

1. **Step 1** Obtain the License Key for your chassis by choosing Configuration > ASA FirePOWER Configuration > Licenses and clicking Add New License.

   The License Key is near the top; for example, 72:78:DA:6E:D9:93:35.
Step 2  
Click **Get License** to launch the licensing portal. Alternatively, in your browser go to https://www.cisco.com/go/license.

Step 3  
Enter the PAKs separated by commas in the **Get New Licenses** field, and click **Fulfill**.

Step 4  
Provide the License Key and email address and other fields.

Step 5  
Copy the resulting license activation key from either the website display or from the zip file attached to the licensing email that the system automatically delivers.

Step 6  
Return to the ASDM **Configuration > ASA FirePOWER Configuration > Licenses > Add New License** screen.

Step 7  
Paste the license activation key into the **License** box.

Step 8  
Click **Verify License** to ensure that you copied the text correctly, and then click **Submit License** after verification.

Step 9  
Click **Return to License Page**.

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**Configure the FirePOWER Security Policy**

Configure the security policy for traffic that you send from the ASA to the FirePOWER module.

**Procedure**

Choose **Configuration > ASA FirePOWER Configuration** to configure the ASA FirePOWER security policy.

Use the ASA FirePOWER pages in ASDM for information to learn about the ASA FirePOWER security policy. You can click **Help** in any page, or choose **Help > ASA FirePOWER Help Topics**, to learn more about how to configure policies.

See also the **ASA FirePOWER module configuration guide**.

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**Change the ASA FirePOWER Module to Inline Mode**

The default ISA 3000 configuration sends all traffic to the ASA FirePOWER module in Inline Tap Monitor-Only Mode. This mode sends a duplicate stream of traffic to the module for monitoring purposes only. If you want to change the mode to **inline** mode, where the module policy affects traffic, and/or to change the traffic sent to the module, perform the following steps.

**Procedure**

Step 1  
Choose **Configuration > Firewall > Service Policy Rules**.

Step 2  
Under **Global; Policy: global_policy**, select **sfrclass**, and click **Edit**.
Access the ASA CLI

You can use the ASA CLI to troubleshoot or configure the ASA instead of using ASDM. You can access the CLI by connecting to the console port. You can later configure SSH access to the ASA on any interface; SSH access is disabled by default. See the ASA general operations configuration guide for more information.
You can also connect to the ASA FirePOWER module internal console port from the ASA CLI. For details about the FirePOWER CLI, see the "Classic Device Command Reference" in the FMC configuration guide.

**Procedure**

**Step 1** Connect your management computer to the console port, either the RJ-45 port or the mini-USB port. Be sure to install any necessary USB serial drivers for your operating system. Use the following serial settings:

- 9600 baud
- 8 data bits
- No parity
- 1 stop bit

You connect to the ASA CLI. There are no user credentials required for console access by default.

**Step 2** Access privileged EXEC mode.

```
enable
```

You are prompted to change the password the first time you enter the `enable` command.

**Example:**

```
ciscoasa> enable
Password:
The enable password is not set. Please set it now.
Enter Password: ******
Repeat Password: ******
ciscoasa#
```

All non-configuration commands are available in privileged EXEC mode. You can also enter configuration mode from privileged EXEC mode.

To exit privileged EXEC mode, enter the `disable`, `exit`, or `quit` command.

**Step 3** Access global configuration mode.

```
configure terminal
```

**Example:**

```
ciscoasa# configure terminal
```

You can begin to configure the ASA from global configuration mode. To exit global configuration mode, enter the `exit`, `quit`, or `end` command.

**Step 4** (Optional) Access the ASA FirePOWER module console.

```
session sfr
```

Log in with the `admin` username and the password. The default password is `Admin123`. The first time you log in, you are prompted for a new password and for Management interface network settings. You can alternatively set the network settings using ASDM.
Exit the FirePOWER CLI by typing Ctrl-Shift-6, X.

**Example:**

ciscoasa# session sfr
Opening command session with module sfr.
Connected to module sfr. Escape character sequence is 'CTRL-^X'.

FP3 login: admin
Password: ********
Last login: Wed Mar 13 05:16:08 UTC 2019 on ttyS1

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**What's Next?**

- To continue configuring your ASA, see the documents available for your software version at [Navigating the Cisco ASA Series Documentation](#).
- See the online help or the [ASA FirePOWER module local management configuration guide](#) or the [FMC configuration guide](#) for your version.