



Secure Firewall 200 Threat Defense Getting Started: Firewall Management Center on a Local Management Network

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CHAPTER 1

Before You Begin

The Secure Firewall 200 offers next-generation firewall capabilities designed for distributed enterprises and small branch locations. It provides robust, cost-effective security and simplified management within a compact form factor, ensuring secure and optimized connectivity at the network edge. The Secure Firewall 200:

- Extends Cisco's Hybrid Mesh Firewall architecture to branch edges
- Provides AI-powered inspection and consistent security policies
- Integrates SD-WAN capabilities for enhanced application performance and reliable user access
- Delivers application and user control, efficient segmentation, and advanced security features tailored for cost-sensitive environments.

Manage the firewall using the Secure Firewall Management Center on a dedicated management network.

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Power on the firewall

System power is controlled by a power button located on the rear of the firewall. The power button provides a soft notification that supports graceful shutdown of the system to reduce the risk of system software and data corruption.



Note The first time you boot up the firewall, Firewall Threat Defense initialization can take approximately 15 to 30 minutes.

Before you begin

It's important that you provide reliable power for your firewall (for example, using an uninterruptable power supply (UPS)). Loss of power without first shutting down can cause serious file system damage. There are

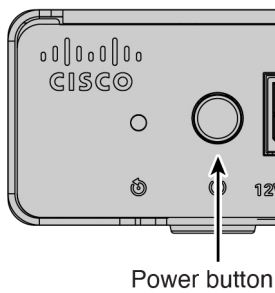
many processes running in the background all the time, and losing power does not allow the graceful shutdown of your system.

Procedure

Step 1 Attach the power cord to the firewall, and connect it to an electrical outlet.

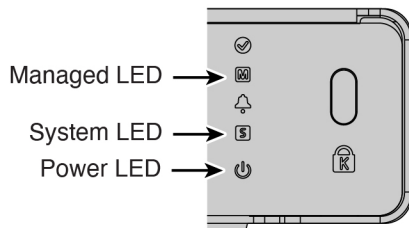
Step 2 Turn the power on using the power button located on the rear of the chassis, adjacent to the power cord.

Figure 1: Power button



Step 3 Check the LEDs for the current status.

Figure 2: LEDs



- Power LED—Solid green means the firewall is powered on.
- System (S) LED—See the following behavior:

Table 1: System (S) LED Behavior

LED Behavior	Description	Time After Device Powered On (minutes:seconds)
Fast flashing green	Booting up	01:00
<i>Fast flashing amber (error condition)</i>	Failed to boot up	01:00
Solid green	Application loaded	15:00 - 30:00

LED Behavior	Description	Time After Device Powered On (minutes:seconds)
<i>Solid amber (error condition)</i>	Application failed to load	15:00 - 30:00

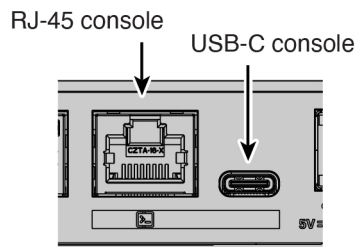
Which application is installed: Firewall Threat Defense or ASA?

Both applications, Firewall Threat Defense or ASA, are supported on the hardware. Connect to the console port and determine which application was installed at the factory.

Procedure

Step 1 Connect to the console port using either port type.

Figure 3: Console port



Step 2 See the CLI prompts to determine if your firewall is running Firewall Threat Defense or ASA.

Firewall Threat Defense

You see the firepower login (FXOS) prompt. You can disconnect without logging in and setting a new password. If you need to log in all the way, see [Access the Firewall Threat Defense CLI, on page 4](#).

```
firepower login:
```

ASA

You see the ASA prompt.

```
ciscoasa>
```

Step 3 If you are running the wrong application, see [Cisco Secure Firewall ASA and Secure Firewall Threat Defense Reimage Guide](#).

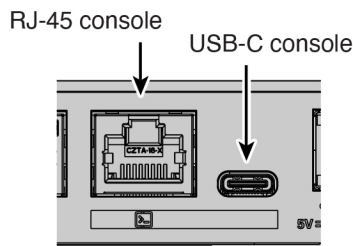
Access the Firewall Threat Defense CLI

You might need to access the CLI for configuration or troubleshooting.

Procedure

Step 1 Connect to the console port using either port type.

Figure 4: Console port



Step 2 You connect to FXOS. Log in to the CLI using the **admin** username and the password (the default is **Admin123**). The first time you log in, you are prompted to change the password.

```
firepower login: admin
Password: Admin123
Successful login attempts for user 'admin' : 1

[...]

Hello admin. You must change your password.
Enter new password: *****
Confirm new password: *****
Your password was updated successfully.

[...]

firepower#
```

Step 3 Change to the Firewall Threat Defense CLI.

Note

If you want to use the Firewall Device Manager for initial setup, do not access the Firewall Threat Defense CLI, which starts the CLI setup.

connect ftd

The first time you connect to the Firewall Threat Defense CLI, you are prompted to complete initial setup.

Example:

```
firepower# connect ftd
>
```

To exit the Firewall Threat Defense CLI, enter the **exit** or **logout** command. This command returns you to the FXOS prompt.

Example:

```
> exit
firepower#
```

Check the version and reimage

We recommend that you install your target version before you configure the firewall. Alternatively, you can perform an upgrade after you are up and running, but upgrading, which preserves your configuration, may take longer than using this procedure.

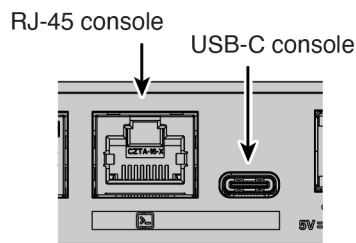
What version should I run?

Cisco recommends running a Gold Star release indicated by a gold star next to the release number on the software download page. You can also refer to the release strategy described in <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/security/firewalls/bulletin-c25-743178.html>.

Procedure

Step 1 Connect to the console port using either port type.

Figure 5: Console port



Step 2 At the FXOS CLI, show the running version.

```
scope ssa
```

```
show app-instance
```

Example:

```
Firepower# scope ssa
Firepower /ssa # show app-instance
```

Application Name	Slot	ID	Admin State	Operational State	Running Version	Startup Version	Cluster	Oper State
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

ftd	1	Enabled	Online	7.6.0.65	7.6.0.65	Not Applicable
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Step 3 If you want to install a new version, perform these steps.

- a) By default, the Management interface uses DHCP. If you need to set a static IP address for the Management interface, enter the following commands.

scope fabric-interconnect a

set out-of-band static ip ip netmask netmask gw gateway

commit-buffer

- b) Perform the [reimage procedure](#) in the [FXOS troubleshooting guide](#).

You will need to download the new image from a server accessible from the Management interface.

After the firewall reboots, you connect to the FXOS CLI again.

- c) At the FXOS CLI, you are prompted to set the admin password again.

Obtain licenses

When you bought your device from Cisco or a reseller, your licenses should have been linked to your Smart Software License account. If you don't have an account on the [Smart Software Manager](#), click the link to [set up a new account](#).

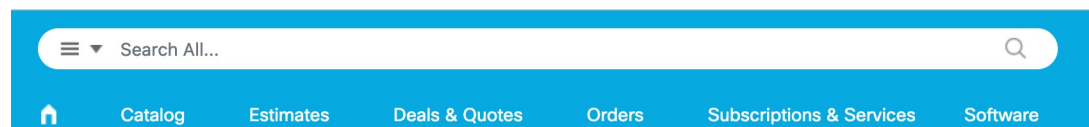
If you have not already done so, register the Firewall Management Center with the Smart Software Manager. Registering requires you to generate a registration token in the Smart Software Manager. See the [Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center Administration Guide](#) for detailed instructions.

The Firewall Threat Defense has the following licenses:

- Essentials—Required
- IPS
- Malware Defense
- URL Filtering
- Cisco Secure Client

1. If you need to add licenses yourself, go to [Cisco Commerce Workspace](#) and use the **Search All** field.

Figure 6: License Search



2. Search for the following license PIDs.



Note If a PID is not found, you can add the PID manually to your order.

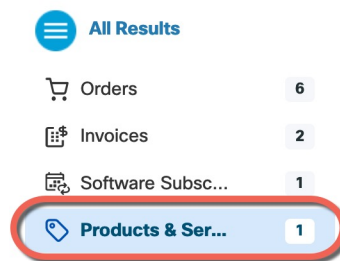
- IPS, Malware Defense, and URL combination:
 - CSF220T-TMC

When you add one of the above PIDs to your order, you can then choose a term-based subscription corresponding with one of the following PIDs:

- CSF220T-TMC-1Y
- CSF220T-TMC-3Y
- CSF220T-TMC-5Y
- Cisco Secure Client—See the [Cisco Secure Client Ordering Guide](#).

3. Choose **Products & Services** from the results.

Figure 7: Results



(If Needed) Power off the firewall

It's important that you shut down your system properly. Simply unplugging the power or pressing the power switch can cause serious file system damage. There are many processes running in the background all the time, and unplugging or shutting off the power does not allow the graceful shutdown of your firewall system.

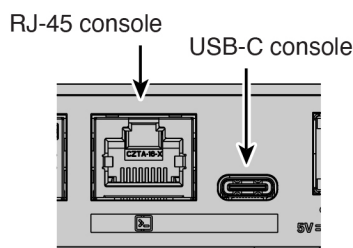
Power off the firewall at the CLI

You can use the FXOS CLI to safely shut down the system and power off the firewall.

Procedure

- Step 1** Connect to the console port using either port type.

Figure 8: Console port



Step 2 In the FXOS CLI, connect to local-mgmt mode.

```
firepower # connect local-mgmt
```

Step 3 Shut down the system.

```
firepower(local-mgmt) # shutdown
```

Example:

```
firepower(local-mgmt)# shutdown
This command will shutdown the system. Continue?
Please enter 'YES' or 'NO': yes
INIT: Stopping Cisco Threat Defense.....ok
```

Step 4 Monitor the system prompts as the firewall shuts down. When the shutdown is complete, you will see the following prompt.

```
System is stopped.
It is safe to power off now.
Do you want to reboot instead? [y/N]
```

Step 5 You can now turn off the power switch and unplug the power to physically remove power from the chassis if necessary.

Power off the firewall using the Firewall Management Center

Shut down your system properly using the Firewall Management Center.

Procedure

Step 1 Shut down the firewall.

- Choose **Devices > Device Management**.
- Next to the device that you want to restart, click **Edit** (🔗).
- Click the **Device** tab.
- Click **Shut Down Device** (🔌) in the **System** section.
- When prompted, confirm that you want to shut down the device.

Step 2 If you have a console connection to the firewall, monitor the system prompts as the firewall shuts down. When shutdown is complete, you will see the following prompt.

```
System is stopped.  
It is safe to power off now.
```

```
Do you want to reboot instead? [y/N]
```

If you do not have a console connection, wait approximately 3 minutes to ensure the system has shut down.

Step 3

You can now turn off the power switch and unplug the power to physically remove power from the chassis if necessary.



CHAPTER 2

Cable and Register the Firewall

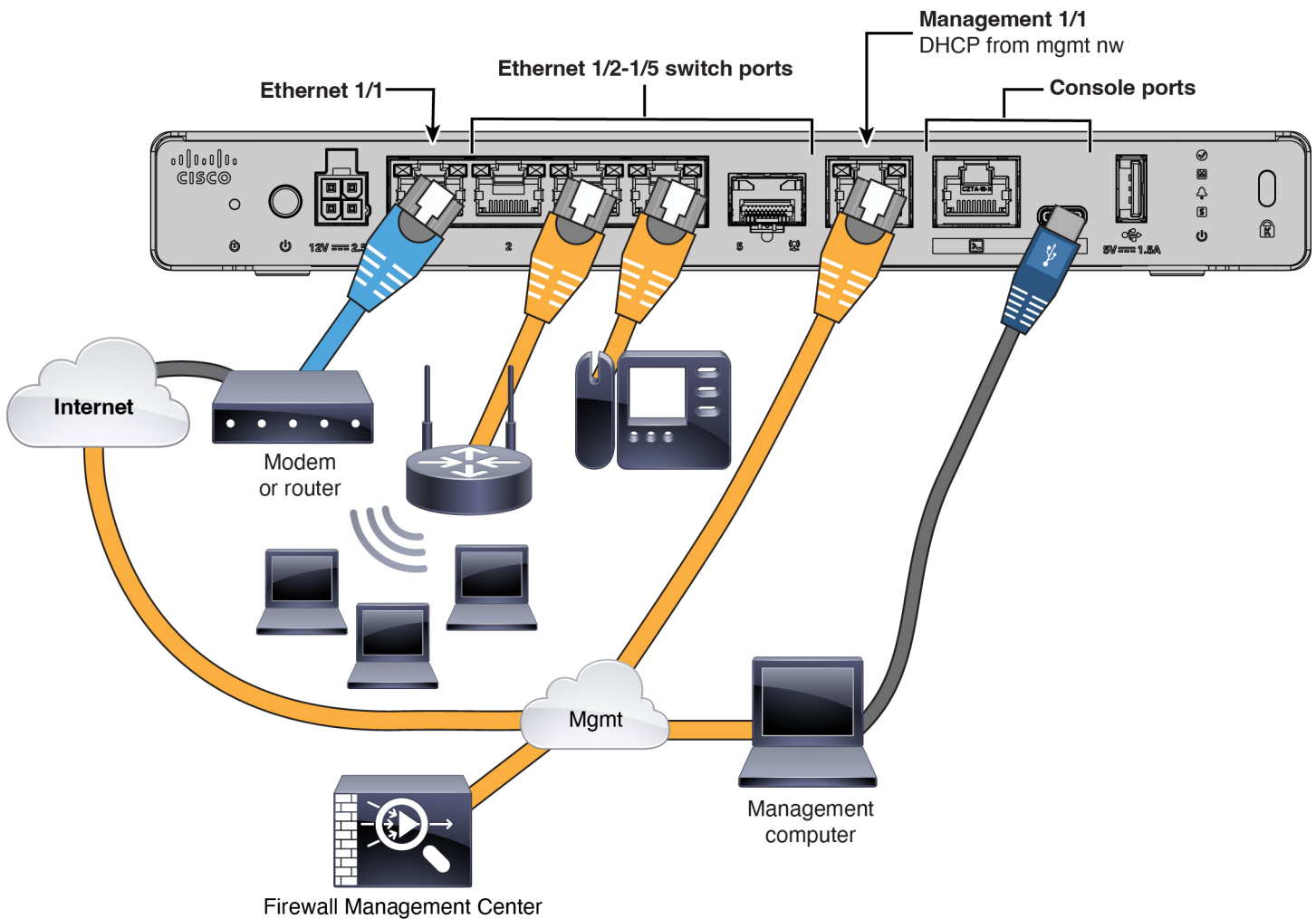
Cable the firewall and then register the firewall to the Firewall Management Center.

- [Cable the firewall, on page 11](#)
- [Perform initial configuration, on page 12](#)
- [Register the firewall with the Firewall Management Center, on page 20](#)

Cable the firewall

Connect the Firewall Management Center to the dedicated Management 1/1 interface. The management network needs access to the internet for updates. For example, you can connect the management network to the internet through the firewall itself (for example, by connecting to the inside network).

- Install an SFP into Ethernet 1/5—It is a 1-Gbps SFP port that requires an SFP module.
- See the [hardware installation guide](#) for more information.



Perform initial configuration

Perform initial configuration of the firewall using the Secure Firewall Device Manager or using the CLI.

Initial configuration: Firewall Device Manager

Using this method, after you register the firewall, the following interfaces will be preconfigured in addition to the Management interface:

- Ethernet 1/1—**outside**, IP address from DHCP, IPv6 autoconfiguration
- — **inside**, 192.168.95.1/24
- Default route—Obtained through DHCP on the outside interface
- Additional interfaces—Any interface configuration from the Firewall Device Manager is preserved.

Other settings, such as the DHCP server on inside, access control policy, or security zones, are not preserved.

Procedure

Step 1 Connect your computer to the inside interface.

Step 2 Log into the Firewall Device Manager.

- Go to <https://192.168.95.1>.
- Log in with the username **admin** and the default password **Admin123**.
- You are prompted to read and accept the General Terms and change the admin password.

Step 3 Use the setup wizard.

Note

The exact port configuration depends on your model.

- Configure the outside and management interfaces.

Figure 9: Connect firewall to internet

Connect firewall to Internet

The initial access control policy will enforce the following actions.
You can edit the policy after setup.

Rule 1 Trust Outbound Traffic This rule allows traffic to go from inside to outside, which is needed for the Smart License configuration.	Default Action Block all other traffic The default action blocks all other traffic.
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Outside Interface Address

Connect Ethernet1/1 (Outside) to your ISP/WAN device, for example, your cable modem or router. Then, configure the addresses for the outside interface.

Configure IPv4

Using DHCP
 ▼

Configure IPv6

Using DHCP
 ▼

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Don't have internet connection?
[Skip device setup](#) ⓘ

- Outside Interface Address**—Use a static IP address if you plan for high availability. You cannot configure PPPoE using the setup wizard; you can configure PPPoE after you complete the wizard.
- Management Interface**—Setting the Management interface IP address is not part of the setup wizard, but you can set the following options. If you need to use a static IP address, see [Step 4, on page 15](#).
DNS Servers—The DNS server for the system's management address. The default is the OpenDNS public DNS servers.

Firewall Hostname

- b) Configure the **Time Setting (NTP)** and click **Next**.

Figure 10: Time Setting (NTP)

Time Setting (NTP)

System Time: 11:56:20AM October 03 2024 -06:00

Time Zone for Scheduling Tasks

(UTC+00:00) UTC

NTP Time Server

Default NTP Servers

Server Name

0.sourcefire.pool.ntp.org

1.sourcefire.pool.ntp.org

2.sourcefire.pool.ntp.org

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- c) Select **Start 90 day evaluation period without registration**.

Register with Cisco Smart Software Manager

Register with Cisco Smart Software Manager to use the full functionality of this device and to apply subscription licenses.

[What is smart license? ↗](#)

☐ Continue with evaluation period: **Start 90-day evaluation period without registration**

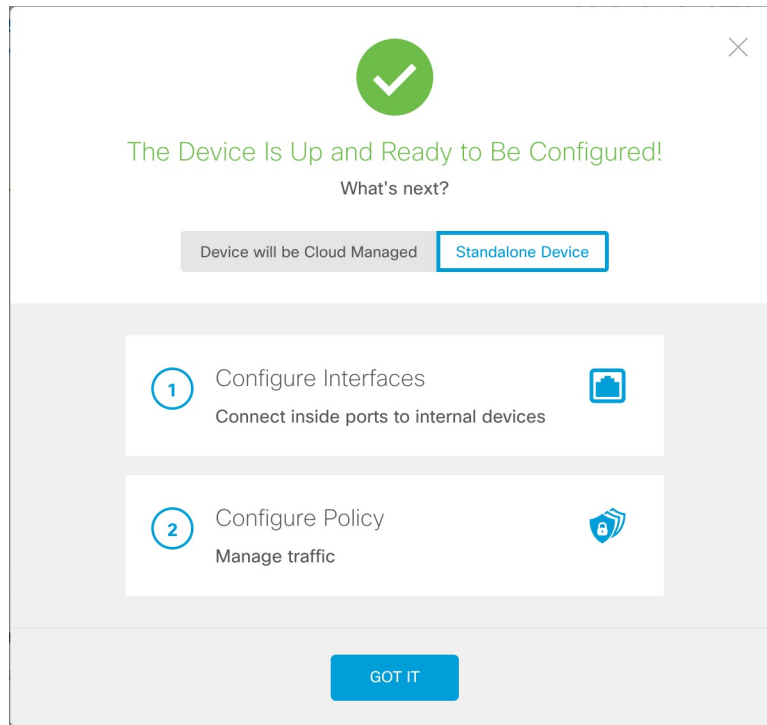
Recommended if device will be cloud managed. [Learn More ↗](#)

Please make sure you register with Cisco before the evaluation period ends. Otherwise you will not be able to make any changes to the device configuration.

Do not register the Firewall Threat Defense with the Smart Software Manager; all licensing is performed on the Firewall Management CenterSecurity Cloud Control.

- d) Click **Finish**.

Figure 11: What's Next



e) Choose **Standalone Device**, and then **Got It**.

Step 4 (Optional) Configure the Management interface with a static IP address. See the Management interface on **Device > Interfaces**.

Step 5 If you want to configure additional interfaces, choose **Device**, and then click the link in the **Interfaces** summary.

Step 6 Register with the Firewall Management CenterSecurity Cloud Control by choosing **Device > System Settings > Central Management** and clicking **Proceed**

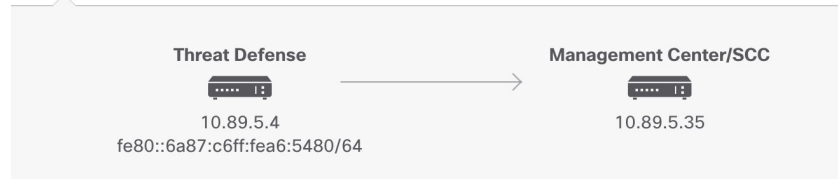
Configure the **Management Center/SCC/Details**.

Note

Older versions may show "CDO" instead of "SCC."

Figure 12: Management Center/SCC Details**Management Center/SCC Details**

Do you know the Management Center/SCC hostname or IP address?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Management Center/SCC Hostname or IP Address

10.89.5.35

Management Center/SCC Registration Key

....

NAT ID

Required when the management center/SCC hostname or IP address is not provided. We recommend always setting the NAT ID even when you specify the management center/SCC hostname or IP address.

11204

Connectivity Configuration

Threat Defense Hostname

1120-4

DNS Server Group

CustomDNSServerGroup

Management Center/SCC Access Interface

management (Management1/1)

Type: Static | IP Address: 10.89.5.4 / 255.255.255.192

[Edit](#)

CANCEL

CONNECT

- For **Do you know the Management Center/SCC Hostname or IP address**, click **Yes** if you can reach the Firewall Management Center using an IP address or hostname or **No** if the Firewall Management Center is behind NAT or does not have a public IP address or hostname.
- If you chose **Yes**, enter the **Management Center/SCC Hostname/IP Address**.
- Specify the **Management Center/SCC Registration Key**.

This key is a one-time registration key of your choice that you will also specify on the Firewall Management Center when you register the firewall. The registration key must be between 2 and 36 characters. Valid characters include

alphanumeric characters (A–Z, a–z, 0–9) and the hyphen (-). This ID can be used for multiple firewalls registering to the Firewall Management Center.

d) Specify a **NAT ID**.

This ID is a unique, one-time string of your choice that you will also specify on the Firewall Management Center. We recommend that you specify the NAT ID even if you know the IP addresses of both devices. The NAT ID must be between 2 and 36 characters. Valid characters include alphanumeric characters (A–Z, a–z, 0–9) and the hyphen (-). This ID *cannot* be used for any other firewalls registering to the Firewall Management Center. The NAT ID is used in combination with the IP address to verify that the connection is coming from the correct device; only after authentication of the IP address/NAT ID will the registration key be checked.

Step 7 Configure the **Connectivity Configuration**.

- a) Specify the **Threat Defense Hostname**.
- b) Specify the **DNS Server Group**.

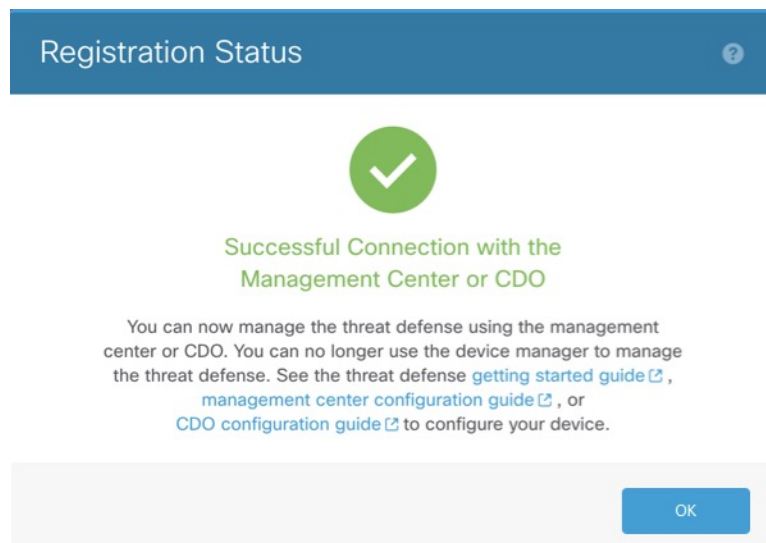
Although you already set this: Choose an existing group, or create a new one. The default DNS group is called **CiscoUmbrellaDNSServerGroup**, which includes the OpenDNS servers.

- c) For the **Management Center/SCC Access Interface**, click **Management Interface**.

Step 8 Click **Connect**.

The **Registration Status** dialog box shows the current status of the Firewall Management CenterSecurity Cloud Control registration.

Figure 13: Successful Connection



- Step 9** After the **Saving Management Center/SCC Registration Settings** step on the status screen, go to the Firewall Management CenterSecurity Cloud Control and add the firewall. See [Register the firewall with the Firewall Management Center, on page 20](#).

Initial configuration: CLI

Set the dedicated Management IP address, gateway, and other basic networking settings using the CLI setup script.

Procedure

- Step 1** Connect to the console port and access the Firewall Threat Defense CLI. See [Access the Firewall Threat Defense CLI, on page 4](#).
- Step 2** Complete the CLI setup script for the Management interface settings.

Note

You cannot repeat the CLI setup script unless you clear the configuration, for example, by reimaging. However, all of these settings can be changed later at the CLI using **configure network** commands. See [Cisco Secure Firewall Threat Defense Command Reference](#).

```
You must accept the EULA to continue.
Press <ENTER> to display the EULA:
Cisco General Terms
[...]
```

```
Please enter 'YES' or press <ENTER> to AGREE to the EULA:
```

```
System initialization in progress. Please stand by.
You must configure the network to continue.
Configure at least one of IPv4 or IPv6 unless managing via data interfaces.
Do you want to configure IPv4? (y/n) [y]:
Do you want to configure IPv6? (y/n) [y]: n
```

Guidance: Enter y for at least one of these types of addresses.

```
Configure IPv4 via DHCP or manually? (dhcp/manual) [manual]:
Enter an IPv4 address for the management interface [192.168.45.61]: 10.89.5.17
Enter an IPv4 netmask for the management interface [255.255.255.0]: 255.255.255.192

Enter the IPv4 default gateway for the management interface [data-interfaces]: 10.10.10.1

Enter a fully qualified hostname for this system [firepower]: 1010-3
Enter a comma-separated list of DNS servers or 'none' [208.67.222.222,208.67.220.220,2620:119:35::35]:
Enter a comma-separated list of search domains or 'none' []: cisco.com
If your networking information has changed, you will need to reconnect.
Disabling IPv6 configuration: management0
Setting DNS servers: 208.67.222.222,208.67.220.220,2620:119:35::35
Setting DNS domains:cisco.com

Setting hostname as 1010-3
Setting static IPv4: 10.89.5.17 netmask: 255.255.255.192 gateway: data on management0
Updating routing tables, please wait...
All configurations applied to the system. Took 3 Seconds.
Saving a copy of running network configuration to local disk.
For HTTP Proxy configuration, run 'configure network http-proxy'
```

```
Manage the device locally? (yes/no) [yes]: no
```

Guidance: Enter no to use the Firewall Management Center.

```
Setting hostname as 1010-3
Setting static IPv4: 10.89.5.17 netmask: 255.255.255.192 gateway: data on management0
```

```
Updating routing tables, please wait...
All configurations applied to the system. Took 3 Seconds.
Saving a copy of running network configuration to local disk.
For HTTP Proxy configuration, run 'configure network http-proxy'
Configuring firewall mode ...
```

```
Device is in OffBox mode - disabling/removing port 443 from iptables.
Update policy deployment information
  - add device configuration
  - add network discovery
  - add system policy
```

You can register the sensor to a Firepower Management Center and use the Firepower Management Center to manage it. Note that registering the sensor to a Firepower Management Center disables on-sensor Firepower Services management capabilities.

When registering the sensor to a Firepower Management Center, a unique alphanumeric registration key is always required. In most cases, to register a sensor to a Firepower Management Center, you must provide the hostname or the IP address along with the registration key.

```
'configure manager add [hostname | ip address ] [registration key ]'
```

However, if the sensor and the Firepower Management Center are separated by a NAT device, you must enter a unique NAT ID, along with the unique registration key.

```
'configure manager add DONTRESOLVE [registration key ] [ NAT ID ]'
```

Later, using the web interface on the Firepower Management Center, you must use the same registration key and, if necessary, the same NAT ID when you add this sensor to the Firepower Management Center.

```
>
```

Step 3 Identify the Firewall Management Center.

```
configure manager add {hostname | IPv4_address | IPv6_address | DONTRESOLVE} reg_key nat_id
```

- {hostname | IPv4_address | IPv6_address | **DONTRESOLVE**}—Specifies either the FQDN or IP address of the Firewall Management Center. If the Firewall Management Center is not directly addressable, use **DONTRESOLVE**, in which case the firewall must have a reachable IP address or hostname.
- *reg_key*—Specifies a one-time registration key of your choice that you will also specify on the Firewall Management Center when you register the Firewall Threat Defense. The registration key must be between 2 and 36 characters. Valid characters include alphanumeric characters (A–Z, a–z, 0–9) and the hyphen (-).
- *nat_id*—Specifies a unique, one-time string of your choice that you will also specify on the Firewall Management Center. The NAT ID must be between 2 and 36 characters. Valid characters include alphanumeric characters (A–Z, a–z, 0–9) and the hyphen (-). This ID cannot be used for any other devices registering to the Firewall Management Center.

Example:

```
> configure manager add fmc-1.example.com regk3y78 natid56
Manager successfully configured.
```

Register the firewall with the Firewall Management Center

Register the firewall to the Firewall Management Center.

Procedure

- Step 1** Log into the Firewall Management Center.
- Enter the following URL.
https://fmc_ip_address
 - Enter your username and password.
 - Click **Log In**.
- Step 2** Choose **Devices > Device Management**.
- Step 3** From the **Add** drop-down menu, choose **Device**.
- Step 4** Click **Registration Key**, click **Basic**, and then click **Next**.

Figure 14: Device Registration Method

Add device

1 Device registration method

2 Device details

3 Initial device configuration

Device registration method

Registration key
Identify the same one-time registration key on the device and in the management center.

Serial number
Identify the device by serial number. On the device, you don't have to configure anything (zero-touch provisioning).

Choose the initial device configuration method:

☒ **Basic**
Apply basic configuration, including the access control policy.

☐ **Device template**
Preconfigure settings using a template. A compatible **template** must exist (either a default template or one you added) before continuing.

Cancel

Next

- Step 5** Configure the device details and click **Next**.

Figure 15: Device Details

Add device

- ✓ Device registration method
- 2 Device details**
- 3 Initial device configuration

Device details

Domain *
Global/Leaf1

Hostname or IP address
10.89.5.41
e.g. server.example.com or 192.168.1.1

Display name *
3110-1

Registration key *
....
Enter the same registration key you set on the device. This key doesn't have to be unique per device. Use alphanumerical characters (A-Z, a-z, 0-9) and the hyphen (-), between 2 and 36 characters.

Unique NAT ID
31101
Enter the same NAT ID if you set one on the device. This key needs to be unique per device. Use alphanumerical characters (A-Z, a-z, 0-9) and the hyphen (-), between 2 and 36 characters.

☐ **Analytics-only management center**
When using Security Cloud Control as your primary manager, you can use an On-Prem management center for analytics.

[Cancel](#) [Back](#) [Next](#)

- **Domain**—In a multidomain environment, choose the leaf domain.
- **Device group**—In a single domain environment, add the device to a **Device group**.
- **Hostname or IP address**—Enter the IP address or the hostname of the device you want to add. Leave this field blank if you don't know the device IP address (for example, it's behind NAT).
- **Display name**—Enter a name for the device as you want it to display in the Firewall Management Center. You cannot change this name later.
- **Registration key**—Enter the same registration key from your initial configuration.
- **Unique NAT ID**—Enter the same ID from your initial configuration.
- **Analytics-only management center**—Leave this unchecked.

Step 6 Configure the initial device configuration.

Figure 16: Initial Device Configuration

Add device

- Device registration method
- Device details
- 3 Initial device configuration**

Initial device configuration

Access control policy *
Default Access Control Policy +

Smart licensing
Ensure that your smart licensing account has the required licenses.

Is this device physical or virtual?
☒ Physical device ☐ Virtual device

License type	Includes
☒ Essentials	Base firewall capabilities
☒ Carrier	GTP/GPRS, Diameter, SCTP, M3UA
☒ IPS	Intrusion Policy
☒ Malware Defense	File Policy
☒ URL Filtering	URL Reputation
☒ RA VPN Premier	RA VPN

☒ **Transfer packets**
For each intrusion event, the device sends event information and the packet that triggered the event to the management center for inspection. If you disable it, only event information will be sent to the management center; the packet will not be sent.

[Cancel](#) [Back](#) [Add device](#)

- **Access control policy**—Choose an initial policy to deploy to the device at registration, or create a new policy. Unless you already have a customized policy you know you need to use, choose **Add (+)**, and choose **Block all traffic**. You can change this later to allow traffic.
- **Smart licensing**—Choose your licenses.
 - **Is this device physical or virtual?**—Choose **Physical device**
 - **License type**—Check each license type to assign to the device.

You can also apply licenses after you add the device.

- **Transfer packets**—Enable this option so that for each intrusion event, the device transfers the packet to the Firewall Management Center for inspection.

For each intrusion event, the device sends event information and the packet that triggered the event to the Firewall Management Center for inspection. If you disable it, only event information will be sent to the Firewall Management Center; the packet will not be sent.

Step 7 Click **Add device**.

It may take up to two minutes for the Firewall Management Center to verify the device's heartbeat and establish communication. If the registration succeeds, the device is added to the list. If it fails, you will see an error message. If the device fails to register, check the following items:

- **Ping**—Access the device CLI, and ping the Firewall Management Center IP address using the following command:
ping system ip_address

If the ping is not successful, check your network settings using the **show network** command. If you need to change the device IP address, use the **configure network {ipv4 | ipv6} manual** command.

- Registration key, NAT ID, and Firewall Management Center IP address—Make sure you are using the same registration key, and if used, NAT ID, on both devices. You can set the registration key and NAT ID on the device using the **configure manager add** command.

For more troubleshooting information, see <https://cisco.com/go/fmc-reg-error>.



CHAPTER 3

Configure a Basic Policy

Configure a basic security policy with the following settings:

- Inside and outside interfaces—Assign a static IP address to the inside interface, and use DHCP for the outside interface.
- DHCP server—Use a DHCP server on the inside interface for clients.
- Default route—Add a default route through the outside interface.
- NAT—Use interface PAT on the outside interface.
- Access control—Allow traffic from inside to outside.

You can also customize your security policy to include more advanced inspections.

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Configure interfaces

When you use the Firewall Device Manager for initial setup instead of using the CLI, the following interfaces are preconfigured:

- Ethernet 1/1—**outside**, IP address from DHCP, IPv6 autoconfiguration
- VLAN1—**inside**, 192.168.95.1/24
- Default route—Obtained through DHCP on the outside interface

If you performed additional interface-specific configuration within Firewall Device Manager before registering with the Firewall Management Center, then that configuration is preserved.

If you used the CLI for initial setup, there is no preconfiguration of your device.

In both cases, you need to perform additional interface configuration after you register the device. For CLI initial setup, you must add the VLAN1 interface for the inside switch ports. Additional configuration includes

converting switch ports to firewall interfaces as desired, assigning interfaces to security zones, and changing IP addresses.

The following example configures a routed-mode inside interface (VLAN1) with a static address and a routed-mode outside interface using DHCP (Ethernet1/1). It also adds a DMZ interface for an internal web server.

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Devices > Device Management**, and click **Edit** (✎) for the device.

Step 2 Click **Interfaces**.

Figure 17: Interfaces

Interface	Logical Name	Type	Security Zones	MAC Address (Active/Standby)	IP Address	Path Monitor	Port Mode	VLAN Usage	SwitchPo	Virtual Router
Management1/1	management	Physical				Disabled			Global	
Ethernet1/1	outside	Physical	outside		10.89.5.29/255.255.255.192...	Disabled			Global	
Ethernet1/2		Physical				Disabled	Access	1		
Ethernet1/3		Physical				Disabled	Access	1		
Ethernet1/4		Physical				Disabled	Access	1		

Step 3 If you used the CLI for initial setup, enable the switch ports.

a) Click **Edit** (✎) for the switch port.

Figure 18: Enable Switch Port

Edit Physical Interface

General | Hardware Configuration

Interface ID:
Ethernet1/2

☒ Enabled

Description:

Port Mode:
Access

VLAN ID:
1

(1 - 4096)

Protected:
☐

b) Enable the interface by checking the **Enabled** check box.

- c) (Optional) Change the VLAN ID; the default is 1. You will next add a VLAN interface to match this ID.
- d) Click **OK**.

Step 4

Add (or edit) the **inside** VLAN interface.

- a) Click **Add Interfaces > VLAN Interface**, or if this interface already exists, click **Edit** (✎) for the interface.

Figure 19: Add VLAN Interface

Add VLAN Interface ⓘ

General IPv4 IPv6 Advanced

Name:

☒ Enabled

Description:

Mode:

Security Zone:

MTU:
(64 - 9198)

Priority:
(0 - 65535)

VLAN ID *:
(1 - 4070)

Disable Forwarding on Interface Vlan:

Associated Interface	Port Mo...
No records to display	

- b) From the **Security Zone** drop-down list, choose an existing inside security zone or add a new one by clicking **New**. For example, add a zone called **inside_zone**. You apply your security policy based on zones or groups. If VLAN1 was preconfigured, the rest of these fields are optional.
- c) Enter a **Name** up to 48 characters in length. For example, name the interface **inside**.
- d) Check the **Enabled** check box.
- e) Leave the **Mode** set to **None**.

- f) Set the **VLAN ID** to **1**.

By default, all of the switchports are set to VLAN 1; if you choose a different VLAN ID here, you need to also edit each switchport to be on the new VLAN ID.

You cannot change the VLAN ID after you save the interface; the VLAN ID is both the VLAN tag used, and the interface ID in your configuration.

- g) Click the **IPv4** and/or **IPv6** tab.

- **IPv4**—Choose **Use Static IP** from the drop-down list, and enter an IP address and subnet mask in slash notation.

For example, enter **192.168.1.56/24**

Figure 20: Set Inside IP Address

Add VLAN Interface

General
IPv4
IPv6
Advanced

IP Type:

Use Static IP ▼

IP Address:

192.168.1.56/24

eg. 192.0.2.1/255.255.255.128 or 192.0.2.1/25

- **IPv6**—Check the **Autoconfiguration** check box for stateless autoconfiguration.

- h) Click **OK**.

Step 5 Click **Edit** (✎) for Ethernet1/1 that you want to use for **outside**.

The **General** page appears.

Figure 21: General

Edit Physical Interface

General IPv4 IPv6 Path Monitoring Hardware

Name:

☒ Enabled ☐ Management Only

Description:

Mode:

Security Zone:

Interface ID:

MTU:
(64 - 9198)

Priority:
(0 - 65535)

Propagate Security Group Tag: ☐

NVE Only: ☐

- From the **Security Zone** drop-down list, choose an existing outside security zone or add a new one by clicking **New**. For example, add a zone called **outside_zone**.
If VLAN1 was pre-configured, the rest of these fields are optional.
- Enter a **Name** up to 48 characters in length.
For example, name the interface **outside**.
- Check the **Enabled** check box.
- Leave the **Mode** set to **None**.
- Click the **IPv4** and/or **IPv6** tab.
 - IPv4**—Choose **Use DHCP**, and configure the following optional parameters:
 - Obtain default route using DHCP**—Obtains the default route from the DHCP server.
 - DHCP route metric**—Assigns an administrative distance to the learned route, between 1 and 255. The default administrative distance for the learned routes is 1.

Figure 22: Set Outside IP Address

Edit Physical Interface

General
IPv4
IPv6
Path Monitoring

IP Type:

Obtain default route using DHCP: ☒

DHCP route metric:

(1 - 255)

- **IPv6**—Check the **Autoconfiguration** check box for stateless autoconfiguration.

f) Click **OK**.

Step 6 Configure a DMZ interface to host a web server, for example.

- Disable switch-port mode for the switch port you want to use for the DMZ by clicking the slider in the **SwitchPort** column so it shows as disabled (☐).
- Click **Edit** (✎) for the interface.
- From the **Security Zone** drop-down list, choose an existing DMZ security zone or add a new one by clicking **New**.
For example, add a zone called **dmz_zone**.
- Enter a **Name** up to 48 characters in length.
For example, name the interface **dmz**.
- Check the **Enabled** check box.
- Leave the **Mode** set to **None**.
- Click the **IPv4** and/or **IPv6** tab and configure the IP address as desired.
- Click **OK**.

Step 7 Click **Save**.

Configure the DHCP server

Enable the DHCP server if you want clients to use DHCP to obtain IP addresses from the firewall.

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Devices > Device Management**, and click **Edit** (✎) for the device.

Step 2 Choose **DHCP > DHCP Server**.

Figure 23: DHCP Server

The screenshot shows the 'DHCP Server' configuration page. The 'DHCP Server' tab is selected in the left sidebar. The main configuration area includes fields for 'Ping Timeout' (50), 'Lease Length' (3600), and 'Auto-Configuration' (unchecked). Below these are fields for 'Interface', 'Domain Name', 'Primary DNS Server', 'Secondary DNS Server', 'Primary WINS Server', and 'Secondary WINS Server'. The 'Server' tab is highlighted with a red box, and the '+ Add' button is also highlighted with a red box. At the bottom, there is a table with columns 'Interface', 'Address Pool', and 'Enable DHCP Server', which currently shows 'No records to display'.

Step 3 In the **Server** area, click **Add** and configure the following options.

Figure 24: Add Server

The 'Add Server' dialog box is shown. It has a title bar with a question mark icon. The 'Interface*' field is set to 'inside'. The 'Address Pool*' field is set to '192.168.1.2-192.168.1.55' with a range '(2.2.2.10-2.2.2.20)' below it. The 'Enable DHCP Server' checkbox is checked. At the bottom, there are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons. The 'OK' button is highlighted with a blue box.

- **Interface**—Choose the interface name from the drop-down list.
- **Address Pool**—Set the range of IP addresses. The IP addresses must be on the same subnet as the selected interface and cannot include the IP address of the interface itself.
- **Enable DHCP Server**—Enable the DHCP server on the selected interface.

Step 4 Click **OK**.

Step 5 Click **Save**.

Add the default route

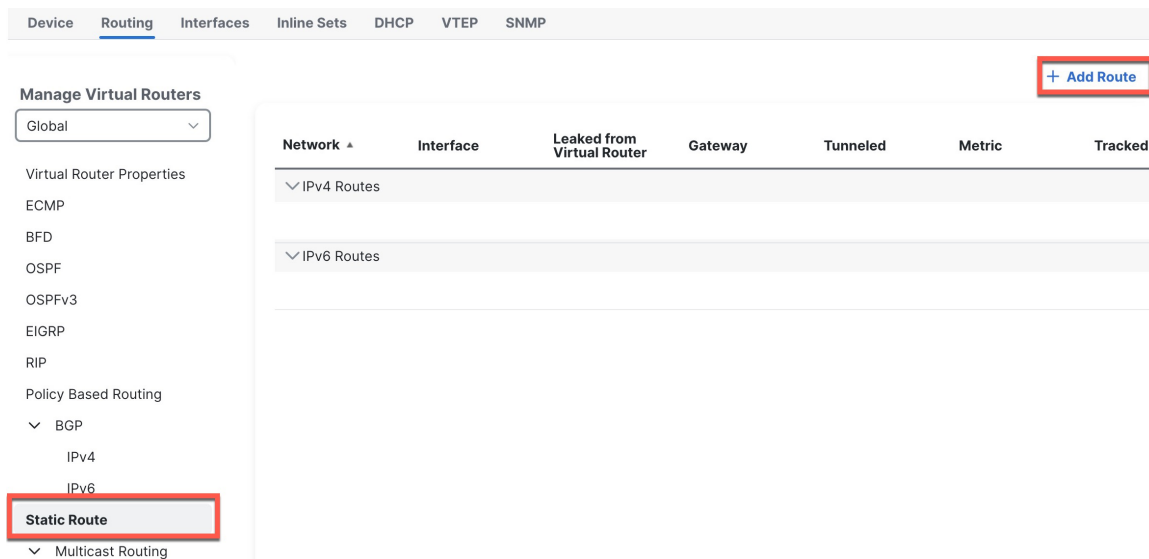
The default route normally points to the upstream router reachable from the outside interface. If you obtained the outside address from DHCP, your device might have already received a default route. If you need to manually add the route, complete this procedure.

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Devices > Device Management**, and click **Edit** (✎) for the device.

Step 2 Choose **Routing > Static Route**.

Figure 25: Static Route



If you received a default route from the DHCP server, it will show in this table.

Step 3 Click **Add Route**, and set the following options.

Figure 26: Add Static Route Configuration

Add Static Route Configuration

Type: ☒ IPv4 ☐ IPv6

Interface*
outside

(Interface starting with this icon signifies it is available for route leak)

Available Network +

Search

any-ipv4
gateway
IPv4-Benchmark-Tests
IPv4-Link-Local
IPv4-Multicast
IPv4-Private-10.0.0.0-8

Add

Selected Network

any-ipv4

Gateway*
gateway

Metric:
1

(1 - 254)

Tunneled: ☐ (Used only for default Route)

Route Tracking:

Cancel OK

- **Type**—Click the **IPv4** or **IPv6** radio button depending on the type of static route that you are adding.
- **Interface**—Choose the egress interface; typically the outside interface.
- **Available Network**—Choose **any-ipv4** for an IPv4 default route, or **any-ipv6** for an IPv6 default route, and click **Add** to move it to the **Selected Network** list.
- **Gateway** or **IPv6 Gateway**—Enter or choose the gateway router that is the next hop for this route. You can provide an IP address or a Networks/Hosts object.

Step 4 Click **OK**.

The route is added to the static route table.

Step 5 Click **Save**.

Configure NAT

This procedure creates a NAT rule for internal clients to convert the internal addresses to a port on the outside interface IP address. This type of NAT rule is called *interface Port Address Translation (PAT)*.

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Devices > NAT**, and click **New Policy**.

Step 2 Name the policy, select the devices that you want to use the policy, and click **Save**.

Figure 27: New Policy

New Policy ⓘ

Name:
FTD_policy

Description:

Targeted Devices
Select devices to which you want to apply this policy.

Available Devices and Templates
Search by name or value

192.168.0.124
192.168.0.155

Selected Devices and Templates

192.168.0.124
192.168.0.155

Add to Policy

Cancel Save

The policy is added the Firewall Management Center. You still have to add rules to the policy.

Figure 28: NAT Policy

The screenshot shows the 'FTD_Policy' configuration page. At the top right are buttons for 'Show Warnings', 'Save', and 'Cancel'. Below the title bar, there's a 'Rules' tab and links for 'NAT Exemptions' and 'Policy Assignments (1)'. A 'Filter by Device' button and a 'Filter Rules' search bar are present. The 'Add Rule' button is highlighted with a red box. Below this is a table with columns for '#', 'Direction', 'Type', 'Source Interface Objects', 'Destination Interface Objects', 'Original Packet' (with sub-columns: Original Sources, Original Destinations, Original Services), 'Translated Packet' (with sub-columns: Translated Sources, Translated Destinations, Translated Services), and 'Options'. The table is divided into sections: 'NAT Rules Before', 'Auto NAT Rules', and 'NAT Rules After'.

Step 3 Click **Add Rule**.

Step 4 Configure the basic rule options:

Figure 29: Basic Rule Options

The screenshot shows the 'Add NAT Rule' dialog box. It has two tabs: 'Interface Objects' and 'Translation'. Under 'Interface Objects', there are fields for 'NAT Rule:' (set to 'Auto NAT Rule') and 'Type:' (set to 'Dynamic'). There is also a checked 'Enable' checkbox. The 'Translation' tab is currently selected.

- **NAT Rule**—Choose **Auto NAT Rule**.
- **Type**—Choose **Dynamic**.

Step 5 On the **Interface Objects** page, add the outside zone from the **Available Interface Objects** area to the **Destination Interface Objects** area.

Figure 30: Interface Objects

The screenshot shows the 'Interface Objects' configuration page. It has four tabs: 'Interface Objects', 'Translation', 'PAT Pool', and 'Advanced'. The 'Interface Objects' tab is active. It shows a list of 'Available Interface Objects' with 'inside' and 'outside'. The 'outside' object is highlighted with a red circle '1'. There are 'Add to Source' and 'Add to Destination' buttons. The 'Add to Destination' button is highlighted with a red circle '2'. The 'Destination Interface Objects' area shows 'outside' with a red circle '3'.

Step 6 On the **Translation** page, configure the following options:

Figure 31: Translation

Interface Objects	Translation	PAT Pool	Advanced
Original Packet		Translated Packet	
Original Source:* all-ipv4 +		Translated Source: Destination Interface IP	
Original Port: TCP			
		Translated Port: 	

The values selected for Destination Interface Objects in 'Interface Objects' tab will be used

- **Original Source**—Click **Add (+)** to add a network object for all IPv4 traffic (**0.0.0.0/0**).

Figure 32: New Network Object

New Network Object

Name

Description

Network
☐ Host ☐ Range ☒ Network ☐ FQDN

☐ Allow Overrides

Cancel Save

Note

You cannot use the system-defined **any-ipv4** object, because Auto NAT rules add NAT as part of the object definition, and you cannot edit system-defined objects.

- **Translated Source**—Choose **Destination Interface IP**.

Step 7 Click **Save** to add the rule.

The rule is saved to the **Rules** table.

Step 8 Click **Save** on the **NAT** page to save your changes.

Configure an access control rule

If you created a basic **Block all traffic** access control policy when you registered the firewall, then you need to add rules to the policy to allow traffic through the firewall. The access control policy can include multiple rules that are evaluated in order.

This procedure creates an access control rule to allow all traffic from the inside zone to the outside zone.

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Policies > Security policies > Access Control**, and click **Edit** (✎) for the access control policy assigned to the device.

Step 2 Click **Add Rule**, and set the following parameters.

Figure 33: Source Zone

The screenshot shows the 'Add Rule' configuration page. The rule name is 'inside-to-outside'. The 'Zones' tab is selected, showing a list of zones: 'inside' (Routed Security Zone) and 'outside' (Routed Security Zone). The 'inside' zone is selected. The 'Add Source Zone' button is highlighted.

1. Name this rule, for example, **inside-to-outside**.

2. Select the inside zone from **Zones**

3. Click **Add Source Zone**.

Figure 34: Destination Zone

The screenshot shows the 'Add Rule' configuration page. The rule name is 'inside-to-outside'. The 'Zones' tab is selected, showing a list of zones: 'inside' (Routed Security Zone) and 'outside' (Routed Security Zone). The 'outside' zone is selected. The 'Add Destination Zone' button is highlighted.

4. Select the outside zone from **Zones**.

5. Click **Add Destination Zone**.

Leave the other settings as is.

Step 3 (Optional) Customize associated policies by clicking on the policy type in the packet flow diagram.

Prefilter, Decryption, Security Intelligence, and Identity policies are applied before an access control rule. Customizing these policies is not required, but after you know your network's needs, they let you improve network performance by either fastpathing trusted traffic (bypassing processing) or blocking traffic so no further processing is required.

Figure 35: Policies Applied Before Access Control



- **Prefilter Rules**—The Default Prefilter Policy passes all traffic for the other rules to act on (analyzes). The only change to the default policy you can make is to **block** tunnel traffic. Otherwise, you can create a new prefilter policy to associate with the access control policy that can analyze (pass on), fastpath (bypass further checks) or block.

Prefiltering lets you improve performance by dealing with traffic before it gets any further, by either blocking or fastpathing. In a new policy, you can add *tunnel* rules and *prefilter* rules. A tunnel rule lets you fastpath, block, or rezone plaintext (non-encrypted), passthrough tunnels. A prefilter rule lets you fastpath or block non-tunneled traffic identified by IP address, port, and protocol.

For example, if you know you want to block all FTP traffic on your network, but fastpath SSH traffic from an administrator, you can add a new prefilter policy.

- **Decryption**—Decryption is not applied by default. Decryption is a way to expose network traffic to deep inspection. In most cases, you don't want to decrypt traffic, and can only do so if it is legally allowed. For maximum network protection, a decryption policy might be a good idea for traffic going to critical servers or coming from untrusted network segments.
- **Security Intelligence**—(Requires the IPS license) Security Intelligence is enabled by default. Security Intelligence is another early defense against malicious activity applied before passing connections to the access control policy for further processing. Security Intelligence uses reputation intelligence to quickly block connections to or from IP addresses, URLs, and domain names provided by Talos, the threat intelligence organization at Cisco. You can add or delete additional IP addresses, URLs, or domains if desired.

Note

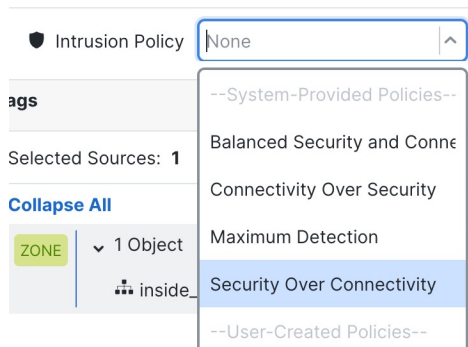
If you do not have the IPS license, this policy will not be deployed even though it shows in your access control policy as enabled.

- **Identity**—Identity is not applied by default. You can require a user to authenticate before allowing traffic to be processed by the access control policy.

Step 4 (Optional) Add an Intrusion policy that is applied after the access control rule.

The Intrusion policy is a defined set of intrusion detection and prevention configurations that inspects traffic for security violations. The Firewall Management Center includes many system-provided policies you can enable as-is or that you can customize. This step enables a system-provided policy.

- Click the **Intrusion Policy** drop-down list.

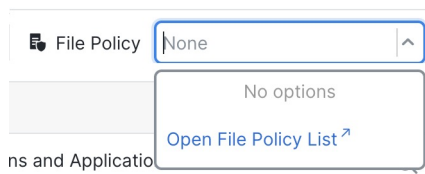
Figure 36: System-Provided Intrusion Policies

- b) Choose one of the system-provided policies from the list.

We recommend **Balanced Security and Connections** for most use cases.

Step 5 (Optional) Add a File policy that is applied after the access control rule.

- a) Click the **File Policy** drop-down list and choose either an existing policy or add one by choosing the **Open File Policy List**.

Figure 37: File Policy

For a new policy, the **Policies > Security policies > Malware & File** page opens in a separate tab.

- b) See the [Cisco Secure Firewall Device Manager Configuration Guide](#) for details on creating the policy.
c) Return to the **Add Rule** page and select the newly created policy from the drop-down list.

Step 6 Click **Apply**.

The rule is added to the **Rules** table.

Step 7 Click **Save**.

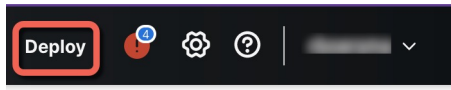
Deploy the configuration

Deploy the configuration changes to the device; none of your changes are active on the device until you deploy them.

Procedure

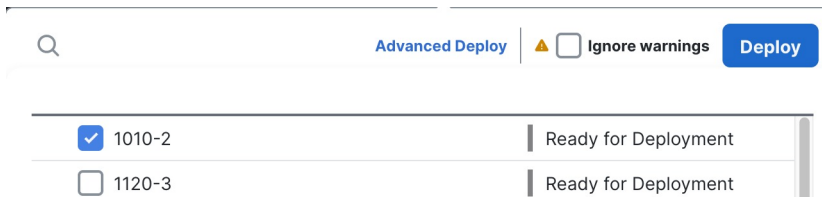
Step 1 Click **Deploy** in the upper right.

Figure 38: Deploy



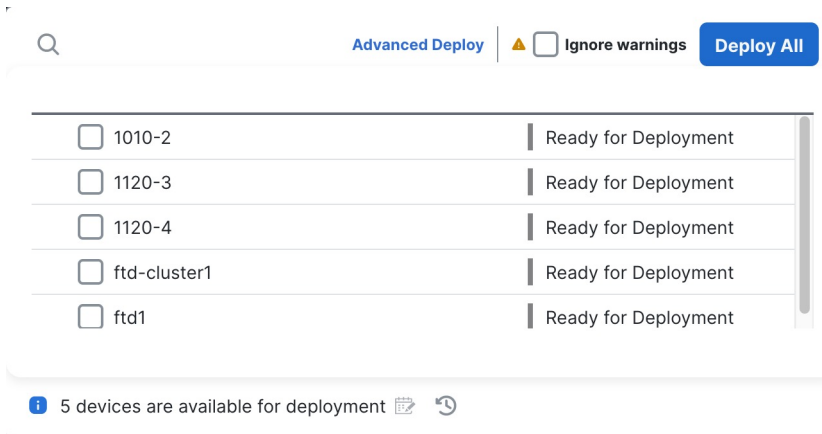
Step 2 For a quick deployment, check specific devices and then click **Deploy**.

Figure 39: Deploy Selected



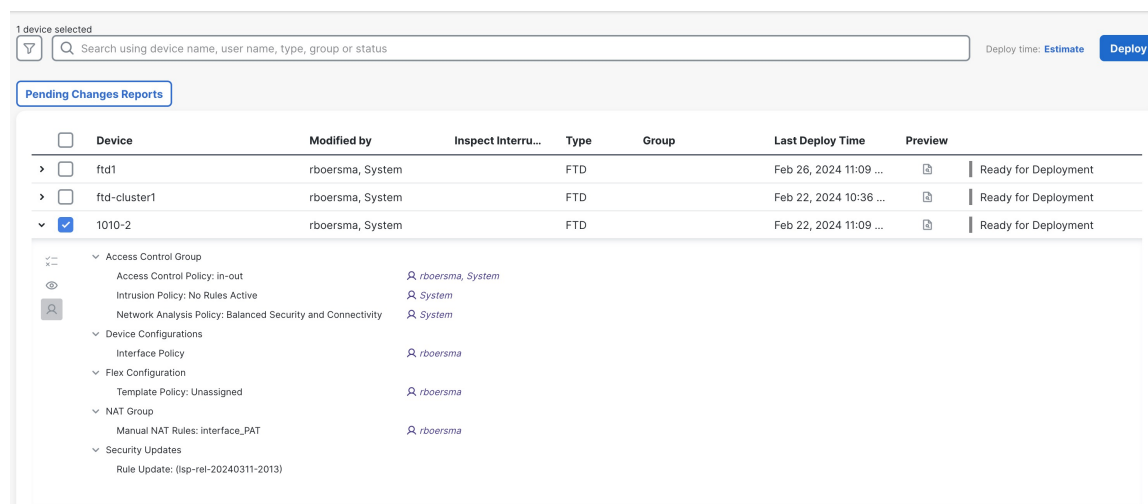
Or click **Deploy All** to deploy to all devices.

Figure 40: Deploy All



Otherwise, for additional deployment options, click **Advanced Deploy**.

Figure 41: Advanced Deployment

**Step 3**

Ensure that the deployment succeeds. Click the icon to the right of the **Deploy** button in the menu bar to see status for deployments.

Figure 42: Deployment Status

