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About the Cisco Dynamic Attributes Connector

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector enables you to collect data (such as networks and IP addresses) from cloud providers and send it to the Secure Firewall Management Center so it can be used in access control rules.

The following topics provide background about the dynamic attributes connector:

• About the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 1

About the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

This topic discusses support and architecture for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector.

Supported connectors

We currently support:

Table 1: List of supported connectors by Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector version and platform

| CSDAC version/platform | AWS | AWS security groups | AWS service tags | Azure | Azure Service Tags | Cisco APIC | Cisco Cyber Vision | Generic Text | GitHub | Google Cloud | Microsoft Office 365 | vCenter | Webex | Zoom |
|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|-------|------|
| Version 1.1 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Version 2.0 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Version 2.2 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Version 2.3 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Version 3.0 (on-premises) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Version 3.1 (on-premises) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

More information about connectors:

• Amazon Web Services (AWS)

For more information, see a resource like Tagging AWS resources on the Amazon documentation site. See Amazon Web Services Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 21.

• Amazon Web Services security groups.

For more information, see a resource like Work with security groups.

See Amazon Web Services Security Groups Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 24.

· Amazon Web Services service tags.

For more information, see a resource like What are tags?.

See Create an AWS Service Tags Connector, on page 26.

Cisco APIC

See Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 4.

• Cisco Cyber Vision

See Create a Cisco Cyber Vision Connector, on page 37.

• Generic text list of IP addresses you specify

For more information, see Create a Generic Text Connector, on page 38.

• GitHub

For more information, see Create a GitHub Connector, on page 39.

Google Cloud

For more information, see Setting Up Your Environment in the Google Cloud documentation.

See Google Cloud Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 39.

• Microsoft Azure

For more information, see this page on the Azure documentation site.

See Azure Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 27.

Microsoft Azure service tags

For more information, see a resource like Virtual network service tags on Microsoft TechNet.

See Create an Azure Service Tags Connector, on page 31

• Office 365 IP addresses

For more information, see Office 365 URLs and IP address ranges on docs.microsoft.com.

• VMware categories and tags managed by vCenter and NSX-T

For more information, see a resource like vSphere Tags and Attributes in the VMware documentation site.

· Webex IP addresses

For more information, see Create a Webex Connector, on page 47.

· Zoom IP addresses

For more information, see Create a Zoom Connector, on page 47.

Related Topics

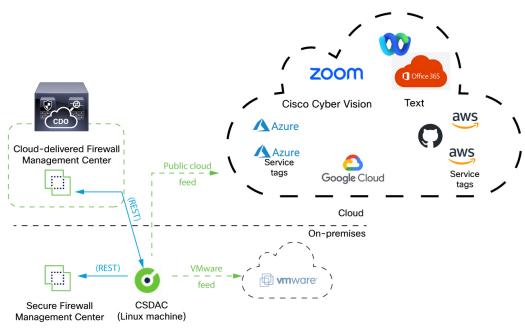
Install Prerequisite Software, on page 9

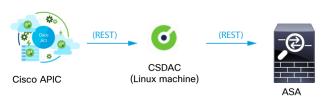
How It Works

Network constructs such as IP address are not reliable in virtual, cloud and container environments due to the dynamic nature of the workloads and the inevitability of IP address overlap. Customers require policy rules to be defined based on non-network constructs such as VM name or security group, so that firewall policy is persistent even when the IP address or VLAN changes.

You can collect these tags and attributes using Docker containers running on an Ubuntu, CentOS, or Red Hat Enterprise Linux virtual machine. Install the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector on the Ubuntu host using an Ansible collection.

The following figure shows how the system functions at a high level.





• Install the dynamic attributes connector on a supported Linux virtual machine.

For more information, see Supported Operating Systems and Third-Party Software, on page 7.

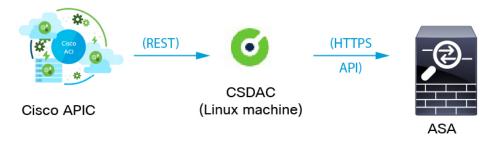
- The system supports certain public cloud providers.
- This topic discusses supported *connectors* (which are the connections to those providers).
- The *adapter* defined by the dynamic attributes connector receives those dynamic attributes filters as *dynamic objects* and enables you to use them in access control rules.

You can create the following types of adapters:

- ASA adapter used only by the Cisco APIC connector.
- On-Prem Firewall Management Center for an on-premises Management Center device.
 This type of Management Center device might be managed by CDO or it might be a standalone.
- Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center for devices managed by CDO.

Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter

The dynamic attributes connector enables you to send Cisco APIC dynamic endpoint group (EPG) and endpoint security group (ESG) data from Cisco APIC tenants to an ASA. The following figure shows how this works at a high level.



Cisco APIC defines endpoint groups (EPGs) and endpoint security groups (ESGs) that have network object groups. Create a connector in the dynamic attributes connector that pulls that data from Cisco APIC tenants to ASA on which you can use those objects in access control rules. An ASA adapter pushes network object groups in the configured security context.

(You have the option to specify the tenants from which retrieve EPG and ESG objects when you set up the ASA adapter in the dynamic attributes connector. The Cisco APIC user determines which tenants data can be pulled from.)

You can optionally create an empty network object in the ASA CLI under which to create additional network objects sent from Cisco APIC. For more information, see Access Control Lists.



Note

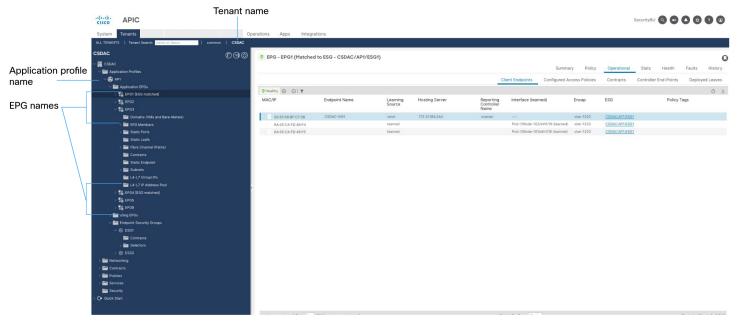
ASDM does not support creating empty network objects at this time.

Sample configuration

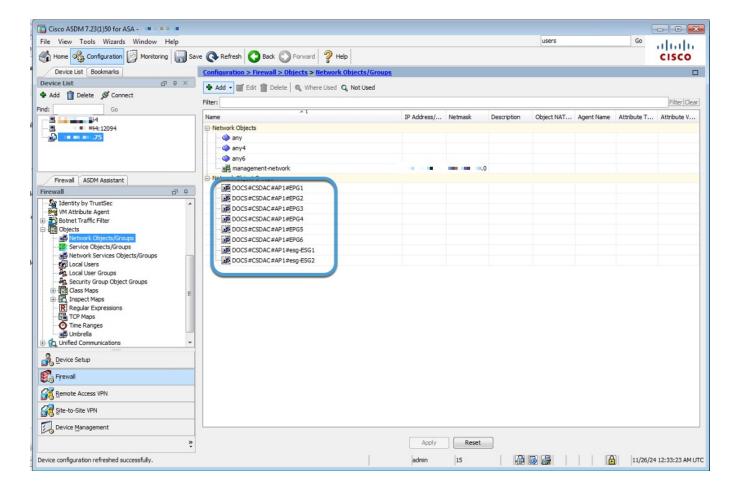
The following sample configuration shows how network object groups are named in ASA based on names in APIC and the APIC connector (not shown).

Network object group names are a concatenation of (in order):

- Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App **Site Prefix** value Cisco APIC tenant name); in this example, CSDAC.
- Cisco APIC application profile name (in this example, AP1)
- Cisco APIC EPG name (in this example, EPG1 through EPG4)



Assuming the connector's Site Prefix is DOCS and the Cisco APIC tenant name the CSDAC user has rights to is CSDAC, network object groups on ASA are named as follows (in ASDM, Configuration > Firewall > Objects > Network Objects/Groups):



Additional information about Cisco APIC

- Basic User Tenant Configuration
- EPGs
- ESGs

What to do next

See Get Required Information for the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 33.



Install and Upgrade the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

This chapter discusses how to install and upgrade the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector on all supported operating systems.

- Supported Operating Systems and Third-Party Software, on page 7
- Requirements and Prerequisites for the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 8
- Install Prerequisite Software, on page 9
- Install the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 12
- Upgrade the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 16

Supported Operating Systems and Third-Party Software

The dynamic attributes connector requires the following:

- Ubuntu 18.04 to 22.04.2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7 or 8
- Python 3.6.x or later
- Ansible 2.9 or later

Minimum requirements for all operating systems:

- 4 CPUs
- 8 GB RAM
- For new installations, 100 GB available disk space to install the dynamic attributes connector

If you use a hypervisor:

VMware ESX or ESXi up to 8

If you wish to use vCenter attributes, we also require:

- vCenter up to 8
- VMware Tools must be installed on the virtual machine

Virtual machine sizing

We recommend you size your virtual machines as follows:

- 50 connectors, assuming 5 filters per connector and 20,000 workloads: 4 CPUs; 8 GB RAM; 100 GB available disk space
- 125 connectors, assuming 5 filters per connector and 50,000 workloads: 8 CPUs, 16 GB RAM, 100 GB available disk space



Note

Failure to size your virtual machines properly can cause the dynamic attributes connector to fail or not to start.

Requirements and Prerequisites for the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter

Following are requirements and prerequisits to use Cisco APIC to send dynamic objects to ASA:

- Network communication: All of the following must be able to communicate with each other securely:
 - · ASA 9.16 and later
 - Cisco APIC 4.2(7q) and later
 - Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector virtual machine, version 3.1 and later
- ASA requirements
 - License: Essentials

For more information about licensing, see Smart Software Licensing.

- FQDN: Supported
- Multi-context: Supported
- Multi-instance: Supported
- · High availability: Supported
- Clustering: Supported
- Permissions required:
 - ASA: privilege 15
 - Cisco APIC: at least the read-all role with readPriv access and the tenant-admin role with writePriv access for the security domain

More information

For more information about the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, see Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 4.

Install Prerequisite Software

Before you begin

Make sure you have physical or virtual set up and that the system that can communicate with your the On-Prem Firewall Management Center or Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center.

Procedure

Step 1 (Optional.) Use a text editor to edit /etc/environment to export the following variables to enable communication with the internet if your Ubuntu machine is behind an internet proxy.

| Variable | Value |
|-----------------------|--|
| export http_proxy | Use with an HTTP proxy. user:pass@host-or-ip:port |
| export https_proxy | Use this with an HTTPS proxy. user:pass@host-or-ip:port |
| export no_proxy | Remove the proxy configuration. export no_proxy=''localhost,127.0.0.1'' |

Examples:

HTTP proxy without authentication:

```
vi /etc/environment
export http_proxy="myproxy.example.com:8181"
```

HTTPS proxy with authentication:

```
vi /etc/environment export https_proxy="ben.smith:bens-password@myproxy.example.com:8181"
```

Step 2 Use a different command window to confirm the settings:

```
env | grep proxy
```

Example result:

http_proxy=myproxy.example.com:8181

Step 3 Continue with one of the following sections.

Related Topics

Install Prerequisite Software—Ubuntu, on page 11 Install Prerequisite Software—RHEL, on page 10

Install Prerequisite Software—RHEL

Before you begin

Do all of the following:

- Make sure your system meets the prerequisites discussed in Supported Operating Systems and Third-Party Software, on page 7.
- (Optional.) If you need proxy access to the dynamic attributes connector, see Install Prerequisite Software, on page 9.

Procedure

Step 1 Make sure Docker is not installed and uninstall it if it is.

```
docker --version
```

If Docker is installed, uninstall it as discussed in Uninstall Docker Engine on Ubuntu.

Step 2 Update your repositories.

```
RHEL 7:
```

sudo yum -y update && sudo yum -y upgrade

RHEL 8:

sudo dnf -y update && sudo dnf -y upgrade

Step 3 Install the epel repository.

RHEL 7:

RHEL 8:

Step 4 (RHEL 7 only.) Install Python 3.

sudo yum install -y python3 libselinux-python3

Step 5 Install Ansible.

RHEL 7:

sudo yum -y install ansible

RHEL 8:

sudo dnf install -y ansible

Step 6 Verify the Ansible version.

ansible --version

An example follows.

RHEL 7:

```
ansible 2.9.24
  config file = /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg
  configured module search path = [u'/home/stevej/.ansible/plugins/modules',
  u'/usr/share/ansible/plugins/modules']
  ansible python module location = /usr/lib/python2.7/site-packages/ansible
  executable location = /usr/bin/ansible
  python version = 2.7.5 (default, Mar 20 2020, 17:08:22) [GCC 4.8.5 20150623 (Red Hat 4.8.5-39)]
```

Note

It's normal for Ansible to reference Python 2.x as the preceding output shows. The connector will still use Python 3.

RHEL 8:

```
ansible 2.9.24
  config file = /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg
  configured module search path = ['/home/stevej/.ansible/plugins/modules',
'/usr/share/ansible/plugins/modules']
  ansible python module location = /usr/lib/python3.6/site-packages/ansible
  executable location = /usr/bin/ansible
  python version = 3.6.8 (default, Mar 18 2021, 08:58:41) [GCC 8.4.1 20200928 (Red Hat 8.4.1-1)]
```

What to do next

Install the connector as discussed in Install the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 12.

To optionally stop using a proxy with the dynamic attributes connector, edit /etc/environment and remove the proxy configuration.

Install Prerequisite Software—Ubuntu

This task discusses how to install prerequisite software on Ubuntu.

Procedure

Step 1 Make sure Docker is not installed and uninstall it if it is.

```
docker --version
```

If Docker is installed, uninstall it as discussed in Uninstall Docker Engine on Ubuntu.

Step 2 Update your repositories.

```
sudo apt -y update && sudo apt -y upgrade
```

Step 3 Confirm your Python version.

```
/usr/bin/python3 --version
```

If the version is earlier than 3.6, you must install version 3.6 or later.

Step 4 Install Python 3.6.

```
sudo apt -y install python3.6
```

Step 5 Install the common libraries.

```
sudo apt -y install software-properties-common
```

Step 6 Install Ansible.

sudo apt-add-repository -y -u ppa:ansible/ansible && sudo apt -y install ansible

Step 7 Verify the Ansible version.

```
ansible --version
```

An example follows.

```
ansible --version
ansible 2.9.19
  config file = /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg
  configured module search path = [u'/home/admin/.ansible/plugins/modules',
u'/usr/share/ansible/plugins/modules']
  ansible python module location = /usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/ansible
  executable location = /usr/bin/ansible
  python version = 2.7.17 (default, Feb 27 2021, 15:10:58) [GCC 7.5.0]
```

Note

It's normal for Ansible to reference Python 2.x as the preceding output shows. The connector will still use Python 3.6.

What to do next

Install the connector as discussed in Install the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 12.

To optionally stop using a proxy with the dynamic attributes connector, edit /etc/environment and remove the proxy configuration.

Install the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

About the installation

This topic discusses installing the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector. You must install the dynamic attributes connector as a user with sudo privileges but you can run the connector as a non-privileged user.

Before you begin

Make sure your system has the following prerequisite software:

- Ubuntu 18.04 to 22.04.2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7 or 8
- Python 3.6.x or later
- Ansible 2.9 or later

Minimum requirements for all operating systems:

- 4 CPUs
- 8 GB RAM
- For new installations, 100 GB available disk space to install the dynamic attributes connector

We recommend you size your virtual machines as follows:

- 50 connectors, assuming 5 filters per connector and 20,000 workloads: 4 CPUs; 8 GB RAM; 100 GB available disk space
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Note

Failure to size your virtual machines properly can cause the dynamic attributes connector to fail or not to start.

If you wish to use vCenter attributes, we also require:

- vCenter up to 8
- VMware Tools must be installed on the virtual machine

To install prerequisite software, see Install Prerequisite Software, on page 9.

View the Readme and Release Notes

For the latest installation information, see the following:

Readme: https://galaxy.ansible.com/cisco/csdac

Release Notes: Release Notes

Install the muster service

The muster service is another name for the dynamic attributes connector.

Run the following command from the \sim /.ansible/collections/ansible_collections/cisco/csdac directory.

ansible-playbook default_playbook.yml [--ask-become-pass] [--extra-vars " vars "]

Syntax Description

--ask-become-pass Prompts you to enter the **sudo** password. Required if sudo is enabled on your machine.

--extra-vars

The following optional extra variables enable the dynamic attributes connector to use a proxy. The value you use must match the value in /etc/environment, which you configured as discussed in Install Prerequisite Software, on page 9.

- csdac_proxy_enabled=true
- csdac_http_proxy_url=http://PROXY_URL
 csdac_https_proxy_url=PROXY_URL

The following optional extra variables create a self-signed certificate you can use to securely connect to the dynamic attributes connector. If you omit these parameters, the dynamic attributes connector uses a default certificate.

· csdac_certificate_domain

domain name for autogenerated certificate. Default value is autodetected hostname of the host (detected by ansible)

• csdac_certificate_country_name

Two-letter country code. (Default is US)

· csdac_certificate_organization_name

Organization name. (Default is cisco)

- csdac_certificate_organization_unit_name
- Organizational unit name (Default is Cisco)

The following optional extra variables enable you to skip validation checks.

skip_disk_space_check=true

Skip the available disk space check when installing the dynamic attributes connector. We recommend doing this if your system has less than 100GB free disk space; however, you could experience unpredictable performance if the disk fills up.

• skip_all_verifications=true

Skip the available disk space and internet verifications when installing the dynamic attributes connector.

The following optional extra variable enables you to set group ownership for TBD files and directories after installation: **user_group**=any_existing_user_group

Example installation with a default certificate

For example, to install the software with default options:

ansible-galaxy collection install cisco.csdac
cd ~/.ansible/collections/ansible_collections/cisco/csdac
ansible-playbook default playbook.yml --ask-become-pass

Example installation with optional certificate

For example, to install the software with an optional certificate:

```
ansible-galaxy collection install cisco.csdac
cd ~/.ansible/collections/ansible_collections/cisco/csdac
ansible-playbook default_playbook.yml --ask-become-pass --extra-vars
"csdac_certificate_domain=domain.example.com csdac_certificate_country_name=US
csdac_certificate_organization_name=Cisco
csdac_certificate_organization_unit_name=Engineering"
```

After you create the certificate, import it into the web browser you'll use to access the connector. The certificate is created in the ~/csdac/app/config/certs directory.

Example: Example installation skipping the disk space check

```
ansible-galaxy collection install cisco.csdac
cd ~/.ansible/collections/ansible_collections/cisco/csdac
ansible-playbook default_playbook.yml --ask-become-pass --extra-vars
"skip disk space check=true"
```

Example: Example installation skipping all verification checks and assigning group ownership to mygroup

```
ansible-galaxy collection install cisco.csdac
cd ~/.ansible/collections/ansible_collections/cisco/csdac
ansible-playbook default_playbook.yml --ask-become-pass --extra-vars
"skip_all_verifications=true user_group=mygroup"
```

View the installation log

The installation log is located as follows:

```
~/.ansible/collections/ansible_collections/cisco/csdac/logs/csdac.log
```

Use your certificate to connect to the dynamic attributes connector

If you have a certificate and key, put them in the ~/csdac/app/config/certs directory on your virtual machine.

After you perform the preceding task, restart the dynamic attributes connector's Docker container by entering the following command:

```
docker restart muster-ui
```

Log in to the connector

- 1. Access the dynamic attributes connector at https://ip-address
- 2. Log in.

The initial login is username admin, password admin. You are required to change the password the first time you log in.

Upgrade the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

This topic discusses how to upgrade from any earlier Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector to the current version. These tasks can be performed regardless of Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector version or operating system.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the machine you want to upgrade.
- **Step 2** Enter the following commands:

```
cd ~/.ansible/collections/ansible_collections/cisco/csdac
ansible-galaxy collection install cisco.csdac --force
ansible-playbook default playbook.yml --ask-become-pass [--extra-vars vars]
```

Syntax Description

--ask-become-pass Prompts you to enter the **sudo** password. Required if sudo is enabled on your machine.

--extra-vars

The following optional extra variables enable the dynamic attributes connector to use a proxy. The value you use must match the value in /etc/environment, which you configured as discussed in Install Prerequisite Software, on page 9.

- csdac_proxy_enabled=true
- csdac_http_proxy_url=http://PROXY_URL csdac_https_proxy_url=PROXY_URL

The following optional extra variables create a self-signed certificate you can use to securely connect to the dynamic attributes connector. If you omit these parameters, the dynamic attributes connector uses a default certificate.

· csdac_certificate_domain

domain name for autogenerated certificate. Default value is autodetected hostname of the host (detected by ansible)

csdac_certificate_country_name

Two-letter country code. (Default is US)

csdac_certificate_organization_name

Organization name. (Default is Cisco)

- csdac_certificate_organization_unit_name
- Organizational unit name (Default is Cisco)
- **Step 3** Wait for the upgrade to complete.
- **Step 4** Upgrade logs are available in the following location:

~/.ansible/collections/ansible collections/cisco/csdac/logs/csdac.log

What to do next

See Create a Connector, on page 19.

Upgrade the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector



Configure the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

Install the dynamic attributes connector and configure connectors, dynamic attributes filters, and adapters to provide Secure Firewall Management Center or the with dynamic network data that can be used in access control rules

See the following topics for more information:

- Create a Connector, on page 19
- Create an Adapter, on page 48
- Create Dynamic Attributes Filters, on page 63
- Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 66

Create a Connector

A *connector* is an interface with a cloud service. The connector retrieves network information from the cloud service so the network information can be used in access control policies on the Secure Firewall Management Center.

We support the following:

Table 2: List of supported connectors by Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector version and platform

| CSDAC version/platform | AWS | AWS security groups | AWS service tags | Azure | Azure Service Tags | Cisco Cyber Vision | Cisco Multicloud Defense | Generic text | GitHub | Google Cloud | Microsoft Office 365 | vCenter | Webex | Zoom |
|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|-------|------|
| Version 1.1 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Version 2.0 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Version 2.2 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Version 2.3 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Version 3.0 (on-premises) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Table 3: List of supported connectors by Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector version and platform

| CSDAC version/platform | AWS | AWS security groups | AWS service tags | Azure | Azure Service Tags | Cisco APIC | Cisco Cyber Vision | Generic Text | GitHub | Google Cloud | Microsoft Office 365 | vCenter | Webex | Zoom |
|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|-------|------|
| Version 1.1 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Version 2.0 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Version 2.2 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Version 2.3 (on-premises) | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Version 3.0 (on-premises) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Version 3.1 (on-premises) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

See one of the following sections for more information.

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

For more information, see a resource like Tagging AWS resources on the Amazon documentation site.

See Amazon Web Services Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 21.

Amazon Web Services security groups.

For more information, see a resource like Work with security groups.

See Amazon Web Services Security Groups Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 24.

· Amazon Web Services service tags.

For more information, see a resource like What are tags?.

See Create an AWS Service Tags Connector, on page 26.

· Cisco APIC

See Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 4.

Cisco Cyber Vision

See Create a Cisco Cyber Vision Connector, on page 37.

• Generic text list of IP addresses you specify

For more information, see Create a Generic Text Connector, on page 38.

• GitHub

For more information, see Create a GitHub Connector, on page 39.

• Google Cloud

For more information, see Setting Up Your Environment in the Google Cloud documentation.

See Google Cloud Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 39.

Microsoft Azure

For more information, see this page on the Azure documentation site.

See Azure Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 27.

• Microsoft Azure service tags

For more information, see a resource like Virtual network service tags on Microsoft TechNet.

See Create an Azure Service Tags Connector, on page 31

• Office 365 IP addresses

For more information, see Office 365 URLs and IP address ranges on docs.microsoft.com.

• VMware categories and tags managed by vCenter and NSX-T

For more information, see a resource like vSphere Tags and Attributes in the VMware documentation site.

· Webex IP addresses

For more information, see Create a Webex Connector, on page 47.

· Zoom IP addresses

For more information, see Create a Zoom Connector, on page 47.

Amazon Web Services Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector imports dynamic attributes from AWS to Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

Dynamic attributes imported

We import the following dynamic attributes from AWS:

- *Tags*, user-defined key-value pairs you can use to organize your AWS EC2 resources. For more information, see Tag your EC2 Resources in the AWS documentation
- IP addresses of virtual machines in AWS.

Minimum permissions required

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector requires a user at minimum with a policy that permits ec2:DescribeTags, ec2:DescribeVpcs, and ec2:DescribeInstances to be able to import dynamic attributes.

Create an AWS User with Minimal Permissions for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

This task discusses how to set up a service account with minimum permissions to send dynamic attributes to Secure Firewall Management Center. For a list of these attributes, see Amazon Web Services Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 21.

Before you begin

You must already have set up your Amazon Web Services (AWS) account. For more information about doing that, see this article in the AWS documentation.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the AWS console as a user with the admin role.
- Step 2 From the Dashboard, click Security, Identity & Compliance > IAM.
- **Step 3** Click Access Management > Users.
- Step 4 Click Add Users.
- **Step 5** In the **User Name** field, enter a name to identify the user.
- Step 6 Click Access Key Programmatic Access.
- **Step 7** At the Set permissions page, click **Next** without granting the user access to anything; you'll do this later.
- **Step 8** Add tags to the user if desired.
- Step 9 Click Create User.
- **Step 10** Click **Download .csv** to download the user's key to your computer.

Note

This is the only opportunity you have to retrieve the user's key.

- Step 11 Click Close.
- Step 12 At the Identity and Access Management (IAM) page in the left column, click Access Management > Policies.
- Step 13 Click Create Policy.
- Step 14 On the Create Policy page, click JSON.



Step 15 Enter the following policy in the field:

Step 16 Click Next. Step 17 Click Review. Step 18 On the Review Policy page, enter the requested information and click **Create Policy**. Step 19 On the Policies page, enter all or part of the policy name in the search field and press Enter. Step 20 Click the policy you just created. Step 21 Click Actions > Attach. Step 22 If necessary, enter all or part of the user name in the search field and press Enter. Step 23 Click Attach Policy.

What to do next

Create an AWS Connector, on page 23.

Create an AWS Connector

This task discusses how to configure a connector that sends data from AWS to the Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

Before you begin

Create a user with at least the privileges discussed in Create an AWS User with Minimal Permissions for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 21.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|------------------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |
| Pull Interval | (Default 30 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from AWS. |
| Region | (Required.) Enter your AWS region code. |
| Access Key | (Required.) Enter your access key. |

| Value | Description |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| Secret Key | (Required.) Enter your secret key. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Amazon Web Services Security Groups Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector imports dynamic attributes from AWS to Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

Minimum permissions required

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector requires a user at minimum with a policy that permits ec2:DescribeTags, ec

Create an AWS User with Minimal Permissions for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

This task discusses how to set up a service account with minimum permissions to send dynamic attributes to Secure Firewall Management Center. For a list of these attributes, see Amazon Web Services Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 21.

Before you begin

You must already have set up your Amazon Web Services (AWS) account. For more information about doing that, see this article in the AWS documentation.

Procedure

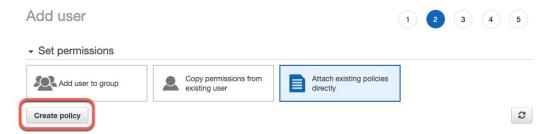
| Step 1 | Log in to the AWS | console as a user | with the admin role. |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|

- Step 2 From the Dashboard, click Security, Identity & Compliance > IAM.
- **Step 3** Click Access Management > Users.
- Step 4 Click Add Users.
- **Step 5** In the **User Name** field, enter a name to identify the user.
- Step 6 Click Access Key Programmatic Access.
- **Step 7** At the Set permissions page, click **Next** without granting the user access to anything; you'll do this later.
- **Step 8** Add tags to the user if desired.
- Step 9 Click Create User.
- **Step 10** Click **Download .csv** to download the user's key to your computer.

Note

This is the only opportunity you have to retrieve the user's key.

- Step 11 Click Close.
- **Step 12** At the Identity and Access Management (IAM) page in the left column, click **Access Management > Policies**.
- Step 13 Click Create Policy.
- **Step 14** On the Create Policy page, click **JSON**.



Step 15 Enter the following policy in the field:

- Step 16 Click Next.
- Step 17 Click Review.
- **Step 18** On the Review Policy page, enter the requested information and click **Create Policy**.
- **Step 19** On the Policies page, enter all or part of the policy name in the search field and press Enter.
- **Step 20** Click the policy you just created.
- Step 21 Click Actions > Attach.
- **Step 22** If necessary, enter all or part of the user name in the search field and press Enter.
- Step 23 Click Attach Policy.

What to do next

Create an AWS Connector, on page 23.

Create an AWS Security Groups Connector

This task discusses how to configure a connector that sends AWS security groups data to the Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

Before you begin

Do all of the following:

- Create AWS security groups as discussed in Work with security groups on the AWS documentation site.
- Create a user with at least the privileges discussed in Create an AWS User with Minimal Permissions for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 21.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (+ v), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |
| Pull Interval | (Default 30 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from AWS. The minimum value for Pull Interval is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic. |
| Region | (Required.) Enter your AWS region code. |
| AWS Access Key | (Required.) Enter your access key. |
| AWS Secret Key | (Required.) Enter your secret key. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Create an AWS Service Tags Connector

This topic discusses how to create a connector for Amazon Web Services (AWS) service tags to the Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

For more information, see resources like the following on the AWS documentation site:

• What are tags?

- AWS IP address ranges
- Tagging your AWS resources
- Guidance for Tagging on AWS
- AWS service points

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (+ v), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.
- **Step 4** Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|-------------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |
| URL | (Required.) Do not change the URL unless advised to do so. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure **Test connection succeeded** is displayed before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Azure Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector imports dynamic attributes from Azure to Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

Dynamic attributes imported

We import the following dynamic attributes from Azure:

- *Tags*, key-value pairs associated with resources, resource groups, and subscriptions. For more information, see this page in the Microsoft documentation.
- IP addresses of virtual machines in Azure.

Minimum permissions required

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector requires a user at minimum with the **Reader** permission to be able to import dynamic attributes.

Create an Azure User with Minimal Permissions for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

This task discusses how to set up a service account with minimum permissions to send dynamic attributes to Secure Firewall Management Center. For a list of these attributes, see Azure Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 27.

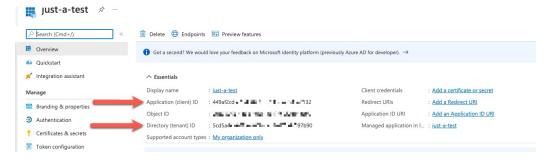
Before you begin

You must already have a Microsoft Azure account. To set one up, see this page on the Azure documentation site.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the Azure Portal as the owner of the subscription.
- Step 2 Click Azure Active Directory.
- **Step 3** Find the instance of Azure Active Directory for the application you want to set up.
- Step 4 Click Add > App registration.
- **Step 5** In the **Name** field, enter a name to identify this application.
- **Step 6** Enter other information on this page as required by your organization.
- Step 7 Click Register.
- Step 8 On the next page, make note of the Client ID (also referred to as *application ID*) and the tenant ID (also referred to as the *directory ID*).

A sample follows.



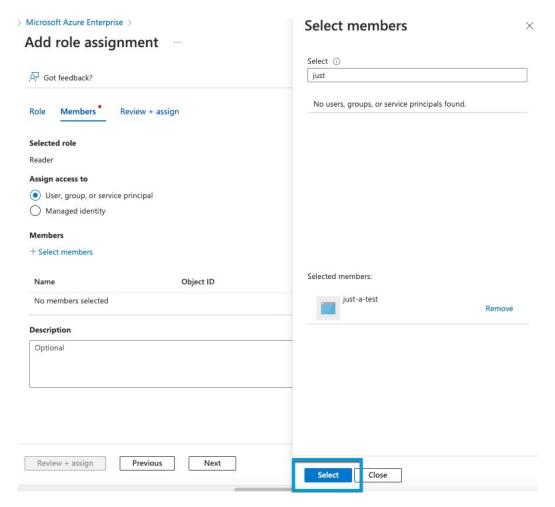
- Step 9 Next to Client Credentials, click Add a certificate or secret.
- Step 10 Click New Client Secret.
- **Step 11** Enter the requested information and click **Add**.
- **Step 12** Copy the value of the **Value** field to the clipboard. This value, and not the **Secret ID**, is the client secret.



- **Step 13** Go back to the main Azure Portal page and click **Subscriptions**.
- **Step 14** Click the name of your subscription.
- **Step 15** Copy the subscription ID to the clipboard.



- Step 16 Click Access Control (IAM).
- Step 17 Click Add > Add role assignment.
- Step 18 Click Reader and click Next.
- Step 19 Click Select Members.
- **Step 20** On the right side of the page, click the name of the app you registered and click **Select**.



Step 21 Click **Review** + **Assign** and follow the prompts to complete the action.

What to do next

See Create an Azure Connector, on page 30.

Create an Azure Connector

This task discusses how to create a connector to send data from Azure to Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

Before you begin

Create an Azure user with at least the privileges discussed in Create an Azure User with Minimal Permissions for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 28.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |
| Pull Interval | (Default 30 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from Azure. The minimum value for Pull Interval is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic. |
| Subscription Id | (Required.) Enter your Azure subscription ID. |
| Tenant Id | (Required.) Enter your tenant ID. |
| Client Id | (Required.) Enter your client ID. |
| Client Secret | (Required.) Enter your client secret. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure **Test connection succeeded** is displayed before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Create an Azure Service Tags Connector

This topic discusses how to create a connector for Azure service tags to the Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies. The IP addresses associated with these tags are updated every week by Microsoft.

For more information, see Virtual network service tags on Microsoft TechNet.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |
| Pull Interval | (Default 30 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from Azure. |
| | The minimum value for Pull Interval is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic. |
| Subscription Id | (Required.) Enter your Azure subscription ID. |
| Tenant Id | (Required.) Enter your tenant ID. |
| Client Id | (Required.) Enter your client ID. |
| Client Secret | (Required.) Enter your client secret. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure **Test connection succeeded** is displayed before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Requirements and Prerequisites for the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter

Following are requirements and prerequisits to use Cisco APIC to send dynamic objects to ASA:

- Network communication: All of the following must be able to communicate with each other securely:
 - · ASA 9.16 and later
 - Cisco APIC 4.2(7q) and later
 - Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector virtual machine, version 3.1 and later

· ASA requirements

• License: Essentials

For more information about licensing, see Smart Software Licensing.

• FQDN: Supported

Multi-context: Supported Multi-instance: Supported

· High availability: Supported

Clustering: Supported

- Permissions required:
 - ASA: privilege 15
 - Cisco APIC: at least the read-all role with readPriv access and the tenant-admin role with writePriv access for the security domain

More information

For more information about the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, see Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 4.

Get Required Information for the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter

To use the Cisco APIC connector and ASA adapter, you must get all of the following information.

Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App site prefix and update interval

To find the Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App site prefix and update interval:

- Log in to Cisco APIC as a user with admin privileges.
 For more information, see APIC Roles and Privileges Matrix.
- 2. Click Apps.
- 3. Under ACI Endpoint Update app, click Open.
- 4. Click Edit ().
- 5. Write down the values of **Update Interval** (**In seconds**) and **Site Prefix**.

Cisco APIC application profile name

To find the application profile name:

- 1. Log in to Cisco APIC.
- 2. Click Tenants.
- 3. Expand Application Profiles.

4. Write down the name of the application profile that contains EPGs and ESGs to integrate with ASA.

EPG name

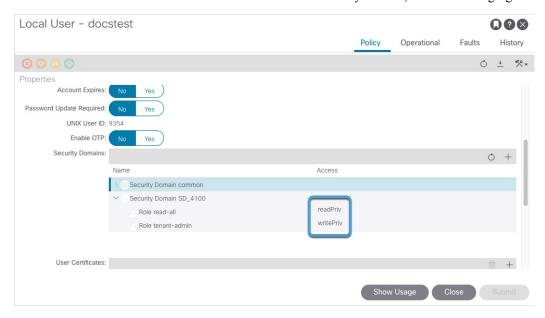
To find the EPG name:

- 1. Log in to Cisco APIC.
- 2. Click Tenants.
- 3. Expand Application Profiles.
- 4. Write down the name of the application profile that contains EPGs and ESGs to integrate with ASA.
- 5. Write down the name of the EPG or ESG that has network object groups to send to ASA.

Find a user with appropriate access

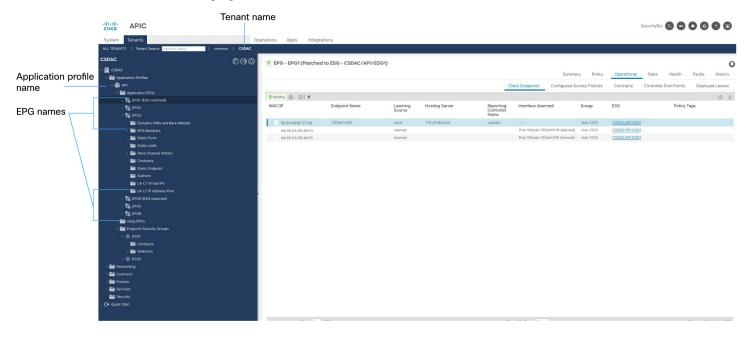
To find a user with at least the read-all role with readPriv access and the tenant-admin role with writePriv access for the security domain:

- 1. Log in to Cisco APIC.
- 2. Click Admin.
- 3. In the left pane, click Users.
- **4.** In the right pane, double-click the name of a user.
- 5. Scroll to Security Domains.
- **6.** For the relevant security domain, nake sure the user has at least the read-all role with readPriv access and the tenant-admin role with writePriv access for the security domain, as the following figure shows.



Example

The following figure shows the values in Cisco APIC.



Create a Cisco APIC Connector

This topic discusses creating a Cisco APIC connector that gets network object groups from a configured endpoint group (EPG) on Cisco APIC.

Before you begin

Review the information discussed in Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 4 and Get Required Information for the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 33.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|-------------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |

| Value | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| Pull Interval | (Default 60 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from Cisco APIC. |
| | We recommend setting this to 15 seconds. |
| Site Prefix | (Required.) Enter a name to identify this connector with the corresponding ASA adapter. |
| | Note The Site Prefix name you enter here must exactly match all of the following: |
| | • The Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App Site Prefix value you found as discussed in Get Required Information for the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 33. |
| | • Later in this guide, the value of the APIC Site Prefix you enter for the ASA adapter as discussed in Create an ASA Adapter, on page 49. |
| | This value is <i>not</i> case-sensitive. |
| IP or Hostname | (Required.) Enter the fully-qualified domain name or IP address of the Cisco APIC server from which to retrieve dynamic network object groups from EPGs and ESGs. |
| Add another cluster IP | (Optional.) Enter the IP address of other servers in the Cisco APIC cluster. |
| Username | (Required.) Enter the name of a Cisco APIC user with at least at least the read-all role with readPriv access and the tenant-admin role with writePriv access for the security domain. |
| | Objects from all tenants the user has privileges to can be pushed to ASA. |
| | You can filter the tenants using the Tenants field in the ASA adapter, which you'll configure later in this guide. |
| Password | (Required.) Enter the user's password. |
| Server Certificate | (Recommended if using fully-qualified domain name.) |
| | You have the following options: |
| | • Paste the certificate authority (CA) chain you got as discussed in Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60. |
| | • Click Get Certificate > Fetch to automatically fetch the certificate or, if that is not possible, get the certificate manually as discussed in Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60. |
| | • Click Get Certificate > Browse from file to upload a certificate chain you downloaded previously. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

What to do next

Create an Adapter, on page 48

Create an ASA Adapter, on page 49

Create a Cisco Cyber Vision Connector

This task discusses how to send data from Cisco Cyber Vision to the Secure Firewall Management Center .

Before you begin

Cisco Cyber Vision must be reachable from the machine on which the dynamic attributes connector is running. You must know its IP address, port, and API key.

To find the API key in the Cyber Vision management console, click **Admin > API > Token**, then click **Show** to display the token and to copy the token to the clipboard.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |
| Cyber Vision Prefix | Enter an alphanumeric string to identify dynamic objects from this Cyber Vision's IP address when objects are sent to Secure Firewall Management Center. |
| | If you have one Cyber Vision IP address, you can enter any value such as 1. |
| Pull Interval | (Default 60 seconds.) Interval at which data mappings are retrieved from Cyber Vision. |
| | The minimum value for Pull Interval is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic. |
| IP | (Required.) Enter the Cyber Vision IP address. |
| Port | (Required.) Enter the Cyber Vision listen port. |
| Token | (Required.) Enter the API token. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Create a Generic Text Connector

This task discusses how to create an ad hoc list of IP addresses you maintain manually and retrieve at an interval you select (30 seconds by default). You can update the list of addresses anytime you want.

Before you begin

Create text files with IP addresses and put it on a web server that is accessible from the Secure Firewall Management Center . IP addresses can include CIDR notation. The text file must have only one IP address per line.

For example, you might have a list of IP addresses for an "allow list" in access control rules and another list of IP addresses for a "block list" in access control rules.

You can specify up to 10,000 IP addresses per text file.



Note

Do not include a scheme (http://orhttps://) in your IP addresses.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (+ v), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.
- **Step 4** Enter a **Name** and an optional description.
- **Step 5** (Optional.) In the **Pull Interval** field, change the frequency, in seconds, at which the dynamic attributes connector retrieves IP addresses from the text file. The default is 30 seconds.

The minimum value for **Pull Interval** is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic.

- **Step 6** In the **URLs** field, enter each URL from which to retrieve IP addresses, one URL per line.
- Step 7 (Optional.) Click Add another URL to add an additional URL to monitor.
- **Step 8** (Optional.) If a certificate chain is required for a secure connection to the web server, you have the following options:

- Click **Get Certificate** > **Fetch** to automatically fetch the certificate or, if that is not possible, get the certificate manually as discussed in Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60.
- Click **Get Certificate** > **Browse from file** to upload a certificate chain you downloaded previously.
- **Step 9** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 10 Click Save.
- **Step 11** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Create a GitHub Connector

This section discusses how to create a GitHub connector that sends data to the Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies. The IP addresses associated with these tags are maintained by GitHub. You do not have to create a dynamic attributes filters.

For more information, see About GitHub's IP addresses.



Note

Do not change the URL because doing so will fail to retrieve any IP addresses.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.
- **Step 4** Enter a **Name** and an optional description.
- **Step 5** (Optional.) In the **Pull Interval** field, change the frequency, in seconds, at which the dynamic attributes connector retrieves IP addresses from GitHub. The default is 21,600 seconds (6 hours).
- **Step 6** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 7 Click Save.
- **Step 8** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Google Cloud Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector imports dynamic attributes from Google Cloud to Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

Dynamic attributes imported

We import the following dynamic attributes from Google Cloud:

- Labels, key-value pairs you can use to organize your Google Cloud resources.
 For more information, see Creating and Managing Labels in the Google Cloud documentation.
- Network tags, key-value pairs associated with an organization, folder, or project.
 For more information, see Creating and Managing Tags in the Google Cloud documentation.
- IP addresses of virtual machines in Google Cloud.

Minimum permissions required

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector requires a user at minimum with the **Basic** > **Viewer** permission to be able to import dynamic attributes.

Create a Google Cloud User with Minimal Permissions for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

This task discusses how to set up a service account with minimum permissions to send dynamic attributes to Secure Firewall Management Center. For a list of these attributes, see Google Cloud Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 39.

Before you begin

You must already have set up your Google Cloud account. For more information about doing that, see Setting Up Your Environment in the Google Cloud documentation.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to your Google Cloud account as a user with the owner role.
- Step 2 Click IAM & Admin > Service Accounts > Create Service Account.
- **Step 3** Enter the following information:
 - Service account name: A name to identify this account; for example, CSDAC.
 - Service account ID: Should be populated with a unique value after you enter the service account name.
 - Service account description: Enter an optional description.

For more information about service accounts, see Understanding Service Accounts in the Google Cloud documentation.

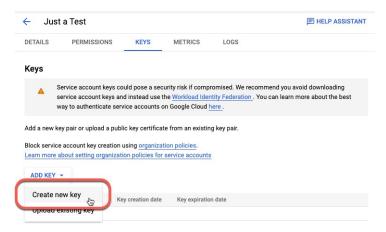
- **Step 4** Click Create and Continue.
- **Step 5** Follow the prompts on your screen until the Grant users access to this service account section is displayed.
- **Step 6** Grant the user the **Basic** > **Viewer** role.
- Step 7 Click Done.

A list of service accounts is displayed.

Step 8 Click **More** (*) at the end of the row of the service account you created.

Step 9 Click Manage Keys.

Step 10 Click Add Key > Create New Key.



- Step 11 Click JSON.
- Step 12 Click Create.

The JSON key is downloaded to your computer.

Step 13 Keep the key handy when you configure the GCP connector.

What to do next

See Create a Google Cloud Connector, on page 41.

Create a Google Cloud Connector

Before you begin

Have your Google Cloud JSON-formatted service account data ready; it's required to set up the connector.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.
- **Step 4** Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |
| Pull Interval | (Default 30 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from AWS. The minimum value for Pull Interval is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic. |
| GCP region | (Required.) Enter the GCP region in which your Google Cloud is located. For more information, see Regions and Zones in the Google Cloud documentation. |
| Service account | Paste the JSON code for your Google Cloud service account. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Create an Office 365 Connector

This task discusses how to create a connector for Office 365 tags to send data to the Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies. The IP addresses associated with these tags are updated every week by Microsoft. You do not have to create a dynamic attributes filter to use the data.

For more information, see Office 365 URLs and IP address ranges on docs.microsoft.com.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (+ v), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|-------------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |

| Value | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| Pull Interval | (Default 30 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from Azure. |
| | The minimum value for Pull Interval is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic. |
| Base API URL | (Required.) Enter the URL from which to retrieve Office 365 information, if it's different from the default. For more information, see Office 365 IP Address and URL web service on the Microsoft documentation site. |
| Instance name | (Required.) From the list, click an instance name. For more information, see Office 365 IP Address and URL web service on the Microsoft documentation site. |
| Disable optional IPs | (Required.) Enter true or false . |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

vCenter Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector imports dynamic attributes from vCenter to Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

Dynamic attributes imported

We import the following dynamic attributes from vCenter:

- Operating system
- MAC address
- IP addresses
- NSX tags

Minimum permissions required

The Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector requires a user at minimum with the **Read Only** permission to be able to import dynamic attributes.

Create a vCenter User with Minimal Permissions for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

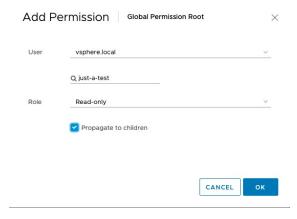
This task discusses how to set up a service account with minimum permissions to send dynamic attributes to Secure Firewall Management Center. For a list of these attributes, see vCenter Connector—About User Permissions and Imported Data, on page 43.

Before you begin

You must already have set up your vCenter Server account. For more information about doing that, see About vCenter Server Installation and Setup in the vCenter documentation.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log into vCenter as an administrator.
- **Step 2** Click **Menu** > **Administration**.
- Step 3 In the left pane, click Single Sign On > Users and Groups.
- **Step 4** From the **Domain** list, click the name of a domain to add the user.
- Step 5 Click Add User.
- **Step 6** Enter the requested information and click **Add**.
- Step 7 In the left pane, click Access Control > Global Permissions.
- Step 8 Click Add(+).
- **Step 9** From the **User** field, click the name of the vCenter domain in which you created the user.
- **Step 10** In the search field, enter part of the user's name.
- **Step 11** From the **Role** list, click **Read-only**.
- **Step 12** Select the **Propagate to children** check box.



Step 13 Click OK.

What to do next

See Create a vCenter Connector, on page 44.

Create a vCenter Connector

This task discusses how to create a connector for VMware vCenter to send data to the Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies.

Before you begin

If you use non-trusted certificates to communicate with vCenter, see Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60.

Procedure

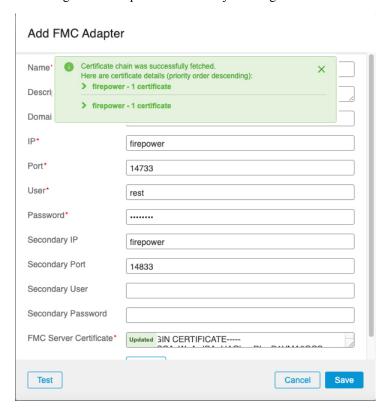
- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|---------------|--|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Enter an optional description. |
| Pull Interval | (Default 30 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from vCenter. The minimum value for Pull Interval is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic. |
| Host | (Required.) Enter any of the following: • vCenter's fully qualified host name • vCenter's IP address • (Optional.) A port Do not enter a scheme (such as https://) or trailing slash. For example, myvcenter.example.com or 192.0.2.100:9090 |
| User | (Required.) Enter the user name of a user with the Read-only role at minimum. User names are case-sensitive. |
| Password | (Required.) Enter the user's password. |
| NSX IP | If you use vCenter Network Security Visualization (NSX), enter its IP address. |
| NSX User | Enter the user name of an NSX user with the Auditor role at minimum. |
| NSX Type | Enter NSX-T. |
| NSX Password | Enter the NSX user's password. |

| Value | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| vCenter Certificate | You have the following options: Click Get Certificate > Fetch to automatically fetch the certificate or, if that is not possible, get the certificate manually as discussed in Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60. Click Get Certificate > Browse from file to upload a certificate chain you downloaded previously. |

Following is an example of successfully fetching a certificate chain:



Expanding the certificate CA chain at the top of the dialog box displays the certificates similar to the following.



If it's not possible to fetch the certificate this way, you can get the certificate chain manually as discussed in Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60.

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure **Test connection succeeded** is displayed before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.

Create a Webex Connector

This section discusses how to create a Webex connector that sends data to the Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies. The IP addresses associated with these tags are maintained by Webex. You do not have to create a dynamic attributes filters.

For more information, see Port Reference for Webex Calling.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |
| Pull Interval | (Default 30 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from Webex. |
| | The minimum value for Pull Interval is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic. |
| Provider Reserved IPs | (Required.) (Required.) Slide to enabled to retrieve any reserved IP addresses. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Create a Zoom Connector

This section discusses how to create a Zoom connector that sends data to the Secure Firewall Management Center for use in access control policies. The IP addresses associated with these tags are maintained by Zoom. You do not have to create a dynamic attributes filters.

For more information, see Zoom network firewall or proxy server settings.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Connectors.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a name to uniquely identify this connector. |
| Description | Optional description. |
| Pull Interval | (Default 30 seconds.) Interval at which IP mappings are retrieved from Zoom. |
| | The minimum value for Pull Interval is 1 second. You can set the maximum to any value you want. We recommend against setting the minimum to a low value because it can generate a lot of traffic, and, when applicable, can result in your being billed for the traffic. |
| Provider Reserved IPs | (Required.) Slide to enabled to retrieve any reserved IP addresses. |

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the connector.
- Step 6 Click Save.
- **Step 7** Make sure **Ok** is displayed in the Status column.

Create an Adapter

An *adapter* is a secure connection to management center to which you push network information from cloud objects for use in access control policies.

First you can optionally fetch the certificate authority chain, which is required to securely connect to the Secure Firewall Management Center .

Fetching the certificate authority chain requires only the Secure Firewall Management Center host name; creating the adapter requires a user name, password, and other information.



Note

Deleting an adapter by itself does not delete dynamic objects created by the adapter. If you wish to delete those objects permanently, do so on the device associated with the adapter.

Before deleting the adapter, you can set its **Operative Status** to **Paused and Clear**. Doing this stops sending network object groups to ASA and clears any previously sent objects from ASA.

Editing an adapter does not push updated objects to the associated device. If you must change the adapter's settings, delete the adapter and add it again.

Related Topics

How to Create an On-Prem Firewall Management Center Adapter, on page 55

How to Create a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center Adapter, on page 59

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Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60

Create an ASA Adapter

This topic discusses how to create an ASA adapter that creates network object groups on ASA. These network object groups can be used in access rules.



Note

The ASA adapter creates only Cisco APIC network object groups. You *cannot* create on ASA dynamic objects from other cloud sources, such as Microsoft Outlook 365.

Before you begin

Create a Cisco APIC connector as discussed in Create a Cisco APIC Connector, on page 35.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Adapters.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Note

Deleting an adapter by itself does not delete dynamic objects created by the adapter. If you wish to delete those objects permanently, do so on the device associated with the adapter.

Before deleting the adapter, you can set its **Operative Status** to **Paused and Clear**. Doing this stops sending network object groups to ASA and clears any previously sent objects from ASA.

Editing an adapter does not push updated objects to the associated device. If you must change the adapter's settings, delete the adapter and add it again.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description | |
|------------------|--|--|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a unique name to identify this adapter. | |
| Description | Optional description of the adapter. | |
| Operative Status | From the list, click one of the following: | |
| | • Running is the normal running state where the integration sends network object groups to A | |
| | In the Running state, the adapter's status is displayed as Ok on the dynamic attributes connector Adapters page. | |
| | Paused pauses sending network object groups, such as during an upgrade. You can pause and resume sending network object groups at any time; this option preserves the objects already pushed to ASA. | |
| | To resume sending network object groups, edit this adapter again and click Running . | |
| | In the Paused state, the adapter's status is displayed as Disabled on the dynamic attributes connector Adapters page. | |
| | Paused and Clear stops sending network object groups to ASA and clears any previously sent objects from ASA. After you do this you can delete the adapter if you wish. | |
| | In the Paused and Clear state, the adapter's status is displayed as Disabled on the dynamic attributes connector Adapters page. | |
| APIC Site Prefix | (Required.) Enter a name to use as the prefix for the objects created on ASA. We strongly recommend you use a unique name. | |
| | This value must match all of the following: | |
| | • The Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App Site Prefix value you found as discussed in Get Required Information for the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 33. | |
| | • The value of the APIC Site Prefix you specified for the Cisco APIC connector as discussed in Create a Cisco APIC Connector, on page 35. | |
| | This value is <i>not</i> case-sensitive. | |
| Tenants | (Required.) Specify the names of one or more Cisco APIC tenants the readPriv user has access to. Objects from only the tenants you specify will be pushed to ASA. | |
| | To specify more than one tenant, separate them with a comma character. | |
| IP | (Required.) ASA IP address. | |

| Value | Description | |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Port | (Required.) ASA TLS/SSL port (default is 443). | |
| User | (Required.) Enter the name of an ASA user with privilege level 15. | |
| Password | (Required.) Enter the user's password. | |
| Security Context | (Optional.) Enter the name of the ASA security context. For more information, see Enabling Multiple Context Mode in the Cisco Security Appliance Command Line Configuration Guide. | |
| Server Certificate | (Optional.) You have the following options: Paste the certificate authority (CA) chain you got as discussed in Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60. | |
| | Click Get Certificate > Fetch to automatically fetch the certificate or, if that is not possible, get the certificate manually as discussed in Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60. | |
| | Click Get Certificate > Browse from file to upload a certificate chain you downloaded previously. | |

Related Topics

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Edit or Delete an ASA Adapter

This task discusses the supported way to either edit or delete an ASA adapter. Failure to follow this procedure might mean dynamic objects do not get updated on the ASA device.

Before you begin

Create an ASA adapter as discussed in Create an ASA Adapter, on page 49.



Note

Deleting an adapter by itself does not delete dynamic objects created by the adapter. If you wish to delete those objects permanently, do so on the device associated with the adapter.

Before deleting the adapter, you can set its **Operative Status** to **Paused and Clear**. Doing this stops sending network object groups to ASA and clears any previously sent objects from ASA.

Editing an adapter does not push updated objects to the associated device. If you must change the adapter's settings, delete the adapter and add it again.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Adapters.
- **Step 3** To change an adapter's configuration:
 - a) Click **More** (i), then click **Delete**.
 - b) Follow the prompts to complete the action.
 - c) Create another ASA adapter as discussed in Create an ASA Adapter, on page 49.
- **Step 4** To delete an adapter:
 - a) Click **More** (1), then click **Delete**.
 - b) Follow the prompts to complete the action.

Note

Deleting an adapter by itself does not delete dynamic objects created by the adapter. If you wish to delete those objects permanently, do so on the device associated with the adapter.

Before deleting the adapter, you can set its **Operative Status** to **Paused and Clear**. Doing this stops sending network object groups to ASA and clears any previously sent objects from ASA.

Editing an adapter does not push updated objects to the associated device. If you must change the adapter's settings, delete the adapter and add it again.

Related Topics

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Create a Secure Firewall Management Center User for the Dynamic Attributes Connector

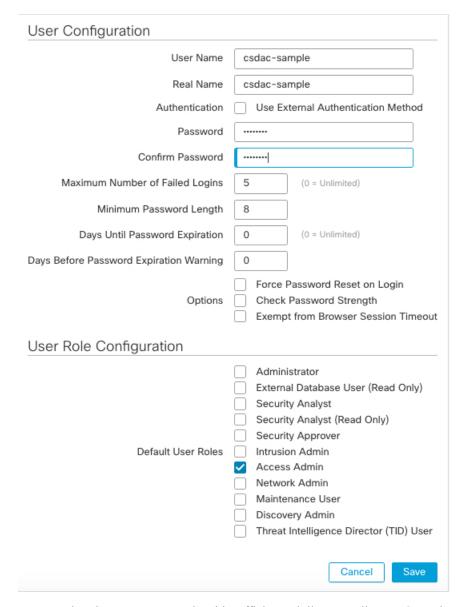
We recommend you create a dedicated Secure Firewall Management Center user for the dynamic attributes connector adapter. Creating a dedicated Secure Firewall Management Center user avoids issues like unexpected logouts from the Secure Firewall Management Center because the dynamic attributes connector periodically logs in using a REST API to update the Secure Firewall Management Center with new and updated dynamic objects.

The Secure Firewall Management Center user must have Access Admin privileges at least.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the Secure Firewall Management Center if you haven't already done so.
- Step 2 Click System (\heartsuit) > Users.
- Step 3 Click Create User.
- **Step 4** Enter the information required to create the user.
- **Step 5** Under User Role Configuration, check any of the following default roles or a custom role with the same privilege level:
 - Administrator
 - · Access Admin
 - Network Admin

The following figure shows an example.



You can also choose a custom role with sufficient privileges to allow REST actions or a different default role with sufficient privileges. For more information about default roles, see the User Roles section in the chapter on user accounts.

What to do next

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How to Create an On-Prem Firewall Management Center Adapter

This topic discusses how to create an adapter to push dynamic objects from the dynamic attributes connector to the Secure Firewall Management Center .



Note

Deleting an adapter by itself does not delete dynamic objects created by the adapter. If you wish to delete those objects permanently, do so on the device associated with the adapter.

Before deleting the adapter, you can set its **Operative Status** to **Paused and Clear**. Doing this stops sending network object groups to ASA and clears any previously sent objects from ASA.

Editing an adapter does not push updated objects to the associated device. If you must change the adapter's settings, delete the adapter and add it again.

Before you begin

See Create a Secure Firewall Management Center User for the Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 53.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Adapters.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (+), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Note

Deleting an adapter by itself does not delete dynamic objects created by the adapter. If you wish to delete those objects permanently, do so on the device associated with the adapter.

Before deleting the adapter, you can set its **Operative Status** to **Paused and Clear**. Doing this stops sending network object groups to ASA and clears any previously sent objects from ASA.

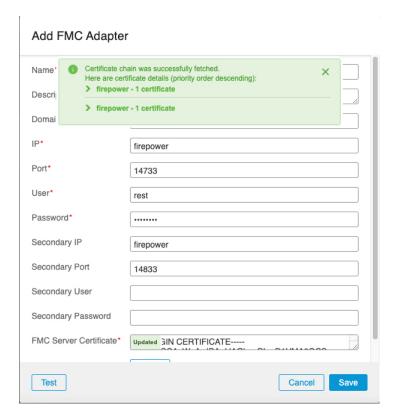
Editing an adapter does not push updated objects to the associated device. If you must change the adapter's settings, delete the adapter and add it again.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|-------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a unique name to identify this adapter. |

| Value | Description | |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Description | Optional description of the adapter. | |
| Domain | Enter the Secure Firewall Management Center domain in which to create dynamic objects. Leav the field blank to create dynamic objects in the Global domain. For example, Global/MySubdomain | |
| IP | (Required.) Enter your Secure Firewall Management Center's host name or IP address. | |
| | The host name or IP you enter must exactly match the Common Name of the CA certificate used to securely connect to it. | |
| Port | (Required.) Enter the TLS port used by your Secure Firewall Management Center. | |
| User | (Required.) Enter the name of an Secure Firewall Management Center user with the Network Admin role at minimum. | |
| Password | (Required.) Enter the user's password. | |
| Secondary IP | (High availability only.) Enter the secondary Secure Firewall Management Centers host name or IP address. | |
| | The host name or IP you enter must exactly match the Common Name of the CA certificate used to securely connect to it. | |
| Secondary Port | (High availability only.) Enter the TLS port used by your secondary Secure Firewall Management Center. | |
| Secondary User | (High availability only.) Enter the name of a secondary Secure Firewall Management Center user with the Network Admin role at minimum. | |
| Secondary Password | (High availability only.) Enter the user's password. | |
| Server Certificate | You have the following options: | |
| | • Click Get Certificate > Fetch to automatically fetch the certificate or, if that is not possible, get the certificate manually as discussed in Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60. | |
| | Click Get Certificate > Browse from file to upload a certificate chain you downloaded previously. | |

Following is an example of successfully fetching a certificate chain:



Expanding the certificate CA chain at the top of the dialog box displays the certificates similar to the following.



If it's not possible to fetch the certificate this way, you can get the certificate chain manually as discussed in Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60.

- **Step 5** Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the adapter.
- Step 6 Click Save.

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Create a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center Adapter

This topic discusses how to create an adapter to push dynamic objects from the dynamic attributes connector to a managed management center on the Secure Firewall Management Center.

You can create the following adapters:

- On-Prem Firewall Management Center for an on-premises Secure Firewall Management Center
- Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center for devices managed by CDO

Before you can create a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, get the following information first: Get Your Base URL and API Token, on page 58.

Related Topics

How to Create an On-Prem Firewall Management Center Adapter, on page 55

How to Create a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center Adapter, on page 59

Create an Adapter, on page 48

Create an ASA Adapter, on page 49

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Get Your Base URL and API Token

This task dicusses how to get the URL and API token from CDO that are required to create a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center adapter.

Before you begin

You must be a CDO Super Admin to complete the tasks discussed in this section.

Procedure

| Step 1 | Log in to CDO as a user with the Super Admin role. |
|--------|--|
|--------|--|

- **Step 2** In the upper right corner of the page, click **Settings**.
- Step 3 Click General Settings.
- **Step 4** Next to API Token, click **Refresh**.
- **Step 5** Copy the API token to a text file for later use.
- Step 6 Click
- **Step 7** Click the name of the management center to which to send dynamic attributes connector data.
- Step 8 The value of **Hostname**, preceded by **https://**, is the base URL.

An example follows:



What to do next

How to Create a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center Adapter, on page 59.

Related Topics

How to Create an On-Prem Firewall Management Center Adapter, on page 55

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How to Create a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center Adapter

This task discusses how to create a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center adpater that sends data from the dynamic attributes connector to a device managed by CDO.

Before you begin

You must get the management center base URL and API token from CDO before you can complete this task. For more information, see Get Your Base URL and API Token, on page 58.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Adapters.
- **Step 3** Do any of the following:
 - Add a new connector: click Add icon (), then click the name of the connector.
 - Edit or delete a connector: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Note

Deleting an adapter by itself does not delete dynamic objects created by the adapter. If you wish to delete those objects permanently, do so on the device associated with the adapter.

Before deleting the adapter, you can set its **Operative Status** to **Paused and Clear**. Doing this stops sending network object groups to ASA and clears any previously sent objects from ASA.

Editing an adapter does not push updated objects to the associated device. If you must change the adapter's settings, delete the adapter and add it again.

Step 4 Enter the following information.

| Value | Description |
|--------------|---|
| Name | (Required.) Enter a unique name to identify this adapter. |
| Description | Optional description of the adapter. |
| Base Url | (Required.) Use the Base URL you found in Get Your Base URL and API Token, on page 58. |
| API Token | (Required.) Use the API token you found in Get Your Base URL and API Token, on page 58. |

Step 5 Click **Test** and make sure the test succeeds before you save the adapter.

Step 6 Click Save.

What to do next

Create Dynamic Attributes Filters, on page 63.

Related Topics

How to Create an On-Prem Firewall Management Center Adapter, on page 55

How to Create a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center Adapter, on page 59

Create an Adapter, on page 48

Create an ASA Adapter, on page 49

Edit or Delete an ASA Adapter, on page 51

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Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain

In the event you cannot automatically fetch the certificate authority chain, use one of the following browser-specific procedures to get a certificate chain used to connect securely to vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA.

The *certificate chain* is the root certificate and all subordinate certificates.

You can optionally use one of these procedures to connect to the following:

- · vCenter or NSX
- Management Center
- Cisco APIC
- ASA

Get a Certificate Chain—Mac (Chrome and Firefox)

Use this procedure to get a certificate chain using the Chrome and Firefox browsers on Mac OS.

- 1. Open a Terminal window.
- **2.** Enter the following command.

```
security verify-cert -P url[:port]
```

where url is the URL (including scheme) to vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA. For example:

```
security verify-cert -P https://myvcenter.example.com
```

If you access vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA using NAT or PAT, you can add a port as follows:

```
security verify-cert -P https://myvcenter.example.com:12345
```

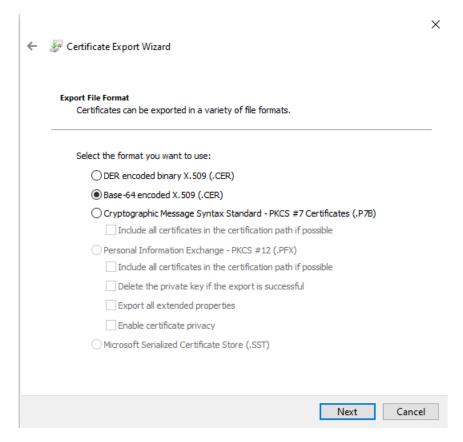
- 3. Save the entire certificate chain to a plaintext file.
 - Include all ----BEGIN CERTIFICATE---- and ----END CERTIFICATE---- delimiters.
 - Exclude any extraneous text (for example, the name of the certificate and any text contained in angle brackets (< and >) as well as the angle brackets themselves.
- 4. Repeat these tasks for vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA.

Get a Certificate Chain—Windows Chrome

Use this procedure to get a certificate chain using the Chrome browser on Windows.

- 1. Log in to vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA using Chrome.
- 2. In the browser address bar, click the lock to the left of the host name.
- 3. Click Certificate.
- 4. Click the **Certification Path** tab.
- 5. Click the top (that is, first) certificate in the chain.
- 6. Click View Certificate.
- 7. Click the **Details** tab.
- 8. Click Copy to File.
- 9. Follow the prompts to create a CER-formatted certificate file that includes the entire certificate chain.

When you're prompted to choose an export file format, click **Base 64-Encoded X.509 (.CER)** as the following figure shows.



- **10.** Follow the prompts to complete the export.
- **11.** Open the certificate in a text editor.
- 12. Repeat the process for all certificates in the chain.

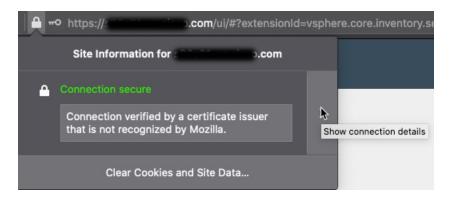
You must paste each certificate in the text editor in order, first to last.

13. Repeat these tasks for vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA.

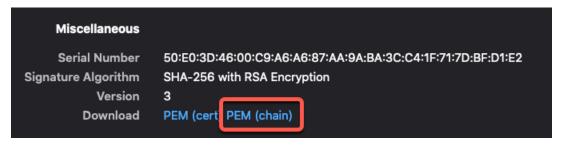
Get a Certificate Chain—Windows Firefox

Use the following procedure to get a certificate chain for the Firefox browser on either Windows or Mac OS.

- 1. Log in to vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA using Firefox.
- 2. Click the lock to the left of the host name.
- **3.** Click the right arrow (**Show connection details**). The following figure shows an example.



- 4. Click More Information.
- 5. Click View Certificate.
- **6.** If the resulting dialog box has tab pages, click the tab page corresponding to the top-level CA.
- 7. Scroll to the Miscellaneous section.
- **8.** Click **PEM** (**chain**) in the Download row. The following figure shows an example.



- **9.** Save the file.
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Create Dynamic Attributes Filters

Dynamic attributes filters that you define using the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector are exposed in the Secure Firewall Management Center as dynamic objects that can be used in access control policies. For

example, you could restrict access to an AWS server for the Finance Department to only members of the Finance group defined in Microsoft Active Directory.



Note

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For more information about access control rules, see Create Access Control Rules Using Dynamic Attributes Filters, on page 71.

Before you begin

Create a Connector, on page 19

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- Step 2 Click Dynamic Attributes Filters.
 - Add a new filter: click **Add** ()
 - Edit or delete a filter: Click **More** (*), then click **Edit** or **Delete** at the end of the row.

Step 3 Enter the following information.

| Item | Description |
|-----------|---|
| Name | Unique name to identify the dynamic filter (as a dynamic object) in access control policy and in the Secure Firewall Management Center Object Manager (External Attributes > Dynamic Object). |
| Connector | From the list, click the name of a connector to use. |
| Query | Click Add (+). |

Step 4 To add or edit a query, enter the following information.

| Item | Description |
|-----------|---|
| Key | Click a key from the list. Keys are fetched from the connector. |
| Operation | Click one of the following: |
| | • Equals to exactly match the key to the value. |
| | • Contains to match the key to the value if any part of the value matches. |

| Item | Description |
|--------|---|
| Values | Click either Any or All and click one or more values from the list. Click Add another value to add values to your query. |

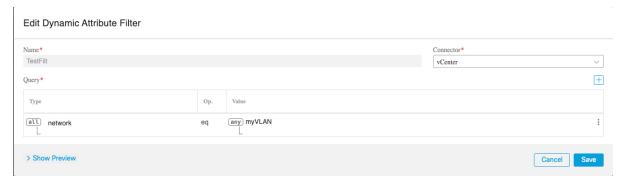
- **Step 5** Click **Show Preview** to display a list of networks or IP addresses returned by your query.
- **Step 6** When you're finished, click **Save**.
- **Step 7** (Optional.) Verify the dynamic object in the Secure Firewall Management Center.
 - a) Log in to the Secure Firewall Management Center as a user with the Network Admin role at minimum.
 - b) Click Objects > Object Management.
 - c) In the left pane, click External Attributes > Dynamic Object.
 The dynamic attribute query you created should be displayed as a dynamic object.

Dynamic Attribute Filter Examples

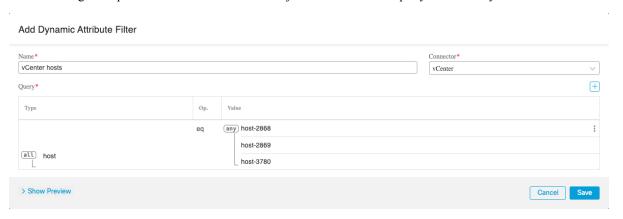
This topic provides some examples of setting up dynamic attribute filters.

Examples: vCenter

The following example shows one criterion: a VLAN.

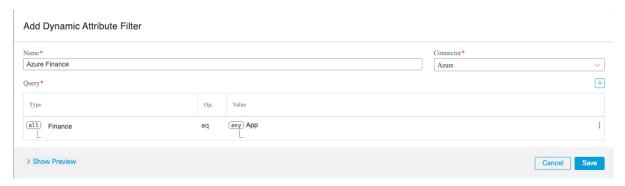


The following example shows three criteria that are joined with OR: the query matches any of three hosts.



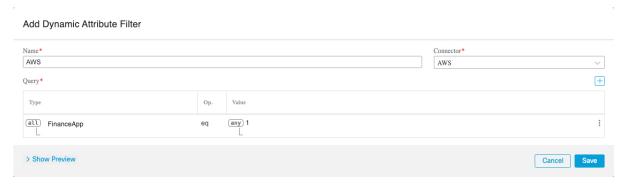
Example: Azure

The following example shows one criterion: a server tagged as a Finance app.



Example: AWS

The following example shows one criterion: a FinanceApp with a value of 1.



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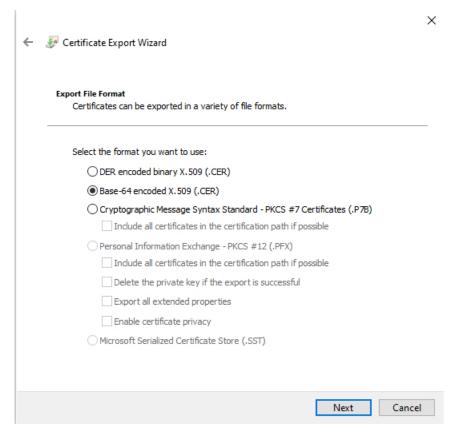
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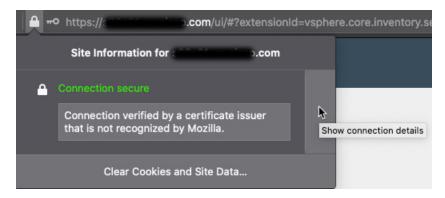
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13. Repeat these tasks for vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA.

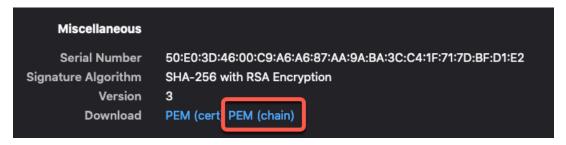
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Related Topics

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Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain



Use Dynamic Objects in Access Control Policies

The dynamic attributes connector enables you to configure dynamic filters, seen in the Secure Firewall Management Center as dynamic objects, in access control rules.

- About Dynamic Objects in Access Control Rules, on page 71
- Create Access Control Rules Using Dynamic Attributes Filters, on page 71
- How to Use Network Object Groups from Cisco APIC in ASA Access Rules, on page 73

About Dynamic Objects in Access Control Rules

A *dynamic object* is automatically pushed from the dynamic attributes connector to the Secure Firewall Manager after you create connectors and save a dynamic attributes filter on the connector.

You can use these dynamic objects on the access control rule's **Dynamic Attributes** tab page, similarly to the way you used Security Group Tags (SGTs). You can add dynamic objects as source or destination attributes; for example, in an access control block rule, you can add a Finance dynamic object as a destination attribute to block access to Finance servers by whatever objects match the other criteria in the rule.



Note

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Create Access Control Rules Using Dynamic Attributes Filters

This topic discusses how to create access control rules using dynamic objects (these dynamic objects are named after the dynamic attributes filters you created previously).

Before you begin

Create dynamic attributes filters as discussed in Create Dynamic Attributes Filters, on page 63.



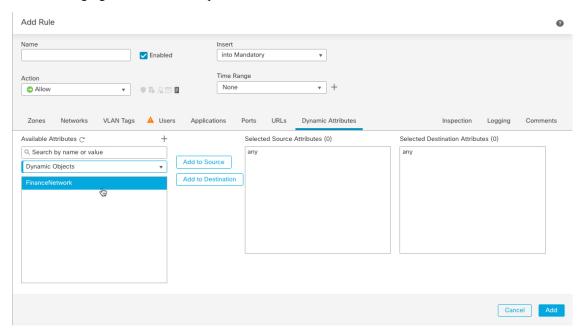
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Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the Secure Firewall Management Center
- Step 2 Click Policies > Access Control heading > Access Control.
- **Step 3** Click **Edit** (✓) next to an access control policy.
- Step 4 Click Add Rule.
- Step 5 Click the **Dynamic Attributes** tab.
- **Step 6** In the Available Attributes section, from the list, click **Dynamic Objects**.

The following figure shows an example.



The preceding example shows a dynamic object named FinanceNetwork that corresponds to the dynamic attribute filter created in the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector.

- **Step 7** Add the desired object to source or destination attributes.
- **Step 8** Add other conditions to the rule if desired.

What to do next

Dynamic Attributes Rule Conditions in the Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center Device Configuration Guide.

How to Use Network Object Groups from Cisco APIC in ASA Access Rules

The following topics show how to use network object groups from Cisco APIC in ASA Access Rules.

Related Topics

Add Network Object Groups to Access Rules, on page 73 View Network Object Groups in ASDM, on page 75

Add Network Object Groups to Access Rules

To use dynamic network object groups from Cisco APIC to ASA access rules, you must add those objects as discussed in this task.

Before you begin

Complete all of the following tasks:

- Create a Cisco APIC Connector, on page 35
- Create an ASA Adapter, on page 49

Procedure

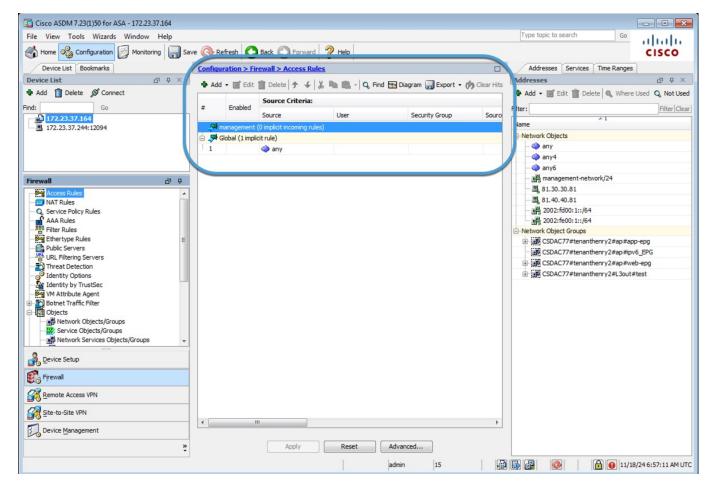
Step 1 Log in to ASDM as a user with level 15 (administrator) privilege.

For more information about starting ASDM, see Start ASDM.

For more information about permissions, see Configure Management Remote Access.

Step 2 Click Configuration > Firewall > Access Rules > Network Objects/Groups.

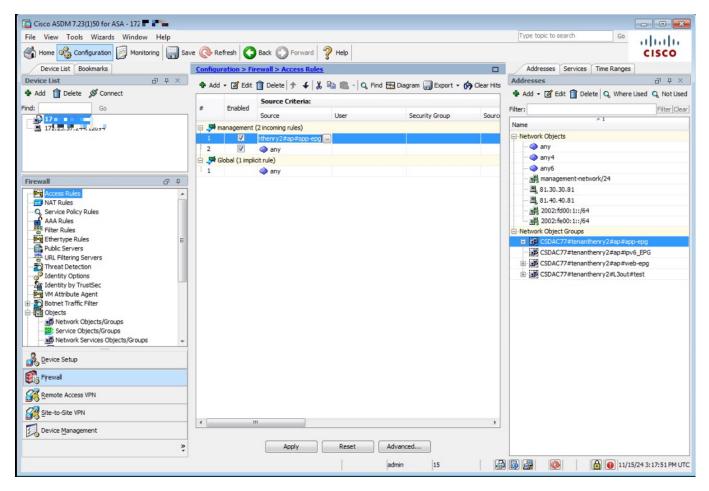
Access rules are displayed in the center pane as the following figure shows.



Step 3 Specify one or more network object groups as source criteria for the rule.

Double-click the **Source** field, then click let to select a network object group for the rule.

The following figure shows an example.



Network object groups are named as follows: SiteName#TenantName#ProfileName#EPGName

Step 4 Follow the prompts on your screen to complete the action.

For more information, see Access Rules.

Related Topics

Add Network Object Groups to Access Rules, on page 73 View Network Object Groups in ASDM, on page 75

View Network Object Groups in ASDM

This task is optional. To configure ASA access rules without viewing network object groups, see Add Network Object Groups to Access Rules, on page 73.

Before you begin

Complete all of the following tasks:

• Create a Cisco APIC Connector, on page 35

• Create an ASA Adapter, on page 49

Procedure

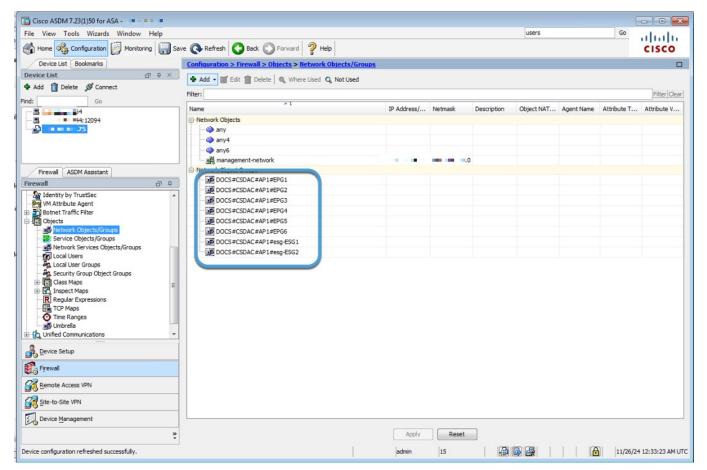
Step 1 Log in to ASDM as a user with at least privilege level 15 (administrator).

For more information about starting ASDM, see Start ASDM.

For more information about permissions, see Configure Management Remote Access.

Step 2 Click Configuration > Firewall > Objects > Network Objects/Groups.

The network object groups are displayed in the right pane as the following figure shows.



Network object groups are named as follows: SiteName#TenantName#ProfileName#EPGName

What to do next

See Add Network Object Groups to Access Rules, on page 73

Related Topics

Add Network Object Groups to Access Rules, on page 73 View Network Object Groups in ASDM, on page 75 **View Network Object Groups in ASDM**



Troubleshoot the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

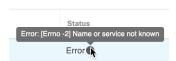
How to troubleshoot issues with the dynamic attributes connector, including using provided tools.

- Troubleshoot Error Messages, on page 79
- Troubleshoot Using the Command Line, on page 81
- Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 83

Troubleshoot Error Messages

Problem: Name or service not known error

This error is displayed as a tooltip when you hover the mouse over an error condition on a connector. An example follows; yours might look different.



Solution: Edit the connector and check for:

- · A trailing slash on a host name
- (On-Prem Firewall Management Center adapter only.) A scheme at the beginning of a host name (for example, https://)
- Verify the password is correct
- For an On-Prem Firewall Management Center adapter, verify the contents of the **FMC Server Certificate** field.

For more information, see Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60.

Problem: [X509 PEM lib]

This error is displayed as a tooltip when you hover the mouse over an error condition on a connector.



Solution: Edit the connector and check the CA chain. For more information, see Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60.

Problem: Incorrect username or password

This error is displayed as a tooltip when you hover the mouse over an error condition on a connector.



Solution: Edit the connector and change the user name or password.

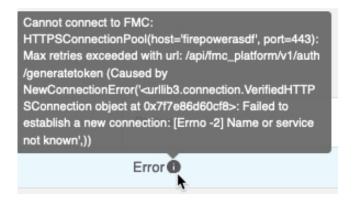
Problem: Authentication token not found in header

This error is displayed when you attempt to test the connection with an adapter user that does not have sufficient privileges on the Secure Firewall Management Center:



Problem: Timeout or max retries error for an adapter

This error is displayed as a tooltip when you hover the mouse over an error condition on an adapter.



```
Adapter is not configured:
HTTPSConnectionPool(host='steve', port=443): Max
retries exceeded with url: /api/fmc_platform/v1/auth
/generatetoken (Caused by
ConnectTimeoutError(<url/lib3.connection.HTTPSConne
ction object at 0x7f440cd1c828>, 'Connection to steve
timed out. (connect timeout=30)'))

Error
```

Solution: Do all of the following:

- Verify the management center is running and that it can be reached from the dynamic attributes connector.
- Verify the contents of the FMC Server Certificate field.
- Make sure the value you entered in the **IP** field exactly matches the certificate's Common Name.

For more information, see Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain, on page 60.

Troubleshoot Using the Command Line

To assist you with advanced troubleshooting and working with Cisco TAC, we provide the following troubleshooting tools. To use these tools, log in as any user to the Ubuntu host on which the dynamic attributes connector is running.

Check container status

To check the status of the dynamic attributes connector Docker containers, enter the following commands:

```
cd ~/csdac/app
sudo ./muster-cli status
```

Sample output follows:

Stop, start, or restart the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector Docker containers

If the ./muster-cli status indicates containers are down or to restart containers in the event of issues, you can enter the following commands:

Stop and restart:

```
cd ~/csdac/app
sudo ./muster-cli stop
sudo ./muster-cli start
Start only:
cd ~/csdac/app
sudo ./muster-cli start
```

Enable application debug logging and generate troubleshoot files

If advised to do so by Cisco TAC, enable debug logging and generate troubleshoot files as follows:

```
cd ~/csdac/app
sudo ./muster-cli debug-on
sudo ./muster-cli ts-gen
```

The troubleshoot file name is **ts-bundle**-timestamp.tar and is created in the same directory.

The following table shows the location of troubleshoot files and logs in the troubleshoot file.

| Location | What it contains |
|---|--|
| /csdac/app/ts-bundle-timestamp/info | etcd database contents |
| /csdac/app/ts-bundle-timestamp/logs | Container log files |
| /csdac/app/ts-bundle-timestamp/status.log | Container status, versions, and image status |

Verify dynamic objects on the Secure Firewall Management Center

To verify your connectors are creating objects on the Secure Firewall Management Center, you can use the following command on the Secure Firewall Management Center as an administrator:

```
sudo tail f /var/opt/CSCOpx/MDC/log/operation/usmsharedsvcs.log
```

Example: Successful object creation

```
26-Aug-2021 12:41:35.912, [INFO], (DefenseCenterServiceImpl.java:1442)
com.cisco.nm.vms.api.dc.DefenseCenterServiceImpl, ajp-nio-127.0.0.1-9009-exec-10
** REST Request [ CSM ]
** ID: 18b25356-fd6b-4cc4-8d27-bbccb52a6275
** URL: POST /audit
  "version": "7.1.0",
  "requestId": "18b25356-fd6b-4cc4-8d27-bbccb52a6275",
  "data": {
    "userName": "csdac-centos7",
    "subsystem": "API",
    "message": "POST
https://myfmc.example.com/api/fmc config/v1/domain/e276abec-e0f2-11e3-8169-6d9ed49b625f
/object/dynamicobjects Created (201) - The request has been fulfilled and resulted in a new
 resource being created",
    "sourceIP": "192.0.2.103",
    "domainUuid": "e276abec-e0f2-11e3-8169-6d9ed49b625f",
    "time": "1629981695431"
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Get a Certificate Chain—Mac (Chrome and Firefox)

Use this procedure to get a certificate chain using the Chrome and Firefox browsers on Mac OS.

- 1. Open a Terminal window.
- 2. Enter the following command.

```
security verify-cert -P url[:port]
```

where url is the URL (including scheme) to vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA. For example:

```
security verify-cert -P https://myvcenter.example.com
```

If you access vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA using NAT or PAT, you can add a port as follows:

```
security verify-cert -P https://myvcenter.example.com:12345
```

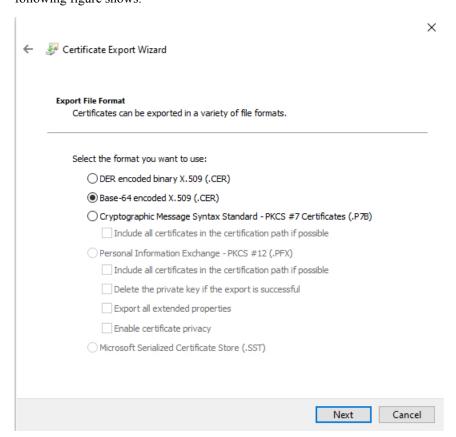
- 3. Save the entire certificate chain to a plaintext file.
 - Include all ----- BEGIN CERTIFICATE---- and ----- END CERTIFICATE----- delimiters.
 - Exclude any extraneous text (for example, the name of the certificate and any text contained in angle brackets (< and >) as well as the angle brackets themselves.
- 4. Repeat these tasks for vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA.

Get a Certificate Chain—Windows Chrome

Use this procedure to get a certificate chain using the Chrome browser on Windows.

- 1. Log in to vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA using Chrome.
- 2. In the browser address bar, click the lock to the left of the host name.
- 3. Click Certificate.
- 4. Click the **Certification Path** tab.

- 5. Click the top (that is, first) certificate in the chain.
- 6. Click View Certificate.
- 7. Click the **Details** tab.
- 8. Click Copy to File.
- 9. Follow the prompts to create a CER-formatted certificate file that includes the entire certificate chain. When you're prompted to choose an export file format, click **Base 64-Encoded X.509 (.CER)** as the following figure shows.



- **10.** Follow the prompts to complete the export.
- 11. Open the certificate in a text editor.
- **12.** Repeat the process for all certificates in the chain.

You must paste each certificate in the text editor in order, first to last.

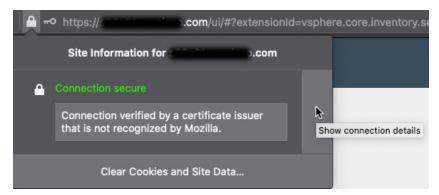
13. Repeat these tasks for vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA.

Get a Certificate Chain—Windows Firefox

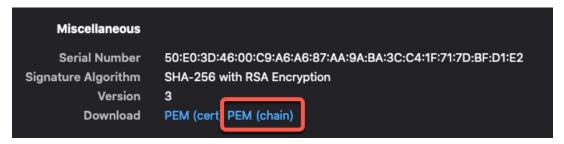
Use the following procedure to get a certificate chain for the Firefox browser on either Windows or Mac OS.

1. Log in to vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA using Firefox.

- 2. Click the lock to the left of the host name.
- 3. Click the right arrow (**Show connection details**). The following figure shows an example.



- 4. Click More Information.
- 5. Click View Certificate.
- **6.** If the resulting dialog box has tab pages, click the tab page corresponding to the top-level CA.
- 7. Scroll to the Miscellaneous section.
- **8.** Click **PEM** (**chain**) in the Download row. The following figure shows an example.



- **9.** Save the file.
- **10.** Repeat these tasks for vCenter, Management Center, Cisco APIC, or ASA.

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Manually Get a Certificate Authority (CA) Chain



Migrate from the Cisco API Update App to the Cisco APIC Integration with ASA

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About the Migration

This chapter discusses how to migrate your configuration and objects from the Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App to the Cisco APIC integration with ASA. Among the reasons to migrate:

- The Cisco APIC integration with ASA uses the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, which retrieves dynamic objects (that is, network object groups) from Cisco APIC and sends them to ASA.
- You can add more Cisco APIC-ASA integrations to the dynamic attributes connector at any time.



Note

As an alternative to this migration, you can use the Standalone ACI-Endpoint-Update-App.

To migrate, perform the following tasks:

1. Install the dynamic attributes connector and make sure it, Cisco APIC, and ASA can communicate with each other over the network. The dynamic attributes connector retrieves network object groups from Cisco APIC and pushes them to ASA so all systems must be able to communicate.

See Migration Step 1: Set up the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 88

2. On Cisco APIC, get the site prefix and update interval from the Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App, disable learning, and choose a user with the appropriate privilege level.

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3. On the dynamic attributes connector, create a Cisco APIC connector an ASA adapter.

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4. As a final verification step, make sure you see network group objects on the ASA. See Migration Final Step: Verify Network Object Groups in ASDM, on page 90

Migration Step 1: Set up the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

To use the integration, you must install the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector on a Ubuntu or Red Hat Enterprise Linux virtual machine and verify it can communicate both with Cisco APIC and ASA.

Following are the minimum requirements for your system:

- Ubuntu 18.04 to 22.04.2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7 or 8
- Python 3.6.x or later
- Ansible 2.9 or later

For more information, SOLUTION GUIDE LINKING

Procedure

- Set up a virtual machine with the hardware and software prerequisites discussed in Supported Operating Systems and Third-Party Software, on page 7.
- **Step 2** Get the dynamic attributes connector software as discussed in Install Prerequisite Software, on page 9.
- Step 3 Install the dynamic attributes connector as discussed in Install the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 12.

What to do next

See Migration Step 2: Prepare Cisco APIC, on page 88.

Migration Step 2: Prepare Cisco APIC

Get required information

To migrate to the Cisco APIC integration with ASA, you must get all of the following information:

- Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App site prefix and update interval
- Cisco APIC tenant name
- Cisco APIC application profile name

- EPG name
- User with at least the read-all role with readPriv access and the tenant-admin role with writePriv access for the security domain that contains the network object groups to send to ASA.

For more information, see Get Required Information for the Cisco APIC Connector and ASA Adapter, on page 33.

Disable learning for the Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App

To prevent the Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App from communicating with TBD, you must disable learning.

- 1. Log in to Cisco APIC as a user with the tenant-admin role with writePriv access.
- 2. Click Apps.
- 3. Under ACI Endpoint Update app, click Open.
- **4.** Select the check box next to one or more tenants you're integrating with ASA.
- 5. On the right side of the page, click
- 6. From the list, click **Disable Learning**.
- 7. Select the checkbox to optionally erase all existing learning objects on the Cisco APIC device with which the Cisco ACI Endpoint Update App was previously associated.
- 8. Click Submit.

Migration Step 3: Configure the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector

In the dynamic attributes connector, create a Cisco APIC connector and an ASA adapter.

Before you begin

Complete the tasks discussed in Migration Step 2: Prepare Cisco APIC, on page 88.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the dynamic attributes connector.
- **Step 2** Create the connector: Create a Cisco APIC Connector, on page 35.
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Migration Final Step: Verify Network Object Groups in ASDM

To make sure the integration is working, you can optionally view network object groups retrieved from Cisco APIC in ASDM.

Before you begin

Complete the tasks discussed in Migration Step 3: Configure the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, on page 89.

Procedure

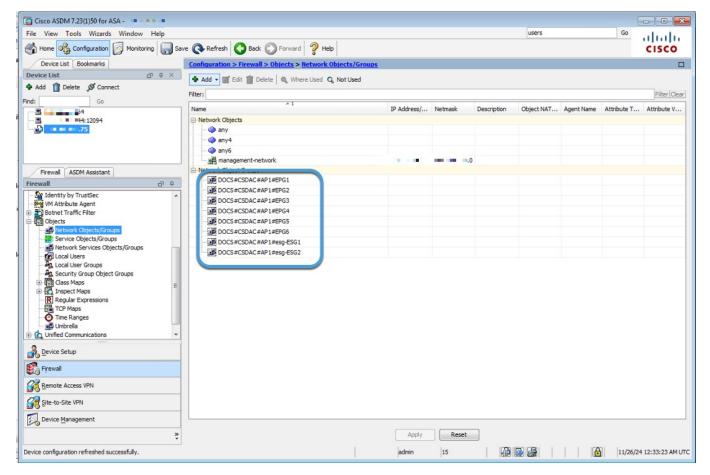
Step 1 Log in to ASDM as a user with at least privilege level 15 (administrator).

For more information about starting ASDM, see Start ASDM.

For more information about permissions, see Configure Management Remote Access.

Step 2 Click Configuration > Firewall > Objects > Network Objects/Groups.

The network object groups are displayed in the right pane as the following figure shows.



 $Network\ object\ groups\ are\ named\ as\ follows: \verb§SiteName#TenantName#ProfileName#EPGName + TenantName +$

Migration Final Step: Verify Network Object Groups in ASDM



Security and Internet Access

Lists of URLs used by the dynamic attributes connector when communicating with cloud service providers and the Secure Firewall Management Center .

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Security Requirements

To safeguard the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector, you should install it on a protected internal network. Although the dynamic attributes connector is configured to have only the necessary services and ports available, you must make sure that attacks cannot reach it.

If the dynamic attributes connector and the Secure Firewall Management Center reside on the same network, you can connect the Secure Firewall Management Center to the same protected internal network as the dynamic attributes connector.

Regardless of how you deploy your appliances, inter-system communication is encrypted. However, you must still take steps to ensure that communications between appliances cannot be interrupted, blocked, or tampered with; for example, with a distributed denial of service (DDoS) or man-in-the-middle attack.

Internet Access Requirements

By default, the dynamic attributes connector is configured to communicate with the Firepower System over the internet using HTTPS on port 443/tcp (HTTPS). If you do not want the dynamic attributes connector to have direct access to the internet, you can configure a proxy server.

The following information informs you of the URLs the dynamic attributes connector use to communicate with the Secure Firewall Management Center and with external servers.

Table 4: Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector access requirements

| URL | Reason |
|---|------------------------------|
| https://fmc-ip/api/fmc_platform/v1/ auth/generatetoken | Authentication |
| https://fmc-ip/api/fmc_config/ v1/domain/domain-id/object/dynamicobjects | GET and POST dynamic objects |

| URL | Reason |
|---|-----------------|
| https://fmc-ip/api/fmc_config/ v1/domain/ domain-id/object/dynamicobjects/ object-id/mappings?action=add | Add mappings |
| https://fmc-ip/api/fmc_config/ v1/domain/domain-id /object/dynamicobjects/ object-id/mappings?action=remove | Remove mappings |

Table 5: Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector vCenter access requirements

| URL | Reason |
|---|---|
| https://vcenter-ip/rest/com/vmware/cis/session | Authentication |
| https://vcenter-ip/rest/vcenter/vm | Get VM information |
| https://nsx-ip/api/v1/fabric/virtual-machines/vm-id | Get NSX-T tag associated with the virtual machine |

Migration from DockerHub to Amazon ECR

Docker images for the Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector are being migrated from Docker Hub to Amazon Elastic Container Registry (Amazon ECR).

To use the new field packages, you must allow access through your firewall or proxy to all of the following URLs:

- https://public.ecr.aws
- https://csdac-cosign.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com

Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector Azure access requirements

The dynamic attributes connector calls built-in SDK methods to get instance information. These methods internally call call https://login.microsoft.com (for authentication) and https://management.azure.com (to get instance information).