

Interface Overview

The FTD device includes data interfaces that you can configure in different modes, as well as a management/diagnostic interface.

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Management/Diagnostic Interface

The physical management interface is shared between the Diagnostic logical interface and the Management logical interface.

Management Interface

The Management interface is separate from the other interfaces on the device. It is used to set up and register the device to the FMC. It uses its own IP address and static routing. You can configure its settings at the CLI using the **configure network** command. If you change the IP address at the CLI after you add it to the FMC, you can match the IP address in the Firepower Management Center in the **Devices** > **Device Management** > **Devices** > **Management** area.

You can alternatively manage the FTD using a data interface instead of the Management interface.

Diagnostic Interface

The Diagnostic logical interface can be configured along with the rest of the data interfaces on the **Devices** > **Device Management** > **Interfaces** screen. Using the Diagnostic interface is optional (see the routed and transparent mode deployments for scenarios). The Diagnostic interface only allows management traffic, and

does not allow through traffic. It does not support SSH; you can SSH to data interfaces or to the Management interface only. The Diagnostic interface is useful for SNMP or syslog monitoring.



Although the Diagnostic and Management interfaces share a physical port, you must assign different IP addresses to each interface on the same network.

Interface Mode and Types

You can deploy FTD interfaces in two modes: Regular firewall mode and IPS-only mode. You can include both firewall and IPS-only interfaces on the same device.

Regular Firewall Mode

Firewall mode interfaces subject traffic to firewall functions such as maintaining flows, tracking flow states at both IP and TCP layers, IP defragmentation, and TCP normalization. You can also optionally configure IPS functions for this traffic according to your security policy.

The types of firewall interfaces you can configure depends on the firewall mode set for the device: routed or transparent mode. See Transparent or Routed Firewall Mode for more information.

- Routed mode interfaces (routed firewall mode only)—Each interface that you want to route between is on a different subnet.
- Bridge group interfaces (routed and transparent firewall mode)—You can group together multiple
 interfaces on a network, and the FTD device uses bridging techniques to pass traffic between the interfaces.
 Each bridge group includes a Bridge Virtual Interface (BVI) to which you assign an IP address on the
 network. In routed mode, the FTD device routes between BVIs and regular routed interfaces. In transparent
 mode, each bridge group is separate and cannot communicate with each other.

IPS-Only Mode

You can configure your device in either a passive or inline IPS deployment. In a passive deployment, you deploy the system out-of-band from the flow of network traffic. In an inline deployment, you configure the system transparently on a network segment by binding two interfaces together.

Security Zones and Interface Groups

Each interface can be assigned to a *security zone* and/or *interface group*. You then apply your security policy based on zones or groups. For example, you can assign the "inside" interface on one or more devices to the "inside" zone; and the "outside" interfaces to the "outside" zone. You can then configure your access control policy to enable traffic to go from the inside zone to the outside zone for every device using the same zones.

To view the interfaces that belong to each object, choose **Objects** > **Object Management** and click **Interface**. This page lists the security zones and interface groups configured on your managed devices. You can expand each interface object to view the type of interfaces in each interface object.

 Note
 Policies that apply to any zone (a global policy) apply to interfaces in zones as well as any interfaces that are not assigned to a zone.

Note The Diagnostic/Management interface does not belong to a zone or interface group.

Security Zones Vs. Interface Groups

There are two types of interface objects:

- Security zones—An interface can belong to only one security zone.
- Interface groups—An interface can belong to multiple interface groups (and to one security zone).

You can use interface groups in NAT policies, prefilter policies, and QoS policies, as well as features that let you specify the interface name directly, such as Syslog servers or DNS servers.

Some policies only support security zones, while other policies support zones and groups. Unless you need the functionality an interface group provides, you should default to using security zones because security zones are supported for all features.

You cannot change an existing security zone to an interface group or vice-versa; instead you must create a new interface object.



Note

Although tunnel zones are not interface objects, you can use them in place of security zones in certain configurations; see Tunnel Zones and Prefiltering.

Interface Object Types

See the following interface object types:

- Passive—For IPS-only passive or ERSPAN interfaces.
- Inline-For IPS-only inline set interfaces.
- Switched—For regular firewall bridge group interfaces.
- Routed—For regular firewall routed interfaces.
- ASA—(Security zones only) For legacy ASA FirePOWER device interfaces.

All interfaces in an interface object must be of the same type. After you create an interface object, you cannot change the type of interfaces it contains.

Interface Names

Note that the interface (or zone name) itself does not provide any default behavior in regards to the security policy. We recommend using names that are self-describing to avoid mistakes in future configuration. A good name signifies a logical segment or traffic specification, for example:

- Names of internal interfaces—InsideV110, InsideV160, InsideV195
- Names of DMZ interfaces—DMZV11, DMZV12, DMZV-TEST
- Names of external interfaces—Outside-ASN78, Outside-ASN91

Auto-MDI/MDIX Feature

For RJ-45 interfaces, the default auto-negotiation setting also includes the Auto-MDI/MDIX feature. Auto-MDI/MDIX eliminates the need for crossover cabling by performing an internal crossover when a straight cable is detected during the auto-negotiation phase. Either the speed or duplex must be set to auto-negotiate to enable Auto-MDI/MDIX for the interface. If you explicitly set both the speed and duplex to a fixed value, thus disabling auto-negotiation for both settings, then Auto-MDI/MDIX is also disabled. For Gigabit Ethernet, when the speed and duplex are set to 1000 and full, then the interface always auto-negotiates; therefore Auto-MDI/MDIX is always enabled and you cannot disable it.

Default Settings for Interfaces

This section lists default settings for interfaces.

Default State of Interfaces

The default state of an interface depends on the type.

- Physical interfaces—Disabled. The exception is the Management interface that is enabled for initial setup. Physical interfaces includes switch ports.
- VLAN subinterfaces—Enabled. However, for traffic to pass through the subinterface, the physical interface must also be enabled.
- EtherChannel port-channel interfaces (ISA 3000)—Enabled. However, for traffic to pass through the EtherChannel, the channel group physical interfaces must also be enabled.
- EtherChannel port-channel interfaces (Firepower and Secure Firewall models)—Disabled.



Note For the Firepower 4100/9300, you can administratively enable and disable interfaces in both the chassis and in the FMC. For an interface to be operational, the interface must be enabled in both operating systems. Because the interface state is controlled independently, you may have a mismatch between the chassis and FMC.

Default Speed and Duplex

By default, the speed and duplex for copper (RJ-45) interfaces are set to auto-negotiate.

By default, the speed and duplex for fiber (SFP) interfaces are set to the maximum speed, with auto-negotiation enabled.

For the Secure Firewall 3100, the speed is set to detect the installed SFP speed.

Create Security Zone and Interface Group Objects

Add security zones and interface groups to which you can assign device interfaces.

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Tip You can create empty interface objects and add interfaces to them later. To add an interface, the interface must have a name. You can also create security zones (but not interface groups) while configuring interfaces.

Before you begin

Understand the usage requirements and restrictions for each type of interface object. See Security Zones and Interface Groups, on page 2.

Procedure

Step 1	Choose Objects > Object Management .
Step 2	Choose Interface from the list of object types.
Step 3	Click Add > Security Zone or Add > Interface Group.
Step 4	Enter a Name .
Step 5	Choose an Interface Type.
Step 6	(Optional) From the Device > Interfaces drop-down list, choose a device that contains interfaces you want to add.
	You do not need to assign interfaces on this screen; you can instead assign interfaces to the zone or group when you configure the interface.
Step 7	Click Save.

What to do next

• If an active policy references your object, deploy configuration changes; see Deploy Configuration Changes.

Enable the Physical Interface and Configure Ethernet Settings

This section describes how to:

- Enable the physical interface. By default, physical interfaces are disabled (with the exception of the Diagnostic interface).
- Set a specific speed and duplex. By default, speed and duplex are set to Auto.

This procedure only covers a small subset of Interface settings. Refrain from setting other parameters at this point. For example, you cannot name an interface that you want to use as part of an EtherChannel interface.

Note

For the Firepower 4100/9300, you configure basic interface settings in FXOS. See Configure a Physical Interface for more information.

Note

For Firepower 1010 switch ports, see Configure Firepower 1010 Switch Ports.

Before you begin

If you changed the physical interfaces on the device after you added it to the FMC, you need to refresh the interface listing by clicking **Sync Interfaces from device** on the top left of **Interfaces**. For the Secure Firewall 3100, which supports hot swapping, see Manage the Network Module for the Secure Firewall 3100, on page 19 before you change interfaces on a device.

Procedure

Step 1	Select Devices > Device Management and click Edit (<i>I</i>) for your FTD device. The Interfaces page is selected by default.
Step 2	Click Edit (🖍) for the interface you want to edit.
Step 3	Enable the interface by checking the Enabled check box.
Step 4	(Optional) Add a description in the Description field.
	The description can be up to 200 characters on a single line, without carriage returns.
Step 5	 (Optional) Set the duplex and speed by clicking Hardware Configuration > Speed. Duplex—Choose Full or Half. SFP interfaces only support Full duplex.
	• Speed —Choose a speed (varies depending on the model). (Secure Firewall 3100 only) Choose Detect SFP to detect the speed of the installed SFP module and use the appropriate speed. Duplex is always Full, and auto-negotiation is always enabled. This option is useful if you later change the network module to a different model, and want the speed to update automatically.

- Auto-negotiation—Set the interface to negotiate the speed, link status, and flow control.
- Forward Error Correction Mode—(Secure Firewall 3100 only) For 25 Gbps and higher interfaces, enable Forward Error Correction (FEC). For an EtherChannel member interface, you must configure FEC before you add it to the EtherChannel. The setting chosen when you use **Auto** depends on the transceiver type and whether the interface is fixed (built-in) or on a network module.

Transceiver Type	Fixed Port Default FEC (Ethernet 1/9 through 1/16)	Network Module Default FEC
25G-SR	Clause 74 FC-FEC	Clause 108 RS-FEC
25G-LR	Clause 74 FC-FEC	Clause 108 RS-FEC

Table 1: Default FEC for Auto Setting

	Transceiver Type	Fixed Port Default FEC (Ethernet 1/9 through 1/16)	Network Module Default FEC			
	10/25G-CSR	Clause 74 FC-FEC	Clause 74 FC-FEC			
	25G-AOCxM	Clause 74 FC-FEC	Clause 74 FC-FEC			
	25G-CU2.5/3M	Auto-Negotiate	Auto-Negotiate			
	25G-CU4/5M	Auto-Negotiate	Auto-Negotiate			
Step 6	(Optional) (Firepower 1100) Enable L Configuration > LLDP.					
	• Enable LLDP Receive—Enable	1	1			
	Enable LLDP Transmit—Enable	les the firewall to send LLDP pack	ets to its peers.			
Step 7	In the Mode drop-down list, choose one of the following:.					
	• None —Choose this setting for regular firewall interfaces and inline sets. The mode will automatically be changed to Routed, Switched, or Inline based on further configuration.					
	• Passive—Choose this setting for	passive IPS-only interfaces.				
	• Erspan—Choose this setting for	ERSPAN passive IPS-only interfac	ees.			
Step 8	In the Priority field, enter a number ra	anging from 0–65535.				
	This value is used in the policy based to distribute the traffic across multiple		is used to determine how you want			
Step 9 Step 10	Click OK . Click Save .					
	You can now go to Deploy > Deployn active until you deploy them.	nent and deploy the policy to assig	ned devices. The changes are not			
Step 11	Continue configuring interfaces.					
	Regular Firewall Interfaces					
	• Inline Sets and Passive Interfaces					

Configure EtherChannel Interfaces

This section tells how to configure EtherChannel interfaces.



Note

For the Firepower 4100/9300, you configure EtherChannels in FXOS. See Add an EtherChannel (Port Channel) for more information.

About EtherChannels

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About EtherChannels

An 802.3ad EtherChannel is a logical interface (called a port-channel interface) consisting of a bundle of individual Ethernet links (a channel group) so that you increase the bandwidth for a single network. A port channel interface is used in the same way as a physical interface when you configure interface-related features.

You can configure up to 48 EtherChannels, depending on how many interfaces your model supports.

Channel Group Interfaces

Each channel group can have up to 8 active interfaces, except for the ISA 3000, which supports 16 active interfaces. For switches that support only 8 active interfaces, you can assign up to 16 interfaces to a channel group: while only 8 interfaces can be active, the remaining interfaces can act as standby links in case of interface failure.

All interfaces in the channel group must be the same type and speed. The first interface added to the channel group determines the correct type and speed.

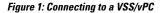
The EtherChannel aggregates the traffic across all the available active interfaces in the channel. The interface is selected using a proprietary hash algorithm, based on source or destination MAC addresses, IP addresses, TCP and UDP port numbers and VLAN numbers.

Connecting to an EtherChannel on Another Device

The device to which you connect the FTD EtherChannel must also support 802.3ad EtherChannels; for example, you can connect to the Catalyst 6500 switch or the Cisco Nexus 7000.

When the switch is part of a Virtual Switching System (VSS) or Virtual Port Channel (vPC), then you can connect FTD interfaces within the same EtherChannel to separate switches in the VSS/vPC. The switch interfaces are members of the same EtherChannel port-channel interface, because the separate switches act like a single switch.

VSS Switch 1 Gig3/5 Gig6/5 port-channel 2 Gig0/0 Gig0/0 Gig0/1 port-channel 1 Firewall





Note If the FTD device is in transparent firewall mode, and you place the FTD device between two sets of VSS/vPC switches, then be sure to disable Unidirectional Link Detection (UDLD) on any switch ports connected to the FTD device with an EtherChannel. If you enable UDLD, then a switch port may receive UDLD packets sourced from both switches in the other VSS/vPC pair. The receiving switch will place the receiving interface in a down state with the reason "UDLD Neighbor mismatch".

If you use the FTD device in an Active/Standby failover deployment, then you need to create separate EtherChannels on the switches in the VSS/vPC, one for each FTD device. On each FTD device, a single EtherChannel connects to both switches. Even if you could group all switch interfaces into a single EtherChannel connecting to both FTD devices (in this case, the EtherChannel will not be established because of the separate FTD system IDs), a single EtherChannel would not be desirable because you do not want traffic sent to the standby FTD device.

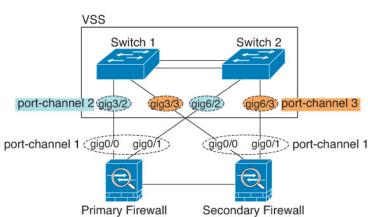


Figure 2: Active/Standby Failover and VSS/vPC

Link Aggregation Control Protocol

The Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) aggregates interfaces by exchanging the Link Aggregation Control Protocol Data Units (LACPDUs) between two network devices.

You can configure each physical interface in an EtherChannel to be:

- Active—Sends and receives LACP updates. An active EtherChannel can establish connectivity with either an active or a passive EtherChannel. You should use the active mode unless you need to minimize the amount of LACP traffic.
- Passive—Receives LACP updates. A passive EtherChannel can only establish connectivity with an active EtherChannel. Not supported on hardware models.
- On—The EtherChannel is always on, and LACP is not used. An "on" EtherChannel can only establish a connection with another "on" EtherChannel.

LACP coordinates the automatic addition and deletion of links to the EtherChannel without user intervention. It also handles misconfigurations and checks that both ends of member interfaces are connected to the correct channel group. "On" mode cannot use standby interfaces in the channel group when an interface goes down, and the connectivity and configurations are not checked.

Load Balancing

The FTD device distributes packets to the interfaces in the EtherChannel by hashing the source and destination IP address of the packet (this criteria is configurable). The resulting hash is divided by the number of active links in a modulo operation where the resulting remainder determines which interface owns the flow. All packets with a *hash_value* **mod** *active_links* result of 0 go to the first interface in the EtherChannel, packets with a result of 1 go to the second interface, packets with a result of 2 go to the third interface, and so on. For example, if you have 15 active links, then the modulo operation provides values from 0 to 14. For 6 active links, the values are 0 to 5, and so on.

If an active interface goes down and is not replaced by a standby interface, then traffic is rebalanced between the remaining links. The failure is masked from both Spanning Tree at Layer 2 and the routing table at Layer 3, so the switchover is transparent to other network devices.

EtherChannel MAC Address

All interfaces that are part of the channel group share the same MAC address. This feature makes the EtherChannel transparent to network applications and users, because they only see the one logical connection; they have no knowledge of the individual links.

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The port-channel interface uses the MAC address of the internal interface Internal-Data 0/1. Alternatively you can manually configure a MAC address for the port-channel interface. All EtherChannel interfaces on a chassis use the same MAC address, so be aware that if you use SNMP polling, for example, multiple interfaces will have the same MAC address.



Note Member interfaces only use the Internal-Data 0/1 MAC address after a reboot. Prior to rebooting, the member interface uses its own MAC address. If you add a new member interface after a reboot, you will have to perform another reboot to update its MAC address.

Guidelines for EtherChannels

Bridge Group

In routed mode, FMC-defined EtherChannels are not supported as bridge group members. EtherChannels on the Firepower 4100/9300 can be bridge group members.

High Availability

- When you use an EtherChannel interface as a High Availability link, it must be pre-configured on both units in the High Availability pair; you cannot configure it on the primary unit and expect it to replicate to the secondary unit because *the High Availability link itself is required for replication*.
- If you use an EtherChannel interface for the state link, no special configuration is required; the configuration can replicate from the primary unit as normal. For the Firepower 4100/9300 chassis, all interfaces, including EtherChannels, need to be pre-configured on both units.
- You can monitor EtherChannel interfaces for High Availability. When an active member interface fails over to a standby interface, this activity does not cause the EtherChannel interface to appear to be failed when being monitored for device-level High Availability. Only when all physical interfaces fail does the EtherChannel interface appear to be failed (for an EtherChannel interface, the number of member interfaces allowed to fail is configurable).
- If you use an EtherChannel interface for a High Availability or state link, then to prevent out-of-order packets, only one interface in the EtherChannel is used. If that interface fails, then the next interface in the EtherChannel is used. You cannot alter the EtherChannel configuration while it is in use as a High Availability link. To alter the configuration, you need to temporarily disable High Availability, which prevents High Availability from occurring for the duration.

Model Support

- You cannot add EtherChannels in the FMC for the Firepower 4100/9300 or the FTDv. The Firepower 4100/9300 supports EtherChannels, but you must perform all hardware configuration of EtherChannels in FXOS on the chassis.
- You cannot use Firepower 1010 switch ports or VLAN interfaces in EtherChannels.

General EtherChannel Guidelines

- You can configure up to 48 EtherChannels, depending on how many interfaces are available on your model.
- Each channel group can have up to 8 active interfaces, except for the ISA 3000, which supports 16 active interfaces. For switches that support only 8 active interfaces, you can assign up to 16 interfaces to a channel group: while only 8 interfaces can be active, the remaining interfaces can act as standby links in case of interface failure.
- All interfaces in the channel group must be the same media type and speed capacity. The media type can be either RJ-45 or SFP; SFPs of different types (copper and fiber) can be mixed. You cannot mix interface capacities (for example 1GB and 10GB interfaces) by setting the speed to be lower on the larger-capacity interface, except for the Secure Firewall 3100, which supports different interface capacities as long as the speed is set to Detect SFP; in this case the lowest common speed is used.

- The device to which you connect the FTD EtherChannel must also support 802.3ad EtherChannels.
- The FTD device does not support LACPDUs that are VLAN-tagged. If you enable native VLAN tagging
 on the neighboring switch using the Cisco IOS vlan dot1Q tag native command, then the FTD device
 will drop the tagged LACPDUs. Be sure to disable native VLAN tagging on the neighboring switch.
- The LACP rate depends on the model. When you set the rate (normal or fast), the device requests that rate from the connecting switch. In return, the device will send at the rate requested by the connecting switch. We recommend that you set the same rate on both sides.
 - Firepower 4100/9300—The LACP rate is set to fast by default in FXOS, but you can configure it as normal (also known as slow).
 - Secure Firewall 3100—The LACP rate is set to normal (slow) by default, but you can configure it as fast on the device.
 - All other models—The LACP rate set to normal (also known as slow), and it is not configurable, which means the device will always request a slow rate from the connecting switch. We recommend setting the rate on the switch to slow, so both sides send LACP messages at the same rate.
- In Cisco IOS software versions earlier than 15.1(1)S2, FTD did not support connecting an EtherChannel to a switch stack. With default switch settings, if the FTD EtherChannel is connected cross stack, and if the primary switch is powered down, then the EtherChannel connected to the remaining switch will not come up. To improve compatibility, set the **stack-mac persistent timer** command to a large enough value to account for reload time; for example, 8 minutes or 0 for indefinite. Or, you can upgrade to more a more stable switch software version, such as 15.1(1)S2.
- All the FTD configuration refers to the logical EtherChannel interface instead of the member physical interfaces.

Configure an EtherChannel

This section describes how to create an EtherChannel port-channel interface, assign interfaces to the EtherChannel, and customize the EtherChannel.

Guidelines

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Note

For the Firepower 4100/9300, you configure EtherChannels in FXOS. See Add an EtherChannel (Port Channel) for more information.

Before you begin

• You cannot add a physical interface to the channel group if you configured a name for it. You must first remove the name.



Note If you are using a physical interface already in your configuration, removing the name will clear any configuration that refers to the interface.

Procedure

Step 1	Select Devices > Device Management and click Edit (<i>I</i>) for your FTD device. The Interfaces page is selected by default.
Step 2	Enable the member interfaces according to Enable the Physical Interface and Configure Ethernet Settings, on page 5.
Step 3	Click Add Interfaces > Ether Channel Interface.
Step 4	On the General tab, set the Ether Channel ID to a number between 1 and 48 (1 and 8 for the Firepower 1010).

General	IPv4	IPv6	Hardware Configuration	Path Monitoring	Advanced	
Name:						
dmz						
Enabled						
Managem	ent Only					
Description:						
Mode:						
None			•			
Security Zone						
dmz_zone			•			
MTU:						
1500						
(64 - 9198)						
Priority:						
0			(0 - 65535)			
Propagate Sec	curity Gro	oup Tag:				
Ether Channel	ID *:					
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Figure 3: Add EtherChannel Interface

Step 5 In the **Available Interfaces** area, click an interface and then click **Add** to move it to the **Selected Interfaces** area. Repeat for all interfaces that you want to make members.

Make sure all interfaces are the same type and speed capability.

Figure 4: Available Interfaces

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1-8) Available Interfaces C	Selected Interfaces
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Ethernet1/1	Add
NVE Only:	

Step 6 (Optional) Click the **Advanced** tab to customize the EtherChannel. Set the following parameters on the **Information** sub-tab:

Figure 5: Advanced

Add Ether Channel Interface					0	
General	IPv4	IPv6	Hardware Configuration	Path Monitoring	Advanced	_
Information	n					
LACP Mode:			Active	~		
Active Mac A	Address:					
Standby Mac	Address	:				

- (ISA 3000 only) Load Balancing—Select the criteria used to load balance the packets across the group channel interfaces. By default, the FTD device balances the packet load on interfaces according to the source and destination IP address of the packet. If you want to change the properties on which the packet is categorized, choose a different set of criteria. For example, if your traffic is biased heavily towards the same source and destination IP addresses, then the traffic assignment to interfaces in the EtherChannel will be unbalanced. Changing to a different algorithm can result in more evenly distributed traffic. For more information about load balancing, see Load Balancing, on page 10.
- LACP Mode—Choose Active, Passive, or On. We recommend using Active mode (the default). Passive
 mode is only available for the ISA 3000 only.
- (Secure Firewall 3100 only) **LACP Rate**—Choose Default, Normal, or Fast. The defualt is Normal (also known as slow). Sets the LACP data unit receive rate for a physical interface in the channel group. We recommend that you set the same rate on both sides.

	 (ISA 3000 only) Active Physical Interface: Range—From the left drop-down list, choose the minimum number of active interfaces required for the EtherChannel to be active, between 1 and 16. The default is 1. From the right drop-down list, choose the maximum number of active interfaces allowed in the EtherChannel, between 1 and 16. The default is 16. If your switch does not support 16 active interfaces, be sure to set this command to 8 or fewer.
	• Active Mac Address—Set a manual MAC address if desired. The mac_address is in H.H.H format, where H is a 16-bit hexadecimal digit. For example, the MAC address 00-0C-F1-42-4C-DE is entered as 000C.F142.4CDE.
Step 7	Click the Hardware Configuration tab and set the Duplex and Speed for all member interfaces.
Step 8	Click OK.
Step 9	Click Save.
	You can now go to Deploy > Deployment and deploy the policy to assigned devices. The changes are not active until you deploy them.
Step 10	(Optional) For regular firewall interfaces, add a VLAN subinterface. See Add a Subinterface.
Step 11	For regular firewall interfaces, configure the routed or transparent mode interface parameters: Configure Routed Mode Interfaces or Configure Bridge Group Interfaces. For IPS-only interfaces, see Inline Sets and Passive Interfaces.

Sync Interface Changes with the FMC

Interface changes on the device can cause the FMC and the device to get out of sync. The FMC can detect interface changes by one of the following methods:

- Event sent from the device
- Sync when you deploy from the FMC

If the FMC detects interface changes when it attempts to deploy, the deployment will fail. You must first accept the interface changes.

· Manual sync

There are two types of interface changes performed outside of FMC that need to be synched:

Addition or deletion of physical interfaces—Adding a new interface, or deleting an unused interface has
minimal impact on the FTD configuration. However, deleting an interface that is used in your security
policy will impact the configuration. Interfaces can be referenced directly in many places in the FTD
configuration, including access rules, NAT, SSL, identity rules, VPN, DHCP server, and so on. Deleting
an interface will delete any configuration associated with that interface. Policies that refer to security
zones are not affected. You can also edit the membership of an allocated EtherChannel without affecting
the logical device or requiring a sync on the FMC.

When the FMC detects changes, the **Interface** page shows status (removed, changed, or added) to the left of each interface.

 FMC access interface changes—If you configure a data interface for managing FMC using the configure network management-data-interface command, you must manually make matching configuration changes in FMC and then acknowledge the changes. These interface changes cannot be made automatically. This procedure describes how to manually sync interface changes if required and how to acknowledge the detected changes. If interface changes are temporary, you should not save the changes in the FMC; you should wait until the device is stable, and then re-sync.

Before you begin

- User Roles:
 - Admin
 - Access Admin
 - Network Admin

Procedure

- **Step 1** Select **Devices** > **Device Management** and click **Edit** (✓) for your FTD device. The **Interfaces** page is selected by default.
- **Step 2** If required, click **Sync Device** on the top left of **Interfaces**.
- **Step 3** After the changes are detected, see the following steps.

Addition or Deletion of Physical Interfaces

- a) You will see a red banner on **Interfaces** indicating that the interface configuration has changed. Click the **Click to know more** link to view the interface changes.
- b) Click Validate Changes to make sure your policy will still work with the interface changes.

If there are any errors, you need to change your policy and rerun the validation.

c) Click Save.

You can now go to **Deploy > Deployment** and deploy the policy to assigned devices.

FMC Access Interface Changes

a) You will see a yellow banner in the top right of the **Device** page indicating that the FMC access configuration has changed. Click the **View details** link to view the interface changes.

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FMC Acc	ess config	uration chan	ge is de	etecte	d. Vie	ew details

The FMC Access - Configuration Details dialog box opens.

b) Take note of all highlighted configurations, especially the pink highlighted ones. You need to match any values on the FTD by manually configuring them on the FMC.

For example, the pink highlights below show configuration that exists on the FTD but not yet on the FMC.

Configuration CLI Output Connection	on Status	
		Last updated: 2020-06-23 at 23:36:16 UTC [Refr
	Configuration on FMC	Configuration on Device
Host Name		
Method Name		
DDNS - Update Methods		
Method Type		
Web URL		
Web Update Type		
4. GigabitEthernet1/1		
Interface Configuration		
FMC Access Enabled	Disabled	Enabled
FMC Access - Allowed Networks		any
Interface Name		outside
IPv4/IPv6 Address		10.89.5.29 255.255.255.192
Static Route Configuration		
IPv4 Gateway		10.89.5.1
IPv6 Gateway		

The following example shows this page after configuring the interface in FMC; the interface settings match, and the pink highlight was removed.

FMC Access - Configuration Details ? ×						
FMC Access configuration on device have been updated outside of FMC. Review the differences and update FMC values accordingly.						
Configuration CLI Output Connection S	tatus					
		Last updated: 2020-06-23 at 23:36:16 UTC	[Refresh]			
	Configuration on FMC	Configuration on Device				
Host Name						
Method Name						
DDNS - Update Methods						
Method Type						
Web URL						
Web Update Type						
▼ 4. GigabitEthernet1/1						
Interface Configuration						
FMC Access Enabled	Enabled	Enabled				
FMC Access - Allowed Networks	any	any				
Interface Name	outside	outside				
IPv4/IPv6 Address	10.89.5.29 255.255.255.192	10.89.5.29 255.255.255.192				
Static Route Configuration						
IPv4 Gateway		10.89.5.1				
IPv6 Gateway						
Legend: Above configurations will be add	ded, 🗌 modified or 🧮 disassociated from FMC Access inte	erface on next deploy to FTD.				
-		Acknowledge	Close			

c) Click Acknowledge.

We recommend that you do not click **Acknowledge** until you have finished the FMC configuration, and are ready to deploy. Clicking **Acknowledge** removes the block on deployment. The next time you deploy,

the FMC configuration will overwrite any remaining conflicting settings on the FTD. It is your responsibility to manually fix the configuration in the FMC before you re-deploy.

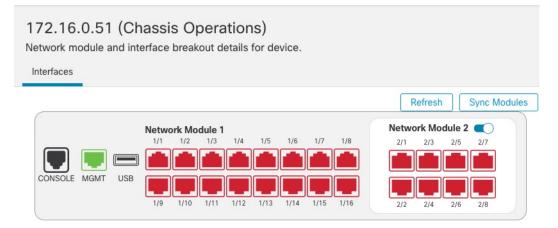
d) You can now go to **Deploy > Deployment** and deploy the policy to assigned devices.

Manage the Network Module for the Secure Firewall 3100

If you install a network module before you first power on the device, no action is required; the network module is enabled and ready for use.

To view physical interface details for the device, and to manage the network module, open the **Chassis Operations** page. From **Devices** > **Device Management**, click **Manage** in the **Chassis** column. For clustering or High Availability, this option is only available for the control node/active unit. The **Chassis Operations** page opens for the device.

Figure 6: Chassis Operations



Physical Interfaces

This view lists only the physical interfaces to perform chassis related advanced operations. To view complete list of physical and logical interfaces, navigate to Interface page in device details

Interface Name	Duplex	Auto Negotiation	Admin FEC	Admin Speed	Media Type
Ethernet1/1	FULL	No	AUTO	1gbps	rj45
Ethernet1/2	FULL	No	AUTO	1gbps	rj45
Ethernet1/3	FULL	No	AUTO	1gbps	rj45
Ethernet1/4	FULL	No	AUTO	1gbps	rj45

Click **Refresh** to refresh interface status. Click **Sync Modules** if you made a hardware change on the device that you need to detect.

If you need to make changes to your network module installation after initial bootup, then see the following procedures.

Add a Network Module

To add a network module to a firewall after initial bootup, perform the following steps. Adding a new module requires a reboot.

Procedure

Step 1	Install the network module according to the hardware installation guide.
	For clustering or High Availability, install the network module on all nodes.
Step 2	Reboot the firewall; see Shut Down or Restart the Device.
	For clustering or High Availability, reboot the data nodes/standby unit first, and wait for them to come back up. Then you can change the control node (see Change the Control Node) or active unit (see Switch the Active Peer in the FTD High Availability Pair), and reboot the former control node/active unit.
Step 3	From Devices > Device Management , click Manage in the Chassis column. For clustering or High

Availability, this option is only available for the control node/active unit; network module changes are replicated to all nodes.

Figure 7: Manage Chassis

Name	Model	Version	Chassis
V Ungrouped (2)			
172.16.0.51 Snort 3 172.16.0.51 - Transparent	Firewall 3120 Threat Defense	7.1.0	Manage

The Chassis Operations page opens for the device. This page shows physical interface details for the device.

- **Step 4** Click **Sync Modules** to update the page with the new network module details.
- Step 5
 On the interfaces graphic, click the slider (

 Figure 8: Enable the Network Module

	Networ	k Module 1						Netw	ork Mo	dule 2	
	1/1	1/2 1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	2/1	2/3	2/5	2/7
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ONSOLE MGMT USB											
	1/9	1/10 1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16	2/2	2/4	2/6	2/8

Step 6 You are prompted to confirm that you want to turn the network module on. Click **Yes**.

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Figure 9: Confirm Enable

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A Network module operation is immediate ope executed immediately on device without nee	
e you sure you want to turn on the network mod	dule?
rning the module on will add the associated inte	erfaces to device.

Step 7 You see a message at the top of the screen; click the link to go to the **Interfaces** page to save the interface changes.

Figure 10: Go to Interface Page

A This device has configuration changes that were performed directly on the device. Visit Interface page in device details

Step 8(Optional) At the top of the Interfaces page, you see a message that the interface configuration has changed.
You can click Click to know more to open the Interface Changes dialog box to view the changes.

Figure 11: View Interface Changes

Interface configur	-	on device. Click to know more.	
Interface Changes	-		Ø
The following interface	e changes have been det	ected. Click "Validate Changes" to know if there is any impact on current configuration.	
Interface	Туре	Change Description	
Ethernet2/1	Physical	Interface is associated	
Ethernet2/2	Physical	Interface is associated	
Ethernet2/5	Physical	Interface is associated	
Ethernet2/6	Physical	Interface is associated	
Ethernet2/7	Physical	Interface is associated	
Ethernet2/8	Physical	Interface is associated	
		Close Validate Cha	inges

Click **Close** to return to the **Interfaces** page. (Because you are adding a new module, there shouldn't be any configuration impact, so you do not need to click **Validate Changes**.)

Step 9 Click **Save** to save the interface changes to the firewall.

Hot Swap the Network Module

You can hot swap a network module for a new module of the same type without having to reboot. However, you must shut down the current module to remove it safely. This procedure describes how to shut down the old module, install a new module, and enable it.

For clustering or High Availability, you can only perform chassis operations on the control node/active unit. You cannot disable a network module if the cluster control link/failover link is on the module.

Before you begin

Procedure

Step 1 For clustering or High Availability, perform the following steps.

• **Clustering**—Ensure the unit you want to perform the hot swap on is a data node (see Change the Control Node); then break the node so it is no longer in the cluster. See Break a Node.

You will add the node back to the cluster after you perform the hot swap. Alternatively, you can perform all operations on the control node, and the network module changes will sync to all data nodes. However, you will lose use of those interfaces on all nodes during the hot swap.

- High Availability—To avoid failing over when you disable the network module:
 - If the failover link is on the network module, you must break High Availability. See Break a High Availability Pair. Disabling the network module with an active failover link is not allowed.
 - Disable interface monitoring for interfaces on the network module. See Configure Standby IP Addresses and Interface Monitoring.
- Step 2 From Devices > Device Management, click Manage in the Chassis column. For clustering or High Availability, this option is only available for the control node/active unit; network module changes are replicated to all nodes.

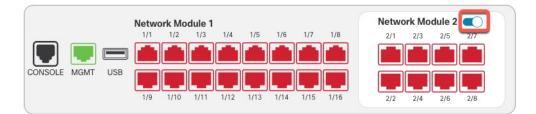
Figure 13: Manage Chassis

Name	Model	Version	Chassis
\sim Ungrouped (2)			
o 172.16.0.51 Snort 3 172.16.0.51 - Transparent	Firewall 3120 Threat Defense	7.1.0	Manage

The Chassis Operations page opens for the device. This page shows physical interface details for the device.

Step 3 On the interfaces graphic, click the slider (to disable the network module.

Figure 14: Disable the Network Module



Do not save any changes on the **Interfaces** page. Because you are replacing the network module, you do not want to disrupt any existing configuration.

Step 4 You are prompted to confirm that you want to turn the network module off. Click **Yes**.

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		7
Network module operation is immediate op executed immediately on device without no		
Are you sure you want to turn off the network m	odule?	-
Turning the module off will remove the associate	ed interfaces from device.	

Step 5 On the device, remove the old network module and replace it with the new network module according to the hardware installation guide.

Step 6 In the FMC, enable the new module by clicking the slider (

Figure 16: Enable the Network Module

	Network	Module 1						Netwo	rk Mo	dule 2	
	1/1 1	/2 1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	2/1	2/3	2/5	2/7
🛡 💻 📼											
CONSOLE MGMT USB											
	1/9 1/	10 1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16	2/2	2/4	2/6	2/8

Step 7 You are prompted to confirm that you want to turn the network module on. Click **Yes**.

Figure 17: Confirm Enable

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urning t	ne module on will add the	associated inter	faces to device	2

Step 8 For clustering or High Availability, perform the following steps.

- Clustering—Add the node back to the cluster. See Add a New Cluster Node.
- High Availability—
 - If you broke High Availability, then reform High Availability. See Add a High Availability Pair.
 - Reenable interface monitoring for interfaces on the network module. See Configure Standby IP Addresses and Interface Monitoring.

Replace the Network Module with a Different Type

If you replace a network module with a different type, then a reboot is required. If the new module has fewer interfaces than the old module, you will have to manually remove any configuration related to interfaces that will no longer be present.

For clustering or High Availability, you can only perform chassis operations on the control node/active unit.

Before you begin

For High Availability, you cannot disable a network module if the failover link is on the module. You will have to break High Availability (see Break a High Availability Pair), which means you will have downtime when you reboot the active unit. After the units finish rebooting, you can reform High Availability.

Procedure

Step 1 For clustering or High Availability, perform the following steps.

• **Clustering**—To avoid downtime, you can break each node one at a time so it is no longer in the cluster while you perform the network module replacement. See Break a Node.

You will add the node back to the cluster after you perform the replacement.

- High Availability—To avoid failing over when you replace the network module, disable interface monitoring for interfaces on the network module. See Configure Standby IP Addresses and Interface Monitoring.
- **Step 2** From **Devices** > **Device Management**, click **Manage** in the **Chassis** column. For clustering or High Availability, this option is only available for the control node/active unit; network module changes are replicated to all nodes.

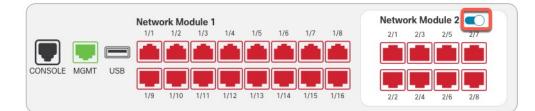
Figure 18: Manage Chassis

Name	Model	Version	Chassis
\vee Ungrouped (2)			
 172.16.0.51 Snort 3 172.16.0.51 - Transparent 	Firewall 3120 Threat Defense	7.1.0	Manage

The **Chassis Operations** page opens for the device. This page shows physical interface details for the device.

Step 3 On the interfaces graphic, click the slider (<) to disable the network module.

Figure 19: Disable the Network Module



Do not save any changes on the **Interfaces** page. Because you are replacing the network module, you do not want to disrupt any existing configuration.

Step 4 You are prompted to confirm that you want to turn the network module off. Click **Yes**.

Figure 20: Confirm Disable

Network module operation is im	mediate operation and it will be
executed immediately on device	e without needing deployment
you sure you want to turn off the	network module?
ning the module off will remove th	e associated interfaces from device.

Step 5 On the device, remove the old network module and replace it with the new network module according to the hardware installation guide.

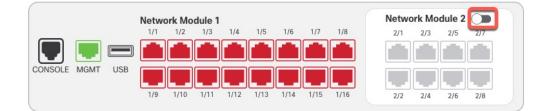
Step 6 Reboot the firewall; see Shut Down or Restart the Device.

For clustering or High Availability, reboot the data nodes/standby unit first, and wait for them to come back up. Then you can change the control node (see Change the Control Node) or active unit (see Switch the Active Peer in the FTD High Availability Pair), and reboot the former control node/active unit.

Step 7 In the FMC, click **Sync Modules** to update the page with the new network module details.

Step 8 Enable the new module by clicking the slider (

Figure 21: Enable the Network Module



Step 9You are prompted to confirm that you want to turn the network module on. Click Yes.Figure 22: Confirm Enable

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ng the module on will add the associated interfaces to device.	you sure you want to tur	n on the network module?
	ning the module on will a	dd the associated interfaces to device.

Step 10Click the link in the message at the top of the screen to go to the Interfaces page to save the interface changes.Figure 23: Go to Interface Page



- **Step 11** If the network module has *fewer* interfaces:
 - a) At the top of the **Interfaces** page, click **Click to know more**. The **Interface Changes** dialog box opens. *Figure 24: View Interface Changes*

Interface configuration has changed on device. Click to know more.

Figure 25: Interface Changes

The following interface	e changes have been det	tected. Click "Validate Changes" to know if there is any impact on current configuration.
Interface	Туре	Change Description
Ethernet2/1	Physical	Interface is associated
Ethernet2/2	Physical	Interface is associated
Ethernet2/5	Physical	Interface is associated
Ethernet2/6	Physical	Interface is associated
Ethernet2/7	Physical	Interface is associated
Ethernet2/8	Physical	Interface is associated

Close	Validate Changes

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b) Click Validate Changes to make sure your policy will still work with the interface changes.

If there are any errors, you need to change your policy and rerun the validation.

Deleting an interface that is used in your security policy can impact the configuration. Interfaces can be referenced directly in many places in the configuration, including access rules, NAT, SSL, identity rules, VPN, DHCP server, and so on. Deleting an interface will delete any configuration associated with that interface. Policies that refer to security zones are not affected.

- c) Click **Close** to return to the **Interfaces** page.
- **Step 12** To change the interface speed, see Enable the Physical Interface and Configure Ethernet Settings, on page 5.

The default speed is set to Detect SFP, which detects the correct speed from the SFP installed. You only need to fix the speed if you manually set the speed to a particular value and you now need a new speed.

- **Step 13** Click **Save** to save the interface changes to the firewall.
- **Step 14** If you had to change any configuration, go to **Deploy > Deployment** and deploy the policy.

You do not need to deploy just to save the network module changes.

Step 15 For clustering or High Availability, perform the following steps.

- Clustering—Add the node back to the cluster. See Add a New Cluster Node.
- **High Availability**—Reenable interface monitoring for interfaces on the network module. See Configure Standby IP Addresses and Interface Monitoring.

Remove the Network Module

If you want to permanently remove the network module, follow these steps. Removing a network module requires a reboot.

For clustering or High Availability, you can only perform chassis operations on the control node/active unit.

Before you begin

For clustering or High Availability, make sure the cluster/failover link is not on the network module.

Procedure

Step 1 From Devices > Device Management, click Manage in the Chassis column. For clustering or High Availability, this option is only available for the control node/active unit; network module changes are replicated to all nodes.

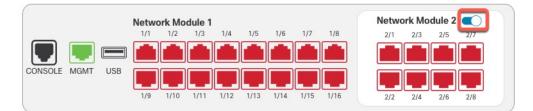
Figure 26: Manage Chassis



The **Chassis Operations** page opens for the device. This page shows physical interface details for the device.

Step 2 On the interfaces graphic, click the slider () to disable the network module.

Figure 27: Disable the Network Module



Step 3 You are prompted to confirm that you want to turn the network module off. Click **Yes**.

Figure 28: Confirm Disable

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executed immed	iately on device without needing deployment
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rning the module of	f will remove the associated interfaces from device.

Step 4 You see a message at the top of the screen; click the link to go to the **Interfaces** page to save the interface changes.

Figure 29: Go to Interface Page

A This device has configuration changes that were performed directly on the device. Visit Interface page in device details

Step 5At the top of the Interfaces page, you see a message that the interface configuration has changed.Figure 30: View Interface Changes



a) Click Click to know more to open the Interface Changes dialog box to view the changes.
 Figure 31: Interface Changes

le following interface c	manges have been detected	Click "Validate Changes" to know if there is any impact on current configuration.	
Interface	Туре	Change Description	
Ethernet2/1	Physical	Interface is disassociated	
Ethernet2/2	Physical	Interface is disassociated	
Ethernet2/3	Physical	Interface is disassociated	
Ethernet2/4	Physical	Interface is disassociated	

b) Click Validate Changes to make sure your policy will still work with the interface changes.

If there are any errors, you need to change your policy and rerun the validation.

Deleting an interface that is used in your security policy can impact the configuration. Interfaces can be referenced directly in many places in the configuration, including access rules, NAT, SSL, identity rules, VPN, DHCP server, and so on. Deleting an interface will delete any configuration associated with that interface. Policies that refer to security zones are not affected.

- c) Click Close to return to the Interfaces page.
- **Step 6** Click **Save** to save the interface changes to the firewall.
- **Step 7** If you had to change any configuration, go to **Deploy > Deployment** and deploy the policy.
- **Step 8** Reboot the firewall; see Shut Down or Restart the Device.

For clustering or High Availability, reboot the data nodes/standby unit first, and wait for them to come back up. Then you can change the control node (see Change the Control Node) or active unit (see Switch the Active Peer in the FTD High Availability Pair), and reboot the former control node/active unit.

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History for Interfaces

Feature	Minimum FMC	Minimum FTD	Details
Support for hot swapping the network module for the Secure Firewall 3100	7.1.0	7.1.0	You can add or remove the network module on the Secure Firewall 3100 while the firewall is powered up. To replace a module with another module of the same type, you do not need to reboot. After initial bootup, adding a module, permanently removing a module, or replacing a module with a new type requires a reboot.
			New/Modified screens:
			Devices > Device Management > Chassis Operations
Support for Forward Error Correction for the	7.1.0	7.1.0	Secure Firewall 3100 25 Gbps interfaces support Forward Error Correction (FEC). FEC is enabled by default and set to Auto.
Secure Firewall 3100			New/Modified screens: Devices > Device Management > Interfaces > Edit Physical Interface > Hardware Configuration
Support for setting the speed based on the SFP for the Secure Firewall 3100	7.1.0	7.1.0	The Secure Firewall 3100 supports speed detection for interfaces based on the SFP installed. Detect SFP is enabled by default. This option is useful if you later change the network module to a different model, and want the speed to update automatically.
			New/Modified screens: Devices > Device Management > Interfaces > Edit Physical Interface > Hardware Configuration
LLDP support for the Firepower 1100.	7.1.0	7.1.0	You can enable Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) for Firepower 1100 interfaces.
			New/Modified screens: Devices > Device Management > Interfaces > Hardware Configuration > LLDP
			New/Modified commands: show lldp status, show lldp neighbors, show lldp statistics
Interface auto-negotiation is now set independently from speed and duplex,	7.1.0	7.1.0	Interface auto-negotiation is now set independently from speed and duplex. Also, when you sync the interfaces in FMC, hardware changes are detected more effectively.
interface sync improved.			New/Modified screens: Devices > Device Management > Interfaces > Hardware Configuration > Speed
			Supported platforms: Firepower 1000, 2100, Secure Firewall 3100

Feature	Minimum FMC	Minimum FTD	Details
Firepower 1100/2100 series fiber interfaces	6.7.0	6.7.0	You can now configure a Firepower 1100/2100 series fiber interface to disable flow control and link status negotiation.
now support disabling auto-negotiation.			Previously, when you set the fiber interface speed (1000 or 10000 Mbps) on these devices, flow control and link status negotiation was automatically enabled. You could not disable it.
		Now, you can deselect Auto-negotiation and set the speed to 1000 to disable flow control and link status negotiation. You cannot disable negotiation at 10000 Mbps.	
			New/modified screens: Devices > Device Management > Interfaces > Hardware Configuration > Speed