



DHCP and DDNS

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About DHCP and DDNS Services

The following topics describe the DHCP server, DHCP relay agent, and DDNS update.

About the DHCPv4 Server

DHCP provides network configuration parameters, such as IP addresses, to DHCP clients. The Firewall Threat Defense device can provide a DHCP server to DHCP clients attached to Firewall Threat Defense device interfaces. The DHCP server provides network configuration parameters directly to DHCP clients.

An IPv4 DHCP client uses a broadcast rather than a multicast address to reach the server. The DHCP client listens for messages on UDP port 68; the DHCP server listens for messages on UDP port 67.

DHCP Options

DHCP provides a framework for passing configuration information to hosts on a TCP/IP network. The configuration parameters are carried in tagged items that are stored in the Options field of the DHCP message and the data are also called options. Vendor information is also stored in Options, and all of the vendor information extensions can be used as DHCP options.

For example, Cisco IP Phones download their configuration from a TFTP server. When a Cisco IP Phone starts, if it does not have both the IP address and TFTP server IP address preconfigured, it sends a request with option 150 or 66 to the DHCP server to obtain this information.

- DHCP option 150 provides the IP addresses of a list of TFTP servers.

- DHCP option 66 gives the IP address or the hostname of a single TFTP server.
- DHCP option 3 sets the default route.

A single request might include both options 150 and 66. In this case, the DHCP server provides values for both options in the response if they are already configured on the Firewall Threat Defense.

You can use advanced DHCP options to provide DNS, WINS, and domain name parameters to DHCP clients; DHCP option 15 is used for the DNS domain suffix. You can also use the DHCP automatic configuration setting to obtain these values or define them manually. When you use more than one method to define this information, it is passed to DHCP clients in the following sequence:

1. Manually configured settings.
2. Advanced DHCP options settings.
3. DHCP automatic configuration settings.

For example, you can manually define the domain name that you want the DHCP clients to receive and then enable DHCP automatic configuration. Although DHCP automatic configuration discovers the domain together with the DNS and WINS servers, the manually defined domain name is passed to DHCP clients with the discovered DNS and WINS server names, because the domain name discovered by the DHCP automatic configuration process is superseded by the manually defined domain name.

About the DHCPv6 Stateless Server

For clients that use StateLess Address Auto Configuration (SLAAC) in conjunction with the Prefix Delegation feature ([Enable the IPv6 Prefix Delegation Client](#)), you can configure the Firewall Threat Defense to provide information such as the DNS server or domain name when they send Information Request (IR) packets to the Firewall Threat Defense by defining a DHCP IPv6 Pool and assigning it to the DHCPv6 server. The Firewall Threat Defense only accepts IR packets and does not assign addresses to the clients. You will configure the client to generate its own IPv6 address by enabling IPv6 autoconfiguration on the client. Enabling stateless autoconfiguration on a client configures IPv6 addresses based on prefixes received in Router Advertisement messages; in other words, based on the prefix that the Firewall Threat Defense received using Prefix Delegation.

About the DHCP Relay Agent

You can configure a DHCP relay agent to forward DHCP requests received on an interface to one or more DHCP servers. DHCP clients use UDP broadcasts to send their initial DHCPDISCOVER messages because they do not have information about the network to which they are attached. If the client is on a network segment that does not include a server, UDP broadcasts normally are not forwarded by the Firewall Threat Defense device because it does not forward broadcast traffic. The DHCP relay agent lets you configure the interface of the Firewall Threat Defense device that is receiving the broadcasts to forward DHCP requests to a DHCP server on another device.

Requirements and Prerequisites for DHCP and DDNS

Model Support

Threat Defense

User Roles

- Admin
- Access Admin
- Network Admin

Guidelines for DHCP and DDNS Services

This section includes guidelines and limitations that you should check before configuring DHCP and DDNS services.

Firewall Mode

- DHCP Relay is not supported in transparent firewall mode or in routed mode on the BVI or bridge group member interface.
- DHCP Server is supported in transparent firewall mode on a bridge group member interface. In routed mode, the DHCP server is supported on the BVI interface, not the bridge group member interface. The BVI must have a name for the DHCP server to operate.
- DDNS is not supported in transparent firewall mode or in routed mode on the BVI or bridge group member interface.
- DHCPv6 stateless server is not supported in transparent firewall mode or in routed mode on the BVI or bridge group member interface.

Clustering

- DHCPv6 stateless server is not supported with clustering.

IPv6

Supports IPv6 for DHCP stateless server and DHCP Relay.

DHCPv4 Server

- The maximum available DHCP pool is 256 addresses.
- You can configure a DHCP server on any interface with a name and IP address, such as a physical interface, a subinterface, or a BVI in routed mode.
- You can configure only one DHCP server on each interface. Each interface can have its own pool of addresses to use. However the other DHCP settings, such as DNS servers, domain name, options, ping timeout, and WINS servers, are configured globally and used by the DHCP server on all interfaces.
- You cannot configure an interface as a DHCP client if that interface also has DHCP server enabled; you must use a static IP address.
- You cannot configure both a DHCP server and DHCP relay on the same device, even if you want to enable them on different interfaces; you can only configure one type of service.

- The Firewall Threat Defense does not support DHCP clients behind DHCP relay servers; the client must be directly connected to the Firewall Threat Defense.
- The DHCP server does not support BOOTP requests.

DHCPv6 Server

The DHCPv6 Stateless server cannot be configured on an interface where the DHCPv6 address, Prefix Delegation client, or DHCPv6 relay is configured.

DHCP Relay

- You can configure a maximum of 10 DHCPv4 relay servers per virtual router, global (VRF) and interface-specific servers combined, with a maximum of 4 servers per interface.
- You can configure a maximum of 10 DHCPv6 relay servers per virtual router. Interface-specific servers for IPv6 are not supported.
- You cannot configure both a DHCP server and DHCP relay on the same device, even if you want to enable them on different interfaces; you can only configure one type of service.
- DHCP relay services are not available in transparent firewall mode or in routed mode on the BVI or bridge group member interface. You can, however, allow DHCP traffic through using an access rule. To allow DHCP requests and replies through the Firewall Threat Defense, you need to configure two access rules, one that allows DHCP requests from the inside interface to the outside (UDP destination port 67), and one that allows the replies from the server in the other direction (UDP destination port 68).
- For IPv4, clients must be directly-connected to the Firewall Threat Defense and cannot send requests through another relay agent or a router. For IPv6, the Firewall Threat Defense supports packets from another relay server.
- The DHCP clients must be on different interfaces from the DHCP servers to which the Firewall Threat Defense relays requests.
- You cannot enable DHCP Relay on an interface in a traffic zone.

DDNS Service

The firewall's DDNS supports only DynDNS service. Hence, ensure that the DDNS is configured with update URL in the following syntax:

`https://username:password@provider-domain/path?hostname=<h>&myip=<a>.`

Configure the DHCPv4 Server

See the following steps to configure a DHCPv4 server.

Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Devices > Device Management**, and edit the Firewall Threat Defense device.
- Step 2** Select **DHCP > DHCP Server**.

Step 3 Configure the following DHCP server options:

- **Ping Timeout**—The amount of time in milliseconds that Firewall Threat Defense device waits to time out a DHCP ping attempt. Valid values range from 10 to 10000 milliseconds. The default value is 50 milliseconds.
To avoid address conflicts, the Firewall Threat Defense device sends two ICMP ping packets to an address before assigning that address to a DHCP client.
- **Lease Length**—The amount of time in seconds that the client may use its allocated IP address before the lease expires. Valid values range from 300 to 1048575 seconds. The default value is 3600 seconds (1 hour).
- (Routed mode) **Auto-configuration**—Enables DHCP auto configuration on the Firewall Threat Defense device. Auto-configuration enables the DHCP server to provide the DHCP clients with the DNS server, domain name, and WINS server information obtained from a DHCP client running on the specified interface. Otherwise, you can disable auto configuration and add the values yourself in Step 4.
- (Routed mode) **Interface**—Specifies the interface to be used for auto configuration. For a device with virtual routing capability, this interface can only be a global virtual router interface.

Step 4 To override auto-configured settings, do the following:

- Enter the domain name of the interface. For example, your device may be in the Your_Company domain.
- From the drop-down list, choose the DNS servers (primary and secondary) configured for the interface. To add a new DNS server, see [Creating Network Objects](#).
- From the drop-down list, choose the WINS servers (primary and secondary) configured for the interface. To add a new WINS server, see [Creating Network Objects](#).

Step 5 Select **Server**, click **Add**, and configure the following options:

- **Interface**—Choose the interface from the drop-down list. In transparent mode, specify a named bridge group member interface. In routed mode, specify a named routed interface or a named BVI; do not specify the bridge group member interface. Note that each bridge group member interface for the BVI must also be named for the DHCP server to operate.
- **Address Pool**—The range of IP addresses from lowest to highest that is used by the DHCP server. The range of IP addresses must be on the same subnet as the selected interface and cannot include the IP address of the interface itself.
- **Enable DHCP Server**—Enables the DHCP server on the selected interface.

Step 6 Click **OK** to save the DHCP server configuration.

Step 7 (Optional) Select **Advanced**, click **Add**, and specify the type of information you want the option to return to the DHCP client:

- **Option Code**—The Firewall Threat Defense device supports the DHCP options listed in RFC 2132, RFC 2562, and RFC 5510 to send information. All DHCP options (1 through 255) are supported except for 1, 12, 50–54, 58–59, 61, 67, and 82. See [About the DHCPv4 Server, on page 1](#) for more information on DHCP option codes.

Note

The Firewall Threat Defense device does not verify that the option type and value that you provide match the expected type and value for the option code, as defined in RFC 2132. For more information about option codes and their associated types and expected values, see RFC 2132.

- **Type**—DHCP option type. Available options include **IP**, **ASCII**, and **HEX**. If you chose IP, you must add IP addresses in the IP Address fields. If you chose ASCII, you must add the ASCII value in the ASCII field. If you chose HEX, you must add the HEX value in the HEX field.
- **IP Address 1** and **IP Address 2**—The IP address(es) to be returned with this option code. To add a new IP address, see [Creating Network Objects](#).
- **ASCII**—The ASCII value that is returned to the DHCP client. The string cannot include spaces.
- **HEX**—The HEX value that is returned to the DHCP client. The string must have an even number of digits and no spaces. You do not need to use a 0x prefix.

Step 8 Click **OK** to save the option code configuration.

Step 9 Click **Save** on the DHCP page to save your changes.

Step 10 To view DHCP bindings, use the following command.

show dhcpd binding

Example:

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> show dhcpd binding
IP Address Client-id Lease Expiration Type
10.0.1.100 0100.a0c9.868e.43 84985 seconds automatic
```

Configure the DHCPv6 Stateless Server

For clients that use StateLess Address Auto Configuration (SLAAC) in conjunction with the Prefix Delegation feature, you can configure the Firewall Threat Defense to provide information such as the DNS server or domain name when they send Information Request (IR) packets to the Firewall Threat Defense.

Create the DHCP IPv6 Pool

Create a DHCP IPv6 Pool for use with the DHCPv6 server. The DHCPv6 server provides information such as the DNS server or domain name when they clients send Information Request (IR) packets to the Firewall Threat Defense. The DHCP IPv6 Pool defines the parameters to sent in IR messages.

This feature is only supported in routed mode. This feature is not supported in clustering or High Availability.

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Objects > Object Management**.

Step 2 Choose **DHCP IPv6 Pool** from the list of object types.

Step 3 Click **Add** (+).

Step 4 Configure the **DNS Server** and **Domain Name**.

You can either manually define the values and click **Add**, or you can check **Import** to use one or more parameters that the Firewall Threat Defense obtained from the DHCPv6 server on the Prefix Delegation client interface. You can mix and match manually-configured parameters with imported parameters; however, you cannot configure the same parameter manually and also use **Import**.

Figure 1: Manually Define Values

The screenshot shows the 'Add DHCP IPv6 Pool' configuration window. The 'Name' field contains 'pool1'. The 'DNS Server' field contains '2001:DB8::1' and the 'Domain Name' field contains 'example.com'. Both fields have an 'Add' button next to them, which is highlighted with a red box. Below each field is an 'Import' checkbox, which is currently unchecked.

Figure 2: Import Values

The screenshot shows the 'Add DHCP IPv6 Pool' configuration window. The 'Name' field contains 'pool1'. The 'DNS Server' and 'Domain Name' fields are empty. Both fields have an 'Add' button next to them. Below each field is an 'Import' checkbox, which is now checked and highlighted with a red box.

Step 5 Define **Other Server Options**.

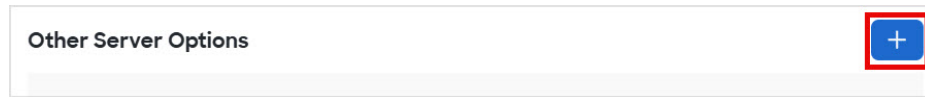
You can define the domain name and IP address for the following servers:

- NIS
- NISP

- SIP
- SNTTP

a) Click **Add** (+).

Figure 3: Other Server Options



b) Choose the server type under **Option**, and either manually define the **Domain Name** and **Address**, or check **Import**.

Figure 4: Define Server Domain Name and Address

Add Server Option ⓘ

Option

NIS ▼

Domain Name

eng.example.com ✕

☐ Import

Address

Add

☒ Import

Cancel Save

Import uses one or more parameters that the Firewall Threat Defense obtained from the DHCPv6 server on the Prefix Delegation client interface. You can mix and match manually-configured parameters with imported parameters; however, you cannot configure the same parameter manually and also use **Import**.

- c) Click **Save**.
- d) Repeat for each server type.

- Step 6** Click **Save**.
- Step 7** Use this pool with the DHCPv6 server. See [Enable the DHCPv6 Stateless Server, on page 9](#).

Enable the DHCPv6 Stateless Server

For clients that use StateLess Address Auto Configuration (SLAAC) in conjunction with the Prefix Delegation feature ([Enable the IPv6 Prefix Delegation Client](#)), you can configure the Firewall Threat Defense to provide information such as the DNS server or domain name when they send Information Request (IR) packets to the Firewall Threat Defense. The Firewall Threat Defense only accepts IR packets and does not assign addresses to the clients. You will configure the client to generate its own IPv6 address by enabling IPv6 autoconfiguration on the client. Enabling stateless autoconfiguration on a client configures IPv6 addresses based on prefixes received in Router Advertisement messages; in other words, based on the prefix that the Firewall Threat Defense received using Prefix Delegation.

This feature is only supported in routed mode. This feature is not supported in clustering or High Availability.

Before you begin

Add a DHCP IPv6 Pool object. See [Create the DHCP IPv6 Pool, on page 6](#). This object defines the server parameters included in the IR messages.

Procedure

- Step 1** Select **Devices > Device Management** and click **Edit** (✎) for your Firewall Threat Defense device. The **Interfaces** page is selected by default.
- Step 2** Click **Edit** (✎) for the interface you want to edit.
- Step 3** Click the **IPv6** page, and then click **DHCP**.
- Step 4** Click **DHCP Server Pool**, and choose the object you created earlier.

Figure 5: Enable the DHCPv6 Server

- Step 5** Check **Enable DHCP for non-address config** to inform SLAAC clients about the DHCPv6 server.

This flag informs IPv6 autoconfiguration clients that they should use DHCPv6 to obtain additional information from DHCPv6, such as the DNS server address.

Step 6 Click **OK**.

Step 7 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.

Configure the DHCP Relay Agent

You can configure a DHCP relay agent to forward DHCP requests received on an interface to one or more DHCP servers. DHCP clients use UDP broadcasts to send their initial DHCPDISCOVER messages because they do not have information about the network to which they are attached. If the client is on a network segment that does not include a server, UDP broadcasts normally are not forwarded by the Firewall Threat Defense device because it does not forward broadcast traffic.

You can remedy this situation by configuring the interface of the Firewall Threat Defense device that is receiving the broadcasts to forward DHCP requests to a DHCP server on another interface.



Note DHCP Relay is not supported in transparent firewall mode.

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Devices > Device Management**, and edit the Firewall Threat Defense device.

Step 2 Select **DHCP > DHCP Relay**.

Step 3 In the **IPv4 Relay Timeout** and **IPv6 Relay Timeout** fields, enter the amount of time in seconds that the Firewall Threat Defense device waits to time out the DHCP relay agent. Valid values range from 1 to 3600 seconds. The default value is 60 seconds.

The timeout is for address negotiation through the local DHCP Relay agent.

Step 4 (Optional) Check **Trust All Information** to set all client interfaces as trusted.

You can configure interfaces as trusted interfaces to preserve DHCP Option 82. DHCP Option 82 is used by downstream switches and routers for DHCP snooping and IP Source Guard. Normally, if the Firewall Threat Defense DHCP relay agent receives a DHCP packet with Option 82 already set, but the giaddr field (which specifies the DHCP relay agent address that is set by the relay agent before it forwards the packet to the server) is set to 0, then the Firewall Threat Defense will drop that packet by default. You can preserve Option 82 and forward the packet by identifying an interface as a trusted interface.

Step 5 On **DHCP Relay Agent**, click **Add**, and configure the following options:

- **Interface**—The interface connected to the DHCP clients.
- **Enable IPv4 Relay**—Enables IPv4 DHCP Relay for this interface.

- **Set Route**—(For IPv4) Changes the default gateway address in the DHCP message from the server to that of the Firewall Threat Defense device interface that is closest to the DHCP client, which relayed the original DHCP request. This action allows the client to set its default route to point to the Firewall Threat Defense device even if the DHCP server specifies a different router. If there is no default router option in the packet, the Firewall Threat Defense device adds one containing the interface address.
- **Enable IPv6 Relay**—Enables IPv6 DHCP Relay for this interface.

Step 6 Click **OK** to save the DHCP relay agent changes.

Step 7 On **DHCP Servers**, click **Add**, and configure the following options:

Add the IPv4 and IPv6 server addresses as separate entries, even if they belong to the same server.

- **Server**—The IP address of the DHCP server. Chose an IP address from the drop-down list. To add a new one, see [Creating Network Objects](#)
- **Interface**—The interface to which the specified DHCP server is attached. The DHCP Relay agent and the DHCP server cannot be configured on the same interface.

Step 8 Click **OK** to save the DHCP server changes.

Step 9 Click **Save** on the DHCP page to save your changes.

Configure Dynamic DNS

When an interface uses DHCP IP addressing, the assigned IP address can change when the DHCP lease is renewed. When the interface needs to be reachable using a fully qualified domain name (FQDN), the IP address change can cause the DNS server resource records (RRs) to become stale. Dynamic DNS (DDNS) provides a mechanism to update DNS RRs whenever the IP address or hostname changes. You can also use DDNS for static or PPPoE IP addressing.

DDNS updates the following RRs on the DNS server: the A RR includes the name-to-IP address mapping, while the PTR RR maps addresses to names.

The Firewall Threat Defense supports the following DDNS update methods:

- **Standard DDNS**—The standard DDNS update method is defined by RFC 2136.

With this method, the Firewall Threat Defense and the DHCP server use DNS requests to update the DNS RRs. The Firewall Threat Defense or DHCP server sends a DNS request to its local DNS server for information about the hostname and, based on the response, determines the main DNS server that owns the RRs. The Firewall Threat Defense or DHCP server then sends an update request directly to the main DNS server. See the following typical scenarios.

- The Firewall Threat Defense updates the A RR, and the DHCP server updates the PTR RR.

Typically, the Firewall Threat Defense "owns" the A RR, while the DHCP server "owns" the PTR RR, so both entities need to request updates separately. When the IP address or hostname changes, the Firewall Threat Defense sends a DHCP request (including the FQDN option) to the DHCP server to inform it that it needs to request a PTR RR update.

- The DHCP server updates both the A and PTR RR.

Use this scenario if the Firewall Threat Defense does not have the authority to update the A RR. When the IP address or hostname changes, the Firewall Threat Defense sends a DHCP request (including the FQDN option) to the DHCP server to inform it that it needs to request an A and PTR RR update.

You can configure different ownership depending on your security needs and the requirements of the main DNS server. For example, for a static address, the Firewall Threat Defense should own the updates for both records.

- **Web**—The Web update method uses the DynDNS Remote API specification (<https://help.dyn.com/remote-access-api/>).

With this method when the IP address or hostname changes, the Firewall Threat Defense sends an HTTP request directly to a DNS provider with which you have an account.



Note For devices that were registered using zero-touch provisioning from the outside interface, DDNS is automatically enabled using the "fmcOnly" method, which is similar to the Web method. This method is only available for zero-touch provisioning devices. You can edit some options for this method using this screen, or delete the method and configure a different one. For more information about zero-touch provisioning, see [Add a Device Using the Serial Number \(Zero-Touch Provisioning\)—Basic Configuration](#).

The **DDNS** page also supports setting DHCP server settings relating to DDNS.



Note DDNS is not supported on the BVI or bridge group member interfaces.

Before you begin

- Configure a DNS server group on **Objects > Object Management > DNS Server Group**, and then enable the group for the interface on **Devices > Platform Settings**, create or edit a Threat Defense policy and click **DNS**. See [DNS](#).
- Configure the device hostname. You can configure the hostname when you perform the Firewall Threat Defense initial setup, or by using the **configure network hostname** command. If you do not specify the hostname per interface, then the device hostname is used.

Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **Devices > Device Management**, and edit the Firewall Threat Defense device.
- Step 2** Choose **DHCP > DDNS**.
- Step 3** Standard DDNS method: Configure a DDNS update method to enable DNS requests from the Firewall Threat Defense.

You do not need to configure a DDNS update method if the DHCP server will perform all requests.

- On **DDNS Update Methods**, click **Add**.
- Set the **Method Name**.

- c) Click **DDNS**.
- d) (Optional) Configure the **Update Interval** between DNS requests. By default when all values are set to 0, update requests are sent whenever the IP address or hostname changes. To send requests regularly, set the **Days** (0-364), **Hours**, **Minutes**, and **Seconds**.
- e) Set the **Update Records** you want the Firewall Threat Defense to update.

This setting only affects the records you want to update directly from the Firewall Threat Defense; to determine the records you want the DHCP server to update, configure the DHCP client settings per interface or globally. See, [Step 5, on page 13](#).

- **Not Defined**—Disables DNS updates from the Firewall Threat Defense.
- **Both A and PTR Records**—Sets the Firewall Threat Defense to update both A and PTR RRs. Use this option for static or PPPoE IP addressing.
- **A Records**—Sets the Firewall Threat Defense to update the A RR only. Use this option if you want the DHCP server to update the PTR RR.

- f) Click **OK**.
- g) Assign this method to the interface in [Step 5, on page 13](#).

Step 4 Web method: Configure a DDNS update method to enable HTTP update requests from the Firewall Threat Defense.

- a) On **DDNS Update Methods**, click **Add**.
- b) Set the **Method Name**.
- c) Click **Web**.
- d) Set the **Web Update Type** to update IPv4, IPv6, or both types of addresses.
- e) Set the **Web URL**. Specify the update URL. Check with your DNS provider for the URL required.

Use the following syntax:

https://username:password@provider-domain/path?hostname=<h>&myip=<a>

Example:

https://jcrichon:pa\$\$w0rd17@domains.example.com/nic/update?hostname=<h>&myip=<a>

- f) (Optional) Configure the **Update Interval** between DNS requests. By default when all values are set to 0, update requests are sent whenever the IP address or hostname changes. To send requests regularly, set the **Days** (0-364), **Hours**, **Minutes**, and **Seconds**.
- g) Click **OK**.
- h) Assign this method to the interface in [Step 5, on page 13](#).
- i) The web type method for DDNS also requires you to identify the DDNS server root CA to validate the DDNS server certificate for the HTTPS connection. See, [Step 9, on page 15](#).

Step 5 Configure interface settings for DDNS, including setting the update method, DHCP client settings, and the hostname for this interface.

- a) On **DDNS Interface Settings**, click **Add**.
- b) Choose the **Interface** from the drop-down list.
- c) Choose the **Method Name** that you created on the **DDNS Update Methods** page.

(Standard DDNS method) You do not need to assign a method if you want the DHCP server to perform all updates.

- d) Set the **Host Name** for this interface.

If you do not set the hostname, the device hostname is used. If you do not specify an FQDN, then the default domain from the DNS server group is appended (for static or PPPoE IP addressing) or the domain name from the DHCP server is appended (for DHCP IP addressing).

- e) Standard DDNS method: Configure the **DHCP Client requests DHCP server to update requests** to determine which records you want the DHCP server to update.

The Firewall Threat Defense sends DHCP client requests to the DHCP server. Note that the DHCP server must also be configured to support DDNS. The server can be configured to honor the client requests, or it can override the client (in which case, it will reply to the client so the client does not also try to perform updates that the server is performing).

For static or PPPoE IP addressing, these settings are ignored.

Note

You can also set these values globally for all interfaces on the **DDNS** page. The per-interface settings take precedence over the global settings.

- **Not Selected**—Disables DDNS requests to the DHCP server. Even if the client does not request DDNS updates, the DHCP server can be configured to send updates anyway.
- **No Update**—Requests the DHCP server not to perform updates. This setting works in conjunction with a DDNS update method with **Both A and PTR Records** enabled.
- **Only PTR**—Requests that the DHCP server perform the PTR RR update. This setting works in conjunction with a DDNS update method with **A Records** enabled.
- **Both A and PTR Records**—Requests that the DHCP server perform both A and PTR RR updates. This setting does not require a DDNS update method to be associated with the interface.

- f) Click **OK**.

Note

The **Dynamic DNS Update** settings relate to DHCP server settings when you enable a DHCP server on the Firewall Threat Defense. See, [Step 6, on page 14](#) for more information.

Step 6

If you enable the DHCP server on an Firewall Threat Defense, you can configure DHCP server settings for DDNS.

To enable the DHCP server, see [Configure the DHCPv4 Server, on page 4](#)). You can configure the server behavior when DHCP clients use the standard DDNS update method. If the server performs any updates, then if the client lease expires (and is not renewed), the server will request that the DNS server remove the RRs for which it was responsible.

- a) You can configure server settings globally or per interface. For global settings, see the main **DDNS** page. For per-interface settings, see the **DDNS Interface Settings** page. Interface settings take precedence over global settings.
- b) Configure which DNS RRs you want the DHCP server to update under **Dynamic DNS Update**.
- **Not Selected**—DDNS updates are disabled, even if the client requests them.
 - **Only PTR**—Enables DDNS updates. If you enable the **Override DHCP Client Requests** setting, then the server will only update the PTR RR. Otherwise, the server will update RRs that the client requests. If the client does not send an update request with the FQDN option, the server will request an update for both A and PTR RRs using the hostname discovered in DHCP option 12.

- **Both A and PTR Records**—Enables DDNS updates. If you enable the **Override DHCP Client Requests** setting, then the server will update both the A and PTR RRs. Otherwise, the server will update RRs that the client requests. If the client does not send an update request with the FQDN option, the server will request an update for both A and PTR RRs using the hostname discovered in DHCP option 12.

- c) To override the update actions requested by the DHCP client, check **Override DHCP Client Requests**. The server will reply to the client that the request was overridden, so the client does not also try to perform updates that the server is performing.

Step 7 (Optional) Configure general DHCP client settings. These settings are not related to DDNS, but are related to how the DHCP client behaves.

- On the **DDNS** page, check **Enable DHCP Client Broadcast** to request that the DHCP server broadcast the DHCP reply (DHCP option 1).
- To force a MAC address to be stored inside a DHCP request packet for option 61 instead of the default internally generated string, on **DDNS > DHCP Client ID Interface**, choose the interface from the **Available Interfaces** list, and then click **Add** to move it to the **Selected Interfaces** list.

Some ISPs expect option 61 to be the interface MAC address. If the MAC address is not included in the DHCP request packet, then an IP address will not be assigned. This setting does not directly relate to DDNS, but is a general DHCP client setting.

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

Step 9 The Web method for DDNS also requires you to identify the DDNS server root CA to validate the DDNS server certificate for the HTTPS connection.

The following example shows how to add a DDNS server's CA as a trustpoint.

- Obtain the DDNS server CA certificate. This procedure shows a manual import using PEM format, but you can also use PKCS12.
- In Firewall Management Center, choose **Devices > Certificates**, and click **Add**.
- Select a **Device**, and click **Add (+)**.

The **Add Cert Enrollment** dialog box appears.

- Enter the following fields, and click **Save**:

Add Cert Enrollment ?

Name*
CiscoRootCA

Description

CA Information Certificate Parameters Key Revocation

Enrollment Type: Manual

☒ **CA Only**
Check this option if you do not require an identity certificate to be created from this CA

CA Certificate:
-- Paste CA certificate in PEM format here. You can leave it empty to generate CSR without the CA certificate --

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☐ Skip Check for CA flag in basic constraints of the CA Certificate

☐ Allow Overrides

Cancel Save

- Enter a **Name**.
- Choose **Enrollment Type** > **Manual**.
- Click **CA Only**.
- Paste in the CA text from step 9.a, on page 15.

e) Click **Save**.

History for DHCP and DDNS

Feature	Minimum Firewall Management Center	Minimum Firewall Threat Defense	Details
Configure DHCP relay trusted interfaces from the Firewall Management Center web interface.	7.2.6/7.4.1	Any	Upgrade impact. Redo any related FlexConfigs after upgrade. You can now use the Firewall Management Center web interface to configure interfaces as trusted interfaces to preserve DHCP Option 82. If you do this, these settings override any existing FlexConfigs, although you should remove them. DHCP Option 82 is used by downstream switches and routers for DHCP snooping and IP Source Guard. Normally, if the Firewall Threat Defense DHCP relay agent receives a DHCP packet with Option 82 already set, but the giaddr field (which specifies the DHCP relay agent address that is set by the relay agent before it forwards the packet to the server) is set to 0, then Firewall Threat Defense will drop that packet by default. You can preserve Option 82 and forward the packet by identifying an interface as a trusted interface. New/modified screens: Devices > Device Management > Add/Edit Device > DHCP > DHCP Relay Version restrictions: Not supported with Firewall Management Center Version 7.3.x or 7.4.0. If you upgrade to an unsupported version, redo your FlexConfigs.
DHCPv6 Stateless Server	7.3.0	7.3.0	The Firewall Threat Defense now supports a light DHCPv6 stateless server when using the DHCPv6 Prefix Delegation client. The Firewall Threat Defense provides other information such as the domain name to SLAAC clients when they send Information Request (IR) packets to the Firewall Threat Defense. The Firewall Threat Defense only accepts IR packets and does not assign addresses to the clients. New/modified screens: • Devices > Device Management > Interfaces > Add/Edit Interfaces > IPv6 > DHCP • Objects > Object Management > DHCP IPv6 Pool New/modified commands: show ipv6 dhcp

