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Firepower NGFW in the DC and Enterprise

Deployment Tips and New Features

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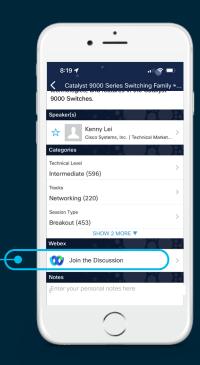
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Agenda

- Introduction
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Logging at Scale
- New Features
- Clustering Improvements
- Dynamic Objects
- Closing



Background Useful for this Session

Check out BRKSEC-2020, which includes other useful best practices



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Frequently Asked Questions



FAQ - What Version Should I Be Running?

Software Download Page on cisco.com Has Latest Suggested Release





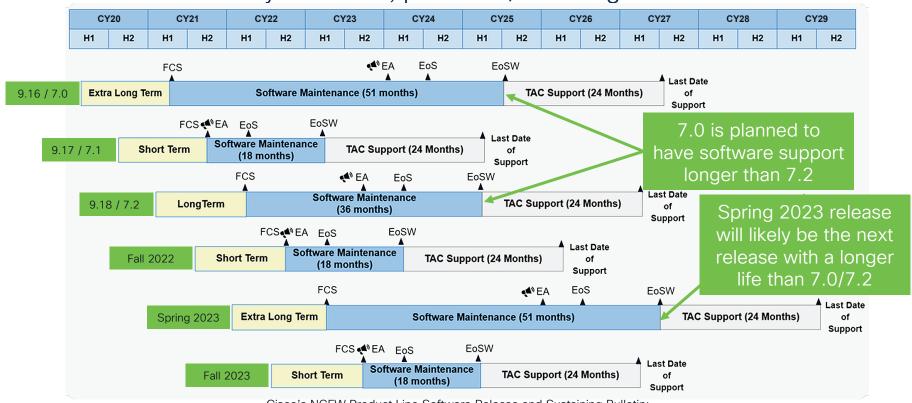
For the 4100/9300 Only - Latest Compatible FXOS Version, Currently 2.10(1.159)+

Cisco FXOS Compatibility: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/firepower/fxos/compatibility/fxos-compatibility.html



FAQ - What Version Do I Run Next?

Note - These are only estimates, plans can/do change



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Cisco's NGFW Product Line Software Release and Sustaining Bulletin:

FAQ - What Firewall Manager Do I Use?







- · On-box management
- Manages single deployment
- Simplified management / feature set

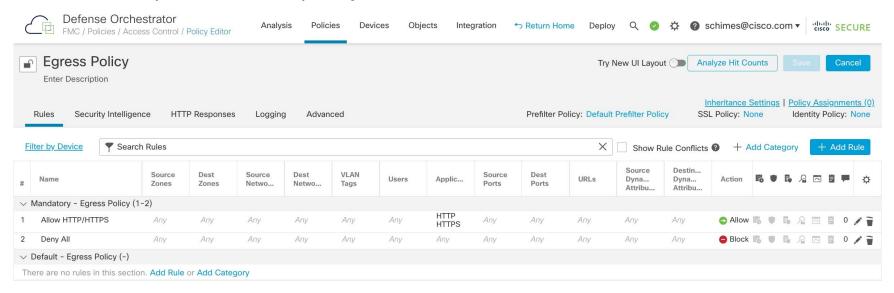
- Management appliance
- Manages Secure Firewall
- Supports full FTD feature set including analytics and firewall clustering

- Centralized cloud manager
- Manages Secure Firewall, ASA, Meraki MX and Umbrella SASE
- Near feature parity with FMC



Cloud Delivered Firewall Management Center

Almost complete feature parity with On-Premises FMC



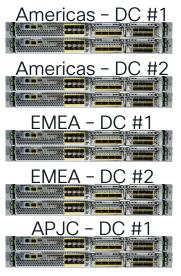
Note for DC/Enterprise Deployments - No support (today) for clustering



Logging at Scale



Logging Considerations for Large Deployments



Total = 10x FP4145s

1x FP4145 = 365K CPS

Policy With Full Logging: 10x FP4145s = 3.6M EPS



1x FMC4600 Rated for 20K EPS



Cisco Secure Firewall Logging Options

Firewall Management Center

- Logs stored on physical or FMC virtual appliance
- · Logs sent via sftunnel
- View logs in FMC

Best for small FMC managed deployments

Security Analytics and Logging (On-Premises)

- Log stored on physical or virtual Secure Networks Analytics (SNA) appliance(s)
- · Logs sent via syslog
- View logs in FMC w/ Unified Event View or on SNA Manager

Best for larger FMC managed deployments

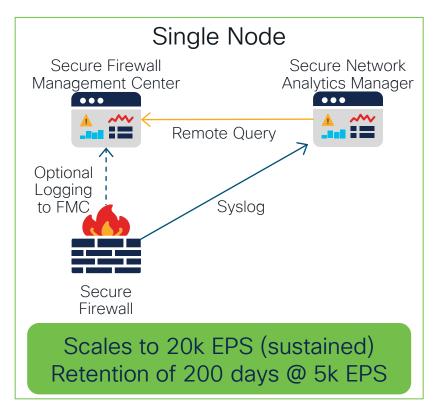
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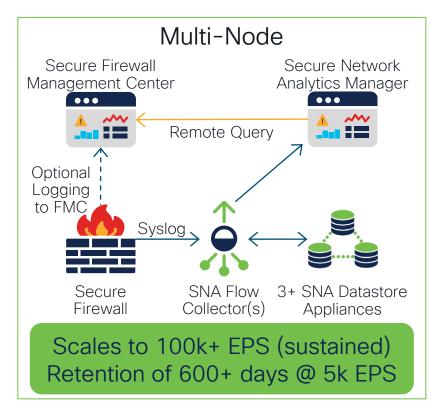
- Logs stored in SAL cloud
- Logs sent via built-in Secure Services Exchange (SSE) connector or via syslog to the Secure Event Connector (SEC)
- View logs in CDO

Best for CDO managed deployments



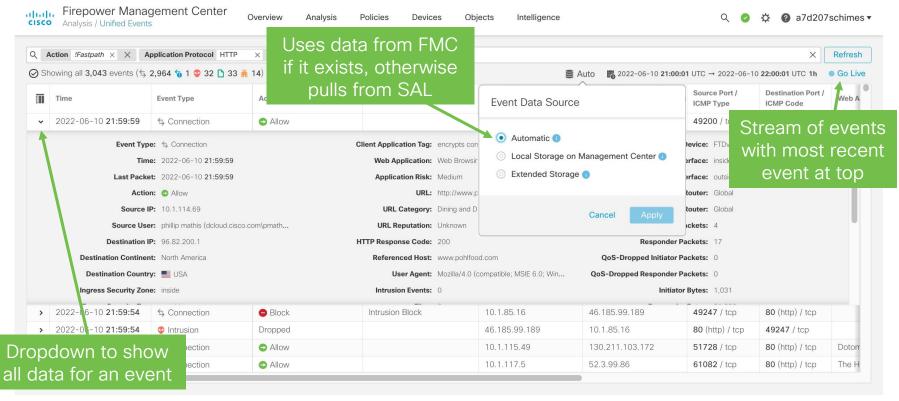
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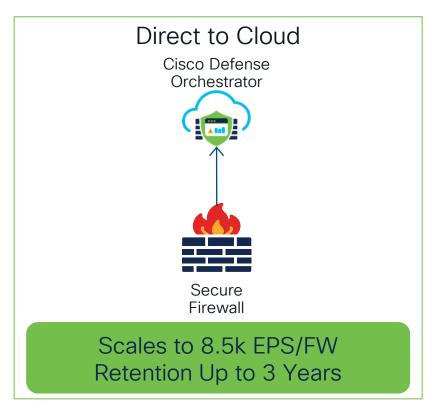


Unified Event Viewer





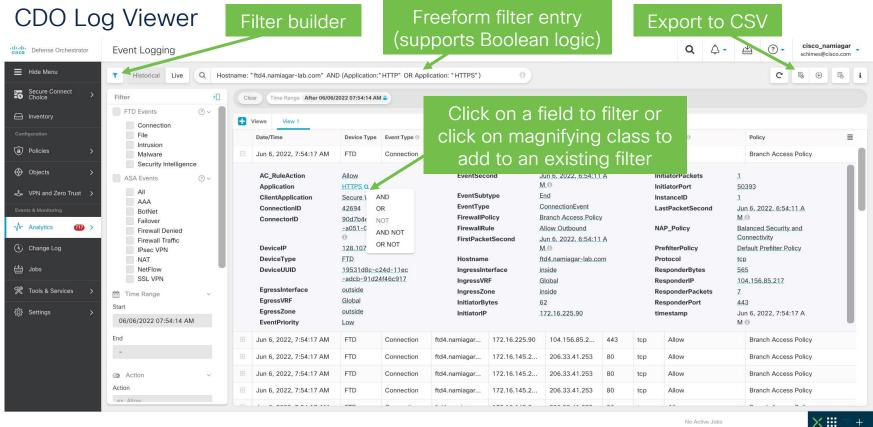
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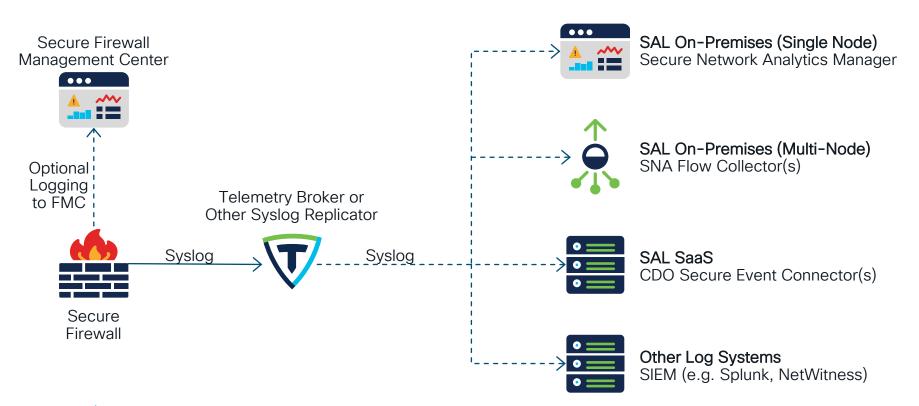
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For Best Performance, Send Logs Only Once

Use Telemetry Broker to Send Logs to Multiple Destinations



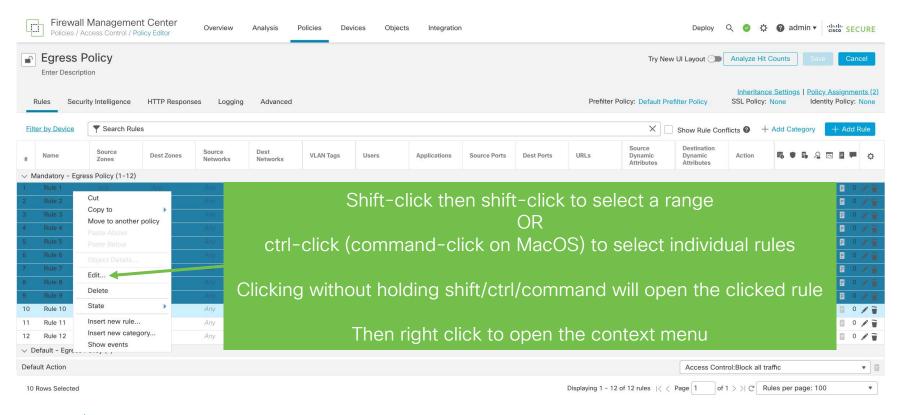


New Features



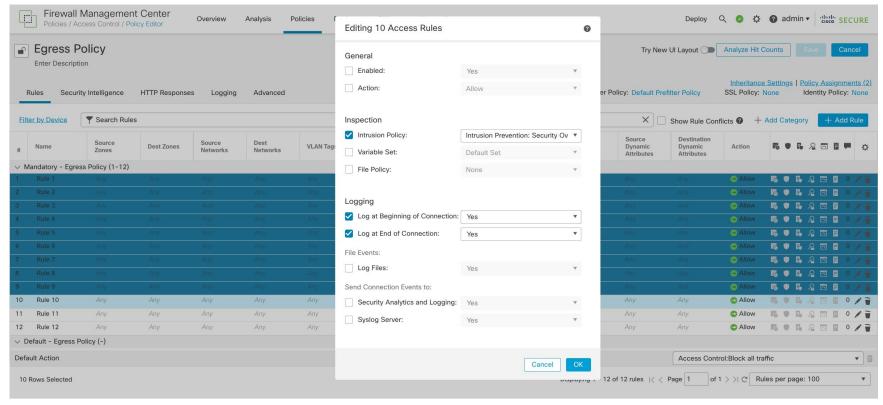


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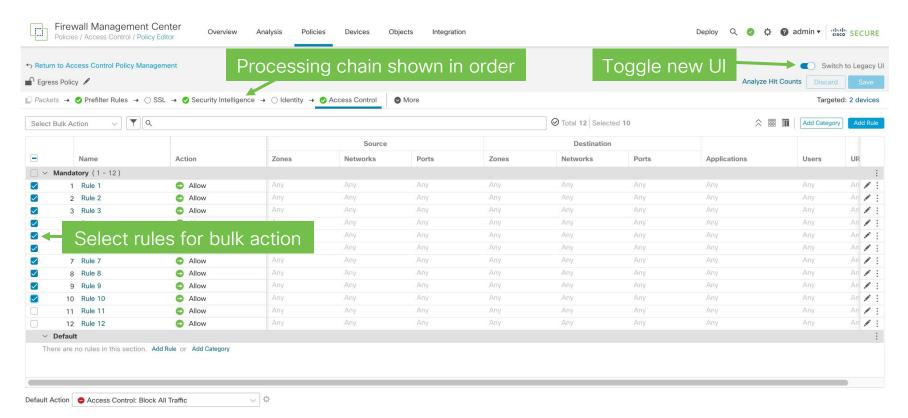


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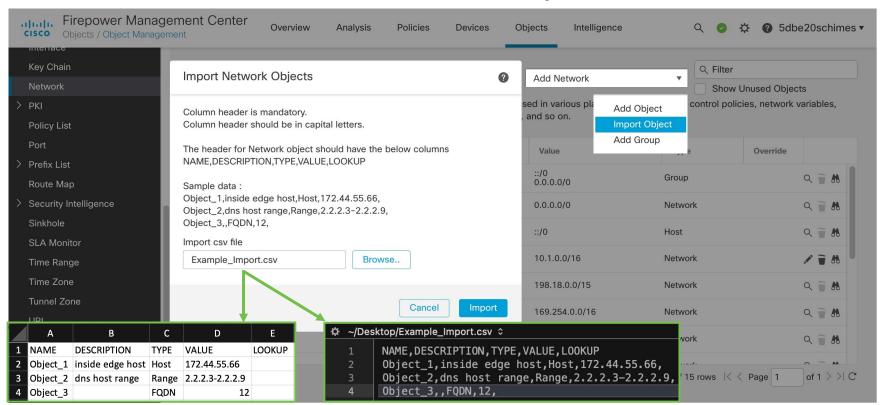
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Bulk Import of Objects

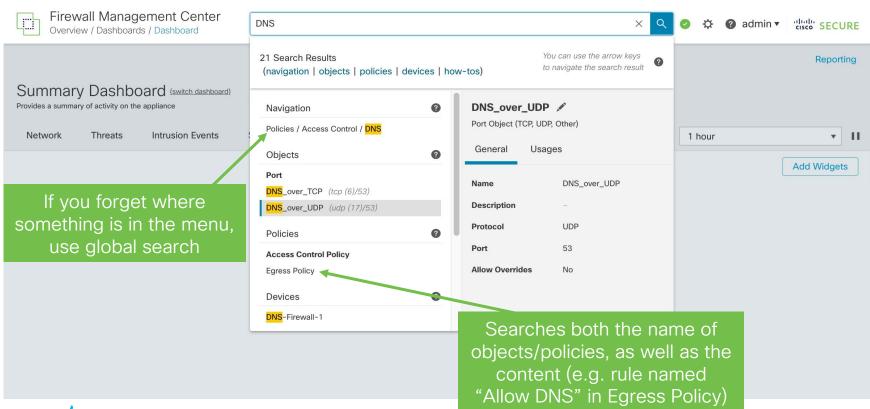
Available for DN, Network, Port, URL & VLAN objects





Global Search

Easily Find Navigation Pages, Policies, Objects by Name or Values (e.g. IP)





Device Health Monitoring Dashboard

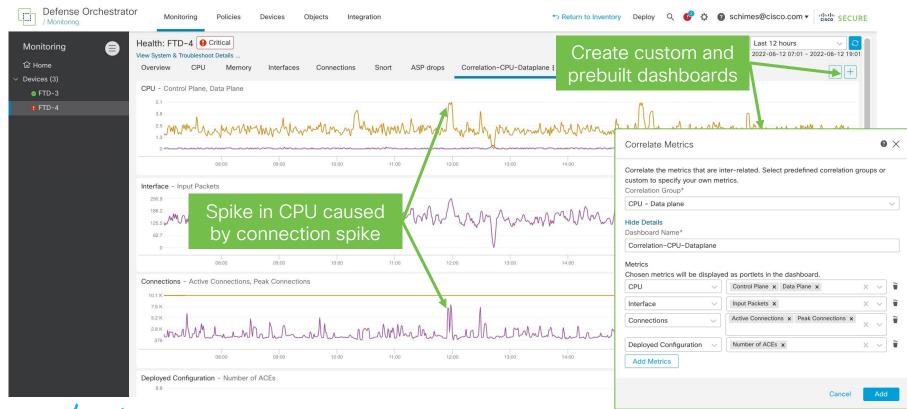
No more going to the CLI for basic performance troubleshooting!





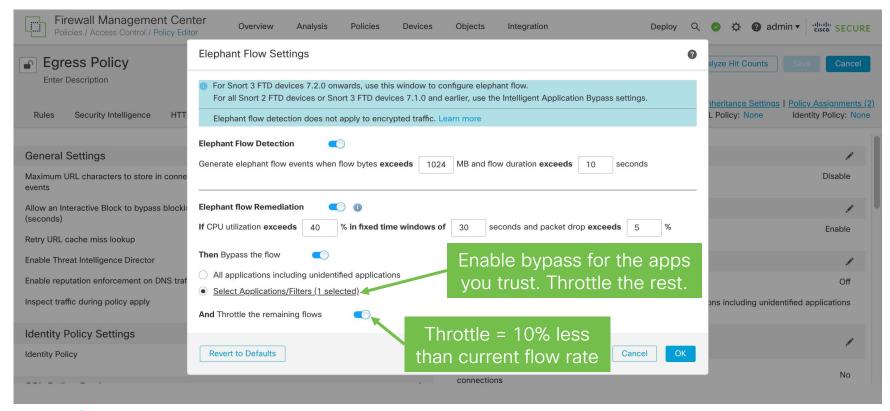
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Use Correlated Dashboards for Easy Troubleshooting



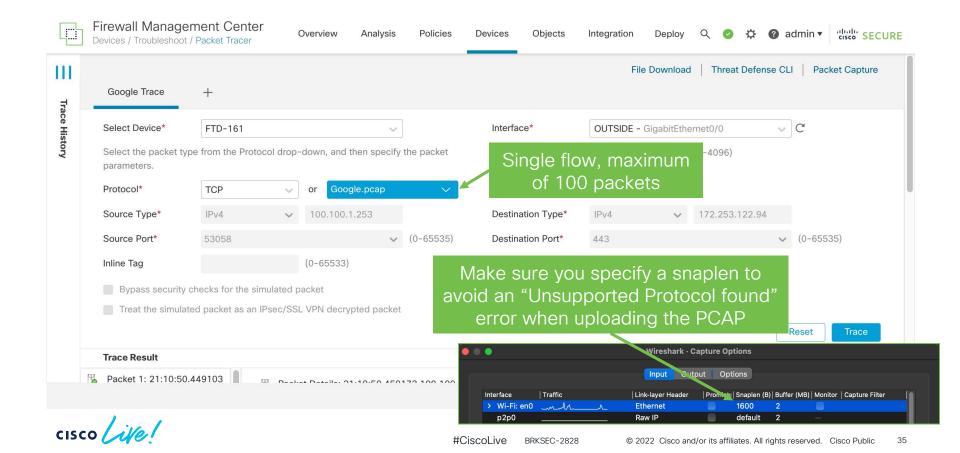


Elephant Flow Remediation

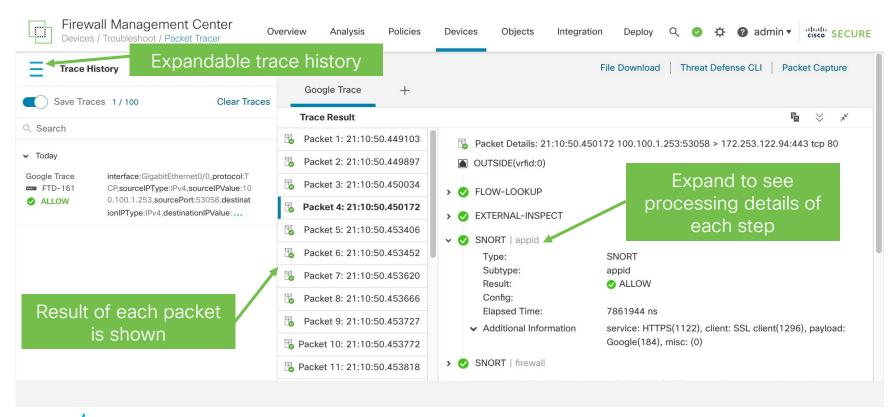




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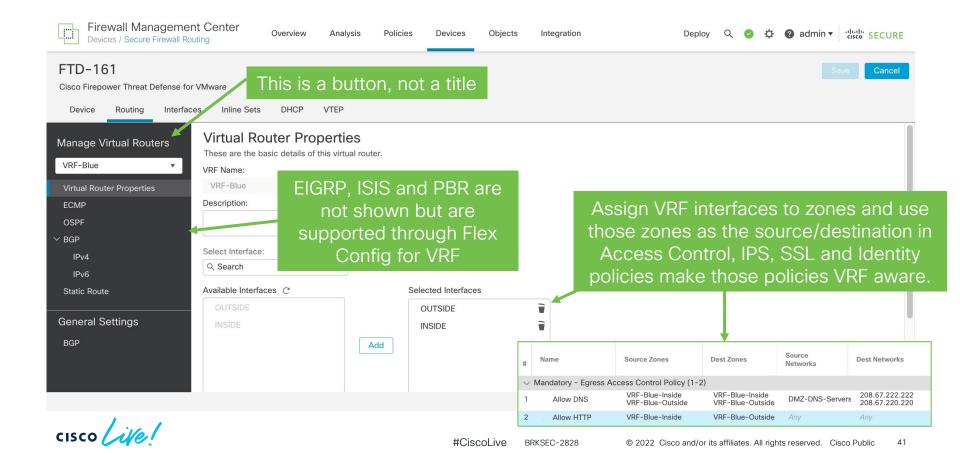


Packet Tracer PCAP Upload





Virtual Routing and Forwarding



Clustering Improvements



Cisco Clustering Support

Physical Cluster

- · ASA
 - 3100 (min 1 node; max 8 nodes)
 - 4100 (min 1 node; max 16 nodes)
 - 9300 (min 1 node; max 16 nodes)
- FTD
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Use 90 day FMC trial to license FMC and FTDv appliances and learn/experiment with clustering for free.

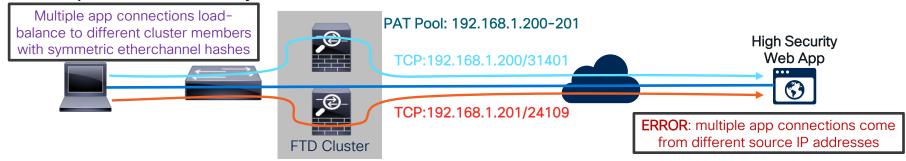
Virtual Cluster

- · ASAv
 - Already released (9.17.1)
 - Private cloud (VMware and KVM)
- FTDv
 - FMC managed nodes, running 7.2
 - Private cloud (VMware and KVM)
 - Public cloud (AWS and GCP)
 - Minimum 1 node; maximum 16 nodes
 - All nodes require 5 interfaces (with CCL)
 - · AWS cluster behind GWLB can have 4 interfaces

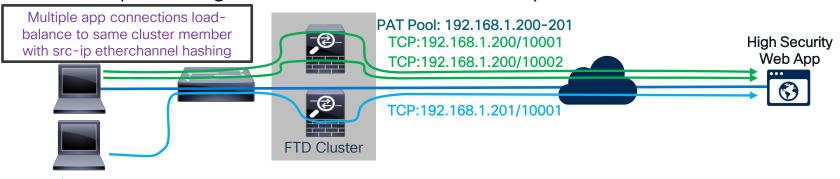


PAT in Clustering for Internet Egress (6.6 or Lower)

PAT pool is uniformly distributed to all cluster members at IP level

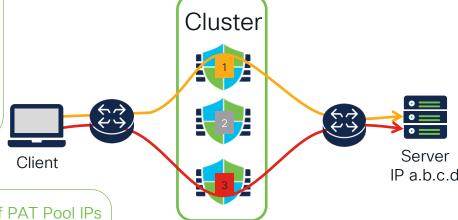


Use src-ip hashing on client side switch to keep NAT IPs consistent



Cluster PAT Pool Improvements

- Port Address Translation is distributed in cluster
- PAT Pool IPs distributed and owned by cluster nodes
- Multiple Connections to a server from the same host can be load balanced across different nodes, each using its own PAT Pool IP for translating those connections



- This feature introduces port block based distribution of PAT Pool IPs
- Cluster members now own a port block from the same PAT address
- Multiple Connections from the same host are translated using the same IP address, even if load balanced across different members

a.b.c.d port x a.b.c.d port y



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Dynamic Objects





Dynamic Objects

Without Dynamic Objects:

API Change to FMC Object Policy Push from FMC to FTD Object Changed on FTD

With Dynamic Objects:

API Change to FMC Object Changed on FTD

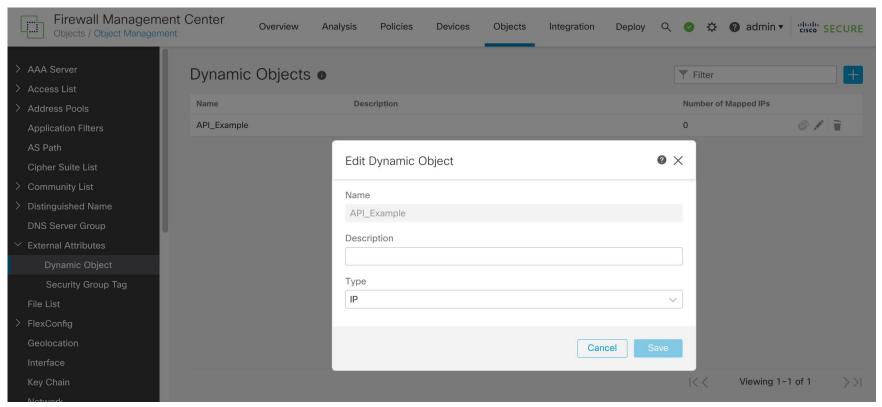


Dynamic Objects API Demo



Demo Setup

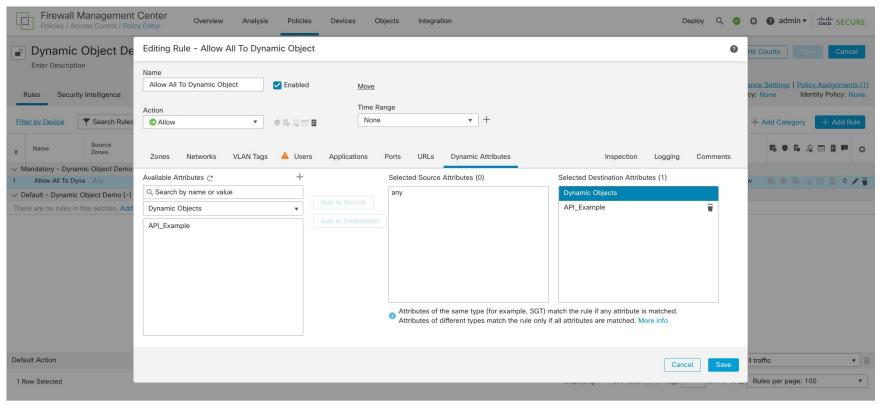
Create Dynamic Object (Can Also Be Done via API)



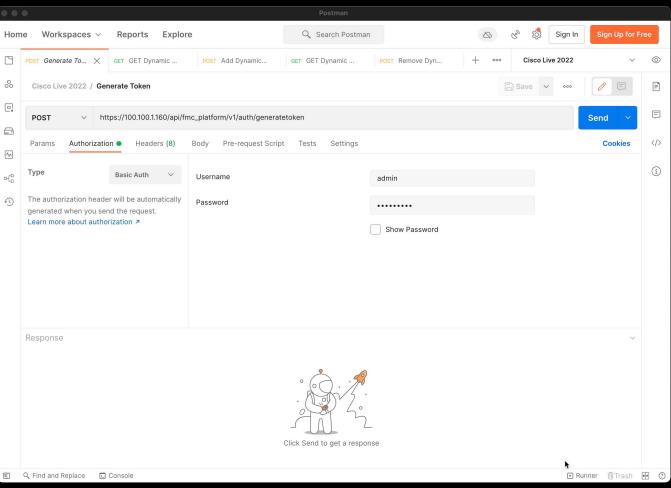


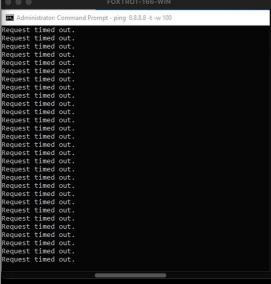
Demo Setup

Apply Dynamic Object to Access Control Policy









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Options for Implementing Dynamic Attributes

Admin Handled / System Handled or Assisted

Dynamic Attribute FMC API Cisco Secure Attribute
Connector (CSDAC)

Cisco Secure Workload

Define Policy

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Interact w/ Upstream API(s)

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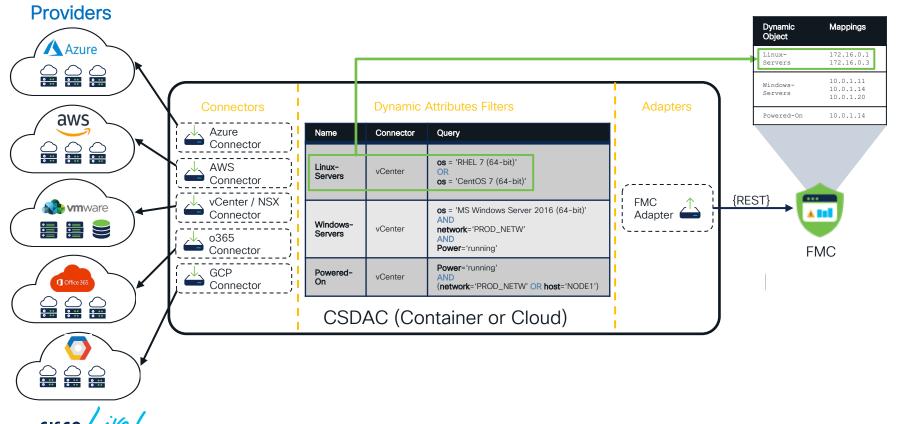
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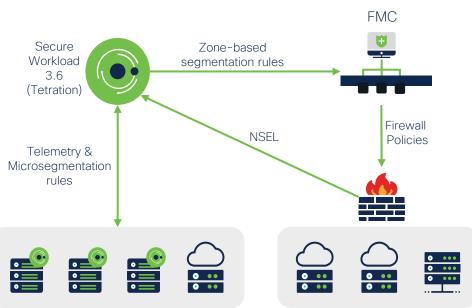
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Cisco Secure Dynamic Attributes Connector



Secure Workload Dynamic Policy Integration



Secure Workload and Secure Firewall integration walkthrough: https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=xpbq3s0vrcl





Integrate with FMC

Create the FMC external orchestrator in Secure Workload



Create Segmentation Policies

- Define scopes, filters and clusters.
- Define consumers and providers.



Push Dynamic Policies

Segmentation Policy pushed to FMC as access control rules with Dynamic Objects



Monitor and Auto-Update

Secure Workload continuously checks for changes and automatically pushes updates every 5 seconds.



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