

Configure Correlation Policy on FMC

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Introduction

This document describes the procedure to configure a Correlation Policy to connect events and detect anomalies on your network.

Prerequisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these products:

- Secure Firewall Management Center (FMC)
- Secure Firewall Threat Defense (FTD)

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- Firepower Threat Defense for VMware version 7.6.0

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Background Information

Correlation Policies are used to identify potential security threats on your network by configuring different types of events, and are used for remediation, conditional alerts, and traffic policies.

Configure

Configure Correlation Rules

Step 1. Navigate to **Policies > Correlation** and select **Rule Management**.

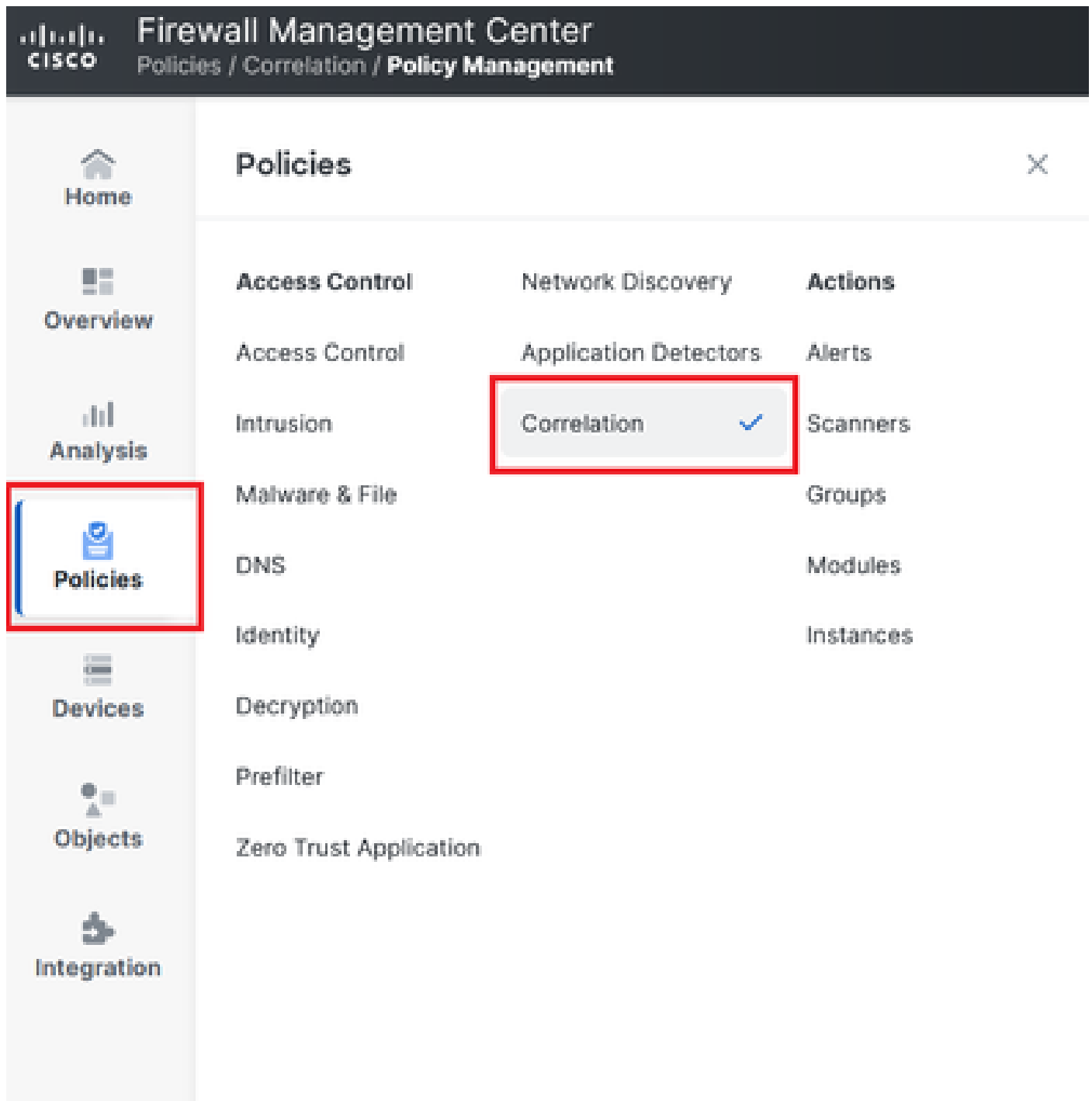


Image 1. Navigation to Correlation Policy Menu

Step 2. Create a new rule by selecting **Create Rule**.

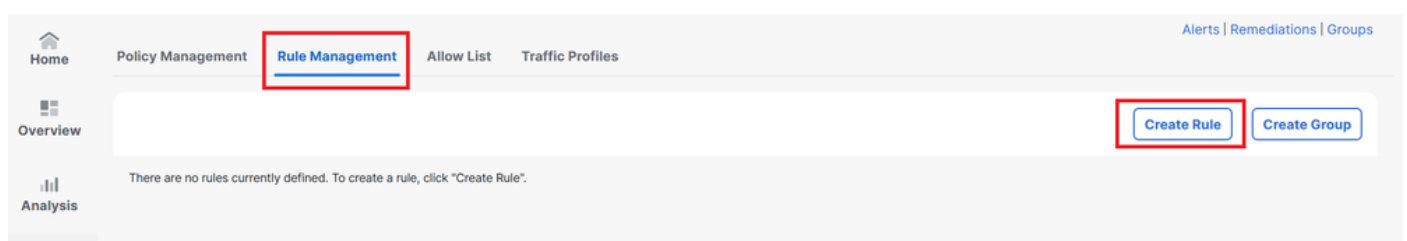



Image 2. Rule Creation on Rule Management Menu

Step 3. Select an event type and the conditions to match the rule.

When your rule contains multiple conditions, you must link them with **AND** or an **OR** operator.

The screenshot displays the 'Rule Information' section of a configuration interface. It includes fields for 'Rule Name' (set to 'connection'), 'Rule Description', and 'Rule Group' (set to 'Ungrouped'). There are three buttons: 'Add Connection Tracker', 'Add User Qualification', and 'Add Host Profile Qualification'. Below this is the 'Select the type of event for this rule' section, which contains a sequence of dropdown menus: 'If a connection event occurs', 'at any point of the connection', and 'and it meets the following conditions:'. Two buttons, 'Add condition' and 'Add complex condition', are positioned below these dropdowns. The main configuration area contains three conditions, each with a trash icon on the left and an 'AND' dropdown menu to its right. The first condition is 'Application Protocol is HTTPS'. The second condition is 'Source Country is not United Kingdom'. The third condition is 'Source Country is not United States'. Red boxes highlight the 'AND' dropdowns and the event type dropdowns.

Image 3. Rule Creation Menu

 **Note:** Correlation Rules must not be generic, if the rule is constantly triggered by normal traffic, this can consume additional CPU and affect FMC performance.

Configure Alerts

Step 1. Navigate to **Policies > Actions > Alerts**.

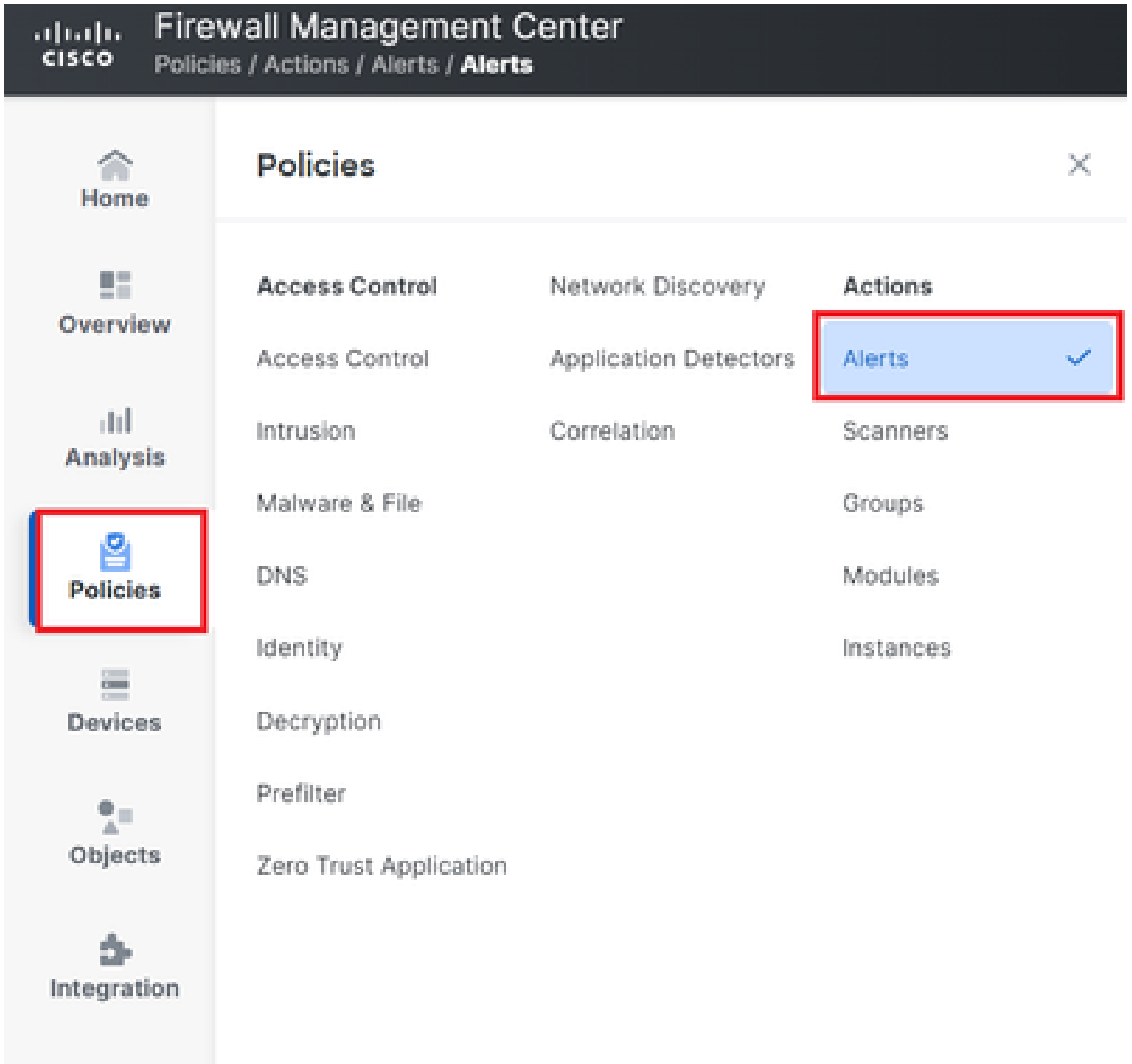


Image 4. Navigation to Alerts Menu

Step 2. Select **Create Alert** and create either a **Syslog**, **SNMP** or **email alert**.

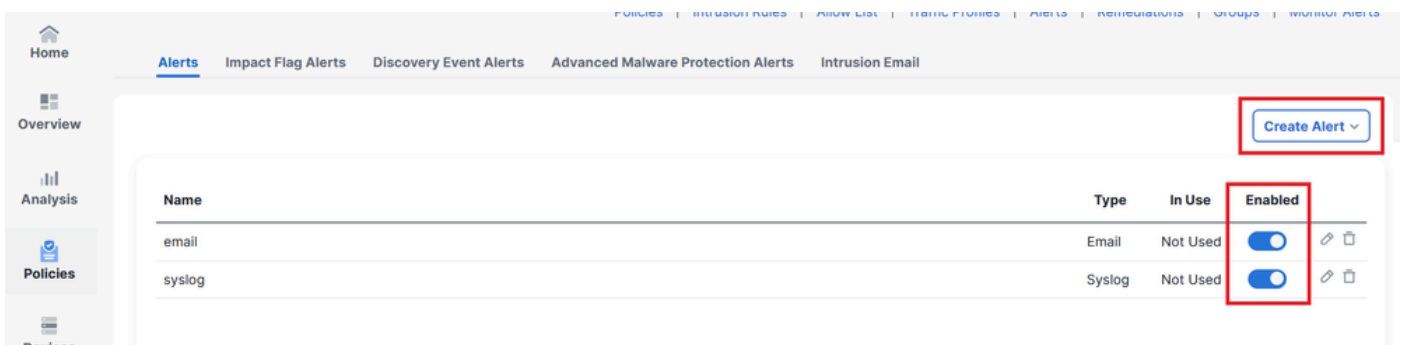
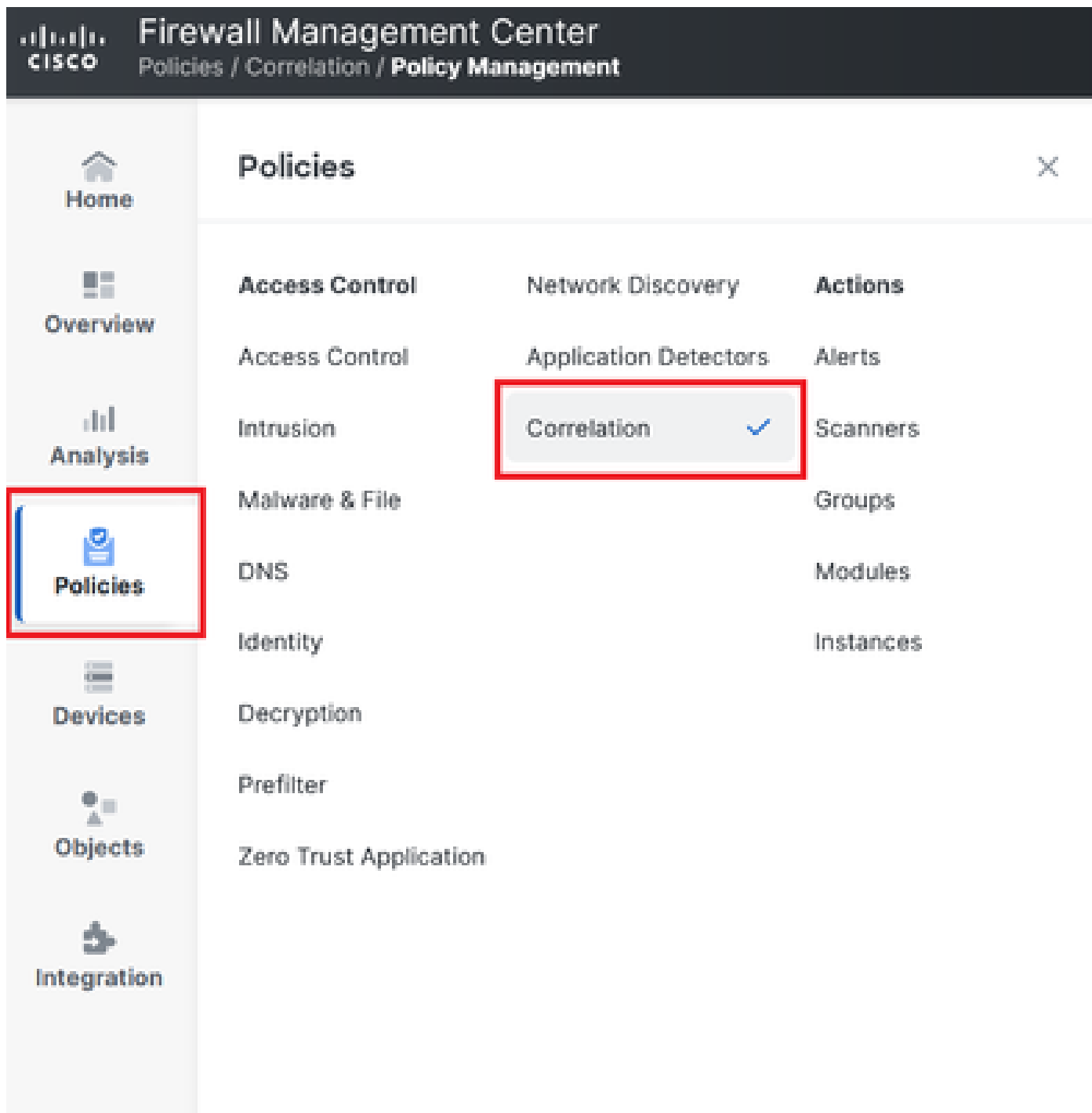


Image 5. Create Alert

Step 3. Verify the alert is enabled.

Configure Correlation Policy

Step 1. Navigate to **Policies > Correlation**.



Navigation to Correlation Policy Menu

Image 6. Navigation to Correlation Policy Menu

Step 2. Create a new **Correlation Policy**. Select the **default priority**. Use **None** to use the specific rules' priorities.

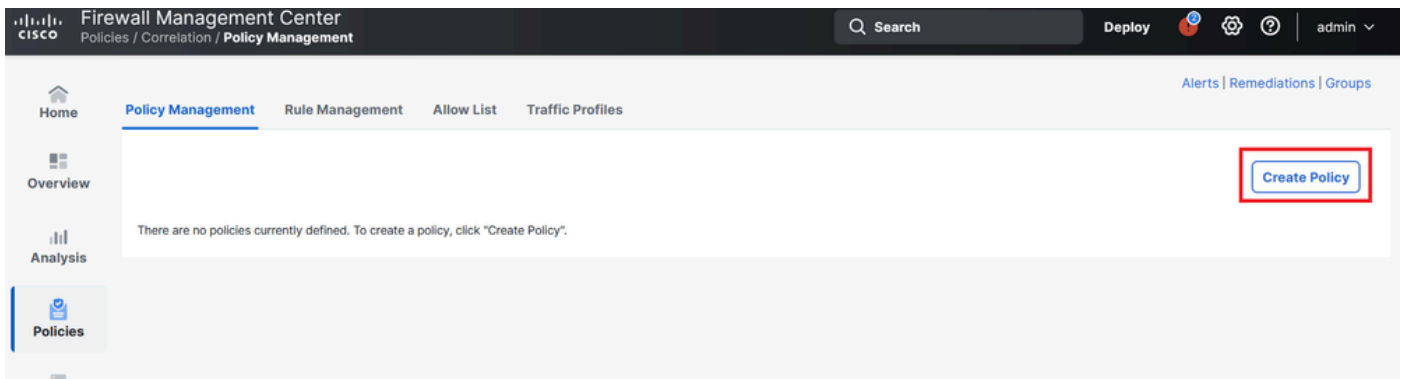


Image 7. Create New Correlation Policy

Step 3. Add rules to the policy by selecting **Add Rules**.

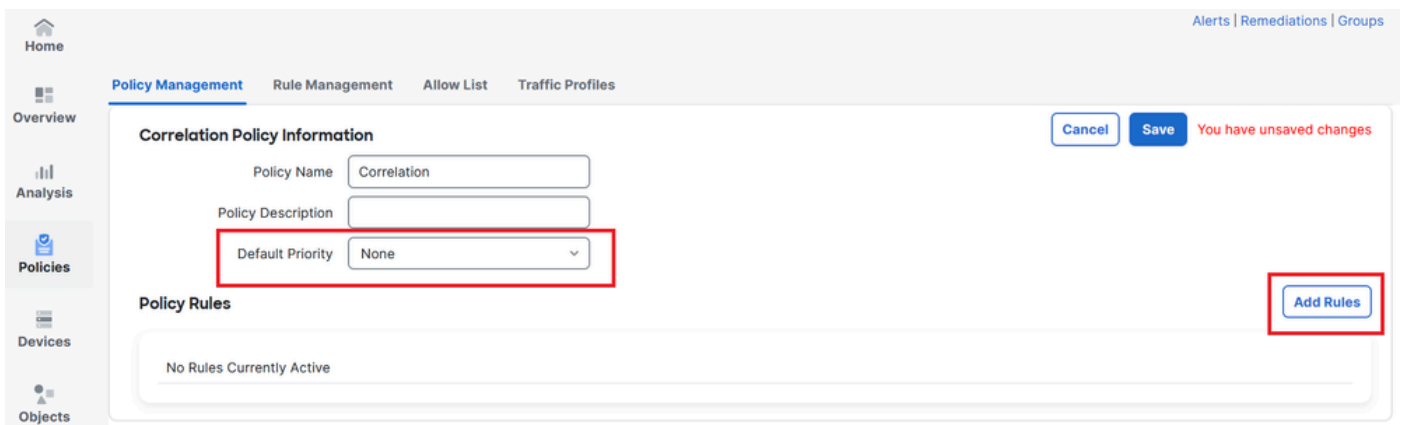


Image 8. Add Rules and Select Priority for Correlation Policy

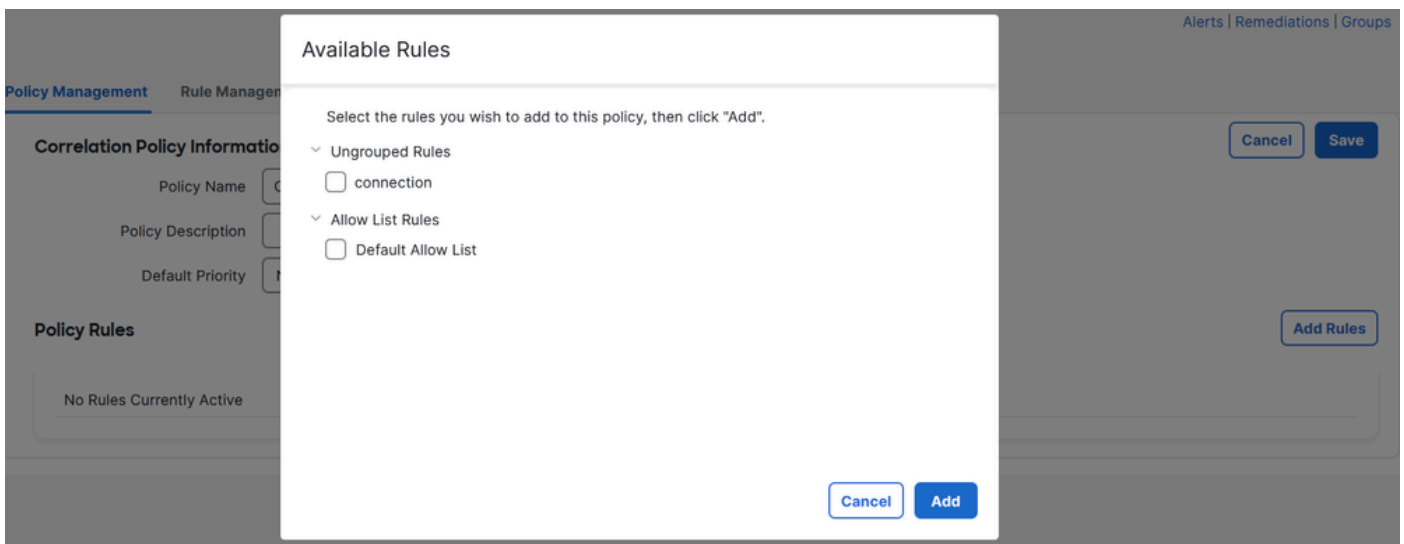


Image 9. Select Rules to Add to the Correlation Policy

Step 4. Assign a **response** to the rule from the alerts you created, so whenever it is triggered, it sends the selected alert type.

Policy Management Rule Management Allow List Traffic Profiles

Correlation Policy Information Cancel Save

Policy Name

Policy Description

Default Priority

Policy Rules Add Rules

Rule	Responses	Priority
connection	This rule does not have any responses.	Default <input type="text" value="Default"/> + -

Image 10. Add Responses' Button

Responses for connection

Assigned Responses



Unassigned Responses

email

syslog

Image 11. Assign Responses to Correlation Rule

Step 5. Save and enable your **Correlation Policy**.

Policy Management Rule Management Allow List Traffic Profiles

Correlation Policy Information Cancel Save You have unsaved changes

Policy Name

Policy Description

Default Priority

Policy Rules Add Rules

Rule	Responses	Priority
connection	email (Email)	Default

Image 12. Response Added Correctly to the Correlation Rule

Policy Management Rule Management Allow List Traffic Profiles

Create Policy

Name

Sort by

Image 13. Enable Correlation Policy