



# Basics of Security Cloud Control

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Security Cloud Control provides a unique view of policy management through a clear and concise interface. Below are topics that cover the basics of using Security Cloud Control for the first time.

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# Create a Security Cloud Control Tenant

You can provision a new Security Cloud Control tenant to onboard and manage your devices. If you use an On-Premises Firewall Management Center Version 7.2 and later, and want to integrate it with the Cisco Security Cloud, you can also create a Security Cloud Control tenant as part of the integration workflow.

## Procedure

1. Go to <https://manage.security.cisco.com/provision>.
2. Select the region where you want to provision your Security Cloud Control tenant and click **Sign Up**.
3. On the **Security Cloud Sign On** page, provide your credentials.
4. If you do not have a Security Cloud Sign On account and want to create one, click **Sign up now**.
  - a. Provide the information to create an account.

## Account Sign Up

Provide following information to create enterprise account.

[Back to login page](#)

Email \*

First name \*

Last name \*

Country \*

Please select \*

Password \*

Confirm Password \*

I agree to the [End User License Agreement and Privacy Statement](#).

Sign up

[Cancel](#)

Here are some tips:

- **Email:** Enter the email address that you will eventually use to log in to Security Cloud Control.
- **Password:** Enter a strong password.

- b. Click **Sign up**. Cisco sends you a verification email to the address you registered with.
- c. Open the email and click **Activate account** both on the mail and the **Security Cloud Sign On** page.
- d. Configure multifactor authentication using Duo on a device of your choice and click **Log in with Duo and Finish**.



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**Note** We recommend installing the Duo Security app on a mobile phone. Review [Duo Guide to Two Factor Authentication: Enrollment Guide](#) if you have questions about installing Duo.

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5. Provide a name for your tenant and click **Create new account**.
6. A new Security Cloud Control tenant is created in the region you have chosen; you will also receive an e-mail about your Security Cloud Control tenant being created, with the details. If you are associated with multiple Security Cloud Control tenants already, on the **Choose a tenant** page, select the tenant you just created to log in to it. If you have created a new Security Cloud Control tenant for the first time, you get logged into your tenant directly.

For information about logging on to your Security Cloud Control tenant for the first time, see [Initial Login to Your New Security Cloud Control Tenant](#).

For information about managing a Security Cloud Control tenant and various tenant settings, see [Tenant Management](#).

### Upgrade your Security Cloud Control tenant to full version

If you are using a free trial version of Security Cloud Control, you will keep seeing the **You are in a free trial of** Security Cloud Control banner, with the number of days left in the trial period. You can choose to upgrade your Security Cloud Control tenant to full version any time during the trial period. Contact your Cisco sales representative or contact [Cisco Sales](#), and they can place an order on your behalf and get you the sales order number.

Once you obtain the sales order number, click **Upgrade to full version** on the banner and enter the order number to begin using the full version of Security Cloud Control.

### Request Security Cloud Control trial period extension

If you want to continue using the trial version for 30 days, click **Request for an extension**.

## Sign in to Security Cloud Control

To log in to Security Cloud Control, a customer needs an account with a SAML 2.0-compliant identity provider (IdP), a multi-factor authentication provider, and [Manage Users in Security Cloud Control](#).

The IdP account contains the user's credentials and the IdP authenticates the user based on those credentials. Multi-factor authentication provides an added layer of identity security. The Security Cloud Control user record primarily contains the username, the Security Cloud Control tenant with which they are associated, and the user's role. When a user logs in, Security Cloud Control tries to map the IdP's user ID to an existing user record on a tenant in Security Cloud Control. The user is logged in to that tenant when Security Cloud Control finds a match.

Unless your enterprise has its own single sign-on identity provider, your identity provider is Security Cloud Sign On. Security Cloud Sign On uses Duo for multi-factor authentication. Customers can [Integrate Your SAML Single Sign-On with Security Cloud Control](#) if they choose.

To log into Security Cloud Control, you must first create an account in Cisco Security Cloud Sign On, configure multi-factor authentication (MFA) using Duo Security and have your tenant Super Admin create a Security Cloud Control record.

On October 14, 2019, Security Cloud Control converted all previously-existing tenants to use Cisco Security Cloud Sign On as their identity provider and Duo for MFA.




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**Note**

- If you sign in to Security Cloud Control using your own single sign-on identity provider, the transition to Cisco Security Cloud Sign On did not affect you. You continue to use your own sign-on solution.
  - If you are in the middle of a free trial of Security Cloud Control, this transition did affect you.
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If your Security Cloud Control tenant was created on or after October 14, 2019, see [Initial Login to Your New Security Cloud Control Tenant, on page 4](#).

If your Security Cloud Control tenant existed before October 14, 2019, see [Migrate to Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Identity Provider, on page 5](#).

## Initial Login to Your New Security Cloud Control Tenant

### Before You Begin



**Install DUO Security.** We recommend installing the Duo Security app on a mobile phone. Review [Duo Guide to Two Factor Authentication: Enrollment Guide](#) if you have questions about installing Duo.

**Time Synchronization.** You are going to use your mobile device to generate a one-time password. It is important that your device clock is synchronized with real time as the OTP is time-based. Make sure your device clock set automatically or manually set it to the correct time.

Security Cloud Control uses Cisco Security Cloud Sign On as its identity provider and Duo for multi-factor authentication (MFA). If you do not have a Cisco Security Cloud Sign On account, when you create a new Security Cloud Control tenant using <https://manage.security.cisco.com/provision>, the provisioning flow involves various steps, including creating a Security Cloud Sign On account and configuring MFA using Duo.

MFA provides an added layer of security in protecting your user identity. Two-factor authentication, a type of MFA, requires two components, or factors, to ensure the identity of the user logging into Security Cloud Control. The first factor is a username and password, and the second is a one-time password (OTP), which is generated on demand.




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**Important**

**If your Security Cloud Control tenant existed before October 14, 2019,** use [Migrate to Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Identity Provider, on page 5](#) for log in instructions instead of this article.

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### What to do next?

Continue to, [Create a New Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Account and Configure Duo Multi-factor Authentication, on page 76](#). It is a four-step process. You need to complete all four steps.

## Signing in to Security Cloud Control in Different Regions

These are the URLs you use to sign in to Security Cloud Control in different AWS regions:

*Table 1: Security Cloud Control URLs in Different Regions*

Region	Security Cloud Control URL
Asia-Pacific and Japan (APJ)	<a href="https://apj.manage.security.cisco.com">https://apj.manage.security.cisco.com</a>
Australia (AUS)	<a href="https://au.manage.security.cisco.com">https://au.manage.security.cisco.com</a>
Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA)	<a href="https://eu.manage.security.cisco.com">https://eu.manage.security.cisco.com</a>
India (IN)	<a href="https://in.manage.security.cisco.com">https://in.manage.security.cisco.com</a>
United States (US)	<a href="https://us.manage.security.cisco.com">https://us.manage.security.cisco.com</a>

## Troubleshooting Login Failures

### Login Fails Because You are Inadvertently Logging in to the Wrong Security Cloud Control Region

Make sure you are logging into the appropriate Security Cloud Control region. After you log into <https://sign-on.security.cisco.com>, you will be given a choice of what region to access.

See [Signing in to Security Cloud Control in Different Regions, on page 5](#) for information about which region you should sign into.

## Migrate to Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Identity Provider

On October 14, 2019, Security Cloud Control converted all tenants to Cisco Security Cloud Sign On as their identity provider and Duo for multi-factor authentication (MFA). **To log into Security Cloud Control, you must first activate your account in Cisco Secure Sign-On and configure MFA using Duo.**


Security Cloud Control requires MFA which provides an added layer of security in protecting your user identity. Two-factor authentication, a type of MFA, requires two components, or factors, to ensure the identity of the user logging into Security Cloud Control. The first factor is a username and password, and the second is a one-time password (OTP), which is generated on demand.

**Note**

- If you sign in to Security Cloud Control using your own single sign-on identity provider, this transition to Cisco Security Cloud Sign On and Duo does not affect you. You continue to use your own sign-on solution.
- If you are in the middle of a free trial of Security Cloud Control, this transition does apply to you.
- **If your Security Cloud Control tenant was created on or after October 14, 2019**, see [Initial Login to Your New Security Cloud Control Tenant, on page 4](#) for log in instructions instead of this article.

**Before You Begin**

We strongly recommend the following steps prior to migrating:

-  **Install DUO Security.** We recommend installing the Duo Security app on a mobile phone. Review [Duo Guide to Two Factor Authentication: Enrollment Guide](#) if you have questions about installing Duo.
- **Time Synchronization.** You are going to use your mobile device to generate a one-time password. It is important that your device clock is synchronized with real time as the OTP is time-based. Make sure your device clock set automatically or manually set it to the correct time.
- [Create a New Cisco Secure Sign-On Account and Configure Duo Multi-factor Authentication.](#) It is a four-step process. You need to complete all four steps.

## Troubleshooting Login Failures after Migration

**Login to Security Cloud Control Fails Because of Incorrect Username or Password**

**Solution** If you try to log in to Security Cloud Control and you *know* you are using the correct username and password and your login is failing, or you try "forgot password" cannot recover a viable password, you may have tried to login without creating a new Cisco Security Cloud Sign On account, you need to sign up for a new Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Account by following the instructions in [Create a New Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Account and Configure Duo Multi-factor Authentication, on page 76](#).

**Login to the Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Dashboard Succeeds but You Can't Launch Security Cloud Control**

**Solution** You may have created a Cisco Security Cloud Sign On account with a different username than your Security Cloud Control tenant. Contact the [Cisco Technical Assistance Center \(TAC\)](#) to standardize your user information between Security Cloud Control and Cisco Secure Sign-On.

**Login Fails Using a Saved Bookmark**

**Solution** You may be attempting to log in using an old bookmark you saved in your browser. The bookmark could be pointing to <https://cdo.onelogin.com>.

**Solution** Log in to <https://sign-on.security.cisco.com>.

- **Solution** If you have not yet created a Cisco Secure Sign-On account, [Create a New Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Account and Configure Duo Multi-factor Authentication](#).

- **Solution** If you have created your new secure sign-on account, click the Security Cloud Control tile on the dashboard that corresponds to the region in which your tenant was created:
  - **Solution** Cisco Security Cloud Control APJ
  - **Solution** Cisco Security Cloud Control Australia
  - **Solution** Cisco Security Cloud Control EU
  - **Solution** Cisco Security Cloud Control India
  - **Solution** Cisco Security Cloud Control US
- **Solution** Update your bookmark to point to <https://sign-on.security.cisco.com>.

## Launch a Security Cloud Control Tenant

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Click the appropriate Security Cloud Control button for your region on the Cisco Security Cloud Sign On dashboard.
- Step 2** Click the authenticator logo to choose Duo Security or Google Authenticator if you have set up both authenticators.
- If you already have a user record on an existing tenant, you are logged into that tenant.
  - If you already have a user record on several portals, you will be able to choose which portal to connect to.
  - If you already have a user record on several tenants, you will be able to choose which Security Cloud Control tenant to connect to.
  - If you do not already have a user record on an existing tenant, you will be able to learn more about Security Cloud Control or request a trial tenant.

The **Portals** view retrieves and displays consolidated information from multiple tenants. See [Manage Multi-Tenant Portal, on page 63](#) for more information.

The **Tenant** view shows several tenants on which you have a user record.




## Manage Super Admins on Your Tenant

It is a best practice to limit the number of Super Admins on your tenant. Determine which users should have Super Admin privileges, review [Manage Users in Security Cloud Control](#), and change the roles of other users to "Admin."

## Get Started With Security Cloud Control

The **Get started with Security Cloud Control** is an intuitive interface that guides you through sequential tasks for efficiently setting up and configuring your firewalls.

Sign in to Security Cloud Control and in the top menu, click ()

- The **On-premises management** page provides links to:
  - Onboard the threat defense device to the on-premises management center using Security Cloud Control.
  - Migrate a threat defense device that is managed by an on-premises management center to the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center.
  - Perform bulk provisioning of multiple threat defense devices to the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center using device templates.
  - Analyze your policies, detect anomalies, and receive curated remediation recommendations.
- The **Manage firewalls** page provides links to:
  - Onboard and manage threat defense, Cisco Secure Firewall ASA, and Meraki MX firewalls.



- Set up a site-to-site VPN connection.
  - Leverage the Cisco AI Assistant to manage firewall policies and access-related documentation when needed.
  - Subscribe to receive notifications for troubleshooting common issues.
- The **Protect cloud assets** page provides links to:
    - Safeguard your cloud assets by protecting data and applications across multicloud environments with consistent security measures using Multicloud Defense.

## About Security Cloud Control Licenses

Security Cloud Control requires a base subscription for tenant entitlement and device licenses for managing devices. You can buy one or more Security Cloud Control base subscriptions based on the number of tenants you require and device licenses based on the device model number and the quantity. In other words, purchasing the base subscription gives you a Security Cloud Control tenant, and for every device you choose to manage using Security Cloud Control, you need separate device licenses.

For the purposes of planning your deployment, note that each Security Cloud Control tenant can manage approximately 500 devices through the Secure Device Connector (SDC) and any number of devices using the cloud connector. See [Secure Device Connector \(SDC\)](#) for more information.

To onboard and manage devices from Security Cloud Control, you need to purchase a base subscription and device-specific, term-based subscriptions based on the devices you want to manage.

### Subscriptions

Cisco Security Cloud Control subscriptions are term-based:

- **Base** - Offers subscriptions for one, three, and five years, and provides entitlement to access the Security Cloud Control tenant and onboard adequately licensed devices.
- **Device License** - Offers subscriptions for one, three, and five years for any supported device you choose to manage. For example, you can choose to manage a Cisco Firepower 1010 device using Security Cloud Control for three years, if you purchase a three-year software subscription to the Cisco Firepower 1010 device.

See [Software and Hardware Supported by Security Cloud Control](#) for more information on Cisco security devices that Security Cloud Control supports.



#### Important

You do not require two separate device licenses to manage a high availability device pair in Security Cloud Control. If you have a Secure Firewall ASA (ASA) high availability pair, purchasing one ASA device license is sufficient, as Security Cloud Control considers the pair of high availability devices as one single device.



#### Note

You cannot manage Security Cloud Control licensing through the Cisco smart licensing portal.

### Software Subscription Support

The Security Cloud Control base subscription includes software subscription support that is valid for the term of the subscription and provides access to software updates, major upgrades, and Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC), at no extra cost. While the software support is selected by default, you can also leverage the Security Cloud Control solution support based on your requirement.

### Security Cloud Control Evaluation License

You can request for a 30-day Security Cloud Control trial from your SecureX account. See [Request a Security Cloud Control Tenant](#) for more information.

## Cloud-Delivered Firewall Management Center and Threat Defense Licenses

You do not have to purchase a separate license to use the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center in Security Cloud Control; the base subscription for a Security Cloud Control tenant includes the cost for the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center.

### Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center Evaluation License

The cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center comes provisioned with a 90-day evaluation license, after which the threat defense services are blocked.

To learn how to get a cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center provisioned on your Security Cloud Control tenant, see [Request a Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center for your Security Cloud Control Tenant](#).



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**Note** The cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center does not support specific license reservation (SLR) for devices in air-gapped networks.

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### Threat Defense Licenses for Cloud-Delivered Firewall Management Center

You need individual licenses for each Secure Firewall Threat Defense device managed by the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center. See [Licensing](#) in *Managing Firewall Threat Defense with Cloud-Delivered Firewall Management Center in Cisco Security Cloud Control* for information.

To know how Security Cloud Control handles licensing for the devices migrated to the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, see [Migrate Threat Defense from Management Center to Cloud](#).

## Secure Device Connector

The Secure Device Connector (SDC) is an intelligent proxy that allows your Cisco devices to communicate with Security Cloud Control. When onboarding a device that is not directly reachable over the internet to Security Cloud Control using device credentials, you can deploy an SDC in your network to proxy communications between the devices and Security Cloud Control. Alternatively, if you prefer, you can enable a device to receive direct communications through its outside interface from Security Cloud Control. Adaptive Security Appliances (ASA), Meraki MXs, Secure Firewall Threat Defense devices, and Firepower Management Center devices, generic SSH and IOS devices, can all be onboarded to Security Cloud Control using an SDC.

The SDC monitors Security Cloud Control for commands that need to be executed on your managed devices, and messages that need to be sent to your managed devices. The SDC executes the commands on behalf of Security Cloud Control, sends messages to Security Cloud Control on behalf of the managed devices, and returns replies from the managed devices to Security Cloud Control.

The SDC uses secure communication messages signed and encrypted using AES-128-GCM over HTTPS (TLS 1.3) to communicate with Security Cloud Control. All credentials for onboarded devices and services are encrypted directly from the browser to the SDC as well as encrypted at rest using AES-128-GCM. Only the SDC has access to the device credentials. No other Security Cloud Control service has access to the credentials. See [Connect Security Cloud Control to your Managed Devices, on page 11](#) for information explaining how to allow communication between an SDC and Security Cloud Control.

The SDC can be installed on any Ubuntu instance. For convenience, we provide an OVA for a hardened Ubuntu 22 instance which includes the SDC CLI pre-installed. The CLI helps you configure your VM, install all required system packages, and bootstrap the SDC as a Docker container on the host. Alternatively, you can roll your own Ubuntu instance (versions 20 through 24 are currently tested) and download the CLI separately.

Each Security Cloud Control tenant can have an unlimited number of SDCs. These SDCs are not shared between tenants, they are dedicated to a single tenant. The number of devices a single SDC can manage depends on the features implemented on those devices and the size of their configuration files. For the purposes of planning your deployment, however, expect one SDC to support approximately 500 devices.

Deploying more than one SDC for your tenant also provides these benefits:

- You can manage more devices with your Security Cloud Control tenant without experiencing performance degradation.
- You can deploy an SDC to an isolated network segment within your network and still manage the devices in that segment with the same Security Cloud Control tenant. Without multiple SDCs, you would need to manage the devices in those isolated network segments with different Security Cloud Control tenants.

Multiple SDCs can run on a single host, follow the bootstrap procedure for each SDC you want to run. The initial SDC on your tenant incorporates the name of your tenant and the number 1 and is displayed on the **Secure Connectors** tab in the **Services** page of Security Cloud Control. Each additional SDC is numbered in order.

For more information, see [Deploy a Secure Device Connector Using Security Cloud Control's VM Image, on page 14](#) and [Deploy a Secure Device Connector On Your VM, on page 18](#).

**Related Information:**

- [Connect Security Cloud Control to your Managed Devices](#)
- [Update your Secure Device Connector, on page 32](#)
- [Remove a Secure Device Connector, on page 30](#)

## Connect Security Cloud Control to your Managed Devices

Security Cloud Control connects to the devices that it manages through the cloud connector or through a Secure Device Connector (SDC).

If your device can be accessed directly from the internet, you should be using the cloud connector to connect to your device. If you can, configure the device to allow inbound access on port 443 from the Security Cloud Control IP addresses in your cloud region.

If your device is not accessible from the internet, you can deploy an on-premises SDC in your network to allow Security Cloud Control to communicate with your devices.

Configure the device to allow full inbound access from your device subnets/IPs on port 443 (or whichever port you have configured for your device management).

You need an on-premises SDC in your network to onboard:

- An ASA device that is not accessible from the cloud.

All other devices and services do not require an on-premise SDC as Security Cloud Control will connect using its cloud connector. See the next section to know the IP addresses that must be allowed for inbound access.

### Connecting Devices to Security Cloud Control Through the Cloud Connector

When connecting Security Cloud Control directly to your device through the cloud connector, you should allow inbound access on port 443 (or whichever port you have configured for your device management) for the various IP addresses in the EMEA, United States, or APJ region.

If you are a customer in the **Asia-Pacific-Japan (APJ)** region, and you connect to Security Cloud Control at <https://apj.manage.security.cisco.com>, allow inbound access from the following IP addresses:

- 54.199.195.111
- 52.199.243.0

If you are a customer in the **Australia (AUS)** region, and you connect to Security Cloud Control at <https://au.manage.security.cisco.com>, allow inbound access from the following IP addresses:

- 13.55.73.159
- 13.238.226.118

If you are a customer in **Europe, the Middle East, or Africa (EMEA)** region, and you connect to Security Cloud Control at <https://eu.manage.security.cisco.com>, allow inbound access from the following IP addresses:

- 35.157.12.126
- 35.157.12.15

If you are a customer in the **India (IN)** region, and you connect to Security Cloud Control at <https://in.manage.security.cisco.com>, allow inbound access from the following IP addresses:

- 35.154.115.175
- 13.201.213.99

If you are a customer in the **United States (US)** region, and you connect to Security Cloud Control at <https://us.manage.security.cisco.com>, allow inbound access from the following IP addresses:

- 52.34.234.2
- 52.36.70.147

### Connecting Security Cloud Control to SDC

When connecting Security Cloud Control to your device through an SDC, the devices you want Security Cloud Control to manage must allow full inbound access from your SDC host on port 443 (or whichever port

you have configured for your device management). This is configured using a management access control rule.

You must also ensure that the virtual machine on which the SDC is deployed has network connectivity to the management interface of the managed device.

### **Special Consideration for Connecting an ASA to an SDC**

Specifically, for ASA the SDC uses the same secure communications channel used by ASDM.

If the ASA under management is also configured to accept AnyConnect VPN Client connections, the ASDM HTTP server port must be changed to a value of 1024 or higher. Note that this port number will be the same port number used when onboarding the ASA device into Security Cloud Control.

### **Example ASA Commands**

The following examples assume that the ASA outside interface is named 'outside' and an AnyConnect client is configured on the ASA so the ASDM HTTP server is listening on port 8443.

To enable the outside interface, enter these commands:

Asia-Pacific-Japan Region:

- `http 54.199.195.111 255.255.255.255 outside`
- `http 52.199.243.0 255.255.255.255 outside`

Australia Region

- `http 13.55.73.159 255.255.255.255 outside`
- `http 13.238.226.118 255.255.255.255 outside`

EMEA Region

- `http 35.157.12.126 255.255.255.255 outside`
- `http 35.157.12.15 255.255.255.255 outside`

India Region

- `http 35.154.115.175 255.255.255.255 outside`
- `http 13.201.213.99 255.255.255.255 outside`

United States Region

- `http 52.34.234.2 255.255.255.255 outside`
- `http 52.36.70.147 255.255.255.255 outside`

To enable the ASDM HTTP server port, in the case where AnyConnect VPN Client is in use, enter this command:

**`http server enable 8443`**

## Deploy a Secure Device Connector Using Security Cloud Control's VM Image

When using device credentials to connect Security Cloud Control to a device, it is a best practice to download and deploy an SDC in your network to manage the communication between Security Cloud Control and the device. Typically, these devices are non-perimeter based, do not have a public IP address, or have an open port to the outside interface. Adaptive Security Appliances (ASAs), FDM-managed devices, Firepower Management Centers (FMCs), and SSH and IOS devices, can all be onboarded to Security Cloud Control using an SDC.

The SDC monitors Security Cloud Control for commands that need to be executed on your managed devices, and messages that need to be sent to your managed devices. The SDC executes the commands on behalf of Security Cloud Control, sends messages to Security Cloud Control on behalf of the managed devices, and returns replies from the managed devices to Security Cloud Control.

The number of devices a single SDC can manage depends on the features implemented on those devices and the size of their configuration files. For the purposes of planning your deployment, however, we expect one SDC to support approximately 500 devices. See [Using Multiple SDCs on a Single Security Cloud Control Tenant](#), on page 32 for more information.

This procedure describes how to install an SDC in your network, using Security Cloud Control's VM image. This is the preferred, easiest, and most reliable way to create an SDC. If you need to create the SDC using a VM that you create, follow [Deploy a Secure Device Connector On Your VM](#), on page 18.

### Before you begin

Review these prerequisites before you deploy the SDC:

- Security Cloud Control requires strict certificate checking and does not support Web/Content Proxy inspection between the Secure Device Connector (SDC) and the Internet. If using a proxy server, disable inspection for traffic between the SDC and Security Cloud Control.
- The SDC must have full outbound access to the internet on TCP port 443, or the port you have configured for device management. The devices managed by Security Cloud Control must also allow inbound traffic from this port.
- Review [Connect Security Cloud Control to your Managed Devices](#) to ensure proper network access.
- Security Cloud Control supports installing its SDC VM OVF image using the vSphere web client or the ESXi web client.
- Security Cloud Control does not support installing the SDC VM OVF image using the vSphere desktop client.
- ESXi 5.1 hypervisor.
- Cent OS 7 guest operating system.
- System requirements for a VMware ESXi host with only one SDC:
  - VMware ESXi host needs 2 CPU.
  - VMware ESXi host needs a minimum of 2 GB of memory.
  - VMware ESXi requires 64 GB disk space to support the virtual machine depending on your provisioning choice.

- System requirements for a VM with an SDC and **a single** Secure Event Connector (SEC) for your tenant. (The SEC is a component used in [Cisco Security Analytics and Logging](#)).

Each SEC that you add to the VMware ESXi host requires an additional 4 CPUs and an additional 8 GB of memory.

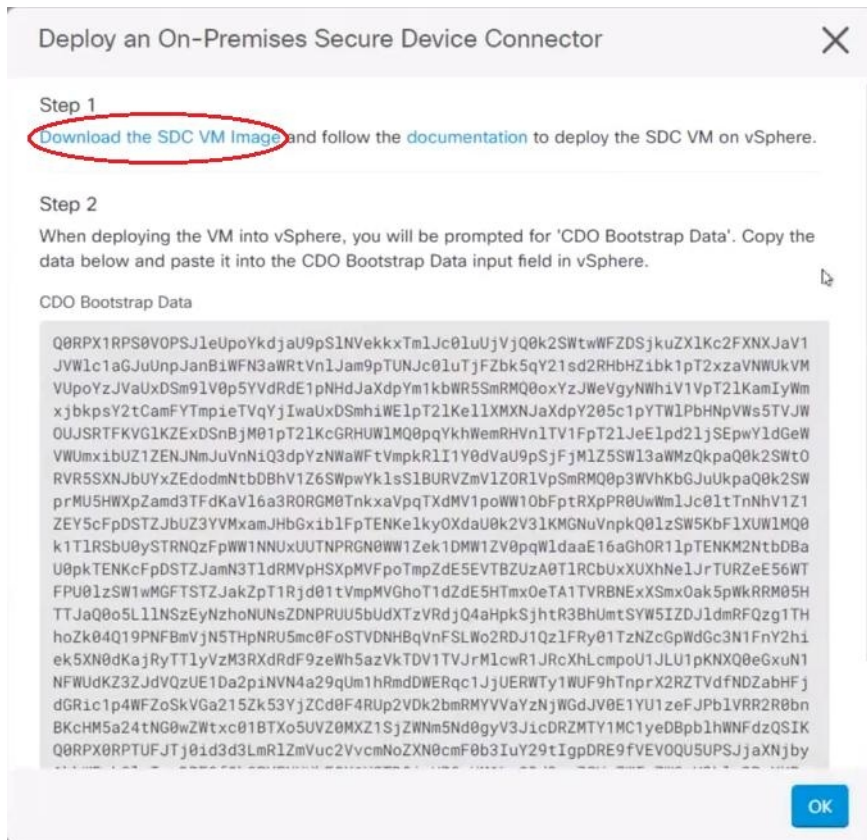
Therefore, these are the requirements for a VMware ESXi host with one SDC and one SEC:

- VMware ESXi host needs 6 CPU.
  - VMware ESXi host needs a minimum of 10 GB of memory.
  - VMware ESXi requires 64 GB disk space to support the virtual machine depending on your provisioning choice.
- The dockers IP must be in a different subnet than the SDC's IP range **and** the device IP range.
  - Gather this information before you begin the installation:
    - Static IP address you want to use for your SDC.
    - Passwords for the `root` and `cdco` users that you create during the installation process.
    - The IP address of the DNS server your organization uses.
    - The gateway IP address of the network the SDC address is on.
    - The FQDN or IP address of your time server.
  - The SDC virtual machine is configured to install security patches on a regular basis and in order to do this, opening port 80 outbound is required.

## Procedure

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- Step 1** Log on to the Security Cloud Control Tenant you are creating the SDC for.
- Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > Secure Connectors**.
- Step 3** On the **Services** page, select the **Secure Connectors** tab, click the blue plus button, and select **Secure Device Connector**.
- Step 4** In Step 1, click **Download the SDC VM image**. This opens in a separate tab.



**Step 5** Extract all the files from the .zip file. They will look similar to these:

- CDO-SDC-VM-ddd50fa.ovf
- CDO-SDC-VM-ddd50fa.mf
- CDO-SDC-VM-ddd50fa-disk1.vmdk

**Step 6** Log on to your VMware server as an administrator using the vSphere Web Client.

**Note**

Do not use the ESXi Web Client.

**Step 7** Deploy the Secure Device Connector virtual machine from the OVF template by following the prompts.

**Step 8** When the setup is complete, power on the SDC VM.

**Step 9** Open the console for your new SDC VM.

**Step 10** Login with the username "CDO". The default password is **adm123**.

**Step 11** At the prompt, type `sudo sdc-onboard setup`.

```
[cdo@localhost ~]$ sudo sdc-onboard setup
```

**Step 12** When prompted for the password, enter `adm123`.

**Step 13** Follow the prompts to create a new password for user `root`. Enter your password for the root user.

**Step 14** Follow the prompts to create a new password for the Security Cloud Control user. Enter your password for the user



**Step 15** When prompted with **Please choose the Security Cloud Control domain you connect to**, enter your Security Cloud Control domain information.

**Step 16** Enter the following domain information of the SDC VM when prompted:

- a) IP Address/CIDR
- b) Gateway
- c) DNS Server
- d) NTP Server or FQDN
- e) Docker Bridge

or press enter if a docker bridge is not applicable.

**Step 17** When prompted with **Are these values correct? (y/n)**, confirm your entries with **y**.

**Step 18** Confirm your entries.

**Step 19** When prompted with **Would you like to setup the SDC now? (y/n)**, enter **n**.

**Step 20** The VM console automatically logs you out.

**Step 21** Create an SSH connection to the SDC. Login as: CDO and enter your password.

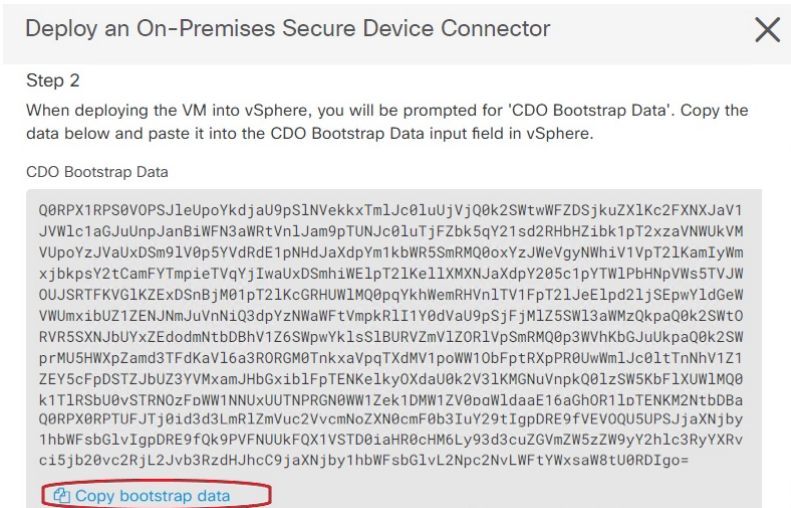
**Step 22** At the prompt, type `sudo sdc-onboard bootstrap`.

```
[cdo@localhost ~]$ sudo sdc-onboard bootstrap
```

**Step 23** When prompted with **[sudo] password**, enter the password you created in [Step 14](#).

**Step 24** When prompted with **Please copy the bootstrap data from the Secure Connector Page of Security Cloud Control**, follow this procedure:

- a. Log into Security Cloud Control.
- b. In the Actions pane, click **Deploy an On-Premises Secure Device Connector**.
- c. Click **Copy the bootstrap data** in step 2 of the dialog box and paste into the SSH window.



**Step 25** When prompted with **Do you want to update these setting? (y/n)**, enter **n**.

**Step 26** Return to the Secure Device Connector page. Refresh the screen until you see the status of your new SDC change to **Active**.

## Deploy a Secure Device Connector On Your VM

When using device credentials to connect Security Cloud Control to a device, it is a best practice to download and deploy a Secure Device Connector (SDC) in your network to manage the communication between Security Cloud Control and the device. Typically, these devices are non-perimeter based, do not have a public IP address, or have an open port to the outside interface. Adaptive Security Appliances (ASAs), FDM-managed devices, and Firepower Management Centers (FMCs) devices can all be onboarded to Security Cloud Control using device credentials.

The SDC monitors Security Cloud Control for commands that need to be executed on your managed devices, and messages that need to be sent to your managed devices. The SDC executes the commands on behalf of Security Cloud Control, sends messages to Security Cloud Control on behalf of the managed devices, and returns replies from the managed devices to Security Cloud Control.

The number of devices a single SDC can manage depends on the features implemented on those devices and the size of their configuration files. For the purposes of planning your deployment, however, we expect one SDC to support approximately 500 devices. See [Using Multiple SDCs on a Single Security Cloud Control Tenant, on page 32](#) for more information.

This procedure describes how to install an SDC in your network by using your own virtual machine image.



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**Note** The preferred, easiest, and most reliable way to install an SDC is to download Security Cloud Control's SDC OVA image and install it. See [Deploy a Secure Device Connector Using Security Cloud Control's VM Image, on page 14](#) for those instructions.

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### Before you begin

- Security Cloud Control requires strict certificate checking and does not support a Web/Content Proxy between the SDC and the Internet.
- The SDC must have full outbound access to the Internet on TCP port 443 in order for it to communicate with Security Cloud Control.
- Devices that reach Security Cloud Control through the SDC must allow inbound access from the SDC on port 443.
- Review [Connect Security Cloud Control to your Managed Devices](#) for networking guidelines.
- VMware ESXi host installed with vCenter web client or ESXi web client.



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**Note** We do not support installation using the vSphere desktop client.

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- ESXi 5.1 hypervisor.
- Cent OS 7 guest operating system.
- System requirements for a VM with only an SDC:
  - VMware ESXi host needs 2 CPUs.
  - VMware ESXi host needs a minimum of 2 GB of memory.

- VMware ESXi requires 64 GB disk space to support the virtual machine depending on your provisioning choice. This value assumes you are using Logical Volume Management (LVM) with the partition so you can expand required disk space as needed.
- System requirements for a VM with an SDC and a **single** Secure Event Connector (SEC) for your tenant. (The SEC is a component used in [Cisco Security Analytics and Logging](#)).

Each SEC you add to the VMware ESXi host requires an additional 4 CPUs and an additional 8 GB of memory.

Therefore, these are the requirements for a VMware ESXi host with one SDC and one SEC:

- VMware ESXi host needs 6 CPU.
  - VMware ESXi host needs a minimum of 10 GB of memory.
  - VMware ESXi requires 64 GB disk space to support the virtual machine depending on your provisioning choice.
- After you have updated the CPU and memory on the VM, power on the VM and ensure that the Secure Connectors page indicates that the SDC is in the "Active" state.
  - Users performing this procedure should be comfortable working in a Linux environment and using the vi visual editor for editing files.
  - If you are installing your on-premise SDC on a CentOS virtual machine, we recommend you install Yum security patches on a regular basis. Depending on your Yum configuration, to acquire Yum updates, you may need to open outbound access on port 80 as well as 443. You will also need to configure yum-cron or crontab to schedule the updates. Work with your security-operations team to determine if any security policies need to change to allow you to get the Yum updates.



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**Note** **Before you get started:** Do not copy and paste the commands in the procedure into your terminal window, type them instead. Some commands include an "n-dash" and in the cut and paste process, these commands can be applied as an "m-dash" and that may cause the command to fail.

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## Procedure

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- Step 1** Log on to the Security Cloud Control tenant you are creating the SDC for.
  - Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > Secure Connectors**.
  - Step 3** On the **Services** page, select the **Secure Connectors** tab, click the blue plus button, and select **Secure Device Connector**.
  - Step 4** Copy the bootstrap data in step 2 on the window to a notepad.
  - Step 5** Install a **CentOS 7 virtual machine** with at least the following RAM and disk space allotted to the SDC:
    - 8GB of RAM
    - 10GB disk space
  - Step 6** Once installed, configure basic networking such as specifying the IP address for the SDC, the subnet mask, and gateway.
  - Step 7** Configure a DNS (Domain Name Server) server.

**Step 8** Configure a NTP (Network Time Protocol) server.

**Step 9** Install an SSH server on CentOS for easy interaction with SDC's CLI.

**Step 10** Run a Yum update and then install the packages: **open-vm-tools**, **nettools**, and **bind-utils**

```
[root@sdc-vm ~]# yum update -y
[root@sdc-vm ~]# yum install -y open-vm-tools net-tools bind-utils
```

**Step 11** Install the AWS CLI package; see <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cli/latest/userguide/awscli-install-linux.html>.

**Note**

Do not use the **--user** flag.

**Step 12** Install the Docker CE packages; see <https://docs.docker.com/install/linux/docker-ce/centos/#install-docker-ce>

**Note**

Use the "Install using the repository" method.

**Step 13** Start the Docker service and enable it to start on boot:

```
[root@sdc-vm ~]# systemctl start docker
[root@sdc-vm ~]# systemctl enable docker
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multiuser.target.wants/docker.service to
/usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.service.
```

**Step 14** Create two users: "CDO" and "sdc." The CDO user will be the one you log in to run administrative functions (so you don't need to use the root user directly), and the sdc user will be the user to run the SDC docker container.

```
[root@sdc-vm ~]# useradd cdo
[root@sdc-vm ~]# useradd sdc -d /usr/local/cdo
```

**Step 15** Set a password for the CDO user.

```
[root@sdc-vm ~]# passwd cdo
Changing password for user cdo.
New password: <type password>
Retype new password: <type password>
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
```

**Step 16** Add the CDO user to the "wheel" group to give it administrative (sudo) privileges.

```
[root@sdc-vm ~]# usermod -aG wheel cdo
[root@sdc-vm ~]#
```

**Step 17** When Docker is installed, there is a user group created. Depending on the version of CentOS/Docker, this may be called either "docker" or "dockerroot". Check the /etc/group file to see which group was created, and then add the sdc user to this group.

```
[root@sdc-vm ~]# grep docker /etc/group
docker:x:993:
[root@sdc-vm ~]#
[root@sdc-vm ~]# usermod -aG docker sdc
[root@sdc-vm ~]#
```

**Step 18** If the /etc/docker/daemon.json file does not exist, create it, and populate with the contents below. Once created, restart the docker daemon.

**Note**

Make sure that the group name entered in the "group" key matches the group you found in the /etc/group file the previous step.

```
[root@sdc-vm ~]# cat /etc/docker/daemon.json
{
  "live-restore": true,
  "group": "docker"
}
[root@sdc-vm ~]# systemctl restart docker
[root@sdc-vm ~]#
```

**Step 19** If you are currently using a vSphere console session, switch over to SSH and log in with the "CDO" user. Once logged in, change to the "sdc" user. When prompted for a password, enter the password for the "CDO" user.

```
[CDO@sdc-vm ~]$ sudo su sdc
[sudo] password for cdo: <type password for cdo user>
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$
```

**Step 20** Change directories to /usr/local/CDO.

**Step 21** Create a new file called bootstrapdata and paste the bootstrap data from Step 2 of the **Deploy an On-Premises Secure Device Connector** wizard into this file. **Save** the file. You can use vi or nano to create the file.

**Step 22** The bootstrap data comes encoded in base64. Decode it and export it to a file called extractedbootstrapdata

```
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$ base64 -d /usr/local/CDO/bootstrapdata > /usr/local/CDO/extractedbootstrapdata
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$
```

Run the cat command to view the decoded data. The command and decoded data should look similar to this:

```
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$ cat /usr/local/CDO/extractedbootstrapdata
CDO_TOKEN=<token string>
CDO_DOMAIN="www.defenseorchestrator.com"
CDO_TENANT=<tenant-name>

CDO_BOOTSTRAP_URL="https://www.defenseorchestrator.com/sdc/bootstrap/tenant-name/<tenant-name-SDC>"
```

**Step 23** Run the following command to export the sections of the decoded bootstrap data to environment variables.

```
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$ sed -e 's/^/export /g' extractedbootstrapdata > sdcenv && source sdcenv
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$
```

**Step 24** Download the bootstrap bundle from Security Cloud Control.

```
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$ curl -O -H "Authorization: Bearer $CDO_TOKEN" "$CDO_BOOTSTRAP_URL"
100 10314 100 10314 0 0 10656 0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:-- 10654
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$ ls -l /usr/local/CDO/*SDC
-rw-rw-r--. 1 sdc sdc 10314 Jul 23 13:48 /usr/local/CDO/tenant-name-SDC
```

**Step 25** Extract the SDC tarball, and run the bootstrap.sh file to install the SDC package.

```
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$ tar xzvf /usr/local/CDO/tenant-name-SDC
<snipped - extracted files>
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$
[sdc@sdc-vm ~]$ /usr/local/CDO/bootstrap/bootstrap.sh
[2018-07-23 13:54:02] environment properly configured
download: s3://onprem-sdc/toolkit/prod/toolkit.tar to toolkit/toolkit.tar
toolkit.sh
common.sh
[2018-07-23 13:54:04] startup new container
Unable to find image 'ciscodefenseorchestrator/sdc_prod:latest' locally
sha256:d98f17101db10e66db5b5d6afda1c95c29ea0004d9e4315508fd30579b275458: Pulling
from
```

```

ciscodefenseorchestrator/sdc_prod
08d48e6f1cfff: Pull complete
ebbd10b629b1: Pull complete
d14d580ef2ed: Pull complete
45421d451ab8: Pull complete
<snipped - downloads>
no crontab for sdc

```

The SDC should now show "Active" in Security Cloud Control.

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### What to do next

- 
- Return to [Install a Secure Event Connector on an SDC Virtual Machine](#) if you are installing a Secure Event Connector.
- Return to [Install Multiple SECs for your tenant](#), if you are installing your **second or more** Secure Event Connectors on your tenant.

## Deploy Secure Device Connector and Secure Event Connector on Ubuntu Virtual Machine

When using device credentials to connect Security Cloud Control to a device, it is a best practice to download and deploy a Secure Device Connector (SDC) in your network to manage the communication between Security Cloud Control and the device. Typically, these devices are non-perimeter based, do not have a public IP address, or have an open port to the outside interface. Adaptive Security Appliances (ASAs), FDM-managed devices, and Firepower Management Centers (FMCs) devices can all be onboarded to Security Cloud Control using device credentials.

The SDC monitors Security Cloud Control for commands that must be executed on your managed devices, and messages that must be sent to your managed devices. The SDC executes the commands on behalf of Security Cloud Control, sends messages to Security Cloud Control on behalf of the managed devices, and returns replies from the managed devices to Security Cloud Control.

The Secure Event Connector (SEC) forwards events from ASA and FTD to the Cisco cloud so that you can view them on the Event Logging page and investigate them with Secure Cloud Analytics, depending on your licensing.

After deploying the SDC, adding an SEC container becomes a simple task. The SEC service is designed to receive syslog messages from ASA, Cisco IOS and FDM-managed devices, and send them securely to the Cisco cloud. This allows eventing services like Security Cloud Control Analytics and Cisco XDR to store, augment, and analyze the log messages with ease.

You can execute the scripts that are provided on the [CiscoDevNet](#) site to install the SDC and SEC on Linux Ubuntu systems.

### Before you begin

- Security Cloud Control requires strict certificate checking and does not support a Web/Content Proxy between the SDC and the Internet.
- The SDC must have full outbound access to the Internet on TCP port 443.

- Review [Connect Security Cloud Control to your Managed Devices](#) for networking guidelines.
- VMware ESXi host that is installed with vCenter web client or ESXi web client.



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**Note** We do not support installation using the vSphere desktop client.

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- ESXi 5.1 hypervisor.
- Ubuntu operating system version 20.04 or above is installed on the virtual machine.

SDC:

- CPU: 2 Cores
- RAM: Minimum of 2 GB

SDC and SEC:

- CPU: 4 Cores
- RAM: Minimum of 8 GB

- The Ubuntu machine running the SDC must have network access to the management interfaces of the ASAs and Cisco IOS devices.

## Procedure

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**Step 1** Log on to the Security Cloud Control tenant you are creating the SDC for.

**Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration** > **Secure Connectors**.

**Step 3** On the **Services** page, select the **Secure Connectors** tab, click the , and select **Secure Device Connector**.

**Step 4** Copy the bootstrap data in step 2 on the window to a notepad.

**Step 5** Open [CiscoDevNet to Deploy SDC](#).

**Step 6** Click **Code** and copy the URL in the **HTTPS** tab.

**Step 7** On the Ubuntu system, press Ctrl+Alt+T to quickly open the terminal window.

**Step 8** In the terminal, type **git** and paste the HTTPS URL copied earlier.

```
[sdc@vm]:~$ git https://github.com/CiscoDevNet/cdo-deploy-sdc.git
Resolving deltas: 100% (22/22). done.
```

**Step 9** Go to the "cdo-deploy-sdc" directory.

```
[sdc@vm]:~$ cd cdo-deploy-sdc.
```

**Step 10** Execute **ls -la** to see the files and scripts.

- **delete\_sdc.sh**: Deletes SDC previously installed on your system.
- **deploy\_sdc.sh**: Deploys SDC on your system.
- **install\_docker.sh**: Deploys the recommended version of docker on your system.

**Step 11** Run the script to install the docker.

```
[sdc@vm]:~/cdo-deploy-sdc$ ./install_docker.sh
```

```
Remove docker docker.io docker-compose docker-compose-v2 docker-doc podmand-docker {y/n} n
Active: active (running) since date time UTC; 32s ago
Adding the current user to the docker permissions group
Done!
```

**Step 12** Run the script to deploy SDC.

Enter `./deploy_sdc.sh` and paste the bootstrap data that is copied from the Security Cloud Control UI.

```
[sdc@vm]:~/cdo-deploy-sdc$ ./deploy_sdc.sh <bootstrap data>.
```

If the docker container is up and running, the status of the SDC should go to 'Active' in the Security Cloud Control Event Connectors panel.

The Secure Device Connector must now show "Active" in Security Cloud Control.

### What to do next

- 
- Go to [Deploy Secure Event Connector on Ubuntu Virtual Machine](#) to install a Secure Event Connector.

## Deploy a Secure Device Connector to vSphere Using Terraform

### Before you begin

This procedure details how you can use the [Security Cloud Control SDC Terraform module for vSphere](#) in conjunction with the [Security Cloud Control Terraform Provider](#) to deploy an SDC to your vSphere. Ensure you review the following prerequisites before attempting to perform this task procedure:

- You require a vSphere datacenter version 7 and above
- You require an admin account on the datacenter with permissions to do the following:
  - Create VMs
  - Create folders
  - Create content libraries
  - Upload files to content libraries
- Terraform knowledge

### Procedure

**Step 1** Create an API-only user in Security Cloud Control and copy the API token. To know how to create an API-only user, see [Create API Only Users](#).

**Step 2** Configure the Security Cloud Control Terraform provider in your Terraform repository by following the instructions in [Security Cloud Control Terraform Provider](#).



**Example:**

```

terraform {
  required_providers {
    cdo = {
      source = "CiscoDevNet/cdo"
      version = "0.7.0"
    }
  }
}

provider "cdo" {
  base_url = "<the CDO URL you use to access CDO>"
  api_token = "<the API Token generated in step 1>"
}

```

**Step 3** Write Terraform code to create a `cdo_sdc` resource using the Security Cloud Control Terraform provider. See the [Terraform registry for Security Cloud Control-sdc resource](#) for more information.

**Example:**

```

Resource "cdo_sdc" "my-sdc" {
  name = "my-sdc-in-vsphere"
}

```

The `bootstrap_data` attribute of this resource is populated with the value of the Security Cloud Control bootstrap data and is provided to the `cdo_sdc` Terraform module in the next step.

**Step 4** Write Terraform code to create the SDC in vSphere using [Security Cloud Control\\_sdc Terraform module](#).

**Example:**

```

data "cdo_tenant" "current" {}

module "vsphere-cdo-sdc" {
  source          = "CiscoDevNet/cdo-sdc/vsphere"
  version         = "1.0.0"
  vsphere_username = "<replace-with-username-with-admin-privileges>"
  vsphere_password = "<super-secure-password>"
  vsphere_server   = "<replace-with-address-of-vsphere-server>"
  datacenter       = "<replace-with-datacenter-name>"
  resource_pool    = "<replace-with-resource-pool-name>"
  cdo_tenant_name  = data.cdo_tenant.current.human_readable_name
  datastore        = "<replace-with-name-of-datastore-to-deploy-vm-in>"
  network          = "<replace-with-name-of-network-to-deploy-vm-in>"
  host             = "<replace-with-esxi-host-address>"
  allow_unverified_ssl_certificate = <boolean; set to true if your vsphere server does not have a valid SSL certificate>
  ip_address       = "<sdc-vm-ip-address; must be in the subnet of the assigned network for the VM>"
  gateway          = "<replace-with-network-gateway-address>"
  cdo_user_password = "<replace-with-password-for-cdo-user-in-sdc-vm>"
  root_user_password = "<replace-with-password-for-root-user-in-sdc-vm>"
  cdo_bootstrap_data = cdo_sdc.sdc-in-vsphere.bootstrap_data
}

```

Note that the VM created has two users—a `root` user and a user called `cdo`—and the IP Address of the VM is configured statically. The `cdo_bootstrap_data` attribute is given the value of the `bootstrap_data` attribute generated when the `cdo_sdc` resource is created.

**Step 5** Plan and apply your Terraform using `terraform plan` and `terraform apply`, as you would normally.

See the [Security Cloud Control Automation Repository](#) in the CiscoDevNet for a complete example.

If your SDC stays in the onboarding state, connect to the vSphere VM using remote console, log in as the CDO user, and execute the following command:

```
sudo su
/opt/cdo/configure.sh startup
```



**Note** The Security Cloud Control Terraform modules are published as Open Source Software under the Apache 2.0 license. You can file issues on GitHub if you require support.

## Deploy a Secure Device Connector on an AWS VPC Using a Terraform Module

### Before you begin

Review these prerequisites before attempting to deploy an SDC on your AWS VPC:

- Security Cloud Control requires strict certificate checking and does not support Web/Content Proxy inspection between the SDC and the Internet. If using a proxy server, disable inspection for traffic between the Secure Device Connector (SDC) and Security Cloud Control.
- Review [Connect Security Cloud Control to your Managed Devices](#) to ensure proper network access.
- You require an AWS account, an AWS VPC with at least one subnet, and an AWS Route53-hosted zone.
- Ensure you have the Security Cloud Control bootstrap data, your AWS VPC ID, and its subnet ID handy.
- Ensure that the private subnet to which you deploy the SDC has a NAT gateway attached.
- Open traffic on the port on which your firewall management HTTP interface is running, from your firewalls to the Elastic IP attached to the NAT gateway.

### Procedure

**Step 1** Add the following lines of code in your Terraform file; make sure you manually enter inputs for variables:

```
module "example-sdc" {
  source          = "git::https://github.com/cisco-lockhart/terraform-aws-cdo-sdc.git?ref=v0.0.1"

  env              = "example-env-ci"
  instance_name   = "example-instance-name"
  instance_size   = "r5a.xlarge"
  cdo_bootstrap_data = "<replace-with-cdo-bootstrap-data>"
  vpc_id          = <replace-with-vpc-id>
  subnet_id      = <replace-with-private-subnet-id>
}
```

See the [Secure Device Connector Terraform module](#) for a list of input variables and descriptions.

**Step 2** Register `instance_id` as an output in your Terraform code:

```
output "example_sdc_instance_id" {
  value = module.example-sdc.instance_id
}
```

You can use the `instance_id` to connect to the SDC instance for troubleshooting using the AWS Systems Manager Session Manager (SSM). See [Outputs](#) in the Secure Device Connector Terraform module for a list of available outputs.

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### What to do next

For any troubleshooting of your SDC, you need to connect to the SDC instance using AWS SSM. See [AWS Systems Manager Session Manager](#) to know more about how to connect to your instance. Note that the ports to connect to the SDC instance using SSH are not exposed because of security reasons.



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## Configure a Secure Device Connector to Use Proxy

Using a proxy server can enhance security by acting as an intermediary that filters outbound traffic. It prevents direct exposure of your network devices to the internet and reduces the risk of attacks. A proxy server can be integrated with the Secure Device Connector (SDC) for all outbound communications from the SDC to Security Cloud Control. This procedure focuses on modifying the Docker container configuration specific to the SDC, not the host Linux OS settings.



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**Note** The changes affect only the SDC's Docker container. Configure the proxy settings for the host Linux system according to your organization's standard procedures for Linux servers.

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### Before you begin

- Familiarity with the Linux command-line interface (CLI) is required.
- We recommend creating a backup of your `config.json` file before editing it.

### Procedure

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**Step 1** Access the SDC using SSH and switch to the SDC user using this command:

```
$ sudo su - sdc
```

**Step 2** Navigate to the configuration file at `/usr/local/cdo/data/<your_sdc_name>/data/config.json`.

**Step 3** Insert the JSON key-value pair into the `config.json` file.

Replace proxy with your proxy server's IP address or FQDN, and port with the proxy server's listening port.

```
"awsProxy": "https://proxy:port"
```

**Step 4** Save the changes and restart the SDC container. You can do this by either restarting the Docker container directly or by rebooting the virtual machine hosting the SDC.

a) To restart the Docker container, first identify the SDC container ID using this command:

```
[sdc@localhost cdo] $ docker ps
```

b) Restart the container using this command:

```
[sdc@localhost cdo] $ docker restart <container_id>
```

where *<container\_id>* is the ID of the SDC container.

**Step 5** Check the status using this command, and ensure that the SDC container has restarted successfully and is operational:

```
[sdc@localhost cdo] $ docker ps | grep sdc
```

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Verify that the proxy settings are correct in the logs/lar.log file using this command:

```
[sdc@localhost cdo] $ less /usr/local/cdo/data/<your_sdc_name>/logs/lar.log
```

The SDC is successfully configured to communicate using the proxy server.

## Change the IP Address of a Secure Device Connector

### Before you begin

- You must be an admin to perform this task.
- The SDC must have full outbound access to the Internet on TCP port 443, or the port you have configured for device management.




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**Note** You will not be required to re-onboard any devices to Security Cloud Control after changing the SDC's IP address.

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### Procedure

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**Step 1** Create an SSH connection to your SDC or open your virtual machine's console, and log in as the Security Cloud Control user.

**Step 2** If you wish to view your SDC VM's network interface configuration information before changing the IP address, use the `ifconfig` command.

```
[cdo@localhost ~]$ ifconfig
```

**Step 3** To change the IP address of the interface, type `sudo sdc-onboard setup` command.

```
[cdo@localhost ~]$ sudo sdc-onboard setup
```

**Step 4** Enter your password at the prompt.

```
[sudo] password for Security Cloud Control:
```

**Step 5** Type `n` at the prompt for resetting the root and Security Cloud Control passwords.

```
Would you like to reset the root and cdo passwords? (y/n):
```

**Step 6** Type `y` at the prompt for reconfiguring the network.

```
Would you like to re-configure the network? (y/n):
```

**Step 7** Enter the new IP address you wish to assign to your SDC and the other domain information of the SDC VM when prompted:

a) IP Address

b) Gateway

c) DNS Server

d) NTP Server or FQDN

or press enter if an NTP server or FQDN is not applicable.

e) Docker Bridge

or press enter if a docker bridge is not applicable.

**Step 8** Confirm your entries with `y` when prompted for the correctness of the values.

```
Are these values correct? (y/n):
```

**Note**

Make sure your values are accurate before typing `y`, because your SSH connection to the old IP address will be lost after this command.

**Step 9** Create an SSH connection using the new IP address you assigned to your SDC and log in.

**Step 10** You can run the connectivity status test command to ensure that your SDC is up and running.

```
[cdo@localhost ~]$ sudo sdc-onboard status
```

All the checks must say [ OK ] in green.

**Note**

If you are performing this procedure in the VM's console, once you confirm the values are correct, the connectivity status test is automatically run and the status shown.

**Step 11** You can also check your SDC's connectivity through the Security Cloud Control user interface. To do that, open the Security Cloud Control application and navigate to **Administration > Secure Connectors** page.

**Step 12** Refresh the page once and select the secure connector whose IP address you changed.

**Step 13** On the **Actions** pane, click **Request Heartbeat**.

You should see the **Hearbeat requested successfully** message, and the **Last Heartbeat** should display the current date and time.

**Important**

The IP address change you made gets reflected on the SDC's **Details** pane only after 3:00 AM GMT.

See [Deploy a Secure Device Connector On Your VM, on page 18](#) for information on deploying an SDC on your VM.

## Remove a Secure Device Connector



**Warning** This procedure deletes your Secure Device Connector (SDC). It is not reversible. After taking this action, you will not be able to manage the devices connected to that SDC until you install a new SDC and reconnect your devices. Reconnecting your devices may require you to re-enter the administrator credentials for each device you need to reconnect.

To remove the SDC from your tenant, follow this procedure:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Remove any devices connected to the SDC you want to delete. You can do this one of two ways:
- Move some devices to different SDCs or off of an SDC entirely. See below for more information:
  - Remove from Security Cloud Control any devices connected to the SDC you want to delete.
    - a. See [Security Cloud Control Devices that Use the Same SDC](#) to identify all the devices used by the SDC.
    - b. In the **Inventory** page, select all the devices you identified.
    - c. In the Device Actions pane, click **Remove** and click **OK** to confirm your action.
- Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > Secure Connectors**.
- Step 3** On the **Services** page with the **Secure Connectors** tab selected, click the blue plus button and select **Secure Device Connector**.
- Step 4** In the Secure Connectors table, select the SDC you want to remove. Its device count should now be zero.
- Step 5** In the Actions pane, click  **Remove**. You receive this warning:
- Warning**  
You are about to delete <sdc\_name>. Deleting the SDC is not reversible. Deleting the SDC will require you to create and onboard a new SDC before you can onboard, or re-onboard, your devices.
- Because you currently have onboarded devices, removing the SDC will require you to reconnect those devices and provide credentials again after setting up a new SDC.
- If you have any questions or concerns, click **Cancel** and contact Security Cloud Control support.
  - If you wish to proceed, enter <sdc\_name> in the text box below and click **OK**.
- Step 6** In the confirmation dialog box, if you wish to proceed, enter your SDC's name as it is stated in the warning message.
- Step 7** Click **OK** to confirm the SDC removal.
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## Move an ASA from one SDC to Another

Security Cloud Control [Using Multiple SDCs on a Single Security Cloud Control Tenant](#). You can move a managed ASA from one SDC to another using this procedure:

## Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
- Step 2** Click the **ASA** tab.
- Step 3** Select the ASA or ASAs you want to move to a different SDC.
- Step 4** In the **Device Actions** pane, click **Update Credentials**.
- Step 5** Click the Secure Device Connector button and select the SDC you want to move the device to.
- Step 6** Enter the administrator username and password Security Cloud Control uses to log into the device and click **Update**. Unless they were changed, the administrator username and password are the same credentials you used to onboard the ASA. You do not have to deploy these changes to the device.

### Note


If all the ASAs use the same credentials, you can move ASAs in bulk from one SDC to another. If the ASAs have different credentials, you have to move them from one SDC to another one at a time.

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## Rename a Secure Device Connector

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, choose **Tools & Services > Secure Connectors**.
  - Step 2** Select the SDC you want to rename.
  - Step 3** In the Details pane, click the edit icon  next to the name of the SDC.
  - Step 4** Rename the SDC.
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This new name will appear wherever the SDC name appears in the Security Cloud Control interface including the Secure Device Connectors filter of the **Inventory** pane.

## Specify a Default Secure Device Connector

Many devices managed by Security Cloud Control, though not all, connect to Security Cloud Control through a SDC. When you onboard devices that connect to Security Cloud Control through an SDC, they are associated with the default SDC for your tenant unless you specify otherwise during onboarding.

You can specify which SDC is selected by default on the Secure Connectors page:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, choose **Administration > Secure Connectors**.
- Step 2** Select the SDC that you want to be the default.

- Step 3** In the Actions pane, click **Make Default**. If you don't see the Make Default action, then the SDC already is the default SDC.

## Update your Secure Device Connector

Use this procedure as a troubleshooting tool. Ordinarily, the SDC is updated automatically and you should not have to use this procedure. However, if the time configuration on the VM is incorrect, the SDC cannot establish a connection to AWS to receive the updates. This procedure will initiate an update of the SDC and should resolve errors due to time synchronization problems.

### Procedure

- Step 1** Connect to your SDC. You can connect using SSH or use the console view in your VMware Hypervisor.)

- Step 2** Log in to the SDC as the **cdo** user.

- Step 3** Switch to the SDC user to update the SDC docker container:

```
[cdo@sdc-vm ~]$ sudo su sdc
[sudo] password for cdo: <type password for cdo user>
[svc@sdc-vm ~]$
```

- Step 4** Upgrade the SDC toolkit:

```
[cdo@sdc-vm ~]$ /usr/local/cdo/toolkit/toolkit.sh upgradeToolkit
[svc@sdc-vm ~]$
```

- Step 5** Upgrade the SDC:

```
[cdo@sdc-vm ~]$ /usr/local/cdo/toolkit/toolkit.sh upgradeSDC
[svc@sdc-vm ~]$
```

### Note

#### Recommended updates and maintenance on the SDC Virtual Machine

Ensure that you monitor and apply updates to the SDC VM running on Ubuntu Linux following your organisation's internal IT security and patch management policies. We highly recommend regularly reviewing and applying relevant security patches to ensure that the SDC VM remains secure and functions optimally within your network environment.

## Using Multiple SDCs on a Single Security Cloud Control Tenant

Deploying more than one SDC for your tenant allows you to manage more devices without experiencing performance degradation. The number of devices a single SDC can manage depends on the features implemented on those devices and the size of their configuration files.

You can install an unlimited number of SDCs on a tenant. Each SDC could manage one network segment. These SDCs would connect the devices in those network segments to the same Security Cloud Control tenant. Without multiple SDCs, you would need to manage the devices in isolated network segments with different Security Cloud Control tenants.




The procedure for deploying a second or subsequent SDC is the same for deploying your first SDC. [Deploy a Secure Device Connector Using Security Cloud Control's VM Image](#) or you can [Deploy a Secure Device Connector On Your VM](#). The initial SDC for your tenant incorporates the name of your tenant and the number 1. Each additional SDC is numbered in order.

## Security Cloud Control Devices that Use the Same SDC

Follow this procedure to identify all the devices that connect to Security Cloud Control using the same SDC:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, **Security Devices**.
  - Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device.
  - Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.
  - Step 4** If there is any filter criteria already specified, click the **clear** button at the top of the Inventory table to show all the devices and services you manage with Security Cloud Control.
  - Step 5** Click the filter button  to expand the **Filters** menu.
  - Step 6** In the Secure Device Connectors section of the filter, check the name of the SDC(s) you're interested in. The Inventory table displays only the devices that connect to Security Cloud Control through the SDC you checked in the filter.
  - Step 7** (Optional) Check additional filters in the filter menu to refine your search further.
  - Step 8** (Optional) When you're done, click the **clear** button at the top of the Inventory table to show all devices and services you manage with Security Cloud Control.
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## Devices, Software, and Hardware Supported by Security Cloud Control

Security Cloud Control is a cloud-based management solution enabling the management of security policies and device configurations across multiple security platforms. Security Cloud Control centrally manages policy and configuration across:

- Cisco Secure Firewall ASA, both on-premises and virtual
- Cisco Secure Firewall Threat Defense (FTD), both on-premises and virtual
- Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center, on-premises
- Cisco Meraki MX
- Cisco IOS devices

- Cisco Umbrella
- AWS Security Groups

The documentation describes devices, software, and hardware Security Cloud Control supports. It does not point out software and devices that Security Cloud Control does not support. If we do not explicitly claim support for a software version or a device type, then we do not support it.

### **Cisco Secure Firewall ASA**

Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) is a security device integrating firewall, VPN, and intrusion prevention capabilities. It protects networks from unauthorized access, cyber threats, and data breaches, offering robust security services in a single platform. Security Cloud Control supports the management of ASA devices, offering features to streamline configuration management and ensure regulatory compliance across the network infrastructure.

### **Cisco Secure Firewall Threat Defense**

**Firewall Threat Defense** integrates traditional firewall features with advanced threat protection capabilities. It offers comprehensive security functions, including intrusion prevention, application control, URL filtering, advanced malware protection, and so on. An FTD can be deployed on ASA hardware appliances, and Cisco firewall hardware appliances, and in virtual environments. Managing threat defense devices is possible through various management interfaces, such as Cisco Firewall Management Center, Security Cloud Control, and Firewall Device Manager.

For more information on software and hardware compatibility, see the [Cisco Secure Firewall Threat Defense Compatibility Guide](#).

**Firewall Device Manager** is a web-based management interface explicitly designed for threat defense device management. It provides a simplified approach for configuring and monitoring threat defense devices, making it ideal for smaller-scale deployments or organizations preferring an intuitive interface.

FDM offers basic configuration capabilities for network settings, access control policies, NAT rules, VPN configuration, monitoring, and basic troubleshooting. Typically accessed through a web browser, FDM is directly available on the FTD device, eliminating the need for additional management servers or appliances.

### **Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center**

Security Cloud Control simplifies the management of on-premises Firewall Management Center by establishing a secure integration, discovering device inventories, and enabling centralized policy management. Security policies such as firewall rules, VPN settings, and intrusion prevention policies can be efficiently managed and deployed across all devices under FMC.

### **Cisco Meraki MX**

The Meraki MX appliance is an enterprise-grade security and SD-WAN next-generation firewall appliance, designed for decentralized deployments. Security Cloud Control supports managing layer 3 network rules on Meraki MX devices. When you onboard a Meraki device to Security Cloud Control, it communicates with the Meraki dashboard to manage that device. Security Cloud Control securely transfers configuration requests to the Meraki dashboard, which then applies the new configuration to the device. Key features of Security Cloud Control's support for Cisco Meraki MX include centralized policy management, backup and restore, monitoring and reporting, compliance checking, and automation capabilities.

### Cisco IOS Devices

Cisco IOS can manage and control network functions, including routing, switching, and other networking protocols. It offers a set of features and commands to configure and maintain Cisco network devices, enabling efficient communication and management within networks of varying sizes and complexities.

### Cisco Umbrella

Security Cloud Control manages Cisco Umbrella through integrations such as the Umbrella ASA Integration, which allows administrators to include their Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) within their Umbrella configuration using per-interface policies. This integration enables the ASA to redirect DNS queries to Umbrella, enhancing network security by leveraging Umbrella's DNS security, web filtering, and threat intelligence capabilities.

### AWS Security Groups

Security Cloud Control offers a simplified management interface for Amazon Web Services (AWS) Virtual Private Clouds (VPCs). Key features include monitoring AWS Site-to-Site VPN connections, tracking changes to AWS devices, and viewing AWS Site-to-Site VPN tunnels.

## ASA Support Specifics

Security Cloud Control can manage all platforms running ASA 8.4 and later (see [ASA and ASDM Compatibility Per Model](#)), including ASAv instances, except for the ASA Services Module (ASASM), which is not supported by Security Cloud Control.

Security Cloud Control can onboard an ASA running ASA 8.3 but cannot deploy changes to it or manage it in any other way. Support is "read-only."

There may be a Security Cloud Control feature that does not support all versions of ASA, such as [ASA upgrades](#) from pre-9.12 versions. In those cases, the Security Cloud Control documentation will list any version exceptions with the prerequisites for that feature.

Security Cloud Control does not manage the ASA FirePOWER module, which runs a different operating system from ASA. You must manage an ASA FirePOWER module separately with Firepower Management Center or ASDM.



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**Note** EOL code and hardware may continue work with Security Cloud Control, but we cannot assure all functionality of Security Cloud Control with respect to EOL code and hardware, as it is not part of our testing. Security Cloud Control makes no guarantees nor assurances of correct operation with EOL software and hardware. An example of this would be the EOL ASA versions 8.x, 9.1, and 9.2 do not support TLS 1.2 on the management plane and would be considered an insecure way to manage ASA software.

Please defer to the [version download](#) page for Cisco "suggested release" or "gold star" versions.

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For a full discussion of ASA, ASDM, and hardware compatibility, see the [Cisco Secure Firewall ASA Compatibility](#) guide.

## Cloud Device Support Specifics

The following table describes software and device type support for cloud-based devices. Read the affiliated links for more information about onboarding and feature functionality for the device types in the table below:

Devices Types	Notes
Google Cloud Platform	Google Cloud Platform (GCP) receives any updates through the GCP console. See Google Cloud documentation for more information on the platform and available services. See
Microsoft Azure	Azure receives any updates through the Azure console. See Azure documentation for more information on the platform and available services.

## Browsers Supported in Security Cloud Control

Security Cloud Control supports the latest version of these browsers:

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox

## Security Cloud Control Platform Maintenance Schedule

Security Cloud Control updates its platform every week with new features and quality improvements. Updates are made during a 3 hour period according to this schedule:

Day of the Week	Time of Day (24-hour time, UTC)
Thursday	09:00 UTC - 12:00 UTC

During this maintenance period, you can still access your tenant and if you have a cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center or Multicloud Defense Controller, you can access those portals as well. Additionally, the devices you have onboarded to Security Cloud Control continue to enforce their security policies.



### Note

- We advise against using Security Cloud Control to deploy configuration changes on the devices it manages during maintenance periods.
- If there is any issue that stops Security Cloud Control from communicating, we address that failure on all affected tenants as quickly as possible, even if it is outside the maintenance window.

# Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center Maintenance Schedule

Customers who have a cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center deployed on their tenant are notified approximately 1 week before Security Cloud Control updates the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center environment. Super Admin and Admin users of the tenant are notified by email. Security Cloud Control also displays a banner on its home page notifying all users of upcoming updates.



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**Note**

- We advise you not to use cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center to deploy configuration changes on the devices it manages during maintenance periods.
  - If there is any issue that stops Security Cloud Control or cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center from communicating, that failure is addressed on all affected tenants as quickly as possible, even if it is outside the maintenance window.
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## Manage a Security Cloud Control Tenant

Security Cloud Control gives you the ability to customize certain aspects of your tenant, users, and notification preferences. Review the following settings available for customized configuration:

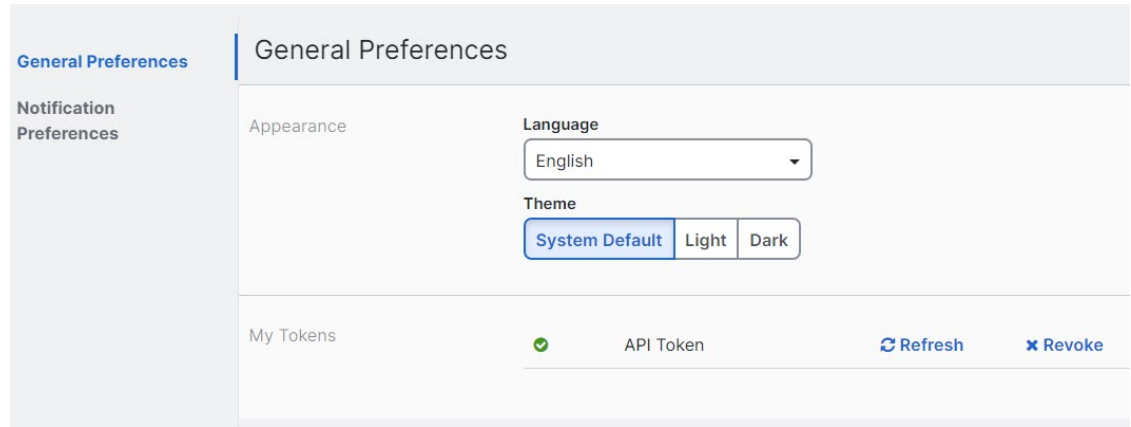
### General Settings

See the following topics regarding general Security Cloud Control Settings:

- [General Preferences, on page 47](#)
- For **My Tokens**, see [API Tokens, on page 60](#)
- For **Tenant Settings**, see:
  - [Enable Change Request Tracking, on page 47](#)
  - [Prevent Cisco Support from Viewing your Tenant, on page 48](#)
  - [Enable the Option to Auto-accept Device Changes, on page 48](#)
  - [Enable the Option to Schedule Automatic Deployments, on page 49](#)
  - [Default Conflict Detection Interval, on page 48](#)
  - [Web Analytics, on page 49](#)
  - [Tenant ID, on page 50](#)
  - [Tenant Name, on page 50](#)

## General Preferences

Select the desired language and theme for the Security Cloud Control UI to display in. This selection only affects the user who makes this change.



## Change the Security Cloud Control Web Interface Appearance

You can change the way the web interface appears.

### Procedure

**Step 1** From the drop-down list under your username, choose **Preferences**.

**Step 2** In the **General Preferences** area, select a **Theme**:

- **Light**
- **Dark**

## My Tokens

See [API Tokens](#) for more information.

## Tenant Settings

### Enable Change Request Tracking

Enabling change request tracking affects all users of your tenant. To enable Change Request Tracking, follow this procedure:

### Procedure

**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > General Settings**.

**Step 2** Click the slider under **Change Request Tracking**.

Once confirmed, you see the Change Request toolbar appear in the lower left corner of the interface and the Change Request drop-down menu in the Change Log.

## Prevent Cisco Support from Viewing your Tenant

Cisco support will associate its users with your tenant to resolve support tickets or proactively fix issues that affect more than one customer. However, if you prefer, you can prevent Cisco support from accessing your tenant by changing your account settings. To do so, slide the toggle button under **Prevent Cisco support from viewing this tenant** to show a green check mark.

To prevent Cisco support from viewing your tenant, follow this procedure:

### Procedure

**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > General Settings**.

**Step 2** Click the slider under **Prevent Cisco support from viewing this tenant**.

## Enable the Option to Auto-accept Device Changes

Enabling auto-accept for device changes allows Security Cloud Control to automatically accept any changes made directly on the device. If you leave this option disabled, or disable it at a later time, you are required to review each device conflict before you can accept it.

To enable auto-accept for device changes, follow this procedure:

### Procedure

**Step 1** In the left pane, **Administration > General Settings**.

**Step 2** Click the slider under **Enable the option to auto-accept device changes**.

## Default Conflict Detection Interval

This interval determines how often Security Cloud Control polls onboarded devices for changes. This selection affects all devices managed with this tenant, and can be changed at any time.



**Note** This selection can be overridden via the **Conflict Detection** option available from the **Inventory** page after you have selected one or multiple devices.

To configure this option and select a new interval for conflict detection, follow this procedure:




## Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > General Settings**.
- Step 2** Click the drop-down menu for **Default Conflict Detection Interval** and select a time value.
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## Enable the Option to Schedule Automatic Deployments

Enabling the option to schedule automatic deployments allows you to schedule future deployments at a date and time when it is convenient. Once enabled, you can schedule a single or a recurring automatic deployment. To schedule an automatic deployment, see [Schedule an Automatic Deployment](#).

Note that changes made on Security Cloud Control for a device are not automatically deployed to the device if it has pending changes of its own . If a device is not in the **Synced** state, such as **Conflict Detected** or **Not Synced**, scheduled deployments are not executed. The jobs page lists any instance where a scheduled deployment fails.

If **Enable the Option to Schedule Automatic Deployments** is turned off, all scheduled deployments are deleted.



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**Important** If you use Security Cloud Control to create more than one scheduled deployment for a device, the new deployment overwrites the existing deployment. If you create more than one scheduled deployment a device using API, you **must** delete the existing deployment prior to schedule the new deployment.

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To enable the option to schedule automatic deployments, follow this procedure:

## Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > General Settings**.
- Step 2** Click the slider under **Enable the option to schedule automatic deployments**.
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## Web Analytics

Web analytics provides anonymous product usage information to Cisco based on page hits. The information includes pages viewed, the time spent on a page, browser versions, product version, device hostname, and so forth. This information can help Cisco determine feature usage patterns and help Cisco improve the product. All usage data is anonymous and no sensitive data is transmitted.

Web analytics is enabled by default. To disable web analytics, or to enable in the future, follow this procedure:

## Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > General Settings**.

**Step 2** Click the toggle under **Web Analytics**.

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### Configure a Default Recurring Backup Schedule

To make backup schedules across your devices consistent, use this setting to configure your own default recurring backup schedule. When you schedule a backup for a particular device, you can use the default settings or change them. Changing the default recurring backup schedule does not change any existing scheduled backups or recurring backup schedules.

#### Procedure

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**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > General Settings**.

**Step 2** In the Tenant Settings area, find the **Default Recurring Backup Schedule** section, and in **Frequency** field select daily, weekly, or monthly backup.

**Step 3** Select the time of day, in 24-hour time, you want the backup to occur. Note that you schedule the time in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

- For weekly backups: Check the days of the week on which you want the backup to occur.
- For monthly backups: Click in the **Days of Month** field and add whichever days of the month you want to the schedule the backup. Note: If you enter day 31 but a month doesn't have 31 days in it, the backup will not take place. Give the scheduled backup time a name and a description.

**Step 4** Click **Save**.

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#### Tenant ID

Your tenant ID identifies your tenant. This information will be helpful if you need to contact the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC).

#### Tenant Name

Your tenant name also identifies your tenant. Note that the tenant name is not the organization name. This information will be helpful if you need to contact the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC).

### Security Cloud Control Platform Navigator

The platform navigator is a nine-block applications cross-launcher () that appears on the top right corner of Security Cloud Control. You can readily cross-launch to the following Cisco networking and security applications:

#### Networking Applications

- **Catalyst**—Cisco Catalyst products include a wide variety of network switches, wireless controllers, wireless access points, and edge platforms and routers, supporting enterprise-class business needs to heavy-duty and rugged networking environments.

- **Intersight**—Cisco Intersight is a cloud operations platform that consists of optional, modular capabilities of advanced infrastructure, workload optimization, and Kubernetes services. Cisco Intersight infrastructure services include the deployment, monitoring, management, and support of your physical and virtual infrastructure. It supports Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) and Cisco HyperFlex hyperconverged infrastructure (HCI), and other third-party Intersight-connected targets.
- **IoT Operations Dashboard**—Cisco IoT Operations Dashboard is a cloud-based IoT services platform that empowers operations teams to securely connect, maintain, and gain insights from industrial networking devices and connected industrial assets at massive scale. With one comprehensive view of all their connected industrial assets, operation teams can uncover valuable insights that help them streamline operations and drive business continuity.
- **Meraki**—Cisco Meraki is an IT and IoT cloud-managed platform that provides a centralized management platform for Cisco Meraki devices.
- **Spaces**—Cisco Spaces is a cloud-based location services platform through which organizations can gain insights into how people and things move throughout their physical spaces. With these insights, they can deliver contextual engagements that are valuable and relevant. Besides looking at where people go, organizations can also drive operational efficiencies by monitoring the location, movement, and utilization of assets.
- **ThousandEyes**—Cisco ThousandEyes is a cloud service suite that helps monitor and measure the availability and performance of web applications, services, and networks. It provides end-to-end visibility from any user to any application over any network, enabling enterprises to swiftly get to the source of issues, resolve them faster, and manage performance effectively.
- **Workflows**—Cisco Workflows is a cloud-hosted automation application that is part of the larger Cisco Networking Cloud vision. Workflows provides an entitlement to cross-domain automation capabilities to current Cisco customers by streamlining repetitive and error-prone tasks across both Cisco and third-party applications through custom and premade automation templates and a plethora of adapter options, both provided by Cisco and build your own, to reach targets in the cloud or on-premises.

## Security Applications


- **Duo Security**—Cisco Duo is a user-centric zero-trust security platform with two-factor authentication to protect access to sensitive data for all users, devices, and applications. It offers features such as adaptive policies, single sign-on (SSO), and advanced endpoint visibility, making it a comprehensive solution for securing remote access and maintaining business continuity.
- **Secure Access**—Cisco Secure Access simplifies IT operations through a single, cloud-managed console, unified client, centralized policy creation, and aggregated reporting. Extensive security capabilities converged in one solution (ZTNA, SWG, CASB, FWaaS, DNS security, RBI and more) mitigate security risk by applying zero trust principles and enforcing granular security policies. Market leading Talos threat intelligence fuels unmatched threat blocking to mitigate risk and speed investigations.
- **Secure Endpoint**—Cisco Secure Endpoint, formerly known as Cisco AMP for Endpoints, is a cloud-managed endpoint security solution designed to prevent breaches and rapidly detect, contain, and remediate threats. It is an instant check of your files against a cloud-based scanner with advanced tracking features that enable security analysts to determine and isolate initial sources of outbreaks, and it provides a retrospective quarantine of files that are discovered to be malicious.
- **Cisco Security Provisioning and Administration**—Cisco Security Provisioning and Administration is a web application that provides centralized management of Cisco Secure product instances, user identity, and user access management across Cisco Security Cloud. Security Cloud Control administrators

can create new Security Cloud enterprises, manage users in an enterprise, claim domains, and integrate their organization's SSO identity provider, among other tasks.

- **XDR**—Cisco Extended Detection and Response (XDR) is a cloud-based solution designed to simplify security operations and empower security teams to detect, prioritize, and respond to sophisticated threats. By integrating both Cisco and third-party security solutions into a unified platform, Cisco XDR offers a comprehensive approach to threat management. Integrated with the threat intelligence provided by Talos, Cisco XDR enriches incident data with additional context and asset insights, reducing false positives and enhancing overall threat detection, response, and forensic capabilities.

## View Security Cloud Control Notifications



Click the notifications icon  to view the most recent alerts that have occurred or affected the devices you have onboarded to your tenant. The selections that you make in the **Notification Settings** page impact the types of notifications displayed in Security Cloud Control. Continue reading for more information.

This drop-down page is grouped into three tabs: Overview, All, and Dismissed.

### Overview Tab

The **Overview** tab displays a combination of the most recent high-priority alerts and events that you are subscribed to. High priority events are the following:

- Deployment Failed
- Backup Failed
- Upgrade Failed
- Migrate FTD to cdFMC Failed
- Device went offline
- Device HA state changed
- Device certificates expiring

You can configure which alerts you want to receive by clicking the Notification Settings in the Notifications window or by selecting **UserID > User Preferences** page. The User ID button in the upper right corner of the dashboard.

### All Tab

The **All** tab displays all notifications regardless of their priority ranking, including email subscription notifications and all of the items listed as high priority.

### Dismissed Tab

The **Dismissed** tab displays notifications you have dismissed. You can dismiss individual notifications by clicking the "x" of the notification.

Opting to **Dismiss** notifications from the drop-down menu dismisses notifications from **both** the "Overview" and "All" tabs. They will remain in the **Dismiss** tab for 30 days, after which they will be removed from Security Cloud Control.

### Search Notifications

When viewing the notifications drop-down window, for any of the tabs mentioned above, you can use the search bar at the top of the drop-down to query for key words or alerts.

## User Notification Preferences

Notifications are generated by Security Cloud Control whenever a device associated with your tenant experiences a specific event, such as whenever a device associated with your tenant experiences a specific action, a device certificate is expiring or has expired, or a background log search starts, finishes or fails. The following notifications are enabled by default and displayed for every user that is affiliated with the tenant regardless of the user role. You can modify your personal notification preference to only show alerts you are interested in. Note that these preference are yours only and do not affect other users associated with the tenant.



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**Note** Changes made to the notifications listed below are automatically updated in real time and do not require deployment.

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View your personal preferences in the **Username ID > Preferences > Notification Preferences** page. Your Username ID is always located in the upper right corner of Security Cloud Control across all pages. From this page you can configure the following "**Notify Me in Security Cloud Control When**" alerts.

### Send Alerts for Device Workflows

- **Deployments** - This action does not include integration instances for SSH or IOS devices.
- **Backups** - This action is only applicable for FDM-managed devices.
- **Upgrades** - This action is only applicable for ASA and FDM-managed devices.
- **Migrate FTD to cloud** - This action is applicable when changing the FTD device manager from FMC to Security Cloud Control.

### Send Alerts for Device Events

- **Went offline** - This action applies to all devices associated with your tenant.
- **Back online** - This action applies to all the devices associated with your tenant.
- **Conflict detected** - This action applies to all the devices associated with your tenant.
- **HA state changed** - This action indicates the device within an HA or failover pair, the current state, and the state it changed from. This action applies to all HA and failover configurations associated with your tenant.
- **Site-to-Site session disconnected** - This action applies to all site-to-site VPN configurations configured in your tenant.

### Send Alerts for Background Log Search

- **Search started** - Receive a notification when a search starts. This applies to both immediate and scheduled searches.
- **Search completed** - Receive a notification when a search ends. This applies to both immediate and scheduled searches.
- **Search failed** - Receive a notification when a search fails. This applies to both immediate and scheduled searches. Check the parameters or the query and try again.

### Opt Out of Notification Preferences

By default, all events are enabled and generate notifications. To opt out of notifications generated by the events mentioned above, you must manually **uncheck** the notification types. Note that you must click **Save** to confirm any changes.

### Email Alerts

Enable the **Email Alerts** toggle to receive any of the alerts mentioned above. Check which alerts you would like to receive by email and click the **Save** button. By default, the **Use Security Cloud Control notification settings above** is checked. This means that you will receive email alerts on all of the same notifications and events as you have checked in the "Send Alerts When..." sections mentioned on this page.

If you only want **some** of the events or alerts mentioned above forwarded to your email, uncheck the **Use Security Cloud Control notification settings above**". This action generates an additional location to modify and personalize the available alerts. This may help reduce redundancy.

## Tenant Notification Settings

From the navigation bar to the left, click **Settings > Notification Settings**.

All users associated with your tenant will automatically receive these alerts. In addition, some or all of these alerts can be forwarded to specific emails or services.




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**Note** You must have an **Super Admin** user role to change these settings. See [User Roles in Security Cloud Control](#) for more information.

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### Email Subscribers

Add or modify the emails that receive alerts from your Security Cloud Control tenant. See [Enable Email Subscribers, on page 55](#) for more information.

### Service Integrations

**Enable Incoming Webhooks** on your messaging app and receive Security Cloud Control notifications directly to your app dashboard. See [Enable Service Integrations for Security Cloud Control Notifications](#) for more information.

## Enable Email Subscribers

An email notification from Security Cloud Control denotes the type of action and the affected devices. For further information about the current state of your devices and the content of the action, we recommend logging into Security Cloud Control and examining the [Change Log](#) of the affected devices.



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**Warning** Be sure to enter the correct email if you are adding a mailer. Security Cloud Control does not check email addresses against known users associated with your tenant.

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### Add an Email Subscription

#### Before you begin

You must be an **Admin** to view the email subscription list, and a **SuperAdmin** to add, remove, or edit email subscriptions.

#### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > Notification Settings**.
  - Step 2** Click the + icon in the upper right corner of the page.
  - Step 3** Enter a valid email address in the text field.
  - Step 4** Check and uncheck the appropriate checkboxes for events and alerts you want the subscriber to notified about.
  - Step 5** Click **Save**. At any point, click **Cancel** to creating the new email subscription for the tenant.
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### Edit Email Subscriptions

#### Before you begin

You must be an **Admin** to view the email subscription list, and a **SuperAdmin** to add, remove, or edit email subscriptions.

#### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > Notification Settings**.
- Step 2** Locate the email address you want to enable to edit for email subscriptions.
- Step 3** Click the **Edit** icon.
- Step 4** Edit the following attributes:
  - Email address
  - Send Alerts When.... Device Workflows
  - Send Alerts When... Device Events
  - Send Alerts When... Background Log Search

**Step 5** Click **Ok**. At any point, click **Cancel** to negate any changes made to the email subscription.

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## Delete an Email Subscription

Use the following procedure to delete a mailer from the email subscription list.:

### Before you begin

You must be an **Admin** to view the email subscription list, and a **SuperAdmin** to add, remove, or edit email subscriptions.

## Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > Notification Settings**.
- Step 2** Locate the user you want to remove from email subscriptions for the tenant.
- Step 3** Click the **Remove** icon for the user you want to remove.
- Step 4** Confirm you want to remove the user from the subscription list. Note that this does not affect the user functionality in any way.
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## Enable Service Integrations for Security Cloud Control Notifications

Enable service integration to forward Security Cloud Control notifications through a specified messaging application or service. You need to generate a webhook URL from your messaging application and point Security Cloud Control to that webhook in Security Cloud Control's **Notification Settings** page to receive notifications.

Security Cloud Control natively supports Cisco Webex and Slack as service integrations. Messages sent to these services are specially formatted for channels and automated bots.



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**Note** You must check the appropriate boxes for the notifications you want to receive per webhook.

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## Incoming Webhooks for Webex Teams

### Before you begin

Security Cloud Control notifications appear in a designated workspace or as an automated bot in a private message. You must have the following before completing this procedure:

- A Webex account.
- A Security Cloud Control account and tenant.

Use the following procedure to allow incoming webhooks for Webex Teams:



## Procedure

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- Step 1** Open the [Webex apphub](#).
- Step 2** Click **Connect** at the top of the page.
- Step 3** Scroll to the bottom of the page and configure the following:
- **Webhook name** - Provide a name to identify the messages provided by this application.
  - **Select a space** - Use the drop-down menu to choose a Webex **Space**. The Space must already exist in Webex team and you must have access to this space. If a space does not exist, you can create a new space in Webex Teams and refresh the application's configuration page to display the new space.
- Note**  
If a Webex incoming webhook has been configured in the past and you are re-enabling it, the previous webhooks are preserved at the bottom of this page. You can delete previous webhooks if they are no longer needed or if the Webex space no longer exists.
- Step 4** Select **Add**. The Webex Space you chose will receive a notification that the application is added.
- Step 5** Copy the Webhook URL.
- Step 6** Log into Security Cloud Control.
- Step 7** In the left pane, click **Administration > Notification Settings**.
- Step 8** Examine and confirm the notifications that are checked are correct. If they are not, we strongly recommend modifying the notification selection before you connect to a service integration.
- Step 9** Scroll to **Service Integrations**.
- Step 10** Click the blue plus button.
- Step 11** Enter a **Name**. This name appears in Security Cloud Control as a configured service integration. It does not appear in any events forwarded to the configured service.
- Step 12** Expand the drop-down menu and select **Webex** as the Service Type.
- Step 13** Paste the webhook URL that you generated from the service.
- Step 14** Click **OK**.
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## Incoming Webhooks for Slack

Security Cloud Control notifications appear in a designated channel or as an automated bot in a private message. For more information on how Slack handles incoming webhooks, see [Slack Apps](#) for more information.

Use the following procedure to allow incoming webhooks for Slack:

## Procedure

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- Step 1** Log into your Slack account.
- Step 2** In the panel to the left, scroll to the bottom and select **Add Apps**.
- Step 3** Search application directory for **Incoming Webhooks** and locate the app. Select **Add**.

- Step 4** If you are not the admin of your Slack workspace, you must send a request to the admin of your org and wait for the app to be added to your account. Select **Request Configuration**. Enter an optional message and select **Submit Request**.
- Step 5** Once the Incoming Webhooks app is enabled for your workspace, refresh the Slack settings page and select **Add New Webhook to Workspace**.
- Step 6** Use the drop-down menu to select the Slack channel you want the Security Cloud Control notifications to appear in. Select **Authorize**. If you navigate away from this page while waiting for the request to get enabled, simply log into Slack and select the workspace name in the upper left corner. From the drop-down menu, select **Customize Workspace** and select **Configure Apps**. Navigate to **Manage > Custom Integrations**. Select **Incoming Webhooks** to open app's landing page and then select **Configuration** from the tabs. This lists all the users within your workspace that has this app enabled. You can only see and edit your account's configuration. Select your workspace name to edit the configuration and move forward.
- Step 7** The Slack settings page redirects you to the configuration page for the app. Locate and copy the webhook URL.
- Step 8** Log into Security Cloud Control.
- Step 9** In the left pane, click **Administration > Notification Settings**.
- Step 10** Examine and confirm the notifications that are checked are correct. If they are not, we strongly recommend modifying the notification selection before you connect to a service integration.
- Step 11** Scroll to **Service Integrations**.
- Step 12** Click the blue plus button.
- Step 13** Enter a **Name**. This name appears in Security Cloud Control as a configured service integration. It does not appear in any events forwarded to the configured service.
- Step 14** Expand the drop-down menu and select **Slack** as the Service Type.
- Step 15** Paste the webhook URL that you generated from the service.
- Step 16** Click OK.

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## Incoming Webhooks for a Custom Integration

### Before you begin

Security Cloud Control does not format messages for custom integration. If you opt to integrate a custom service or application, Security Cloud Control sends a JSON message.

Refer to the service's documentation on how to enable incoming webhooks and generate a webhook URL. Once you have a webhook URL, use the procedure below to enable webhooks:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Generate and copy the webhook URL from the custom service or application of your choice.
- Step 2** Log into Security Cloud Control.
- Step 3** In the left pane, click **Administration > Notification Settings**.
- Step 4** Examine and confirm the notifications that are checked are correct. If they are not, we strongly recommend modifying the notification selection before you connect to a service integration.
- Step 5** Scroll to **Service Integrations**.
- Step 6** Click the blue plus button.

- Step 7** Enter a **Name**. This name appears in Security Cloud Control as a configured service integration. It does not appear in any events forwarded to the configured service.
- Step 8** Expand the drop-down menu and select **Custom** as the Service Type.
- Step 9** Paste the webhook URL that you generated from the service.
- Step 10** Click OK.
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## Logging Settings

View your monthly event logging limit and how many days are left until the limit resets. Note that stored logging represents the compressed event data that the Cisco cloud received.

Click **View Historical Usage** to see all of the logging your tenant has received over the past 12 months.

There are also links you can use to request additional storage.

## Integrate Your SAML Single Sign-On with Security Cloud Control

Security Cloud Control uses Cisco Secure Sign-On as its SAML single sign-on identity provider (IdP) and Duo Security for multifactor authentication (MFA). This is Security Cloud Control's preferred authentication method.

If, however, customers want to integrate their own SAML single sign-on IdP solution with Security Cloud Control, they can as long as their IdP supports SAML 2.0 and identity provider-initiated workflow.

To integrate your own or third-party identity provider (IdP) with Cisco Security Cloud Sign On, see [Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Identity Provider Integration Guide](#).

If you need more support to integrate your own SAML solution with Security Cloud Control, contact support and [create a case](#).



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**Attention** When you open a case, ensure that you choose **Manually Select A Technology** and select **SecureX - Sign-on and Administration** for your request to reach the right team.

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## Renew SSO Certificate

Your Identity Provider (IdP) is usually integrated with SecureX SSO. Open a [Cisco TAC](#) case and provide the metadata.xml file. For more information, see [Cisco SecureX Sign-On Third-Party Identity Provider Integration Guide](#).



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**Attention** When you open a case, ensure that you choose **Manually Select A Technology** and select **SecureX - Sign-on and Administration** for your request to reach the right team.

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(legacy only) If your Identity Provider (IdP) integration is directly with Security Cloud Control, open a [support ticket with Security Cloud Control TAC](#) and provide the metadata.xml file.

## API Tokens

Developers use Security Cloud Control API tokens when making Security Cloud Control REST API calls. The API token must be inserted in the REST API authorization header for a call to succeed. API tokens are "long-lived" access tokens which do not expire; however, you can renew and revoke them.

You can generate API tokens from within Security Cloud Control. These tokens are only visible immediately after they're generated and for as long as the General Settings page is open. If you open a different page in Security Cloud Control and return to the **General Settings** page, the token is no longer visible, although it is clear that a token has been issued.

Individual users can create their own tokens for a particular tenant. One user cannot generate a token on behalf of another. Tokens are specific to an account-tenant pair and cannot be used for other user-tenant combinations.

### API Token Format and Claims

The API token is a JSON Web Token (JWT). To learn more about the JWT token format, read the [Introduction to JSON Web Tokens](#).

The Security Cloud Control API token provides the following set of claims:

- **id** - user/device uid
- **parentId** - tenant uid
- **ver** - the version of the public key (initial version is 0, for example, **cdo\_jwt\_sig\_pub\_key.0**)
- **subscriptions** - Security Services Exchange subscriptions (optional)
- **client\_id** - "api-client"
- **jti** - token id

## Token Management

### Generate an API Token

#### Procedure

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- Step 1** From the drop-down list under your username, click **Preferences > General Preferences**.
  - Step 2** In My Tokens, click **Generate API Token**.
  - Step 3** Save the token in a secure location in accordance with your enterprise's best practices for maintaining sensitive data.
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### Renew an API Token

The API token does not expire. However, users may choose to renew their API token if the token is lost, compromised, or to conform to their enterprise's security guidelines.

## Procedure

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- Step 1** From the drop-down list under your username, click **Preferences > General Preferences**.
  - Step 2** In My Tokens, click **Renew**. Security Cloud Control generates a *new* token.
  - Step 3** Save the new token in a secure location in accordance with your enterprise's best practices for maintaining sensitive data.
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## Revoke an API Token

### Procedure

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- Step 1** From the drop-down list under your username, click **Preferences > General Preferences**.
  - Step 2** In My Tokens, click **Revoke**. Security Cloud Control revokes the token.
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## Relationship Between the Identity Provider Accounts and Security Cloud Control User Records

To log in to Security Cloud Control, a customer needs an account with a SAML 2.0-compliant identity provider (IdP), a multi-factor authentication provider, and a user record in Security Cloud Control. The IdP account contains the user's credentials and the IdP authenticates the user based on those credentials. Multi-factor authentication provides an added layer of identity security. The Security Cloud Control user record primarily contains the username, the Security Cloud Control tenant with which they are associated, and the user's role. When a user logs in, Security Cloud Control tries to map the IdP's user ID to an existing user record on a tenant in Security Cloud Control. When Security Cloud Control finds a match, the user is logged in to that tenant.

Unless your enterprise has its own single sign-on identity provider, your identity provider is Cisco Security Cloud Sign On. Cisco Security Cloud Sign On uses Duo for multi-factor authentication. Customers can [Integrate Your SAML Single Sign-On with Security Cloud Control](#) if they choose.

## Login Workflow

This is a simplified description of how the IdP account interacts with the Security Cloud Control user record to log in a Security Cloud Control user:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** The user requests access to Security Cloud Control by logging in to a SAML 2.0-compliant identity provider (IdP) such as Cisco Security Cloud Sign On (<https://sign-on.security.cisco.com>) for authentication.
  - Step 2** The IdP issues a SAML assertion that the user is authentic, and a portal displays the applications the user can access. One of the tiles represents Security Cloud Control.

**Step 3** Security Cloud Control validates the SAML assertion, extracts the username and attempts to find a user record among its tenants that corresponding to that username.

- If the user has a user record on a single tenant on Security Cloud Control, Security Cloud Control grants the user access to the tenant and the user's role determines the actions they can take.
- If the user has a user record on more than one tenant, Security Cloud Control presents the authenticated user with a list of tenants they can choose from. The user picks a tenant and is allowed to access the tenant. The user's role on that specific tenant determines the actions they can take.
- If Security Cloud Control does not have a mapping for the authenticated user to a user record on a tenant, Security Cloud Control displays a landing page giving users the opportunity to learn more about Security Cloud Control or request a free trial.

Creating a user record in Security Cloud Control does not create an account in the IdP and creating an account in the IdP does not create a user record in Security Cloud Control.

Similarly, deleting an account on the IdP does not mean you have deleted the user record from Security Cloud Control; although, without the IdP account, there is no way to authenticate a user to Security Cloud Control. Deleting the Security Cloud Control user record does not mean you have deleted the IdP account; although, without the Security Cloud Control user record, there will be no way for an authenticated user to access a Security Cloud Control tenant.

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## Implications of this Architecture

### Customers Who Use Cisco Security Cloud Sign On

For customers who use Security Cloud Control's Cisco Security Cloud Sign On identity provider, a Super Admin can create a user record in Security Cloud Control and a user can self-register themselves with Security Cloud Control. If the two usernames match, and the user is properly authenticated, the user can log in to Security Cloud Control.

Should the Super Admin ever need to prevent a user from accessing Security Cloud Control, they can simply delete the Security Cloud Control user's user record. The Cisco Security Cloud Sign On account will still exist and if the Super Admin ever wants to restore the user, they can by creating a new Security Cloud Control user record with the same username as the one used for Cisco Security Cloud Sign On.

Should a customer ever run into a problem with Security Cloud Control that requires a call to our Technical Assistance Center (TAC), the customer could create a user record for the TAC engineer so they could investigate the tenant and report back to the customer with information and suggestions.

### Customers Who Have Their Own Identity Provider

For [Integrate Your SAML Single Sign-On with Security Cloud Control](#), they control both the identity provider accounts and the Security Cloud Control tenants. These customers can create and manage identity provider accounts and user records in Security Cloud Control.

Should they ever need to prevent a user from accessing Security Cloud Control, they can delete the IdP account, the Security Cloud Control user record, or both.

If they ever need help from Cisco TAC, they can create both the identity provider account and a Security Cloud Control user record, with a read-only role, for their TAC engineer. The TAC engineer would then be able to access the customer's Security Cloud Control tenant, investigate, and report back the customer with information and suggestions.

## Cisco Managed Service Providers

If Cisco Managed Service Providers (MSPs) use Security Cloud Control's Cisco Security Cloud Sign On IdP, they can self-register for Cisco Security Cloud Sign On and their customers can create a user record for them in Security Cloud Control so that the MSP can manage the customer's tenant. Of course, the customer has full control to delete the MSP's record when they choose to.

### Related Topics

- [General Settings](#)
- [Manage Users in Security Cloud Control](#)
- [User Roles in Security Cloud Control](#)

## Manage Multi-Tenant Portal

Security Cloud Control Multi-Tenant Portal view retrieves and displays information from all devices across multiple tenants. This multi-tenant portal shows the device status, software versions running on them, and many more.

### Before you begin

- The multi-tenant portal is only available if the feature is enabled on your tenant. To enable multi-tenant portal for your tenant, open a support ticket with Cisco TAC.
- Once the support ticket is resolved and the portal is created, users with the **Super Admin** role on the portal have the ability to add tenants to it.
- We recommend you to clear cache and cookies from your web browser to avoid certain browser-related issues that may occur.

### Multi-Tenant Portal

The portal provides the following menus:

- **Security Devices**
  - Displays all the devices onboarded to the tenants added to the portal. Use the **Search** and **Filter** options to search for devices.
  - You can click a device to view details such as **Model**, **Onboarding Method**, **Firewall Mode**, **Software Version**, and so on.
  - You can manage a device only from the Security Cloud Control tenant that manages it. The multi-tenant portal provides the **Manage devices** link that directs you to the Security Cloud Control tenant page.

You can see this link if you have an account on that tenant, and the tenant is in the same region as the portal. If you don't have permission to access the tenant, you may not see the **Manage devices** link. Contact the Super Admin in your organization for permission.
  - You can export the details to a comma-separated value (.csv) file. This information helps you analyze the devices or send it to someone who doesn't have access. Every time you export the data, Security Cloud Control creates a new .csv file, where the file created has a date and time in its name.

- The column picker allows you to select or clear the device properties to view in the table. If you customize the table, Security Cloud Control remembers your selection the next time you sign in.

**Figure 1: Security Devices**

Name	Device Type	Tenant	Configuration Status	Connectivity
TestASA <small>ASA</small>	ASA Model	swan-clac	Not Synced	-
TestChemsPolicy <small>ASA</small>	ASA Model	dragon-asa	Not Synced	-
ftc <small>FTD</small>	FTD	swan-clac	No Config	Pending Setup
admin-SeaTacti-duo <small>Two Admin Panel</small>	Duo Admin Panel	cto-eng	Conflict Detected	Online
asa-model <small>ASA</small>	ASA Model	dragon-asa	Not Synced	-
carson-asa-1 <small>ASA</small>	ASA	dragon-asa	Conflict Detected	Online
carson-asa-2 <small>ASA</small>	ASA	dragon-asa	Synced	Online
cto-eng-1 <small>Cloud DNG</small>	Cloud DNG	cto-eng	Synced	Error
device-1 <small>FTD</small>	FTD	swan-clac	Not Synced	Unreachable
daf <small>FTD</small>	FDM	swan-clac	-	Registration Key Expired
dummy-test <small>FTD</small>	FTD	swan-clac	No Config	Pending Setup



**Note** If the tenant managing the device is in a different region, you see the link to sign in to Security Cloud Control in that region. If you don't have access to Security Cloud Control in that region or the tenant in that region, you will not be able to manage the device.

#### • Tenants

- Displays all the tenants added to the portal.
- Only users with **Super Admin** roles can add tenants to the portal.
- You can search by tenant name and export the tenants' information to a comma-separated value (.csv) file.

#### • Settings

- In **General Settings**, you can view the **Portal Settings** details.
- In **User Management**, you can view a list of all **Users**, **Active Directory Groups**, and **Audit Logs**. For more information, see [User Management](#).





- Note** If you are a multitenant portal Super Admin, you can use API endpoints to:
- [Create a Security Cloud Control tenant](#)
  - [Add an existing Security Cloud Control tenant to the multitenant portal](#)

## Add a Tenant to a Multi-Tenant Portal

A user with the **Super Admin** role can add tenants to the portal. You can add tenants across multiple regions. For example, you can add a tenant from the Europe region into the US region and conversely.



- Important** We recommend that you [Create API Only Users](#) for your tenant and generate an API token for authenticating to Security Cloud Control.



- Note** If you want to add multiple tenants to the portal, generate API tokens from each tenant and paste them into a text file. You can then easily add the tenants one after another to the portal without switching to the tenant every time to generate a token.

### Procedure

**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Tenants**.

**Step 2** Click **Add Tenant**.

**Step 3** To add a new tenant, click **Next**.

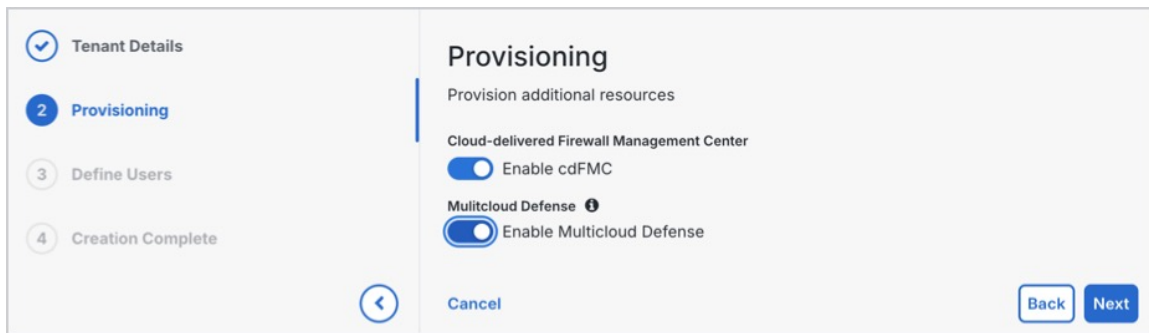
**Note**

- To import existing tenants, check the **Would you like to import existing tenant?** checkbox.
- Add existing tenants from Security Cloud Control by pasting multiple API tokens separated by commas.
- Click **Import**.

**Step 4** Under **Tenant Details**, enter the **Display Name** and **Tenant Name**. Click **Next**.

**Step 5** Under **Provisioning**,

- Enable the **Enable Multicloud Defense** toggle to provision multicloud defense for your tenant.
- Enable the **Enable Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center** toggle to provision cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center for your tenant.
- Click **Next**.



**Step 6** Under **Define Users**, either add users manually one by one, or download the CSV template, fill in the necessary details, and upload the file. Added users are displayed in the **User list** section.

**Step 7** Click **Create Tenant**.

Tenant creation is complete, and provisioning may take a few minutes.

## Delete a Tenant from a Multi-Tenant Portal

### Procedure

**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Tenants**.

**Step 2** Click the corresponding delete icon appearing on the right to remove the tenant that you want.

**Step 3** Click **Remove**. Note that the associated devices are also removed from the portal.

## Manage-Tenant Portal Settings

Security Cloud Control enables to customize certain aspects of your Multi-Tenant Portal and individual user accounts on the Settings page. Access the settings page by clicking **Settings** in the left pane.

### Settings

#### General Settings

Web analytics provides anonymous product usage information to Cisco based on page hits. The information includes pages viewed, the time spent on a page, browser versions, product version, device hostname, and so forth. This information can help Cisco determine feature usage patterns and help Cisco improve the product. All usage data is anonymous, and no sensitive data is transmitted.

Web analytics is enabled by default. To disable web analytics or to enable in the future, follow this procedure:

1. In the left pane, click **Administration** > **General Settings**.
2. Click the slider under **Web Analytics**.

#### User Management

You can see all the user records associated with the Multi-Tenant Portal on the **User Management** screen. You can add, edit, or delete a user account. For more information, see [Manage Users in Security Cloud Control](#).

## Switch Tenant

If you have more than one portal tenants, you can switch between different portal or tenants without signing out from Security Cloud Control.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** On the multi-tenant portal, click your tenant menu appearing on the top right corner.
- Step 2** Click **Switch tenant**.
- Step 3** Choose the portal or tenant that you want to view.
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## The Cisco Success Network

Cisco Success Network is a user-enabled cloud service. When you enable Cisco Success Network, a secure connection is established between the device and the Cisco cloud to stream usage information and statistics. Streaming telemetry provides a mechanism to select data of interest from the device and to transmit it in a structured format to remote management stations for the following benefits:

- To inform you of available unused features that can improve the effectiveness of the product in your network.
- To inform you of additional technical support services and monitoring that might be available for your product.
- To help Cisco improve our products.

The device establishes and maintains the secure connection at all times, and allows you to enroll in the Cisco Success Network. After you have registered the device, you can change the Cisco Success Network setting.



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- Note**
- For threat defense high availability pairs, the selection of the active device overrides the Cisco Success Network setting on the standby device.
  - Security Cloud Control does not manage the Cisco Success Network settings. The settings managed through, and telemetry information is provided by, the Firewall Device Manager user interface.
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### Enable or Disable the Cisco Success Network

During initial system setup, you are prompted to register the device with Cisco Smart Software Manager. If you instead elected to use the 90-day evaluation license, you must register the device before the end of the evaluation period. To enroll the device, either register the device with Cisco Smart Software Manager (on the Smart Licensing page) or enroll with Security Cloud Control by entering a registration key.

When you register the device, your virtual account allocates the license to the device. Registering the device also registers any optional licenses that you have enabled.

You can turn off this connection at any time by disabling Cisco Success Network, although you can only disable this option through the Firewall Device Manager UI. Disabling will disconnect the device from the cloud. Disconnection does not impact the receipt of updates or the operation of the Smart Licensing capabilities, which continue to operate normally. See the **Connecting to the Cisco Success Network** section of the System Administration chapter of the [Firepower Device Manager configuration Guide](#), Version 6.4.0 or later for more information.

## Manage Users in Security Cloud Control

Before you create or edit a user record in Security Cloud Control, read [Relationship Between the Identity Provider Accounts and Security Cloud Control User Records](#) to learn how the identity provider (IdP) account and the user record interact. Security Cloud Control users need a record and a corresponding IdP account so they can be authenticated and access the Security Cloud Control tenant.

Unless your enterprise has its own IdP, Cisco Secure Sign-On is the identity provider for all Security Cloud Control tenants. The rest of this article assumes you are using Cisco Secure Sign-On as your identity provider.

You can see all the user records associated with your tenant on the **User Management** screen. This includes any Cisco support engineer who is temporarily associated with your account to resolve a support ticket.

## View the User Records Associated with your Tenant

### Procedure

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In the left pane, **Administration** > **User Management**.

#### Note

To prevent Cisco support from accessing your tenant, enable the **Prevent Cisco support from viewing this tenant** toggle in the [General Settings](#) page.

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## Active Directory Groups in User Management

For tenants that have a high turnover for large quantities of users, you can map Security Cloud Control to your Active Directory (AD) groups instead of adding individual users to Security Cloud Control for an easier way to manage your user lists and user roles. Any user changes, such as a new user addition or removing existing users, can now be done in Active Directory and no longer need to be done in Security Cloud Control.

You must have a **SuperAdmin** user role to add, edit, or delete an Active Directory group from the **User Management** page. See [User Roles in Security Cloud Control](#) for more information.

In the left pane, choose **Settings** > **User Management**

### Active Directory Groups

- In the left pane, click **Administration** > **User Management** > **Active Directory Groups**.

- This page displays the role of the Active Directory group as assigned in your Active Directory manager.
- Users within an Active Directory group are not listed individually in either the **Active Directory Groups** tab or the **Users** tab.

### Audit Logs

**Audit Logs** in Security Cloud Control record user-related and system-level actions. Key events that are captured by the **Audit Logs** include:

- **User Login:** Records every instance of user authentication.
- **Tenant Association and Disassociation:** Tracks user associations with, or disassociations from, tenants.
- **User Role Change:** Records any modifications to user roles.
- **Active Directory Groups:** Records any addition, deletion, and role changes within AD groups.

### Procedure:

1. In the left pane, click **Administration > User Management**.
2. Click the **Audit Logs** tab. A list of events and activities in the current tenant you are logged into is displayed.
3. Use the **Search** text box to find logs for a specific user.
4. Click the filter icon to refine your search results and view specific events. You can filter the logs based on the **Time Range** and **Event Action**.
5. Click **Export** to download the details in CSV format.

Figure 2: Audit Logs

Action	Details	Date/Time	User
User Login	test@prax.com logged in	7/31/2024 7:20:50 AM	test@prax.com
User Role Change	Role changed to Edit Only for user test@prax.com	7/26/2024 8:21:52 PM	prax@prax.com
Tenant Association	User test@prax.com associated to tenant (CCO,dragon-us)	7/26/2024 8:21:21 PM	prax@prax.com
Tenant Disassociation	User test@prax.com disassociated from tenant (CCO,dragon-us)	7/24/2024 11:32:33 PM	prax@prax.com
AD Group Added	AD group test added	7/23/2024 8:34:25 PM	prax@prax.com
AD Group Deleted	AD group test deleted	7/23/2024 8:18:42 PM	prax@prax.com

### Multi-role Users

As an extension along the IAM capabilities in Security Cloud Control, it is now possible for a user to have multiple roles.

A user can be part of multiple groups in Active Directory, and those groups can be defined in Security Cloud Control with different Security Cloud Control roles. The final permissions that a user gets on login are a combination of the roles of all the Active Directory groups that are defined in Security Cloud Control that the user is part of. For instance, if a user is part of two Active Directory groups and both the groups are added in Security Cloud Control with two different roles such as edit-only and deploy-only, the user would have both edit-only and deploy-only permissions. This applies to any number of groups and roles.

Active Directory group mappings must only be defined one time in Security Cloud Control, and managing access and permissions for users can after be achieved exclusively in Active Directory by adding, removing, or moving users between different groups.



**Note** If a user is both an individual user and part of an Active Directory group on the same tenant, the user role of the individual user overrides the user role of the Active Directory group.

### API Endpoints for Active Directory Groups

If you are a super admin, you can use API endpoints to do the following:

- [Create an Active Directory group](#)

- [Remove an Active Directory group](#)
- [Modify an Active Directory group](#)
- [Get Active Directory groups](#)
- [Get an Active Directory group](#)

The aforementioned links point to the corresponding sections of the Cisco DevNet website.

## Prerequisites for Adding an Active Directory Group to Security Cloud Control

Before adding an Active Directory group mapping to Security Cloud Control as a form of user management, you must have your Active Directory that is integrated with Security Cloud Sign On. If your Active Directory Identity Provider (IdP) is not already integrated, see [identity provider integration guide](#) to integrate a custom Active Directory IdP integration with the following information:

- Your Security Cloud Control tenant name and region
- Domain to define custom routing for (for example: @cisco.com, @myenterprise.com)
- Certificate and federation metadata in the XML format

After your Active Directory integration is complete, add the following custom SAML claims in your Active Directory. The SAML claims and attributes are required, for you to be able to successfully sign-in to your Security Cloud Control tenant after your Active Directory integration is done. These values are case sensitive:

- **SamlADUserGroupIds** - This attribute describes all group associations that a user has on Active Directory. For example, in Azure select + **Add a group claim** as seen in the screenshot below:

Figure 3: Custom Claims Defined in Active Directory

The screenshot shows the 'Attributes & Claims' configuration page in the Microsoft Azure portal. The page is titled 'Attributes & Claims' and includes a search bar and navigation links. Below the title, there are buttons for '+ Add new claim', '+ Add a group claim', 'Columns', and 'Got feedback?'. The page is divided into two sections: 'Required claim' and 'Additional claims'. Each section contains a table with 'Claim name' and 'Value' columns. The 'Required claim' section has one entry: 'Unique User Identifier (Name ID)' with the value 'user.userprincipalname [nameid-for... \*\*\*'. The 'Additional claims' section has five entries, with the last two, 'SamlADUserGroupIds' and 'SamlSourceIdpIssuer', highlighted with red boxes.

Claim name	Value
Unique User Identifier (Name ID)	user.userprincipalname [nameid-for... ***
<b>Additional claims</b>	
Claim name	Value
http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress	user.mail ***
http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/givenname	user.givenname ***
http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/name	user.userprincipalname ***
http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/surname	user.surname ***
<b>SamlADUserGroupIds</b>	user.groups ***
<b>SamlSourceIdpIssuer</b>	"https://sts.windows.net/1e491488-... ***

- **SamlSourceIdpIssuer** - This attribute uniquely identifies an Active Directory instance. For example, in Azure select + **Add a group claim** and scroll to locate the Azure Active Directory Identifier as seen in the screenshot below:



Figure 4: Locate the Azure Active Directory Identifier

The screenshot shows the Azure portal interface for configuring an enterprise application. The left-hand navigation pane includes sections for Overview, Deployment Plan, Manage (Properties, Owners, Roles and administrators, Users and groups, Single sign-on, Provisioning, Application proxy, Self-service, Custom security attributes), Security (Conditional Access, Permissions, Token encryption), and Activity (Sign-in logs, Usage & insights, Audit logs, Provisioning logs, Access reviews). The main content area is titled 'securex-stage | SAML-based Sign-on' and includes options to 'Upload metadata file', 'Change single sign-on mode', 'Test this application', and 'Got feedback?'. The 'Attributes & Claims' section lists attributes like 'givenname', 'surname', 'emailaddress', 'name', 'SamlSourceIdpIssuer', 'SamlADUserGroupIds', and 'Unique User Identifier' with their corresponding values. The 'SAML Signing Certificate' section shows the certificate's status as 'Active' and provides download links for the certificate in Base64, Raw, and Federation Metadata XML formats. The 'Set up securex-stage' section contains fields for 'Login URL', 'Azure AD Identifier' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Logout URL', each with a dropdown menu for selection.

## Add an Active Directory Group for User Management

You must have a **SuperAdmin** user role to add, edit, or delete an Active Directory group.

### Procedure

- Step 1** Log in to Security Cloud Control.
- Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > User Management**.
- Step 3** Click the **Active Directory Groups** tab.
- Step 4** Click the add Active Directory group (+) button.
- Step 5** Provide the following information:

- **Group Name:** Enter a unique name. This name does not have to match the group name in your Active Directory. Security Cloud Control does not support special characters for this field.
- **Group Identifier:** Manually enter the Group Identifier from your Active Directory. The value of the group identifier should be the same as the group identifier in the custom claim definition. It could be any value that corresponds to the unique identity of the group, for example, my-favourite-group, 12345, and so forth.
- **AD Issuer:** Manually enter the Active Directory Issuer value from your Active Directory.
- **Role:** Select a user role. This determines the role for all the users included in this Active Directory group. See [User Roles in Security Cloud Control](#) for more information.
- (Optional) **Notes:** Add any notes that are applicable to this Active Directory group.

**Step 6** Select **OK**.

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## Edit an Active Directory Group for User Management

### Before you begin

Note that editing an Active Directory Group's user management in Security Cloud Control only allows you to modify how Security Cloud Control limits the Active Directory group. You cannot edit the Active Directory group itself in Security Cloud Control. You must use Active Directory to edit the list of users within an Active Directory group.

### Procedure

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**Step 1** Log in to Security Cloud Control.

**Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > User Management**.

**Step 3** Click the **Active Directory Groups** tab.

**Step 4** Identify the Active Directory Group you want to edit and click the edit icon.

**Step 5** Modify the following values:

- **Group Name:** Enter a unique name. Security Cloud Control does not support special characters for this field.
- **Group Identifier:** Manually enter the Group Identifier from your Active Directory. The value of the group identifier should be the same as the group identifier in the custom claim definition. It could be any value that corresponds to the unique identity of the group, for example, my-favourite-group, 12345 and so forth.
- **AD Issuer:** Manually enter the Active Directory Issuer value from your Active Directory.
- **Role:** This determines the role for all the users included in this Active Directory group. See [User Roles](#) for more information.
- **Notes:** Add any notes that are applicable to this Active Directory group.

**Step 6** Click **OK**.

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## Delete an Active Directory Group for User Management

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Log in to Security Cloud Control.
- Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > User Management**.
- Step 3** Click the **Active Directory Groups** tab.
- Step 4** Identify the Active Directory Group you want to delete.
- Step 5** Click the delete icon.
- Step 6** Click **OK** to confirm you want to delete the Active Directory group.
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## Create a New Security Cloud Control User

These two tasks are necessary for creating a new Security Cloud Control user. They do not have to be done in sequence:

- [Create a Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Account for the New User](#)
- [Create a User Record with Your Security Cloud Control Username](#)

After these tasks are done, then the user can [The New User Opens Security Cloud Control from the Cisco Secure Sign-On Dashboard](#).

## Create a Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Account for the New User

Creating a Cisco Security Cloud Sign On account can be done by the new user at any time, without needing to know the name of the assigned tenant.

### About Logging in to Security Cloud Control

Security Cloud Control uses Cisco Secure Sign-On as its identity provider and Duo for multi-factor authentication (MFA). **To log into Security Cloud Control, you must first create your account in Cisco Security Cloud Sign On and configure MFA using Duo.**

Security Cloud Control requires MFA which provides an added layer of security in protecting your user identity. Two-factor authentication, a type of MFA, requires two components, or factors, to ensure the identity of the user logging into Security Cloud Control. The first factor is a username and password, and the second is a one-time password (OTP), which is generated on demand.



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**Important** If your Security Cloud Control tenant existed before **October 14, 2019**, use [Migrate to Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Identity Provider, on page 5](#) for log in instructions instead of this article.

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## Before You Log In

### Install DUO Security



We recommend installing the Duo Security app in a mobile phone. Review [Duo Guide to Two Factor Authentication: Enrollment Guide](#) if you have questions about installing Duo.

### Time Synchronization

You are going to use your mobile device to generate a one-time password. It is important that your device clock is synchronized with real time as the OTP is time-based. Make sure your device clock set automatically or manually set it to the correct time.

## Create a New Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Account and Configure Duo Multi-factor Authentication

The initial sign-on workflow is a four-step process. You need to complete all four steps.

### Procedure

#### Step 1 Sign Up for a New Cisco Security Cloud Sign On Account.

- a. Open <https://sign-on.security.cisco.com>.
- b. At the bottom of the sign in screen, click **Sign up now**.

## Security Cloud Sign On

Formerly known as SecureX Sign On

Email

Continue

Don't have an account? [Sign up now](#)

Or

[Other login options](#)

- c. Provide the following information to create enterprise account.

# Account Sign Up

Provide following information to create enterprise account.

[Back to login page](#)

Email \*

First name \*

Last name \*

Country \*

Password \*

Confirm Password \*

I agree to the [End User License Agreement and Privacy Statement](#).

[Cancel](#)

Here are some tips:

- **Email:** Enter the email address that you will eventually use to log in to Security Cloud Control.
- **Password:** Enter a strong password.

**d.** Click **Sign up**.

Cisco sends you a verification email to the address you registered with. Open the email and click **Activate account**.

## Step 2 Set up Multi-factor Authentication Using Duo

We recommend using a mobile device when setting up multi-factor authentication.

**a.** In the **Set up multi-factor authentication** screen, click **Configure factor**.

- b. Click **Start setup** and follow the prompts to choose a mobile device and verify the pairing of that mobile device with your account.

For more information, see [Duo Guide to Two Factor Authentication: Enrollment Guide](#). If you already have the Duo app on your device, you'll receive an activation code for this account. Duo supports multiple accounts on one device.

- c. At the end of the wizard click **Continue to Login**.
- d. Log in to Cisco Security Cloud Sign On with the two-factor authentication.

### Step 3 (Optional) Setup Google Authenticator as an additional authenticator

- a. Choose the mobile device you are pairing with Google Authenticator and click **Next**.
- b. Follow the prompts in the setup wizard to setup Google Authenticator.

### Step 4 Configure Account Recovery Options for your Cisco Security Cloud Sign On

- a. Choose a recovery phone number for resetting your account using SMS.
- b. Choose a security image.
- c. Click **Create My Account**.


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## Create a User Record with Your Security Cloud Control Username

Only a Security Cloud Control user with **Super Admin** privileges can create the Security Cloud Control user record. The **Super Admin** must create the user record with the same email address that was specified in the **Create Your Security Cloud Control Username** task above.

Use the following procedure to create a user record with an appropriate user role:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Login to Security Cloud Control.
  - Step 2** In the left pane, choose **Settings > User Management**.
  - Step 3** Click  to add a new user to your tenant.
  - Step 4** Provide the email address of the user.

#### Note

The user's email address must correspond to the email address of the Cisco Secure Log-On account.

- Step 5** From the **Role** drop-down list, select the user's [User Roles in Security Cloud Control](#).
  - Step 6** Click **OK**.
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# The New User Opens Security Cloud Control from the Cisco Secure Sign-On Dashboard

## Procedure

- Step 1** Click the appropriate **Security Cloud Control** tile on the Cisco Secure Sign-on dashboard for your tenant's region.
- Step 2** Click the authenticator logo to choose Duo Security or Google Authenticator if you have set up both authenticators.
- If you already have a user record on an existing tenant, you are logged into that tenant.
  - If you already have a user record on several portals, you will be able to choose which portal to connect to.
  - If you already have a user record on several tenants, you will be able to choose which Security Cloud Control tenant to connect to.
  - If you do not already have a user record on an existing tenant, you will be able to learn more about Security Cloud Control or request a trial tenant.

The **Portals** view retrieves and displays consolidated information from multiple tenants. See [Manage Multi-Tenant Portal](#) for more information.

The **Tenant** view shows several tenants on which you have a user record.



## User Roles in Security Cloud Control

There are a variety of user roles in Security Cloud Control: Read-Only, Edit-Only, Deploy-only, Admin, and Super Admin. User roles are configured for each user on each tenant. If a Security Cloud Control user has

access to more than one tenant, they may have the same user ID but different roles on different tenants. A user may have a read-only role on one tenant and a Super Admin role on another. When the interface or the documentation refers to a Read-only user, an Admin user, or a Super Admin user we are describing that user's permission level on a particular tenant.

## Read-only Role

A user assigned the Read-Only role sees this blue banner on every page:

Read Only User. You cannot make configuration changes.

Users with the Read-Only role can do the following:

- View any page or any setting in Security Cloud Control.
- Search and filter the contents of any page.
- Compare device configurations, view the change log, and see VPN mappings.
- View every warning regarding any setting or object on any page.
- Generate, refresh, and revoke their own API tokens. Note that if a read-only user revokes their own token, they cannot recreate it.
- Contact support through our interface and can export a change log.

Read-Only users **cannot** do the following:

- Create, update, configure, or delete anything on any page.
- Onboard devices.
- Step-through the tasks needed to create something like an object or a policy, but not be able to save it.
- Create Security Cloud Control user records.
- Change user role.
- Attach or detach access rules to a policy.

## Edit-Only Role

Users with the Edit-Only role can do the following:

- Edit and save device configurations, including but not limited to objects, policies, rulesets, interfaces, VPN, etc.
- Allow configuration changes that are made through the **Read Configuration** action.
- Utilize the Change Request Management action.

Edit-Only users **cannot** do the following:

- Deploy changes to a device or to multiple devices.
- Discard staged changes or changes that are detected through OOB.
- Upload AnyConnect Packages, or configure these settings.



- Schedule or manually start image upgrades for devices.
- Schedule or manually start a security database upgrade.
- Manually switch between Snort 2 and Snort 3 versions.
- Create a template.
- Change the existing OOB Change settings.
- Edit System Management settings.
- Onboard devices.
- Delete devices.
- Delete VPN sessions or user sessions.
- Create Security Cloud Control user records.
- Change user role.

## Deploy-Only Role

Users with the Deploy-Only role can do the following:

- Deploy staged changes to a device, or to multiple devices.
- Revert or restore configuration changes for ASA devices.
- Schedule or manually start image upgrades for devices.
- Schedule or manually start a security database upgrade.
- Utilize the Change Request Management action.

Deploy-Only users **cannot** do the following:

- Manually switch between Snort 2 and Snort 3 versions.
- Create a template.
- Change the existing OOB Change settings.
- Edit System Management settings.
- Onboard devices.
- Delete devices.
- Delete VPN sessions or user sessions.
- Create, update, configure, or delete anything on any page.
- Onboard devices.
- Step-through the tasks needed to create something like an object or a policy, but not be able to save it.
- Create Security Cloud Control user records.
- Change user role.

- Attach or detach access rules to a policy.

## VPN Sessions Manager Role

The VPN Sessions Manager role is designed for administrators monitoring remote access VPN connections, not site to site VPN connections.

Users with the VPN Sessions Manager role can do the following:

- View any page or any setting in Security Cloud Control.
- Search and filter the contents of any page.
- Compare device configurations, view the change log, and see RA VPN mappings.
- View every warning regarding any setting or object on any page.
- Generate, refresh, and revoke their own API tokens. Note that if a VPN Sessions Manager user revokes their own token, they cannot recreate it.
- Contact support through our interface and export a change log.
- Terminate existing RA VPN sessions.

VPN Sessions Manager users **cannot** do the following:

- Create, update, configure, or delete anything on any page.
- Onboard devices.
- Step-through the tasks needed to create something like an object or a policy, but not be able to save it.
- Create Security Cloud Control user records.
- Change user role.
- Attach or detach access rules to a policy.

## Admin Role

Admin users have complete access to most aspects of Security Cloud Control. Admin users can do the following:

- Create, read, update, and delete any object or policy in Security Cloud Control and configure any setting.
- Onboard devices.
- View any page or any setting in Security Cloud Control.
- Search and filter the contents of any page.
- Compare device configurations, view the change log, and see VPN mappings.
- View every warning regarding any setting or object on any page.
- Generate, refresh, and revoke their own API tokens. If their token is revoked, they can contact support through our interface and can export a change log.

Admin users **cannot** do the following:

- Create Security Cloud Control user records.
- Change user role.

## Super Admin Role

Super Admin users have complete access to all aspects of Security Cloud Control. Super Admins can do the following:

- Change a user role.
- Create user records.



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**Note** Though Super Admins can create a Security Cloud Control user record, that user record is not all that is needed for a user to log in to your tenant. The user also needs an account with the identity provider used by your tenant. Unless your enterprise has its own single sign-on identity provider, your identity provider is Cisco Security Cloud Sign On. Users can self-register for their Cisco Security Cloud Sign On account; see [Initial Login to Your New Security Cloud Control Tenant, on page 4](#) for more information.

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- Create, read, update, and delete any object or policy in Security Cloud Control and configure any setting.
- Onboard devices.
- View any page or any setting in Security Cloud Control.
- Search and filter the contents of any page.
- Compare device configurations, view the change log, and see VPN mappings.
- View every warning regarding any setting or object on any page.
- Generate, refresh, and revoke their own API tokens. If their token is revoked, they can
- Contact support through our interface and can export a change log.

## Change The Record of the User Role

The user record is the currently recorded role of a user. By looking at the users associated with your tenant, you can determine what role each user has by their record. By changing a user role, you change the user record. User's roles are identified by their role in the User Management table. See [Manage Users in Security Cloud Control](#) for more information.

You must be a Super Admin to change the user record. If your tenant has no Super Admins, contact [Security Cloud Control support](#).

# Add a User Account to Security Cloud Control

Security Cloud Control users need a Security Cloud Control record and a corresponding IdP account so they can be authenticated and access your Security Cloud Control tenant. This procedure creates the user's Security Cloud Control user record, not the user's account in Cisco Security Cloud Sign On. If the user does not have an account in Cisco Security Cloud Sign On, they can self-enroll by navigating to <https://sign-on.security.cisco.com> and clicking **Sign up** at the bottom of the Sign in screen.



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**Note** You will need to have the role of [Super Admin Role](#) on Security Cloud Control to perform this task.


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## Create a User Record

Use the following procedure to create a user record with an appropriate user role:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Log in to Security Cloud Control.
- Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > User Management**.
- Step 3** Click the blue plus button () to add a new user to your tenant.
- Step 4** Provide the email address of the user.

**Note**

The user's email address must correspond to the email address of the Cisco Secure Log-On account.

- Step 5** Select the user's [User Roles in Security Cloud Control](#) from the drop-down menu.
- Step 6** Click v.

**Note**

Though Super Admins can create a Security Cloud Control user record, that user record is not all that is needed for a user to log in to your tenant. The user also needs an account with the identity provider used by your tenant. Unless your enterprise has its own single sign-on identity provider, your identity provider is Cisco Secure Sign-on. Users can self-register for their Cisco Secure Sign-On account; see [Initial Login to Your New Security Cloud Control Tenant, on page 4](#) for more information.

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## Create API Only Users

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Log in to Security Cloud Control.

**Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > User Management**.

**Step 3** Click the blue plus button () to add a new user to your tenant.

**Step 4** Select the **API Only User** checkbox.

**Step 5** In the **Username** field, enter a name for the user and click **OK**.

**Important**

the user name can't be an email address or contain the '@' character as the '@yourtenant' suffix will be automatically appended to the user name.

**Step 6** Select the user's [User Roles in Security Cloud Control](#) from the drop-down menu.

**Step 7** Click **OK**.

**Step 8** Click the **User Management** tab.

**Step 9** In the **Token** column for the new API Only user, click **Generate API Token** to obtain an API token.

## Edit a User Record for a User Role

You will need to have the role of Super Admin to perform this task. If the Super Admin changes the role of a Security Cloud Control user that is logged in, once their role has been changed, the user is automatically logged out of their session. Once the user logs back in, they assume their new role.



**Note** You will need to have the role of [Super Admin Role](#) on Security Cloud Control to perform this task.



**Caution** Changing the role of a user record will delete an [API Tokens](#) associated with the user record if there is one. The user must generate a new API token once the user role changes.

## Edit a User Role



**Note** If a Security Cloud Control user is logged in, and a Super Admin changes their role, the user must log out and log back in again for the change to take affect.

To edit the role defined in the user record, follow this procedure:

### Procedure

**Step 1** Log in to Security Cloud Control.

**Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > User Management**.

**Step 3** Click the edit icon in the user's row.

- Step 4** Select the user's new [User Roles in Security Cloud Control](#) from the Role drop-down menu.
- Step 5** If the user record shows that there is an API token associated with the user, you will need to confirm that you want to change the user's role and delete the API token as a result.
- Step 6** Click **v**.
- Step 7** If Security Cloud Control deleted the API token, contact the user so that they may create a new API Token.

## Delete a User Record for a User Role

Deleting a user record in Security Cloud Control prevents the associated user from logging in to Security Cloud Control by breaking the mapping of the user record with the Cisco Security Cloud Sign On account. When you delete a user record, you are also deleting the API token associated with that user record should there be one. Deleting a user record in Security Cloud Control does not delete the user's IdP account in Cisco Security Cloud Sign On.




**Note** You will need to have the role of [Super Admin Role](#) on Security Cloud Control to perform this task.

## Delete a User Record


To delete the role defined in the user record, see the following procedure:

### Procedure

- Step 1** Log in to Security Cloud Control.
- Step 2** In the left pane, click **Administration > User Management**.
- Step 3** Click the trash can icon  in the row of the user you want to delete.
- Step 4** Click **OK**.
- Step 5** Confirm that you want to remove the account from the tenant by clicking **OK**.

## Security Cloud Control Services Page

The **Services** page displays a list of services that Security Cloud Control provides. Selecting the **FMC** tab lists the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center that is linked to the Security Cloud Control account and all the on-premises management centers onboarded to Security Cloud Control. The devices that are managed by these on-prem management centers are listed in the **Inventory** page. The **Services** page also lists the secure connectors under the **Secure Connectors** tab.

You can click the **FMC** tab and onboard an on-premises management center by clicking the blue plus icon () , and perform device actions using the options in the right pane. You can also see device information

such as version, number of devices being managed by the management center, device type, and the synchronization status of the device. Clicking on the managed devices icon takes you to the **Inventory** page, where devices managed by the selected on-premises management center are filtered automatically and displayed. The **Services** page also allows you to select more than one on-premises management center at a time for you to perform actions on a group of management centers all at once. You cannot select any on-premises management center while the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is selected. To add a new secure connector or perform actions on existing secure connectors, choose the **Secure Connectors** tab and click



Navigate **Administration > Firewall Management Center**.

Name	Version	Devices	Type	Status	Last Heartbeat
Cloud-Delivered FMC	20230711	3	Cloud-Delivered FMC	Active	17:29:29 08/28/2023
	74.0-build 1908	3	On-Prem FMC	Synced	13:34:43 08/28/2023
	73.0-build 69	6	On-Prem FMC	Synced	13:34:43 08/28/2023
	73.1-build 19	4	On-Prem FMC	Synced	13:34:43 08/28/2023

For your cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, the Services page displays the following information:

- If you do not have a cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center deployed on your tenant, click **Enable Cloud-Delivered FMC**. See [Enable Cloud-Delivered Firewall Management Center on Your Security Cloud Control Tenant](#) for more information.
- The number of Secure Firewall Threat Defense devices deployed on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center.
- Status of the connection between Security Cloud Control and the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center page.
- The last heartbeat of the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center. This represents the last time the status of the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center itself and the number of devices that it manages were synchronized with the table on this page.
- The hostname of the selected cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center.

Choose **Cloud-Delivered FMC** and using the links in the **Actions**, **Management**, or **Settings** pane, you open the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center user interface to perform the configuration tasks that are associated with the link you clicked.

#### Actions:

- **Check For Changes:** The Device Count and Status information in the table will be updated with the information available the last time this page and the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center were synchronized. Synchronization happens every 10 minutes.

- **Deployment:** Takes you to the device configuration deployment page on cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center. See [Deploy Configuration Changes](#).
- **Workflows:** Takes you to the **Workflows** page to monitor every process that Security Cloud Control runs when communicating with devices. See [Workflows](#) page.
- **API Explorer:** Takes you to the page that lists the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center REST APIs. See [Secure Firewall Management Center REST API Guide](#).

#### Management:

- **Devices:** Takes you to the threat defense device listing page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal. See [Configure Devices](#).
- **Policies:** Takes you to the policies page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal to edit system-provided access control policies and create custom access control policies. See [Manage Access Control Policies](#).
- **Objects:** Takes you to the policies page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal to manage reusable objects. See [Object Management](#).
- **NAT:** Takes you to the policies page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal to configure Network Address Translation policies on the threat defense devices. See [Manage NAT policies](#).
- **Site to Site VPN:** Takes you to the site-to-site VPN dashboard page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal to configure site-to-site VPN policy between two sites. See [Site-to-Site VPNs](#).
- **Remote Access VPN:** Takes you to the remote access VPN dashboard page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal to configure a remote access VPN configuration. See [Remote Access VPN](#).
- **Platform Settings:** Takes you to the platform settings page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal to configure a range of unrelated features whose values you might want to share among several devices. See [Platform Settings](#).

#### System:

- **Configuration:** Takes you to the system configuration settings page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal to configure system configuration settings. See [System Configuration](#).
- **Smart Licenses:** Takes you to the smart licenses page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal to assign licenses to devices. See [Assign Licenses to Devices](#).
- **AMP Management:** Takes you to the AMP management page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal that provides intelligence that the system uses to detect and block malware on your network. See [Cloud Connections for Malware Protection](#).
- **Device Health:** Takes you to the health monitoring page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal that tracks various health indicators to ensure that the hardware and software in the system are working correctly. See [About Health Monitoring](#).
- **Audit:** Takes you to the audit log page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal to show the generated audit record for each user interaction with the web interface.
- **Cisco Cloud Events:** Takes you to the configure Cisco Cloud events page on the Security Cloud Control portal to configure cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center to send events directly to SAL (SaaS). See [Send Events to SAL \(SaaS\)](#).



After opening the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center page, click the blue question mark button and select **Page-level Help** to learn more about the page you are on and what further action you can take.

### Support to Open Security Cloud Control and Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center Applications on Different Tabs

As you configure threat defense devices or objects in the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, you can open the appropriate configuration pages in additional browser tabs to work simultaneously in the Security Cloud Control and the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portals without logging off. For example, you can create an object on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center and simultaneously monitor event logs on Security Cloud Control that are generated from the security policies.

This feature is available for all Security Cloud Control links that navigate to the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal. To open the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal in a new tab:

On the Security Cloud Control portal, press and hold the **Ctrl** (Windows) or **Command** (Mac) button, then click the corresponding link.



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**Note** A single click opens the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center page in the same tab.

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Here are some examples of opening the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal page in a new tab:

- Choose **Tools & Services > Firewall Management Center** and select **Cloud-Delivered FMC**.

In the right pane, press and hold the **Ctrl** (Windows) or **Command** (Mac) button, and then click the page that you want to access.

- Choose **Objects > Other FTD Objects**.

- Click the search icon in the top-right corner of the Security Cloud Control page and enter the search strings in the search field that appears.

From the search result, press and hold the **Ctrl** (Windows) or **Command** (Mac) button, and then click the arrow icon.

- Choose **Dashboard > Quick Actions**.

Press and hold the **Ctrl** (Windows) or **Command** (Mac) button, and then click **Manage FTD Policies** or **Manage FTD Objects**.



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**Note** When you switch to a new Security Cloud Control tenant, the corresponding cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center portal already opened in a new tab logs out.

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### Related Topics

- [Managing On-Prem Firewall Management Center with Cisco Security Cloud Control](#)
- [Onboard an On-Prem Firewall Management Center](#)
- [Request a cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center for your Security Cloud Control tenant](#)
- [Secure Device Connector](#)

- [Secure Event Connectors](#)

## Security Cloud Control Device and Service Management

Security Cloud Control provides the ability to view, manage, filter, and evaluate your onboarded devices on the **Inventory** page. From the **Inventory** page you can:

- [Onboard devices and services for Security Cloud Control management.](#)
- View the configuration state and connectivity state of managed devices and services.
- View onboarded devices and templates categorized in separate tabs. See [Security Cloud Control Inventory Information, on page 97.](#)
- Evaluate and take action on individual devices and services.
- View device and service specific information and resolve issues.
- View device health status for threat defense devices managed by:
  - [cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center](#)
  - [on-premises management center](#)

For threat defense devices managed by the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, you can also see the node status for devices in a cluster.

- Search for a device or template by name, type, IP address, model name, serial number, or labels. Search is not case-sensitive. Providing multiple search terms brings up devices and services that match at least one of the terms. See [Page Level Search, on page 100.](#)
- Filter for a device or template filter by device type, hardware and software versions, snort version, configuration status, connection states, conflict detection, and secure device connectors, and labels. See [Filters.](#)

## Changing a Device's IP Address in Security Cloud Control

When you onboard an device to Security Cloud Control using an IP address, Security Cloud Control stores that IP address in its database and communicates with the device using that IP address. If the IP address of the device changes, you can update the IP address stored in Security Cloud Control to match the new address. Changing the device's IP address on Security Cloud Control does not change device's configuration.

To change the IP address, Security Cloud Control uses to communicate with a device, follow this procedure:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**
  - Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device.
  - Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.

You can use the [Filters](#) and [Page Level Search](#) functionalities to find the required device.

**Step 4** Select the device whose IP address it is you want to change.

**Step 5** Above the **Device Details** pane, click the edit button next to the device's IP address.

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ASA 10.86.118.4:443 

**Step 6** Enter the new IP address in the field and click the blue check button.

No change is made to the device itself, so the device's Configuration Status will continue to show that it is Synced.

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#### Related Information:

- [Moving Devices Between Tenants, on page 96](#)
- [Bulk Reconnect Devices to Security Cloud Control, on page 95](#)

## Changing a Device's Name in Security Cloud Control

All devices, models, templates, and services are given a name when they are onboarded or created in Security Cloud Control. You can change that name without changing the configuration of the device itself.

### Procedure

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**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.

**Step 2** Click the **Device** tab to locate the device.

**Step 3** Select the device whose name it is you want to change.

**Step 4** Above the **Device Details** pane, click the edit button next to the device's name.

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**Step 5** Enter the new name in the field and click the blue check button.

No change is made to the device itself, so the device's Configuration Status will continue to show that it is Synced.

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## Export a List of Devices and Services

This article explains how to export your list of devices and services to a comma-separated value (.csv) file. Once in that format, you can open the file in a spreadsheet application such as Microsoft Excel to sort and filter the items in your list.

The export button is available in the devices and the templates tab. You are also allowed to export details from devices under the selected device type tab.

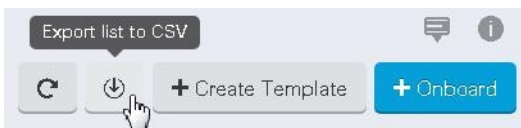
Before you export your list of devices and services, look at the filter pane and determine if the Inventory table is displaying the information you want to export. Clear all your filters to see all of your managed devices and services, or filter the information to display a subset of all your devices and services. The export function exports what you can see in the Inventory table.

## Procedure

- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
- Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device or the **Templates** tab to locate the model device.
- Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab to export details from devices under that tab or click **All** to export details from all devices.

You can use the [Filters](#) and [Page Level Search](#) functionalities to find the required device.

- Step 4** Click **Export list to CSV**:



- Step 5** If prompted, save the .csv file.
- Step 6** Open the .csv file in a spreadsheet application to sort and filter the results.

## Export Device Configuration

You can only export one device configuration at a time. Use the following procedure to export a device's configuration to a JSON file:

### Procedure

- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
- Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device or the **Templates** tab to locate the model device.
- Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.
- You can use the [Filters](#) and [Page Level Search](#) functionalities to find the required device.
- Step 4** Select the device you want so it is highlighted.
- Step 5** In the **Actions** pane, select **Export Configuration**.
- Step 6** Select **Confirm** to save the configuration as a JSON file.

## External Links for Devices

You can create a hyperlink to an external resource and associate it with a device you manage with Security Cloud Control. You could use this feature to create a convenient link to the local manager of one of your devices (Adaptive Security Device Manager (ASDM) for ASA). You could also use it to link to a search engine, documentation resource, a corporate wiki, or any other URL that you choose. You can associate as

many external links with a device as you want. You can also associate the same link with multiple devices at the same time.

The links you create can reach anywhere, but your company's security requirements do not change. For example, if you ordinarily need to be connected to your corporate network, by being on-premises or through a VPN connection to reach a particular URL, those requirements remain. If your company blocks specific URLs, those URLs continue to be blocked. URLs that are not restricted continue to not be restricted.

### Location Variable

We have created the {location} variable that you can incorporate in your URLs. This variable will be populated with the IP address of your device. For example,

```
https://{location}
```

should reach the ASDM for your ASA .

### Related Information:

- [Write a Device Note, on page 97](#)
- [Export a List of Devices and Services, on page 91](#)

## Create an External Link from your Device

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
- Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device or the **Templates** tab to locate the model device.
- Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.
- Step 4** Select a device or model.  
You can use the [Filters](#) and [Page Level Search](#) functionalities to find the required device.
- Step 5** In the details pane, on the right, go to the **External Links** section.
- Step 6** Enter a name for the link.
- Step 7** Enter the URL for the link in the URL field. You need to specify the full URL, for example, for Cisco enter <http://www.cisco.com>.
- Step 8** Click + to associate the link with the device.
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## Create an External Link to ASDM

Here is a convenient way to open the Adaptive Security Device Manager (ASDM) of your ASA , directly from Security Cloud Control.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
- Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device or the **Templates** tab to locate the model device.
- Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.
- You can use the [Filters](#) and [Page Level Search](#) functionalities to find the required device.
- Step 4** Select a device or model.
- Step 5** In the details pane, on the right, go to the **External Links** section.
- Step 6** Enter a name for the link such as ASDM .
- Step 7** Enter `https://{location}` in the URL field. The `{location}` variable will be populated with the IP address of your device.
- Step 8** Click the + box.
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## Create an External Link for Multiple Devices

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
- Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device or the **Templates** tab to locate the model device.
- Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.
- You can use the [Filters](#) and [Page Level Search](#) functionalities to find the required devices.
- Step 4** Select multiple devices or models.
- Step 5** In the details pane, on the right, go to the **External Links** section.
- Step 6** Enter a name for the link.
- Step 7** Enter the URL you want to reach using one of these methods:
- Enter `https://{location}` in the URL field. The `{location}` variable will be populated with the IP address of your device. This creates an automatic link to the ASDM for your device.
  - Enter the URL for the link in the URL field. You need to specify the full URL, for example, for Cisco enter <http://www.cisco.com>.
- Step 8** Click + to associate the link with the device.
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## Edit or Delete External Links

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
  - Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device or the **Templates** tab to locate the model device.
  - Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.  
You can use the [Filters](#) and [Page Level Search](#) functionalities to find the required device.
  - Step 4** Select a device or model.
  - Step 5** In the details pane, on the right, go to the **External Links** section.
  - Step 6** Mouse-over the name of the link to reveal the edit and delete icons.
  - Step 7** Click the appropriate icon to edit or delete the external link and confirm your action.
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## Edit or Delete External Links for Multiple Devices

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
  - Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device or the **Templates** tab to locate the model device.
  - Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.  
You can use the [Filters](#) and [Page Level Search](#) functionalities to find the required devices.
  - Step 4** Select multiple devices or models.
  - Step 5** In the details pane, on the right, go to the **External Links** section.
  - Step 6** Mouse-over the name of the link to reveal the edit and delete icons.
  - Step 7** Click the appropriate icon to edit or delete the external link and confirm your action.
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## Bulk Reconnect Devices to Security Cloud Control

Security Cloud Control allows an administrator to attempt to reconnect more than one managed device to Security Cloud Control at the same time. When a device Security Cloud Control manages is marked "unreachable," Security Cloud Control can no longer detect out of band configuration changes or manage the device. There could be many different reasons for the disconnect. Attempting to reconnect the devices is a simple first step in restoring Security Cloud Control's management of the device.





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**Note** If you are reconnecting devices having new certificates, Security Cloud Control automatically reviews and accepts the new certificates on the devices and continues to reconnect with them. However, if you are reconnecting with only one device, Security Cloud Control prompts you to review and accept the certificate manually to continue to reconnect with it.

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## Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
  - Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate devices.
  - Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.  
Use the [Filters](#) to look for devices whose connectivity status is "unreachable."
  - Step 4** From the filtered results, select the devices you want to attempt to reconnect.
  - Step 5** Click **Reconnect** . Notice that Security Cloud Control only provides command buttons for actions that can be applied to all the selected devices.
  - Step 6** Look at the **notifications** tab for the progress of the bulk device reconnect action. If you want more information about how the actions in the bulk device reconnect job succeeded or failed, click the blue Review link and you will be directed to the [Monitor Jobs in Security Cloud Control](#).

### Tip

If a reconnect failure was caused because the device's certificate or credentials have changed, you will have to reconnect to those devices individually to add the new credentials and accept the new certificate.

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## Moving Devices Between Tenants

Once you have onboarded devices to a Security Cloud Control tenant, you cannot migrate the devices from one Security Cloud Control tenant to another. If you want to move your devices to a new tenant, you need to remove the devices from the old tenant and re-onboard them to the new tenant.

## Device Certificate Expiry Detection


The management certificate is used for accessing FDM-managed and ASA devices from Security Cloud Control, while the Cisco Secure Client (formerly AnyConnect) is necessary for using virtual private network features on ASA, FDM-managed, and FTD devices from Security Cloud Control.

Security Cloud Control actively monitors the expiration status of these certificates and notifies the user when these certificates are nearing their expiration date or have expired. This prevents any disruptions in device operations due to certificate expiry. You should renew the corresponding certificate to address this issue.

The management certificate expiry check applies to ASA and FDM-managed devices, while the Secure Client certificate expiry check applies to ASA, FDM-managed, and FTD devices.



## View Certificate Expiry Notification

In the top right corner, click the **Notifications** () icon to view the most recent alerts that have occurred or affected the devices you have onboarded to your tenant. The **High Priority** section displays the certificate expiration notifications.


These notifications are sent 30, 14, and 7 days before the certificate expiration date and then every day thereafter until the certificate either expires or is renewed with a valid certificate. You can also subscribe to receive these notifications by email on the **Notification Settings** section of the user preferences page. For more information, see [User Notification Preferences](#).

## Write a Device Note

Use this procedure to create a single, plain-text, note file for a device.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices**.
  - Step 2** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device or the **Templates** tab to locate the model device.
  - Step 3** Click the appropriate device type tab.
  - Step 4** Select the device or model you want to create a note for.
  - Step 5** In the **Management** pane on the right, click **Notes**.  [Notes](#).
  - Step 6** Click the editor button on the right and select the Default text editor, Vim, or Emacs text editors.
  - Step 7** Edit the Notes page.
  - Step 8** Click **Save**.  
The note is saved in the tab.
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## Security Cloud Control Inventory Information

The **Inventory** page shows all physical and virtual onboarded devices and templates created from the onboarded devices. The page classifies devices and templates based on their type and displays them in the corresponding tabs dedicated to each device type. You can use [Page Level Search](#) functionality or apply a [Filters](#) to find devices within the selected device type tab.

You can view the following details on this page:

- The **Devices** tab shows all the live devices that are onboarded to Security Cloud Control.
- The **Templates** shows all the template devices created from live devices or configuration files imported to Security Cloud Control.

# Security Cloud Control Labels and Filtering

Labels are used for grouping devices or objects. You can apply labels to one or more devices during onboarding or at any time after onboarding. You can apply labels to objects after you create them. Once you have applied labels to devices or objects, you can filter the contents of the device table or objects table by that label.



**Note** A label applied to a device is not extended to its associated objects, and a label applied to a shared object is not extended to its associated objects.

You can create a label group by using the following syntax “group name:label”. For example, Region:East or Region:West. If you were to create these two labels, the group label would be Region and you could choose from East or West in that group.

## Applying Labels to Devices and Objects


To apply a label to devices, perform the following steps:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Security Devices** to add a label to a device.
  - Step 2** In the left pane, click **Objects** to add a label to an object.
  - Step 3** Click the **Devices** tab to locate the device or the **Templates** tab to locate the model device.
  - Step 4** Click the appropriate device type tab.
  - Step 5** Select one or more devices or model in the generated table.
  - Step 6** In the **Add Groups and Labels** field on the right, specify a label for the device.
  - Step 7** Click blue + icon.
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## Filters

You can use many different filters on the **Security Devices** and **Objects** pages to find the devices and objects you are looking for.

To filter, click  in the left-hand pane of the Security Devices, Policies, and Objects tabs:

The Security Devices filter allows you to filter by device type, hardware and software versions, snort version, configuration status, connection states, conflict detection, and secure device connectors, and labels. You can apply filters to find devices within a selected device type tab. You can use filters to find devices within the selected device type tab.

The object filter allows you to filter by device, issue type, shared objects, unassociated objects, and object type. You can include system objects in your results or not. You can also use the search field to search for objects in the filter results that contain a certain name, IP address, or port number.

The object type filter allows you to filter objects by type, such as network object, network group, URL object, URL group, service object, and service group. The shared objects filter allows filtering objects having default values or override values.

When filtering devices and objects, you can combine your search terms to create several potential search strategies to find relevant results.

In the following example, filters are applied to search objects that are "Issues (Used OR Inconsistent) AND Shared Objects with Additional Values.

Filter

Filter by Device

Show System-Defined Objects

Issues **18661**

- Unused **4754**
- Duplicate **13846**
- Inconsistent **61**

Ignored Issues

- Ignored

Shared Objects

- Default Values
- Override Values
- Additional Values

Unassociated Objects

- Unassociated

Object Type

- Network
- Protocol
- Service

## Use Security Cloud Control Search Functionality

The Security Cloud Control platform has a highly efficient search function that makes it easy to find anything you need. The search bar on each page is tailored to the content of that page, while the global search allows for a comprehensive search across the entire tenant. This saves time and effort, as you can quickly locate the necessary information.

## Page Level Search

The page-level search enables you to search specific items on the Inventory, Policies, Objects, VPN, Change Log, and Jobs pages.

- In the **Inventory** space, you can simply start typing in the search bar, and devices that fit the search criteria will be displayed. You can type any partial part name of the device, IP address, or the serial number of the physical device to find the device.
- In the **Policies** space, you can search policies by their name, components or objects used in them.
- In the **Objects** space, you can search for an object by typing any partial part of the name of the object, or partial IP Address, port, or protocols.
- In the **VPN** space, you can search by tunnel name, device name, and IP address used in the VPN policies.
- In the **Change log** space, you can search logs based on events, device names, or actions.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Navigate to the search bar near the top of the interface.
- Step 2** Type the search criteria into the Search Bar and the corresponding results will be displayed.
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## Global Search

The global search feature allows you to quickly locate and navigate to devices managed by Security Cloud Control.

All search results are based on the indexing option you choose. The indexing options are as follows:

- **Full Indexing**—Requires that you invoke the full indexing process. This process scans all the devices and objects in the system and displays them in the search index only after you invoke the indexing. To invoke full indexing, you must have administrative privileges.  
For more information, see [Initiate Full Indexing, on page 101](#).
- **Incremental Indexing**—An event-based indexing process where the search index automatically updates each time that a device or an object is added, modified, or deleted.

The information that you enter in the search field is not case-sensitive. You can perform a global search using the following entities:

- **Device Name**—Supports partial device names, URL, IP address or range.
- **Object Types**—Supports object name, object descriptions, and configured values.
- **Policy Types**—Supports policy name, policy description, rule name, and rule comments.

Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center and On-Prem FMC managed in Security Cloud Control support the following policy types:

- Access Control Policy

- Prefilter Policy
- Threat Defense NAT Policy

When you type a search expression, the interface begins to display search results and you do not need to press *Enter* to execute a search.

The search results display all devices and objects that match your search strings. If your search string matches more than device or object, the results appear under categories (devices, objects, and connected\_fmc).

By default, the first item in the search result is highlighted and the related information for that item appears in the right pane. You can scroll through the search results and click any item to view the corresponding information. You can click the arrow icon besides the item to navigate to the corresponding page.

**Note**

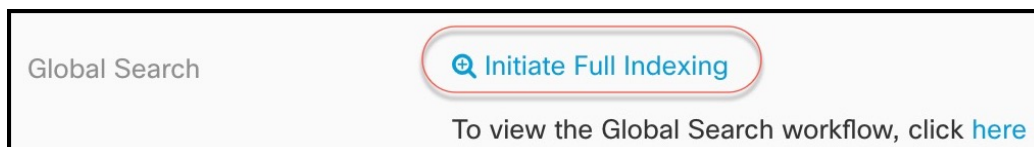
- Global search does not display duplicate search results. For objects, the UID of the shared object is used to navigate to the Object view.
- If you delete a device from Security Cloud Control, all associated objects are removed from the global search index.
- If you delete an object from the policy and retain the device before you initiate full indexing, the object remains in the global search index because it is associated with the device.

## Initiate Full Indexing

### Procedure

**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Administration > General Settings**.

**Step 2** In Global Search, click **Initiate Full Indexing** to trigger indexing.

**Note**

Initiating full indexing clears existing indexing of the Security Cloud Control tenant.

**Step 3** Click [here](#) to view the global search workflow.

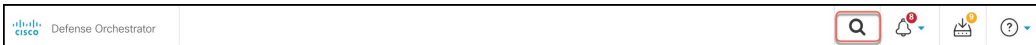
## Perform a Global Search

### Procedure

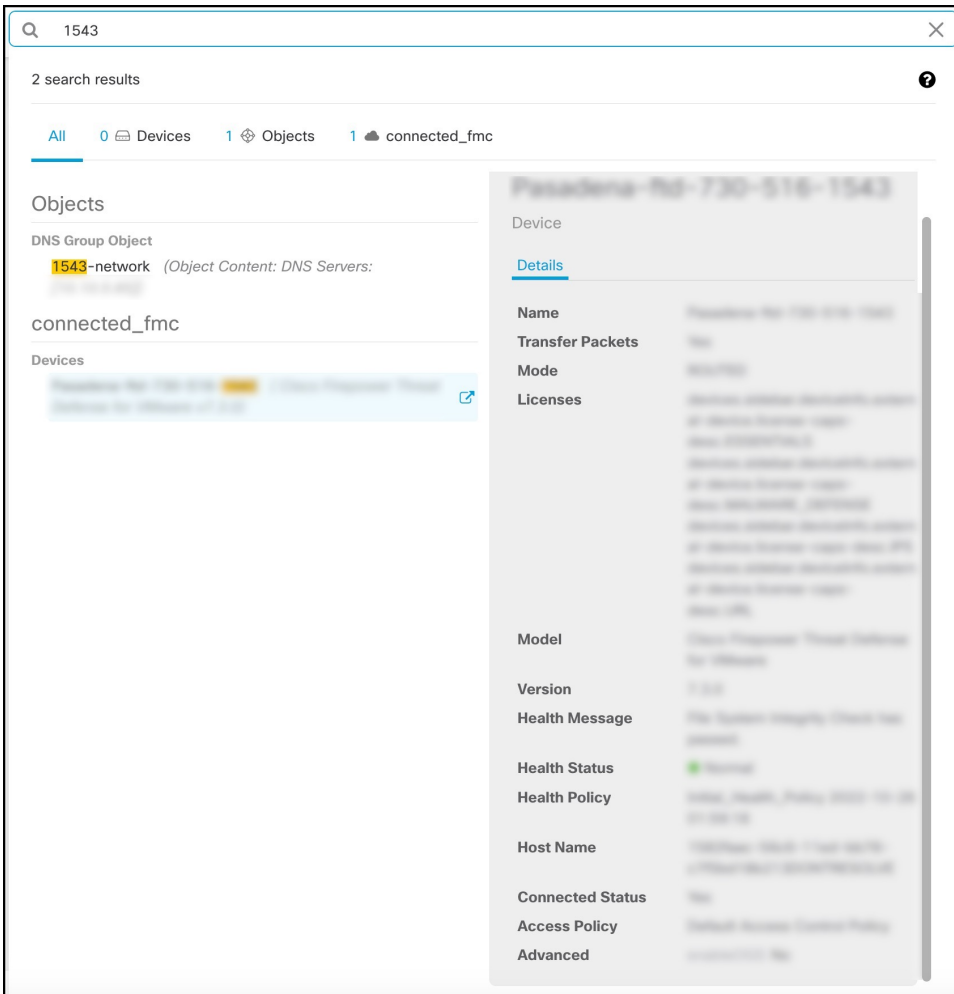
**Step 1** Log into Security Cloud Control.

**Step 2** Click the search icon in the top-right corner of the Security Cloud Control page and enter the search strings in the search field that appears.

Alternatively, you can press and hold the **Ctrl** key and the **/** key simultaneously on Windows, or the **Command** key and **/** key on Mac, to open the search bar.



The search results display a list of possible items as you begin entering the search strings. The search results appear under four categories: All, Devices, Objects, Policies, and Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center. The right pane displays information for a selected search result.



**Step 3** From the search result, select a device or an object, and click the arrow icon to navigate from the search results to the corresponding device and object page. From the search result, select an item, and click the arrow icon to navigate from the search results to the corresponding page.

**Note**

Selecting a search result for devices in the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, allows you to navigate to the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center user interface within Security Cloud Control.

For information on cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, see [Managing Firewall Threat Defense with Cloud-Delivered Firewall Management Center in Cisco Security Cloud Control](#).


**Step 4** Click **X** to close the search bar.

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## Objects

An object is a container of information that you can use in one or more security policies. Objects make it easy to maintain policy consistency. You can create a single object, use it different policies, modify the object, and that change is propagated to every policy that uses the object. Without objects, you would need to modify all the policies, individually, that require the same change.

When you onboard a device, Security Cloud Control recognizes all the objects used by that device, saves them, and lists them on the **Objects** page. From the **Objects** page, you can edit existing objects and create new ones to use in your security policies.

Security Cloud Control calls an object used on multiple devices a **shared object** and identifies them in the **Objects** page with this badge .

Sometimes a shared object develops some "issue" and is no longer perfectly shared across multiple policies or devices:

- **Duplicate objects** are two or more objects on the same device with different names but the same values. These objects usually serve similar purposes and are used by different policies. Duplicate objects are identified by this issue icon: 
- **Inconsistent objects** are objects on two or more devices with the same name but different values. Sometimes users create objects in different configurations with same name and content but over time the values of these objects diverge which creates the inconsistency. Inconsistent objects are identified by this issue icon: 
- **Unused objects** are objects that exist in a device configuration but are not referenced by another object, an access-list, or a NAT rule. Unused objects are identified by this issue icon: 

You can also create objects for immediate use in rules or policies. You can create an object that is unassociated with any rule or policy. Before 28 June 2024, when you use an unassociated object in a rule or policy, Security Cloud Control created a copy of it and used the copy. Because of this behavior, you might have observed that there were two instances of the same object in the **Objects** menu. However, Security Cloud Control does not do that anymore. You can use an unassociated object in a rule or a policy but there are no duplicate objects that Security Cloud Control creates.

You can view the objects managed by Security Cloud Control by navigating to the **Objects** menu or by viewing them in the details of a network policy.

Security Cloud Control allows you to manage network and service objects across supported devices from one location. With Security Cloud Control, you can manage objects in these ways:

- Search for and [Object Filters](#) based on a variety of criteria.
- Find duplicate, unused, and inconsistent objects on your devices and consolidate, delete, or resolve those object issues.
- Find unassociated objects and delete them if they are unused.
- Discover shared objects that are common across devices.
- Evaluate the impact of changes to an object on a set of policies and devices before committing the change.
- Compare a set of objects and their relationships with different policies and devices.
- Capture objects in use by a device after it has been on-boarded to Security Cloud Control.



**Note** Out-of-band changes that are done to objects are detected as overrides to the object. When such a change happens, the edited value gets added to the object as an override, which can be viewed by selecting the object. To know more about out-of-band changes on devices, see [Out-of-Band Changes on Devices](#).

If you have issues with creating, editing, or reading objects from an onboarded device, see [Troubleshoot Security Cloud Control](#) for more information.

## Object Types

The following table describes the objects that you can create for your devices and manage using Security Cloud Control.

**Table 2: Common Objects**

Object Type	Description
<a href="#">Network</a>	Network groups and network objects (collectively referred to as network objects) define the addresses of hosts or networks.
<a href="#">URL</a>	Use URL objects and groups (collectively referred to as URL objects) to define the URL or IP addresses of web requests. You can use these objects to implement manual URL filtering in access control policies or blocking in Security Intelligence policies.

**Table 3: Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) Object Types**

Object	Description
<a href="#">Address Pool</a>	Address pool objects can be configured to match against an individual IPv4 or IPv6 address or an IP address range.



Object	Description
<a href="#">AnyConnect Client Profile</a>	AnyConnect Client Profile objects are file objects and represent files used in configurations, typically for remote access VPN policies. They can contain an AnyConnect Client Profile and AnyConnect Client Image files.
<a href="#">Network Objects</a>	Network groups and network objects (collectively referred to as network objects) define the addresses of hosts or networks.
<a href="#">Service Objects</a>	Service objects, service groups, and port groups are reusable components that contain protocols or ports considered part of the TCP/IP protocol suite.
<a href="#">ASA Time Range Objects</a>	A time range object defines a specific time consisting of a start time, an end time, and optional recurring entries. You use these objects in network policies to provide time-based access to certain features or assets.
<a href="#">Trustpoint Objects</a>	Trustpoints let you manage and track digital certificates in ASA.

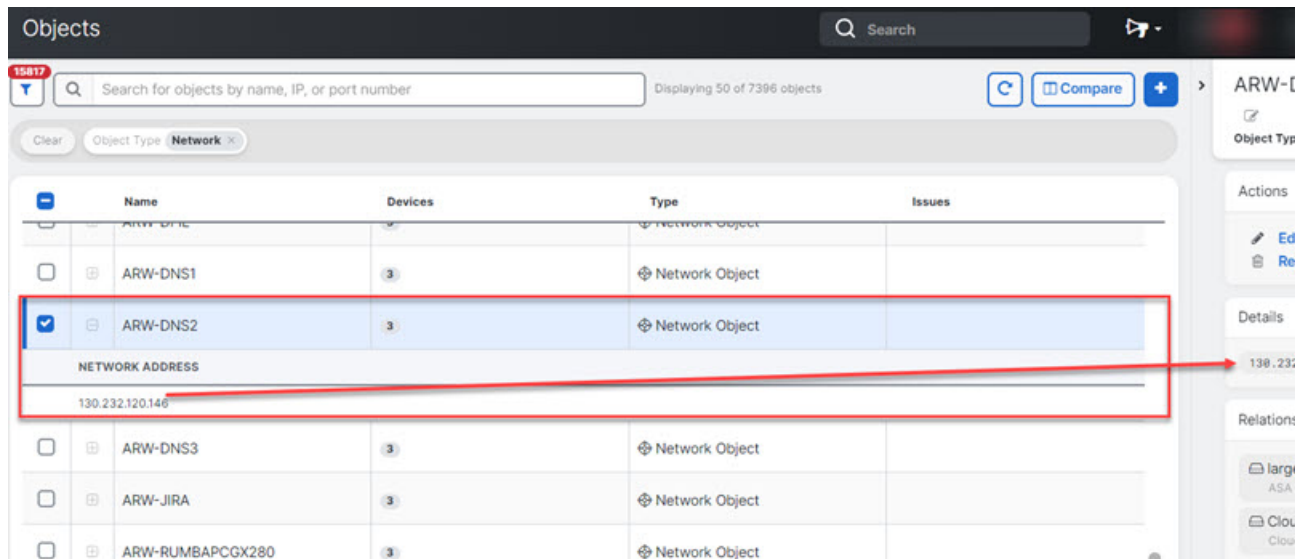
## Shared Objects

Security Cloud Control calls objects on multiple devices with the same name and same contents, **shared objects**. Shared objects are identified by this icon



on the **Objects** page. Shared objects make it easy to maintain policies because you can modify an object in one place and that change affects all the other policies that use that object. Without shared objects, you would need to modify all the policies individually that require the same change.

When looking at a shared object, Security Cloud Control shows you the contents of the object in the object table. Shared objects have exactly the same contents. Security Cloud Control shows you a combined or "flattened" view of the elements of the object in the details pane. Notice that in the details pane, the network elements are flattened into a simple list and not directly associated with a named object.



## Object Overrides

An object override allows you to override the value of a shared network object on specific devices. Security Cloud Control uses the corresponding value for the devices that you specify when configuring the override. Although the objects are on two or more devices with the same name but different values, Security Cloud Control doesn't identify them as **Inconsistent objects** only because these values are added as overrides.

You can create an object whose definition works for most devices, and then use overrides to specify modifications to the object for the few devices that need different definitions. You can also create an object that needs to be overridden for all devices, but its use allows you to create a single policy for all devices. Object overrides allow you to create a smaller set of shared policies for use across devices without giving up the ability to alter policies when needed for individual devices.

For example, consider a scenario where you have a printer server in each of your offices, and you have created a printer server object `print-server`. You have a rule in your ACL to deny printer servers from accessing the internet. The printer server object has a default value that you want to change from one office to another. You can do this by using object overrides and maintain rule and "printer-server" object consistent across all locations, although their values may be different.

Out-of-band changes that are done to objects are detected as overrides to the object. When such a change happens, the edited value gets added to the object as an override, which can be viewed by selecting the object. To know more about out-of-band changes, see [Out-of-Band Changes on Devices](#).

Editing Shared Network Object
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Object Name \*

Devices

2 Devices

Usage

0 Rule Sets

Description

Default Value ▾

ASAv-99-18

Override Values ▾

Value	Devices	
126.0.2.4	Pasadena-ftd-730-516-...	<span>✎</span> <span>⬆</span> <span>🗑</span>
126.0.1.6	BGL_FTD_7.3	<span>✎</span> <span>⬆</span> <span>🗑</span>
126.0.1.9	connected_fmc	<span>✎</span> <span>⬆</span> <span>🗑</span>

Cancel
Save



**Note** If there are inconsistent objects, you can combine them into a single shared object with overrides. For more information, see [Resolve Inconsistent Object Issues](#).

## Unassociated Objects

You can create objects for immediate use in rules or policies. You can also create an object that is unassociated with any rule or policy. When you use that unassociated object in a rule or policy, Security Cloud Control creates a copy of it and uses the copy. The original unassociated object remains among the list of available objects until it is either deleted by a nightly maintenance job, or you delete it.

Unassociated objects remain in Security Cloud Control as a copy to ensure that not all configurations are lost if the rule or policy associated with the object is deleted accidentally.

In the left pane, click **Objects** > and check the **Unassociated** checkbox.

## Compare Objects


### Procedure

- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects** and choose an option.
- Step 2** Filter the objects on the page to find the objects you want to compare.
- Step 3** Click the **Compare** button

- Step 4** Select up to three objects to compare.
- Step 5** View the objects, side-by-side, at the bottom of the screen.
- Click the up and down arrows in the Object Details title bar to see more or less of the Object Details.
  - Expand or collapse the Details and Relationships boxes to see more or less information.
- Step 6** (Optional) The Relationships box shows how an object is used. It may be associated with a device or a policy. If the object is associated with a device, you can click the device name and then click **View Configuration** to see the configuration of the device. Security Cloud Control shows you the device's configuration file and highlights the entry for that object.
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## Filters

You can use many different filters on the **Security Devices** and **Objects** pages to find the devices and objects you are looking for.

To filter, click  in the left-hand pane of the Security Devices, Policies, and Objects tabs:

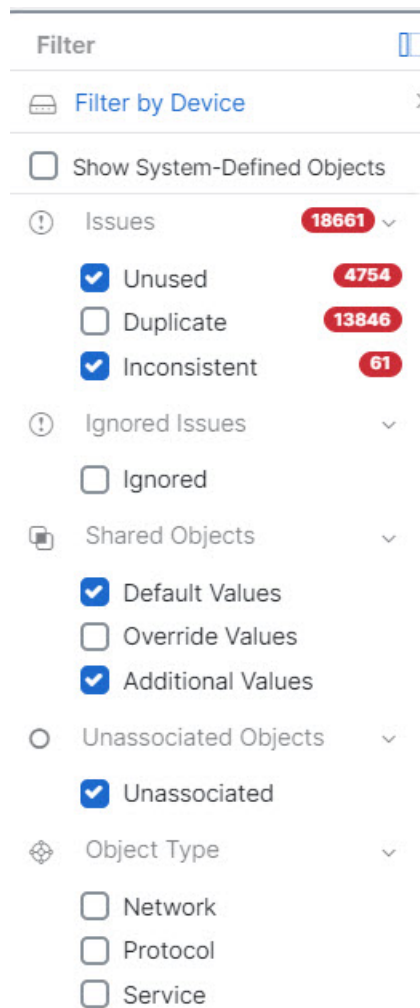
The Security Devices filter allows you to filter by device type, hardware and software versions, snort version, configuration status, connection states, conflict detection, and secure device connectors, and labels. You can apply filters to find devices within a selected device type tab. You can use filters to find devices within the selected device type tab.

The object filter allows you to filter by device, issue type, shared objects, unassociated objects, and object type. You can include system objects in your results or not. You can also use the search field to search for objects in the filter results that contain a certain name, IP address, or port number.


The object type filter allows you to filter objects by type, such as network object, network group, URL object, URL group, service object, and service group. The shared objects filter allows filtering objects having default values or override values.

When filtering devices and objects, you can combine your search terms to create several potential search strategies to find relevant results.

In the following example, filters are applied to search objects that are "Issues (Used OR Inconsistent) AND Shared Objects with Additional Values.



## Object Filters

To filter, click  in the left-hand pane of the Objects tab:

- **Filter by Device:** Lets you pick a specific device so that you can see objects found on the selected device.
- **Issues:** Lets you pick unused, duplicate, and inconsistent objects to view.
- **Ignored Issues:** Lets you view all the objects whose inconsistencies you had ignored.
- **Shared Objects:** Lets you view all the objects that Security Cloud Control has found to be shared on more than one device. You can choose to see shared objects with only default values or override values, or both.
- **Unassociated Objects:** Lets you view all the objects that are not associated with any rule or policy.
- **Object Type:** Lets you select an object type to see only those type of objects that you have selected, such as network objects, network groups, URL objects, URL groups, service objects, and service groups.

**Sub filters** – Within each main filter, there are sub-filters you can apply to further narrow down your selection. These sub-filters are based on Object Type – Network, Service, Protocol, etc.

The selected filters in this filter bar would return objects that match the following criteria:

- \* Objects that are on one of two devices. (Click **Filter by Device** to specify the devices.) AND are
- \* **Inconsistent** objects AND are
- \* **Network** objects OR **Service** objects AND
- \* Have the word "**group**" in their object naming convention

Because **Show System Objects** is checked, the result would include both system objects and user-defined objects.

### Show System-Defined Objects Filter

Some devices come with pre-defined objects for common services. These system objects are convenient because they are already made for you and you can use them in your rules and policies. There can be many system objects in the objects table. System objects cannot be edited or deleted.


**Show System-Defined Objects** is **off** by default. To display system objects in the object table, check **Show System-Defined Objects** in the filter bar. To hide system objects in the object table, leave Show System Objects unchecked in the filter bar.

If you hide system objects, they will not be included in your search and filtering results. If you show system objects, they will be included in your object search and filtering results.

## Configure Object Filters

You can filter on as few or as many criteria as you want. The more categories you filter by, the fewer results you should expect.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
- Step 2** Open the filter panel by clicking the filter icon  at the top of the page. Uncheck any filters that have been checked to make sure no objects are inadvertently filtered out. Additionally, look at the search field and delete any text that may have been entered in the search field.
- Step 3** If you want to restrict your results to those found on particular devices:
- a. Click **Filter By Device**.
  - b. Search all the devices or click a device tab to search for only devices of a certain kind.
  - c. Check the device you want to include in your filter criteria.
  - d. Click **OK**.
- Step 4** Check **Show System Objects** to include system objects in your search results. Uncheck **Show System Objects** to exclude system objects from your search results.
- Step 5** Check the object **Issues** you want to filter by. If you check more than one issue, objects in any of the categories you check are included in your filter results.
- Step 6** Check **Ignored** issues if you want to see the object that had issues but was ignored by the administrator.
- Step 7** Check the required filter in **Shared Objects** if you are filtering for objects shared between two or more devices.

- **Default Values:** Filters objects having only the default values.
- **Override Values:** Filters objects having overridden values.
- **Additional Values:** Filters objects having additional values.

- Step 8** Check **Unassociated** if you are filtering for objects that are not part of any rule or policy.
- Step 9** Check the **Object Types** you want to filter by.
- Step 10** You can also add an object name, IP address, or port number to the Objects search field to find objects with your search criteria among the filtered results.
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### When to Exclude a Device from Filter Criteria

When adding a device to filtering criteria, the results show you the objects on a device but not the relationships of those objects to other devices. For example, assume **ObjectA** is shared between ASA1 and ASA2. If you were to filter objects to find shared objects on ASA1, you would find **ObjectA** but the **Relationships** pane would only show you that the object is on ASA1.

To see all the devices to which an object is related, don't specify a device in your search criteria. Filter by the other criteria and add search criteria if you choose to. Select an object that Security Cloud Control identifies and then look in the Relationships pane. You will see all the devices and policies the object is related to.

## Unignore Objects

One way to resolve unused, duplicate, or inconsistent objects is to ignore them. You may decide that though an object is **unused**, a **duplicate**, or **inconsistent**, there are valid reasons for that state and you choose to leave the object issue unresolved. At some point in the future, you may want to resolve those ignored objects. As Security Cloud Control does not display ignored objects when you search for object issues, you will need to filter the object list for ignored objects and then act on the results.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects** and choose an option.
- Step 2** [Object Filters](#).
- Step 3** In the **Object** table, select the object you want to unignore. You can unignore one object at a time.
- Step 4** Click **Unignore** in the details pane.
- Step 5** Confirm your request. Now, when you filter your objects by issue, you should find the object that was previously ignored.
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## Deleting Objects

You can delete a single object or multiple objects.

## Delete a Single Object




### Caution

If cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:

Changes you make to the ASA, FDM, and FTD network objects and groups are reflected in the corresponding cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center network object or group. In addition, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each on-premises management center with **Discover & Manage Network Objects** enabled, from which you can choose and deploy the changes to the on-premises management center on which you have these objects.

Deleting a network object or group from either page deletes the object or group from both pages.


### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
  - Step 2** Locate the object you want to delete by using object filters and the search field, and select it.
  - Step 3** Review the **Relationships** pane. If the object is used in a policy or in an object group, you cannot delete the object until you remove it from that policy or group.
  - Step 4** In the Actions pane, click the **Remove** icon .
  - Step 5** Confirm that you want to delete the object by clicking **OK**.
  - Step 6** [Review and deploy](#) the changes you made, or wait and deploy multiple changes at once.
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## Delete a Group of Unused Objects

As you onboard devices and start resolving object issues, you find many unused objects. You can delete up to 50 unused objects at a time.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Use the **Issues** filter to find **unused** objects. You can also use the Device filter to find objects that are not associated with a device by selecting **No Device**. Once you have filtered the object list, the object checkboxes appear.
  - Step 2** Check the **Select all** checkbox in the object table header to select all the objects found by the filter that appear in the object table; or, check individual checkboxes for individual objects you want to delete.
  - Step 3** In the Actions pane, click the **Remove** icon .
  - Step 4** [Review and deploy](#) now the changes you made, or wait and deploy multiple changes at once.
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## Network Objects

A **network object** can contain a host name, a network IP address, a range of IP addresses, a fully qualified domain name (FQDN), or a subnetwork expressed in CIDR notation. **Network groups** are collections of network objects and other individual addresses or subnetworks you add to the group. Network objects and



network groups are used in access rules, network policies, and NAT rules. You can create, update, and delete network objects and network groups using Security Cloud Control.

Note that not all platforms support network objects, such as Cisco Meraki and Multicloud Defense; when you share dynamic objects, Security Cloud Control automatically translates the appropriate information from the originating platform or device into a set of usable information that Security Cloud Control can use.

**Table 4: Permitted Values of Network Objects**

Device type	IPv4 / IPv6	Single Address	Range of addresses	Fully Qualified Domain Name	Subnet using CIDR Notation
ASA	IPv4 and IPv6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multicloud Defense	IPv4 and IPv6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Table 5: Permitted Contents of a Network Group**

Device type	IP Value	Network Object	Network Groups
ASA	Yes	Yes	Yes
Multicloud Defense	Yes	Yes	Yes

### Reusing Network Objects Across Products

If you have a Security Cloud Control tenant with a cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center and one or more on-premises management centers onboarded to your tenant:

- When you create a Secure Firewall Threat Defense, FDM-managed threat defense, ASA, or Meraki network object or group, a copy of the object is also added to the objects list on the **Objects** page used when configuring cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, and vice versa.
- When you create a Secure Firewall Threat Defense, FDM-managed threat defense, or ASA network object or group, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each On-Premises Firewall Management Center for which **Discover & Manage Network Objects** is enabled. From this list, you can choose and deploy the object to the on-premises management center on which you want to use the object and discard the ones that you do not want. Navigate to **Administration > Firewall Management Center** select the on-premises management center, and click **Objects** to see your objects in the On-Premises Firewall Management Center user interface and assign them to policies.

Changes you make to network objects or groups on either page apply to the object or group instance on both pages. Deleting an object from one page also deletes the corresponding copy of the object from the other page.

#### Exceptions:

- If a network object of the same name already exists for cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, the new Secure Firewall Threat Defense, FDM-managed threat defense, ASA, or Meraki network object will not be replicated on the **Objects** page of Security Cloud Control.
- Network objects and groups in onboarded threat defense devices that are managed by on-premises Secure Firewall Management Center are not replicated and cannot be used in cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center.

Note that for on-premises Secure Firewall Management Center instances that have been *migrated* to cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, network objects and groups *are* replicated to the Security Cloud Control objects page if they are used in policies that were deployed to FTD devices.

- Sharing Network Objects between Security Cloud Control and cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is automatically enabled on new tenants but must be requested for existing tenants. If your network objects are not being shared with cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center, [contact TAC](#) to have the features enabled on your tenant.
- Sharing network objects between Security Cloud Control and On-Premises Management Center is not automatically enabled on Security Cloud Control for new on-premises management centers onboarded to Security Cloud Control. If your network objects are not being shared with On-Premises Management Center, ensure **Discover & Manage Network Objects** toggle button is enabled for the on-premises management center in **Settings** or [contact TAC](#) to have the features enabled on your tenant.

### Viewing Network Objects

Network objects you create using Security Cloud Control and those Security Cloud Control recognizes in an onboarded device's configuration are displayed on the Objects page. They are labeled with their object type. This allows you to filter by object type to quickly find the object you are looking for.

When you select a network object on the Objects page, you see the object's values in the Details pane. The Relationships pane shows you if the object is used in a policy and on what device the object is stored.

When you click on a network group you see the contents of that group. The network group is a conglomerate of all the values given to it by the network objects.

## Create or Edit ASA Network Objects and Network Groups

An **ASA network object** can contain a hostname, an IP address, or a subnet address expressed in CIDR notation. **Network groups** are conglomerates of network objects, network groups, and IP addresses that are used in access rules, network policies, and NAT rules. You can create, read, update, and delete network objects and network groups using Security Cloud Control.

**Table 6: Permitted Values of ASA Network Objects and Groups**

Device type	IPv4 / IPv6	Single Address	Range of addresses	Partially Qualified Domain Name (PQDN)	Subnet using CIDR Notation
ASA	IPv4 / IPv6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



**Note** If cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:

When you create an FTD, FDM, or ASA network object or group on the **Objects** page, a copy of the object is automatically added to the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center and vice-versa. In addition, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each on-premises management center with **Discover & Manage Network Objects** enabled, from which you can choose and deploy the objects to the on-premises management center on which you want these objects.

**Caution**

If cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:

Changes you make to the ASA, FDM, and FTD network objects and groups are reflected in the corresponding cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center network object or group. In addition, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each on-premises management center with **Discover & Manage Network Objects** enabled, from which you can choose and deploy the changes to the on-premises management center on which you have these objects.

Deleting a network object or group from either page deletes the object or group from both pages.

## Create an ASA Network Object


A **network object** can contain a host name, a network IP address, a range of IP addresses, a fully qualified domain name (FQDN), or a subnetwork expressed in CIDR notation. Network objects are used in access rules, network policies, and NAT rules. You can create, update, and delete network objects and network groups using Security Cloud Control.

**Note**

If cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:

When you create an FTD, FDM, or ASA network object or group on the **Objects** page, a copy of the object is automatically added to the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center and vice-versa. In addition, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each on-premises management center with **Discover & Manage Network Objects** enabled, from which you can choose and deploy the objects to the on-premises management center on which you want these objects.

## Procedure

- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
  - Step 2** Click the blue plus button  to create an object.
  - Step 3** Click **ASA > Network**.
  - Step 4** Enter an object name.
  - Step 5** Select **Create a network object**.
  - Step 6** (optional) Enter an object description.
  - Step 7** In the **Value** section, add the IP address information in one of these ways:
    - Select **eq** and then enter a single IP address, a subnet address using CIDR notation, or a Partially Qualified Domain Name (PQDN).
    - Select **range** and then enter a range of IP addresses. Enter the range with the beginning and ending address in the range separated by a space. For example, 10.1.1.1 10.1.1.255 or 2001:DB8:1::1 2001:DB8:1::3
  - Step 8** Click **Add**.
- Important**

The newly created network objects aren't associated with any ASA device as they aren't part of any rule or policy. To see these objects, select the **Unassociated** objects category in object filters. For more information, see [Object Filters](#). Once you use the unassociated objects in a device's rule or policy, such objects are associated with that device.

## Create an ASA Network Group


A **network group** can contain IP address values, network objects, and network groups. When you are creating a new network group, you can search for existing objects by their name, IP addresses, IP address range, or FQDN and add them to the network group. If the object isn't present, you can instantly create that object in the same interface and add it to the network group. Network groups can contain both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses.



**Note** If cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:

When you create an FTD, FDM, or ASA network object or group on the **Objects** page, a copy of the object is automatically added to the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center and vice-versa. In addition, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each on-premises management center with **Discover & Manage Network Objects** enabled, from which you can choose and deploy the objects to the on-premises management center on which you want these objects.

## Procedure

- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
- Step 2** Click the blue plus button  to create an object.
- Step 3** Click **ASA > Network**.
- Step 4** Enter an **Object Name**.
- Step 5** Select **Create a network group**.
- Step 6** (optional) Enter an object description.
- Step 7** In the **Values** field, enter a value or object name. When you start typing, Security Cloud Control provides object names or values that match your entry.
- Step 8** You can choose one of the existing objects shown or create a new one based on the name or value that you have entered.
- Step 9** If Security Cloud Control finds a match, to choose an existing object, click **Add** to add the network object or network group to the new network group.
- Step 10** If you have entered a value or object that is not present, you can perform one of the following:
  - Click **Add as New Object With This Name** to create a new object with that name. Enter a value and click the check mark to save it.
  - Click **Add as New Object** to create a new object. The object name and value are the same. Enter a name and click the check mark to save it.
  - Click **Add Value** to create an inline value without using an object. Enter a value and click the check mark to save it.

It's possible to create a new object even though the value is already present. You can make changes to those objects and save them.

**Note**

You can click the edit icon to modify the details. Clicking the delete button doesn't delete the object itself; instead, it removes it from the network group.

**Step 11** After adding the required objects, click **Add** to create a new network group.

**Step 12** [Preview and Deploy Configuration Changes for All Devices.](#)

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## Edit an ASA Network Object

**Caution**

If cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:

Changes you make to the ASA, FDM, and FTD network objects and groups are reflected in the corresponding cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center network object or group. In addition, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each on-premises management center with **Discover & Manage Network Objects** enabled, from which you can choose and deploy the changes to the on-premises management center on which you have these objects.

Deleting a network object or group from either page deletes the object or group from both pages.


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## Procedure

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**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.

**Step 2** Locate the object you want to edit by using object filters and search field.

**Step 3** Select the network object and click the edit icon  in the **Actions** pane.

**Step 4** Edit the values in the dialog box in the same fashion that you created in the procedures above.

**Note**

Click the delete icon next to remove the object from the network group.

**Step 5** Click **Save**. Security Cloud Control displays the devices that will be affected by the change.

**Step 6** Click **Confirm** to finalize the change to the object and any devices affected by it.

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## Edit an ASA Network Group



### Caution

If cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:


Changes you make to the ASA, FDM, and FTD network objects and groups are reflected in the corresponding cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center network object or group. In addition, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each on-premises management center with **Discover & Manage Network Objects** enabled, from which you can choose and deploy the changes to the on-premises management center on which you have these objects.

Deleting a network object or group from either page deletes the object or group from both pages.


## Procedure

**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.

**Step 2** Locate the network group you want to edit by using object filters and search field.

**Step 3** Select the network group and click the edit icon  in the **Actions** pane.

**Step 4** If you want to change the objects or network groups that are already added to the network group, perform the following steps:

- a. Click the edit icon  appearing beside the object name or network group to modify them.
- b. Click the checkmark to save your changes.

### Note

You can click the remove icon to delete the value from a network group.

**Step 5** If you want to add new network objects or network groups to this network group, you have to perform the following steps:

- a. In the **Values** field, enter a new value or the name of an existing network object. When you start typing, Security Cloud Control provides object names or values that match your entry. You can choose one of the existing objects shown or create a new one based on the name or value that you have entered.
- b. If Security Cloud Control finds a match, to choose an existing object, click **Add** to add the network object or network group to the new network group.
- c. If you have entered a value or object that is not present, you can perform one of the following:
  - Click **Add as New Object With This Name** to create a new object with that name. Enter a value and click the checkmark to save it.
  - Click **Add as New Object** to create a new object. The object name and value are the same. Enter a name and click the checkmark to save it.
  - Click **Add Value** to create an inline value without using an object. Enter a value and click the checkmark to save it.

It's possible to create a new object even though the value is already present. You can make changes to those objects and save them.

**Step 6** Click **Save**. Security Cloud Control displays the policies that will be affected by the change.

**Step 7** Click **Confirm** to finalize the change to the object and any devices affected by it.

**Step 8** [Preview and Deploy Configuration Changes for All Devices](#).

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## Add Additional Values to a Shared Network Group in Security Cloud Control

The values in a shared network group that are present on all devices associated with it are called "default values". Security Cloud Control allows you to add "additional values" to the shared network group and assign those values to some devices associated with that shared network group. When Security Cloud Control deploys the changes to the devices, it determines the contents and pushes the "default values" to all devices associated with the shared network group and the "additional values" only to the specified devices.

For example, consider a scenario where you have four AD main servers in your head office that should be accessible from all your sites. Therefore, you have created an object group named "Active-Directory" to use it in all your sites. Now you want to add two more AD servers to one of your branch offices. You can do this by adding their details as additional values specific to that branch office on the object group "Active-Directory". These two servers do not participate in determining whether the object "Active-Directory" is consistent or shared. Therefore, the four AD main servers are accessible from all your sites, but the branch office (with two additional servers) can access two AD servers and four AD main servers.



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**Note** If there are inconsistent shared network groups, you can combine them into a single shared network group with additional values. See [Resolve Inconsistent Object Issues](#) for more information.

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**Caution** If cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:

Changes you make to the ASA, FDM, and FTD network objects and groups are reflected in the corresponding cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center network object or group. In addition, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each on-premises management center with **Discover & Manage Network Objects** enabled, from which you can choose and deploy the changes to the on-premises management center on which you have these objects.

Deleting a network object or group from either page deletes the object or group from both pages.

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## Procedure

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**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.

**Step 2** Locate the shared network group you want to edit by using object filters and search field.

**Step 3** Click the edit icon  in the **Actions** pane.

- The **Devices** field shows the devices the shared network group is present.
- The **Usage** field shows the rulesets associated with the shared network group.

- The **Default Values** field specifies the default network objects and their values associated with the shared network group that was provided during their creation. Next to this field, you can see the number of devices that contain this default value, and you can click to see their names and device types. You can also see the rulesets associated with this value.

**Step 4** In the **Additional Values** field, enter a value or name. When you start typing, Security Cloud Control provides object names or values that match your entry.

**Step 5** You can choose one of the existing objects shown or create a new one based on the name or value that you have entered.

**Step 6** If Security Cloud Control finds a match, to choose an existing object, click **Add** to add the network object or network group to the new network group.

**Step 7** If you have entered a value or object that is not present, you can perform one of the following:

- Click **Add as New Object With This Name** to create a new object with that name. Enter a value and click the checkmark to save it.
- Click **Add as New Object** to create a new object. The object name and value are the same. Enter a name and click the checkmark to save it.
- Click **Add Value** to create an inline value without using an object. Enter a value and click the checkmark to save it.

It's possible to create a new object even though the value is already present. You can make changes to those objects and save them.

**Step 8** In the **Devices** column, click the cell associated with the newly added object and click **Add Devices**.

**Step 9** Select the devices that you want and click **OK**.

**Step 10** Click **Save**. Security Cloud Control displays the devices that will be affected by the change.

**Step 11** Click **Confirm** to finalize the change to the object and any devices affected by it.

**Step 12** [Preview and Deploy Configuration Changes for All Devices](#).

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## Edit Additional Values in a Shared Network Group in Security Cloud Control



**Caution** If cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:

Changes you make to the ASA, FDM, and FTD network objects and groups are reflected in the corresponding cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center network object or group. In addition, an entry is created in the **Devices with Pending Changes** page for each on-premises management center with **Discover & Manage Network Objects** enabled, from which you can choose and deploy the changes to the on-premises management center on which you have these objects.

Deleting a network object or group from either page deletes the object or group from both pages.

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## Procedure

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**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.

**Step 2** Locate the object having the override you want to edit by using object filters and search field.



**Step 3** Click the edit icon  in the **Actions** pane.

**Step 4** Modify the override value:

- Click the edit icon to modify the value.
- Click the cell in the **Devices** column to assign new devices. You can select an already assigned device and click **Remove Overrides** to remove overrides on that device.
- Click  arrow in **Default Values** to push and make it an additional value of the shared network group. All devices associated with the shared network group are automatically assigned to it.
- Click  arrow in **Override Values** to push and make it as default objects of the shared network group.
- Click the delete icon next to remove the object from the network group.

**Step 5** Click **Save**. Security Cloud Control displays the devices that will be affected by the change.

**Step 6** Click **Confirm** to finalize the change to the object and any devices affected by it.

**Step 7** [Preview and Deploy Configuration Changes for All Devices](#).

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## Deleting Network Objects and Groups in Security Cloud Control

If Cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center is deployed on your tenant:

Deleting a network object or group from the **Objects** page deletes the replicated network object or group from the **Objects** page on the cloud-delivered Firewall Management Center and vice-versa.

## Trustpoint Objects

Security Cloud Control allows you to add digital certificates as trustpoint objects and then install them on one or multiple managed ASA devices. A single trustpoint object is a container that holds an identity pair (identity certificate and issuer's CA certificate), identity certificate only, or CA certificate only.

You can configure many trustpoints in an ASA device. The supported certificate formats are PKCS12, PEM, and DER.

## Adding an Identity Certificate Object Using PKCS12


This procedure creates an internal certificate identity or internal identity certificate by uploading a certificate file or pasting existing certificate text into a text box. You can generate as many identity certificates as you want.

You can upload a file encoded in **PKCS12** format. A PKCS12 is a single file that holds the CA server certificate, any intermediate certificates, and the private key in one encrypted file. A PKCS#12, or PFX, file holds a server certificate, intermediate certificates, and a private key in one encrypted file. Enter the **Passphrase** value for decryption.

### Procedure

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**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.

**Step 2** Click  and select **ASA > Trustpoints**.

**Step 3** Enter an **Object Name** for the certificate. The name is used in the configuration as an object name only, it does not become part of the certificate itself.

**Step 4** In the **Certificate Type** step, select **Identity Certificate**.

**Step 5** In the **Import Type** step, select **Upload** to upload the certificate file.

The **Enrollment** step is set to Terminal.

**Step 6** In the **Certificate Contents** step, enter the PKCS12 format details.

A PKCS#12, or PFX, file holds a server certificate, intermediate certificates, and a private key in one encrypted file. Enter the **Passphrase** value for decryption.

**Step 7** Click **Continue**.

**Step 8** In the **Advanced Options** step, you can configure the following:

In the **Revocation** tab, you can configure the following:

- **Enable Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL)** — Check to enable CRL checking.

By default the **Use CRL distribution point from the certificate** check box is selected to obtain the revocation lists distribution URL from the certificate.

**Cache Refresh Time (in minutes)** — Enter the number of minutes between cache refreshes. The default is 60 minutes. The range is 1-1440 minutes. To avoid having to retrieve the same CRL from a CA repeatedly, the ASA can store retrieved CRLs locally, which is called CRL caching. The CRL cache capacity varies by platform and is cumulative across all contexts. If an attempt to cache a newly retrieved CRL would exceed its storage limits, the ASA removes the least recently used CRL until more space becomes available.

- **Enable Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)** — Check to enable OCSP checking.

**OCSP Server URL**—The URL of the OCSP server checking for revocation if you require OCSP checks. This URL must start with **http://**.

**Disable Nonce Extension** — Enable the check box which cryptographically binds requests with responses to avoid replay attacks. This process works by matching the extension in the request to that in the response, ensuring that they are the same. Uncheck the **Disable Nonce Extension** check box if the OCSP server you are using sends pregenerated responses that do not include this matching nonce extension.

**Evaluation Priority** — Specify whether to evaluate the revocation status of a certificate first in CRL or OSCP.

- **Consider the certificate valid if revocation information cannot be reached**— Select this check box to consider the certificate to be a valid certificate if revocation information is unreachable.

For more information on revocation check, see the "Digital Certificates" chapter in the "[Basic Settings](#)" book of the [Cisco ASA Series General Operations ASDM Configuration, X.Y](#) document.

Click the **Others** tab:

- **Use CA Certificate for the Validation of** — Specify the type of connections that can be validated by this CA.
  - **IPSec Client** — Validates certificate presented by remote SSL servers.
  - **SSL Client** — Validates certificates presented by incoming SSL connections.
  - **SSL Server** — Validates certificates presented by incoming IPSec connections.

- **Use Identity Certificate for** — Specify how the enrolled ID certificate can be used.
  - **SSL & IPsec** — Use for authenticating SSL & IPsec connections
  - **Code Signer** — Code signer certificates are special certificates whose associated private keys are used to create digital signatures. The certificates used to sign code are obtained from a CA, with the signed code itself revealing the certificate origin.
- **Other Options:**
  - **Enable CA flag in basic constraints extension** — Select this option if this certificate should be able to sign other certificates. The basic constraints extension identifies whether the subject of the certificate is a Certificate Authority (CA), in which case the certificate can be used to sign other certificates. The CA flag is part of this extension. The presence of these items in a certificate i
  - **Accept certificates issued by this CA** — Select this option to indicate that the ASA should accept certificates from the specified CA.
  - **Ignore IPsec Key Usage** — Select this option if you do not want to validate values in the key usage and extended key usage extensions of IPsec remote client certificates. You can suppress key usage checking on IPsec client certificates. By default, this option is not enabled.

**Step 9** Click **Add**.

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## Creating a Self-Signed Identity Certificate Object

This procedure describes steps for generating a self-signed certificate for your ASA by entering the appropriate certificate field values in a wizard. You can generate as many self-signed certificates as you want.

To create a Self-Signed identity certificate object, perform the following steps:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
- Step 2** Click  and select **ASA > Trustpoints**.
- Step 3** Enter an **Object Name** for the certificate. The name is used in the configuration as an object name only, it does not become part of the certificate itself.
- Step 4** In the **Identity Certificate** step, select **Identity Certificate**.
- Step 5** In the **Import Type** step, select **New** to upload the certificate file and click **Continue**.
- Step 6** In the **Enrollment** step, select **Self-Signed** and click **Continue**.  
The **Certificates Content** step appears. Read [Self-Signed and CSR Certificate Generation Based on Certificate Contents](#) to understand the CN and SANS content in the Self-Signed certificate that is being generated.
- Step 7** In the **Certificate Contents** step, configure the following:
  - **Country (C)**— Select the country code from the drop-down list.
  - **State or Province (ST)**—The state or province to include in the certificate.

- **Locality or City (L)**—The locality to include in the certificate, such as the name of the city.
- **Organization (O)**—The organization or company name to include in the certificate.
- **Organizational Unit (Department) (OU)**—The name of the organization unit (for example, a department name) to include in the certificate.
- **Common Name (CN)**—The X.500 common name to include in the certificate. This could be the name of the device, web site, or another text string. This element is usually required for successful connections. For example, you must include a CN in the internal certificate used for remote access VPN.
- **Email Address (EA)**— The e-mail address associated with the identity certificate.
- **IP Address**— The ASA IP address on the network in four-part, dotted-decimal notation.
- **Device's FQDN**— An unambiguous domain name, to indicate the position of the node in the DNS tree hierarchy.
- **Include Device's Serial Number**— Select the check box if you want to add the ASA serial number to the certificate parameters.

a) Click the **Key** tab.

- Choose the **RSA** or **ECDSA** key type.
- **Key Size**: If the key pair does not exist, defines the desired key size (modulus), in bits. The recommended key size for RSA is 1024 and for ECDSA is 348. The larger the modulus size, the more secure the key. However, keys with larger modulus sizes take longer to generate (a minute or more when larger than 512 bits) and longer to process when exchanged.
- Click **Continue**.

**Step 8** In the **Advanced Options** step, you can configure the following:

In the **Revocation** tab, you can configure the following:

- **Enable Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL)** — Check to enable CRL checking.

By default the **Use CRL distribution point from the certificate** check box is selected to obtain the revocation lists distribution URL from the certificate.

**Cache Refresh Time (in minutes)** — Enter the number of minutes between cache refreshes. The default is 60 minutes. The range is 1-1440 minutes. To avoid having to retrieve the same CRL from a CA repeatedly, the ASA can store retrieved CRLs locally, which is called CRL caching. The CRL cache capacity varies by platform and is cumulative across all contexts. If an attempt to cache a newly retrieved CRL would exceed its storage limits, the ASA removes the least recently used CRL until more space becomes available.

- **Enable Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)** — Check to enable OCSP checking.

**OCSP Server URL**—The URL of the OCSP server checking for revocation if you require OCSP checks. This URL must start with **http://**.

**Disable Nonce Extension** — Enable the check box which cryptographically binds requests with responses to avoid replay attacks. This process works by matching the extension in the request to that in the response, ensuring that they are the same. Uncheck the **Disable Nonce Extension** check box if the OCSP server you are using sends pregenerated responses that do not include this matching nonce extension.

**Evaluation Priority** — Specify whether to evaluate the revocation status of a certificate first in CRL or OCSP.

- **Consider the certificate valid if revocation information cannot be reached**— Select this check box to consider the certificate to be a valid certificate if revocation information is unreachable.

For more information on revocation check, see the "Digital Certificates" chapter in the "[Basic Settings](#)" book of the [Cisco ASA Series General Operations ASDM Configuration](#), X.Y document.

Click the **Others** tab:

- **Use CA Certificate for the Validation of** — Specify the type of connections that can be validated by this CA.
  - **IPSec Client** — Validates certificate presented by remote SSL servers.
  - **SSL Client** — Validates certificates presented by incoming SSL connections.
  - **SSL Server** — Validates certificates presented by incoming IPSec connections.
- **Use Identity Certificate for** — Specify how the enrolled ID certificate can be used.
  - **SSL & IPSec** — Use for authenticating SSL & IPSec connections
  - **Code Signer** — Code signer certificates are special certificates whose associated private keys are used to create digital signatures. The certificates used to sign code are obtained from a CA, with the signed code itself revealing the certificate origin.
- **Other Options:**
  - **Enable CA flag in basic constraints extension** — Select this option if this certificate should be able to sign other certificates. The basic constraints extension identifies whether the subject of the certificate is a Certificate Authority (CA), in which case the certificate can be used to sign other certificates. The CA flag is part of this extension. The presence of these items in a certificate i
  - **Accept certificates issued by this CA** — Select this option to indicate that the ASA should accept certificates from the specified CA.
  - **Ignore IPSec Key Usage** — Select this option if you do not want to validate values in the key usage and extended key usage extensions of IPsec remote client certificates. You can suppress key usage checking on IPsec client certificates. By default, this option is not enabled.

**Step 9** Click **Add**.

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## Adding an Identity Certificate Object for Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

The Certification Authority (CA) server information and enrollment parameters are required to generate Certificate Signing Requests (CSRs) and obtain Identity Certificates from the specified CA. You need to select either Rivest-Shamir-Adleman (RSA) or Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) key type to generate the request.

Create a trustpoint object by providing identification information and optionally uploading a CA certificate obtained from a CA.

## Procedure

**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.

**Step 2** Click  and select **ASA > Trustpoints**.

**Step 3** Enter an **Object Name** for the certificate. The name is used in the configuration as an object name only, it does not become part of the certificate itself.

**Step 4** In the **Identity Certificate** step, select **Identity Certificate**.

**Step 5** In the **Import Type** step, select **New** to upload the certificate file and click **Continue**.

**Step 6** In the **Enrollment** step, select **Manual**.

**Step 7** (optional) You can paste or upload the CA certificate obtained from your CA. You can leave the field empty.

**Step 8** Click Continue.

The Certificates Content step appears. Read [Self-Signed and CSR Certificate Generation Based on Certificate Contents](#) to understand the CN and SANS content in the Signed certificate that is being generated.

**Step 9** In the **Certificate Contents** step, configure the following:

- **Country (C)**— Select the country code from the drop-down list.
- **State or Province (ST)**—The state or province to include in the certificate.
- **Locality or City (L)**—The locality to include in the certificate, such as the name of the city.
- **Organization (O)**—The organization or company name to include in the certificate.
- **Organizational Unit (Department) (OU)**—The name of the organization unit (for example, a department name) to include in the certificate.
- **Common Name (CN)**—The X.500 common name to include in the certificate. This could be the name of the device, web site, or another text string. This element is usually required for successful connections. For example, you must include a CN in the internal certificate used for remote access VPN.
- **Email Address (EA)**— The e-mail address associated with the identity certificate.
- **IP Address**— The ASA IP address on the network in four-part, dotted-decimal notation.
- **Subject Alternative Name (SAN)**— This field will be part of Certificate Subject DN as 'unstructuredName' as well. We recommend you use this field if the certificate is used for multiple domains or IP addresses.
  - **Use Device Host Name:** Host name of the device is used.
  - **Custom: Device's FQDN**— An unambiguous domain name, to indicate the position of the node in the DNS tree hierarchy.

### Note

We recommend the values specified in CN and **Custom FQDN** are the same.

- **Include Device's Serial Number**— Select the check box if you want to include the serial number of ASA in the certificate. The CA uses the serial number to either authenticate certificates or to later associate a certificate with a particular device. If you are in doubt, include the serial number, as it is useful for debugging purposes.

- a) Click the **Key** tab.
- Choose the **RSA** or **ECDSA** key type.
  - **Key Size:** If the key pair does not exist, defines the desired key size (modulus), in bits. The recommended key size for RSA is 1024 and for ECDSA is 348. The larger the modulus size, the more secure the key. However, keys with larger modulus sizes take longer to generate (a minute or more when larger than 512 bits) and longer to process when exchanged.
  - Click **Continue**.

**Step 10** In the **Advanced Options** step, you can configure the following:

In the **Revocation** tab, you can configure the following:

- **Enable Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL)** — Check to enable CRL checking.

By default the **Use CRL distribution point from the certificate** check box is selected to obtain the revocation lists distribution URL from the certificate.

**Cache Refresh Time (in minutes)** — Enter the number of minutes between cache refreshes. The default is 60 minutes. The range is 1-1440 minutes. To avoid having to retrieve the same CRL from a CA repeatedly, the ASA can store retrieved CRLs locally, which is called CRL caching. The CRL cache capacity varies by platform and is cumulative across all contexts. If an attempt to cache a newly retrieved CRL would exceed its storage limits, the ASA removes the least recently used CRL until more space becomes available.

- **Enable Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)** — Check to enable OCSP checking.

**OCSP Server URL**—The URL of the OCSP server checking for revocation if you require OCSP checks. This URL must start with **http://**.

**Disable Nonce Extension** — Enable the check box which cryptographically binds requests with responses to avoid replay attacks. This process works by matching the extension in the request to that in the response, ensuring that they are the same. Uncheck the **Disable Nonce Extension** check box if the OCSP server you are using sends pregenerated responses that do not include this matching nonce extension.

**Evaluation Priority** — Specify whether to evaluate the revocation status of a certificate first in CRL or OSCP.

- **Consider the certificate valid if revocation information cannot be reached**— Select this check box to consider the certificate to be a valid certificate if revocation information is unreachable.

For more information on revocation check, see the "Digital Certificates" chapter in the "[Basic Settings](#)" book of the [Cisco ASA Series General Operations ASDM Configuration](#), X.Y document.

Click the **Others** tab:

- **Use CA Certificate for the Validation of** — Specify the type of connections that can be validated by this CA.
  - **IPSec Client** — Validates certificate presented by remote SSL servers.
  - **SSL Client** — Validates certificates presented by incoming SSL connections.
  - **SSL Server** — Validates certificates presented by incoming IPSec connections.
- **Use Identity Certificate for** — Specify how the enrolled ID certificate can be used.
  - **SSL & IPSec** — Use for authenticating SSL & IPSec connections

- **Code Signer** — Code signer certificates are special certificates whose associated private keys are used to create digital signatures. The certificates used to sign code are obtained from a CA, with the signed code itself revealing the certificate origin.
- **Other Options:**
  - **Enable CA flag in basic constraints extension** — Select this option if this certificate should be able to sign other certificates. The basic constraints extension identifies whether the subject of the certificate is a Certificate Authority (CA), in which case the certificate can be used to sign other certificates. The CA flag is part of this extension. The presence of these items in a certificate i
  - **Accept certificates issued by this CA** — Select this option to indicate that the ASA should accept certificates from the specified CA.
  - **Ignore IPsec Key Usage** — Select this option if you do not want to validate values in the key usage and extended key usage extensions of IPsec remote client certificates. You can suppress key usage checking on IPsec client certificates. By default, this option is not enabled.

**Step 11** Click **Add**.

This creates a trustpoint certificate object.

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## Adding a Trusted CA Certificate Object


Obtain a trusted CA certificate from an external certificate authority, or create one using your own internal CA, for example, with OpenSSL tools. You can upload a file encoded in one of the following supported formats:

- Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)
- Privacy-enhanced Electronic Mail (PEM)

### Procedure

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**Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.

**Step 2** Click  and select **ASA > Trustpoints**.

**Step 3** Enter an **Object Name** for the certificate. The name is used in the configuration as an object name only, it does not become part of the certificate itself.

**Step 4** In the **Certificate Type** step, select **Trusted CA Certificate**.

**Step 5** In the **Certificate Contents** step, paste the certificate contents in the text box or upload the CA certificate file as explained in the wizard.

**Step 6** Click **Continue**. The wizard advances to step 4.

The certificate must follow these guidelines:

- The name of the server in the certificate must match the server Hostname / IP Address. For example, if you use 10.10.10.250 as the IP address but ad.example.com in the certificate, the connection fails.



- The certificate must be an X509 certificate in PEM or DER format.
- The certificate you paste must include the BEGIN CERTIFICATE and END CERTIFICATE lines. For example:

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIFgTCCA2mgAwIBAgIJANvdcLnabFGYMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMFcxZzAJBgNV
BAYTA1VTMQswCQYDVQQLIDAJUWDEPMA0GA1UEBwwGYXVzdGluMRQwEgYDVQKDAx
OTIuMTY4LjEumTEUMBIGA1UEAwwLMTkyLjE2OC4xLjEwHhcNMTYxMDI3MjIzNDE3
WhcNMTcxMDI3MjIzNDE3WjBXMQswCQYDVQGEwJVUzELMAkGA1UECAwCVFgxDzAN
BgNVBACMBmFlc3RpbjEUMBIGA1UECgwLMTkyLjE2OC4xLjEwFDASBgNVBAMMCzE5
Mi4xNjguMS4xMIIICjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAg8AMIICCgKCAgEA5NceYwtP
ES6Ve+S9z7WLKX5J1F58AvH82GPkOQdrixn3FZeWLQapTpJZt/vgtAT2FZIK31h
(...20 lines removed...)
hbr6HOGK1OwXbRvOdkstzTEzVUqbgxt5Lwupg3b2ebQhWJz4BZvMsZX9etveEXDh
PY184V3yeSeYjbSFC5rP71fObG9Iu6+u4EfHp/NQv9s9dN5PMffXKieqpuN200jv
2b1sfOydf4GMUKLBUMkhQnip6+3W
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

**Step 7** In the **Advanced Options** step, you can configure the following:

In the **Revocation** tab, you can configure the following:

- **Enable Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL)** — Check to enable CRL checking.

By default the **Use CRL distribution point from the certificate** check box is selected to obtain the revocation lists distribution URL from the certificate.

**Cache Refresh Time (in minutes)** — Enter the number of minutes between cache refreshes. The default is 60 minutes. The range is 1-1440 minutes. To avoid having to retrieve the same CRL from a CA repeatedly, the ASA can store retrieved CRLs locally, which is called CRL caching. The CRL cache capacity varies by platform and is cumulative across all contexts. If an attempt to cache a newly retrieved CRL would exceed its storage limits, the ASA removes the least recently used CRL until more space becomes available.

- **Enable Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)** — Check to enable OCSP checking.

**OCSP Server URL**—The URL of the OCSP server checking for revocation if you require OCSP checks. This URL must start with **http://**.

**Disable Nonce Extension** — Enable the check box which cryptographically binds requests with responses to avoid replay attacks. This process works by matching the extension in the request to that in the response, ensuring that they are the same. Uncheck the **Disable Nonce Extension** check box if the OCSP server you are using sends pregenerated responses that do not include this matching nonce extension.

**Evaluation Priority** — Specify whether to evaluate the revocation status of a certificate first in CRL or OSCP.

- **Consider the certificate valid if revocation information cannot be reached**— Select this check box to consider the certificate to be a valid certificate if revocation information is unreachable.

For more information on revocation check, see the "Digital Certificates" chapter in the "[Basic Settings](#)" book of the [Cisco ASA Series General Operations ASDM Configuration](#), X.Y document.

Click the **Others** tab:

- **Use CA Certificate for the Validation of** — Specify the type of connections that can be validated by this CA.
  - **IPSec Client** — Validates certificate presented by remote SSL servers.
  - **SSL Client** — Validates certificates presented by incoming SSL connections.
  - **SSL Server** — Validates certificates presented by incoming IPSec connections.

- **Other Options:**

- **Enable CA flag in basic constraints extension** — Select this option if you want to validate if the subject of the certificate is a CA using the basic constraints extension.
- **Accept certificates issued by this CA** — Select this option to indicate that the ASA should accept certificates from the specified CA.
- **Accept certificates issued by the subordinates CAs of this CA** — Select this option to indicate that the ASA should accept certificates from the subordinate CA.
- **Ignore IPsec Key Usage** — Select this option if you do not want to validate values in the key usage and extended key usage extensions of IPsec remote client certificates. You can suppress key usage checking on IPsec client certificates. By default, this option is not enabled.

**Step 8** Click **Add**.

This creates a trustpoint certificate object.

## Self-Signed and CSR Certificate Generation Based on Certificate Contents

You need to have an idea of the CN and SANS content in the Self-Signed and CSR certificates. The content is based on the parameters you specify during their creation. You need to configure the parameters precisely for the AnyConnect clients to connect to the intended VPN headends of your organization.

This section provides different use cases with examples to give you an idea of the content of Self-Signed and CSR certificates based on the parameters specified.

### Usecase 1: Different CN and FQDN values

Example:

- Common Name (CN): mywebsite.com
- FQDN: mysan.com

*Table 7: Example: Different CN and FQDN values*

	Common Name	unstructuredName	SANS
Self-Signed	mywebsite.com	mysan.com	mysan.com
CSR	mywebsite.com	mysan.com	-

### Usecase 2: FQDN field set to None

Example:

- Common Name (CN): mywebsite.com
- FQDN: None

**Table 8: Example: FQDN field set to None**

	Common Name	SANS
Self-Signed	Host Name	-
CSR	mywebsite.com	-

**Usecase 3: No FQDN (Default FQDN)**

Example:

- Common Name (CN): mywebsite.com

**Table 9: Example: No FQDN (Default FQDN)**

	Common Name	unstructuredName	SANS
Self-Signed	mywebsite.com	Host Name	-
CSR	mywebsite.com	Host Name	Host Name

**Usecase 4: IP Address is specified in FQDN**

Example:

- Common Name (CN): mywebsite.com
- FQDN: 4.5.6.7

**Table 10: Example: IP Address is specified in FQDN**

	Common Name	unstructuredName	SANS
Self-Signed	mywebsite.com	4.5.6.7	-
CSR	mywebsite.com	4.5.6.7	4.5.6.7

**Usecase 5: IP Address is Specified**

Example:

- IP Address: 4.5.6.7
- Common Name (CN): mywebsite.com
- FQDN: fqdn.com

**Table 11: Example: IP Address is specified**

	Common Name	unstructuredAddress	unstructuredName	SANS
Self-Signed	mywebsite.com	4.5.6.7	fqdn.com	-

	Common Name	unstructuredAddress	unstructuredName	SANS
CSR	mywebsite.com	4.5.6.7	fqdn.com	fqdn.com

### Usecase 6: Serial Number Check box is Selected

Example:

- Serial Number: 9AQXMWOKDT9

*Table 12: Example: IP Serial Number Check box is Selected*

	serialNumber	SANS
Self-Signed	9AQXMWOKDT9	-
CSR	9AQXMWOKDT9	fqdn.com

### Usecase 7: Email Address is Specified

Example:

- EA: abc@xyz.com

*Table 13: Example: Email Address is Specified*

	unstructuredName	emailAddress	SANS
Self-Signed	Host Name	abc@xyz.com	Host Name
CSR	Host Name	abc@xyz.com	-

## RA VPN Objects

## Service Objects

### ASA Service Objects

ASA service objects, service groups, and port groups are reusable components that contain protocols or ports considered part of the IP protocol suite. In a service object you can specify a single protocol and assign it to a source port, destination port, or both source and destination ports. A service group contains many service objects and can include a mix of protocols.

A port group is a kind of ASA service object. Port groups contain port objects that pair a service type, such as TCP or UDP, and a port number or a range of port numbers. You can then use the objects in security policies for the purposes of defining traffic matching criteria. For example, you can use them in access control rules to allow traffic to a specific range of TCP ports.

See [Create and Edit ASA Service Objects](#) for more information.

## Protocol Objects

Protocol objects are a type of service object that contain less-commonly used or legacy protocols. Protocol objects are identified by a name and [protocol number](#). Security Cloud Control recognizes these objects in ASA and Firepower (FDM-managed device) configurations and gives them their own filter of "Protocols" so you can find them easily.

## ICMP Objects

An Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) object is a service object specifically for ICMP and IPv6-ICMP messages. Security Cloud Control recognizes these objects in ASA and Firepower configurations when those devices are onboarded and Security Cloud Control gives them their own filter of "ICMP" so you can find the objects easily.

Using Security Cloud Control, you can rename or remove ICMP objects from an ASA configuration. You can use Security Cloud Control to create, update, and delete ICMP and ICMPv6 objects in a Firepower configuration.



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**Note** For the ICMPv6 protocol, AWS does not support choosing specific arguments. Only rules that allow all ICMPv6 messages are supported.

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Related Information:

- [Deleting Objects, on page 111](#)

## Create and Edit ASA Service Objects

In a service object, you can specify a single protocol and assign it to a source port, destination port, or both source and destination ports.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
- Step 2** Click **Create Object > ASA > Service**.
- Step 3** Enter an object name.
- Step 4** Select **Create a service object**
- Step 5** Click the **Service Type** button and select the protocol for which you want to make an object.
- **For TCP, UDP, and TCP-UDP service types**, enter a source port, destination port, or both:
    - The source port identifier allows you to match traffic originating from a particular numbered port. In the source port identifier, select an operator: equal to, range, less than, greater than, or not equal to and provide the appropriate port number or range.
    - The destination port identifier allows you to match traffic arriving at a particular numbered port. In the destination port identifier, select an operator: equal to, range, less than, greater than, or not equal to and provide the appropriate port number or range.

- **For Protocol service types**, enter a [protocol number](#) between 0-255, or a well-known name, such as ip, tcp, udp, gre, and so forth.

**Step 6** Click **Add**.

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#### Examples

- A service object that identifies incoming FTP traffic would be one with a TCP Service type and a destination port range of 21.
- A service object that identifies outgoing DNS and DNS over TCP traffic would be one with a tcp-udp service type and a source port equal to 53.

## Create an ASA Service Group

A service group can be made up of one or more service objects representing one or more protocols.


### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
- Step 2** Click **Create Object > ASA > Service**.
- Step 3** Enter an object name.
- Step 4** Select **Create a service group**.
- Step 5** Add an existing object by clicking **Add Object**, selecting an object, and clicking **Select**. Repeat this step to add more objects.
- Step 6** If needed, add an extra individual service type value to the service group
- **For TCP, UDP, and TCP-UDP service types**, enter a source port, destination port, or both:
    - The source port identifier allows you to match traffic originating from a particular numbered port. In the source port identifier, select an operator: equal to, range, less than, greater than, or not equal to and provide the appropriate port number or range.
    - The destination port identifier allows you to match traffic arriving at a particular numbered port. In the destination port identifier, select an operator: equal to, range, less than, greater than, or not equal to and provide the appropriate port number or range.
  - **For Protocol service types**, enter a [protocol number](#) between 0-255, or a well-known name, such as ip, tcp, udp, gre, and so forth.
- Step 7** To add more individual port values, click **Add Another Value** and repeat step 6.
- Step 8** Click **Add** when you are done adding service objects and service values to the service group.
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## Edit an ASA Service Object or Service Group

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
- Step 2** Filter the objects to find the object you want to edit and then select the object in the object table.
- Step 3** In the details pane, click edit .
- Step 4** Edit the values in the dialog box in the same fashion that you created them in the procedures above.
- Step 5** Click **Save**.
- Step 6** Security Cloud Control displays the policies that will be affected by the change. Click **Confirm** to finalize the change to the object and any policy affected by it.
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## ASA Time Range Objects

### What is a Time Range Object?

A time range object defines a specific time consisting of a start time, an end time, and optional recurring entries. You use these objects in network policies to provide time-based access to certain features or assets. For example, you could create an access rule that allows access to a particular server during working hours only. Creating a time range does not restrict access to the device. Note that the times configured for these objects are local to the device.

You can add an absolute or recurring time ranges to this object. Recurring ranges are considered to be periodic time ranges.



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**Note** If a time range has both absolute and periodic values specified, then the periodic values are evaluated only after the absolute start time is reached and they are not further evaluated after the absolute end time is reached.


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## Create an ASA Time Range Object

Use the following procedure to create a time range object for an ASA device:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
- Step 2** Click  > **ASA** > **Time Range**.
- Step 3** Enter an object name.
- Step 4** Define a time range.

- Absolute Time Range - Enter a Start Time and an End Time for the desired time range; you can choose to execute this object over a matter of minutes, hours, days, or weeks. A time range object can only have one absolute time range.
- Recurring Time Ranges - click the  to add a periodic time range that will repeat throughout the week. Select the **Frequency** from the drop-down menu, the **Days** of the week the time range should go into effect, and the **Start** and **End** times. A time range object can have multiple periodic ranges.

**Note**

The **start** and **end** times for a time range object are optional. If an object has no start time established, the time range goes into effect immediately. If an object has no end time established, the time range lasts indefinitely.

**Step 5** Click **Add** to create the object.


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## Edit an ASA Time Range Object

Use the following procedure to edit a time range object for an ASA device:

### Procedure

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- Step 1** In the left pane, click **Objects**.
- Step 2** Filter the objects to find the object you want to edit and then select the object in the object table.
- Step 3** In the details pane, click edit .
- Step 4** Edit the values as needed and click **Save**.
- Step 5** If the object is currently used by any policies, Security Cloud Control displays the policies that will be affected by the change. Click **Confirm** to finalize the change to the object and any policy affected by it.
- Step 6** If the object is used in a policy on a device, [review and deploy](#) now the changes you made, or wait and deploy multiple changes at once.
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#### Related Information:

- [Deleting Objects](#)
- [ASA Access List](#)