

ASA - FW functionality

Technology between trusted dom and public
[packet-filtering](#) - src/dst IP/MAC/Port
[application proxy](#) - intermediary agent
[stateful inspection](#) - state table, DPI,
[NAT, PAT](#) - static, dynamic, 1-1, N-N
zones - sec_level, inside.outside.dsmz
traffic permitted from higher to lower

ASA - routing

static routing

easy conf, interface/zone + net + gw + metric
[route INT NET MASK gateway metric](#)
possible IP SLA tracking

RIP

router rip, version 1|2, passive-interface
no-summary, default-inf originate
authentication
[rip authen mode md5](#)
[rip authen key KEY key_id X](#)
distribute-list w/ ACL, std redistribution

OSPF

router ospf, net area, virtual-link,
authentication
redistribution, stub and NSSA area

EIGRP

router ei, network, no-auto, distr-list w/ ACL
authentication md5, split-horiz, redistribution
default-information

IP Multicast

IGMP proxy, IGMP Stub mode
MCast must be enabled, static IGMP group
PIM is enabled by def if mcast is enabled

ASA - FW modes

Context

[single-context](#) → std function, one instance
dyn routing, QoS, Mcast
[multi-context](#) → like Multi-VRF, Act-Act
no VPN termination
admin context

L2/L3

[routed FW](#) → Layer 3, routing, VPN
no non-IP traffic,
[transparent FW](#) → L2, switching, no VPN
only two interfaces, no QoS, no MCast

NAT

Network Address Translation
Addr → Addr, 1-1, N-1, N-N
[static](#) → bidir NAT, manually configured
[dynamic](#) → [PAT](#), 1-N
NAT control + security level
[policy-based NAT](#) → NAT+ACL
[Identity NAT, NAT Exemption](#) (exclusion)
NAT order

1. NAT exemption
2. Static NAT
3. Static PAT
4. Policy NAT/PAT
5. Identity NAT
6. Dynamic NAT
7. Dynamic PAT

diff between pre 8.4 and post 8.4

Objects and ACLs

ACL - IPv4/v6, access-list and access-group
standard ACL, time-based ACL
object-group → prot, net, svc, ICMP-type
can be nested
content filtering
ActiveX, Java, URL filter
show commands → ACL, asp drop, counters

Modular Policy Framework (MPF)

similar to MQC on IOS
[class-map, policy-map, service-policy](#)
[L7 protocol awareness](#) - application inspect
SMTP, DNS, FTP, HTTP, VoIP, SNMP, ...
reading L7 proto commands (get, put, auth, ...)

Quality of Service

priority (LLQ), policing, shaping
IPP, DSCP, VPN Tunnel Group
per interface, global
ACL, CM, PM, SP
Other MPF functions
TTL dec, TCP Seq anom, TCP Normal

Context aware FW

security context = virtual firewall
[system execution space](#)
config location, interface allocation
[admin context](#)
net resources, e.g. AAA, NTP, Syslog
[user context\(s\)](#)
packet classifier - MAC add:
manual MAC
autom generate the MAC for IF
changeto command

Identity-based firewall

creates ACL/rules based on AD info
[AD Agent](#) installed on Win Server
AD Agent reachable from ASA
5505 supports 1K users, other 65K
256 groups, 8 IPs per user
object group user

ASA Failover

Interface tests

Link up/down
Net Activity - count of 5secs period
ARP - check last 10 ARP items
Broadcast ping

Stateful/Stateless mode

Parameters must match
RAM, interfaces, feature set

Active/Standby

prim/sec configuration
single-mode

Active/Active

multi-context
prim one context, sec other context

Interfaces

Data, Mngmt, Failover, Stateful

Context-based Access Control (CBAC)

std Cisco IOS FW -secure, per-application
Inspection rule, access-list outside ingress
Process
traffic leaving IN->OUT will create the state
traffic coming from OUT is checked:
if ACL permit, then allow
if ACL deny, then check state table
if state exists then allow
if doesn't exist, drop

Audit trails, intercept tuning

Inspection - [TCP/UDP only, no IPSec, no reflACL](#)

Zone-based Firewall (ZBFW)

complex FW - zones, zone-members, zone-rules
[security zone](#) = group of interfaces
[zone-pair](#) = pair of zones there are tight together
[security policy](#) = policy per zone-pair
security pol action
[drop, pass, inspect](#)
MPQ - class-map, policy-map type inspect
special zone → [SELF](#)
fine tuning - parameter-map

Port-to-Application Mapping (PAM)

adjusting/configuring app [non-std ports](#)
[ip pot-map PROT port PORT list ACL](#)
[Identity-based Firewall](#)
user-based Firewall ([dynamic per-user pol](#))
authenticating through AAA - ACS/ISE
[configuration](#)

- 1) AAA
- 2) identity-policy
- 3) CM/PM type contol
- 4) int - ip admission auth

CM - match user-group (type inspect only)

[not VRF-aware](#)

Cisco IOS IPS

security feature set
[SDEE](#) - Security Device Event Exchange
[fail-open](#) capability
not possible to create own sigs, dwnlnd
retire/unretire, enable/disable

Device Administration

Authentication, Authorization, Accounting

Radius, TACACS+
Authentication
eccc, login, dot1x, line, local, rad, tac
Authoization
network, exec, system, command, resources
Accounting
start-stop, ldap

802.1X

[client](#), supplicant - end-device
[authenticator](#) - switch/WLC
[authentication server](#) - ACS/ISE
port-control mode, force mode
host, multiauth, multidomain, open auth
[MAB](#), guest portal, sponsor portal, web access
EAP betw Auth-client, RADIUS betw Auth-Serv

Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE)

AAA function, posture, profiling
dot1x control, various eap support
guest portals, web edirect, sponsor portals
possible external DB - LDAP, AD
dynamic VLAN assignment, downloadable ACL
Security Group Access/Tag (SGA/SGT)
redundancy, three modules, logs
support for wireless end-points and WLC
RADIUS support only

Cisco Access-Control System (ACS)

RADIUS for net access, TACACS for user AAA
support for AD, LDAP
operations logs, automated reporting, OSCP
user roles, user rights, auth+auth

RADIUS VSA

Vendor Specific Attribute
IETF definition
[av-pair](#) → Attribute+Value pair
call-check, device tracking

Cisco AnyConnect Mobility Client

OS-based client for VPN, dot1x control
wired/wireless access control
tunneling functions
Secure policy control (enterprise level)
[Cisco VPN client](#) - no longer exists
[Cisco Secure Desktop](#) - no longer exists
[Cisco NAC agent](#) - read-only OS tool for gather
provides local posture assessment
various checks - antivir, updates, sys checks
recommend - install updates, AV, upgrade etc

Cisco Secure Access Gateways

[IOS/ASA](#) solution
can terminate various types of VPN conns
IPSEC, SSL VPN - see VPN types (sect 6)

Cisco Virtual Security Gateway

part of the [Cisco Nexus 1000v](#)
provides multitenant granular net access
[L2/L3](#) mode, high performance - distrib switch
High Availability, Cloud Security
part of the virtual nexus or nexus cloud service

Cisco Cat 6500 ASA service module

lower costs, extension to existing Cat6500
same IOS, more efficiency
10M connections, 2G IPSec throughput
10K VPN users, 10M NAT xlates, 1000 Vlan
std redundancy options, 2M ACL entries
ASA OS min 8.5 and later

ScanSafe Security

now [Cisco Cloud Web Security](#) (CWS)

cloud-based web-proxy
instant updates/patches/signatures
high efficiency for zero-day attacks
real-time analysis online
reduces TCO, cloud-based
web-filter, web-reputation
AVC - App Visibility Control

[Deployment](#) options

NGFW, ISR G2/4000, WSA, anyconnect

[Subscription](#)

seat-based, bandwidth-based

Configuration

web-proxy → tower

company key

`parameter-map type content-scan`

`server scansafe prim IP port http(s)`

`server scansafe sec IP port http(s)`

interface + cws out

Cisco ESA/WSA

Email/Web Security Appliance

easy-to-install, vmware img

real-time protection

[ESA](#)

C170, C380, C680

Data Loss Protection

detect spam, phishing, track user's click

filter, forward, alert

[WSA](#)

S170, S380, S680

DLP, web-proxy

Advanced Malware Protection (AMP)

Application Visibility Control (AVC)

web reputation filters