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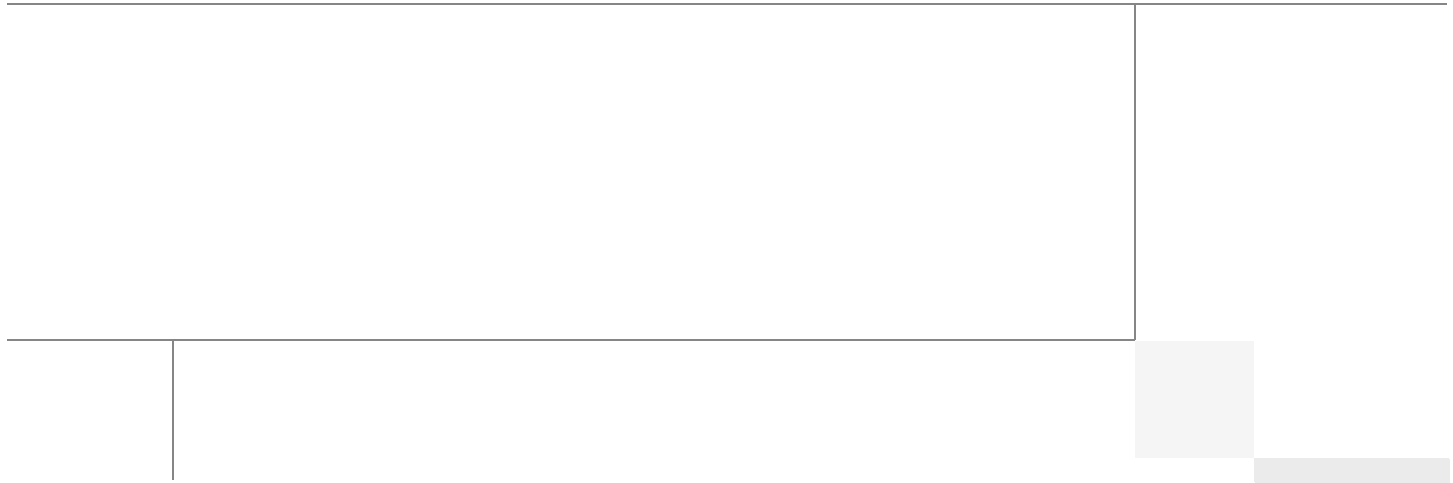
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Introduction

Enhanced Secure Multi-Tenancy Overview

The biggest obstacle to adoption of IT as a service (ITaaS) has been lack of confidence that data and applications are securely isolated in a cloud-based infrastructure, where servers, networks, and storage are all shared resources. Cisco®, VMware®, and NetApp® have jointly designed a best-in-breed Enhanced Secure Multi-Tenancy (ESMT) architecture and have validated this design in a lab environment. For more information, see the Enhanced Secure Multi-Tenancy Design Guide (http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Data_Center/Virtualization/secureldg_V2.html).

This document provides detailed implementation information and examples from a lab-validated reference design. It is structured to provide server, network, and storage architects and engineers with the implementation details to deploy and secure multi-tenant environments on four pillars:

- Secure separation
- Service assurance
- Availability
- Manageability



Note

This deployment guide assumes an existing FlexPod™ for VMware Infrastructure is in place and has been properly configured.

FlexPod Overview

FlexPod for VMware is a validated “POD-like” configuration built with technologies and best practices from Cisco, NetApp, and VMware. FlexPod for VMware serves as a base infrastructure platform for many of the applications and solutions that customers deploy today. ESMT is one example of a solution



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that can be layered on top of FlexPod for VMware. For more information on FlexPod for VMware and the other solutions that can be built on the infrastructure, see FlexPod for VMware Deployment Model (http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Data_Center/Virtualization/flexpod_vmware.html).

**Note**

NetApp TR-3892, FlexPod for VMware Implementation Guide, is available only to Cisco, NetApp, and VMware sales representatives or qualified FlexPod partners.

Security Framework

Secure separation within this architecture is implemented at all layers and within most devices. This “defense in depth” approach follows the methodology outlined in Cisco SAFE: A Security Reference Architecture (http://www.cisco.com/en/US/solutions/collateral/ns170/ns896/ns954/white_paper_c11-527476.html).

Deployment Procedures

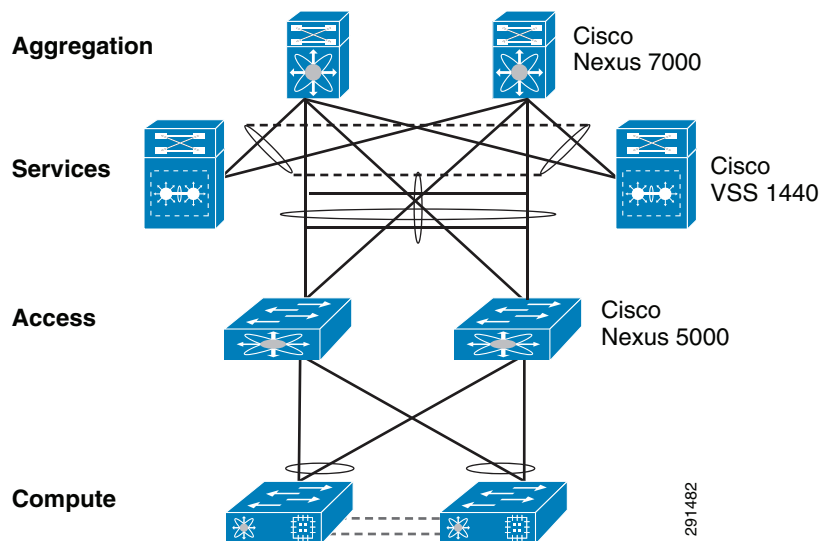
This section outlines the deployment procedures for the various components and devices of the ESMT architecture. The lab implementation used to validate the ESMT deployment included four tenants:

- Tenant 1—SharePoint
- Tenant 2—Exchange
- Tenant 3—SQL
- Tenant 50—Infrastructure

These applications were used to create tenants, however this document does not describe application deployment procedures. The Infrastructure tenant includes commonly shared resources such as Microsoft Active Directory® (AD) and a centralized syslog server.

Deploying the Cisco Nexus 7000

Figure 1 Layer 2 Deployment



Layer 2 Deployment

The Cisco Nexus® 7000 acts as the aggregation layer in the ESMT deployment, so it needs trunked links toward the access layer and the services chassis (Figure 1). The two Cisco Nexus 7000s deployed should be configured as virtual port channel (vPC) peers, with an EtherChannel acting as the vPC peer link. The following configuration snippet is for one peer in the vPC domain:

```
vpc domain 10
  role priority 50
  peer-keepalive destination 10.1.30.102 source 10.1.30.101 vrf vpc-mgmt
  peer-gateway

interface port-channel1
  description *** Port Channel Between Aggregation - VPC Peer-Link; E1/17, E1/18 ***
  switchport
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk native vlan 2
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 2-3967,4048-4093
  spanning-tree port type network
  mtu 9000
  vpc peer-link
```

Once vPC peering is established, a vPC should be configured going toward the access layer and the services chassis:

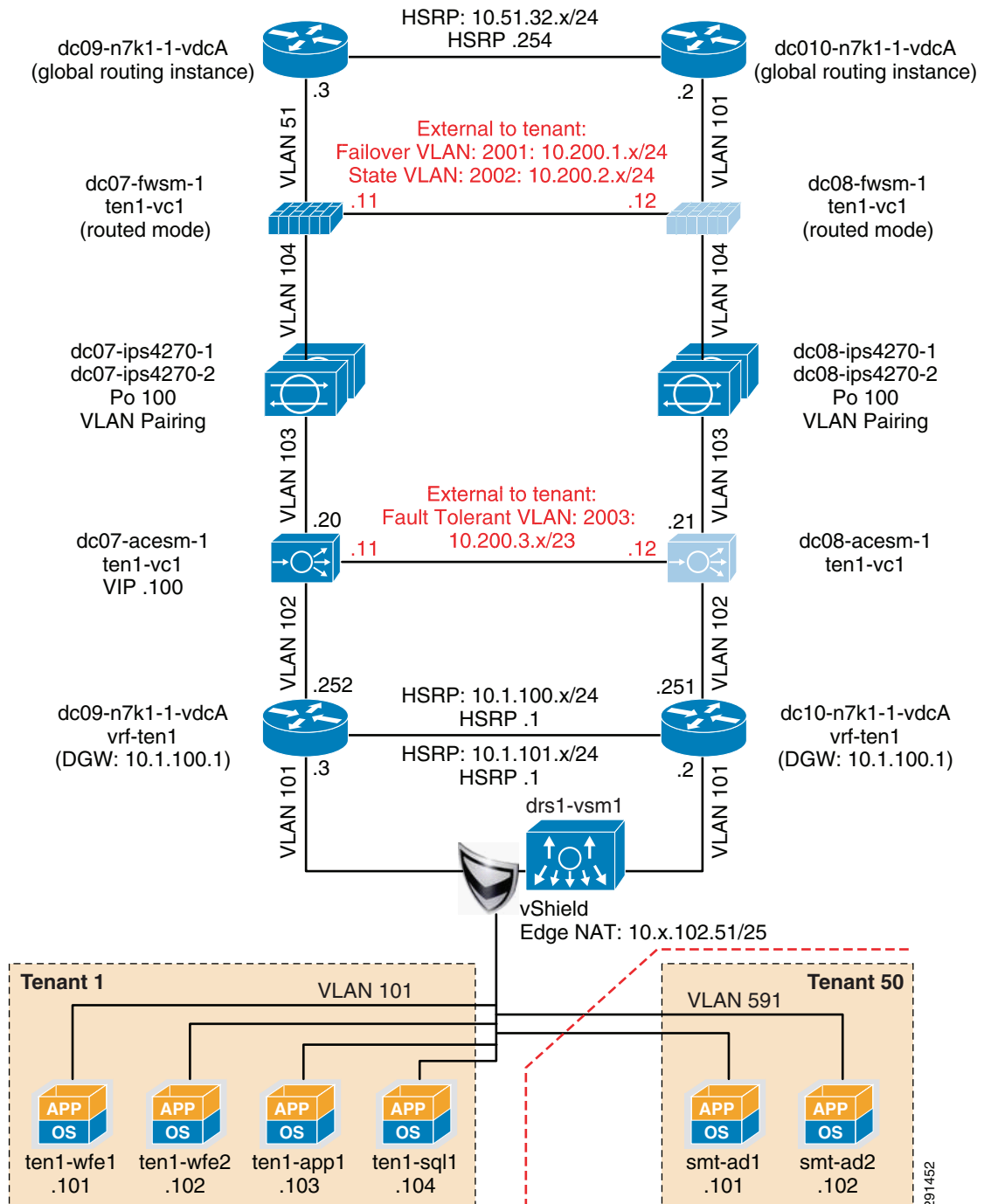
```
interface port-channel45
  description *** Port Channel Between Aggregation and Access Switches E1/25, E1/26 ***
  switchport
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk native vlan 2
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 2,101,105-111,113,115,119-124,129-130
  switchport trunk allowed vlan add 132,140,161-162,481,490-493,499-500
  switchport trunk allowed vlan add 581-586,588-592,599-600,900-902
  switchport trunk allowed vlan add 905
  mtu 9000
```

```
service-policy type queuing input ingress-queuing
service-policy type queuing output egress-policy
vpc 45
```

```
interface port-channel78
description *** Port Channel Between Agg and Services - E1/9, E/10 ***
switchport
switchport mode trunk
switchport trunk native vlan 2
switchport trunk allowed vlan 2,51-53,57,90,99-102,111,116,125
switchport trunk allowed vlan add 131-132,161,166,494,586-587,594
switchport trunk allowed vlan add 597,902
logging event port link-status
logging event port trunk-status
mtu 9000
service-policy type queuing input ingress-queuing
service-policy type queuing output egress-policy
vpc 78
```

Layer 3 Deployment

Figure 2 *Tenant 1 Topology*



The Cisco Nexus 7000 acts as the Layer 3 gateway for all of the tenants. To ensure secure separation between the tenants, a Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) instance is configured for each tenant. There may be multiple Layer 3 interfaces in a VRF instance to service different services and VLANs within a tenant.

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```

vrf context vrf-ten1
  ip route 0.0.0.0/0 10.1.100.1 ---' Inter-tenant routing goes through FWSM in services
chassis

interface Vlan101
  vrf member vrf-ten1
  no ip redirects
  ip address 10.1.101.3/24
  ip router ospf 1 area 0.0.0.0
  hsrp version 2
  hsrp 101
    authentication text c1sc0
    preempt delay minimum 180
    priority 110
    timers 1 3
    ip 10.1.101.1
  no shutdown
  mtu 9216
  description **SVI for ten1**

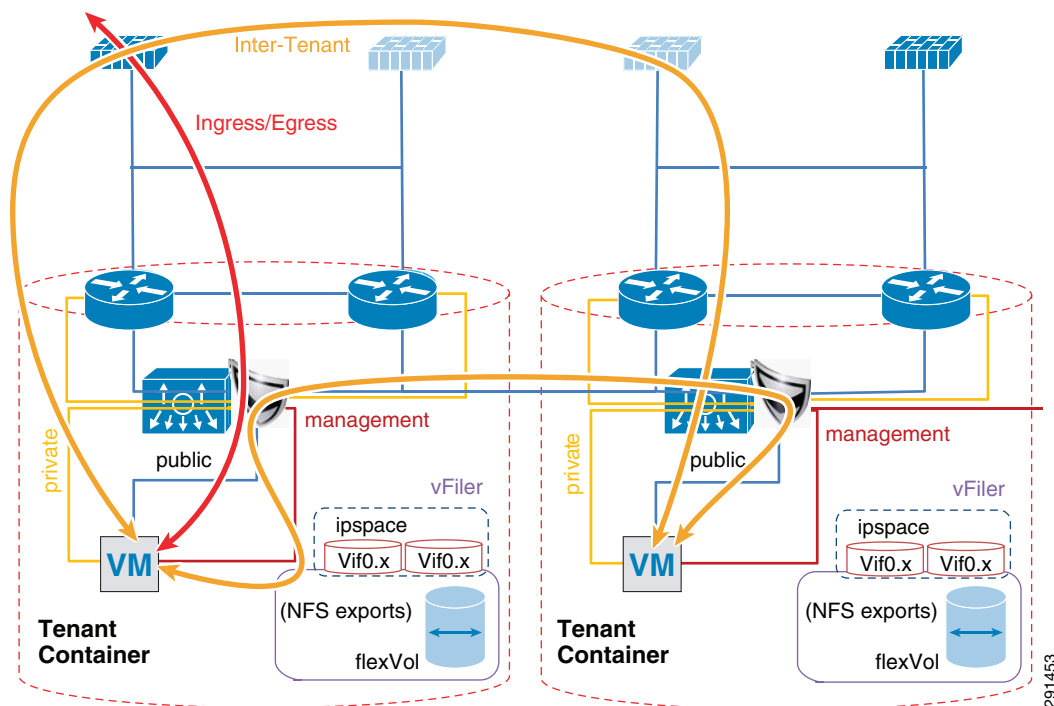
interface Vlan102
  vrf member vrf-ten1
  no ip redirects
  ip address 10.1.100.252/24
  hsrp version 2
  hsrp 102
    authentication text c1sc0
    preempt delay minimum 180
    timers 1 3
    ip 10.1.100.254
  no shutdown
  mtu 9216
  description ** FireWall Inside ***

interface Vlan106
  vrf member vrf-ten1
  no ip redirects
  ip address 10.1.102.3/24
  ip ospf passive-interface
  ip router ospf 1 area 0.0.0.0
  hsrp version 2
  hsrp 106
    authentication text c1sc0
    preempt delay minimum 180
    timers 1 3
    ip 10.1.102.1
  no shutdown
  description ** SVI for Tenant 1 Storage Services **

interface Vlan107
  vrf member vrf-ten1
  no ip redirects
  ip address 10.1.107.3/25
  hsrp version 2
  hsrp 107
    authentication text c1sc0
    preempt delay minimum 180
    priority 110
    timers 1 3
    ip 10.1.107.1
  no shutdown
  description ** SVI for ten1 mgmt **

```

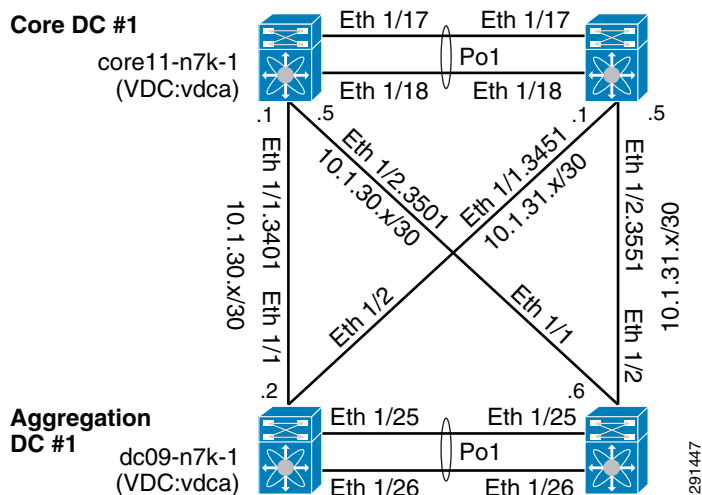
Figure 3 *Tenant Model External Traffic Patterns*



Inter-tenant routes are not propagated to the tenant VRF instances. Inter-tenant routing is handled by the Cisco Firewall Switching Module (FWSM) deployed in the services chassis. Packets destined to another VRF instance or tenant are routed to the FWSM which, in turn, routes them to the global routing table. Static routes to each VRF instance are added to the global routing table. The routes point to the outside interface of the virtual context on the FWSM that belongs to that particular tenant.

```
ip route 10.1.101.0/25 10.51.32.1 ---' 10.51.32.1 is the outside interface of the
ten1-vc on the FWSM
```

Figure 4 *Core-Aggregation Connections*



To reach clients that are in the VRF instance but not in the local subnets, routing to the core is needed. A trunk with Layer 3 point-to-point links is configured on the links going to both cores. Each point-to-point link belongs to a particular VRF instance/tenant and is used as the gateway to these clients.

```
interface Ethernet1/1.3401
  description *** Connection to CORE11-N7K-1 vrf-ten1 ***
  encapsulation dot1q 3401
  vrf member vrf-ten1
  ip flow monitor NETFLOW input
  ip flow monitor NETFLOW output
  ip address 10.1.30.2/30
  ip ospf authentication
  ip ospf authentication key-chain RoutingAuth
  ip router ospf 1 area 0.0.0.0
  no shutdown
```

For most cases, static routing is sufficient for intra- and inter-tenant traffic. For tenants requiring a more robust routing protocol, OSPF is used.

```
router ospf 1
  vrf vrf-ten1
  area 0.0.0.0 range 10.1.101.0/25
```

Hardening the Cisco Nexus 7000

In the following example, the Cisco Nexus 7000 can be hardened to allow access only through SSH, FTP, and ICM in the inbound access list. The outbound access list allows access only to the OOB management network and the inside network. More information on the Cisco Nexus 7000 security capabilities and general hardening guidance can be found at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/datacenter/sw/4_2/nx-os/security/configuration/guide/Cisco_Nexus_7000_NX-OS_Security_Configuration_Guide__Release_4.2.pdf.

```
ip access-list OBB-inbound
  3 permit tcp 172.26.162.216/32 172.26.162.68/32
  9 permit ip 172.26.162.214/32 172.26.162.68/32
  10 permit icmp 172.26.162.0/16 172.26.162.68/32 ttl-exceeded
  20 permit icmp 172.26.162.0/16 172.26.162.68/32 port-unreachable
  30 permit icmp 172.26.162.0/16 172.26.162.68/32 echo-reply
  40 permit icmp 172.26.162.0/16 172.26.162.68/32 echo
  50 permit tcp 172.26.0.0/16 172.26.162.68/32 eq 22
  60 permit tcp 64.102.0.0/16 172.26.162.68/32 eq 22
  61 permit tcp 64.0.0.0/8 172.26.162.68/32 eq 22
  62 permit tcp 10.0.0.0/8 172.26.162.68/32 eq 22
  70 permit tcp 172.26.162.10/32 eq ftp 172.26.162.68/32 gt 1023 established
  80 permit tcp 172.26.162.10/32 eq ftp-data 172.26.162.68/32 gt 1023
  90 permit tcp 172.26.162.0/32 gt 1023 172.26.162.68/32 gt 1023 established
  100 permit udp 172.26.162.0/16 gt 1023 172.26.162.68/32 gt 1023
  102 permit udp 172.26.162.6/32 any eq ntp
  103 permit udp 172.26.162.9/32 any eq ntp
  110 deny ip any any log
ip access-list OBB-outbound
  10 permit ip 172.26.162.68/32 172.26.0.0/16
  20 permit ip 172.26.162.68/32 64.102.0.0/16
  21 permit ip 172.26.162.68/32 64.0.0.0/8
  22 permit ip 172.26.162.68/32 10.0.0.0/8
```

The access list can be applied to the management interface as follows:

```
interface mgmt0
  ip access-group OBB-inbound in
  ip access-group OBB-outbound out
```

```
vrf member management
ip address 172.26.162.68/16
```

Service Assurance Deployment

Queuing and bandwidth control on the Cisco Nexus 7000 is implemented in much the same way as it is implemented on the Cisco Nexus 5000. Egress queuing is used, however ingress queuing can be employed where it is understood that the traffic coming in is marked correctly and trusted. This is the case for this deployment. For bridged traffic CoS is untouched, while for routed traffic DSCP is copied to the CoS value.

You may also have to change the default mapping of cos-to-queue for this platform, as is the case in this deployment. It is changed to more closely resemble the mapping in the Cisco Unified Computing System™ (UCS) and Cisco Nexus 5000 so bandwidth allocation can be consistent among the different platforms. The cos-to-queue map must be configured in the default VDC of the Cisco Nexus 7000. Queue names beginning with 8q2t-in-q correspond to ingress queues for 10Gbps ports, while queue names beginning with 1p7q4t-out-q correspond to egress queues for these ports:

```
DC09-N7K-1# show class-map type queuing
Type queuing class-maps
=====
class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q2
  Description: Classifier for ingress queue 2 of type 8q2t
  match cos 2

class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q3
  Description: Classifier for ingress queue 3 of type 8q2t

class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q4
  Description: Classifier for ingress queue 4 of type 8q2t
  match cos 4

class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q5
  Description: Classifier for ingress queue 5 of type 8q2t
  match cos 5

class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q6
  Description: Classifier for ingress queue 6 of type 8q2t
  match cos 6

class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q7
  Description: Classifier for ingress queue 7 of type 8q2t

class-map type queuing match-any 8q2t-in-q-default
  Description: Classifier for ingress default queue of type 8q2t
  match cos 0-1,3
class-map type queuing match-any 1p7q4t-out-q2
  Description: Classifier for egress queue 2 of type 1p7q4t
  match cos 2

class-map type queuing match-any 1p7q4t-out-q3
  Description: Classifier for egress queue 3 of type 1p7q4t

class-map type queuing match-any 1p7q4t-out-q4
  Description: Classifier for egress queue 4 of type 1p7q4t
  match cos 4

class-map type queuing match-any 1p7q4t-out-q5
  Description: Classifier for egress queue 5 of type 1p7q4t
  match cos 5
```

```

class-map type queuing match-any 1p7q4t-out-q6
  Description: Classifier for egress queue 6 of type 1p7q4t
  match cos 6

class-map type queuing match-any 1p7q4t-out-q7
  Description: Classifier for egress queue 7 of type 1p7q4t

class-map type queuing match-any 1p7q4t-out-q-default
  Description: Classifier for egress default queue of type 1p7q4t
  match cos 0-1,3

```

These class maps can then be used for queuing and bandwidth control service policies to be applied to selected ports:

```
DC09-N7K-1-vdcA# sh policy-map type queuing ingress-queuing
```

```

Type queuing policy-maps
=====

```

```

policy-map type queuing ingress-queuing
  class type queuing 8q2t-in-q2
    bandwidth percent 25
  class type queuing 8q2t-in-q4
    bandwidth percent 15
  class type queuing 8q2t-in-q5
    bandwidth percent 20
  class type queuing 8q2t-in-q6
    bandwidth percent 15
  class type queuing 8q2t-in-q-default
    bandwidth percent 25

```

```
DC09-N7K-1-vdcA# sh policy-map type queuing egress-policy
```

```

Type queuing policy-maps
=====

```

```

policy-map type queuing egress-policy
  class type queuing 1p7q4t-out-q2
    bandwidth percent 25
  class type queuing 1p7q4t-out-q4
    bandwidth percent 15
  class type queuing 1p7q4t-out-q5
    bandwidth percent 20
  class type queuing 1p7q4t-out-q-default
    bandwidth percent 25

```

These policies are then applied to ports attaching to the access layer and the core layer:

```

interface port-channel45
  description *** Port Channel Between Aggregation and Access Switches E1/25, E1/26 ***
  switchport
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk native vlan 2
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 2,101,105-111,113,115,119-124,129-130
  switchport trunk allowed vlan add 132,140,161-162,481,490-493,499-500
  switchport trunk allowed vlan add 581-586,588-592,599-600,900-902
  switchport trunk allowed vlan add 905
  mtu 9000
  service-policy type queuing input ingress-queuing
  service-policy type queuing output egress-policy
  vpc 45

```

```
DC09-N7K-1-vdcA# sh run int e1/1

!Command: show running-config interface Ethernet1/1
!Time: Wed May 25 23:32:49 2011

version 5.1(3)

interface Ethernet1/1
  description *** DC09-N7K-1 E1/1 To CORE11-N7K-1 E1/1 ***
  rate-mode dedicated force
  udld disable
  service-policy type queuing output egress-policy
  service-policy type queuing input ingress-queuing
  no shutdown
```

Deploying the Services Chassis

In a multi-tenant environment, different tenants may require different levels of network services security protection. Tenants with very stringent security requirements require a host of virtual and physical appliances to satisfy their needs, while other tenants may require basic network protection. This architecture implements Cisco FWSM, Cisco Application Control Engine (ACE), and Cisco Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) within the services segment of the architecture. It is important to note the flexible nature of this architecture, where the network architect can use any combination of security appliances to create their own security offerings. Some of these offerings are foundational, while the others are optional. Cisco ACE load balancer is considered optional, while it is recommended that IPS and FWSM firewall module be implemented for every tenant, as shown in [Figure 5](#).

The diagram illustrates a multi-tenant cloud network architecture. It is organized into three main layers:

- Nexus 7000:** The top layer, featuring two blue circular switches labeled "To Core".
- VSS DSN:** The middle layer, featuring two pairs of blue square switches connected in a mesh topology.
- IPS Appliances:** The bottom layer, featuring four blue square switches.

Below the IPS Appliances, two red dashed boxes represent **Tenant Container X** and **Tenant Container Y**. Each tenant container contains:

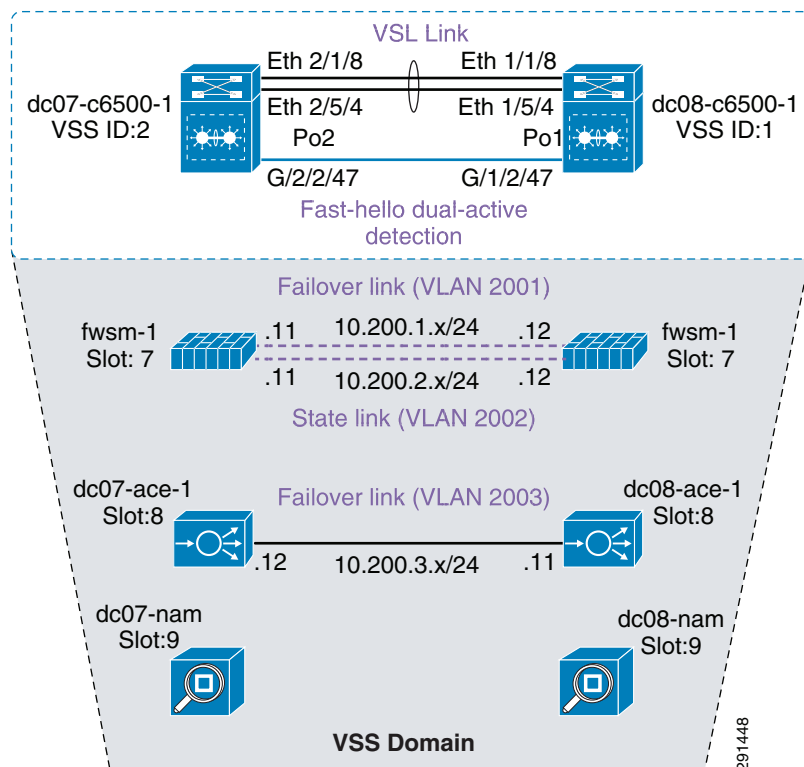
- A set of Nexus 7000 switches (blue circles) connected to the VSS DSN layer.
- A set of VSS DSN switches (blue squares) connected to the IPS Appliances layer.
- A set of IPS Appliances (blue squares) connected to the tenant's network.
- A **VM** (Virtual Machine) connected to the IPS Appliances.
- A **vFile** (Virtual File) connected to the VM.
- An **ipspace** (IP Space) connected to the vFile.
- NFS exports** (Network File System exports) connected to the ipspace.
- A **flexVol** (Flexible Volume) connected to the NFS exports.

The diagram also shows various components like **private** and **public** networks, **management** interfaces, and **flexVol** storage.

- Global routing instance resides on the Cisco Nexus 7000.
- Virtual Switching System (VSS) Domain Services Node (DSN) houses service modules.
- Virtual IPS appliances are positioned inline.
- IPS allows each tenant to create and enforce their own security policy and IPS is tuned to reduce false positives.

Deploying Services with Redundancy

Services can be deployed in a redundant manner. ACE and FWSM can be deployed by using a separate logical link between them within a VSS domain. A VSS domain is used to provide a single services domain with redundant chassis, as shown in [Figure 6](#).

Figure 6 *Single Services Domain with VSS*

- Service modules leverage Virtual Switch Link (VSL) as data and control paths.
- VLAN interfaces are assigned to the modules through the supervisor.
This allows multiple VLAN interfaces to support multiple virtual contexts.
- The autostate feature alerts modules to a state change of the VLAN on the supervisor.
Use this feature when multiple paths exist for the VLAN.

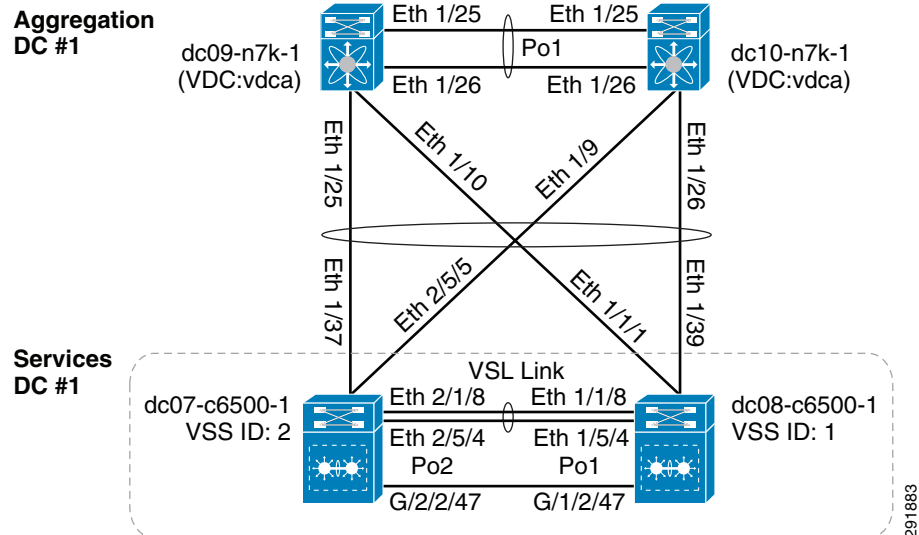
The relevant configuration is:

```
svclc autostate
svclc multiple-vlan-interfaces
svclc switch 1 module 8 vlan-group 8,116,162
svclc switch 2 module 8 vlan-group 8,116,162
svclc vlan-group 8 2,101-103,111,2003
svclc vlan-group 116 116,117
svclc vlan-group 162 162
firewall autostate
firewall multiple-vlan-interfaces
firewall switch 1 module 7 vlan-group 7,9,116,162
firewall switch 2 module 7 vlan-group 7,9,116,162
firewall vlan-group 7 51-53,90,99,100,104,125,2001,2002
firewall vlan-group 9 57,166,494,586,587,594,597
analysis switch 1 module 9 management-port access-vlan 162
analysis switch 2 module 9 management-port access-vlan 162
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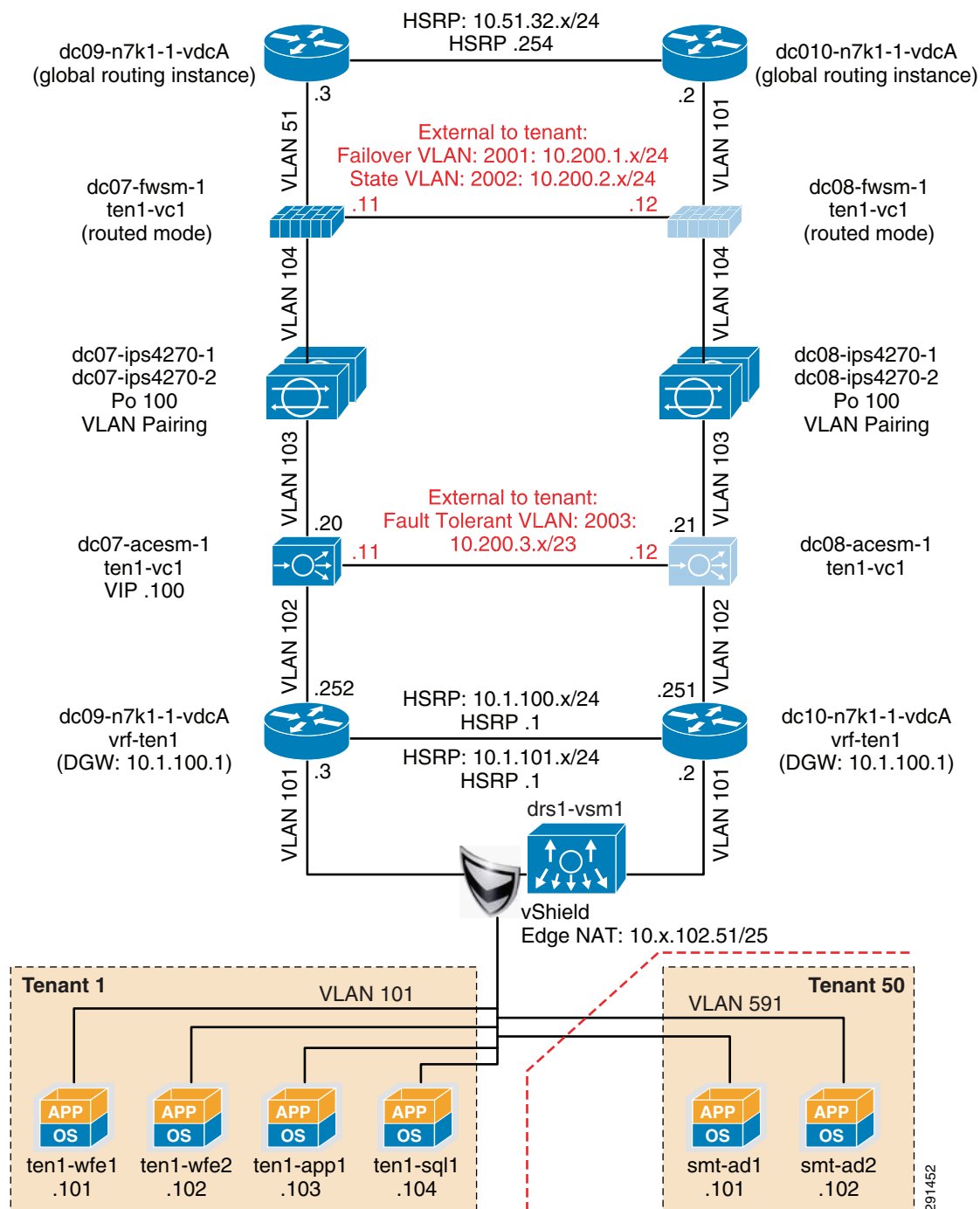
Integration of Services Chassis

The services chassis is connected to the aggregation layer, as shown in [Figure 7](#).

Figure 7 Aggregation-Services Chassis Connectivity



The specific network topology used for validation of the network and services chassis is shown in [Figure 8](#).

Figure 8 **SharePoint Tenant Logical Topology**

Hardening the Services Chassis

The security hardening deployment steps and general hardening guidelines are defined in:

- Cisco SAFE: A Security Reference Architecture
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/solutions/collateral/ns170/ns896/ns954/white_paper_c11-527476.html
- Network Security Baseline
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Security/Baseline_Security/securbase.pdf

Deploying the Cisco Nexus 5000

The basic Cisco Nexus 5000 configuration can be found in FlexPod for VMware Deployment Model (http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Data_Center/Virtualization/flexpod_vmware.html). Cisco Nexus 5000 configurations for QoS and security hardening are shown in the sections that follow.

QoS Configuration on the Cisco Nexus 5000

For storage traffic originating on the Cisco Nexus 5000, classification is required to guarantee an acceptable service level for the traffic. This traffic can be classified with a global QoS policy on the Cisco Nexus 5000 and assigned to a system class:

```
ip access-list classify_COS_5
 10 permit ip 192.168.98.100/32 any
 20 permit ip 10.49.32.10/32 any
 30 permit ip any 192.168.98.100/32
 40 permit ip any 10.49.32.10/32
class-map type qos match-any Platinum_Traffic
 match access-group name classify_COS_5

policy-map type qos Global_Classify_NFS_Application
 class Platinum_Traffic
   set qos-group 2
```

The other CoS values that are configured via port-profiles on the Cisco Nexus 1000V must be put into system classes on the Cisco Nexus 5000 to allow for bandwidth control and queuing within the Cisco Nexus 5000 switching fabric.

```
class-map type qos match-any Platinum_Traffic
 match access-group name classify_COS_5
class-map type qos match-any Gold_Transactional
 match cos 6
class-map type qos match-any Bronze_Transactional
 match cos 2
class-map type qos match-any Silver_Transactional
 match cos 4
class-map type qos match-any Platinum_Transactional
 match cos 5
policy-map type qos Global_Classify_NFS_Application
 class Platinum_Traffic
   set qos-group 2
 class Platinum_Transactional
   set qos-group 2
 class Gold_Transactional
   set qos-group 3
 class Silver_Transactional
   set qos-group 4
 class Bronze_Transactional
   set qos-group 5
```

On the Cisco Nexus 5000, a queuing policy is applied globally to the output of all interfaces on the switch. Classification for each qos-group or system class is done by the aforementioned policy-map Global_Classify_NFS_Application.

```
class-map type queuing Gold_Traffic_Q
  match qos-group 3
class-map type queuing class-all-flood
  match qos-group 2
class-map type queuing Bronze_Traffic_Q
  match qos-group 5
class-map type queuing Silver_Traffic_Q
  match qos-group 4
class-map type queuing Platinum_Traffic_Q
  match qos-group 2
class-map type queuing class-ip-multicast
  match qos-group 2
policy-map type queuing Global_BW_Queueing
  class type queuing Platinum_Traffic_Q
    priority
    bandwidth percent 20
  class type queuing Gold_Traffic_Q
    bandwidth percent 20
  class type queuing Silver_Traffic_Q
    bandwidth percent 20
  class type queuing Bronze_Traffic_Q
    bandwidth percent 15
  class type queuing class-fcoe
    bandwidth percent 15
  class type queuing class-default
    bandwidth percent 10

system qos
  service-policy type queuing output Global_BW_Queueing
```

Hardening the Cisco Nexus 5000

In the following example, the Cisco Nexus 5000V can be hardened to allow access only through SSH, FTP, and ICM in the inbound access list. The outbound access list allows access only to the OOB management network and the inside network. More information on the Cisco Nexus 5000 security capabilities and general hardening guidance can be found at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/datacenter/nexus5000/sw/security/502_n2_1m/b_Cisco_n5k_security_config_gd_rel_502_n2_1.pdf.

```
ip access-list OBB-inbound
 3 permit tcp 172.26.162.216/32 172.26.162.28/32
 9 permit ip 172.26.162.214/32 172.26.162.28/32
10 permit icmp 172.26.162.0/16 172.26.162.28/32 ttl-exceeded
20 permit icmp 172.26.162.0/16 172.26.162.28/32 port-unreachable
30 permit icmp 172.26.162.0/16 172.26.162.28/32 echo-reply
40 permit icmp 172.26.162.0/16 172.26.162.28/32 echo
50 permit tcp 172.26.0.0/16 172.26.162.28/32 eq 22
60 permit tcp 64.102.0.0/16 172.26.162.28/32 eq 22
61 permit tcp 10.0.0.0/8 172.26.162.28/32 eq 22
70 permit tcp 172.26.162.10/32 eq ftp 172.26.162.28/32 gt 1023 established
80 permit tcp 172.26.162.10/32 eq ftp-data 172.26.162.28/32 gt 1023
90 permit tcp 172.26.162.0/32 gt 1023 172.26.162.28/32 gt 1023 established
100 permit udp 172.26.162.0/16 gt 1023 172.26.162.28/32 gt 1023
120 permit tcp 172.26.162.214/32 eq tacacs 172.26.162.28/32

ip access-list OBB-outbound
10 permit ip 172.26.162.28/32 172.26.0.0/16
20 permit ip 172.26.162.28/32 64.102.0.0/16
30 permit ip 172.26.162.28/32 10.0.0.0/8
```


The access list can be applied to the management interface as follows

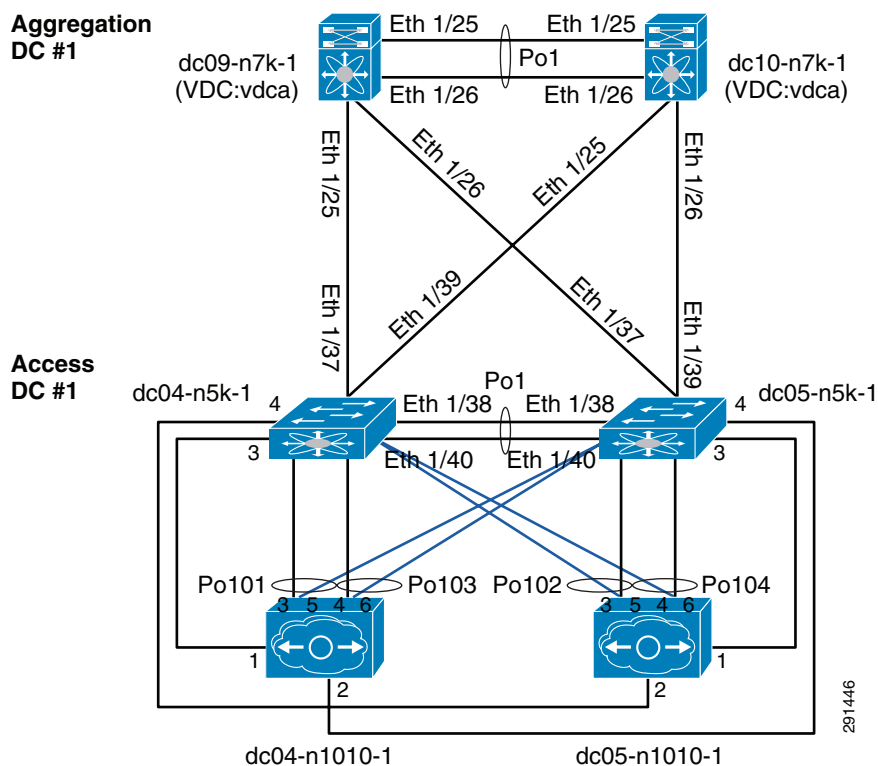
```
interface mgmt0

ip access-group OBB-inbound in
ip access-group OBB-outbound out
ip address 172.26.162.28/16
```

Deploying the Cisco Nexus 1010 and 1000V

In this deployment the combination of Cisco Nexus 1010 and Cisco Nexus 1000V are used to implement virtual switching at the access layer. For redundancy a pair of Cisco Nexus 1010 virtual appliances were configured. An active/passive pair of Cisco Nexus 1000V virtual service modules were configured within the Cisco Nexus 1010. All vSphere™ networking is configured to use a Cisco Nexus 1000V virtual switch, including VM, NFS, and vMotion traffic. The Cisco Nexus 1010s are logically connected to the Cisco Nexus 5000 access layer switches, as shown in [Figure 9](#).

Figure 9 Cisco Nexus 1010 Integration and Logical Connectivity



Classification Using the Cisco Nexus 1000V

In this deployment, classification is done on the Cisco Nexus 1000V. Certain port-profiles are marked with a designated CoS value through a service policy attached to the service profile. Any marking done by the host is ignored. This CoS value is in turn trusted by the virtual interface card on the Cisco UCS server blade. CoS values were assigned in the following fashion:

```
drs1-vsm1# show policy-map Silver_CoS_4
```

```
Type qos policy-maps
=====

policy-map type qos Silver_CoS_4
  class class-default
    set cos 4

port-profile type vethernet vMotion_192_168_1
  vmware port-group
  switchport mode access
  switchport access vlan 901
  ip flow monitor NFMonitor input
  ip flow monitor NFMonitor output
  service-policy type qos input Silver_CoS_4
  no shutdown
  state enabled
```

Deploying Traffic Engineering with MAC-Pinning

Mac-pinning is implemented on the Cisco Nexus 1000V to fully utilize the redundant fabric uplinks. Port-profiles assigned to the same CoS value are split evenly between the two uplinks with static mac-pinning.

```
port-profile type vethernet Exch_NFS_192_168_120
  vmware port-group
  switchport mode access
  switchport access vlan 120
  ip flow monitor NFMonitor input
  ip flow monitor NFMonitor output
  service-policy type qos input Platinum_CoS_5
  pinning id 0          ?----- Fabric A
  no shutdown
  state enabled
```

```
port-profile type vethernet Infra_NFS_192_168_100
  vmware port-group
  switchport mode access
  switchport access vlan 600
  ip flow monitor NFMonitor input
  ip flow monitor NFMonitor output
  service-policy type qos input Platinum_CoS_5
  pinning id 1          ?----- Fabric B
  no shutdown
  state enabled
```

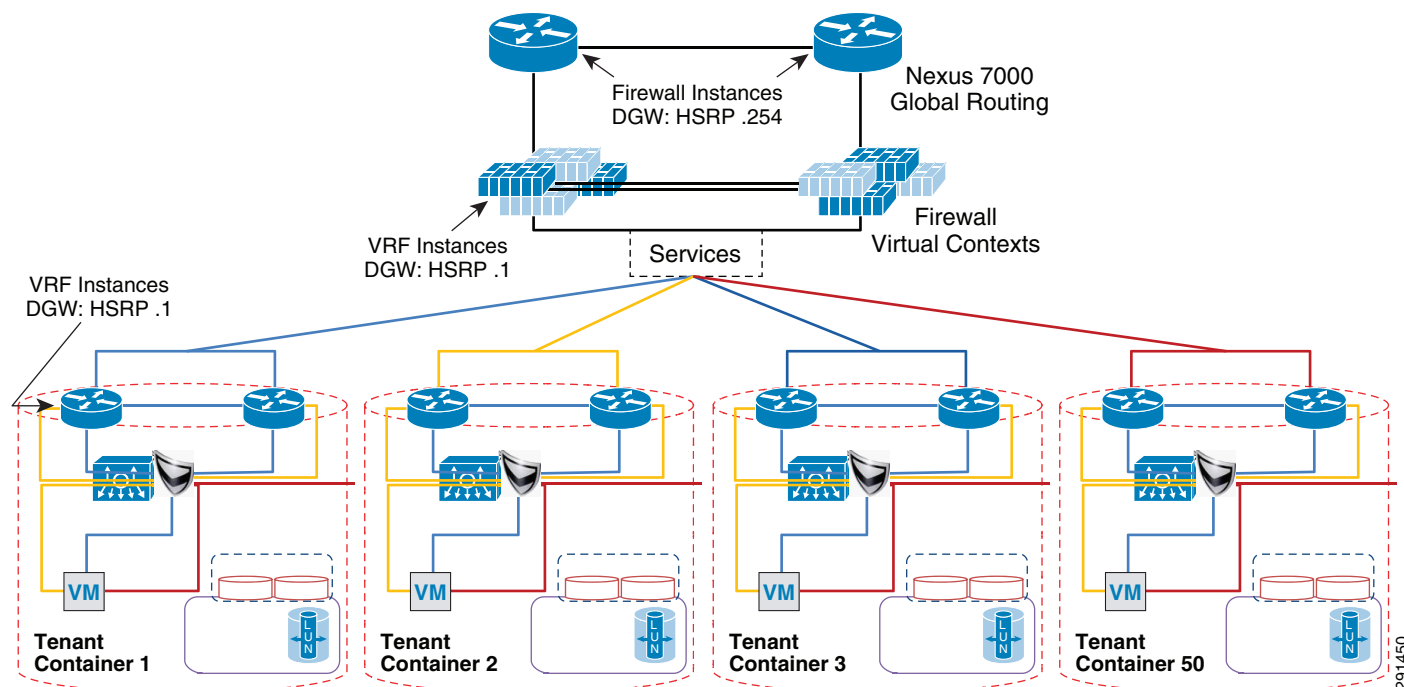
The uplink port-profile must be configured to honor the mac-pinning and implement dynamic mac-pinning when necessary:

```
port-profile type ethernet VIC-vm-data-uplink
  vmware port-group
  switchport mode trunk
  switchport trunk allowed vlan 101,105-107,111,113,115,122,124,132,161,592-593
  channel-group auto mode on mac-pinning  ?----- Mac-pinning enabled
  no shutdown
  state enabled
```

Deploying the Cisco Firewall Switching Module in the Network

The FWSM is logically located between the global interface and the VRF interfaces for each tenant. FWSM is deployed in a bridged mode with different contexts for each tenant. Figure 10 shows the FWSM implemented within the services layer.

Figure 10 Integration of FWSM within Services Layer



The following design principles are implemented in FWSM in the ESMT topology:

- The default gateway for tenant VMs is the Cisco Nexus 7000 VRF instance HSRP address. Each tenant has its own VLAN and associated subnet assignments. For example:
 - Tenant 1: 10.1.x.x/25
 - Tenant 2: 10.2.x.x/25
 - Tenant 50: 10.50.x.x/25
- A static route from VRF points to a firewall virtual context “inside” address. Additional services may be positioned but not detailed.
- There is a static route from each firewall instance to the Cisco Nexus 7000 global routing table.
- OSPF prefix-list injects routes into area.

The basic configuration for tenant-1 (SharePoint) is:

```
hostname ten1-vc1
!
interface Vlan104
 nameif inside
 security-level 100
 ip address 10.1.100.1 255.255.255.0 standby 10.1.100.101
!
interface Vlan51
```

```

nameif outside
security-level 0
ip address 10.51.32.1 255.255.255.0 standby 10.51.32.2
!
mtu outside 1500
mtu inside 1500
icmp permit any outside
icmp permit any inside
no asdm history enable
arp timeout 14400
nat-control
static (inside,outside) 10.1.101.0 10.1.101.0 netmask 255.255.255.128
static (inside,outside) 10.1.100.0 10.1.100.0 netmask 255.255.255.0
route outside 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 10.51.32.254 1
route inside 10.1.101.0 255.255.255.128 10.1.100.254 1

```

Deploying the Cisco Adaptive Security Device Manager for Management of Firewall Module

For information on the steps necessary to deploy the Cisco Adaptive Security Device Manager (ASDM) to manage the firewall module, see:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/security/asdm/6_2/user/guide/asdmug.pdf.

Deploying the Cisco Intrusion Prevention System

The Cisco IPS is deployed as an inline device and a separate context is used for each tenant. The IPS location within the services network is shown in [Figure 8](#). The IPS can be configured using the CLI or the Cisco IPS Device Manager (IDM). In the configuration below, VLAN 103 and 104 are used by the IPS to provide inline intrusion protection within the SharePoint tenant. The CLI configuration is:

```

subinterface-type inline-vlan-pair
subinterface 1
description to dc07-c6500-1 ten1/2
vlan1 103
vlan2 104
exit
exit
exit
physical-interfaces TenGigabitEthernet7/1
description to dc08-c6500-1 ten1/2
admin-state enabled
duplex auto
speed auto
default-vlan 1
alt-tcp-reset-interface none
subinterface-type inline-vlan-pair
subinterface 1
description to dc08-c6500-1 ten1/2
vlan1 103
vlan2 104
exit

service analysis-engine
virtual-sensor vs0
description Tenant1 Virtual Sensor
anomaly-detection
operational-mode detect
exit
physical-interface TenGigabitEthernet7/0 subinterface-number 1
physical-interface TenGigabitEthernet7/1 subinterface-number 1

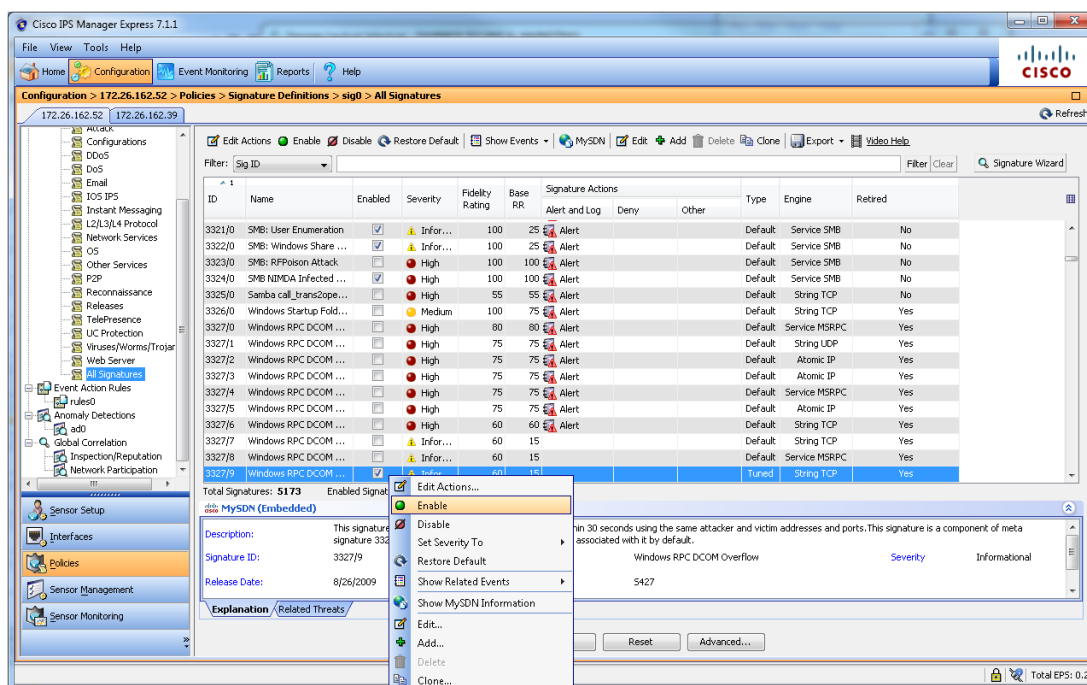
```

```
inline-TCP-session-tracking-mode virtual-sensor
inline-TCP-evasion-protection-mode strict
```

Once basic IPS networking parameters are configured, the IPS signatures can be tuned. Figure 11 shows how signatures can be tuned using Cisco IPS Manager Express (IME).

1. Go to the Configurations/Policies pane and click **All Signatures**.
2. Select the signature you want to tune, right click, and click **Enable**.
3. You can choose the actions and severity levels using the same procedure.

Figure 11 Tuning Signatures Using Cisco IPS Manager Express



For more information on configuring IPS using Cisco IME or CLI, see:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/security/ips/7.0/configuration/guide/ime/ime_interfaces.html.

Hardening the Cisco Intrusion Prevention System

Telnet can be disabled on the management interface and management access can be limited to certain subnets, as shown below.

```
network-settings
host-ip 172.26.162.52/23,172.26.162.1
host-name dc08-ips4270-1
telnet-option disabled
access-list 10.0.0.0/8
access-list 64.0.0.0/8
access-list 172.0.0.0/8
```

SSH should be configured as a means to access the CLI on IPS4270. The following link outlines the steps to configure SSH and other security parameters:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/security/ips/7.0/configuration/guide/cli/cli_setup.html#wp1035869.

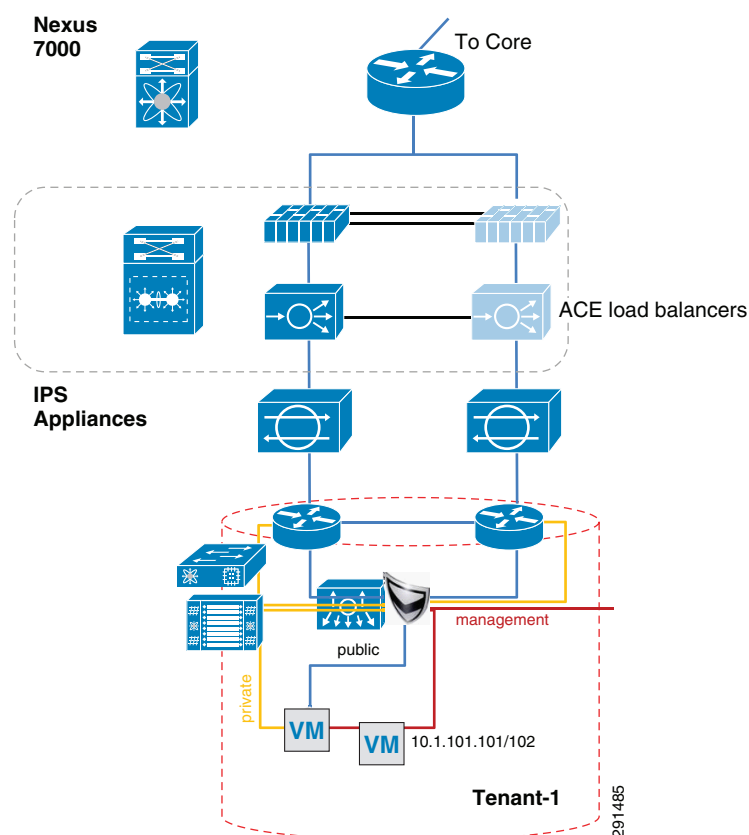
Installing and Using Cisco IPS Manager Express

For information on installing and using Cisco IPS Manager Express, see:
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/security/ips/trash/book_files/CLI7_1.pdf.

Deploying the Cisco Application Control Engine

The Cisco ACE module provides load balancing capability. In this deployment, ACE is configured to load balance between two front end servers 10.1.101.101 and 10.1.101.102 within the tenant-1 SharePoint tenant. The virtual interface address (VIP) is 10.1.100.100. ACE is also bridging between VLAN 102 and 103. The configuration for context ten1-vc-1 is shown in Figure 12.

Figure 12 Integration of ACE within Services Layer



The CLI for the ACE configuration is:

```
dc08-ace-1/Admin# changeto ten1-vc1
dc08-ace-1/ten1-vc1# sh running-config
Generating configuration....
```

```
logging enable
logging buffered 7
```

```
access-list BPDU ethertype permit bpd
```



```

access-list IPANYANY line 5 extended permit ip any any
access-list IPANYANY line 6 extended permit icmp any any

```

```

probe tcp IIS
  interval 2
  faildetect 2
  passdetect interval 10
  passdetect count 2
probe icmp PING
  interval 2
  faildetect 2

```

```

rserver host real1
  ip address 10.1.101.101
  inservice
rserver host real2
  ip address 10.1.101.102
  inservice

```

```

serverfarm host farm1
  predictor leastconns
  probe IIS
  probe PING
  rserver real1
    inservice
  rserver real2
    inservice

```

```

parameter-map type http PM-REUSE
  server-conn reuse
  case-insensitive
parameter-map type connection timeouts
  set tcp timeout embryonic 10
  set tcp ack-delay 400

```

```

sticky ip-netmask 255.255.255.255 address both group1
  timeout 720
  timeout activeconns
  replicate sticky
  serverfarm farm1

```

```

class-map match-all sp-vip
  2 match virtual-address 10.1.100.100 any

```

```

policy-map type loadbalance first-match lbpol
  class class-default
    sticky-serverfarm group1

```

```

policy-map multi-match LBPOL
  class sp-vip
    loadbalance vip inservice
    loadbalance policy lbpol
    loadbalance vip icmp-reply active
    connection advanced-options timeouts

```

```

service-policy input LBPOL
interface vlan 102
  bridge-group 1
  access-group input BPDU
  access-group input IPANYANY
  no shutdown
interface vlan 103
  bridge-group 1

```

```

access-group input BPDU
access-group input IPANYANY
no shutdown

interface bvi 1
 ip address 10.1.100.21 255.255.255.0
 alias 10.1.100.22 255.255.255.0
 peer ip address 10.1.100.20 255.255.255.0
 no shutdown

ip route 10.1.101.0 255.255.255.0 10.1.100.254
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 10.1.100.1

```

Hardening the Cisco Application Control Engine

The ACE management interface can be hardened by implementing a policy map and assigning it to the interface, as shown below. More information on security hardening commands on the ACE module can be found in the Cisco Application Control Engine Administration Guide (http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/interfaces_modules/services_modules/ace/vA2_3_0/configuration/administration/guide/ace_adgd.pdf).

```

class-map type management match-any MANAGEMENT

 2 match protocol ssh source-address 172.26.0.0 255.255.0.0

 3 match protocol ssh source-address 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0

 4 match protocol ssh source-address 64.0.0.0 255.0.0.0

 5 match protocol icmp source-address 172.26.0.0 255.255.0.0

 6 match protocol https source-address 64.0.0.0 255.0.0.0

 7 match protocol https source-address 172.0.0.0 255.0.0.0

 8 match protocol https source-address 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0

 9 match protocol snmp source-address 172.26.0.0 255.255.0.0

class-map type management match-all class-Query

 2 match protocol icmp source-address 10.8.99.0 255.255.255.0

policy-map type management first-match MANAGEMENT

 class MANAGEMENT

  permit

policy-map type management first-match QUERY

 class class-Query

  permit

interface vlan 162

 ip address 172.26.162.56 255.255.0.0

```

```
peer ip address 172.26.162.43 255.255.0.0
```

```
service-policy input MANAGEMENT
```

```
no shutdown
```

Additional commands configured on the Admin console that pertain to peering and defining tenant contexts are:

```
interface vlan 162
```

```
ip address 172.26.162.56 255.255.0.0
```

```
peer ip address 172.26.162.43 255.255.0.0
```

```
access-group input IPANYANY
```

```
service-policy input MANAGEMENT
```

```
no shutdown
```

```
ft interface vlan 2003
```

```
ip address 10.200.3.12 255.255.254.0
```

```
peer ip address 10.200.3.11 255.255.254.0
```

```
no shutdown
```

```
ft peer 1
```

```
heartbeat interval 100
```

```
heartbeat count 10
```

```
ft-interface vlan 2003
```

```
ft group 1
```

```
peer 1
```

```
priority 150
```

```
peer priority 50
```

```
associate-context Admin
```

```
inservice
```

```
role Operator
```

```
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 172.26.162.1
```

```
resource-class dc-gold
```

```
limit-resource all minimum 0.00 maximum unlimited
```

```
limit-resource sticky minimum 10.00 maximum unlimited
```

```
resource-class dc-silver
```

```
limit-resource all minimum 0.00 maximum unlimited
```

```
resource-class rc-ten1
```

```
limit-resource all minimum 0.00 maximum unlimited
```

```
context ten1-vc1
```

```
description Tenant 1
```

```
allocate-interface vlan 101-103
```

```
member dc-gold
```

```
context ten2-vc1
```

```
description Tenant 2
```

```
allocate-interface vlan 116-117
```

```
snmp-server contact "ANM"
```

```
snmp-server location "ANM"
```

```
snmp-server community public group Network-Monitor
```

```
snmp-server host 172.26.165.36 traps version 2c public
```

```
ft group 2
```

```
peer 1
```

```
priority 150
```

```
peer priority 50
```

```
    associate-context ten1-vc1
    inservice
ft group 3
  peer 1
  priority 150
  peer priority 50
  associate-context ten2-vc1
  inservice
username admin password 5<>. role Admin domain
default-domain
username www password 5 <> role Admin domain de
fault-domain
ssh key rsa 1024 force
```

Managing Cisco ACE with Cisco Application Networking Manager

For information on Cisco Application Networking Manager (ANM) 4.2, see:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/app_ntwk_services/data_center_app_services/application_networking_manager/4.2/user/guide/ug-book.pdf.

Deploying the Cisco Network Access Module

The Cisco Network Access Module (NAM) provides the capability to terminate Encapsulated Remote Switch Port Analyzer (ERSPAN) sessions and NetFlow connections. The Cisco Nexus 1000V can be configured to initiate ERSPAN sessions to the NAM, where the NAM can be used to capture packets and look at packet statistics. ERSPAN/NAM traffic flow is shown in [Figure 13](#).

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3. The command `show monitor session` should show the session is operational:

```

drrs1-vsm1# sh monitor
Session  State      Reason              Description
-----  -
1         down             Session admin shut  ** to NAM dc08-namsm-1 **
2         down             Session admin shut  ** to NAM dc07-namsm-1 **
3         down             Session admin shut  ** to NAM dc08-namsm-1 **
4         down             Session admin shut  ** to NAM dc07-namsm-1 **
50        up               The session is up   ** INFRA to NAM dc08-namsm-1 **

```

The following steps must be configured on the Catalyst 6500 for each ERSPAN session (only sessions 3, 4, and 50 are shown below):

```

monitor session 50 type erspan-destination
description ** N1k ERSPAN #50 - Tenant 50 INFRA **
destination switch 1 analysis-module 9 data-port 2
source
  erspan-id 50
  ip address 10.202.101.200

monitor session 3 type erspan-destination
description ** N1k ERSPAN #1 - Tenanat 1 **
destination switch 1 analysis-module 9 data-port 1
source
  erspan-id 1
  ip address 10.202.101.200
!
!
monitor session 4 type erspan-destination
description ** N1k ERSPAN #2 - Tenanat 2 **
destination switch 2 analysis-module 9 data-port 1
source
  erspan-id 2
  ip address 10.202.101.200

```

Configuring the Cisco Virtual Network Access Module as a NetFlow Collector

The Cisco Virtual Network Access Module (vNAM) is a virtual service blade on the Cisco Nexus 1010 that acts as a NetFlow collector. The traffic flow for the NAM and vNAM is shown in [Figure 14](#).


```

ip flow monitor NFMonitor output
service-policy type qos input Gold_CoS_6
no shutdown
system vlan 162
state enabled

```

Flow exporter vNAM:

```

Destination: 10.202.101.201
VRF: default (1)
Destination UDP Port 3000
Source Interface mgmt0 (172.26.163.109)
Export Version 9
Exporter Statistics
  Number of Flow Records Exported 50186128
  Number of Templates Exported 4313
  Number of Export Packets Sent 2239180
  Number of Export Bytes Sent 2262224948

```

The following steps must be performed to configure vNAM:

```

smt-n1010-1(config)# virtual-service-blade NAM
smt-n1010-1(config-vs-b-config)# enable primary
Enter vsb image: [nam-4-2-1.iso]
Enter Management IPV4 address: 10.202.101.201
Enter Management subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
IPv4 address of the default gateway: 10.202.101.200
Enter HostName: smt-1010-nam
Setting Web user/passwd will enable port 80. Enter[y|n]: [n] y
Web User name: [admin]
Web User password: *****
smt-n1010-1(config-vs-b-config)# interface data vlan 902

```

The configuration in the Cisco Nexus 1010 looks like this:

```

virtual-service-blade NAM
virtual-service-blade-type name NAM-1.0
interface data vlan 902
ramsize 2048
disksize 53
no shutdown secondary

```

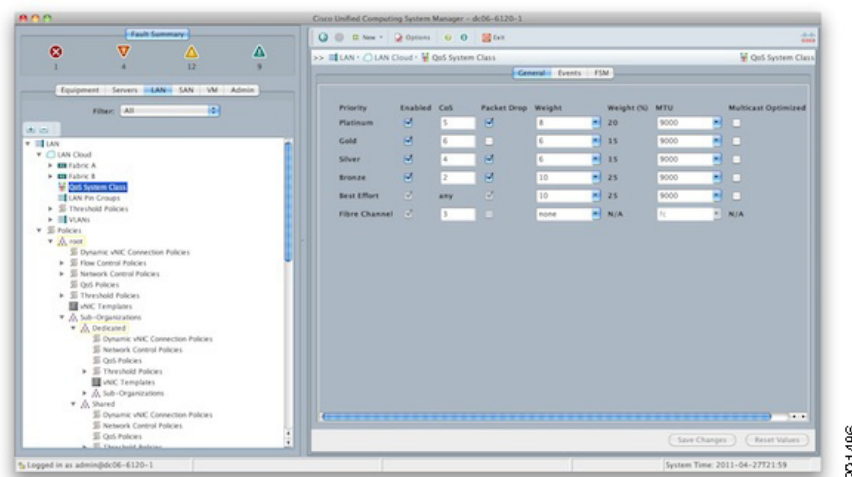
Deploying Cisco Unified Computing System

The basic Cisco UCS configuration can be found in FlexPod for VMware Deployment Model (http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Data_Center/Virtualization/flexpod_vmware.html). Details of the queuing and bandwidth control configuration used for ESMT are shown in [Queuing and Bandwidth Control](#).

Queuing and Bandwidth Control

Queuing and bandwidth control are implemented within the Cisco UCS and at the access layer (Cisco Nexus 5000). Within the Cisco UCS, CoS values are assigned to a system class and given a certain percentage of the effective bandwidth. This is configured under the LAN tab in the Cisco UCS Manager ([Figure 15](#)).

Figure 15 Cisco UCS Manager—LAN Tab



The settings for the system classes are applied to traffic leaving the Cisco UCS 6100 fabric interconnects toward users and storage.

Deploying NetApp Storage

Deploying NetApp Data ONTAP

Each NetApp controller shares a unified storage architecture based on the Data ONTAP® 7G operating system and uses an integrated suite of application-aware manageability software. This provides an efficient consolidation of storage area network (SAN), network-attached storage (NAS), primary storage, and secondary storage on a single platform while allowing concurrent support for block and file protocols using Ethernet and Fibre Channel interfaces. These interfaces include Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE), Network File System (NFS), Common Internet File System protocol (CIFS), and iSCSI. This common architecture allows businesses to start with an entry-level storage platform and easily migrate to the higher-end platforms as storage requirements increase, without learning a new OS, management tools, or provisioning processes.

To provide resilient system operation and high data availability, Data ONTAP 7G is tightly integrated into the hardware systems. The FAS systems use redundant, hot-swappable components. Combined with the patented dual-parity RAID-DP® (high-performance RAID 6), the net result can be superior data protection with little or no performance loss. For a higher level of data availability, Data ONTAP provides optional mirroring, backup, and disaster recovery solutions.

Active/Active Configuration

A NetApp active/active configuration keeps data available in the unlikely event of a controller failure or when controller maintenance might be necessary. Although this NetApp feature is highlighted in the “FlexPod for VMware Implementation Guide,” it is important to understand some of the rules pertaining to a properly configured active/active controller pair and how the configuration can be tested to enable proper failover if an event should occur.

The Data ONTAP 7.3 Active/Active Configuration Guide details the complete rules and procedures that should be followed to keep the controller configuration consistent with proper active/active controller operation (<https://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/ontap/rel7351/pdfs/ontap/aaconfig.pdf>).

A component of NetApp Data Fabric® Manager (DFM), Operations Manager can be used to check the active/active configuration on both controllers in the high-availability (HA) pair. This tool provides a detailed list of items that are not in compliance with a proper active/active configuration as well as the actions that should be taken to correct such issues.

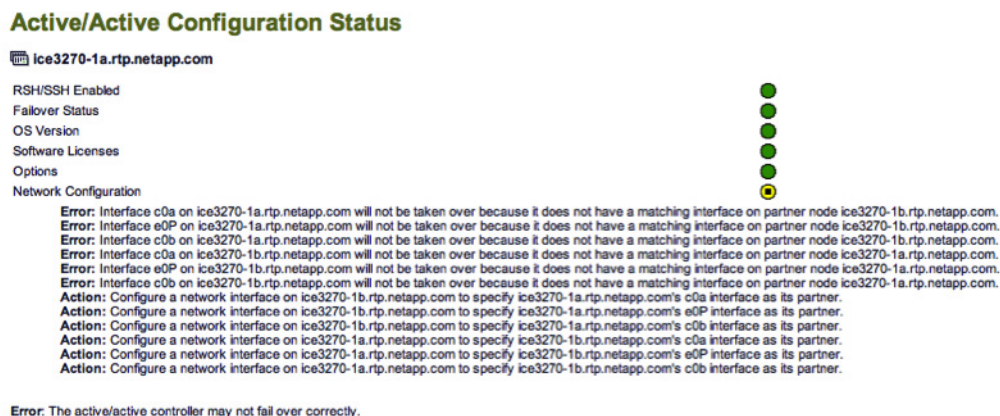
To run the active/active configuration check tool within Operations Manager:

1. Navigate to the Operations Manager Web GUI.
2. Login as a user with Administrator privileges.
3. Click the **Control Center** tab.
4. Click the **Home** tab.
5. Click the **Member Details** tab.
6. Click the link for either storage controller in the Storage System column.
7. In the menu on the left under Storage Controller Tools, click **Check Configuration**.

Several checks are performed during the active/active configuration check. Potential issues or configuration errors are presented in list format and appropriate actions should be taken to mitigate these items.

Figure 16 shows an active-active configuration status.

Figure 16 Active/Active Configuration Status



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Active/Active Configuration Example

The following example details a proper active/active configuration as it pertains to the implementation of vFiler® units and their associated attributes. Note that other advanced settings are also either required or recommended to be identical on both controllers. The list of advanced settings can be found in the Data ONTAP 7.3 Active/Active Configuration Guide (<https://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/ontap/rel7351/pdfs/ontap/aaconfig.pdf>).

Table 1 **NetApp1 (Physical Controller)**

vFiler	IPspace	VLANs	IP Addresses
Infrastructure_vfiler	Infrastructure_ipspace	592	10.50.102.100
		599	192.168.99.101
		600	192.168.100.100
SQL_vfiler	SQL_ipspace	124	10.3.102.100
		129	192.168.129.101
		130	192.168.130.100

Table 2 **NetApp2 (Physical Controller)**

vFiler	IPspace	VLANs	IP Addresses
Exchange_vfiler	Exchange_ipspace	115	10.2.102.100
		119	192.168.119.101
		120	192.168.120.100
Sharepoint_vfiler	Sharepoint_ipspace	106	10.1.102.100
		109	192.168.109.101
		110	192.168.110.100

```
NetApp1> ifconfig -a
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```
vif0: flags=0xa3d0a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM,VLAN> mtu 9000
    ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:81 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-106: flags=0x310a862<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
    partner vif0-106 (not in use)
    ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:82 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-109: flags=0x394a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
    partner vif0-109 (not in use)
    ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:83 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-110: flags=0x310a862<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
    partner vif0-110 (not in use)
    ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:84 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-115: flags=0x394a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
    partner vif0-115 (not in use)
    ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:85 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-119: flags=0x310a862<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
    partner vif0-119 (not in use)
    ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:86 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-120: flags=0x310a862<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
    partner vif0-120 (not in use)
    ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:87 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-124: flags=0x394a863<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
    inet 10.3.102.100 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 10.3.102.255
    partner vif0-124 (not in use)
    ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:88 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-129: flags=0x394a863<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
    inet 192.168.129.101 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 192.168.129.255
    partner vif0-129 (not in use)
```

```

        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:89 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-130: flags=0x394a863<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 192.168.130.100 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 192.168.130.255
        partner vif0-130 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:8a (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-592: flags=0x394a863<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 10.50.102.100 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 10.50.102.255
        partner vif0-592 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:8b (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-599: flags=0x394a863<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 192.168.99.101 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 192.168.99.255
        partner vif0-599 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:8c (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-600: flags=0x394a863<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 192.168.100.100 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 192.168.100.255
        partner vif0-600 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:8d (Enabled virtual interface)

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NetApp2> ifconfig -a

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```

vif0: flags=0xa3d0a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM,VLAN> mtu 9000
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:91 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-106: flags=0x310a862<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 10.1.102.100 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 10.1.102.255
        partner vif0-106 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:92 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-109: flags=0x394a863<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 192.168.109.101 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 192.168.109.255
        partner vif0-109 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:93 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-110: flags=0x310a862<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 192.168.110.100 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 192.168.110.255
        partner vif0-110 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:94 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-115: flags=0x394a863<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 10.2.102.100 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 10.2.102.255
        partner vif0-115 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:95 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-119: flags=0x310a862<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 192.168.119.101 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 192.168.119.255
        partner vif0-119 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:96 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-120: flags=0x310a862<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        inet 192.168.120.100 netmask-or-prefix 0xffffffff00 broadcast 192.168.120.255
        partner vif0-120 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:97 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-124: flags=0x394a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        partner vif0-124 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:98 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-129: flags=0x394a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        partner vif0-129 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:99 (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-130: flags=0x394a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        partner vif0-130 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:9a (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-592: flags=0x394a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000
        partner vif0-592 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:9b (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-599: flags=0x394a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCSUM> mtu 9000

```

```

        partner vif0-599 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:9c (Enabled virtual interface)
vif0-600: flags=0x394a863<BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,TCPCKSUM> mtu 9000
        partner vif0-600 (not in use)
        ether 02:a0:98:0b:b0:9d (Enabled virtual interface)
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```

NetApp1> ipspace list
Number of ipspaces configured: 4
default-ipspace           (e0M e0P e0a e0b)
Infrastructure_ipspace     (vif0-592 vif0-599 vif0-600)
SQL_ipspace               (vif0-124 vif0-129 vif0-130)
Exchange_ipspace          (vif0-115 vif0-119 vif0-120)
Sharepoint_ipspace        (vif0-106 vif0-109 vif0-110)

```

```

NetApp2> ipspace list
Number of ipspaces configured: 4
default-ipspace           (e0M e0P e0a e0b)
Infrastructure_ipspace     (vif0-592 vif0-599 vif0-600)
SQL_ipspace               (vif0-124 vif0-129 vif0-130)
Exchange_ipspace          (vif0-115 vif0-119 vif0-120)
Sharepoint_ipspace        (vif0-106 vif0-109 vif0-110)

```

```

NetApp1> rdfile /etc/rc

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```

```

vif create lacp vif0 -b ip e6a e6b
vlan create vif0 106 110 119 120 124 130 583 589 590 592 600
ifconfig vif0 partner vif0
ifconfig e0a `hostname`-e0a netmask 255.255.0.0 mtusize 1500 mediatype auto flowcontrol
full partner e0a
ifconfig vif0-106 `hostname`-vif0-106 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-106
ifconfig vif0-109 `hostname`-vif0-109 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-109
ifconfig vif0-110 `hostname`-vif0-110 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-110
ifconfig vif0-115 `hostname`-vif0-115 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-115
ifconfig vif0-119 `hostname`-vif0-119 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-119
ifconfig vif0-120 `hostname`-vif0-120 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-120
ifconfig vif0-124 `hostname`-vif0-124 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-124
ifconfig vif0-129 `hostname`-vif0-129 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-129
ifconfig vif0-130 `hostname`-vif0-130 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-130
ifconfig vif0-592 `hostname`-vif0-592 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-592
ifconfig vif0-599 `hostname`-vif0-599 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-599
ifconfig vif0-600 `hostname`-vif0-600 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-600

```

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```

NetApp2> rdfile /etc/rc

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```

```

vif create lacp vif0 -b ip e6a e6b
vlan create vif0 106 110 119 120 124 130 583 589 590 592 600
ifconfig vif0 partner vif0
ifconfig e0a `hostname`-e0a netmask 255.255.0.0 mtusize 1500 mediatype auto flowcontrol
full partner e0a
ifconfig vif0-106 `hostname`-vif0-106 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-106

```

```

ifconfig vif0-109 `hostname`-vif0-109 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-109
ifconfig vif0-110 `hostname`-vif0-110 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-110
ifconfig vif0-115 `hostname`-vif0-115 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-115
ifconfig vif0-119 `hostname`-vif0-119 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-119
ifconfig vif0-120 `hostname`-vif0-120 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-120
ifconfig vif0-124 `hostname`-vif0-124 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-124
ifconfig vif0-129 `hostname`-vif0-129 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-129
ifconfig vif0-130 `hostname`-vif0-130 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-130
ifconfig vif0-592 `hostname`-vif0-592 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-592
ifconfig vif0-599 `hostname`-vif0-599 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-599
ifconfig vif0-600 `hostname`-vif0-600 netmask 255.255.255.0 mtusize 9000 partner vif0-600

```

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```
NetApp1> rdfile /etc/hosts
```

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```

127.0.0.1 localhost
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp1-vif0
172.26.162.10  NetApp1 NetApp1-e0a
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp1-e0b
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp1-e0c
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp1-e0d
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp1-e0e
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp1-e0f
0.0.0.0        NetApp1-vif0-106
10.1.102.100   NetApp2-vif0-106
0.0.0.0        NetApp1-vif0-109
192.168.109.101 NetApp2-vif0-109
0.0.0.0        NetApp1-vif0-110
192.168.110.100 NetApp2-vif0-110
0.0.0.0        NetApp1-vif0-115
10.2.102.100   NetApp2-vif0-115
0.0.0.0        NetApp1-vif0-119
192.168.119.101 NetApp2-vif0-119
0.0.0.0        NetApp1-vif0-120
192.168.120.100 NetApp2-vif0-120
0.0.0.0        NetApp1-vif0-124
0.0.0.0        NetApp2-vif0-124
192.168.129.101 NetApp1-vif0-129
0.0.0.0        NetApp2-vif0-129
192.168.130.100 NetApp1-vif0-130
0.0.0.0        NetApp2-vif0-130
10.50.102.100  NetApp1-vif0-592
0.0.0.0        NetApp2-vif0-592
192.168.99.101 NetApp1-vif0-599
0.0.0.0        NetApp2-vif0-599
192.168.100.100 NetApp1-vif0-600
0.0.0.0        NetApp2-vif0-600

```

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```
NetApp2> rdfile /etc/hosts
```

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```

127.0.0.1 localhost
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp2-vif0
172.26.162.11  NetApp2 NetApp2-e0a
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp2-e0b
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp2-e0c

```

```
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp2-e0d
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp2-e0e
# 0.0.0.0      NetApp2-e0f
0.0.0.0      NetApp1-vif0-106
10.1.102.100  NetApp2-vif0-106
0.0.0.0      NetApp1-vif0-109
192.168.109.101 NetApp2-vif0-109
0.0.0.0      NetApp1-vif0-110
192.168.110.100 NetApp2-vif0-110
0.0.0.0      NetApp1-vif0-115
10.2.102.100  NetApp2-vif0-115
0.0.0.0      NetApp1-vif0-119
192.168.119.101 NetApp2-vif0-119
0.0.0.0      NetApp1-vif0-120
192.168.120.100 NetApp2-vif0-120
0.0.0.0      NetApp1-vif0-124
0.0.0.0      NetApp2-vif0-124
192.168.129.101 NetApp1-vif0-129
0.0.0.0      NetApp2-vif0-129
192.168.130.100 NetApp1-vif0-130
0.0.0.0      NetApp2-vif0-130
10.50.102.100  NetApp1-vif0-592
0.0.0.0      NetApp2-vif0-592
192.168.99.101  NetApp1-vif0-599
0.0.0.0      NetApp2-vif0-599
192.168.100.100 NetApp1-vif0-600
0.0.0.0      NetApp2-vif0-600
```

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Security Hardening

NetApp recommends that you configure and enable an administrative user other than root immediately after initially setting up Data ONTAP. NetApp also recommends enabling secure protocols (refer to [Table 3](#) for the default and recommended settings for each protocol) and disabling unsecure and unused protocols.

Data ONTAP has two distinct types of access: user data access through the NAS and SAN modules and administrative access through the storage controller's administrative module. Use caution when assigning elevated administrative access for any user. Data ONTAP has many security-related options that can be set to meet particular requirements. NetApp strongly recommends the use of secure administration methods for Data ONTAP and the disabling of any administrative protocols deemed to be of high risk. All management protocols used should be secure and encrypted whenever possible. For example, https should be used instead of http whenever possible.

Several services should be considered for disabling. Depending on the enterprise security structure, the state of any service depends on where the service is deployed and how deep it is in the infrastructure. The services in [Table 3](#) do not require the purchase of additional licensing from NetApp. All of these settings are configurable through the options command within the Data ONTAP CLI.

For more information on securing NetApp storage controllers, refer to:

- TR3649: Best Practices for Secure Configuration of Data ONTAP 7G (<http://media.netapp.com/documents/tr-3649.pdf>)
- TR-3358: Role-Based Access Control for Data ONTAP 7G (<http://media.netapp.com/documents/tr-3358.pdf>)

Table 3 **Data ONTAP services**

Service	Default State Data ONTAP	Recommended Setting
File Transfer Protocol (FTP)	Off	Off
File Transfer Protocol over SSH (SFTP)	Off	On
File Transfer Protocol over SSL (FTPS)	Off	On
FilerView <code>https://<filer_IP>/na_admin</code> (<code>httpd.admin.ssl.enable</code>)	Off	On
FilerView <code>http://<filer_IP>/na_admin</code> (<code>httpd.admin.enable</code>)	On	Off
Network Data Management Protocol (NDMP)	Off	On
Remote Shell (rsh)	On	Off
RIP - routed (RIPv1)	On	Off
Secure Shell Service (ssh)	Off	On
Secure Shell v1 (SSHv1)	Off	Off
Secure Shell v2 (SSHv2)	Off	On
Secure Sockets Service (ssl)	Off	On
Secure Sockets Layer v2 (SSLv2)	On	Off
Secure Sockets Layer v3 (SSLv3)	On	On
Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMPv1) (“Public” as a community string)	On	Off
Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMPv3)	Off	On
Telnet	On	Off
Transport Layer Security v1 (TLSv1)	Off	On
Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP)	Off	Off

Centralized Logging

NetApp Data ONTAP has the ability to transmit logs to a centralized syslog server. The storage system receives information about the syslog server and what logs to send from the user configurable `syslog.conf` file. There are several pieces to Data ONTAP log messages including the “level” of logging and the “facility” of logging. The “level” of logging describes the severity of the message; the “facility” of logging describes the part of the system generating the message.

For further information on configuring centralized logging through the `syslog.conf` file, refer to the Data ONTAP 7.3 System Administration Guide. For Data ONTAP 7.3.5.1, which is configured in the current version of FlexPod for VMware, see:

(<https://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/ontap/rel7351/pdfs/ontap/sysadmin.pdf>).

To enable logging:

1. Mount the `/etc` directory from an administrative machine.
2. Create the `/etc/syslog.conf` file from the provided `/etc/syslog.conf.sample` file that exists by default in the `/etc` directory.

The following is an example `/etc/syslog.conf` file:

```
NetApp> rd1file /etc/syslog.conf
# $Id: //depot/prod/ontap/R7.3.3x/files/syslog.conf.sample#1 $
# Copyright (c) 1994-1996 Network Appliance.
# All rights reserved.
# Sample syslog.conf file. Copy to /etc/syslog.conf to use.
# You must use TABS for separators between fields.

# Log messages of priority info or higher to the console and to /etc/messages
*.info                                /dev/console
*.info                                /etc/messages
*.info                                @smt-splunk-1.smt.com

# Edit and uncomment following line to log all messages of priority
# err or higher and all kernel messages to a remote host, e.g. adminhost
# *.err;kern.*                        @adminhost

# Edit and uncomment following line to log all messages of priority
# err or higher and all kernel messages to the local7 facility of the
# syslogd on a remote host, e.g. adminhost.
# *.err;kern.*                        local7.*@adminhost

# Edit and uncomment following line to log all messages of priority
# err or higher and all kernel messages to a remote host, e.g. adminhost,
# at priority debug.
# *.err;kern.*                        *.debug@adminhost

# Edit and uncomment following line to log all messages of priority
# err or higher and all kernel messages to the local5 facility of the
# syslogd on a remote host, e.g. adminhost, at priority info.
# *.err;kern.*                        local5.info@adminhost
```

Centralized Authentication

NetApp Data ONTAP supports centralized authentication for both data access and storage controller administration. Supported centralized authentication and directory services include Microsoft Active Directory®, NIS, LDAP, and Kerberos. Microsoft Active Directory is the most commonly used and widely supported directory service and is therefore recommended in an ESMT environment.

Each physical or virtual (vFiler) storage controller can be added to the same Active Directory domain or added to separate independent Active Directory domains depending on the controller's purpose and owner (administrator or tenant). The procedure for joining a physical or virtual storage controller to an Active Directory domain is exactly the same and differs only in which context (physical or vFiler unit) the commands are executed.

For information on integrating NetApp storage into a Microsoft Active Directory domain as well as other directory services for both Windows and UNIX/Linux clients, see:

- Data ONTAP 7.3 System Administration Guide
<http://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/ontap/rel7351/pdfs/ontap/sysadmin.pdf>
- Data ONTAP 7.3 File Access and Protocols Management Guide
<http://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/ontap/rel7351/pdfs/ontap/filesag.pdf>
- TR-3771: Windows File Services Best Practices with NetApp Storage Systems
<http://media.netapp.com/documents/tr-3771.pdf>
- TR-3458: Unified Windows and Linux Authorization Using Microsoft Active Directory LDAP as a Directory Store
<http://media.netapp.com/documents/tr-3458.pdf>

- TR-3457: Unified Windows and UNIX Authentication Using Microsoft Active Directory Kerberos
<http://media.netapp.com/documents/tr-3457.pdf>
- TR-3464: Integration of a NetApp Storage System with a UNIX Based LDAP Server
<http://media.netapp.com/documents/tr-3464.pdf>

Deploying NetApp Operations Manager and Provisioning Manager

Security Hardening

Secure management interfaces should be used with NetApp Operations Manager and Provisioning Manager. Operations Manager is managed with a secure Web page (https on TCP port 8443). Provisioning Manager and Protection Manager are managed using the NetApp Management Console, which is a small client-based application installed on a management workstation. This workstation could also contain other management applications such as the VMware vSphere Client. Communication between the NetApp Management Console and Operations Manager also uses https on TCP port 8448. Both of these secure interfaces are enabled as part of the FlexPod for VMware deployment, along with disabling of the non-secure interfaces. Also, all communication between Operations Manager and Provisioning Manager and the NetApp storage systems should be secure. Storage system management should be setup with ssh (TCP port 22), https (TCP port 443), and snmpV3, which in this implementation encrypts the user login password. The vFiler units are managed with http (TCP port 80), but this management is all done within non-routed VLANs with private address spaces.

Centralized Logging

The Microsoft Windows version of NetApp Operations Manager and Provisioning Manager does not send logs to a centralized syslog server. These logs are stored locally on the server hosting Operations Manager. However, all actions initiated by NetApp Operations Manager and Provisioning Manager on the NetApp storage systems generate appropriately labeled storage system logs, which can be forwarded to a centralized syslog server.

Centralized Authentication

Since the versions of NetApp Operations Manager and Provisioning Manager included in FlexPod run on a Windows Server, centralized authentication can be set up in the Active Directory domain. RBAC can be used to provide appropriate capabilities to users on different resources within the environment.

Deploying NetApp Virtual Storage Console

NetApp Virtual Storage Console (VSC) is a VMware vCenter™ plug-in that provides four functions:

- Proper timeout and adapter settings on the VMware ESXi hosts managed by the vCenter
- Rapid cloning of virtual machines and templates utilizing NetApp FlexClone® technology
- Provisioning of tenant NFS datastores
- Scheduled backups of virtual machines utilizing NetApp Snapshot® copies with the capability of triggering NetApp SnapMirror® updates as part of a disaster recovery plan

NetApp recommends installing VSC on a Windows Server 2008 R2 virtual machine along with NetApp Operations Manager and Provisioning Manager. On this virtual machine, in addition to the management network interface, network interfaces with jumbo frames setup should be configured in each storage network in the infrastructure for both infrastructure and tenant vFiler unit direct access. This direct access to the vFiler management interface is needed both to clone virtual machines and to back up virtual machines within a mounted datastore that is contained within a vFiler unit.

For more information on installing and configuring the NetApp VSC, see the NetApp Virtual Storage Console 2.1 for VMware vSphere Installation and Administration Guide (https://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/virtual_storage_console/relvsc21/pdfs/install.pdf).

Security Hardening

Secure interfaces should be used between NetApp VSC and VMware vCenter, for which VSC serves as a plug-in. In this case, a secure interface is the only option because both directions of communication between these two components occur using https on TCP port 443. Also, all communication between VSC and the NetApp storage systems should be secure. Storage system management should be set up with ssl (TCP port 443). vFilers are managed with http (tcp port 80), but this management is all done within non-routed VLANs with private address spaces.

Centralized Logging

VSC does not directly generate logs. However, all actions initiated by VSC on the NetApp storage systems generate appropriately labeled storage system logs that can be forwarded to a centralized syslog server. Additionally, all tasks utilizing the VSC vCenter Plug-in generate events and logs within vCenter.

Centralized Authentication

Since VSC runs on a Windows Server, centralized authentication can be set up in the Active Directory domain. Tasks performed by users using the VSC vCenter Server Plug-in are authenticated through vCenter.

Deploying NetApp SANscreen

Security Hardening

Because Netapp SANscreen® Server and Data Warehouse Server run on Microsoft Windows VMs, it is important to always follow Microsoft Windows security best practices whenever possible. This may include running the native Windows firewall or disabling any un-used protocols, and so on, to ensure the most secure environment possible. Microsoft provides a Security Compliance Toolkit to aid in the proper configuration of Microsoft Windows 2008 systems in the environment. Best practice documentation and guidelines can also be obtained for other operating system versions and platforms.

In order for NetApp SANscreen to work properly in a secure manner within the environment, it is important to create a specific SANscreen administrative user (that can be a cloud admin or storage admin) who possesses the capabilities to perform the necessary SANscreen operations and functions on

the NetApp controllers. Once the SANscreen administrative user is created in Active Directory, the following procedure should be followed to provide the minimum capabilities to the user on each NetApp controller:

1. Create a SANscreen Admin role on the storage controller(s) that includes the necessary capabilities.

Syntax:

```
useradmin role add <role_name> -a capability1[,capability2...]
```

Example:

```
NetApp1> useradmin role add SANScreen_admin -a  
api-*,login-http-admin,security-api-vfiler
```

Where:

- api-*—Allows the NetApp SANscreen server to execute the appropriate API commands on the NetApp controller(s)
 - login-http-admin—Allows the NetApp SANscreen server to connect to the NetApp controller(s) through HTTP(s)
 - security-api-vfiler—Allows the NetApp SANscreen server to execute the appropriate API commands to retrieve vFiler unit information
2. Assign the newly created SANscreen_admin role to the group to which the SANscreen administrator belongs on the storage controller.

Syntax:

```
useradmin group modify <group_name> -r <custom_role>
```

Example:

```
NetApp1> useradmin group modify SANScreen_admin_grp -r SANScreen_admin
```

In securing the SANscreen Server installation, it is also important to choose the correct secure protocols to use for communication to and from the local server. Always make sure to choose the secure protocol option, which, for example, might be using HTTPS versus HTTP. In this example, HTTPS is the preferred secure protocol. This methodology should apply to all aspects of the environment, not just the NetApp SANscreen Server configuration.

Centralized Authentication

Outside of typical Windows Active Directory logon authentication, NetApp SANscreen Server leverages two methods for user authentication: LDAP version 2 or 3 and a local SANscreen user database. SANscreen first tries to authenticate the user against LDAP if LDAP has been enabled. Otherwise the user is authenticated against the local SANscreen user database. To enable LDAP:

1. Login as a user with Administrative privileges.
2. Navigate to the User Management section from the Main Menu.
3. Click **LDAP Configuration** and enable LDAP by clicking the checkbox labeled **Enable LDAP**.
4. Fill in the appropriate values as desired to fully configure LDAP authentication.

Figure 17 shows the LDAP configuration screen.

Figure 17 LDAP Configuration

LDAP Configuration

☒ Enable LDAP

User principal name attribute: userPrincipalName

Role attribute: memberOf

Mail attribute: mail

Distinguished name attribute: distinguishedName

Referral: follow

Timeout (ms): 2000

LDAP servers(use comma to delimit): ldap:/// Import Certificates...

Domain: DC=domain,DC=com

SANscreen server administrators group: sanscreen.server.admins

SANscreen administrators group: sanscreen.admins

SANscreen users group: sanscreen.users

SANscreen guests group: sanscreen.guests

Directory lookup user:

Directory lookup user password:

Confirm directory lookup user password:

Validate Password

Update

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Deploying VMware

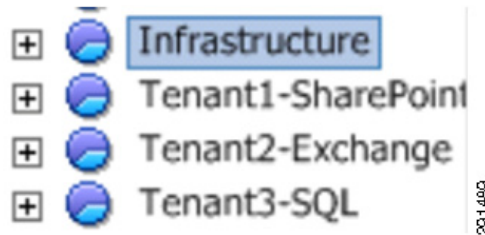
Installing and Configuring VMware vSphere

Installation and configuration procedures for VMware vSphere components (ESXi and vCenter Server) are identical to those documented in the FlexPOD deployment guide (NetApp Technical Report/TR-3892). The ESMT architecture runs on top of FlexPOD, therefore the standard procedures from FlexPOD deployment need to be completed.

After installation of vSphere, follow the steps below to configure the ESX clusters:

- Option 1—Create two separate ESX Clusters, one for management/infrastructure and the other for pure compute resources dedicated to tenants. This option was used with FlexPod validation.
- Option 2—Create one ESX Cluster and create sub-resource pools for management/infrastructure and sub-resource pool for individual tenants. This option was used in ESMT validation.

In the ESMT validation, option 2 was used. See [Figure 18](#) for a reference of Cluster/Resource Pool layout for both management/infrastructure and individual tenants (Exchange, SQL, and SharePoint).

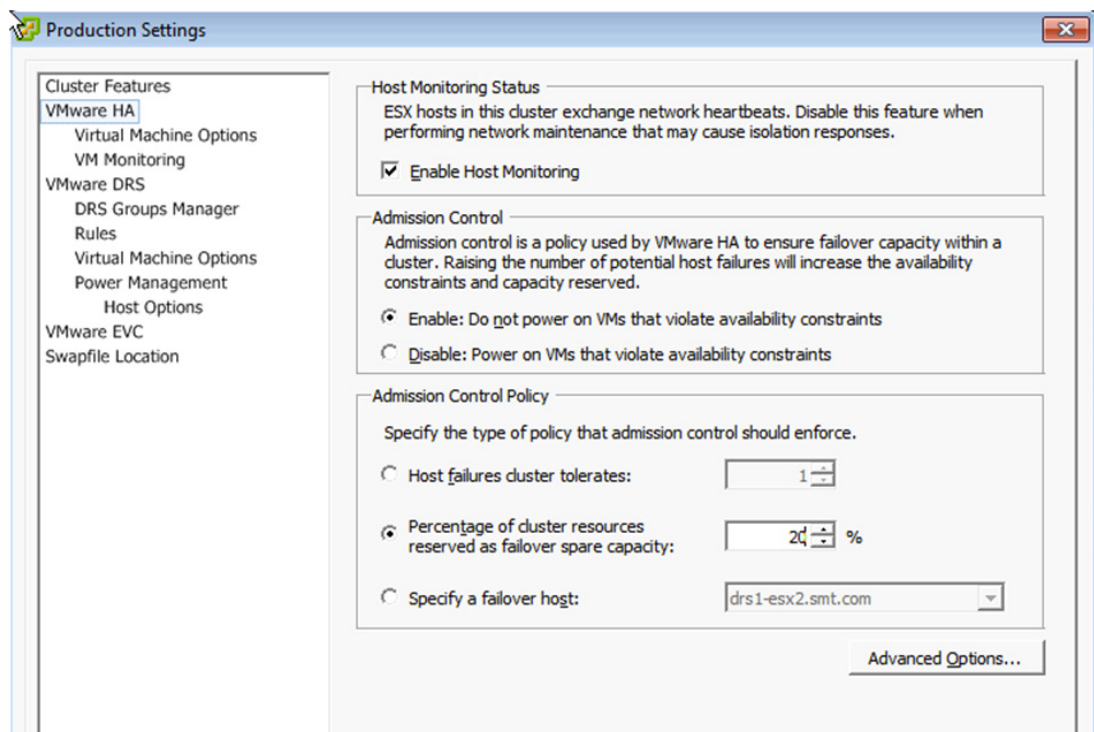
Figure 18 Cluster/Resource Pool Layout Example

1. Create a new data center.
2. Create new ESX Cluster by adding all ESXi servers to the cluster.
3. Configure the settings in [Figure 19](#) for HA and DRS.

**Note**

The values here serve as a reference only. Refer to the Enhanced Secure Multi-Tenancy Design Guide

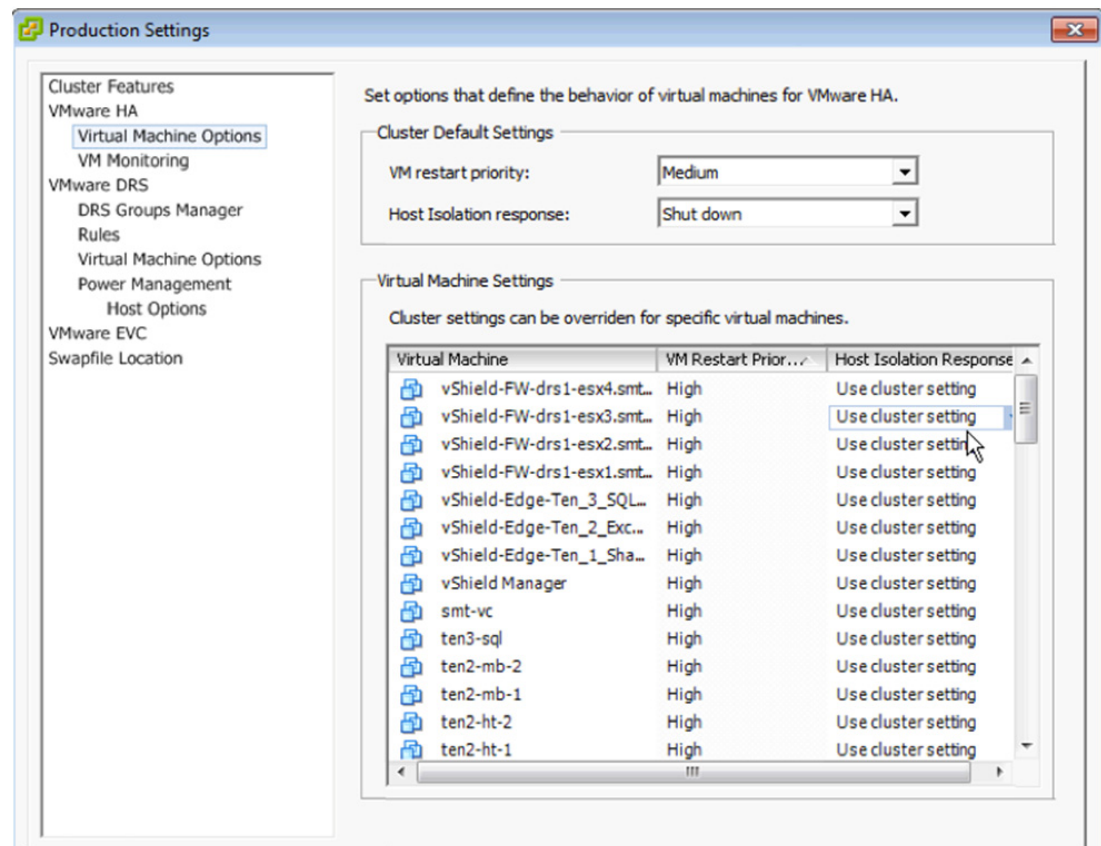
(http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Data_Center/Virtualization/secureldg_V2.html) for design considerations on recommended values based on high availability protection and individual tenant criticality.

Figure 19 HA Cluster Level Settings

**Note**

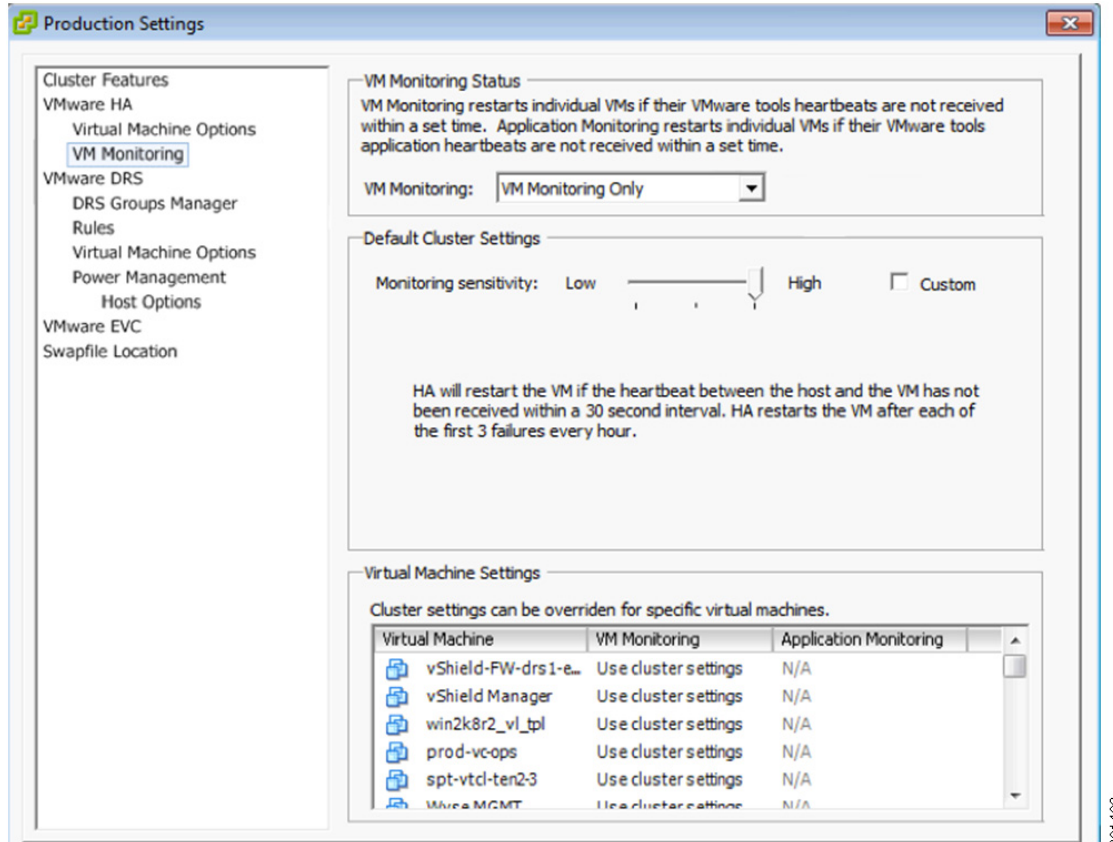
Virtual Machine restart priority (on ESX host failover)—Ensure that the infrastructure and critical production tenant VMs are configured with High VM restart priority. Figure 20 illustrates the infrastructure and critical tenant VM configured with High VM restart priority in the ESMT environment: vShield Manager, vShield Edge, vShield App, vCenter Server Primary/Standby, Virtual Storage Console, and Tenant 2 and Tenant 3 (Exchange and SQL Server).

Figure 20 VMware HA Virtual Machine Restart Priority



For VM monitoring, ensure cluster-wide setting is set to Enable, with threshold level set to High. Given that a large number of virtual machines in an ESMT environment are serving infrastructure management and production tenants, it is easier to set the cluster-wide setting to accommodate the most common setting. For individual non-production/less critical tenant virtual machines, the individual VM setting can override the cluster-level setting.

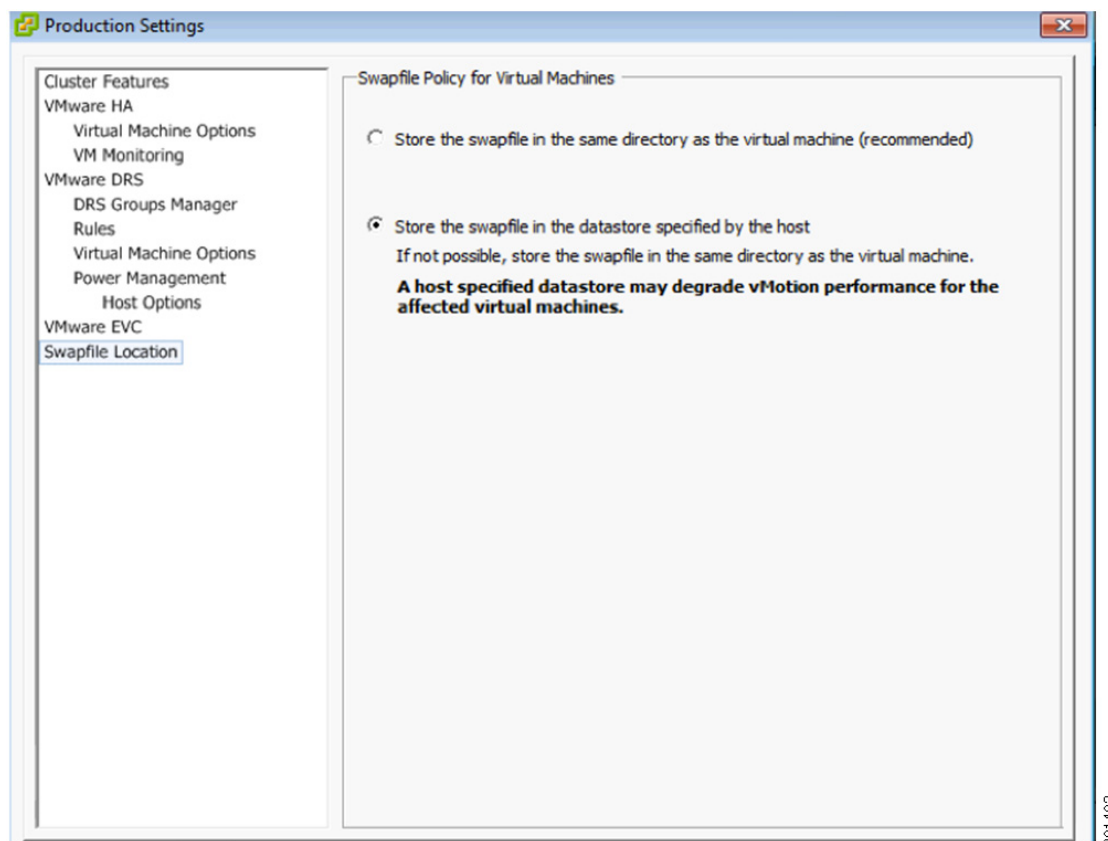
Figure 21 VMware HA VM Monitoring Sensitivity



Leave all VMware DRS and VMware EVC cluster-level settings at default.

For Swapfile Location, ensure the swap file location is set to store in a specific datastore in the ESX host. This is the best practice recommendation when SRM is used for disaster recovery, as the dedicated datastore storing virtual machine swap file is not replicated.

Figure 22 **Swapfile Location**



Resource Pool settings for Infrastructure, Exchange, SQL, and SharePoint Tenants:

- Each tenant is allocated a sub-resource pool under the Production cluster.
- Resource Pool share values are configured on the criticality of the tenant. In the validation:
 - The Exchange and SQL tenants are most critical, therefore CPU and memory share values are set to High, with Expandable Reservation enabled.
 - The SharePoint tenant CPU and memory share values are set to Normal, without Expandable Reservation.
 - The Infrastructure tenant CPU and memory share values are set to Normal, with Expandable Reservation enabled.
- In terms of resource pool Limits, the infrastructure, Exchange, and SQL tenants have setting of Unlimited; the SharePoint tenant has a resource cap for both CPU and memory resources, restricting the maximum amount of CPU and memory resource allocation per virtual machine.

vCenter Server Secure Separation

With compute resources separated at the sub-resource pool level, vCenter Role Based Access Control (RBAC) needs to be configured to ensure end users have visibility into and control of their own resources.

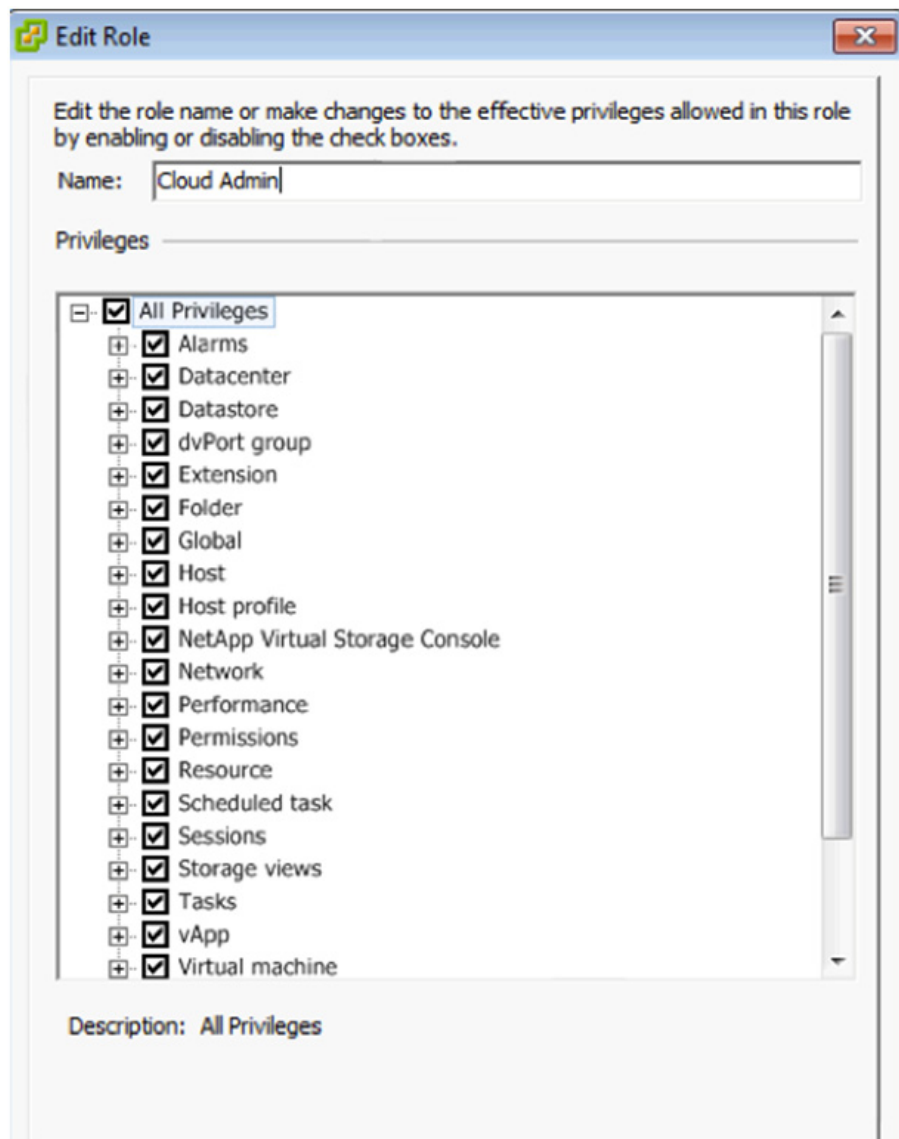
The following steps are required to configure vCenter RBAC based on the Enhanced Secure Multi-Tenancy Design Guide recommendations (http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Data_Center/Virtualization/secureldg_V2.html):

1. Create Cloud Admin, Tenant Admin, and Tenant User roles.



Note The exact privileges to select for each role can be found in the Enhanced Secure Multi-Tenancy Design Guide.

Figure 23 Cloud Admin Role—Access and Control to All Resources



Tenant Admin has limited set of privileges compared to Cloud Admin and Tenant User has the most restrictive set of privileges (Figure 24 and Figure 25).

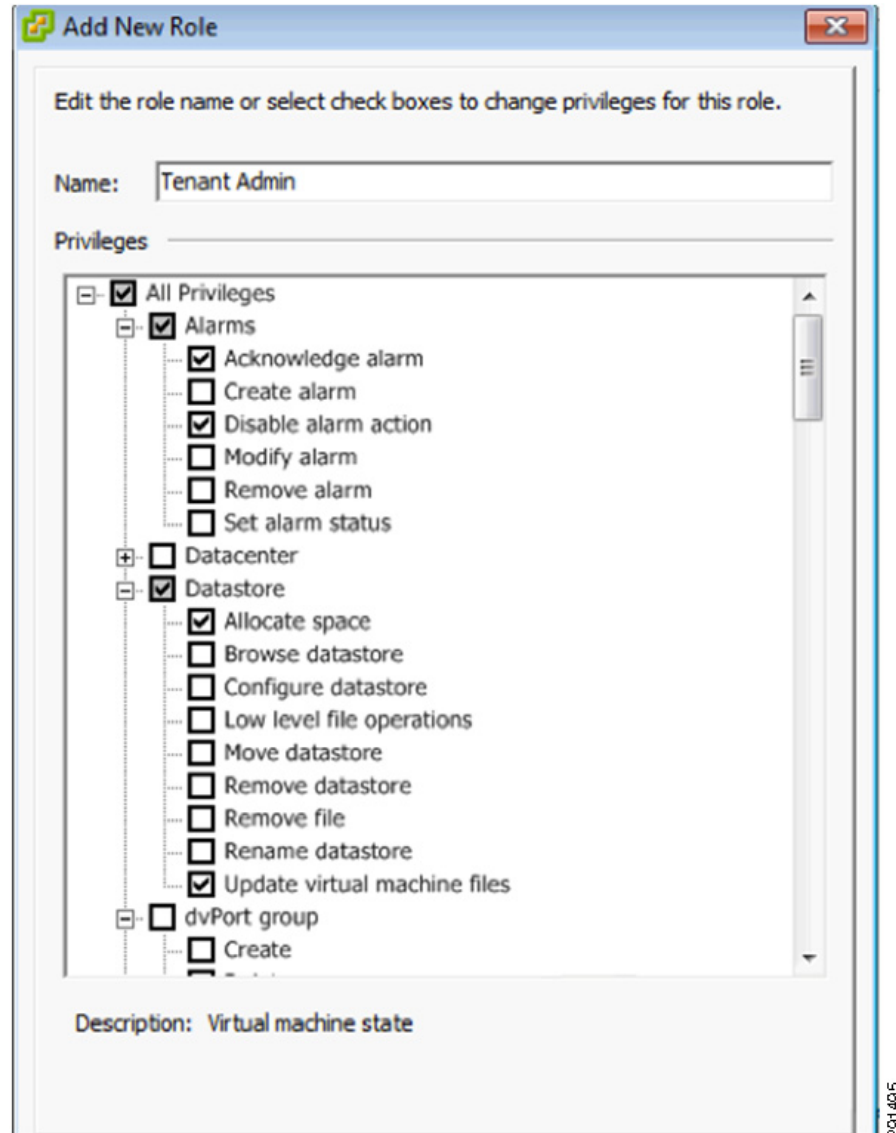
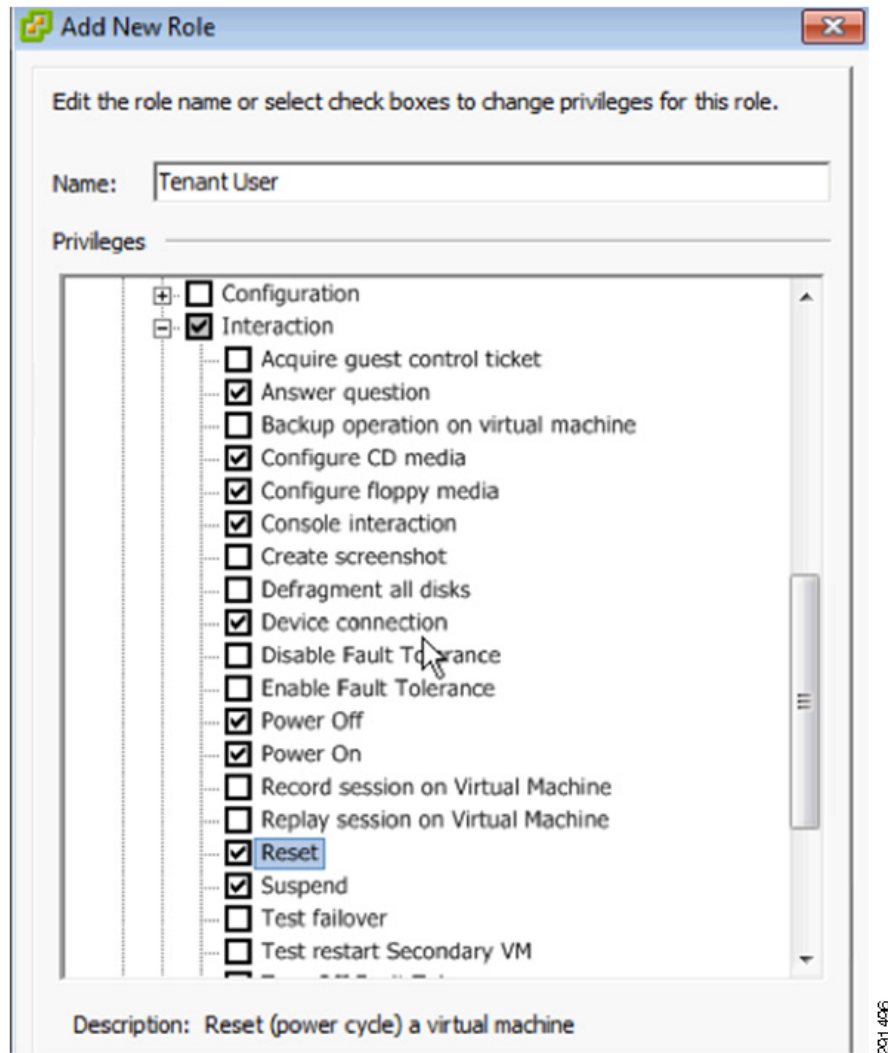
Figure 24 **Tenant Admin Privileges**

Figure 25 *Tenant User Privileges*



2. After the roles have been created, associate the role with the respective user for each of the tenant sub-resource pools (for example, [Figure 26](#) and [Figure 28](#)).

Figure 26 Infrastructure Resource Pool Permission Assignment for Cloud Admin Role—Part 1

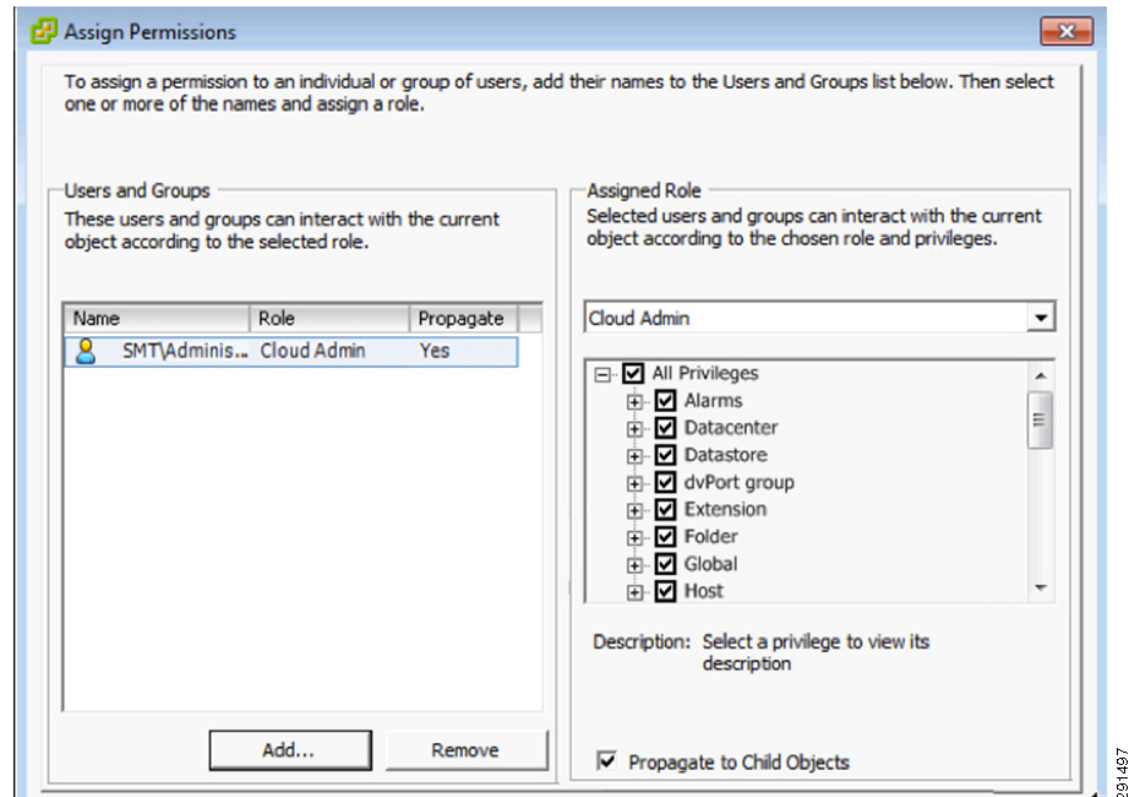
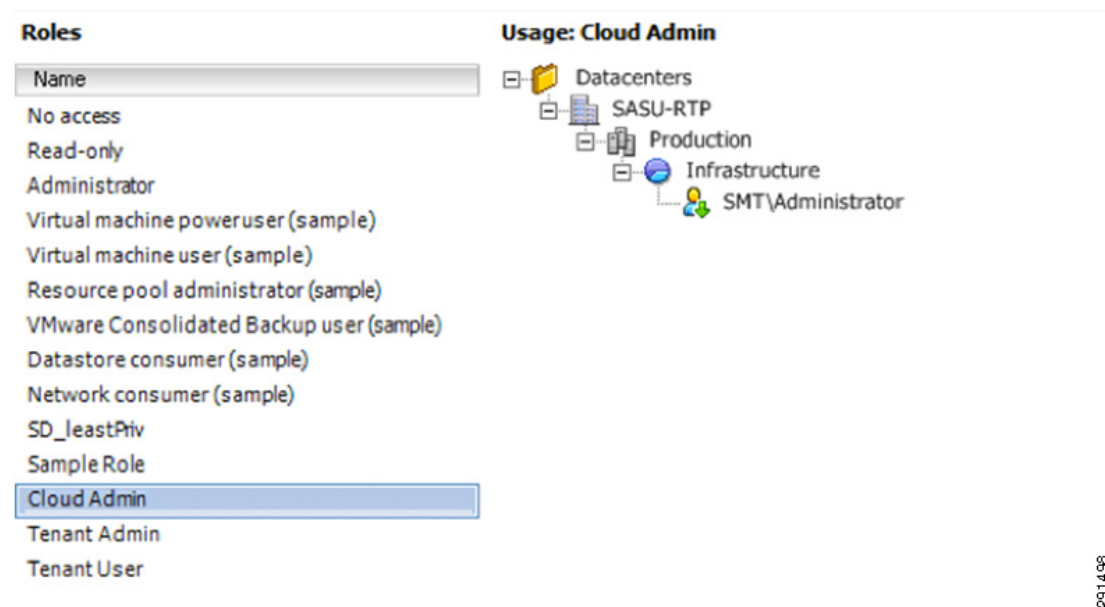


Figure 27 Infrastructure Resource Pool Permission Assignment for Cloud Admin Role—Part 2



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Figure 28 Tenant Resource Pool Permission Assignment for Tenant Admin Role—Part 1

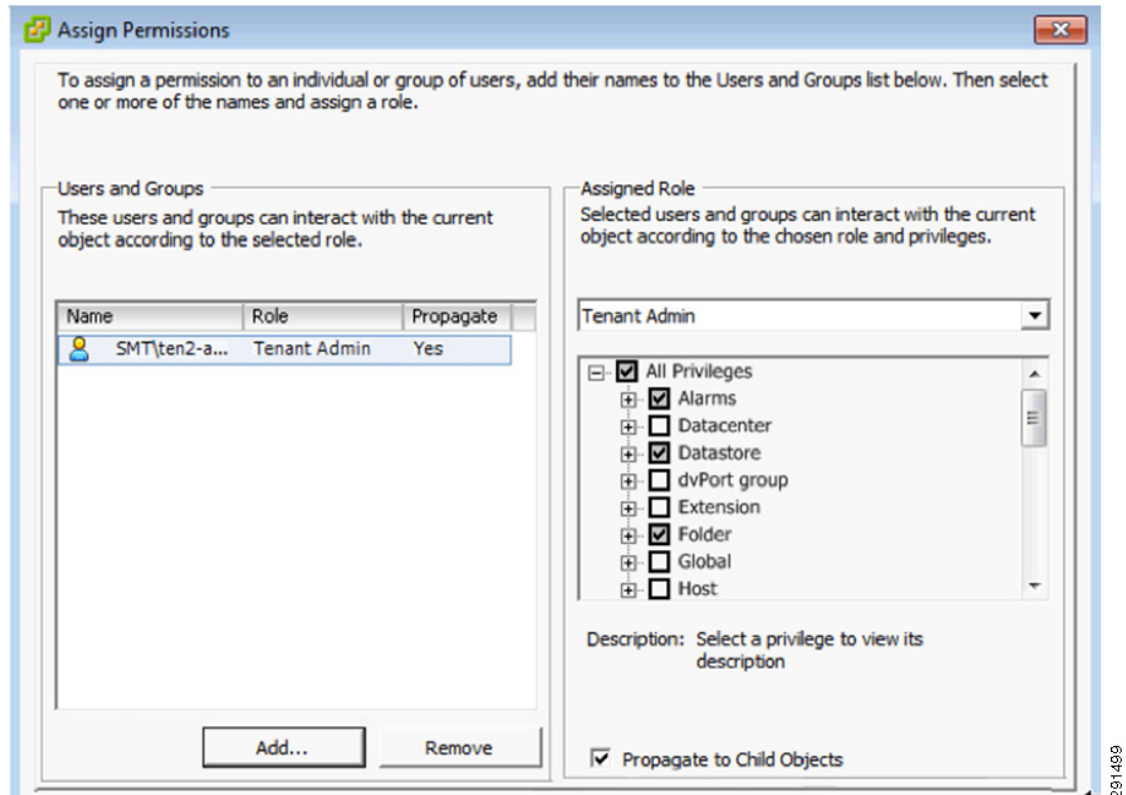
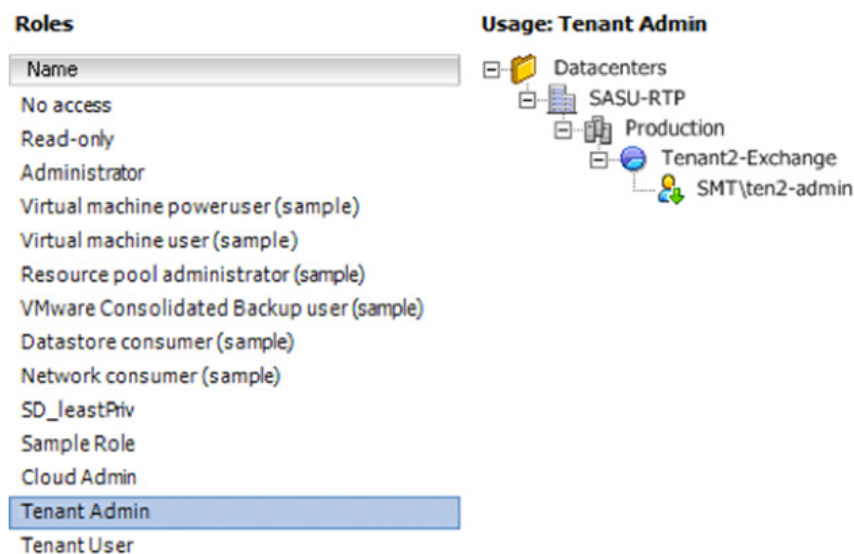


Figure 29 Tenant Resource Pool Permission Assignment for Tenant Admin Role—Part 2



Follow similar steps for all tenants in the ESMT environment.

Installing and Configuring Additional VMware Components for ESMT

The following additional products are not in the base FlexPod and are required for ESMT:

- vCenter Heartbeat (for installation instructions, see: <http://vmware.com/pdf/vcenter-server-heartbeat-63-u1-installation-guide.pdf>)
- vShield suite—vShield Manager, vShield Edge, and vShield App (for installation instructions, see: http://vmware.com/pdf/vshield_410U1_quickstart.pdf)

vCenter Server Heartbeat (additional configuration steps with NetApp Virtual Storage Console):

- Option 1—NetApp VSC is installed on the same VM as vCenter Server
- Option 2—NetApp VSC is installed on a separate VM

In the ESMT deployment, option 2 is used. The NetApp VSC is installed on a separate virtual machine. No additional steps are needed for VSC to function in the event of vCenter Server failover (from primary to secondary).

If option 1 were used in the deployment, the following steps are required to ensure VSC is protected and functions correctly on failover of vCenter Server from primary to secondary.

Add Protection for Virtual Storage Console



Note

The following steps will work **only** if the NetApp Virtual Storage Console has already been installed on vCenter Server. If not, install the VSC before performing the steps below.

1. Click **vCenter Server Heartbeat\Manage Server** and log into the Management GUI.
2. Click **Advanced Configuration**.
3. Click **Application > Services**.
4. Click **Add**.
5. Select the individual service listed, NetApp vSphere Plugin Framework (NVPF).
Leave all service configurations to the default, “recover service”.
6. Click **Data > Configuration**.
7. Click **Add Inclusion Filter**.
8. Navigate to and select <ProgramFiles>\NetApp\Virtual Storage Console.

The vCenter Server Heartbeat now monitors and protects the NetApp Virtual Storage Console services and synchronizes the application data/configuration files so that both servers are able to fully function as vCenter Servers and NetApp Virtual Storage Console Servers. For additional information, refer to KB 1036507 (<http://kb.vmware.com/kb/1036507>).

vShield Configuration

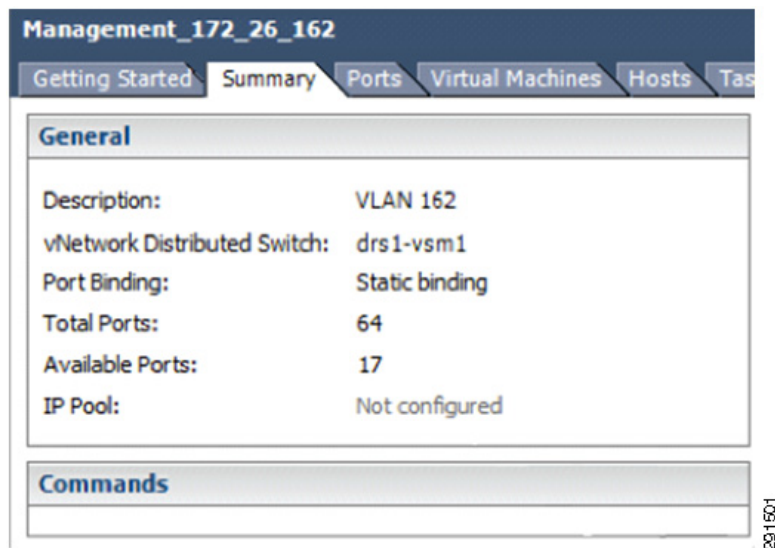
Refer to [Layer 2 Deployment](#) for the steps needed to configure vShield for the protection of tenants.

Securing VMware vSphere ESXi

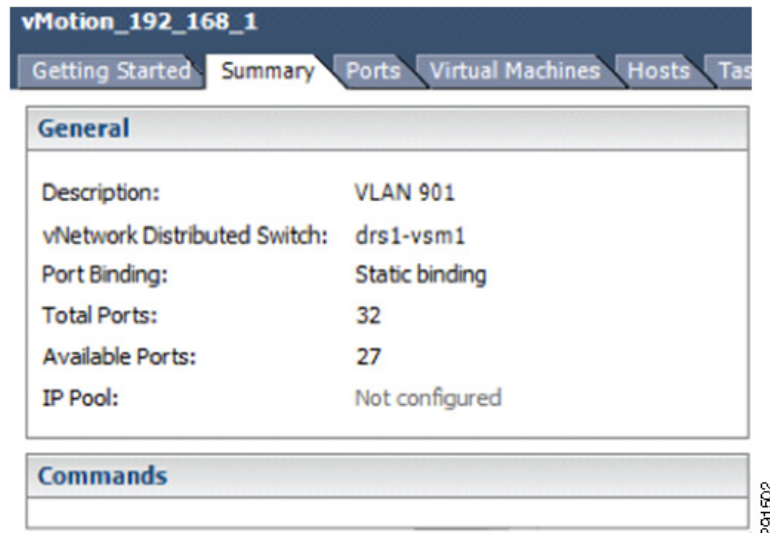
Security Hardening

- NTP—Configure an NTP server by following the steps below for each ESX Server in the cluster:
 - a. In the vSphere Client, select the host in the inventory.
 - b. Click the **Configuration** tab and click **Time Configuration**.
 - c. Click the **Properties** link at the top right of the panel.
 - d. Click **Options**.
 - e. Under NTP Settings, click **Add** to specify the NTP servers for the environment.
- Management network—Configure the management network on its own private VLAN, not tied to the infrastructure management, storage access, or tenant VM network.

Figure 30 **Management Network**



- vMotion network—Configure vMotion network on its own private VLAN, not tied to the infrastructure management, storage access, or tenant VM network.

Figure 31 vMotion Network

- **SSL certificate**—Replace default self-signed certificates with those from a trusted certificate authority, either commercial or organizational. Follow the instructions in the ESX Configuration Guide (http://www.vmware.com/pdf/vsphere4/r41/vsp_41_esx_server_config.pdf), in the “Security” chapter of the “Authentication and User Management” section.

Centralized Logging

For each ESXi host, follow the steps below to configure remote syslog:

1. From the vSphere Client, select a host in the inventory.
2. Select the Configuration tab and click **Advanced Settings**.
3. Click **Syslog**.
4. For Syslog.Remote.Hostname, enter a host name to which log files can be forwarded.

Centralized Authentication

Given that the tenants are not granted access to ESXi server directly, no AD authentication is needed for the ESXi host.

Securing VMware vSphere vCenter Server

Security Hardening

- **vCenter Server default certification**—Follow the instructions in “Replacing vCenter Server 4.1 Certificates” (<http://www.vmware.com/resources/techresources/10124>) to replace the default certificate for vCenter server.
- **Web Service Datastore Browser**—Disable the datastore browser functionality built-in within vCenter Web service by following instructions below:

To disable the datastore browser, edit the `vpdx.cfg` file and ensure that the following element is set:

```
<enableHttpDatastoreAccess>false</enableHttpDatastoreAccess>
```

This should be within the `<vpzd> . . . </vpzd>` element in the `vpzd.cfg` file.

Centralized Authentication

vCenter Server is part of the SMT domain, therefore users and groups defined in the central AD server can be used to access vCenter Server.

Securing VMware vShield

Security Hardening

- vShield Manager—The default password must be changed for vShield Manager and vShield agents after the first logon. Follow the steps below to change the password for vShield Manager:

To change the admin account password:

- Log in to the vShield Manager user interface.
 - Click **Settings & Reports** from the vShield Manager inventory panel.
 - Click the **Users** tab.
 - Select the admin account.
 - Click **Update User**.
 - Enter a new password.
 - Confirm the password by typing it a second time in the Retype Password field.
 - Click **OK** to save your changes.
- NTP—To set the date and time configuration of the vShield Manager:
 - Click **Settings & Reports** from the vShield Manager inventory panel.
 - Click the **Configuration** tab.
 - Click **Date/Time**.
 - In the Date and Clock field, type the date and time in the format YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.
 - In the NTP Server field, type the IP address/hostname of your NTP server.
 - From the Time Zone drop-down menu, select the appropriate time zone.
 - Click **Save**.
 - SSL certificate—Follow the instruction in the vShield Administration Guide (http://vmware.com/pdf/vshield_410U1_admin.pdf), in the “Add an SSL Certificate to Identify the vShield Manager Web Service” section, to import a pre-existing SSL certificate or generate a new one.

Centralized Logging

Configure remote syslog server for vShield Edge.

Figure 32 Centralized Logging Configuration for vShield Edge

The screenshot shows the vShield Edge configuration interface for a device named 'Ten_3_SQL_10_3_102'. The 'vShield Edge' tab is selected, and the 'Status' sub-tab is active. The 'Port Group Isolation' is set to 'No'. Under 'Edge Services', there is a table with three rows: VPN, DHCP, and Load Balancer, all marked as 'Not Configured' and last updated on Feb 26, 2011 at 4:19:12 PM. Below the table are buttons for 'Start', 'Stop', and 'Refresh Status'. A message at the bottom states 'Configuration on appliance not matching your configuration?' with an 'Apply Now' button. The 'Remote Syslog Servers' section is visible at the bottom, with 'Syslog Server 1' set to '10.50.101.104' and 'Syslog Server 2' empty. A 'Commit' button is present in the top right of this section.

Service Name	Service Status	Last Updated
VPN	Not Configured	Feb 26, 2011 4:19:12 PM
DHCP	Not Configured	Feb 26, 2011 4:19:12 PM
Load Balancer	Not Configured	Feb 26, 2011 4:19:12 PM

Configuration on appliance not matching your configuration? [Apply Now](#)

Remote Syslog Servers

Syslog Server 1:

Syslog Server 2:

Centralized Authentication

In the ESMT deployment, the Admin account is solely owned and controlled by the Cloud Admin. No access is given to the tenants.

Local Backup and Recovery

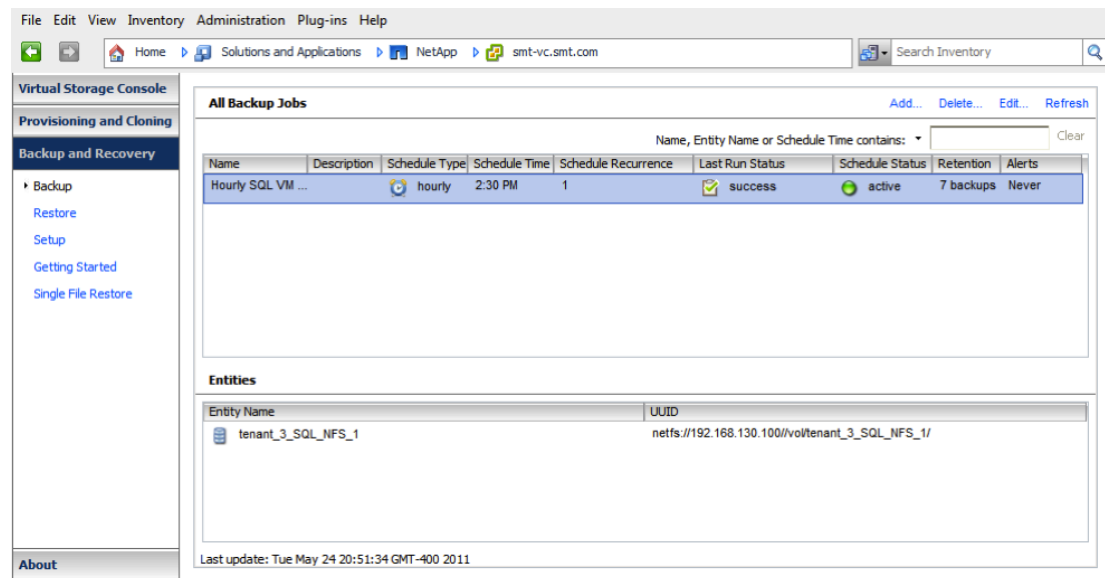
Local backup and recovery in an ESMT environment comes in the form of NetApp Snapshot copies. Whether the data being stored is a virtual machine C: drive or application binaries within a vmdk or application-specific data on raw device mappings (RDMs), all are initially backed up locally on the NetApp storage controller using NetApp Snapshot copies. Depending on the data type however, Snapshot copies are captured using different methods. For complete local virtual machine and application backups, several features are used together, including NetApp SnapDrive® and NetApp SnapManager® software.

Virtual Machine OS and Application Binaries

To capture Snapshot copies of virtual machines and application binaries (excluding application data on RDMs), NetApp SnapManager for Virtual Infrastructure (SMVI) is used. SMVI is now included as the Backup and Recovery tab within the NetApp Virtual Storage Console or VSC plug-in for VMware vCenter Server. Snapshot copies are triggered either by a user-configured schedule or manually within the SMVI GUI.

Figure 33 highlights hourly, daily, and weekly backup jobs created in the NetApp Backup and Recovery (SMVI) tab of VMware vCenter Server for the virtual machine named `ten3_SQL` that is stored in the NFS datastore named `tenant_3_SQL_NFS_1`.

Figure 33 *Hourly, Daily, and Weekly Backup Jobs in NetApp Backup and Recovery Tab*



For more information on installing and configuring SMVI as included in the NetApp VSC, see:

- NetApp Virtual Storage Console 2.1 for VMware vSphere Installation and Administration Guide: https://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/virtual_storage_console/relvsc21/pdfs/install.pdf
- NetApp Virtual Storage Console 2.1 for VMware vSphere Backup and Recovery Administration Guide: https://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/virtual_storage_console/relvsc21/pdfs/backup.pdf

Application Specific Data

To capture Snapshot copies of application-specific data stored on VMware RDMs, the application-specific SnapManager software (for example, SnapManager for MS SQL) is used in conjunction with NetApp SnapDrive. NetApp SnapDrive is installed directly on the application server and allows for the creation, mapping, and management of block-level storage objects as they pertain to that instance of SnapDrive. SnapDrive communicates directly with both VMware vCenter Server and the NetApp storage controller (physical or virtual) to perform these functions as well as initiate Snapshot copies. NetApp SnapManager software is written by design to be application-specific in order to enable application consistent backups using NetApp Snapshot copies. NetApp SnapManager software collaborates with the application itself to prepare data in the file system for Snapshot capture. Once the application is prepared, NetApp SnapManager communicates with NetApp SnapDrive and initiates a Snapshot capture.

Use the Create Disk action within NetApp SnapDrive to add new RDM logical unit numbers (LUNs) to the virtual machine. NetApp SnapDrive follows this workflow to create new iSCSI attached RDM disks in an ESMT environment:

1. Creates LUN(s) on storage controller.
2. Creates igroup(s) on storage controller.

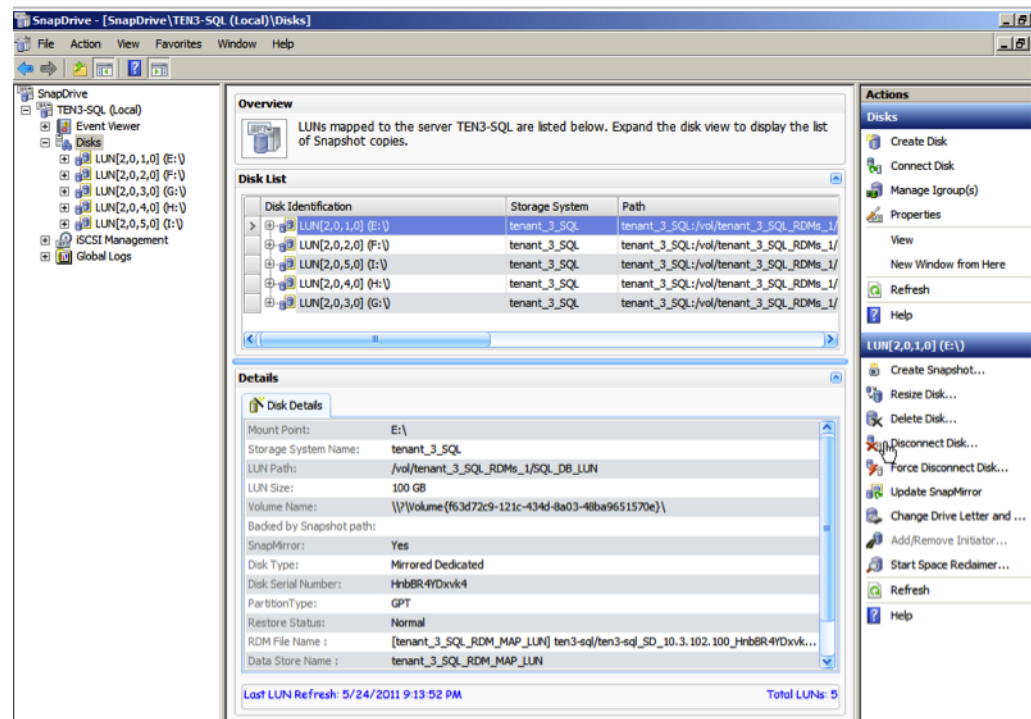
**Note**

SnapDrive by default configures only the igroup with the iSCSI iqname for the host on which the virtual machine currently resides. If an ESX(i) cluster exists, manually add the additional iSCSI iqnames for the other ESX(i) servers in the cluster.

3. Maps the igroup to the LUN(s) on the storage controller.
4. Initiates a storage rescan on the ESX(i) hosts in VMware vCenter Server.
5. Adds a small .vmdk file to the virtual machine that maps directly to the iSCSI RDM disk or LUN seen by the ESX(i) hosts.

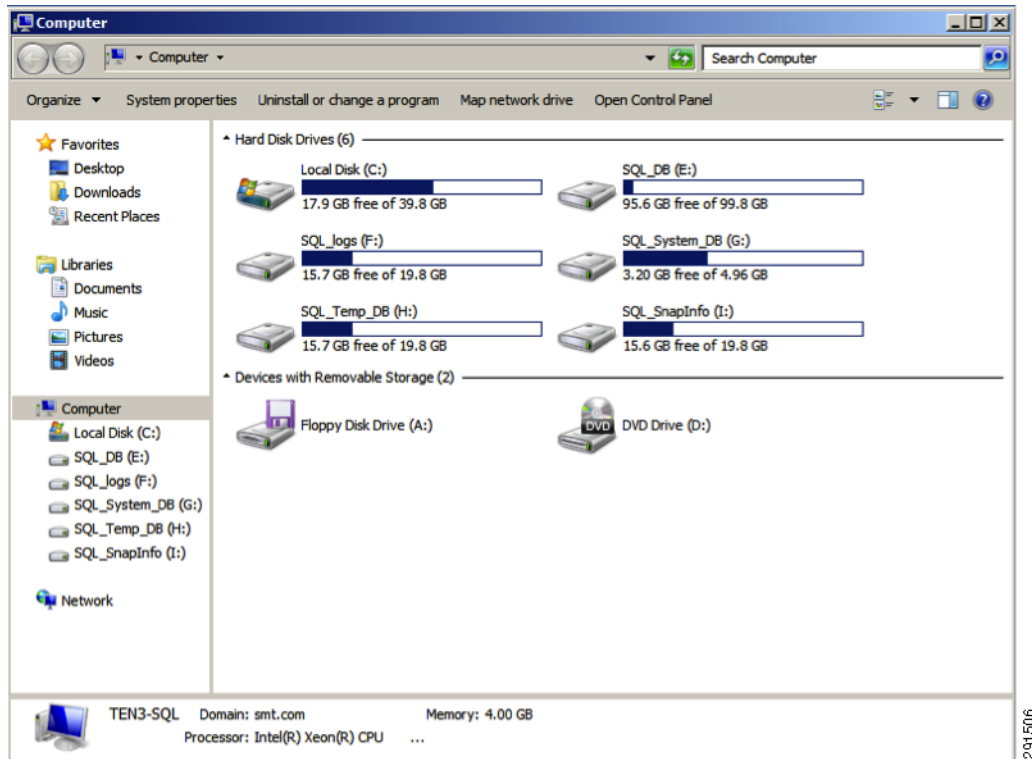
Figure 34 and Figure 35 highlight the iSCSI LUNs that have been created and mapped to the TEN3-SQL virtual machine using NetApp SnapDrive.

Figure 34 LUNs Mapped to Virtual Machine



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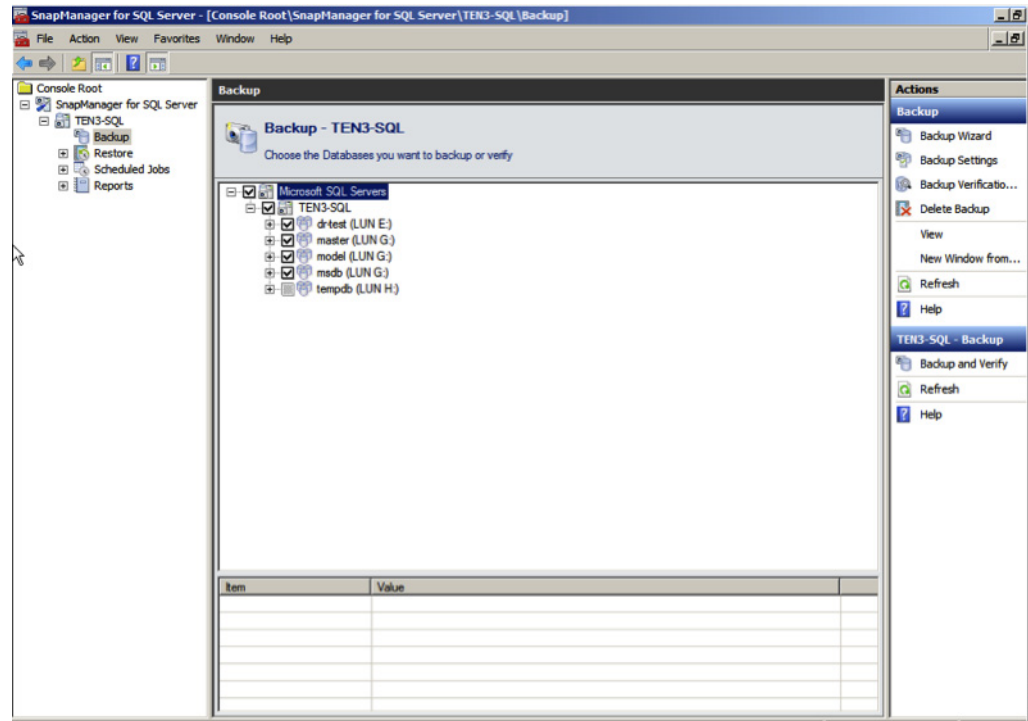
Figure 35 *Tenant 3 Storage View in Control Panel*



For more information on installing and configuring NetApp SnapDrive, see the SnapDrive 6.3 for Windows; Installation and Administration Guide (<https://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/snapdrive/relsnap631/pdfs/admin.pdf>).

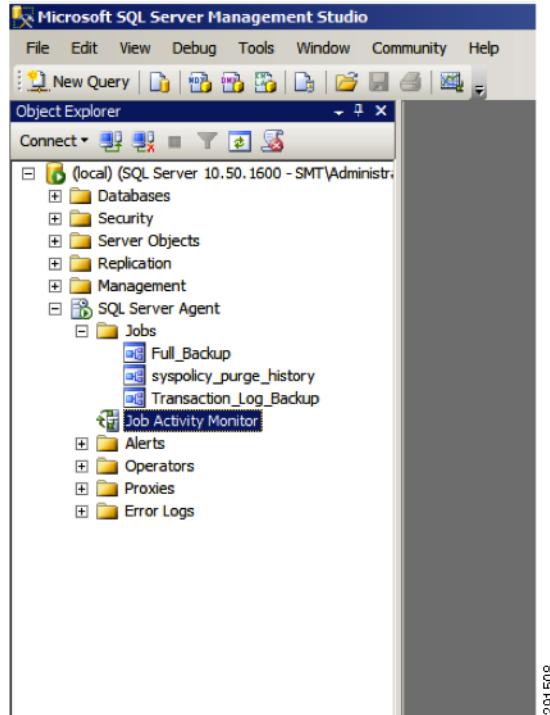
Once new RDMs have been added to the virtual machine leveraging SnapDrive, the appropriate NetApp SnapManager should be installed depending on the application. In this example, NetApp SnapManager for SQL is used. Once installed, SnapManager for SQL allows the migration of existing databases to the newly created and attached disks as well as the ability to create backup jobs within MS SQL for those databases. Once created, backup jobs are exported and available to the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio under the SQL Server Agent Jobs folder. Figure 36 shows Tenant 3 backup options.

Figure 36 **Tenant 3 Backup Options**



In [Figure 37](#), the backup jobs named Full_Backup and Transaction_Log_Backup have been created using NetApp SnapManager for SQL and automatically imported into the SQL Server Agent Jobs folder.

Figure 37 *Backup Jobs Imported into the Jobs Folder*



For more information on installing and configuring NetApp SnapManager products, see the application-appropriate SnapManager collateral on the NetApp Support (formerly NOW®) site (<http://now.netapp.com/>).

Disaster Recovery

SnapMirror Relationships

Once the appropriate data has been captured in NetApp Snapshots, the Snapshot copies can be replicated locally or to another data center for disaster recovery (DR) purposes. NetApp SnapMirror is a feature built into NetApp Data ONTAP that allows for the efficient replication or mirroring of data across two storage controllers. A baseline transfer is initially required to create a consistent mirror, but once the baseline is complete only data that has changed is transferred from that point forward.

The same software tools that were used to capture local Snapshot copies can also be used to initiate a SnapMirror update for disaster recovery purposes. When creating the local backup jobs using the Backup Wizards within both the NetApp VSC Backup and Recovery tab and NetApp SnapManagers, look for the appropriate checkbox to enable SnapMirror updates as an additional process to the backup workflow.



Note

SnapMirror relationships between the source and destination must be manually configured. The SnapMirror update process does not create the SnapMirror relationship.

**Note**

NetApp MultiStore is used in the ESMT environment; therefore, in most cases the data being replicated lives in a vFile unit on NetApp storage. As such, the source and destination of the SnapMirror relationship should both be vFile units.

Figure 38 and Figure 39 show the checkboxes to enable SnapMirror update, first within the NetApp VSC Backup and Recovery Backup Wizard and second within the NetApp SnapManager for SQL Backup Wizard.

Figure 38 *Enabling SnapMirror Update in NetApp VSC Backup and Recovery Backup Wizard*

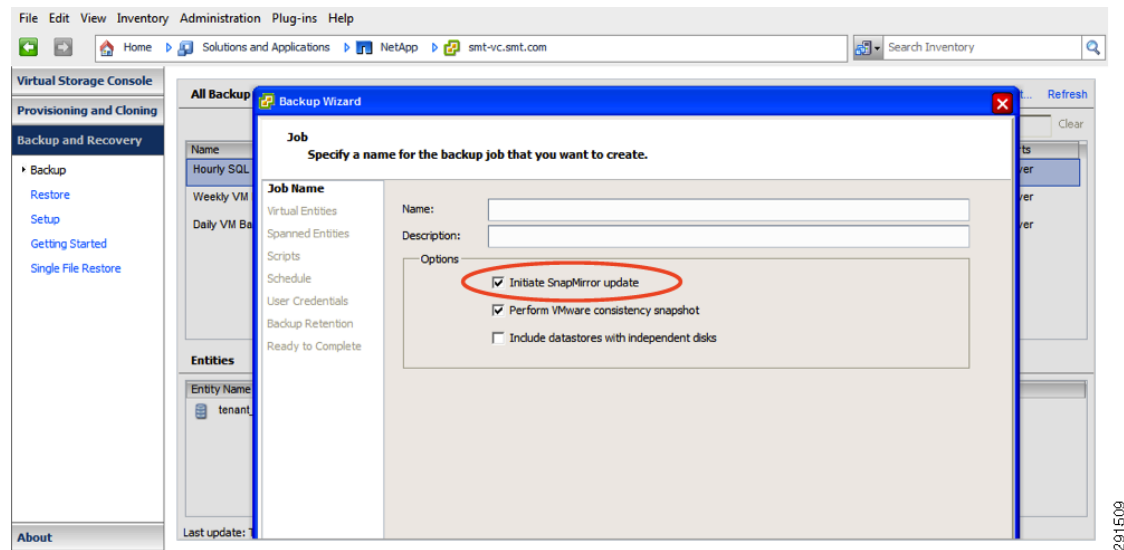
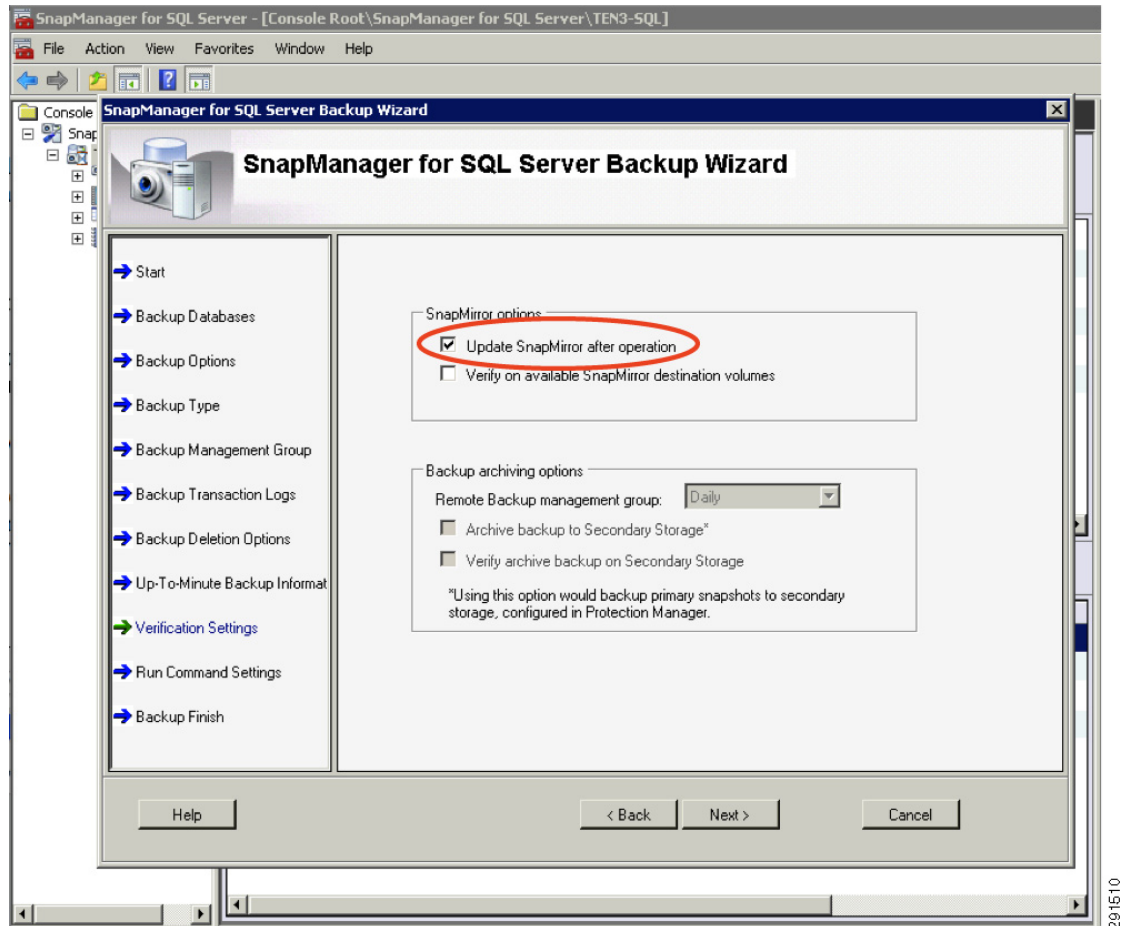
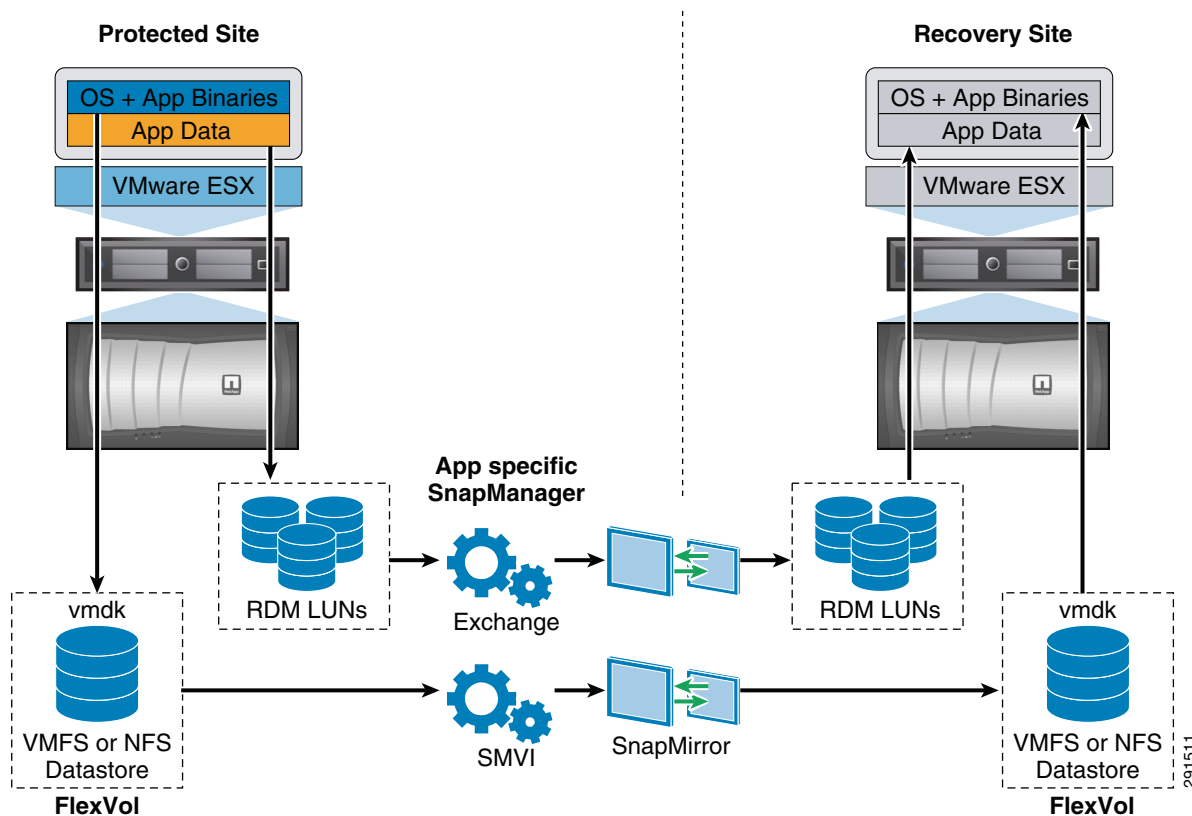


Figure 39 *Enabling SnapMirror Update in NetApp SnapManager for SQL Backup Wizard*



VMware Site Recovery Manager (SRM)

VMware SRM works in conjunction with NetApp SnapMirror to provide an automated disaster recovery workflow if an unforeseen event should occur. VMware SRM server is installed at both the primary and the DR sites and communicates with the respective VMware vCenter Servers at each location as well as the SnapMirror source and destination vFiler units. With the use of the NetApp Adapter for SRM, VMware SRM discovers existing SnapMirror relationships, the corresponding storage objects, and the virtual machines that are associated with these objects. These virtual machines are then added to protection groups within VMware SRM and protection workflows and priorities can be configured on an individual protection group basis depending on importance, etc. Once the protection groups are in place, failovers can be initiated from within the SRM portion of vCenter Server, which begins the configured disaster recovery plan(s). Test functionality is also built into SRM and the NetApp Adapter for SRM. This capability allows the administrator to test a failover scenario to ensure proper configuration without effecting the production VMs, applications, etc. [Figure 40](#) provides an overview of disaster recovery.

Figure 40 Disaster Recovery Overview

The following documents provide more details on the installation and configuration of both NetApp SnapMirror and VMware Site Recovery manager in a DR scenario:

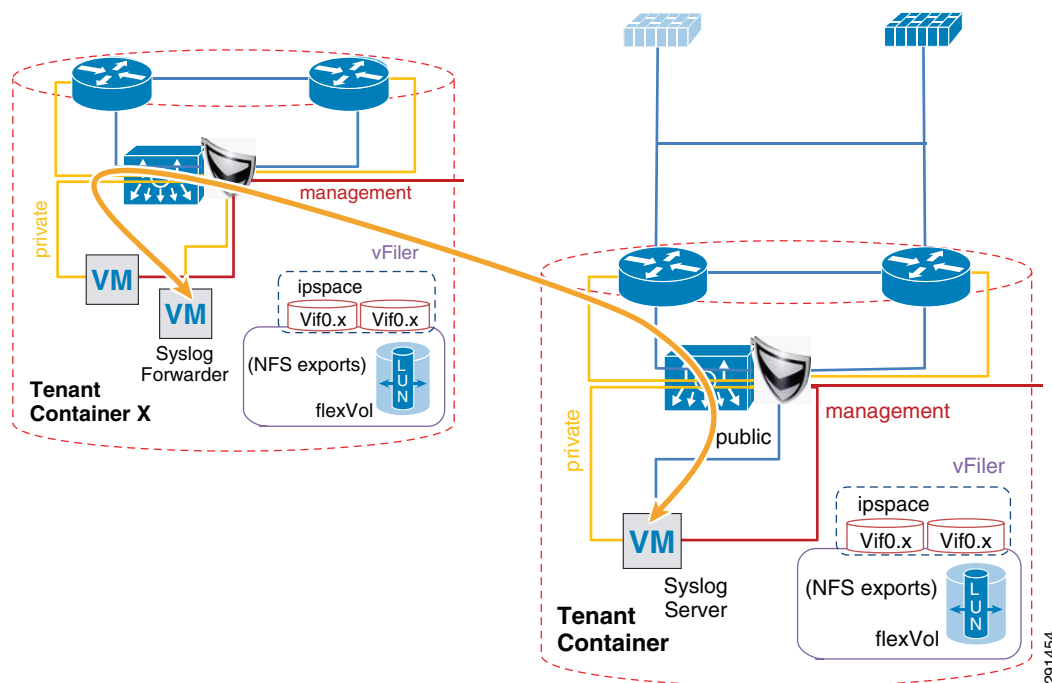
- TR-3822: Disaster Recovery of Microsoft Exchange, SQL Server, and SharePoint Server Using VMware vCenter Site Recovery Manager, NetApp SnapManager and SnapMirror, and Cisco Nexus Unified Fabric: <http://media.netapp.com/documents/tr-3822.pdf>
- TR-3671: VMware vCenter Site Recovery Manager in a NetApp Environment: <http://media.netapp.com/documents/tr-3671.pdf>
- VMware vCenter Site Recovery Manager 4.0 Performance and Best Practices for Performance: <http://www.vmware.com/files/pdf/VMware-vCenter-SRM-WP-EN.pdf>

System Monitoring

System Monitoring Capabilities

Deploying a Centralized Syslog Server Monitoring

This architecture employs a hierarchical syslog monitoring system. Each tenant can be configured to have its own syslog server that only monitors events within a tenant. In turn each of the tenant's syslog servers forwards events to a centralized syslog repository, as shown in Figure 41.

Figure 41 Syslog Implementation within a Tenant

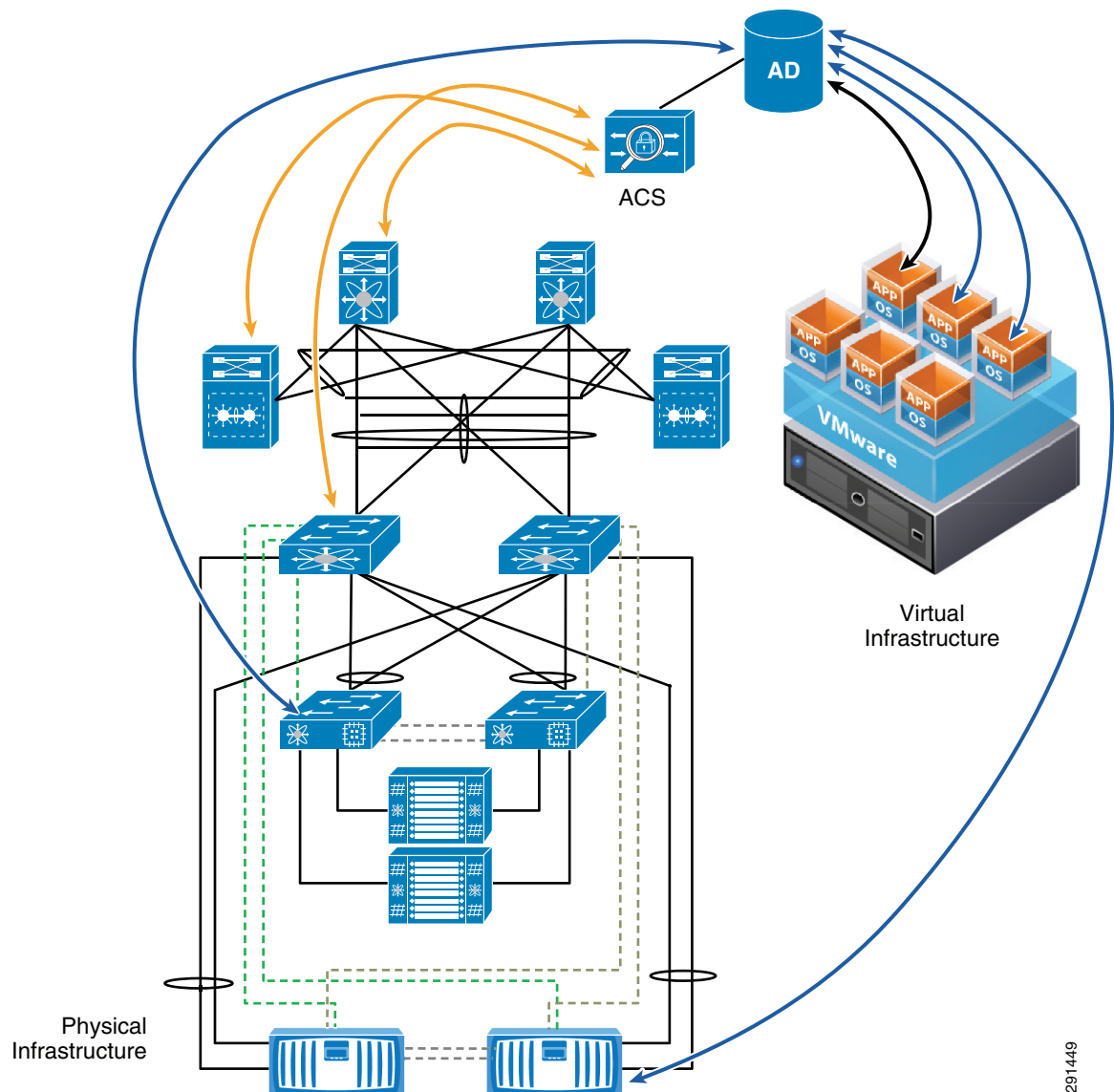
To deploy syslog servers:

1. Use the same NAT functionality of vShield that was used to facilitate application-tenant to infrastructure-tenant communication.
2. Create a static route on the tenant-syslog server to point to the tenant's IP address used by vShield as an internal NAT address.

Deploying Centralized Authentication and Access Monitoring

Active Directory and Cisco Access Control System (ACS) are the two major components that provide authentication capability within this architecture, as shown in [Figure 42](#).

Figure 42 **Implementing ACS within ESMT**



Centralized authentication provides a unified approach that can reduce complexity and security concerns and provide operational efficiency. The following deployment framework was adapted in this architecture:

- All active directory servers reside in the separate Infrastructure tenant.
- All tenants can access the active directory by creating a NAT rule (by using vShield edge) between the tenant and Infrastructure tenant.
- Cloud admin creates the global authentication policy, users, and groups.
- Active Directory contains data.
- All devices within the environment integrate with AD through LDAP or TACACS+ through Cisco ACS. The configuration and deployment for each device is outlined in the respective product deployment sections below.

Table 4 outlines some of the user grouping and policy mapping between different categories of users and its associated assigned privileges.

Table 4 *User Grouping and Policy Mapping*

Group Name	User(s)	Privileges
Cloud Admins	Cloud Admin	Full Access and privileges
	Infrastructure Admin	Rights to physical infrastructure
	Cisco UCS Admin	Rights to Cisco UCS fabric
	Server Virtualization Admin	Rights to VMware vSphere
	Network Admin	Rights to Cisco Nexus/VSS (including Cisco Nexus 1000V)
	Storage Admin	Rights to NetApp controllers
Tenant X Admins	Admin	Full rights to Tenant X container including VM(s) and VSC
	Server Admin	Rights to Tenant X VM(s)
	Application Admin	Rights to Tenant X applications
	Services User	Rights to Tenant X services such as SnapDrive
Tenant X User(s)	Tenant "X" User	Rights to specific applications associated with the user

Figure 43 shows the system-wide AD and hierarchy structure within the ESMT architecture.

Figure 43 Active Directory and Hierarchy Structure within ESMT

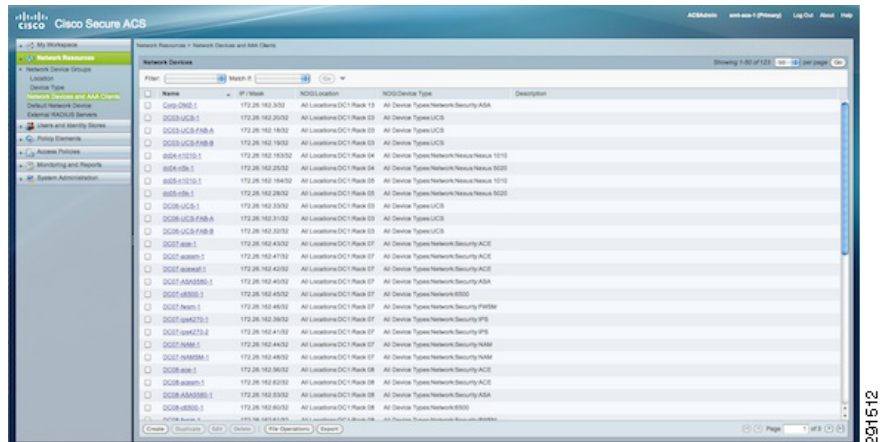
Name	Type	Description
Builtin	builtinDomain	
Computers	Container	Default container for up...
default dom...	Organizational...	
Domain Con...	Organizational...	Default container for do...
ForeignSecu...	Container	Default container for sec...
LoadGen Ob...	Organizational...	Generated by LoadGen
Managed Se...	Container	Default container for ma...
Microsoft Ex...	Organizational...	
Tenant-1-Sh...	Organizational...	
Tenant-2-Ex...	Organizational...	
Tenant-3-SQL	Organizational...	
Tenant-40-C...	Organizational...	
Tenant-49-V...	Organizational...	
Tenant-50-C...	Organizational...	
UCSGroups	Organizational...	
Users	Container	Default container for up...
Users @ smt	Organizational...	

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Deploying the Cisco Access Control System

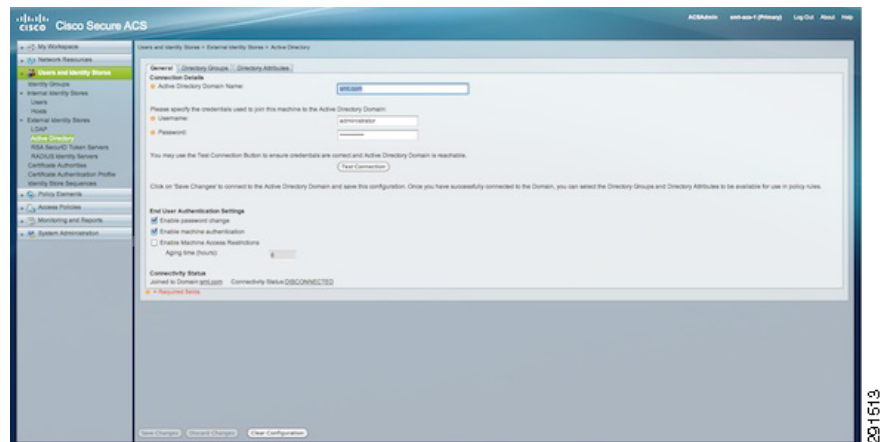
In this deployment Active Directory is used to define the different groups of users, while ACS is used to give each group a scope of permissions within the cloud. All the devices that will be using ACS must be entered as a network device. Like devices are grouped together for ease of administration.

Figure 44 **ACS Network Device Entry**



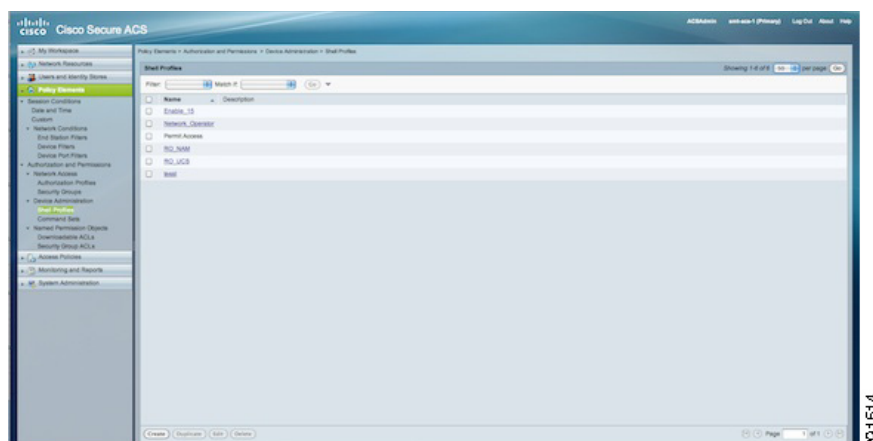
The AD instance is used as an identity store in ACS. Once linked, ACS uses the AD user list to determine if the user is valid.

Figure 45 **ACS Active Directory Identity Store Entry**



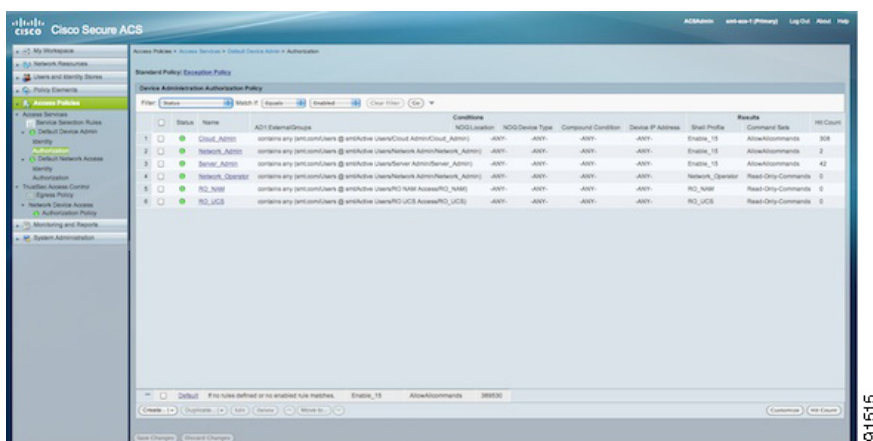
Use Shell Profiles in ACS to define the different scopes of permissions on the different devices (for example, network operator access on Cisco Nexus devices, privilege level 15 on IOS boxes, and so on).

Figure 46 *Shell Profile Definition*



Once these elements are configured, they can be used to build access policies in ACS.

Figure 47 *Access Policy for Default Network Administration*



As users log in to devices, they are put in the appropriate groups according to the AD implementation and given the appropriate permissions according to the ACS configuration.

For more information on configuring ACS, see:

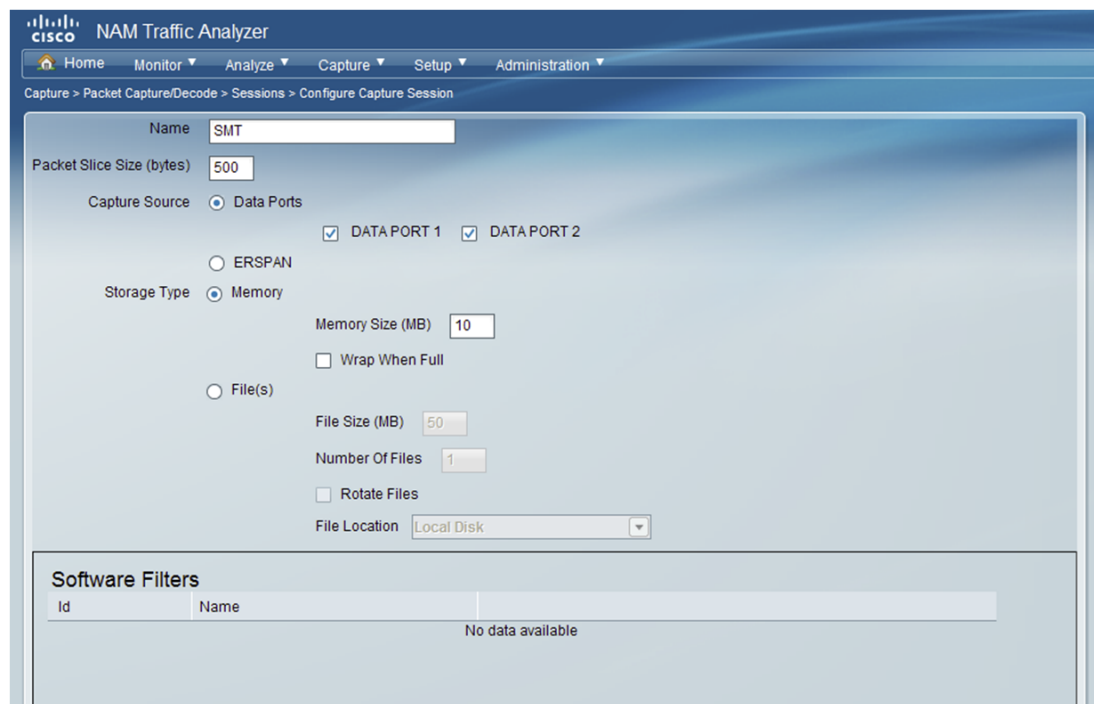
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/net_mgmt/cisco_secure_access_control_system/5.2/user/guide/acsu_serguide.html.

Monitoring Capability with Network Access Module

Once the NAM is configured, the following steps enable one to monitor traffic using the NAM user interface.

1. Using a browser, connect to the NAM module and create a capture session, as shown in [Figure 48](#).

Figure 48 *NAM Capture Session*



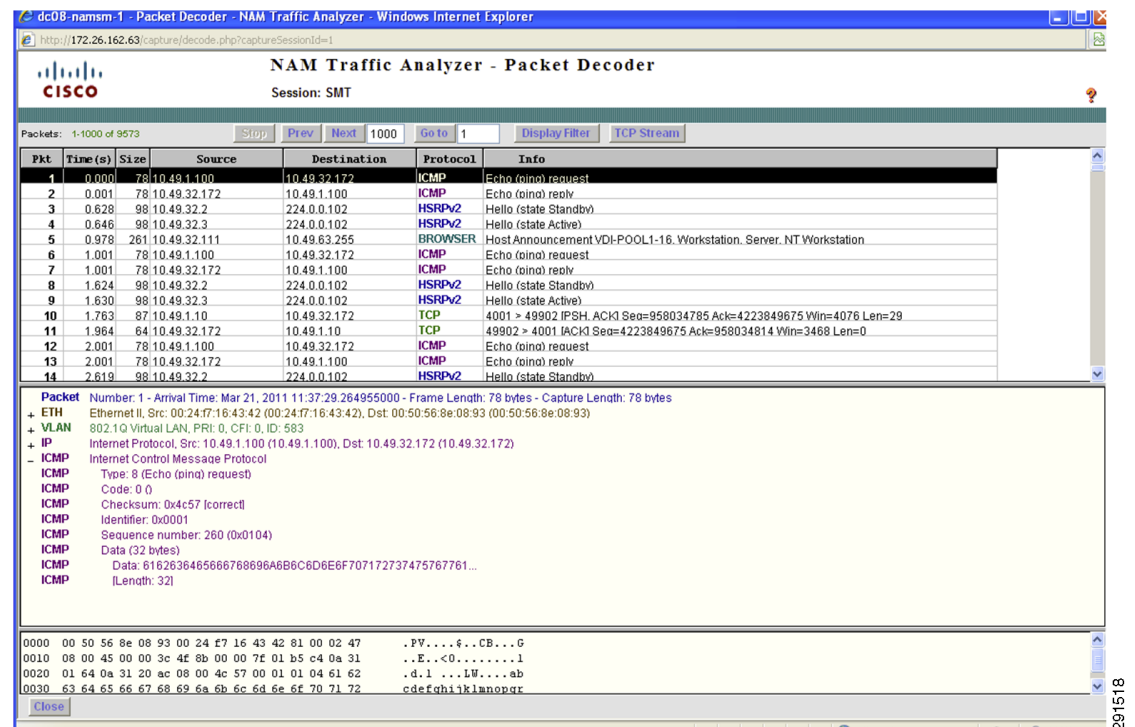
2. One can view and decode the captured traffic by clicking **Start** and **Stop** and viewing the packets by clicking **Decode**.

Figure 49 *Starting Capture*



3. The packet capture view is shown in [Figure 50](#).

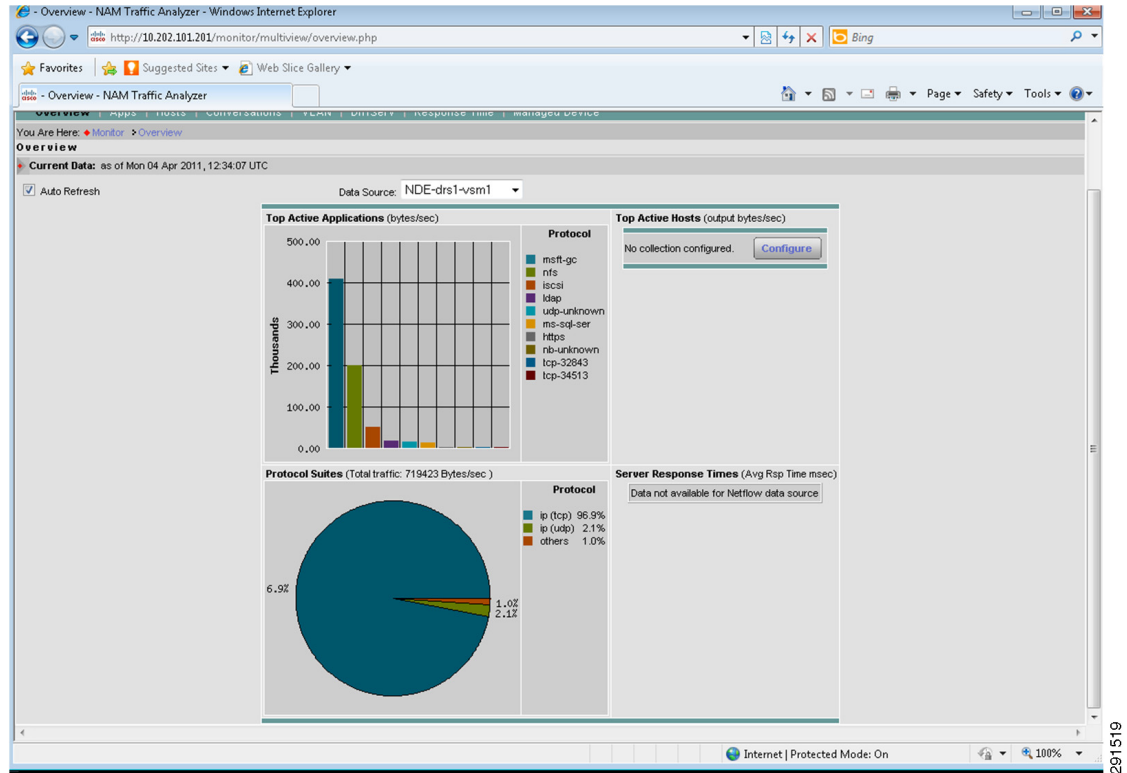
Figure 50 **Packet Decoder**



Monitoring Capability with the Cisco Virtual Network Access Module

Once vNAM is configured, one can connect to the vNAM, using the vNAM address, with a Web interface. Using the Web interface one can choose the profile (NDE-drs1-vsm) from the Monitor/Overview pane and view the traffic flow from the Cisco Nexus 1010, as shown in [Figure 51](#).

Figure 51 **Monitoring Traffic Using vNAM**



Monitoring Traffic Flow through Physical Firewall

The ASDM tool for Cisco firewalls is used to monitor both inside and outside interface traffic. Firewall rules, ARP tables, and NAT rules within all contexts can be viewed using the ASDM monitoring capability. The SharePoint tenant, with multiple users accessing a variety of services within the SharePoint environment, is shown in [Figure 52](#).

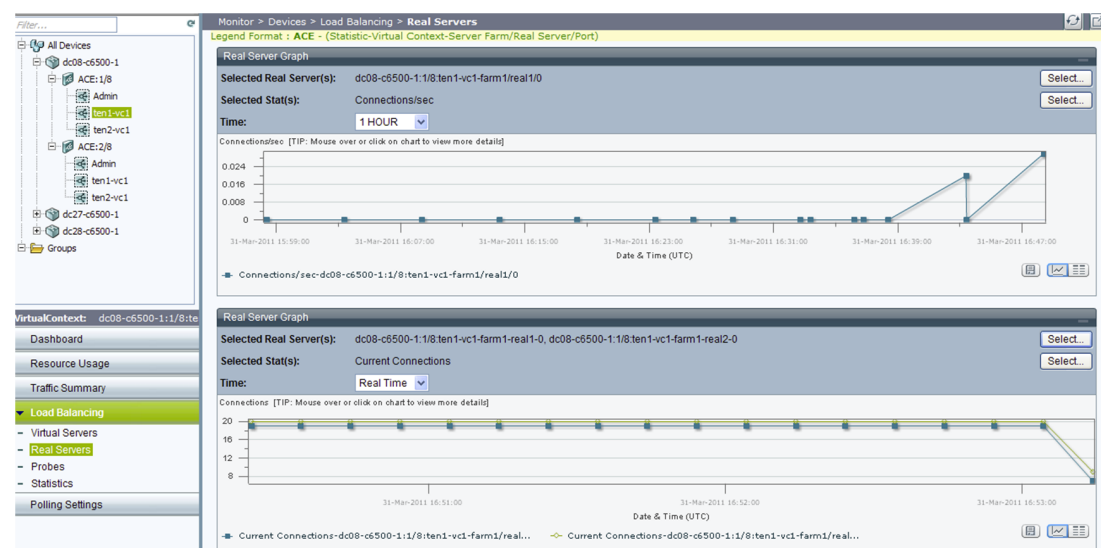
Figure 52 *Monitoring Traffic Using ASDM Monitoring Tool*



Monitoring Capability of ACE Load Balancer

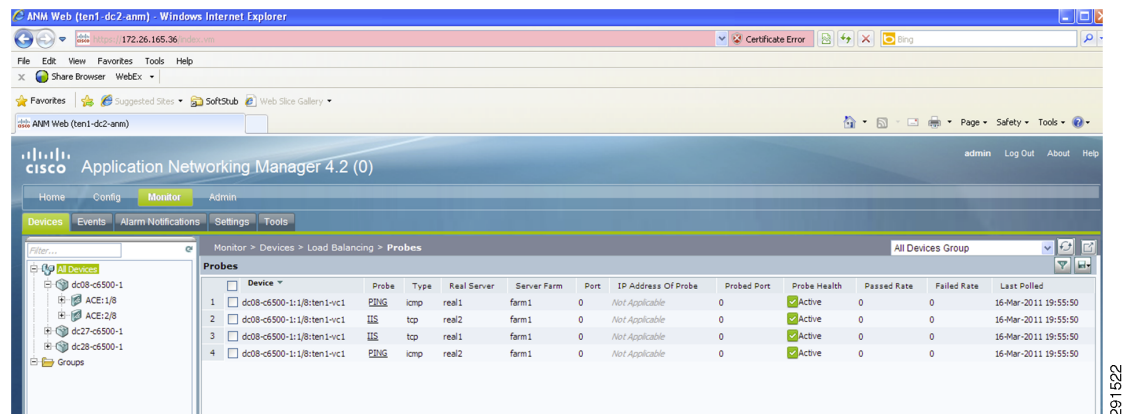
The Cisco Application Network Manager (ANM) displays statistics, such as concurrent connections, connections per second, etc., for the ACE load balancer. These statistics can be monitored and graphed in real time for each physical server, as shown in Figure 53.

Figure 53 *Monitoring ACE Using ANM*



The various health-probes can also be monitored using the ANM, as shown in Figure 54.

Figure 54 **Monitoring Health Probes Using ANM**



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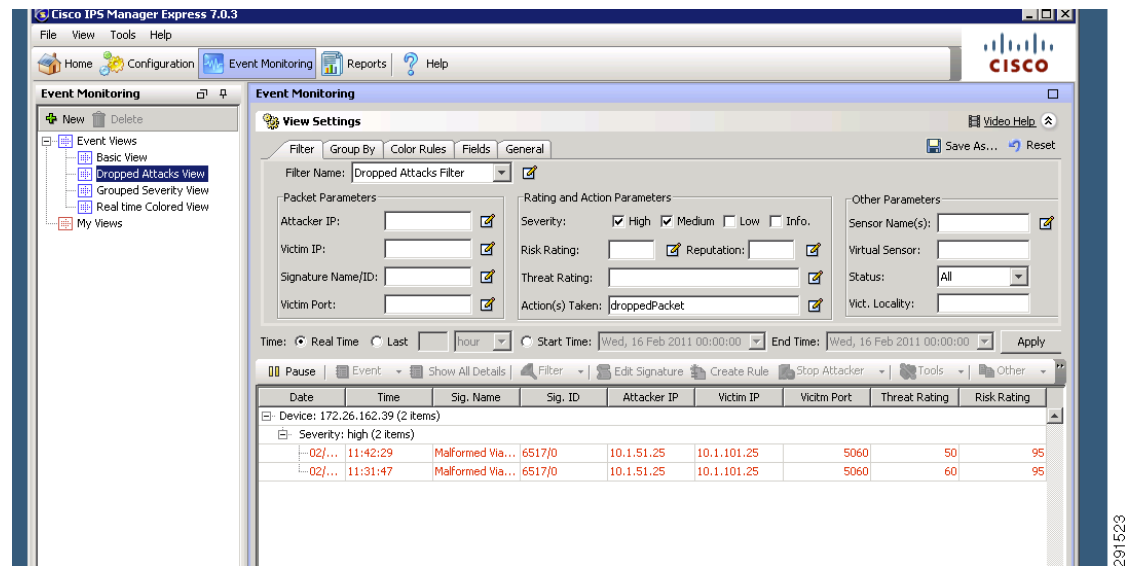
Cisco Intrusion Prevention System Monitoring and Mitigation

The IPS can monitor and mitigate a variety of attacks, such as worms, Trojans, etc. Either the Cisco IPS Manager Express (IME) or Cisco Security Manager (4.2) can be used for monitoring. The IME can import the IPS devices and monitor the health of the network.

The following steps can be taken to mitigate attacks using the Cisco IPS:

1. From the Home/Event dashboard, view the current status of the network and identify events/attacks against the ESMT infrastructure.
2. Identify the event you want to stop by noting the ID number of the signature.
3. In Configuration/Policies, click active signatures.
4. To locate the signature, enter the Signature ID in the Sig ID pane.
5. Right click the signature, click **Edit Actions**, and click **Deny Packet Inline** or any other action deemed appropriate.
6. View the actions taken on the packets in the Event Monitoring/Event View, as shown in [Figure 55](#).

Figure 55 *IPS Event Monitoring View*



Monitoring Capability Within vShield

vShield can monitor realtime traffic and discover VMs.

Monitoring Realtime Traffic

Monitoring realtime traffic can be important. In the event of an attack, it is necessary to determine the realtime traffic profile and characteristics to mitigate the attack. Within the VM flow tab, Show Report provides a realtime view of the traffic, as shown in Figure 56. Most malicious attacks are visible through the uncategorized traffic, as the port numbers are random and categorized traffic shows the predefined port-mappings as defined in the port-mapping table under VM flow.

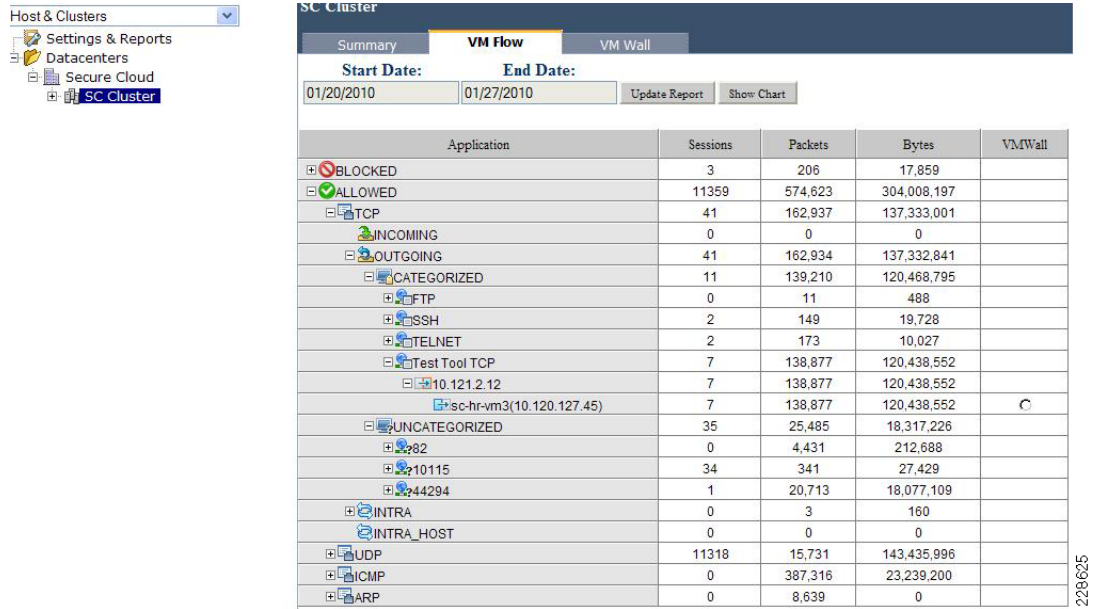
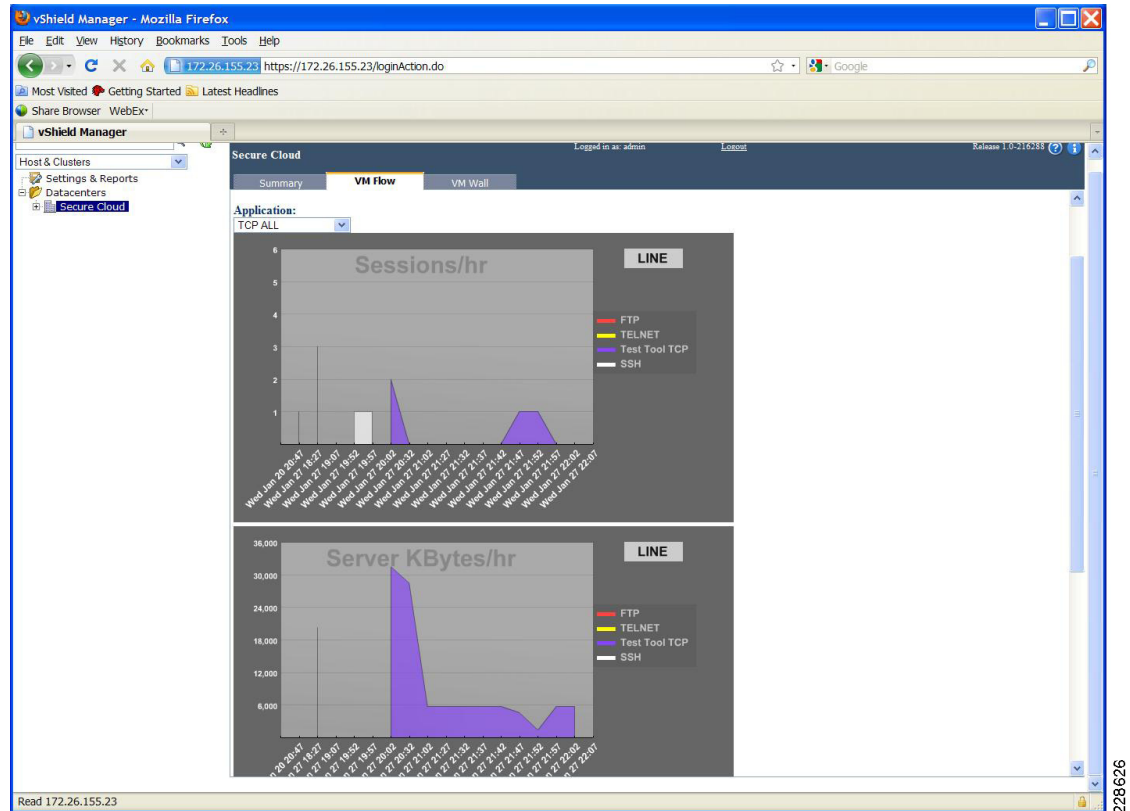
Figure 56 Monitoring Real-time Traffic

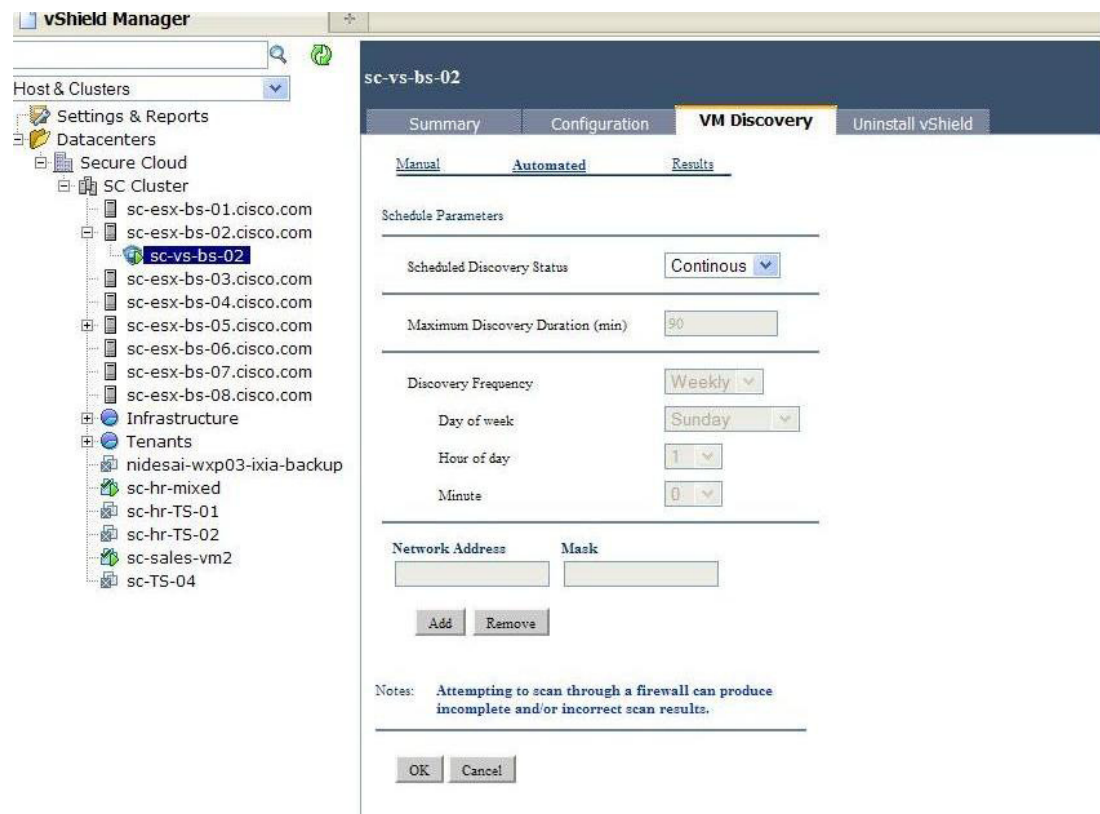
Figure 57 shows a graphical representation of traffic that is pre-defined in the port-mapping configuration table, as shown in Figure 57.

Figure 57 VM Chart

VM Discovery

VM Discovery enables one to monitor inter-tenant and intra-tenant steady-state available services. This can be useful in cases where one wants to ascertain which ports are visible and active for a particular VM. One can start the VM discovery process by operating on each vShield agent and starting the VM discovery process. One can perform this discovery continuously or in a scheduled manner, as shown in [Figure 58](#).

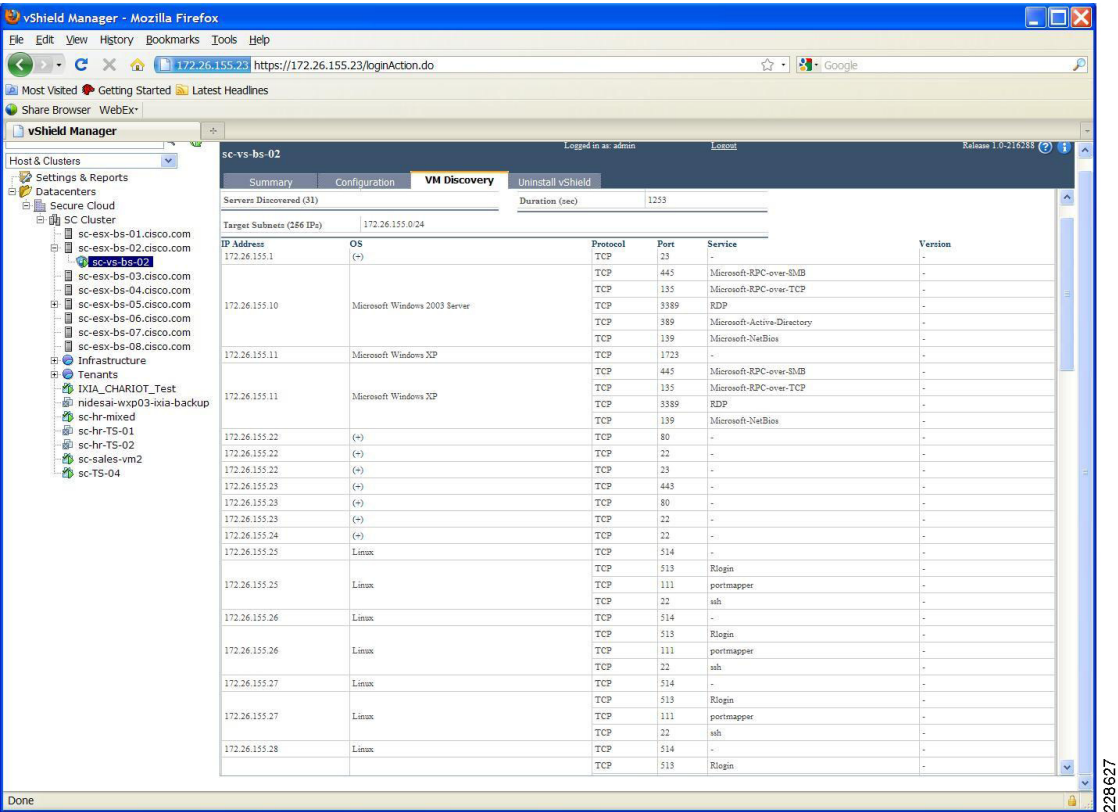
Figure 58 Scheduling VM Discovery



Once the VM discovery process is complete, one can view the steady state traffic and open ports, as shown in [Figure 59](#).

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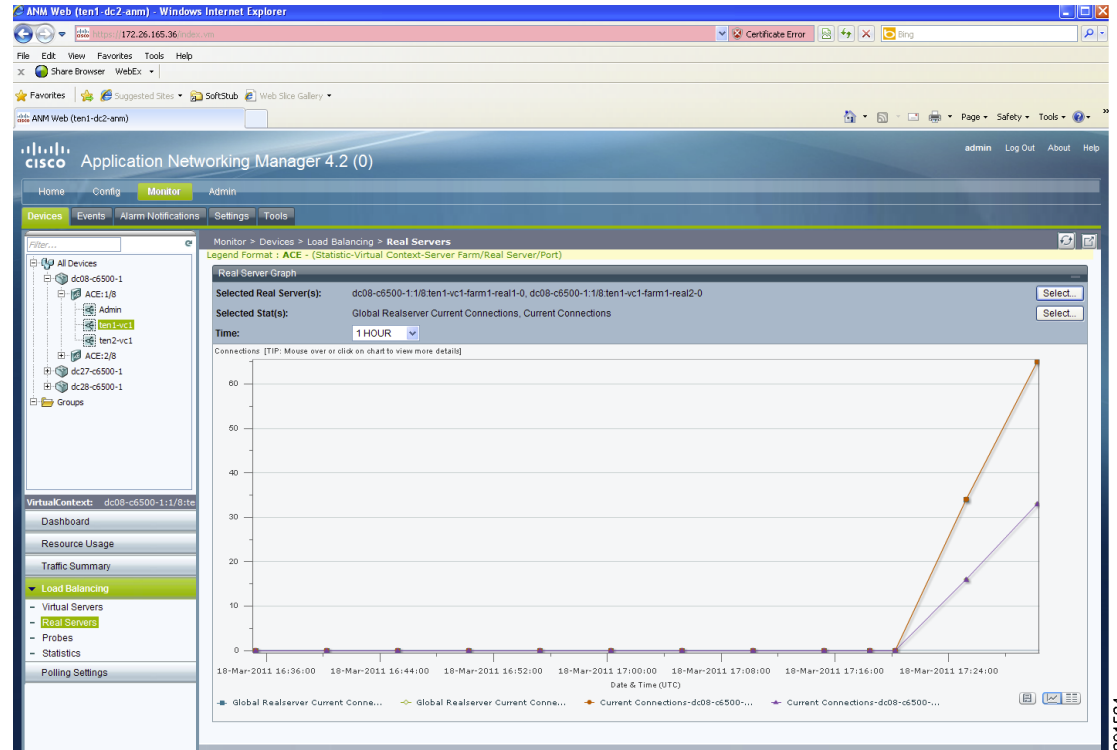
Figure 59 VM Discovery Mode



VM discovery only works with tenants that are routable to the management VLAN.

Load Balancing

100 separate users accessed the SharePoint servers concurrently (this was done using the Microsoft Visual Studio tool). The 100 concurrent connections were between two real servers. The ACE was able to load balance these many concurrent connections, as shown in Figure 60.

Figure 60 **Monitoring Concurrent Load Balancing Sessions**

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Deploying Tenant Resources and Security

Tenant Storage Resources

Tenant vFiler Units

NetApp Operations Manager and Provisioning Manager should be used to provision tenant vFiler units and to apply consistent storage efficiency policies to storage within those vFiler units. To provision tenant vFiler units, a tenant storage VLAN with an MTU of 9000—if jumbo frames are being used—must be provisioned in the Cisco Nexus 1000V, in the Cisco UCS fabric and all Cisco UCS vNICs on the ESXi hosts, in the Cisco Nexus 5000s, and on the storage system VIF. Tenant datastores should be provisioned with the Virtual Storage Console (VSC) Provisioning and Cloning Utility, as described in the following section. Tenant storage policies should be created for both NFS and SAN (iSCSI) storage. Storage can then be consistently provisioned using these policies. Storage provisioned with VSC can also be imported into datasets that include the policies in order to apply the policies to that storage.

Tenant NFS Datastores

NetApp recommends provisioning tenant NFS datastores using the VSC Provisioning and Cloning Utility. To provision tenant NFS datastores in this way, a tenant storage VLAN with an MTU of 9000—if jumbo frames are being used—must be provisioned in the Cisco Nexus 1000V, in the Cisco

UCS fabric and all Cisco UCS vNICs on the ESXi hosts, in the Cisco Nexus 5000s, and on the storage system VIF. The tenant vFiler unit should be provisioned using NetApp Provisioning Manager and should include the VLAN just created. Also, a VMware vmkernel port must be provisioned on each ESXi host from which you want to mount the datastore. This vmkernel port should be provisioned with an MTU of 9000 if jumbo frames are being used. In order to create a vmkernel port with an MTU of 9000, first provision the port on the Cisco Nexus 1000V in vCenter under the ESXi host Configuration tab where Networking, then vNetwork Distributed Switch, then Manage Virtual Adapters is selected. This creates a vmkernel port with an MTU of 1500. It is then necessary to log into the ESXi host console, query and delete the port, then add it back in to the DVS on the same DVS port with an MTU of 9000. This vFiler unit then must be added as a storage system on the VSC Provisioning and Cloning Storage controllers screen.

Once the network, the vmkernel port, and the tenant vFiler unit have been properly setup, the new tenant NFS datastore can be setup by selecting NetApp in the right-click menu on the cluster containing all the ESXi hosts where the datastore is to be mounted. The storage system containing the vFiler unit should be selected along with the vFiler context. Once Finish is selected, VSC creates the volume for the datastore on the storage system, moves the volume into the tenant vFiler unit, creates the NFS exports to all of the ESXi hosts in the cluster, and mounts the datastore on all ESXi hosts in the cluster. The VSC Provisioning and Cloning Utility can then be used to clone VMs within this new datastore. The VSC Backup and Recovery Utility can also be used to take consistent Snapshot copies of the VMs in this datastore. The datastore volume can also be imported into a dataset in Provisioning Manager to automatically apply storage efficiency policies to the volume, such as Deduplication Management.

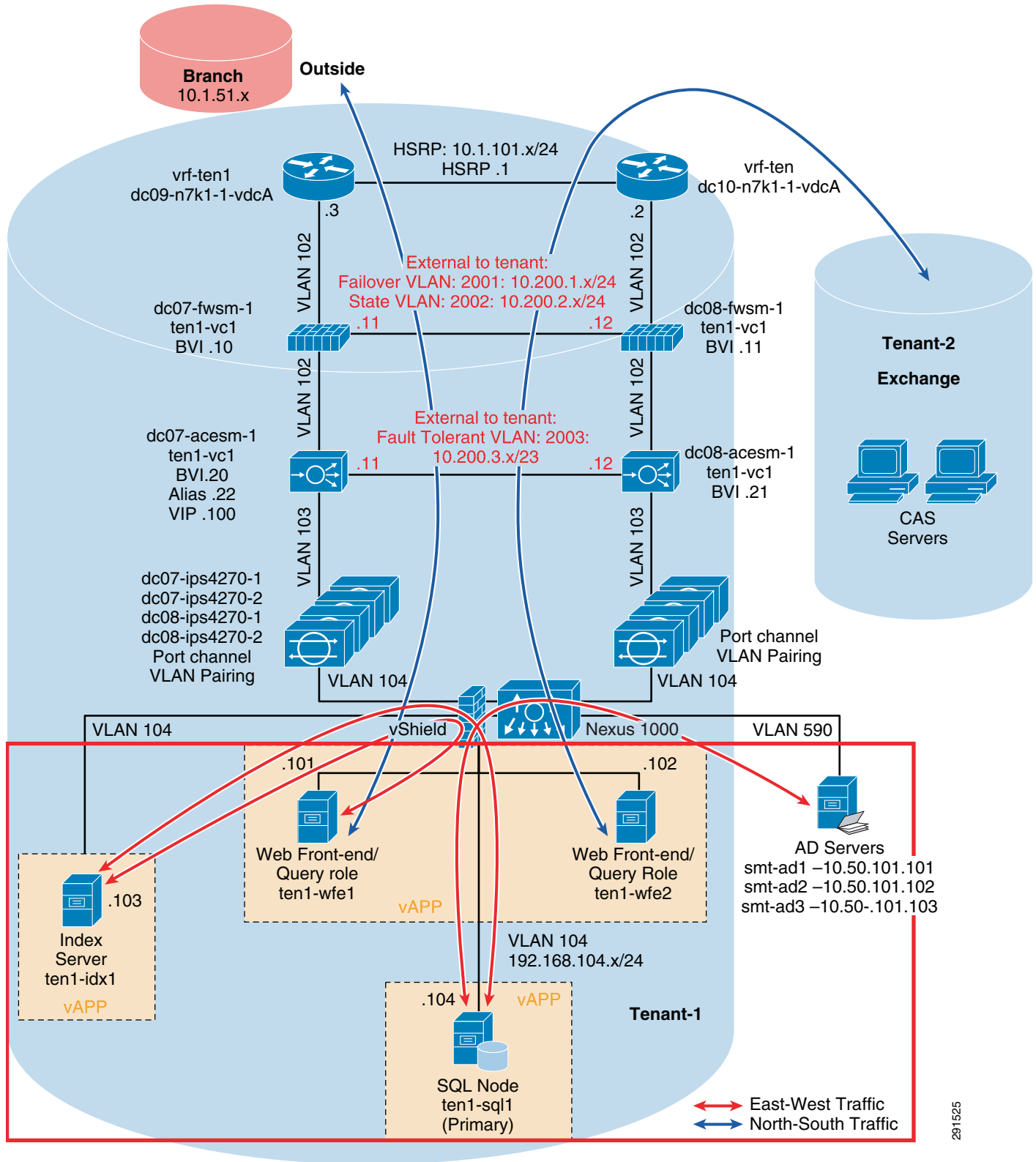
Intra- and Inter-Tenant Traffic Rules

This section outlines the necessary steps to achieve network isolation between and within tenants.

Deploying vShield—Implementing Security Rules at the Access Layer

A virtual firewall such as VMware's vShield can be used to create separation between tenants and from outside. Within the access layer in the ESMT architecture, virtual firewalls are implemented to segment traffic within the same tenant environment (sometimes referred to as east-west traffic, or optionally across tenants as well). [Figure 61](#) shows how the various traffic flows are protected by virtual and physical firewalls.

Figure 61 Traffic Flows within a Multi-Tenant Architecture



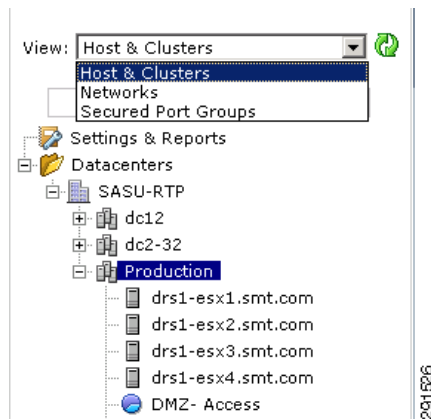
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Firewall rules can be easily set to deny or authorize hosts based on an IP address or specific VLANs. It can also lock down traffic to certain ports. The example below shows how the SharePoint tenant is allowed access only from the branch (10.1.151.x subnet).

For example:

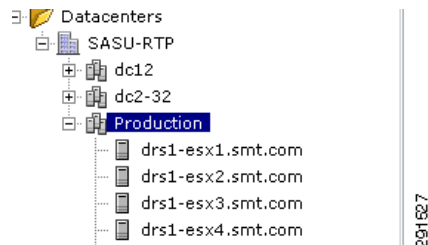
1. Choose Host & Clusters view, as shown in [Figure 62](#).

Figure 62 *Host & Clusters View*



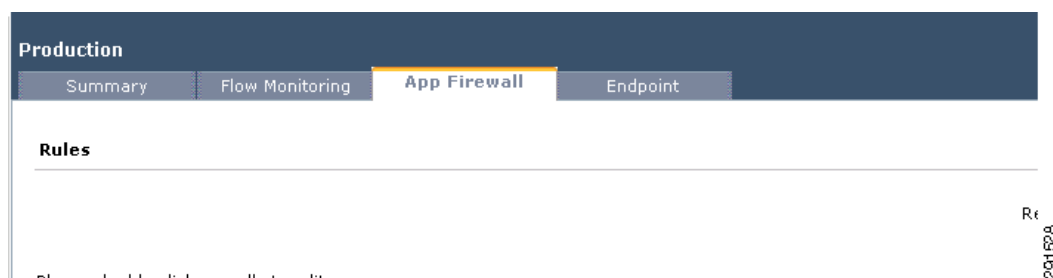
2. Choose your corresponding data center cluster (Production in the example shown in [Figure 63](#)).

Figure 63 *Data Center View*



3. Choose the App Firewall pane, as shown in [Figure 64](#).

Figure 64 *App Firewall Pane*



4. Create a rule to allow only a certain host with traffic on certain ports to access the inside network of the tenant. In this case, subnet 10.1.51.0/24 is allowed access on ports 80 and 3112.

Figure 65 Branch-Tenant 1 Firewall Rules

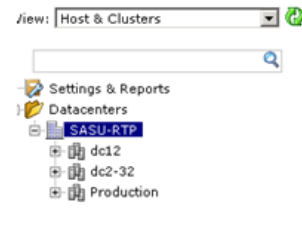
10.1.51.0/24	ANY	Tenant1-SharePoint	-	3112	TCP	ALLOW	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.1.51.0/24	ANY	Tenant1-SharePoint	HTTP	80	TCP	ALLOW	<input type="checkbox"/>	

5. Create a rule to deny every other host access to the inside network of the tenant (including Tenant 2).

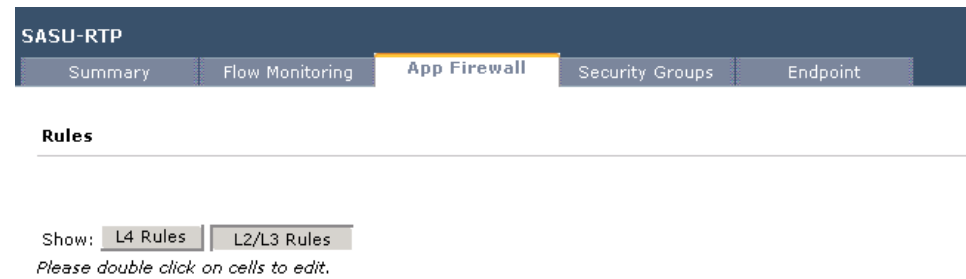
Figure 66 Firewall Rules Restricting Traffic to Tenant 1

Outside Tenant1-SharePoint	ANY	Tenant1-SharePoint	-	ANY	TCP	DENY	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside Tenant1-SharePoint	ANY	Tenant1-SharePoint	-	ANY	UDP	DENY	<input type="checkbox"/>	

6. Now one needs to set Layer 2/Layer 3 rules to deny ping. Go to the root cluster SASU-RTP in the Host & Clusters view, as shown in Figure 67.

Figure 67 Root Cluster View

7. Click L2/L3 Rules in the App Firewall pane, as shown in Figure 68.

Figure 68 L2/L3 Rules in the App Firewall Pane

8. Make rules to deny ICMP packets to inside of the SharePoint tenant.

Figure 69 L2/L3 Firewall Rule for Tenant 1

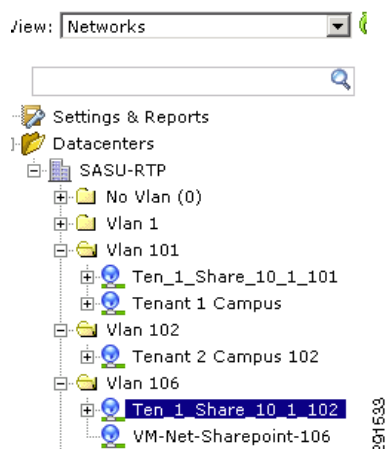
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Please double click on cells to edit.										
Source (A.B.C.D/nn)	Destination (A.B.C.D/nn)	Protocol	Action	Log	Notes					
DataCenter Rules										
Outside Tenant1-SharePoint	Tenant1-SharePoint	ICMP ANY	DENY	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Configuring NAT Between SharePoint and Infrastructure Tenant

The SharePoint tenant needs access to the shared Infrastructure tenant for Active Directory and other services. To perform this, vShield edge can be deployed to provide NAT between SharePoint and AD tenants, as shown below. The back-end subnet 10.1.102.X is NATed to the Infrastructure tenant.

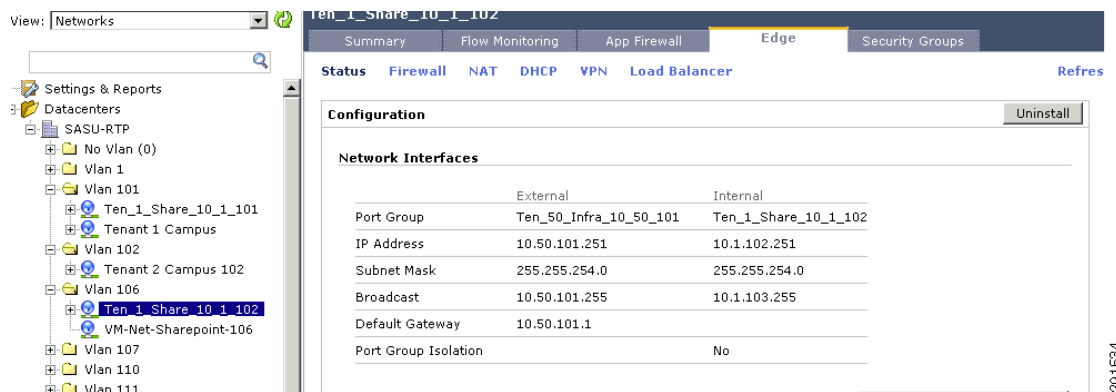
1. Choose Networks in the View pane and choose the VLAN/subnet for the SharePoint backend.

Figure 70 vShield Edge View

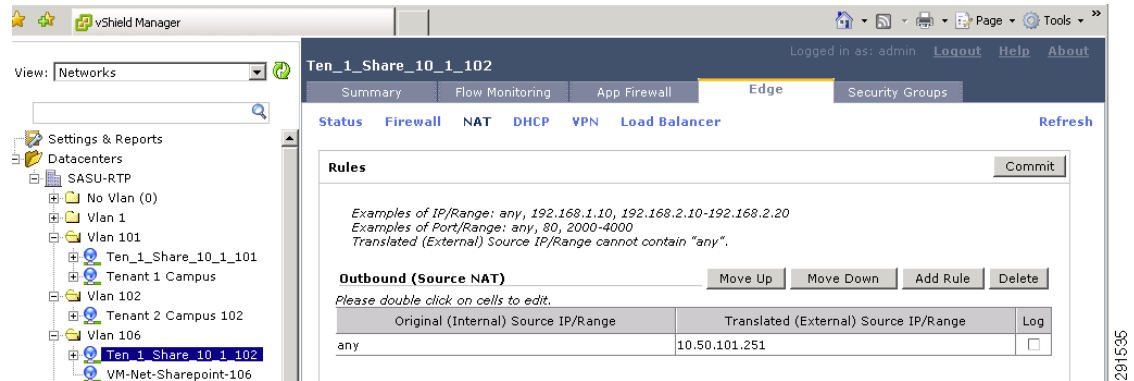


2. Choose the Edge Tab and start filling out appropriate information for the vShield Edge instance.
 - You have to choose an internal and external IP address for the NAT. The internal address designates the internal IP address within the SharePoint tenant that is used to access Infrastructure tenants. External IP address is the address within the Infrastructure tenant to which all packets are translated.
 - Enter the default gateway of the Infrastructure tenant and choose the appropriate data store where you want to store the vShield Edge instance.
3. Click **Install**. After installation [Figure 71](#) shows what should be shown on the Status tab on the vShield Instance.

Figure 71 vShield Edge Configuration Pane



4. Install NAT rules, as shown in [Figure 72](#), to allow NATing between the SharePoint and Infrastructure tenants.

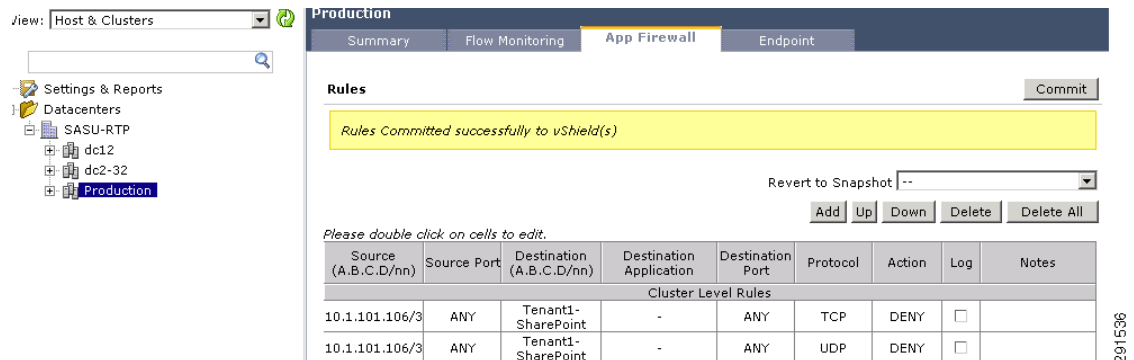
Figure 72 NAT Configuration Pane

5. Configure static/persistent routes between hosts on SharePoint tenants and the Infrastructure subnet to point to the internal NAT IP address (10.1.102.251 in [Figure 72](#)) as the next hop.

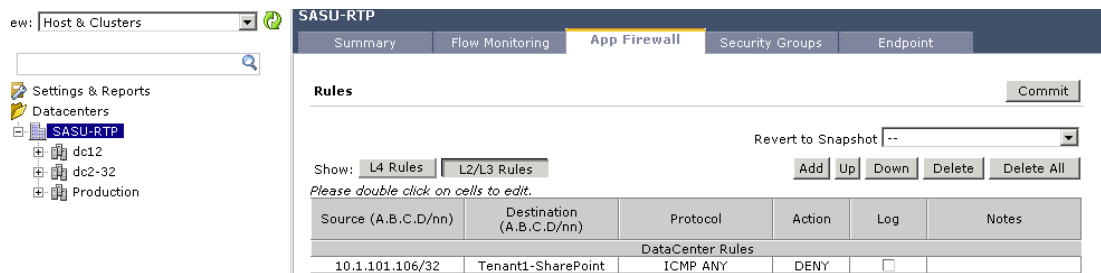
Configuring Rules in the Backend to Securely Deploy Database Applications

Optionally one can use the vShield to create rules between different hosts in the same tenant. There may be a case where the different database components coexist with other virtual machines in the same tenant. The vApp feature within vShield lets you set rules based on host IP address within the same tenant. In [Figure 73](#), the ten1-media1 server (IP address 10.1.101.106) is only accessed from outside and is denied access to all hosts within the SharePoint infrastructure.

1. From the host/cluster view, choose Production and App Firewall.
2. Create a rule to deny 10.1.101.106 to all hosts within the SharePoint tenant, as shown in [Figure 73](#).

Figure 73 vApp Firewall Rules within Tenant 1

3. Create a similar rule for Layer 2/Layer 3 to prevent ICMP connectivity (follow [7](#). above to get to the appropriate configuration window).

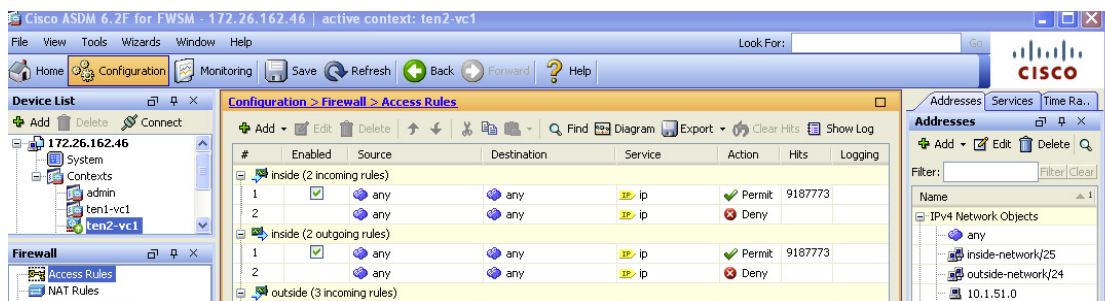
Figure 74 vApp L2/L3 Firewall Example

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Deploying the Cisco Firewall Switching Module—Implementing Security Rules at Services Layer

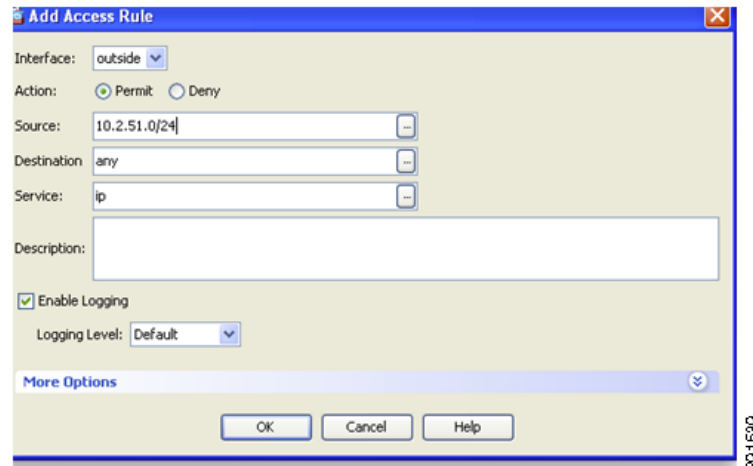
Optionally the firewall at the services layer can be configured to isolate tenants from outside or from each other. The choice is up to the network administrator, where he/she may decide to isolate high-performance tenants using a physical firewall at the services layer. In the example below the exchange tenant is isolated from other tenants and outside traffic is restricted to a predefined subnet (10.2.51.0). One can use the ASDM configuration tool to perform this task:

1. Select the Configuration tab.
2. Go to your Context, click **Access Rules**, then click **Add**.

Figure 75 Configuring Firewall Rules with FWSM

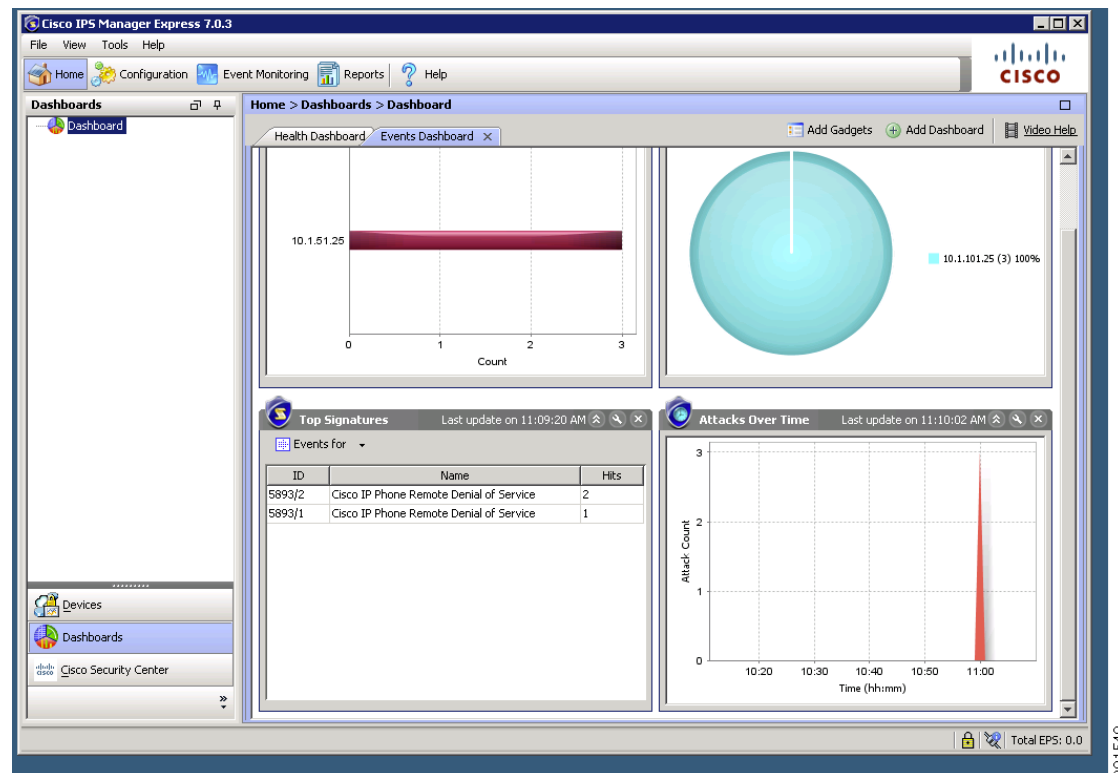
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3. Choose rule for outside, add the subnet you want to allow, click **OK**, then click **Apply**.

Figure 76 FWSM Firewall Rule Configuration Window

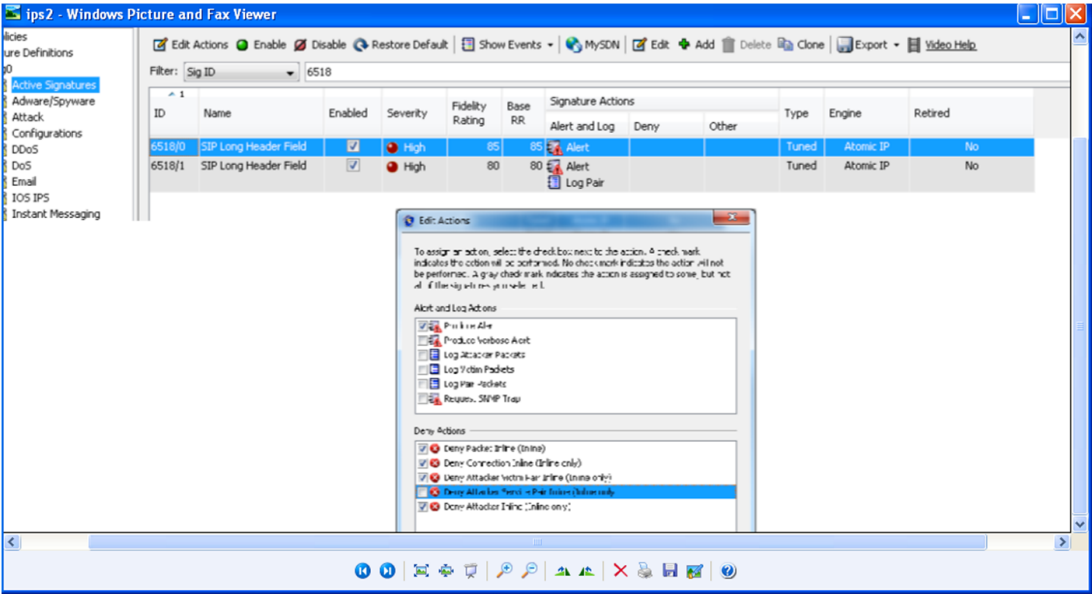
Attack Mitigation

A specific attack was initiated from outside the network and seen on the main dashboard.

Figure 77 IPS Dashboard Events View

The Signature ID was used to locate the attack within the available list of signatures and appropriate actions were taken by right clicking the signature to drop these packets and mitigate the attack, as shown in Figure 78.

Figure 78 *Configuring Actions to Mitigate Attacks*



One could also go to the Event Monitoring/Dropped View screen to view dropped packets in real time or from a previous time span.

Figure 79 *Dropped Attacks Event Statistics*

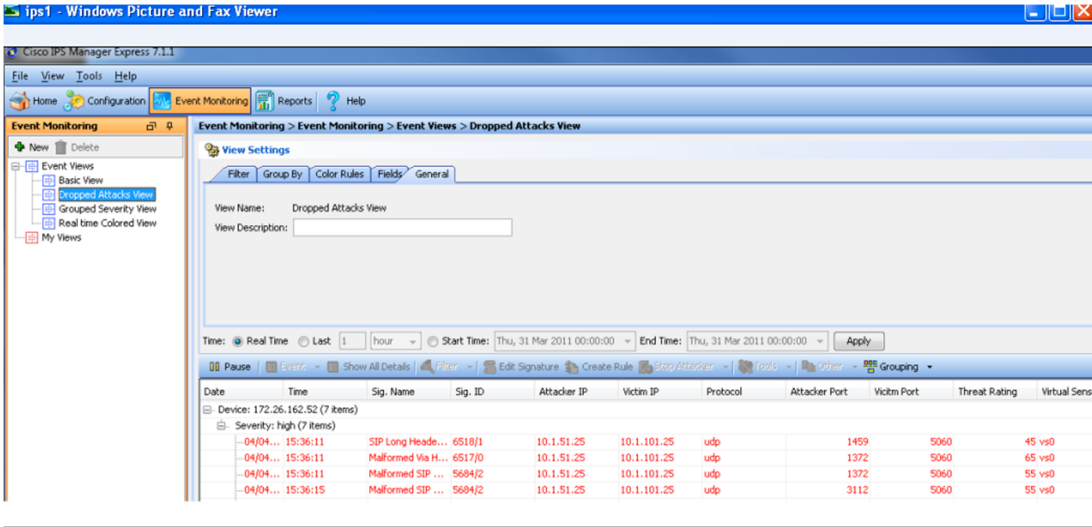
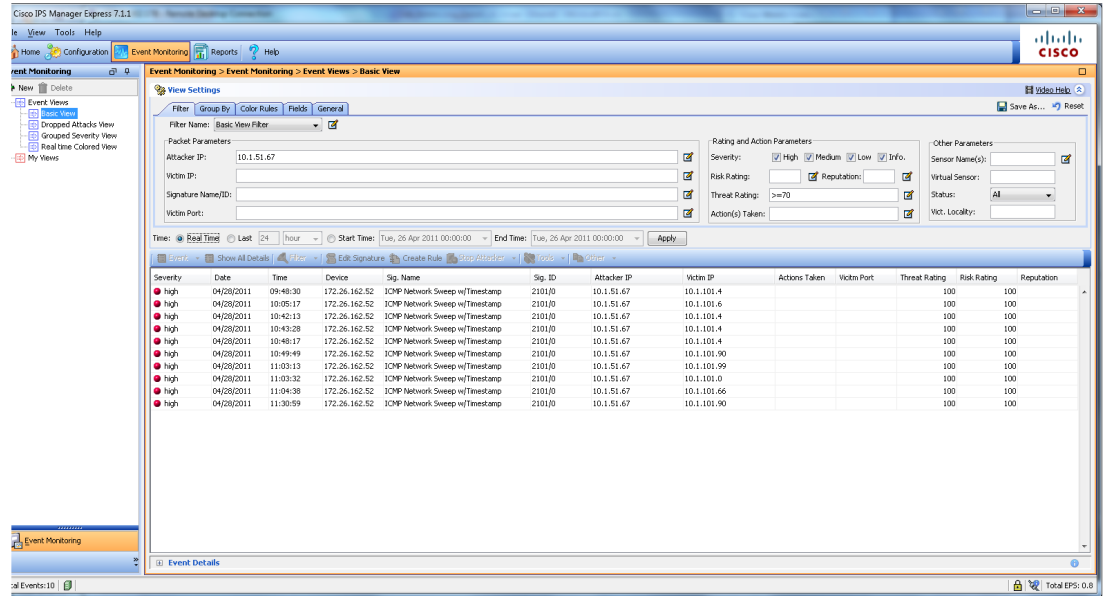
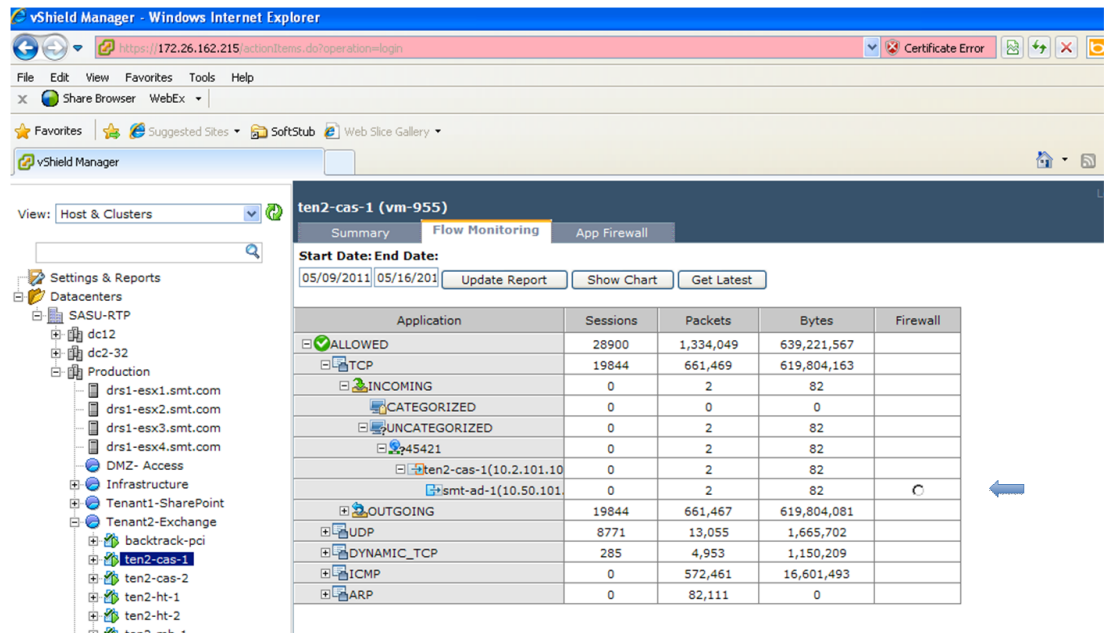


Figure 80 shows the detection of an ICMP sweep by IPS. Event views in the Event Monitoring pane show that IPS detected the ICMP sweep in realtime.

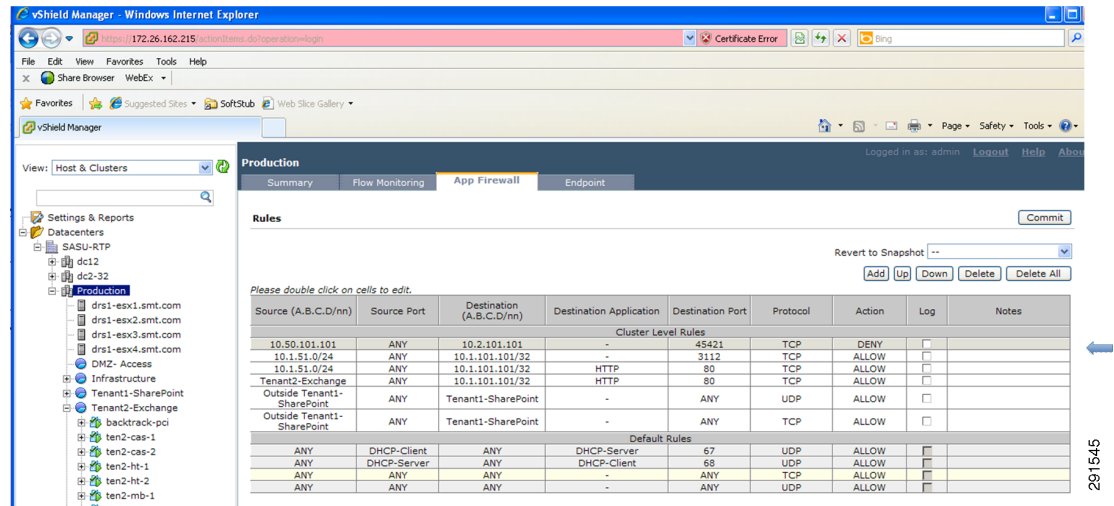
Figure 80 *Detecting ICMP Sweep*

vShield could also be used to mitigate suspicious traffic. The Flow Monitoring pane displays the various traffic flows for each VLAN. In Figure 81, traffic flows for the tena2-cas1 VM are shown.

Figure 81 *Monitoring Specific Flow Statistics with vShield*

If one of the traffic flows is deemed to be suspicious, one can create a rule automatically by clicking the flow in the Firewall column. This takes the user to the App Firewall pane with the rule automatically created, as shown in Figure 82 for a traffic flow with destination port 45421.

Figure 82 Configuration Window to Stop Malicious Traffic



Appendix A—PCI Compliance

The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) defines a set of requirements for the configuration, operation, and security of payment card transactions in your business. If you use ESMT to store, process, or transmit payment card information, these standards and this guide apply to you.

Failure to comply with these standards can result in significant fines should a security breach occur. For more details about PCI DSS, see: https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security_standards/pci_dss.shtml.

Summary of PCI DSS Requirements

The following summary provides a basic overview of the PCI DSS requirements and shows how they apply to your business and to the ESMT architecture.

Requirement 1—Install and Maintain a Firewall Configuration to Protect Cardholder Environment

What the Requirement Says:

Firewalls are devices that control computer traffic allowed between an entity’s networks (internal) and untrusted networks (external), as well as traffic into and out of more sensitive areas within an entity’s internal trusted networks. The cardholder data environment is an example of a more sensitive area within an entity’s trusted network.

A firewall examines all network traffic and blocks those transmissions that do not meet the specified security criteria.

All systems must be protected from unauthorized access from untrusted networks, whether entering the system through the Internet as e-commerce, employee Internet access through desktop browsers, employee e-mail access, dedicated connections such as business-to-business connections, through

wireless networks, or through other sources. Often, seemingly insignificant paths to and from untrusted networks can provide unprotected pathways into key systems. Firewalls are a key protection mechanism for any computer network.

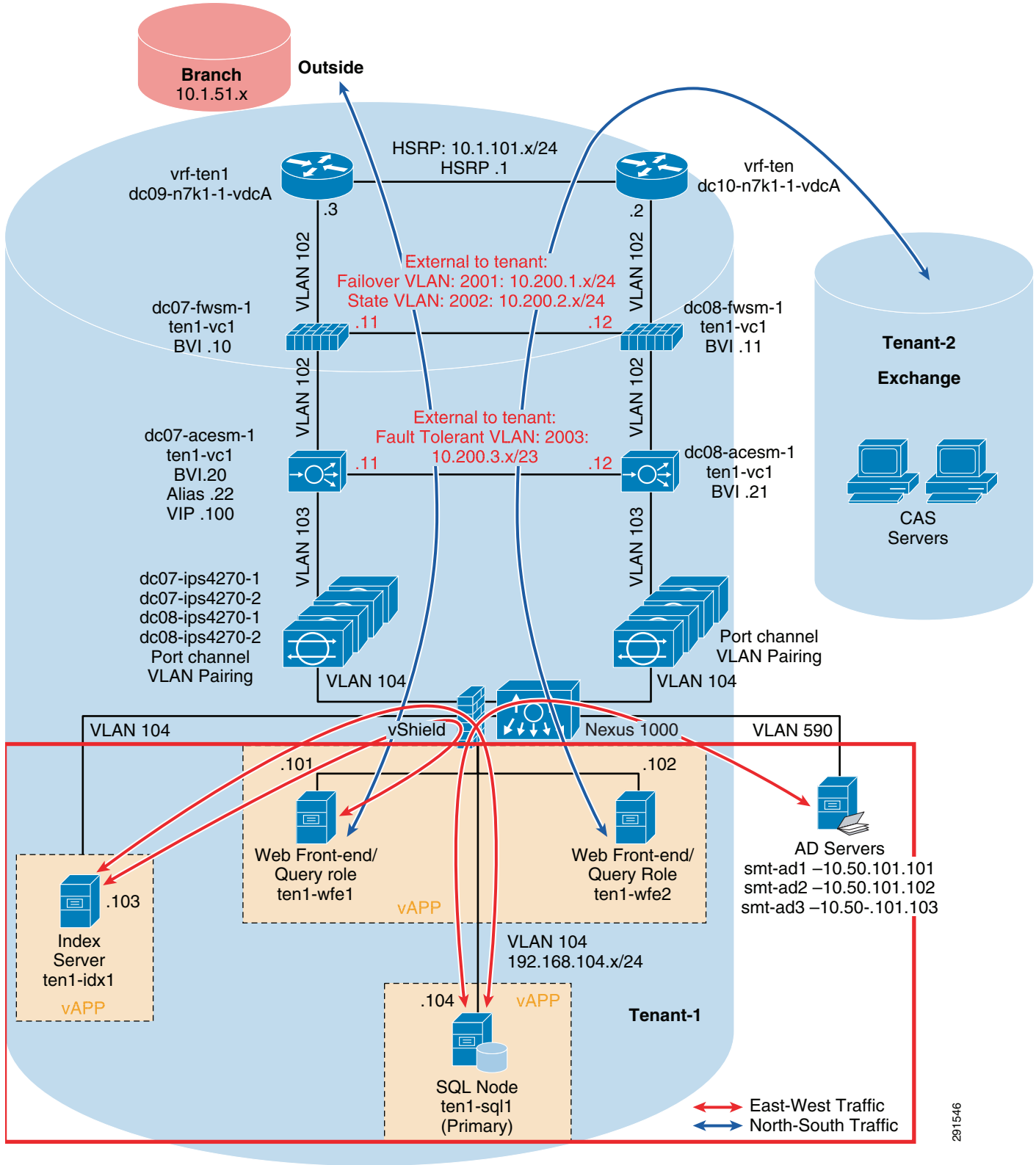
Other system components may provide firewall functionality, provided they meet the minimum requirements for firewalls as provided in Requirement 1. When other system components are used within the cardholder data environment to provide firewall functionality, these devices must be included within the scope and assessment of Requirement 1.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet These Requirements:

The ESMT architecture includes the ability to completely segment systems, not only between but also within tenants. At the physical layer, physical firewall appliances or modules provide the functionality to segment different tenants. In addition, these firewalls provide a strong line of defense against outside attacks on the data center infrastructure and unauthorized access to cardholder data. Within the access layer in the ESMT architecture, virtual firewalls are implemented to segment traffic within the same tenant environment (sometimes referred to as east-west traffic, or optionally across tenants as well).

[Figure 61 in Deploying vShield—Implementing Security Rules at the Access Layer](#) (shown in [Figure 83](#) for reference) shows how the various traffic flows are protected by virtual and physical firewalls.

Figure 83 Traffic Flows within a Multi-Tenant Architecture



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Firewall rules can easily be set to deny or authorize hosts based on IP address or specific VLANs. The firewall can also lock down traffic to certain ports, as shown in [Deploying vShield—Implementing Security Rules at the Access Layer](#).

Example:

In [Figure 83](#), the Tenant 1 environment is composed of the Common Desktop Environment (CDE, also known as Payment Card Industry [PCI] environment), while the Tenant 2 environment is composed of another tenant that the client wants to completely segment from the CDE. The client also wants to allow only certain connections from the branch environment into the PCI zone.

This PCI environment (Tenant 1) is composed of the following systems:

- Two Front-End Web servers
- SQL server
- Index server

The Tenant 2 environment is composed of the:

- Microsoft Exchange Environment

One method to secure the CDE from threats from outside is to grant access only to predefined hosts and to lock down traffic to certain ports. To accomplish this, follow the procedure in [Deploying vShield—Implementing Security Rules at the Access Layer](#).

Requirement 2—Do Not Use Vendor-Supplied Defaults for System Passwords and other Security Parameters

What the Requirement Says:

Malicious individuals (external and internal to an entity) often use vendor default passwords and other vendor default settings to compromise systems. These passwords and settings are well known by hacker communities and are easily determined through public information.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet these Requirements:

The Cisco ESMT architecture is composed of many different foundational components. In order to change vendor supplied defaults and harden systems in accordance with security best practices follow the links referred to below.



Note

This does not include any operating system (that is, Windows, Linux, and so on), database (Oracle, MSSQL, and so on), or other highly customizable organizational component. For these items, it is the client's responsibility to ensure that vendor-supplied defaults are changed and that systems are hardened in accordance with security best practices (that is, disabling telnet, and so on) before being implemented within the PCI environment.

- Cisco Nexus 5000:
 - Password-Initial Setup—Sections 3-7
 - Disable insecure services (for example, telnet)—Chapter 19

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/datacenter/nexus5000/sw/configuration/guide/cli/Nexus5000-NX-OS-ConfigurationGuide.pdf>

- Cisco Nexus 7000:
 - Password/RBac-Initial Setup—Chapter 8

- Disable insecure services (for example, telnet)—Chapter 6
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/datacenter/sw/4_2/nx-os/security/configuration/guide/Cisco_Nexus_7000_NX-OS_Security_Configuration_Guide__Release_4.2.pdf
- Cisco UCS Manager:
 - Password-Initial Setup—Chapter 9
 - Disable insecure services (for example, telnet)—Chapter 6
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/unified_computing/ucs/sw/cli/config/guide/1.4.1/b_CLI_Config_Guide_1_4_1.pdf
- Cisco DC Network Manager Authentication Settings—Chapter 5
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/datacenter/sw/4_2/dcnm/fundamentals/configuration/guide/fundamentals.pdf
- NetApp Storage Controller
<https://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/ontap/rel7351/pdfs/ontap/sysadmin.pdf>
- vShield Configuration:
 - Password-Initial Setup—page 22
http://www.vmware.com/pdf/vsz_10_admin.pdf
- Cisco Nexus 1000V:
 - Password -Initial Setup—Chapter 2
 - Disable insecure services (for example, telnet)—Chapter 7
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/datacenter/nexus1000/sw/4_2_1_s_v_1_4/security/configuration/guide/n1000v_security.pdf
- ACE Load Balancing Module
 - Password/Console Setting - Initial Setup—Chapter 1
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/interfaces_modules/services_modules/ace/vA2_3_0/configuration/administration/guide/ace_adgd.pdf
- C6500 Services Chassis and Telnet
<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/lan/catalyst6500/ios/12.2SX/configuration/guide/swcglx.html>
- IPS Configuration
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/sec_user_services/configuration/guide/sec_cfg_sec_4cl.html

Wireless is not a part of the proposed architecture, but could be if the client needs it. In this case, the client is responsible for ensuring that the wireless network is using strong authentication/encryption protocols (e.g., WPA, WPA2) and that only services that are needed are allowed into the CDE environment. Steps provided in requirement 1 would be used to segment any wireless network from the rest of the CDE environment.

Requirement 3—Protect Stored Cardholder Data

What the Requirement Says:

Protection methods such as encryption, truncation, masking, and hashing are critical components of cardholder data protection. If an intruder circumvents other security controls and gains access to encrypted data, without the proper cryptographic keys, the data is unreadable and unusable to that person. Other effective methods of protecting stored data should be considered as potential risk mitigation opportunities. For example, methods for minimizing risk include not storing cardholder data unless absolutely necessary, truncating cardholder data if full PAN is not needed, and not sending unprotected PANs using end user messaging technologies, such as e-mail and instant messaging.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet these Requirements:

Requirement 3 is the responsibility of the client. The Cisco ESMT architecture does not interfere with the client's ability to securely store cardholder data. The client has the option to encrypt data before it is stored. The network connectivity between the application and storage is segmented and inaccessible to unauthorized users. All key handling and management procedures outlined in Requirement 3 are the sole responsibility of the client.

Requirement 4—Encrypt Transmission of Cardholder Data Across Open, Public Networks

What the Requirement Says:

Sensitive information must be encrypted during transmission over networks that are easily accessed by malicious individuals. Misconfigured wireless networks and vulnerabilities in legacy encryption and authentication protocols continue to be targets of malicious individuals who exploit these vulnerabilities to gain privileged access to cardholder data environments.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet these Requirements:

Requirement 4 is the responsibility of the client. The Cisco ESMT architecture does not prohibit the client's ability to securely transmit cardholder information over public networks. The client has the option of using IPsec, SSL, or another secure method to provide secure connectivity over public networks. IPsec tunnels can be safely terminated within the corporate network or VPN technologies can provide data integrity over a public infrastructure. In either case cardholder transactions over public networks can be encrypted in accordance with PCI. For more details on how to implement IPsec and SSL termination, see the references below.

The links to implement encryption over the public network are:

- http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/WAN_and_MAN/DMVPNbk.pdf
- http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/WAN_and_MAN/Dir_Encap.html

Requirement 5—Use and Regularly Update Anti-Virus Programs

What the Requirement Says:

Malicious software, commonly referred to as malware—including viruses, worms, and Trojans—enters the network during many business-approved activities including employee e-mail and use of the Internet, mobile computers, and storage devices, resulting in the exploitation of system vulnerabilities. Anti-virus software must be used on all systems commonly affected by malware to protect systems from current and evolving malicious software threats.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet These Requirements:

Requirement 5 is the responsibility of the client. The Cisco ESMT architecture does not interfere with the client's ability to regularly update anti-virus software on the systems they deploy in this environment.

**Note**

The client should refer to anti-virus specific documentation for updating and managing anti-virus software on PCI in-scope systems.

Requirement 6—Develop and Maintain Secure Systems and Applications

What the Requirement Says:

Unscrupulous individuals use security vulnerabilities to gain privileged access to systems. Many of these vulnerabilities are fixed by vendor-provided security patches, which must be installed by the entities that manage the systems. All critical systems must have the most recently released, appropriate software patches to protect against exploitation and compromise of cardholder data by malicious individuals and malicious software.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet These Requirements:

The client has the ability to use VMware update manager (VUM) for updating and patching Vcenter system software and guest OS operating systems. The steps can be found at: http://www.vmware.com/pdf/vi3_vum_10_admin_guide.pdf

Any guest operating system that is not supported by VUM must be patched either by another automated means (WSUS, commercial product, etc.) or manually. The Cisco ESMT architecture can be configured to allow for VM s to access a repository of updated images and patches. Network devices can be updated by using secure TFTP/FTP server within the ESMT environment. Relevant links are provided below.

- Cisco Nexus 5000:
 - Upgrading Switch—Sections 3-4
<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/datacenter/nexus5000/sw/configuration/guide/cli/Nexus5000-NX-OS-ConfigurationGuide.pdf>
- Cisco Nexus 7000:
 - Upgrading Switch guide
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/datacenter/sw/4_1/nx-os/upgrade/guide/nx-os_upgrade.html
- Cisco Nexus 1000V:
 - Upgrading Switch guide
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/switches/datacenter/nexus1000/sw/4_2_1_s_v_1_4/upgrade/software/guide/n1000v_upgrade_software.html
- VMware vShield:
 - Upgrading Switch guide—chapter 5
http://www.vmware.com/pdf/vsz_10_admin.pdf
- ACE Load Balancing Module
 - Upgrading software—Appendix A
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/interfaces_modules/services_modules/ace/vA2_3_0/configuration/administration/guide/ace_adgd.pdf

- IPS Intrusion Prevention
 - Upgrading software
http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/security/ips/7.0/configuration/guide/cli/cli_system_images.html
- VMware vCenter
 - Upgrading VMware vCenter
http://kb.vmware.com/selfservice/microsites/search.do?language=en_US&cmd=displayKC&externalId=1022104

**Note**

The Cisco ESMT was validated using the latest software releases and patches from all vendors.

Requirement 7—Restrict Access to Cardholder Data by Business Need to Know

What the Requirement Says:

To limit access to critical data to authorized personnel only, systems and processes must be in place to limit access based on need to know and according to job responsibilities.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet These Requirements:

Requirement 7 is the responsibility of the client. The Cisco ESMT architecture does not interfere with allowing only those individuals who require such access into the CDE. Cisco Secure Access Control Server (ACS) and Windows Active Directory provide excellent capabilities to log and document any user who accesses devices within the CDE, whether it is VMware's virtual software components or networking and storage devices. The ESMT architecture allows secure connectivity between these devices and ACS/AD servers. Group policies can be created within ACS and AD configurations that can also restrict user access privileges based on the individual's user ID. In addition, group attributes, as well as incorporating tenant-id and global-id or for tenant and cloud system administrators, can be used.

**Note**

If the client chooses to use Active Directory, it is the client's responsibility to ensure that the deployment and management of AD is done in a PCI-compliant manner. For more information about Active Directory configuration best practices, see:
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2008/en/us/ad-main.aspx>.

Requirement 8—Assign a Unique ID to Each Person with Computer Access

What the Requirement Says:

Assigning a unique identification (ID) to each person with access makes each individual uniquely accountable for his or her actions. When such accountability is in place, actions taken on critical data and systems are performed by, and can be traced to, known and authorized users.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet These Requirements:

Requirement 8 is the responsibility of the client. The client must ensure that all operating systems, applications, and network devices attached to the PCI network are accessed using unique IDs. For Cisco-specific network devices, see Requirement 2 for links to manuals explaining how to assign unique user IDs. All passwords should meet the following requirements:

- Create unique first-time passwords
- Immediately revoke access for any terminated users

- Remove/disable inactive user accounts at least every 90 days
- Do not use group, shared, or generic accounts and passwords
- Change user passwords at least every 90 days
- Require a minimum password length of at least seven characters
- Use passwords containing both numeric and alphabetic characters
- Do not allow an individual to submit a new password that is the same as any of the last four passwords
- Limit repeated access attempts by locking out the user ID after not more than six attempts
- Set the lockout duration to a minimum of 30 minutes or until an administrator has enabled the user ID
- If a session has been idle for more than 15 minutes, require the user to re-authenticate to re-activate the terminal or session

**Note**

If the client chooses to use Active Directory, it is the client's responsibility to ensure that the deployment and management of AD is done in a PCI compliant manner. For more information about Active Directory configuration best practices, see: <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2008/en/us/ad-main.aspx>.

Requirement 9—Restrict Physical Access to Cardholder Data

What the Requirement Says:

Any physical access to data or systems that house cardholder data provides the opportunity for individuals to access devices or data and to remove systems or hardcopies and should be appropriately restricted. For the purposes of Requirement 9, “onsite personnel” refers to full-time and part-time employees, temporary employees, contractors, and consultants who are physically present on the entity’s premises. A “visitor” refers to a vendor, guest of any onsite personnel, service workers, or anyone who needs to enter the facility for a short duration, usually not more than one day. “Media” refers to all paper and electronic media containing cardholder data.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet These Requirements:

Requirement 9 is the responsibility of the client. The Cisco ESMT architecture does not interfere with where the client chooses to implement this solution and how media backups are performed and handled.

Requirement 10—Track and Monitor All Access to Network Resources and Cardholder Data

What the Requirement Says:

Logging mechanisms and the ability to track user activities are critical in preventing, detecting, or minimizing the impact of a data compromise. The presence of logs in all environments allows thorough tracking, alerting, and analysis when something does go wrong. Determining the cause of a compromise is very difficult, if not impossible, without system activity logs.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet These Requirements:

All Cisco device events are forwarded to a syslog server for logging purposes. These logs must be stored for a year based on PCI-DSS requirements. The ESMT architecture incorporates a tiered syslog solution in which each tenant incorporates its own syslog server and events from all tenants are forwarded to a central syslog repository server. For details on implementing syslog servers, see this general link for

guidance on configuring syslog on Cisco networking devices:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/Enterprise/Security/Baseline_Security/securebasebook.html.

Requirement 11—Regularly Test Security Systems and Processes

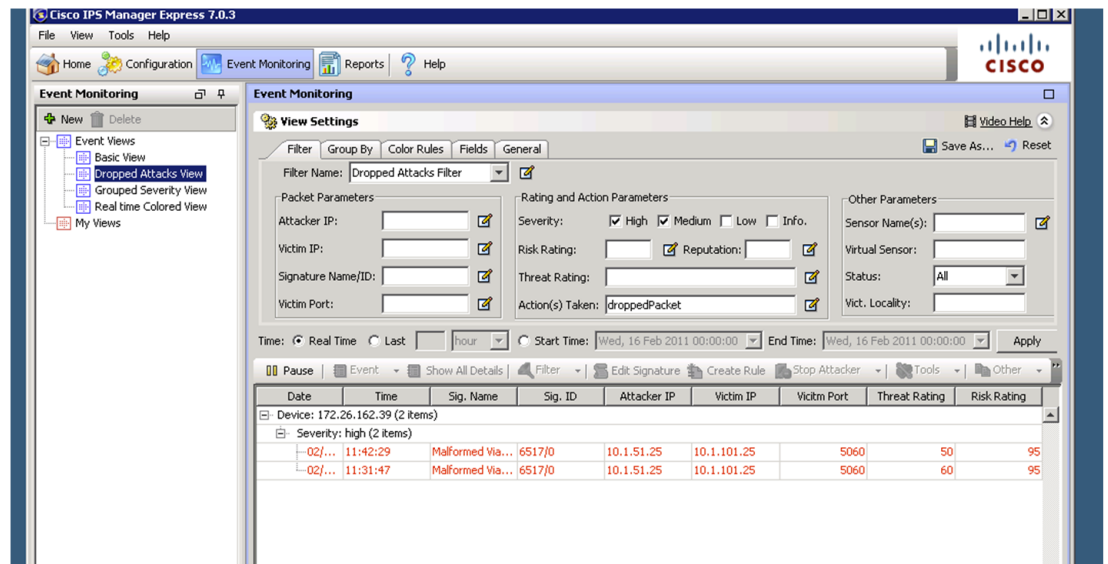
What the Requirement Says:

Vulnerabilities are being discovered continually by malicious individuals and researchers and being introduced by new software. System components, processes, and custom software should be tested frequently to ensure security controls continue to reflect a changing environment.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet These Requirements:

Requirement 11 of the PCI DSS is the responsibility of the client. The Cisco ESMT architecture does not interfere with the client's ability to regularly test CDE systems. ESMT architecture incorporates the use of Cisco Intrusion Prevention systems (IPS) which provides the capability of detecting Denial of Service (DOS) attacks and attacks in the form of malware, worms, and Trojans. Figure 84 is a screenshot for the Cisco IPS interface.

Figure 84 Cisco IPS Interface



For the steps that can be taken to mitigate attacks using the Cisco IPS, see [Cisco Intrusion Prevention System Monitoring and Mitigation](#).

Requirement 12—Maintain a Policy that Addresses Information Security for All Personnel

What the Requirement Says:

A strong security policy sets the security tone for the whole entity and informs personnel about what is expected of them. All personnel should be aware of the sensitivity of data and their responsibilities for protecting it. For the purposes of Requirement 12, “personnel” refers to full-time and part-time employees, temporary employees, contractors, and consultants who are resident on the entity’s site or otherwise have access to the cardholder data environment.

How the ESMT Architecture and Components Meet These Requirements:

Requirement 12 is the responsibility of the client. All policies and procedures with regards to PCI should be created and disseminated by the client.

Appendix B—ICSA Labs

ICSA Labs is an independent auditor that has been providing credible, independent, third-party product assurance for end users and enterprises for the last 20 years. ICSA Labs was invited to perform an audit of SMT built on FlexPod for VMware on behalf of Cisco, NetApp, and VMware. ICSA Labs performed an extensive audit of the SMT architecture in a laboratory at NetApp in RTP, NC.

The audit specifically included sections on

- Management
- Encrypted password authentication
- Role-based access controls (RBAC)
- Persistence testing (unexpected failure)
- Password authentication
- Centralized logging
- Protocol
- Security assessment

The architecture was also subjected to several direct attacks, such as the Targa 3, Denial of Service, SYNflood, UDPflood, and Targa 2.

ICSA labs confirmed that SMT built on FlexPod for VMware is indeed a secure architecture. The final report can be accessed at: <https://www.icsalabs.com/evaluations>.