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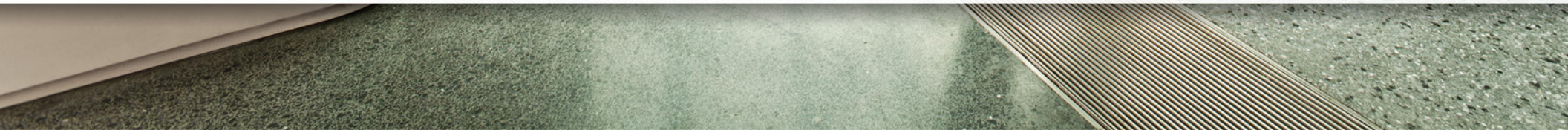

Preface

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Commands to enter at a CLI appear as follows:

```
configure terminal
```

Commands that specify a value for a variable appear as follows:

```
ntp server 10.10.48.17
```

Commands with variables that you must define appear as follows:

```
class-map [highest class name]
```

Commands shown in an interactive example, such as a script or when the command prompt is included, appear as follows:

```
Router# enable
```

Long commands that line wrap are underlined. Enter them as one command:

```
wrr-queue random-detect max-threshold 1 100 100 100 100 100
100 100 100
```

Noteworthy parts of system output or device configuration files appear highlighted, as follows:

```
interface Vlan64
  ip address 10.5.204.5 255.255.255.0
```

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Cisco SBA Borderless Networks

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Route to Success

To ensure your success when implementing the designs in this guide, you should first read any guides that this guide depends upon—shown to the left of this guide on the route below. As you read this guide, specific prerequisites are cited where they are applicable.

About This Guide

This *deployment guide* contains one or more deployment chapters, which each include the following sections:

- **Business Overview**—Describes the business use case for the design. Business decision makers may find this section especially useful.
- **Technology Overview**—Describes the technical design for the business use case, including an introduction to the Cisco products that make up the design. Technical decision makers can use this section to understand how the design works.
- **Deployment Details**—Provides step-by-step instructions for deploying and configuring the design. Systems engineers can use this section to get the design up and running quickly and reliably.

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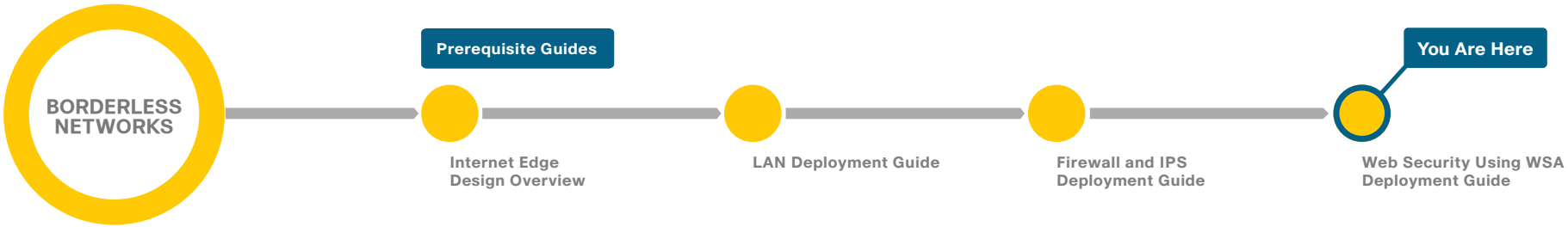


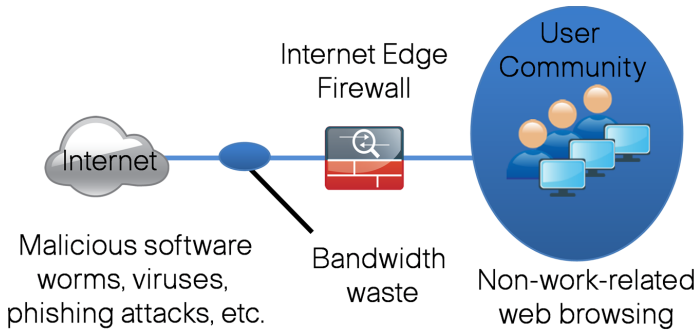
Introduction

Business Overview

Web access is a requirement for the day-to-day functions of most organizations, but a challenge exists to maintain appropriate web access for everyone in the organization, while minimizing unacceptable or risky use. A solution is needed to control policy-based web access to ensure employees work effectively, and ensure that personal web activity does not waste bandwidth, affect productivity, or expose the organization to undue risk.

Another risk associated with Internet access for the organization is the pervasive threat that exists from accessing sites and content. As the monetary gain for malicious activities on the Internet has grown and developed, the methods used to affect these malicious and or illegal activities has grown and become more sophisticated. Botnets, one of the greatest threats that exists in the Internet today, is that of malicious Internet servers (mostly web) being used to host content that then attacks innocent user's browsers as they view the content. These types of attacks have been used very successfully by "bot herders" to gather in millions of infected members that are subject to the whims of the people who now control their machines. Other threats include the still popular and very broad threats of viruses and trojans, in which a user receives a file in some manner and is tricked into running it, and the file then executes malicious code. The third variant uses directed attacks over the network. Examples of these attacks are the Internet worms that gathered so much attention in the early to mid-2000s. These types of risks are depicted in the figure below.

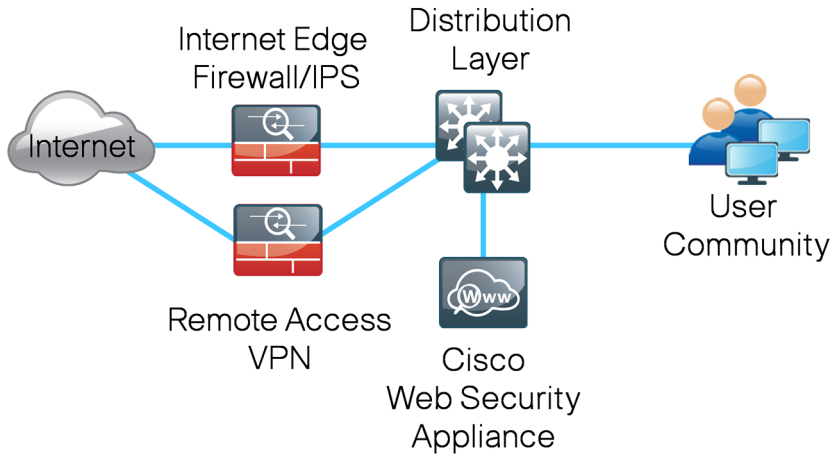
Figure 1 - Business reasons for deploying Cisco IronPort Web Security Appliance



Technology Overview

Cisco IronPort S-Series Web Security Appliance (WSA) addresses the need for a corporate web security policy by offering a combination of web usage controls with category and reputation-based control, malware filtering, and data protection.

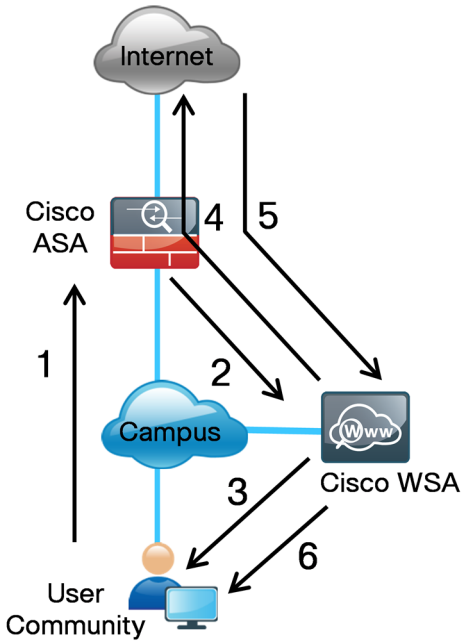
Figure 2 - Web security deployment in the borderless network



Browsing websites can be risky, and many websites inadvertently end up distributing compromised or malicious content as a result of inattention to update requirements or lax security configurations. The websites that serve the compromised and malicious content are constantly changing as human-operated and worm-infested computers scan the Internet in search of additional web servers that they can infect in order to continue propagating. This dynamic environment introduces significant challenges to maintain up-to-date Internet threat profiles.

The Cisco IronPort WSA family is a web proxy that works with other Cisco network components such as firewalls, routers, or switches in order to monitor and control web content requests from within the organization. It also scrubs the return traffic for malicious content.

Figure 3 - Logical traffic flow using Cisco IronPort WSA



1. User initiates web request
2. ASA Firewall redirects request to Cisco WSA
3. WSA checks request, replies with denial if request violates policy
4. WSA initiates new connection to the Web if request is acceptable
5. Web Server replies with content which is sent to WSA
6. WSA checks content for objectionable material and forwards content to originating user if no issues are encountered

Cisco IronPort WSA is connected by one interface to the inside network of the Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA). In the Internet edge design, IronPort WSA connects to the same LAN switch as the appliance and on the same VLAN as the inside interface of the appliance. Cisco ASA redirects HTTP and HTTPS connections using the Web Cache Communication Protocol (WCCP) to Cisco IronPort WSA.

Cisco IronPort WSA uses several mechanisms to apply web security and content control. IronPort WSA begins with basic URL-filtering with category-based Cisco IronPort Web Usage Controls. These controls are based on an active database that includes analysis of sites in 190 countries and over 50 languages. Content is filtered by the reputation database. The Cisco Security Intelligence Operations updates the reputation database every five minutes. These updates contain threat information gleaned from multiple Internet-based resources, as well as content reputation information obtained from customers with Cisco security appliances that choose to participate in the Cisco SenderBase network. If no details of the website or its content are known, IronPort WSA applies dynamic content analysis to determine the nature of the content in real time, and findings are fed back to the SenderBase repository if the customer has elected to participate.

Notes

Deployment Details

The first step to planning the deployment of Cisco IronPort WSA is to determine how to redirect web traffic to IronPort WSA. There are two possible methods to accomplish the redirection of traffic to IronPort WSA: transparent proxy mode and explicit proxy mode.

In a transparent proxy deployment, a WCCP v2-capable network device redirects all TCP traffic with a destination of port 80 or 443 to Cisco IronPort WSA, without any configuration on the client. The transparent proxy deployment is used in this design, and the Cisco ASA firewall is used to redirect traffic to the appliance because all of the outbound web traffic passes through the device and is generally managed by the same technicians who manage IronPort WSA.

In an explicit proxy deployment, a client application, such as a web browser, is configured to use an HTTP proxy, such as Cisco IronPort WSA. From an application support standpoint, this method introduces the least amount of complications, as the proxy-aware applications know about and work with IronPort WSA directly to provide the requested content. However, from a deployment standpoint, the explicit proxy method presents challenges as to how the administrator configures every client in the organization with the IronPort WSA proxy settings and how they configure devices not under the organization's control. Web Proxy Auto-Discovery and proxy automatic configuration scripts, along with other tools, such as Microsoft Group and System policy controls within Microsoft Active Directory, make deploying this method simpler, but a discussion of those tools is beyond the scope of this guide.

It is possible to use both options—explicit proxy and transparent proxy—at the same time on a single Cisco IronPort WSA. Explicit proxy is also a good way to test the configuration of IronPort WSA, as explicit proxy mode does not depend on anything else in the network to function.

The next step in planning a Cisco IronPort WSA deployment is to determine what type of physical topology you are going to use. IronPort WSA has multiple interfaces and can be configured in different ways. In the Internet edge designs, IronPort WSA is deployed using a single interface for both proxy and management traffic.

A single Cisco IronPort WSA was deployed in the Internet edge design to support up to 5,000 users. For those who need either additional performance or resilience, a simple upgrade solution is possible by adding an additional IronPort WSA. When deployed in high availability mode, the two appliances load-share the outgoing connections. If one device fails, the load is moved to the other IronPort WSA. It is possible that network performance could be degraded if one device is handling the load that was designed for two, but Internet web access remains available and protected.

Process

Configuring Cisco IronPort WSA

1. Configure the distribution switch
2. Configure management access
3. Complete the System Setup Wizard
4. Install system updates
5. Install the feature keys
6. Enable web usage controls
7. Enable logging
8. Create custom URL categories
9. Configure access policies
10. Configure WCCP on Cisco IronPort WSA
11. Configure WCCP on the firewall
12. Set up HTTPS proxy
13. Configure authentication

Procedure 1 Configure the distribution switch

The LAN distribution switch is the path to the organization's internal network. As configured in the *Cisco SBA—Borderless Networks Firewall and IPS Deployment Guide*, a unique VLAN supports the Internet edge devices and the routing protocol peers with the appliances across this network.

Reader Tip

Before you continue, ensure that the distribution switch has been configured following the guidance in the *Cisco SBA—Borderless Networks LAN Deployment Guide*.

Step 1: Configure the interfaces that are connected to the distribution switch.

```
interface GigabitEthernet1/0/24
 description WSA M1 Management interface
 switchport access vlan 300
 switchport host
```

Procedure 2 Configure management access

Step 1: Connect a standard null modem cable, with the terminal emulator settings of 8-1-none-9600 baud, to the appliance's serial console port.

Tech Tip

The commands that follow require a host name to be entered. This configured host name for Cisco IronPort WSA needs to be fully resolvable forward and reverse, as well as in short form within the Domain Name System (DNS) system.

```
ironport.example.com> interfaceconfig

Currently configured interfaces:
1. Management (192.168.42.42/24 on Management: ironport.
example.com)
```

```
Choose the operation you want to perform:
- NEW - Create a new interface.
- EDIT - Modify an interface.
- DELETE - Remove an interface.
[]>EDIT

Enter the number of the interface you wish to edit.
[]> 1

IP Address (Ex: 192.168.1.2):
[192.168.42.42]> 10.4.24.15

Netmask (Ex: "255.255.255.0" or "0xffffff00"):
[255.255.255.0]> 255.255.255.224

Hostname:
[ironport.example.com]> WSA.cisco.local
Do you want to enable FTP on this interface? [Y]> Y
Which port do you want to use for FTP?
[21]> 21

Do you want to enable SSH on this interface? [Y]> Y
Which port do you want to use for SSH?
[22]> 22

Do you want to enable HTTP on this interface? [Y]> Y
Which port do you want to use for HTTP?
[8080]> 8080

Do you want to enable HTTPS on this interface? [Y]> Y
Which port do you want to use for HTTPS?
[8443]> 8443

You have not entered an HTTPS certificate. To assure privacy,
run "certconfig" first. You may use the demo, but this will
not be secure.
Do you really wish to use a demo certificate? [Y]> Y

Both HTTP and HTTPS are enabled for this interface, should
HTTP requests redirect to the secure service? [Y]> Y

The interface you edited might be the one you are currently
logged into. Are you sure you want to change it? [Y]> Y

Currently configured interfaces:
1. Management (10.4.24.15/27 on Management: WSA.cisco.local)

Choose the operation you want to perform:
- NEW - Create a new interface.
- EDIT - Modify an interface.
- DELETE - Remove an interface.
[]> <Return>

ironport.example.com> setgateway

Warning: setting an incorrect default gateway may cause the
current
connection to be interrupted when the changes are committed.
1. Management Default Gateway
2. Data Default Gateway
[]> 1

Enter new default gateway:
[ ]> 10.4.24.1

ironport.example.com> commit

Please enter some comments describing your changes:
[]> initial setup
```

After you configure Cisco IronPort WSA, it should be able to ping devices on the network, assuming appropriate network access has been created (on the firewall, if needed). The following output is a capture of IronPort WSA pinging its default gateway:

```
WSA.cisco.local> ping 10.4.24.1
Press Ctrl-C to stop.
PING 10.4.24.1 (10.4.24.1): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 10.4.24.1: icmp_seq=0 ttl=255 time=0.497 ms
64 bytes from 10.4.24.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=9.387 ms
64 bytes from 10.4.24.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=255 time=0.491 ms
^C
```

Procedure 3 Complete the System Setup Wizard

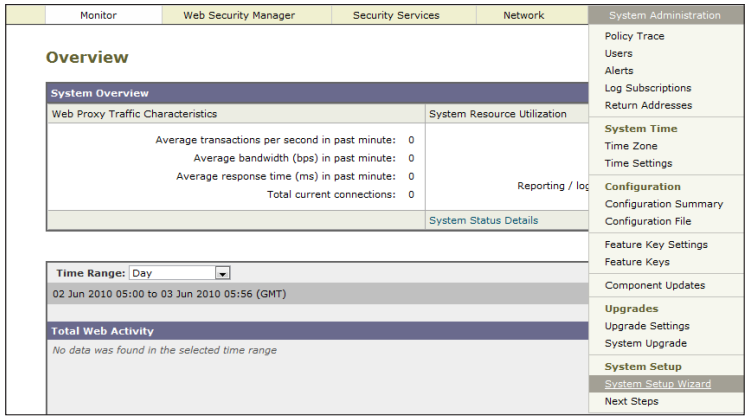
It is recommended that you configure only the basic network settings, DNS information, time settings, and username/password information through the System Setup Wizard, and configure the more advanced settings in the respective sections in the UI.

The System Setup Wizard screens and options vary by code version. Depending on the starting code version of the appliance that you are configuring, the screens may differ from those shown below.

Step 1: Access the Cisco IronPort WSA GUI by opening a browser and browsing to the IP address of IronPort WSA via HTTPS on port 8443.

```
https://wsa.cisco.local:8443
```

Step 2: Log in, and then navigate to **System Administration > System Setup Wizard**.



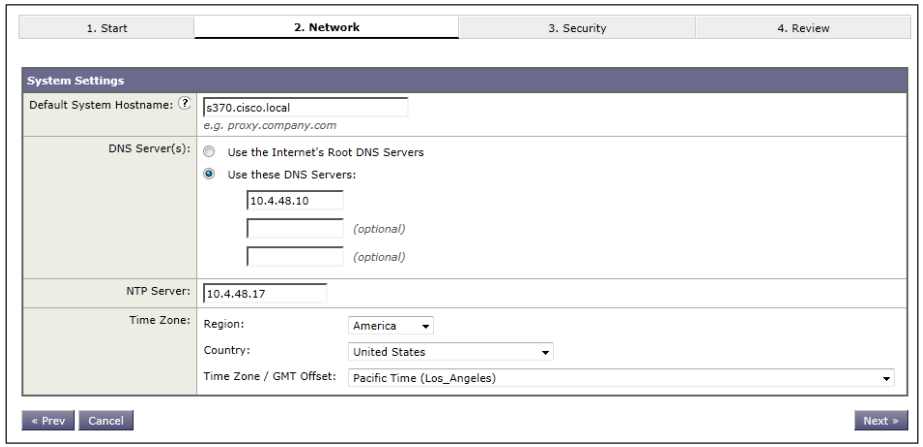
Tech Tip

Cisco WSA has a default username of **admin**, and default password of **ironport**.

Step 3: On the Start tab, read the license and accept the terms, and then click **Begin Setup**.

Step 4: Follow the instructions to complete the wizard. Note the following:

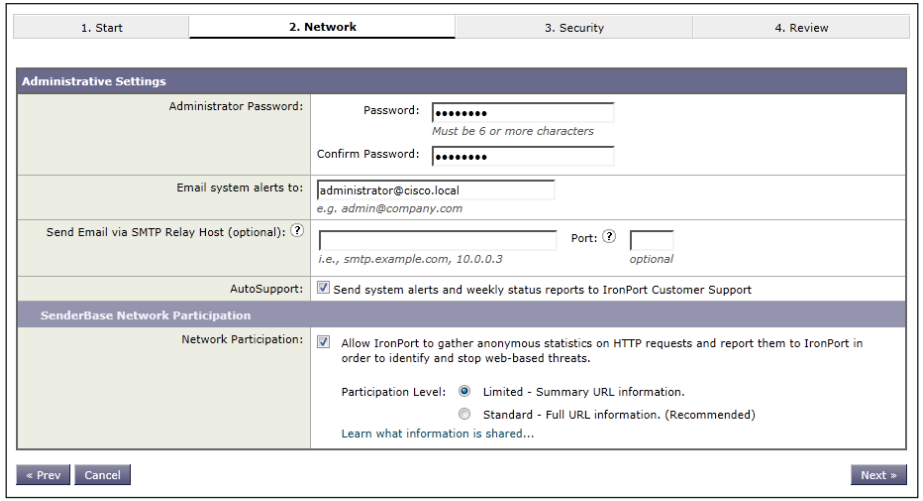
- On the Network tab, in the System Settings section, configure the Default System Hostname, DNS Server, and Time Zone settings.



- On the Network Interfaces and Wiring page, configure the interface and the IP addresses for each interface, and then click **Next**.

Tech Tip

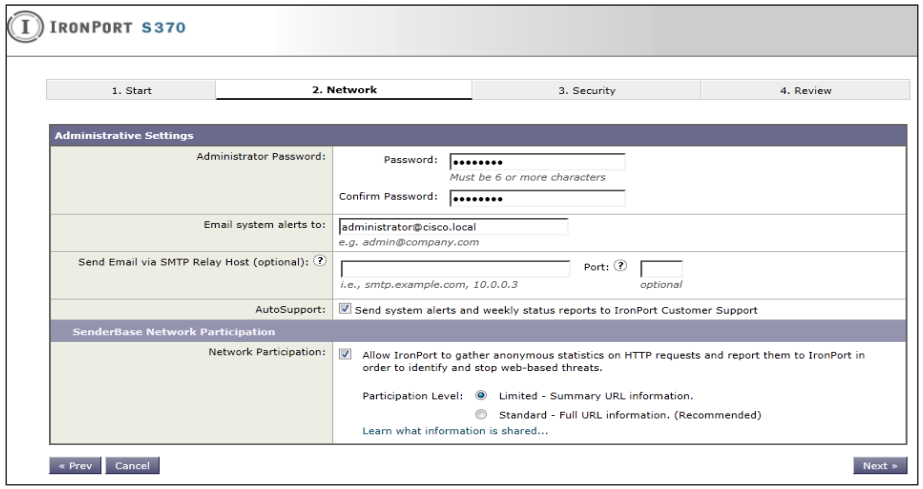
In this deployment, for simplicity, M1 is used for both management and proxy services and is the only interface used. Do not select **Use M1 port for Management only.** Do not use interface P1.



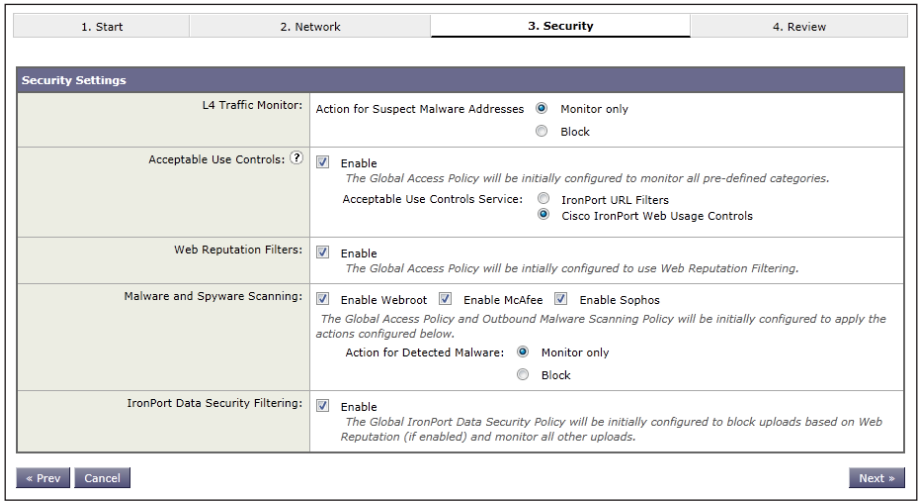
- On the Administrative Settings page, set the admin password and enter the email address to which you want system alerts to be sent.and then click **Next**.

Tech Tip

On this page, you can also elect to participate in the Cisco SenderBase network and select a participation level.



- On the Security tab, define the security policy for the appliance and select which actions to take for the different security features.
- In the Acceptable Use Controls section, select **Enable**, and then select **Cisco IronPort Web Usage Controls** and then click **Next.**



- Review the Configuration and then click **Install This Configuration.**

Procedure 4 Install system updates

It is important to look at system upgrades for Cisco IronPort WSA before going any further. HTTP or HTTPS Internet access for IronPort WSA is required in order to proceed.

Tech Tip

It is not possible to downgrade software versions, so be certain that an upgrade is desired before proceeding. It is possible that an appliance can receive different upgrade options if it is on an early release list.

Step 1: Navigate to **System Administration > System Upgrade**. The display shows the current software version.

Step 2: Click **Available Updates**.

If newer versions are available, they should be selected and installed. In general, all upgrades should be installed. Each upgrade usually requires a reboot of the appliance. The entire process can take some time.

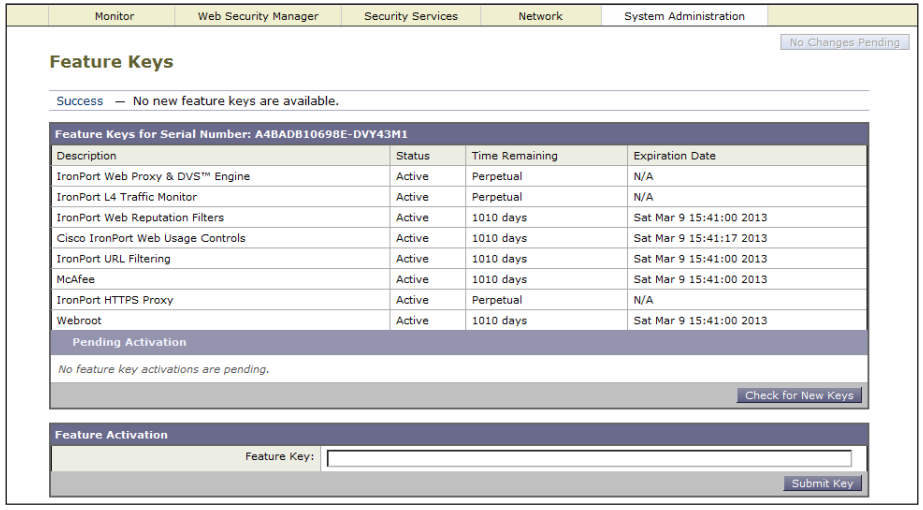
Procedure 5 Install the feature keys

It is important to install the feature keys for Cisco IronPort WSA before going any further. HTTP or HTTPS Internet access for IronPort WSA is required in order to proceed. When installing feature keys, IronPort WSA makes a connection to the license service and submits a query to see if it has all the features it is allowed to run. It is very likely that after upgrading code, especially if many upgrades were applied, there will be missing feature keys.

Step 1: Navigate to **System Administration > Feature Keys**.

Step 2: Click **Check for New Keys**.

The figure below shows what an appliance feature key display may look like after being upgraded to the latest version of code, and then checking for updated feature keys.



Note that some keys may have less than 30 days remaining, which indicates an Evaluation Appliance. A user-purchased box has approximately one or more years of remaining time.

Tech Tip

If the appliance is missing keys or the duration of the keys is not correct, contact a trusted partner or Cisco reseller to resolve the issue. Have the appliance serial number available. You can find the serial number at the top of the Feature Key page.

Procedure 6 Enable web usage controls

Enable security services on Cisco IronPort WSA by turning on the web usage controls.

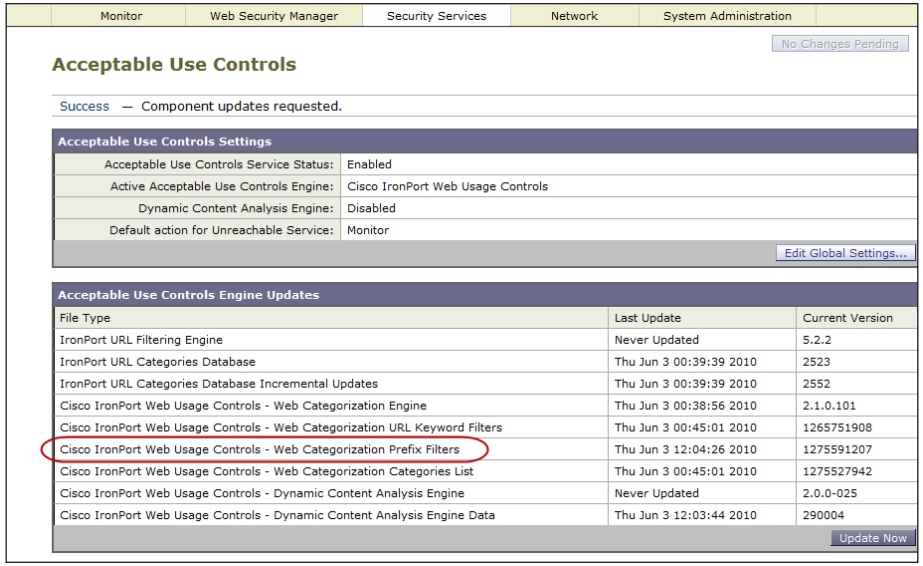
Step 1: Navigate to **Security Services > Acceptable Use Controls**.

Step 2: Click **Update Now,** and then wait until the page reports back success.

Step 3: Ensure that at least some of the controls have an update that is current or very nearly so.

Tech Tip

Due to randomness of update schedules, it is impossible to know when updates will come out for each component. The Web Categories Prefix Filters and the Web Categories List are updated fairly often and show recent update histories.

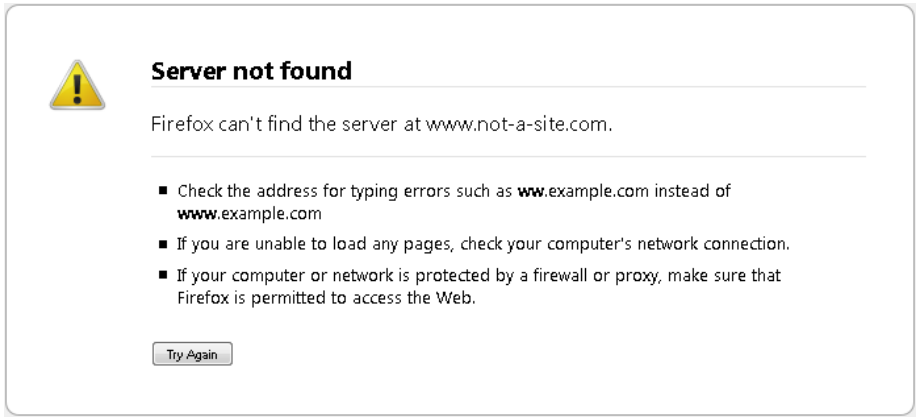


Step 4: Set up a client on the inside of the network with Cisco IronPort WSA as the explicit proxy in the web browser of their choice. Use the IP address of the IronPort WSA appliance as the proxy, and then set the port to 3128.

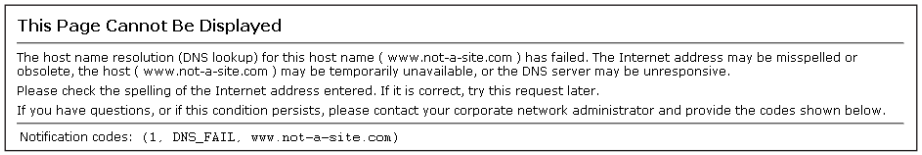
Step 5: Test two different addresses, as follows:

- One address should be resolvable externally, for instance www.cisco.com, which should return without issue. This proves the client has Internet access but does not prove the connection is going through Cisco IronPort WSA.
- The other address should be something not resolvable externally. This request should return an error from IronPort WSA, not the browser; proving that IronPort WSA is serving the content.

Firefox returns an error like that shown below:



Cisco IronPort WSA returns an error like that shown below:



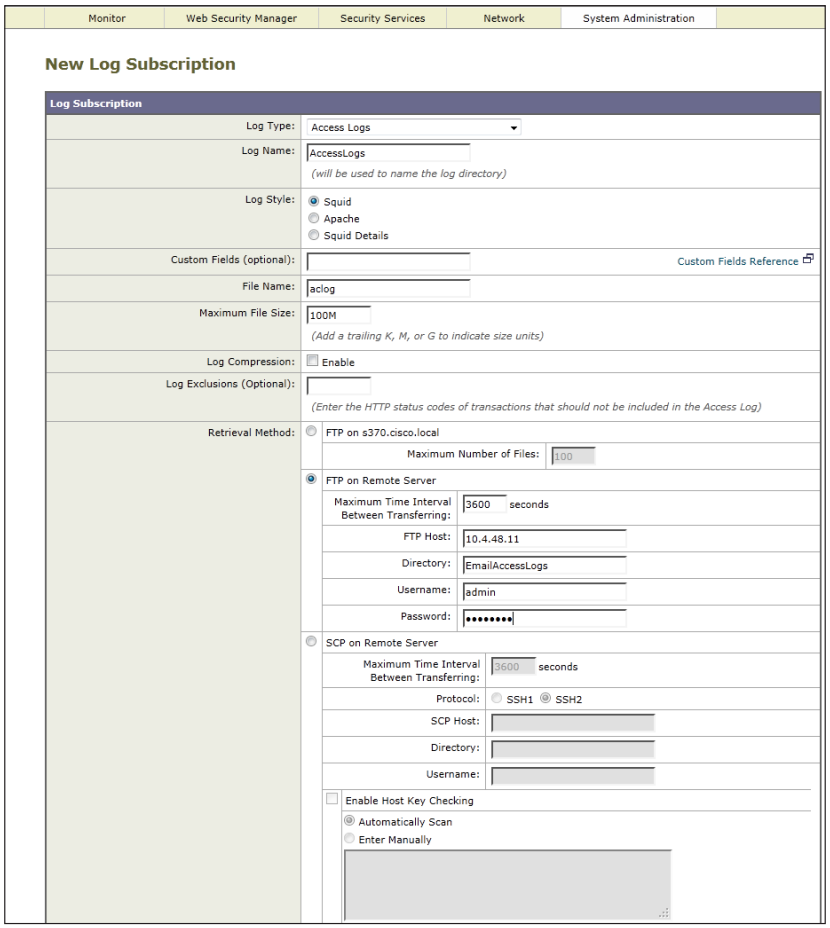
Procedure 7 Enable logging

To monitor web usage, the appliance stores client access data for a relatively short duration and it rotates logs for space reasons. For users looking for long-term compliance reporting, they should look into the Cisco solution that comes as part of the Cisco IronPort M-Series appliance. This guide does not cover the installation or use of the IronPort M-Series appliance.

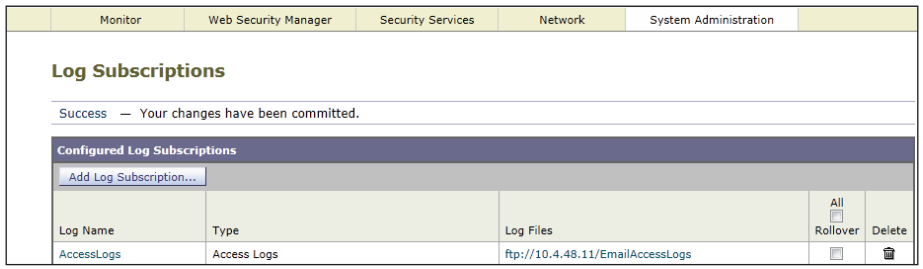
For the reporting product to work, Cisco IronPort WSA needs to send its logs to an FTP server where the reporting device can access them. For this deployment, it is assumed that an FTP server is already deployed and configured. The following configuration moves the access logs off of IronPort WSA and onto an FTP server.

Step 1: Navigate to **System Administration > Log Subscriptions**, and then click **Add Log Subscription**.

Step 2: On the New Log Subscription page, add the new logging information, click **Submit**, and then click **Commit Changes**.



The following figure shows the results after inputting the changes:



Procedure 8 Create custom URL categories

Next, you set up standard custom URL categories that most administrators find they need to implement for their desired URL filtering.

Step 1: Navigate to **Web Security Manager > Custom URL Categories**, and then click **Add Custom Category**.

You create four placeholder categories for different action exceptions.

Step 2: In the Edit Custom URL Category pane, in the Category Name box, enter Block List.

Step 3: In the Sites box, enter a placeholder URL (Example: block.com), and then click **Submit**.

Tech Tip

A placeholder URL (block.com) has to be entered because it is not possible to create a category and have it be empty. In the future, when a URL is found that needs to be blocked, add it to the list, and then delete the placeholder.

Step 4: Create three more lists by repeating Step 1through Step 3. Name the new lists Monitor List, Warn List, and Allow List in the Category Name box.

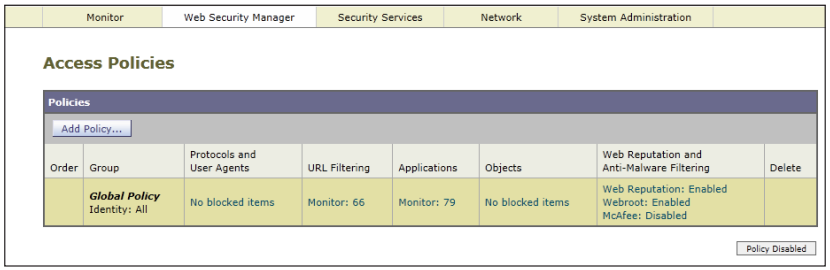
This creates an ordered list of custom categories.

Step 5: Click **Commit Changes**.

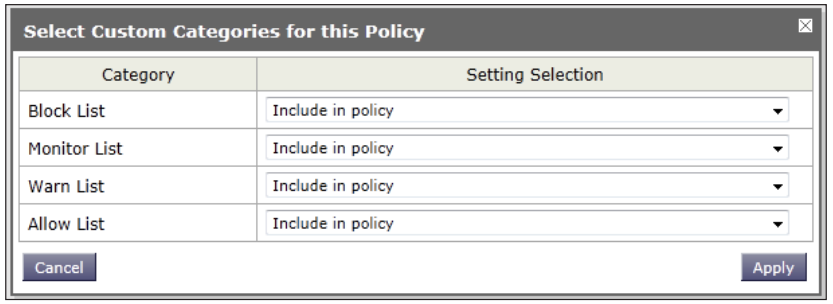
Procedure 9 Configure access policies

Now that you have created the custom URL categories, you need to enable them for use and define actions for each.

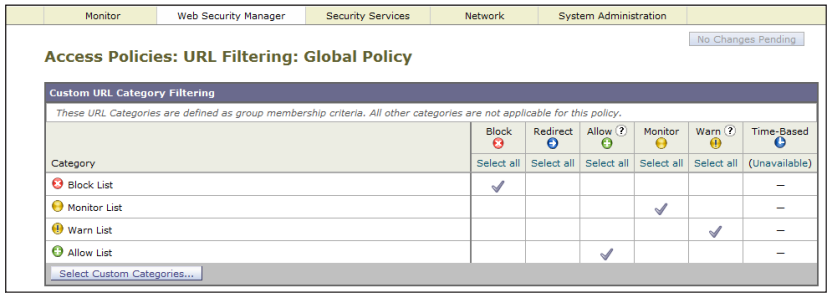
Step 1: Navigate to **Web Security Manager > Access Policies**, and then click the link under URL Filtering.



Step 2: Click on Select Custom Categories to see the policies created above. For each custom URL category, in the Setting Selection list, choose **Include in Policy**, and then click **Apply**.



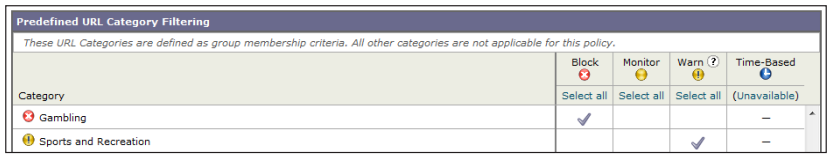
Step 3: On the Access Policies page, change the action of the category to correspond with its name. (Example: Block should be the action for the Block List category, and Monitor should be the action for the Monitor List category.)



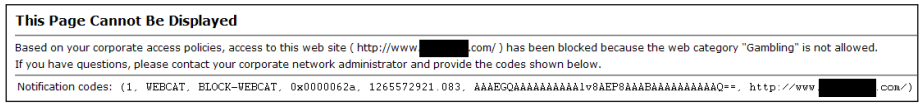
Step 4: Click **Submit.**

Additionally, on the Access Policies page, the organization's web-acceptable use policy can be implemented. This policy can include the category of the URL (adult, sports, or streaming media), the actions desired (monitor, warn, or block), as well as whether a time-based factor is involved.

Step 5: For testing purposes, next to Gambling select **Block,** next to Sports and Recreation select **Warn**, and then click **Submit**.



Using a browser explicitly pointing to the Cisco IronPort WSA appliance, browse to a well-known gambling site. IronPort WSA should return the following message:



Procedure 10 Configure WCCP on Cisco IronPort WSA

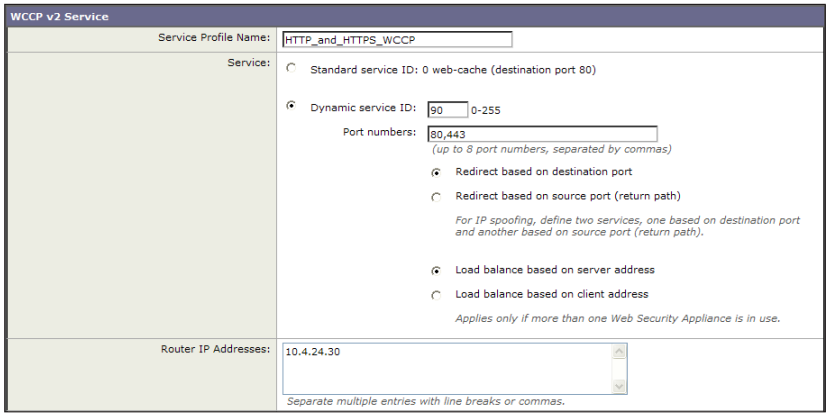
Now that Cisco IronPort WSA is working and applying an access policy for HTTP traffic, you can implement the Web Cache Communication Protocol (WCCP) on the appliance and the appliance firewall. Implementing WCCP allows IronPort WSA to begin to receive traffic directly from the appliance instead of having browsers configured to use IronPort WSA as an explicit proxy.

Step 1: Navigate to **Network** > **Transparent Redirection**, and then click **Edit Device.**

Step 2: In the Type list, select **WCCP v2 Router**, and then click **Submit.**

Step 3: Under WCCPv2 Services, click **Add Service**.

Step 4: In the WCCP v2 Service pane, ensure the Service Profile Name is **HTTP_and_HTTPS_WCCP.**



Step 5: In the Service section, in the Dynamic service ID box, enter **90**. This is the number used to define this policy and is the ID used by Cisco ASA to request the policy.

Step 6: In the Port numbers box, enter **80, 443**. In this policy, redirect ports are HTTP and HTTPS.

Step 7: In the Router IP Address section, enter **10.4.24.30**. This address is inside the Cisco ASA and click Submit

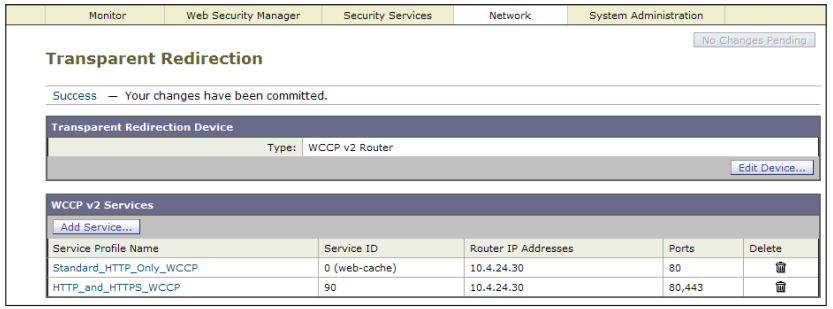
Step 8: Repeat Step 1 through Step 7 using the following information:

- Service Profile Name—**Standard_HTTP_Only_WCCP**
- Service—**Standard Service ID**
- Router IP Addresses—**10.4.24.30**

Tech Tip

HTTPS proxy has not yet been set up on Cisco IronPort WSA, so if WCCP redirect were to be initiated for HTTPS immediately, those connections would fail. If IronPort WSA or Cisco ASA deployment is live and operational and cannot have downtime, create an additional policy for just port 80 temporarily. After configuring the HTTPS policy on IronPort WSA, change the policy used on Cisco ASA to instead pull the HTTP and HTTPS policy.

After completion, the WCCP services panel should look like the following figure.



Step 9: Click **Commit Changes**.

Procedure 11 Configure WCCP on the firewall

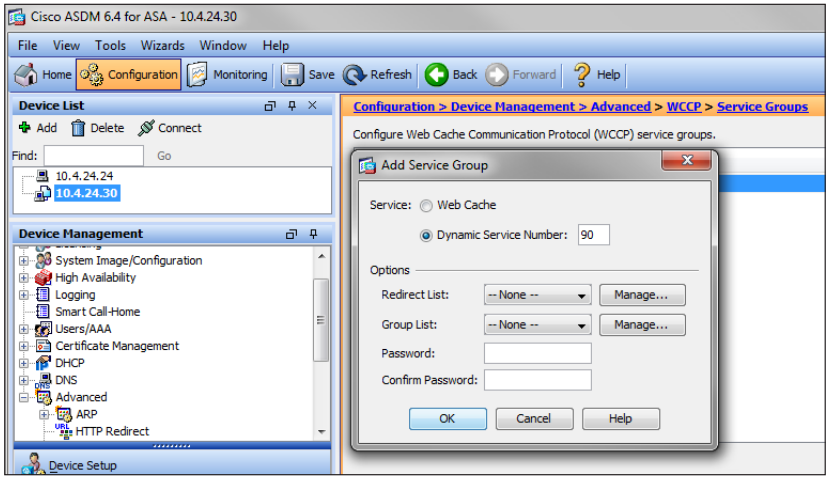
The WCCP policy configured redirects all HTTP and HTTPS traffic to Cisco IronPort WSA. This includes any traffic from the inside network to the DMZ web servers and any device management traffic that uses HTTP or HTTPS. There is little reason to send any of this traffic to the appliance. To avoid having any of this traffic redirected to IronPort WSA, you must create an access control list (ACL) on the firewall in order to filter out any HTTP or HTTPS traffic destined to RFC 1918 addresses.

Reader Tip

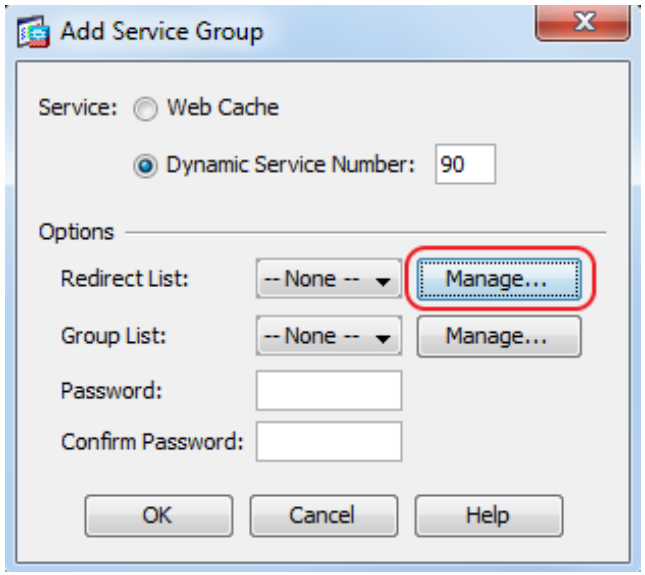
This procedure assumes that the Internet edge firewall has already been configured following the guidance in the *Cisco SBA—Borderless Networks Firewall and IPS Deployment Guide*.

Step 1: On Cisco ASDM on the firewall, navigate to **Configuration > Device Management > Advanced > WCCP**.

Step 2: In the Service Groups section, Click **Add** to build a new service group using the Dynamic Service Number of 90 that you defined on Cisco IronPort WSA.



Step 3: In the Add Service Groups dialog box, next to Redirect List, click **Manage**.

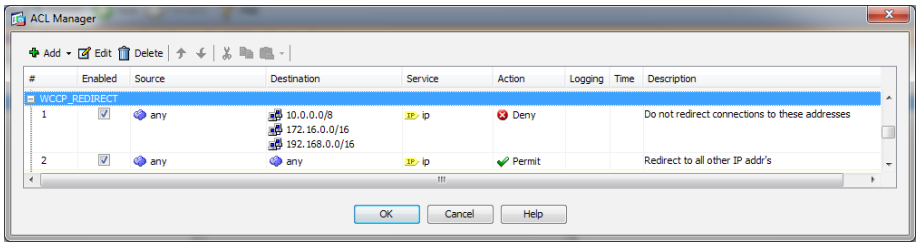


Step 4: In ACL Manager window, click **Add**.

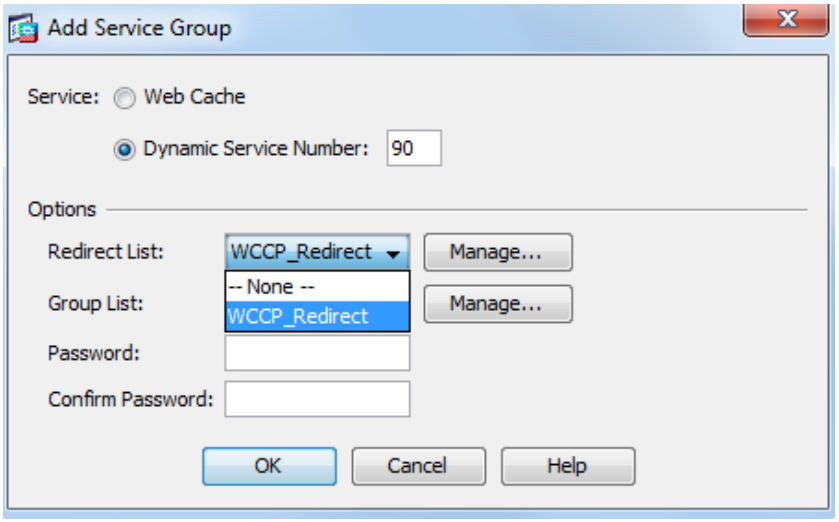
Step 5: Click **Add ACL** , and then in the name box, enter WCCP_Redirect and click **OK.**

Step 6: In ACL Manager window, click **Add** and then click **Add ACE,** and then add a line to Deny any source to all RFC 1918 addresses as the destination with a Service of IP.

Step 7: Again Click **Add ACE**, add a line to Permit any source to any destination with a Service of IP, and then click **OK** and **OK** to close the ACL Manager window.



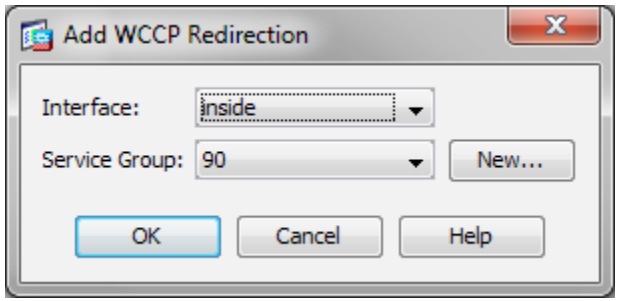
Step 8: On the Add Service Group dialog box, in the Redirect List drop down list, choose the ACL created above (**WCCP_Redirect**), and then click **OK**



Step 9: Click **Apply**.

Step 10: On ASDM Navigate to **Configuration > Device Management > Advanced > WCCP > Redirection** , and then click **Add**.

Step 11: In the Add WCCP Redirection dialog box, in the Interface list, choose **inside**, in the Service Group list, choose **90**, and then click **OK** and Click **Apply**.

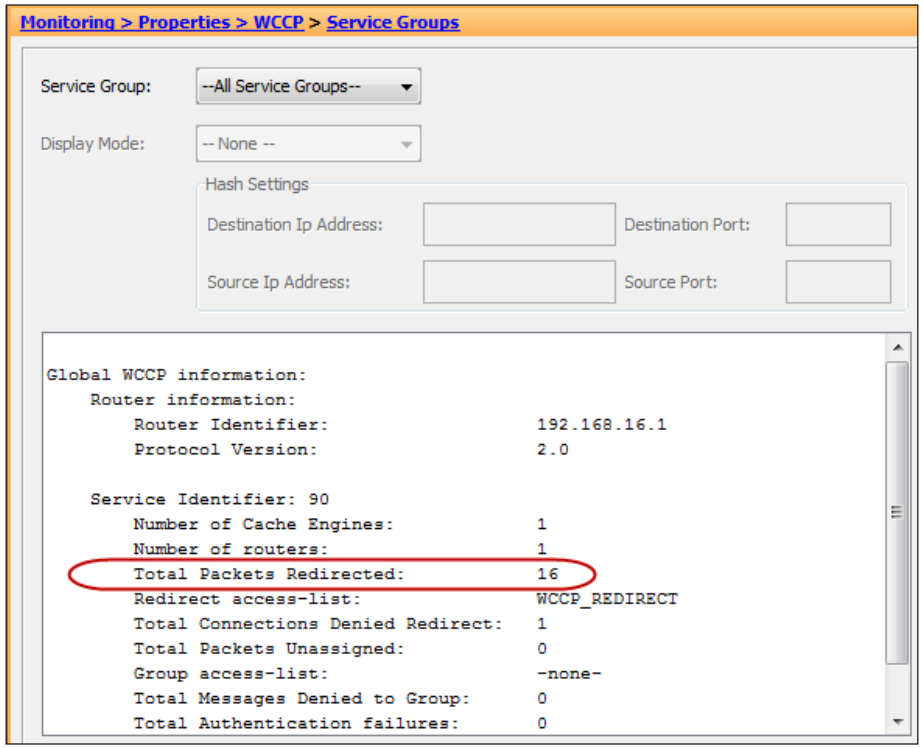


Step 12: To test the configuration, use a browser that is not already configured to go to the appliance as an explicit proxy (or remove the explicit proxy settings), and test to the following sites:

- A resolvable allowed address, such as www.cisco.com
- A resolvable blocked address (from one of the previously configured Blocked categories)

Step 13: Check that WCCP redirection is working in Cisco ASDM by navigating to **Monitoring > Properties > WCCP > Service Groups**.

The status window should show a router ID that is one of the IP addresses of the appliance (in this case, 192.168.16.1) and the number of cache engines is 1, which is the Cisco IronPort WSA appliance. If things are working correctly and redirections are occurring, the Total Packets Redirected counter increases.



High Availability and Resilience

For availability purposes, if Cisco IronPort WSA fails, the WCCP reports that fact to the appliance, and it stops redirecting traffic to IronPort WSA by default. If web security resilience is a requirement, two or more IronPort WSAs can be deployed. To deploy multiple devices, define multiple WCCP routers on the appliance, and the WCCP protocol load-balances between them. If one is down, the appliance takes that device out of the list until it comes back online and starts responding to WCCP requests again.

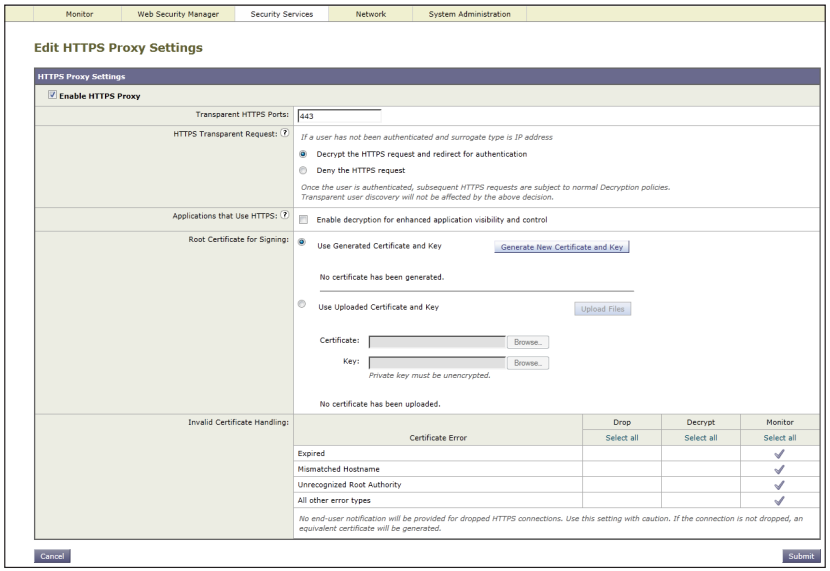
Procedure 12 Set up HTTPS proxy

To set up Cisco IronPort WSA to proxy HTTPS connections, start by enabling the feature.

Step 1: Navigate to **Security Services > HTTPS Proxy,** and then click **Enable and Edit Settings**.

Step 2: On the HTTPS Proxy License Agreement page, click on **Accept**

Step 3: On the Edit HTTPS Proxy Settings page, define the ports to proxy HTTPS where the default is only on TCP 443.



Step 4: Define the action that IronPort WSA should take when it encounters an invalid certificate on the HTTPS server. The choices, depending on the certificate error, can range from dropping the connection, decrypting it, or monitoring it.

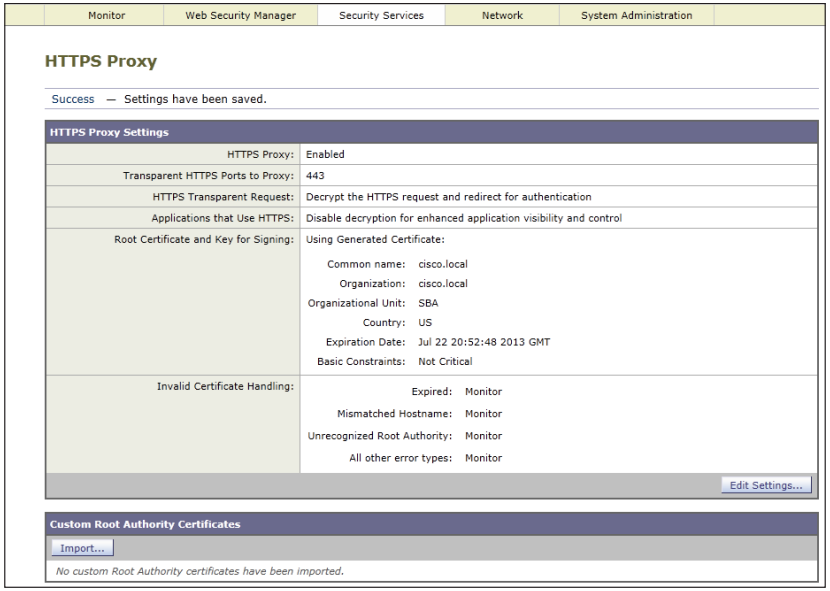
Tech Tip

You need to generate a certificate for Cisco IronPort WSA to use on the client side of the proxy connection. Generating a certificate typically means that the client browser complains about the certificate for each connection to an HTTPS website. To avoid this, upload a certificate that is trusted in the organization and its matching private key file to the appliance. If the clients already have this certificate loaded on their machines, the HTTPS proxy does not generate errors related to unknown certificate authority.

Step 5: When you are finished editing, click **Submit**, and then click **Commit Changes**.

Reader Tip

For more information about using certificates as part of Cisco IronPort WSA HTTPS proxy mechanism, see the *IronPort WSA User Guide*, or consult a trusted partner or Cisco sales representative.



Next you configure policies for the HTTPS proxy.

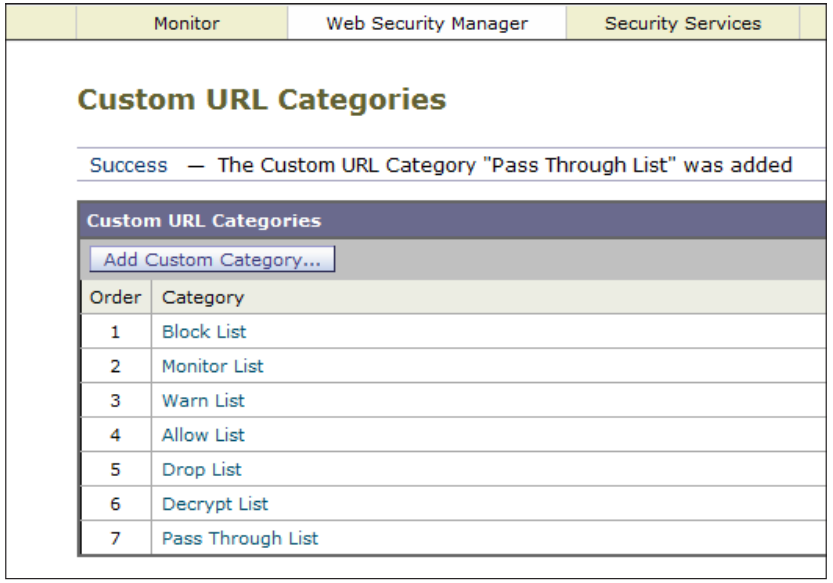
Step 6: Navigate to **Web Security Manager > Custom URL Categories**, and then click **Add Custom Category**.

You create four placeholder categories for different action-exceptions.

Step 7: In the Edit Custom URL Category pane, in the category name box, enter **Drop List**.

Step 8: In the Sites box, enter a placeholder URL (Example: drop.com), and then click **Submit**.

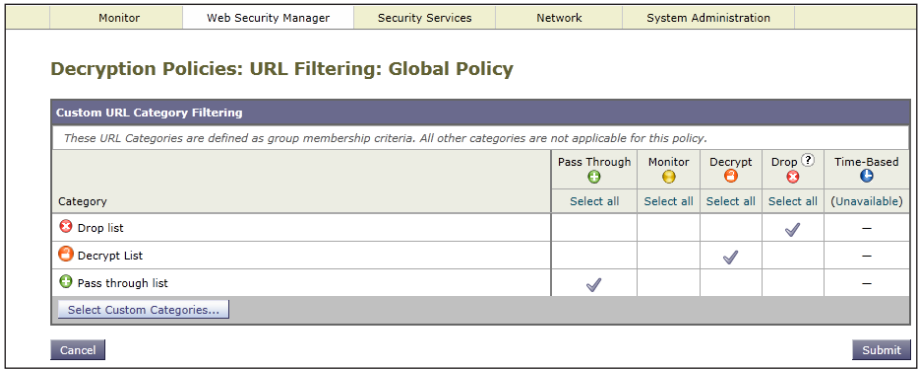
Step 9: Repeat Step 7 and Step 8 to create two more custom categories. For the category names, enter **Decrypt List** and **Pass Through List**, and then click **Commit Changes**.



Step 10: Navigate to **Web Security Manager > Decryption Policies**.

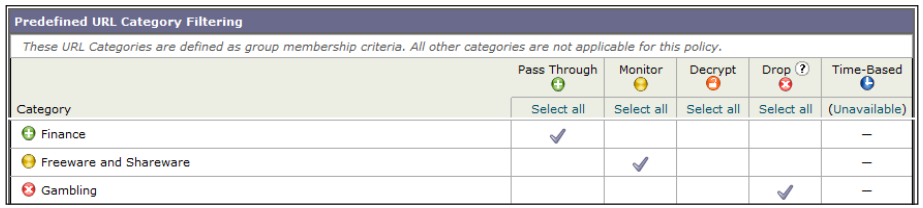
Step 11: Under the URL Categories header, click the link.

Step 12: On the Decryption Policies: URL Categories: Global Policy page, include the three new custom categories, and then change the action of the category to correspond with its name. (Example: Drop should be the action for the Drop List category.)and click **Submit** and then click **Commit Changes**.



The predefined URL categories at the bottom of the page allow an administrator to create and enforce a policy around how Cisco IronPort WSA handles specific types of websites with relation to decryption. Some organizations have strict policies about not decrypting certain sites, such as health care or financial websites. The categories on this page allow an administrator to enforce that policy on IronPort WSA. For example, it is possible to configure IronPort WSA so that financial HTTPS websites are set to Pass Through so they are not proxied, while gambling sites are set to Drop.

Step 13: Change the action for Gambling to **Drop**, and change the action for Finance to **Pass Through** and click **Submit** and then click **Commit Changes**..



Step 14: To test the new configuration, set up categories for webpages that you know are encrypted (HTTPS) and then use those URLs in the testing process. Because the administrator has to know whether the site uses HTTPS, use a custom URL category and put the address in the Drop List. When that site is accessed, Cisco IronPort WSA should drop the connection.

Procedure 13 Configure authentication

Authentication is the act of confirming the identity of a user. When authentication is enabled, Cisco IronPort WSA authenticates clients on the network before allowing them to connect to a destination server. When using authentication, it is possible to set up different web access policies by user or group membership, using a central user directory. Another primary driver for using authentication is that of user tracking, so that when a user violates an acceptable-use policy, IronPort WSA can match the user with the violation instead of just using an IP address. The last reason for authentication of web sessions is for compliance reporting.

Cisco IronPort WSA supports two different authentication protocols: lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP) and NT LAN Manager (NTLM). Because most organizations have an Active Directory server, they use NTLM. Single Sign-On is also only available when using NTLM.

When Cisco IronPort WSA is deployed in transparent mode with authentication enabled and a transaction requires authentication, IronPort WSA asks for authentication credentials from the client application. However, not all client applications support authentication, so they have no way to prompt users to provide their user names and passwords. These applications might have issues when IronPort WSA is deployed in transparent mode because the application tries to run non-HTTP traffic over port 80 and cannot handle an attempt by IronPort WSA to authenticate the connection.

Here is a partial list of applications that do not support authentication (these are subject to change as newer code versions are released):

- Mozilla Thunderbird
- Adobe Acrobat Updates
- Microsoft Windows Update
- Outlook Exchange (when trying to retrieve Internet-based pictures for email messages)

If applications need to access a particular URL, then it is possible to create an identity based on a custom User Agent category that does not require authentication. When this happens, the client application is not asked for authentication.

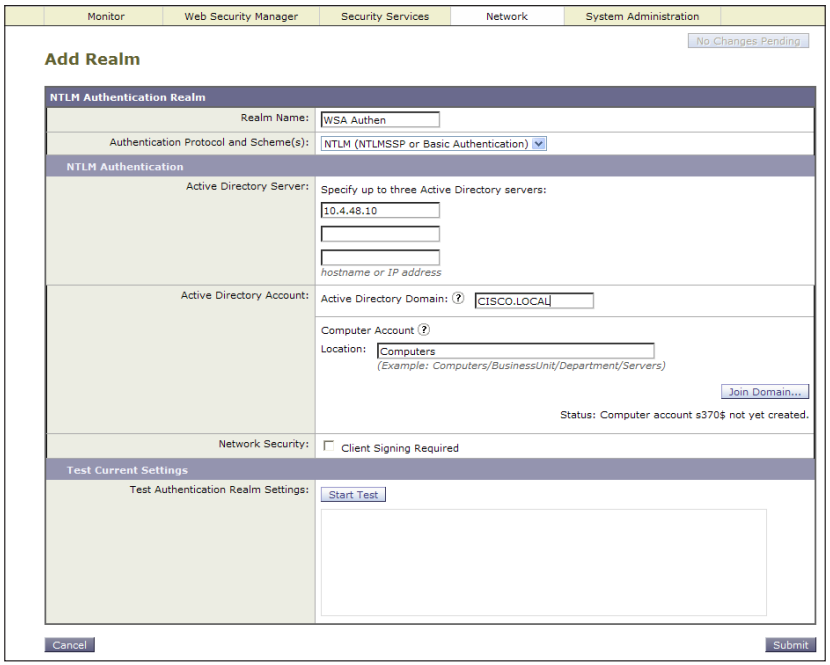
For organizations that require authentication, consult a trusted Cisco IronPort Partner or Reseller or your Cisco account team. They can assist in setting up an authentication solution that meets the organization's requirements, while minimizing any possible complications.

The first step in setting up authentication is to build an authentication realm. A realm defines how authentication is supposed to occur.

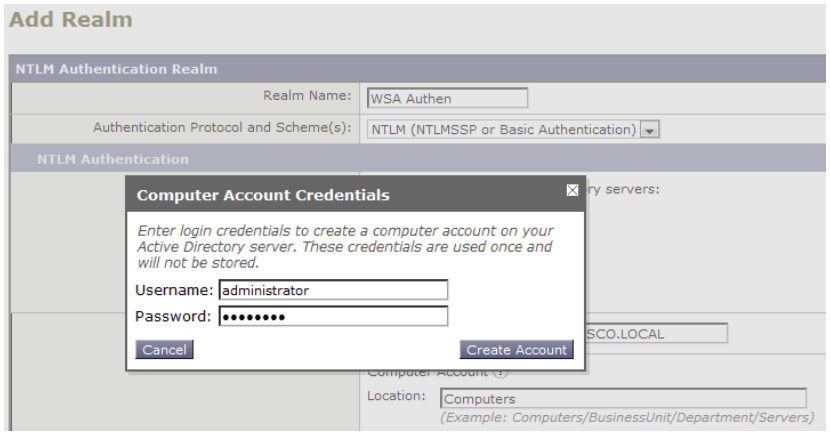
In this deployment, a realm was built for NTLM authentication to the Active Directory server.

Step 1: Navigate to **Network > Authentication > Add Realm**.

Step 2: On the Add Realm page, specify the Active Directory Server and the Active Directory Domain, and then click **Join Domain**.

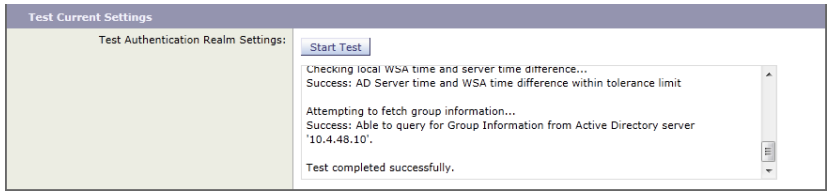


Step 3: In the Computer Account Credentials dialog box, enter the Active Directory domain administrator credentials (or ask an administrator to enter them), and then click **Create Account**.



Step 4: On the Add Realm page, click **Start Test**. This tests the NTLM connection to the Active Directory domain.

Step 5: If the test is successful, click **Submit**, and then click **Commit Changes**.

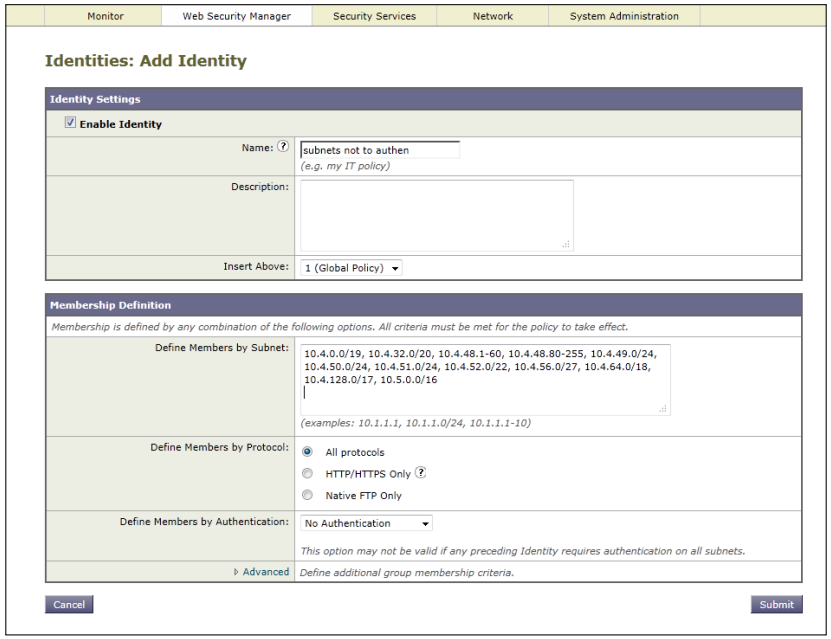


Next you configure identity groups. Identities are based on the identity of the client or the transaction itself.

Step 6: Navigate to **Web Security Manager > Identities**, and then click **Add Identity**.

You create two different sample identities: Subnets not to Authen and User Agents not to Authen.

Step 7: On the Add Identity page, in the Name box, enter **Subnets not to Authen**.



Step 8: In the Define Members by Subnet box, enter the subnet that you want to allow access to the Internet without authentication.

Step 9: In the Define Members by Authentication list, choose **No Authentication**, and then click **Submit**.

Tech Tip

Performing this action defeats the purpose of running authentication for that IP address, and log information from Cisco IronPort WSA will never have authentication data from employees using that IP address. Even so, taking this action may be required in certain cases and is given here as an example of how to change the operational policy of IronPort WSA.

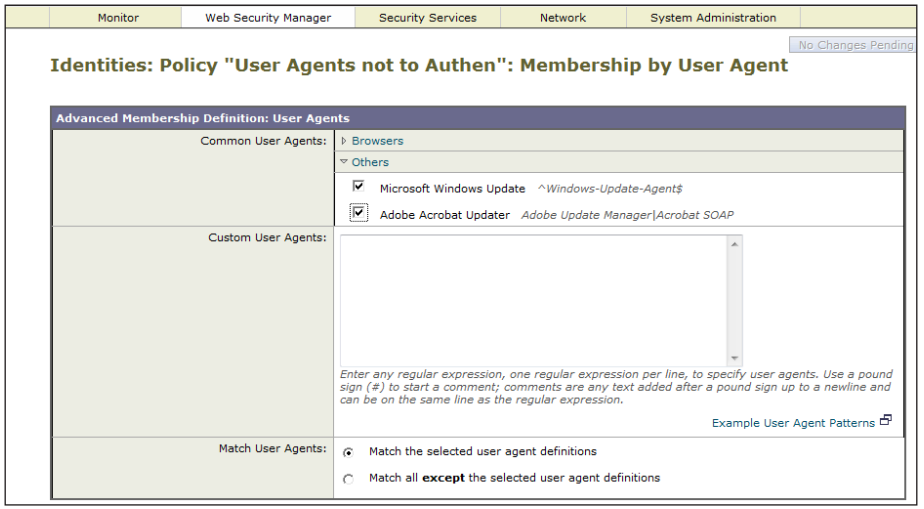
Step 10: On the Identities page, click **Add Identity**.

Step 11: On the Add Identity page, in the Name box, enter **User Agents not to Authen**, and then click **Advanced**

Step 12: On the Membership by User Agent page, Under Common User Agents and under **Others** select **Microsoft Windows Update** and **Adobe Acrobat Updater**.

Tech Tip

Selecting these agents means that when connections over HTTP with those User Agents in the HTTP Header are seen, no authentication is requested.



Step 13: In the Custom User Agents box, enter any application that uses HTTP and is failing authentication and click **Done** and then click **Submit**

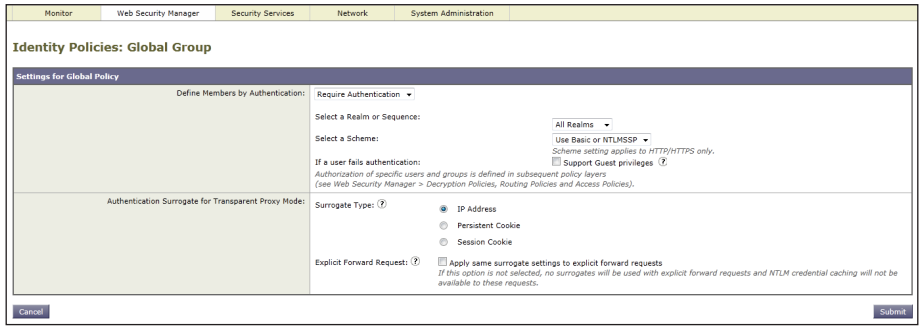
Tech Tip

If it is not possible to enter the application that is failing, then a specific custom URL category can be built and then used in the Advanced tab for URL categories.

Step 14: At the bottom of the Identities section, click **Global Identity Policy**.

This is the identity group for anybody who does not meet one of the preceding two groups you just built. Since those groups were built for the purpose of not authenticating, change the global identity to authenticate everybody else.

Step 15: On the Global Group page, in the Define Members by Authentication list, choose **Require Authentication**.



Step 16: In the Select a Realm or Sequence list, choose **All Realms**.

Step 17: In the Select a Scheme list, choose **Basic or NTLMSSP**, and then click **Submit**.

Step 18: Click **Commit Changes**.

It is now possible to test the deployment to ensure that the system is enforcing policy as expected, that all applications and processes work as before, and that the data that the system is logging meets all of your needs or requirements.

Additional Information

Monitoring

To monitor the health of Cisco IronPort WSA and the actions being taken by IronPort WSA on traffic it is examining, there are a variety of reports available under the Monitor tab. These reports allow an administrator to track statistics for client web activity, malware types, web reputation filters, system status, and more.

Because the appliance itself stores data for only a limited amount of time, you need to use the Cisco IronPort M-Series appliance to allow for long-term storage and reporting of events from IronPort WSA.

Consult with your Cisco account team or your trusted partner for more information on the Cisco IronPort M-Series appliance and long-term reporting.

Troubleshooting

To determine why Cisco IronPort WSA took the action it did on a web connection to a specific site from a specific user, an administrator can run the Trace tool by navigating to **System Administration > Policy Trace.**

By filling out the tool, you can test a specific URL to find out what the expected response from Cisco IronPort WSA would be if the URL were processed by IronPort WSA. This information is especially useful if some of the more advanced features are used.

Summary

You have now installed Cisco IronPort WSA. A basic configuration has been applied, and the device can be inserted into the network and receive redirects from the appliance firewall. A default policy has been built that allows an organization to set up access controls for HTTP and HTTPS. A policy has been built to configure HTTPS decryption. And authentication has been set up to allow IronPort WSA to authenticate users and tie username with the access controls in the logs.

A more detailed discussion about specific implementation of policy should be initiated with a trusted partner or Cisco account representative.

Reader Tip

For additional IronPort WSA user documentation, see the documentation here:
http://www.ironport.com/support/login.html

Work with a Cisco IronPort Channel partner to obtain a login.

Appendix A: Product List

Web Security

Functional Area	Product Description	Part Numbers	Software
Web Security Appliance	Cisco IronPort Web Security Appliance S370	S370-BUN-R-NA	AsyncOS 7.1.3-021

LAN Distribution Layer

Functional Area	Product Description	Part Numbers	Software
Modular Distribution Layer Virtual Switch Pair	Cisco Catalyst 6500 E-Series 6-Slot Chassis	WS-C6506-E	15.0(1)SY1 IP services
	Cisco Catalyst 6500 VSS Supervisor 2T with 2 ports 10GbE and PFC4	VS-S2T-10G	
	Cisco Catalyst 6500 16-port 10GbE Fiber Module w/DFC4	WS-X6816-10G-2T	
	Cisco Catalyst 6500 24-port GbE SFP Fiber Module w/DFC4	WS-X6824-SFP	
	Cisco Catalyst 6500 4-port 40GbE/16-port 10GbE Fiber Module w/DFC4	WS-X6904-40G-2T	
	Cisco Catalyst 6500 4-port 10GbE SFP+ adapter for WX-X6904-40G module	CVR-CFP-4SFP10G	
Modular Distribution Layer Switch	Cisco Catalyst 4507R+E 7-slot Chassis with 48Gbps per slot	WS-C4507R+E	3.3.0.SG(15.1-1SG) Enterprise Services
	Cisco Catalyst 4500 E-Series Supervisor Engine 7-E, 848Gbps	WS-X45-SUP7-E	
	Cisco Catalyst 4500 E-Series 24-port GbE SFP Fiber Module	WS-X4624-SFP-E	
	Cisco Catalyst 4500 E-Series 12-port 10GbE SFP+ Fiber Module	WS-X4712-SFP+E	
Stackable Distribution Layer Switch	Cisco Catalyst 3750-X Series Stackable 12 GbE SFP ports	WS-C3750X-12S-E	15.0(1)SE2 IP Services
	Cisco Catalyst 3750-X Series Two 10GbE SFP+ and Two GbE SFP ports network module	C3KX-NM-10G	
	Cisco Catalyst 3750-X Series Four GbE SFP ports network module	C3KX-NM-1G	

Internet Edge

Functional Area	Product Description	Part Numbers	Software
Firewall	Cisco ASA 5545-X IPS Edition - security appliance	ASA5545-IPS-K9	ASA 8.6(1)1, IPS 7.1(4) E4
	Cisco ASA 5525-X IPS Edition - security appliance	ASA5525-IPS-K9	
	Cisco ASA 5515-X IPS Edition - security appliance	ASA5515-IPS-K9	
	Cisco ASA 5512-X IPS Edition - security appliance	ASA5512-IPS-K9	
	Cisco ASA5512-X Security Plus license	ASA5512-SEC-PL	
	Firewall Management	ASDM	6.6.114

Appendix B: Changes

This appendix summarizes the changes to this guide since the previous Cisco SBA series.

- We upgraded Cisco IronPort WSA software to version 7.1.3.
- We made minor changes to improve the readability of this guide.

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