

Purpose

Set up a NAT rule that forwards incoming SSH traffic from the **WAN Zone** on port 2222 to an internal server (10.0.2.2) on port 22.

Final Version of DNAT Configuration

Step 1: Create a NAT Rule

1. **Go to NAT Policies:**
 - Navigate to **Policies > NAT** in the Palo Alto Web Interface.
2. **Add a New NAT Rule:**
 - Click **Add** to create a new NAT policy.
3. **Name the NAT Rule:**
 - Enter a descriptive name, e.g., **PortForward-SSH**.

NAT Policy Rule?

General

Original Packet

Translated Packet

Name

another-test-ssh-port-forward

Description

Tags

Group Rules By Tag

None

NAT Type

ipv4

Audit Comment

Audit Comment Archive

OK

Cancel

Step 2: Configure the Original Packet

1. **Source Zone:**
 - Set the **Source Zone** to **WAN**.
 - This specifies that the traffic originates from the internet.
2. **Destination Zone:**
 - Set the **Destination Zone** to **WAN**.
 - This specifies that the destination is the public IP on the WAN interface.
3. **Destination Interface:**
 - Leave the **Destination Interface** as **Any**.

4. Service:

- **Create a New Custom Service:**

- Click **Add** to define a custom service for the incoming traffic.
- **Name:** SSH-2222.
- **Protocol:** Select TCP.
- **Destination Port:** Enter 22 (this is the port it will enter on the system).
- Leave **Source Port** as 2222 (or this is the external port users will connect to).
- Save the service and select it in the NAT rule.

5. Destination Address:

- Specify the **public IP address** of your WAN interface, e.g., 192.168.7.210

NAT Policy Rule ?

General | **Original Packet** | Translated Packet

<input type="checkbox"/> Any	Destination Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any	<input type="checkbox"/> Any
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOURCE ZONE ^	WAN	<input type="checkbox"/> SOURCE ADDRESS ^	<input type="checkbox"/> DESTINATION ADDRESS ^
<input type="checkbox"/> WAN			<input type="checkbox"/> 192.168.7.210
	Destination Interface		
	any		
	Service		
	another-test-ssh-port		
+ Add - Delete		+ Add - Delete	+ Add - Delete

[OK](#) [Cancel](#)

NAT Policy Rule ?

General | **Service** ?

Name

Description

Protocol ☒ TCP ☐ UDP

Destination Port

Source Port

Port can be a single port #, range (1-65535), or comma separated (80, 8080, 443)

Session Timeout ☒ Inherit from application ☐ Override

Tags

[+](#) Add [OK](#) [Cancel](#)

Step 3: Configure the Translated Packet

1. **Translation Type:**
 - Select **Destination Address Translation**.
2. **Translated Address:**
 - Enter the **internal IP** of the target server (e.g., **10.0.2.2** for the SSH server).
3. **Translated Port:**
 - Set the port to **22** (standard SSH port on the internal server).
4. **Save the Rule:**
 - Click **OK** to save the NAT rule.

NAT Policy Rule

General

Original Packet

Translated Packet

Source Address Translation

Translation TypeNone

Destination Address Translation

Translation TypeStatic IP

Translated Address10.0.2.2

Translated Port22

☐ Enable DNS Rewrite

Directionreverse

OK

Cancel

Create a Security Policy

NAT rules only handle the translation of traffic; you also need a **Security Policy** to allow the forwarded traffic.

1. **Go to Security Policies:**
 - Navigate to **Policies > Security**.
2. **Add a New Security Policy:**
 - Click **Add** to create a new policy.
3. **Name the Security Policy:**
 - Give it a name, e.g., **Allow-WAN-to-SSH**.
4. **Source Zone:**
 - Set the **Source Zone** to **WAN**.
5. **Destination Zone:**
 - Set the **Destination Zone** to **LAN** (or wherever the internal server resides).

6. **Source Address:**

- Leave as **Any** (or restrict to trusted IPs for tighter security).

7. **Destination Address:**

- Set the **Destination Address** to the **public IP** of your WAN interface (e.g., **192.168.7.100**).

8. **Application:**

- Select **SSH** (or **Any** for testing purposes).

9. **Action:**

- Set the action to **Allow**.

10. **Save and Commit:**

- Save the policy and click **Commit**.