



PALO ALTO NETWORKS EDU 210

Lab 4: Connecting the Firewall to Production Networks

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Introduction

In preparation for deployment, you need to connect the firewall to the appropriate production networks. You already have cabled the firewall interfaces to the appropriate switch ports in the data center. You will configure the firewall with Layer 3 IP addresses and a virtual router. You also will create security zones that divide your network into separate logical areas so that you have more control over traffic from one segment to another.

When you have the configuration in place on the firewall, you will use ping from different devices to verify connectivity between all the segments.

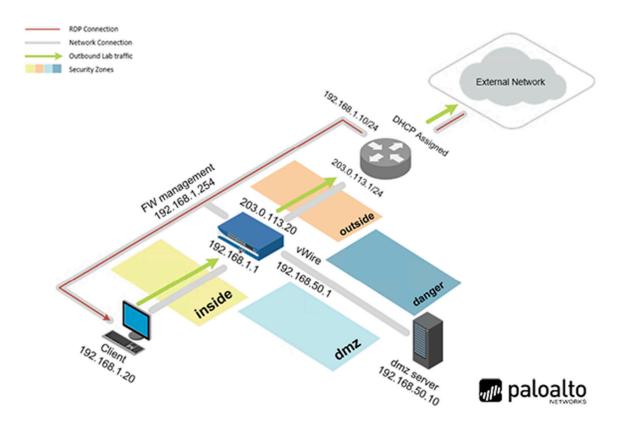
Objective

In this lab, you will perform the following tasks:

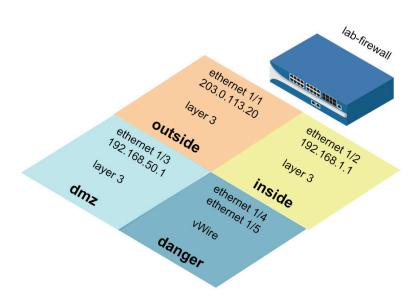
- Load a baseline configuration
- Create Layer 3 interfaces
- Create a virtual router
- Segment your production network using security zones
- Test connectivity from firewall to hosts in each security zone
- Create Interface Management Profiles



Lab Topology



Theoretical Lab Topology





Lab Settings

The information in the table below will be needed to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

Virtual Machine	IP Address	Account (if needed)	Password (if needed)
Client	192.168.1.20	lab-user	Pal0Alt0!
DMZ	192.168.50.10	root	PalØAltØ!
Firewall	192.168.1.254	admin	PalØAltØ!
VRouter	192.168.1.10	root	Pal0Alt0!



1 Working with Firewall Configurations and Log Files

1.1 Apply a Baseline Configuration to the Firewall

In this section, you will load the firewall configuration file.

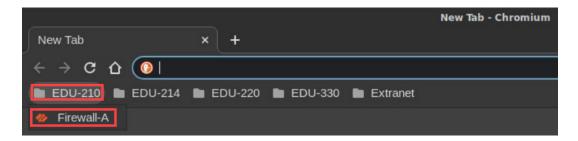
1. Click on the **Client** tab to access the Client PC.



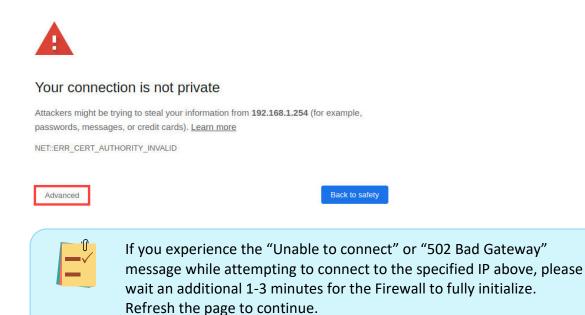
2. Double-click the **Chromium Web Browser** icon located on the desktop.



3. In the *Chromium* web browser, click on the **EDU-210** bookmark folder in the bookmarks bar and then click on **Firewall-A**.



4. You will see a "Your connection is not private" message. Next, click on the ADVANCED link.





5. Click on Proceed to 192.168.1.254 (unsafe).



Your connection is not private

Attackers might be trying to steal your information from **192.168.1.254** (for example, passwords, messages, or credit cards). <u>Learn more</u>

NET::ERR_CERT_AUTHORITY_INVALID



Back to safety

This server could not prove that it is **192.168.1.254**; its security certificate is not trusted by your computer's operating system. This may be caused by a misconfiguration or an attacker intercepting your connection.

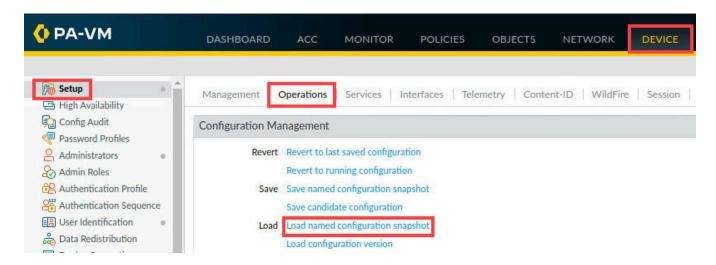
Proceed to 192.168.1.254 (unsafe)

6. Log in to the firewall web interface as username admin, password PalOAltO!.





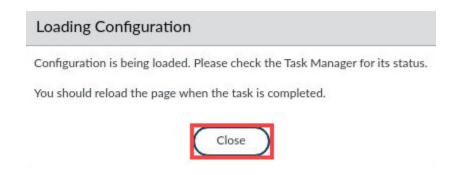
7. In the web interface, navigate to **Device > Setup > Operations** and click on **Load named configuration snapshot** underneath the *Configuration Management* section.



8. In the *Load Named Configuration* window, select **edu-210-lab-04.xml** from the *Name* dropdown box and click **OK**.



9. In the Loading Configuration window, a message will show Configuration is being loaded. Please check the Task Manager for its status. You should reload the page when the task is completed. Click **Close** to continue.

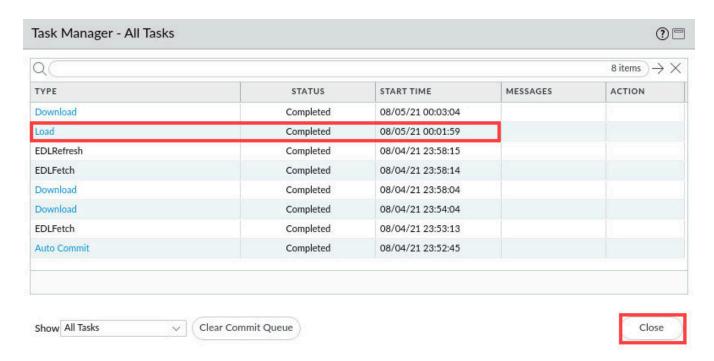


10. Click the **Tasks** icon located at the bottom-right of the web interface.





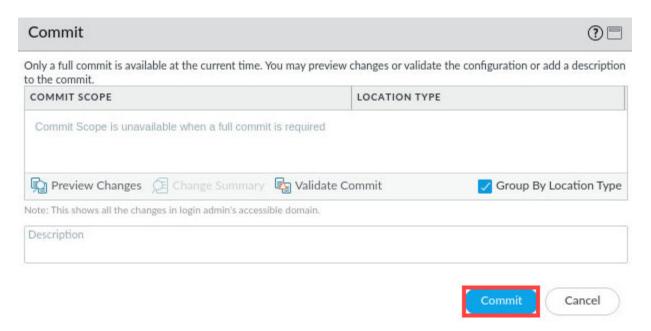
11. In the *Task Manager – All Tasks* window, verify the *Load* type has successfully completed. Click **Close**.



12. Click the **Commit** link located at the top-right of the web interface.

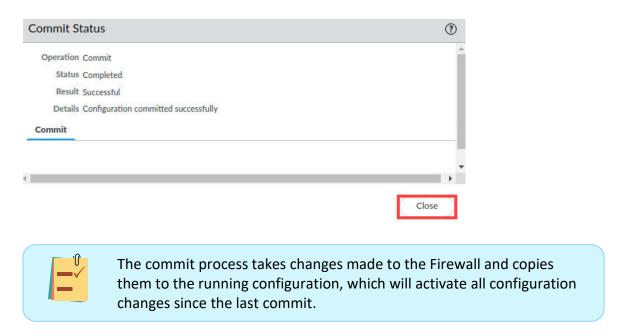


13. In the Commit window, click Commit to proceed with committing the changes.





14. When the *Commit* operation successfully completes, click **Close** to continue.

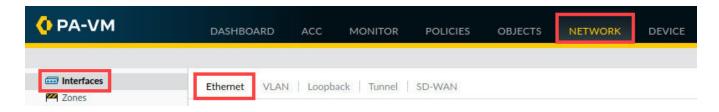


16. Leave the Palo Alto Networks Firewall open and continue to the next task.

1.2 Create Layer 3 Network Interfaces

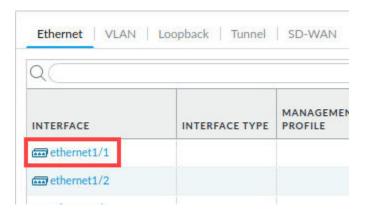
In this section, you will create Layer 3 interfaces on the firewall that will provide basic network connectivity to your production networks. You have a network with users (192.168.1.0/24), a network with production servers (192.168.50.0/24) and a network connecting the firewall to an upstream internet router (203.0.113.0/24).

1. In the web interface, select **Network > Interfaces > Ethernet**.





2. Click **ethernet1/1** to configure the interface.



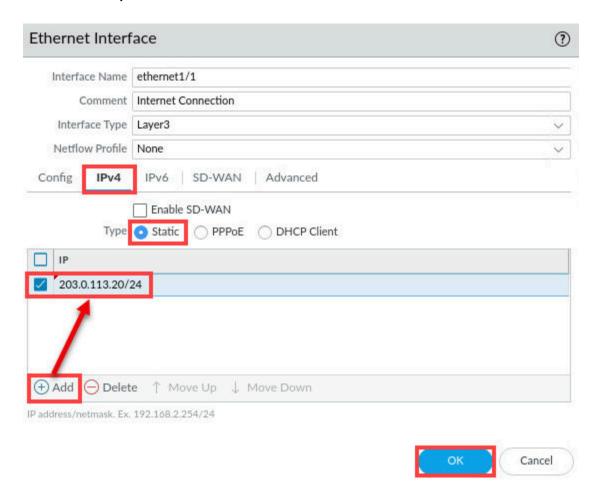
3. Notice the *Ethernet Interface* window appears. Configure the following:

Parameter	Value
Comment	Internet Connection
Interface Type	Layer3
Virtual Router	None

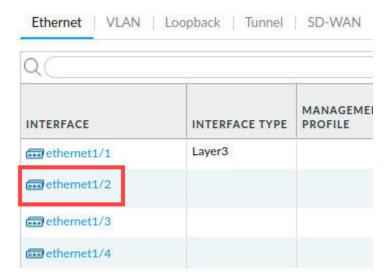




4. Select the tab for **IPv4**. Leave the *Type* set to **Static**, Under the *IP* heading, click **Add**. Enter **203.0.113.20/24**. Click **OK**.



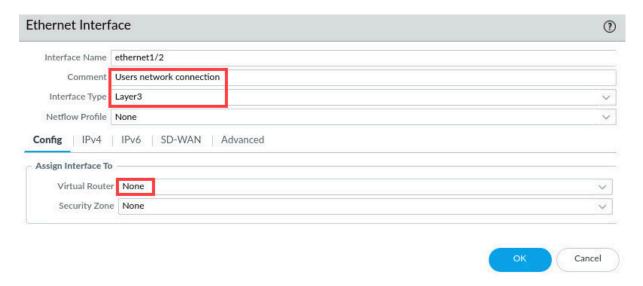
5. Click **ethernet1/2** to configure the interface.



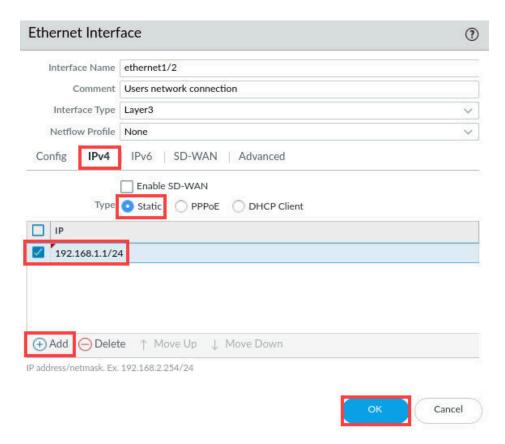


6. Notice the Ethernet Interface window appears. Configure the following:

Parameter	Value
Comment	Users network connection
Interface Type	Layer3
Virtual Router	None

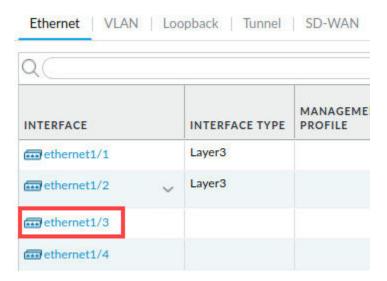


7. Select the tab for **IPv4**. Leave the *Type* set to **Static**, Under the *IP* heading, click **Add**. Enter **192.168.1.1/24**. Click **OK**.





8. Click **ethernet1/3** to configure the interface.



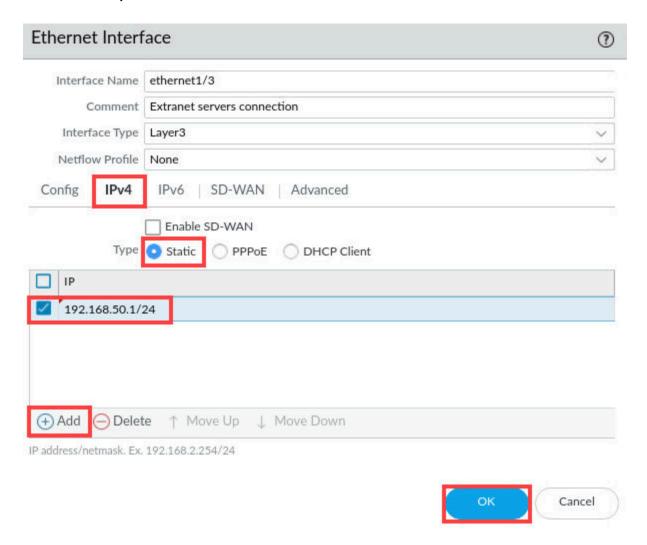
9. Notice the Ethernet Interface window appears. Configure the following:

Parameter	Value
Comment	Extranet servers connection
Interface Type	Layer3
Virtual Router	None

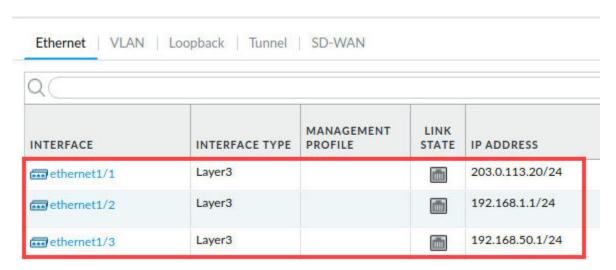




10. Select the tab for **IPv4**. Leave the *Type* set to **Static**, Under the *IP* heading, click **Add**. Enter **192.168.50.1/24**. Click **OK**.



11. When complete, your *Ethernet* table will have three entries. Confirm that *Ethernets 1/1, 1/2,* and 1/3 are showing as seen below.



12. Leave the web interface open and continue to the next task.



1.3 Create a Virtual Router

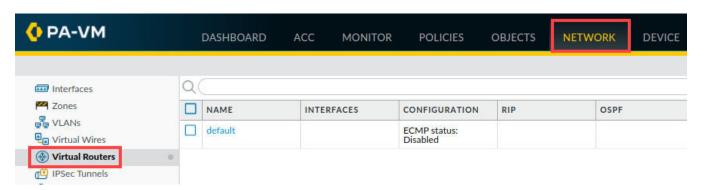
In this section, you will create a virtual router and connect your Layer 3 interfaces to it. You also will define a default gateway for the virtual router itself.

The firewall requires a virtual router to obtain routes to other subnets, either using static routes that you manually define or through participation in Layer 3 routing protocols that provide dynamic routes. The firewall has a predefined virtual router named default.

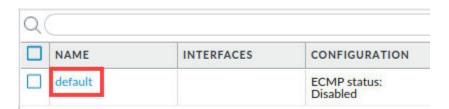
A virtual router is a separate routing instance that allows the firewall to route traffic from one network to another through its Layer 3 interfaces. In this environment, we have three networks - 192.168.1.0/24, 192.168.50.0/24, and 203.0.113.0/24. You will modify the default virtual router and add the firewall's interfaces from each of these networks to the virtual router.

Because we are using Layer 3 interfaces, the firewall must have a way to route traffic from one network to another; this process is done with a virtual router. However, because each interface is in a different security zone, the Security rules will prevent traffic in one network from going to another network through the firewall

1. In the web interface, select **Network > Virtual Routers**.

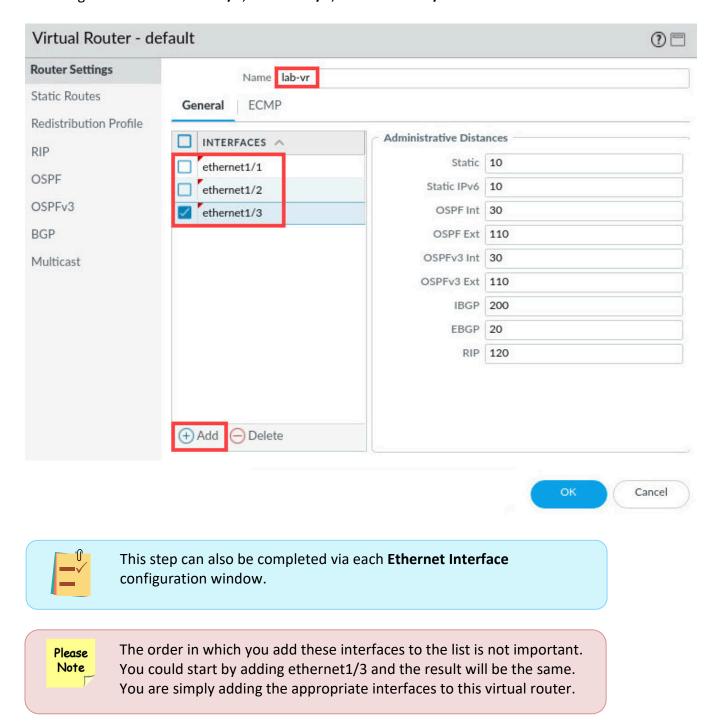


2. Click **default** to open the default router.



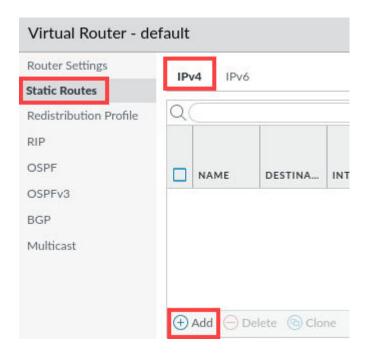


3. In the *Virtual Router - default* window, rename the default router to **lab-vr**. Click **Add** to add the following interfaces: **ethernet1/1**, **ethernet1/2**, and **ethernet1/3**.

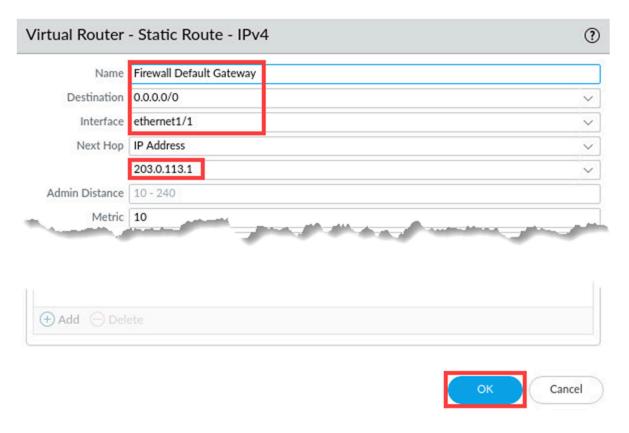




4. In the *Virtual Router - default* window, click the link on the side for **Static Routes**. Under the tab for **IPv4**, click **Add** at the bottom of the window.



5. In the Virtual Router – Static Route - IPv4 window, for Name, enter Firewall Default Gateway, for Destination, enter 0.0.0.0/0, for Interface, select ethernet1/1, for the Next Hop address, enter 203.0.113.1. Leave the remaining settings unchanged. Click OK.

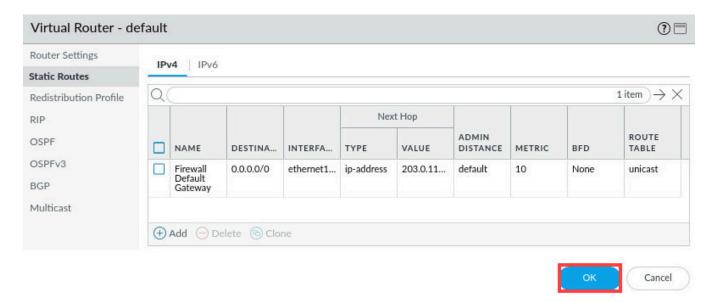






This entry is the default route for the firewall. Like all other network hosts, the firewall needs a default gateway to send traffic to unknown networks. The firewall has local connections to 192.168.1.0, 192.168.50.0 and 203.0.113.0 networks, so it can forward packets to hosts on those networks directly. However, for any other destination IP addresses (such as 8.8.8.8 for DNS), this route statement instructs the firewall to forward packets to 203.0.113.1, which is the internet.

6. In the Virtual Router - default window, click OK.



7. Leave the Palo Alto Networks Firewall open and continue to the next task.

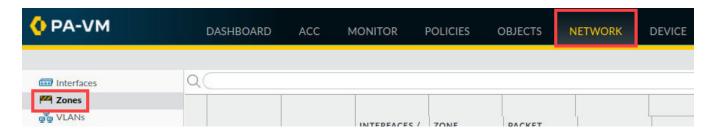
1.4 Segment Your Production Network Using Security Zones

Security zones are a logical way to group physical and virtual interfaces on the firewall to control and log the traffic that traverses your network through the firewall. An interface on the firewall must be assigned to a security zone before the interface can process traffic. A zone can have multiple interfaces of the same type (for example, Tap, Layer 2, or Layer 3 interfaces) assigned to it, but an interface can belong to only one zone.

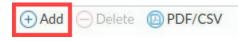
With your network interfaces and virtual router in place, you can now create security zones. You will create three security zones.



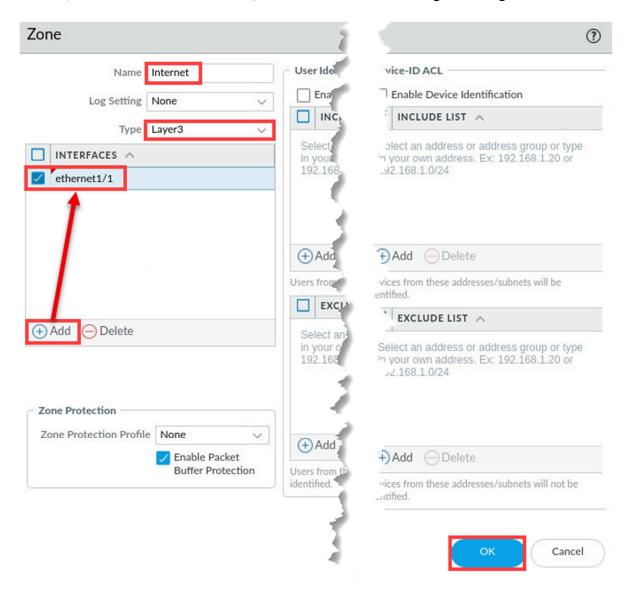
1. In the web interface, select **Network > Zones**.



2. Click Add to create a new zone.



3. In the *Zone* window, enter **Internet** for the *Name*, for *Type*, select **Layer3**. Under the *Interfaces* section, click **Add**. Select **Ethernet 1/1** and leave all other settings unchanged. Click **OK**.

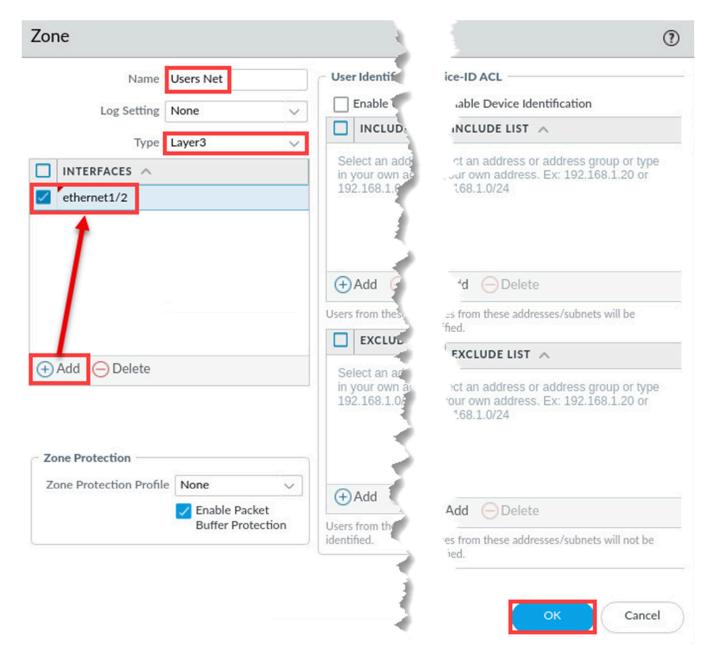




4. Click Add to create a new zone.



5. In the *Zone* window, enter **Users Net** for the *Name*, for *Type*, select **Layer3**. Under the *Interfaces* section, click **Add**. Select **Ethernet 1/2** and leave all other settings unchanged. Click **OK**.

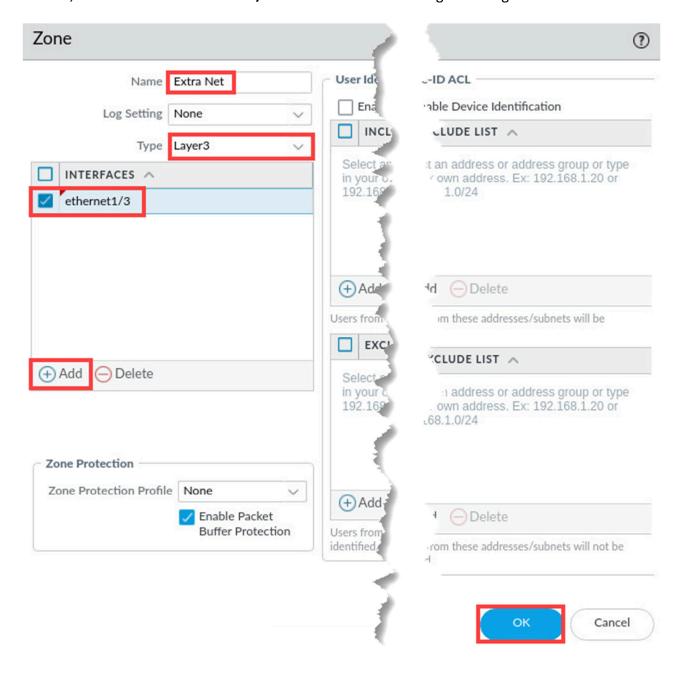


6. Click Add to create a new zone.



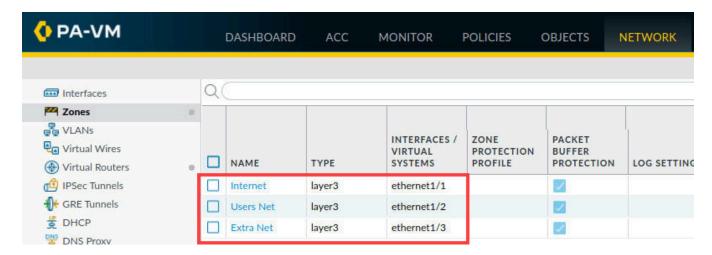


7. In the *Zone* window, enter **Extra Net** for the *Name*, for *Type*, select **Layer3**. Under the *Interfaces* section, click **Add**. Select **Ethernet 1/3** and leave all other settings unchanged. Click **OK**.





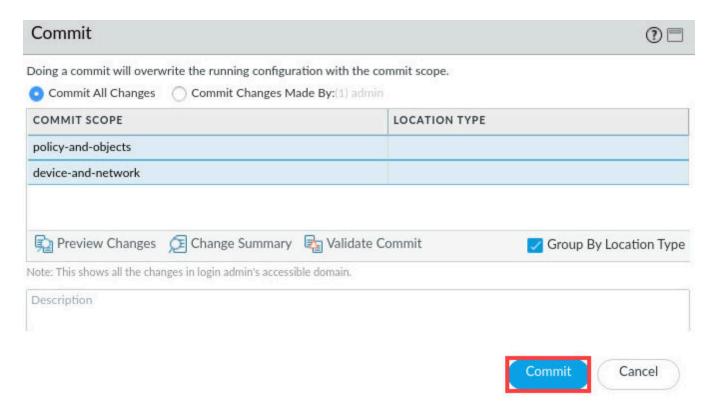
8. You should now have three security zones.



9. Click the **Commit** button at the upper right of the *PA-VM* web interface.

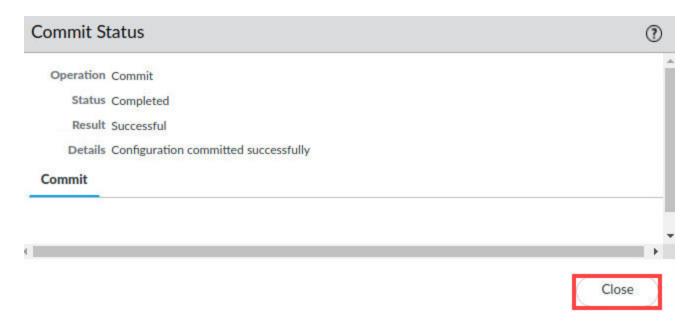


10. In the Commit window, click Commit.





11. In the Commit Status window, click Close.



12. Minimize the *PA-VM* firewall by clicking the **minimize** icon in the upper right of the web interface and continue to the next task.



1.5 Test Connectivity to Each Zone

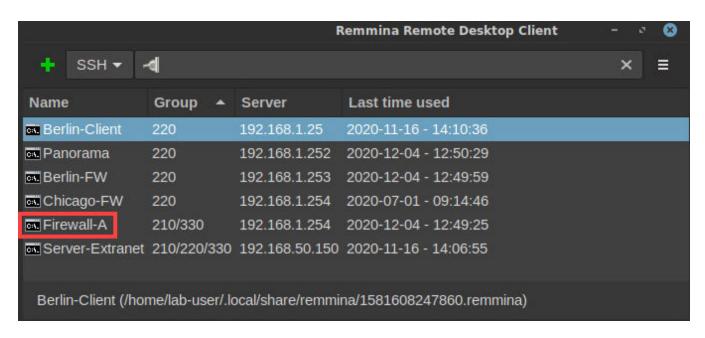
In this section, you will verify network connectivity from the firewall to hosts in each zone. You will use an SSH connection and ping hosts on each network.

1. On the client desktop, open the Remmina application.





2. Double-click the entry for Firewall-A.



3. If you are presented the Connecting to 'Firewall-A'... window, click OK.



Please Note The Firewall-A connection in Remmina has been pre-configured to provide login credentials to the firewall so that you do not have to log in each time. This is for convenience in the lab only.



4. In the CLI connection to the firewall, use the ping command to check network connectivity to a host in the *User_Net Security Zone* by using the following command at the admin@firewall-a> prompt.

admin@firewall-a> ping source 192.168.1.1 host 192.168.1.20

```
admin@firewall-a> ping source 192.168.1.1 host 192.168.1.20
```

Please Note_ Note the syntax for this command. 192.168.1.1 is the IP address of ethernet1/2 on the firewall. The command instructs the firewall to use that IP address on ethernet1/2 to ping the host 192.168.1.20. If you do not use the source option, the firewall uses its management interface address as the source IP.

5. Allow the *ping* to continue for three or four seconds and then use **Ctrl+C** to interrupt the command. Notice the *pings* are successful.

```
Firewall-A Last login: Fri Aug 6 03:18:57 2021 from 192.168.1.20

Number of failed attempts since last successful login: 0

admin@firewall-a> ping source 192.168.1.1 host 192.168.1.20
PING 192.168.1.20 (192.168.1.20) from 192.168.1.1 : 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 192.168.1.20: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.906 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.20: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=1.03 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.20: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.552 ms

--- 192.168.1.20 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2001ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.552/0.830/1.032/0.203 ms
admin@firewall-a>
```

6. Use the *ping* command to check connectivity to a host in the Extranet zone by using the following command at the **admin@firewall-a>** prompt.

```
admin@firewall-a> ping source 192.168.50.1 host 192.168.50.150
```

```
admin@firewall-a> ping source 192.168.50.1 host 192.168.50.150
```



Please Note 192.168.50.1 is the IP address on ethernet1/3 which is assigned to the Extranet security zone. 192.168.50.150 is a server in the Extranet zone.

7. Allow the *ping* to continue for three or four seconds and then use **Ctrl+C** to interrupt the command. Notice the *pings* are successful.

```
admin@firewall-a> ping source 192.168.50.1 host 192.168.50.150

PING 192.168.50.150 (192.168.50.150) from 192.168.50.1 : 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 192.168.50.150: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.60 ms

64 bytes from 192.168.50.150: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.957 ms

64 bytes from 192.168.50.150: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.02 ms

--- 192.168.50.150 ping statistics ---

3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2002ms

rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.957/1.193/1.602/0.291 ms
```

8. Use the *ping* command to check connectivity to a host on the Internet by using the following command at the **admin@firewall-a>** prompt.

admin@firewall-a> ping source 203.0.113.20 host 8.8.8.8

```
admin@firewall-a> ping source 203.0.113.20 host 8.8.8.8

Please Note  

203.0.113.20 is the IP address on ethernet1/1 which is assigned to the Internet security zone. 8.8.8.8 is a DNS server on the Internet zone.
```

9. Allow the *ping* to continue for three or four seconds and then use **Ctrl+C** to interrupt the command. Notice the *pings* are successful.

```
admin@firewall-a> ping source 203.0.113.20 host 8.8.8.8

PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) from 203.0.113.20 : 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=113 time=8.68 ms

64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=113 time=9.14 ms

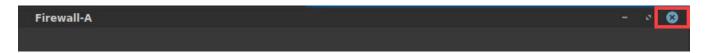
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=113 time=8.82 ms

^C
--- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---

3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2002ms

rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 8.681/8.885/9.147/0.222 ms
```

10. Close the Firewall-A Remmina terminal console by clicking on the close icon in the upper-right.





11. Close the Remmina Remote Desktop Client by clicking on the close icon in the upper-right.



12. Stay on the *client desktop* and continue to the next task.

1.6 Test Interface Access before Management Profiles

Management interface profiles allow you to enable specific network services on individual firewall interfaces.

To illustrate the default behavior of firewall interfaces, you will ping 192.168.1.1 from the client workstation. You will also attempt to access the firewall CLI by SSH through 192.168.1.1. Without any Interface Management Profiles in place, both ping and SSH will fail.

1. Open the **Terminal Emulator** on the *client desktop*.



2. Issue the following command below.

C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files> ping 192.168.1.1 <Enter>

```
C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files> ping 192.168.1.1
```

3. Wait a few seconds and use **Ctrl+C** to stop the command. You will not get a response because *Management profiles* have not been configured.

```
C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files> ping 192.168.1.1

PING 192.168.1.1 (192.168.1.1) 56(84) bytes of data.

^C
--- 192.168.1.1 ping statistics ---
120 packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 121850ms

C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files>
```



4. Attempt to open an *SSH* connection to the firewall through **192.168.1.1** by issuing the following command.

C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files> ssh admin@192.168.1.1 <Enter>

```
C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files> ssh admin@192.168.1.1
```

5. After a few seconds, use **Ctrl+C** to stop the connection because it will not succeed.

```
C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files> ssh admin@192.168.1.1
^C
C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files>
```

6. Leave the *Terminal* window open on the *client* because you will perform these same tests after applying an *Interface Management profile* to *ethernet1/1* and continue to the next task.

1.7 Define Interface Management Profiles

Often, your team members need to manage the firewall but do not always have network connectivity to the management network. In this exercise, you will define two management interface profiles. One profile will allow ping. You will apply this allow-ping profile to the Internet interface so that your SecOps team members can ping the external firewall interface for troubleshooting from outside your organization's network.

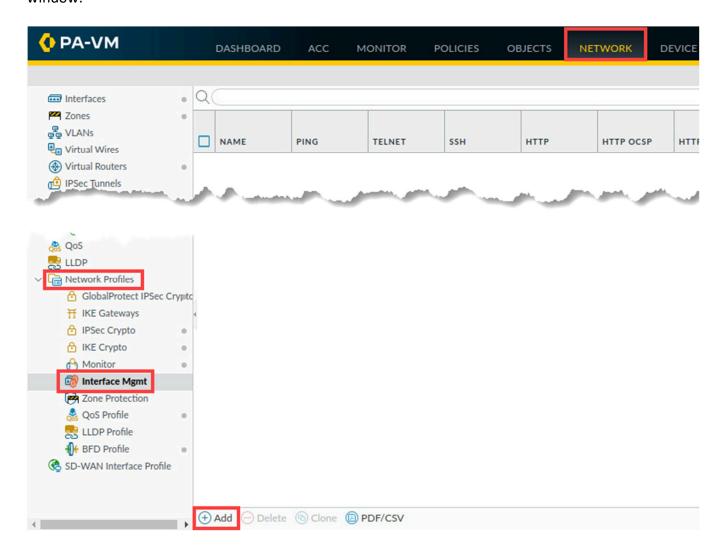
You will create a second management interface profile that allows ping and secure management traffic, including SSH and HTTPS. You will apply this Allow-mgt profile to the User_Net interface and to the Extranet interface. This profile will allow your SecOps team to manage the firewall from those networks if they need to.

1. Reopen the PA-VM firewall web interface by clicking on the **Chromium** icon in the taskbar.



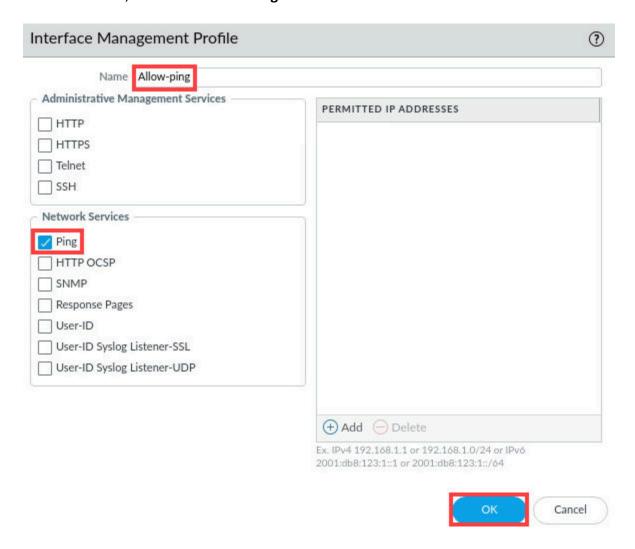


2. Select **Network > Network Profiles > Interface Management**. Click **Add** at the bottom of the window.



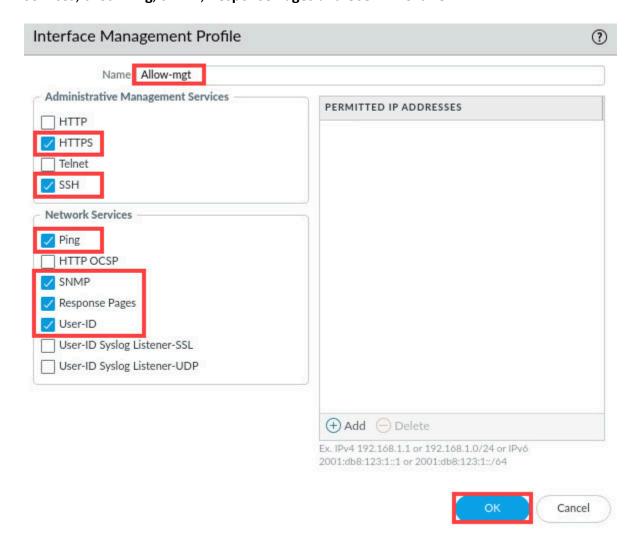


3. In the *Interface Management Profile* window, enter **Allow-ping** for the *Name*. Under the *Network Services* section, **check** the box for **Ping**. Click **OK**.

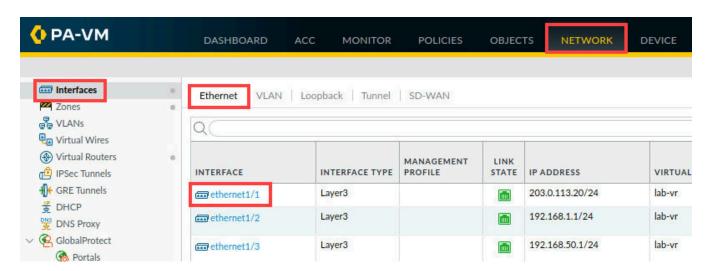




4. In the *Interface Management* section, click **Add** again to create another entry. In the *Interface Management Profile* window, enter **Allow-mgt** for the *Name*. Under the *Administrative Management Services* section, **check** the boxes for **HTTPS** and **SSH**. Under the section for *Network Services*, check **Ping**, **SNMP**, **Response Pages** and **User-ID**. Click **OK**.

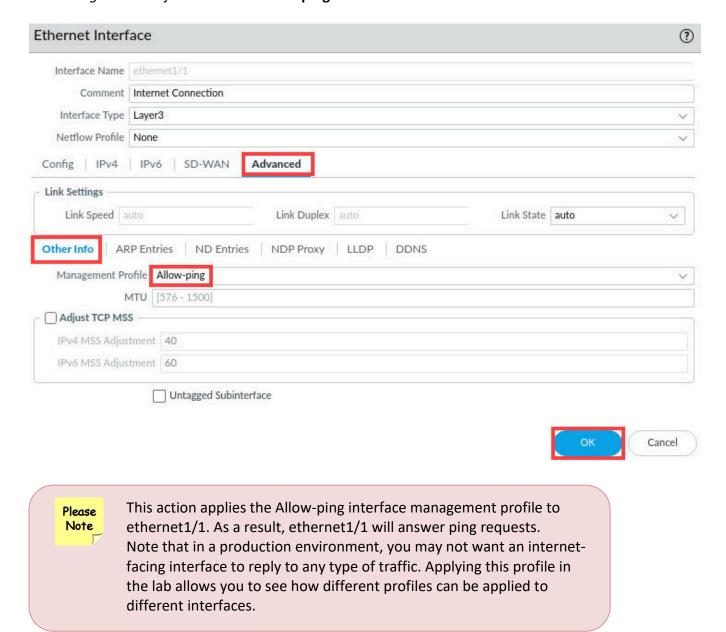


5. Select Network > Interfaces > Ethernet. Click Ethernet 1/1.





6. In the *Ethernet 1/1* window, click **Advanced**. Under the *Other Info* section, use the dropdown list for *Management Profile* and select **Allow-ping**. Click **OK**.

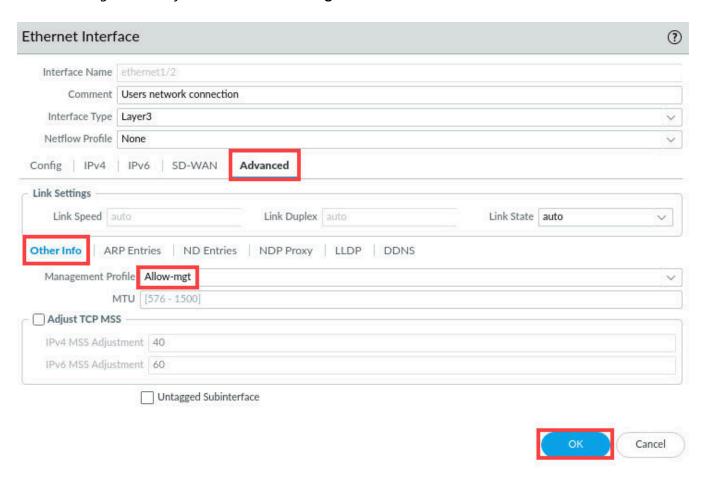




7. Click Ethernet 1/2.



8. In the *Ethernet Interface* window, click **Advanced**. Under the *Other Info* section, use the dropdown list for *Management Profile* and select **Allow-mgt**. Click **OK**.





9. Read the Warning message and click Yes.

Warning

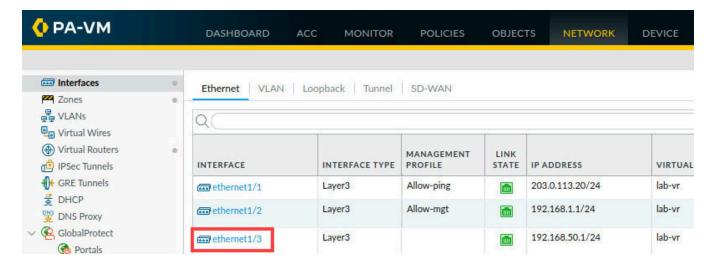
By attaching this interface management profile to this interface, you are potentially exposing the firewall's administrative interface to any party that can reach this interface.

Would you like to continue with this change?



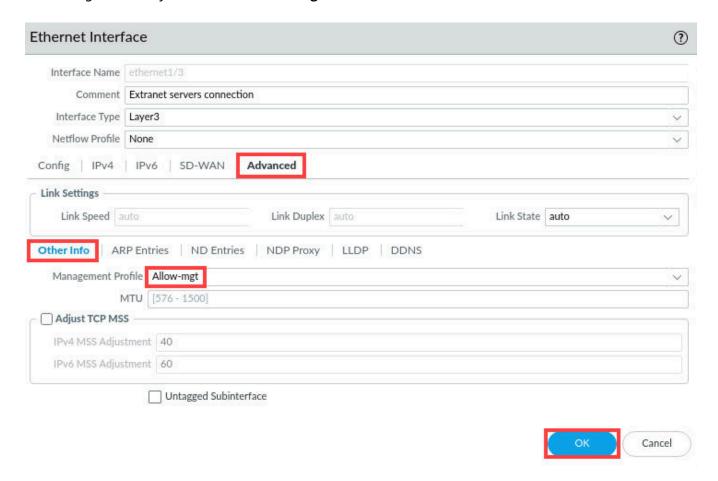
Please Note Because this interface is connected to one of your internal networks (Users Net), the risk of applying this profile is acceptable.

10. Click Ethernet 1/3.





11. In the *Ethernet 1/3* window, click **Advanced**. Under the *Other Info* section, use the dropdown list for *Management Profile* and select **Allow-mgt**. Click **OK**.



12. Read the Warning message and click Yes.

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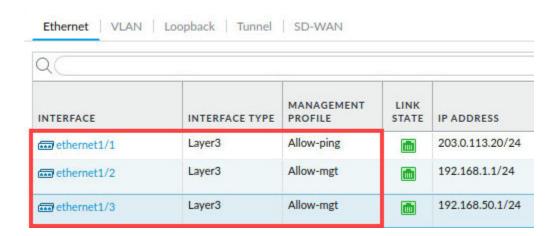
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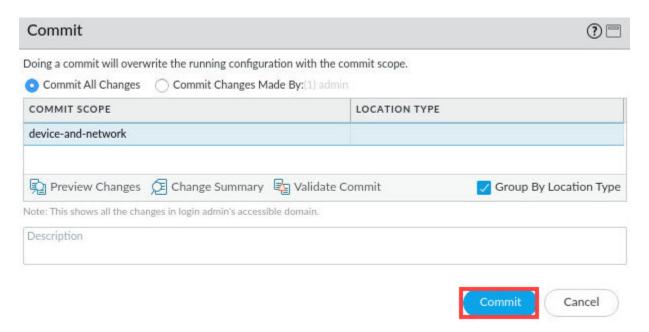
13. When you complete steps 5 - 12, your interface table should have an entry under the management profile column for each interface.



14. Click the **Commit** button at the upper-right of the web interface.

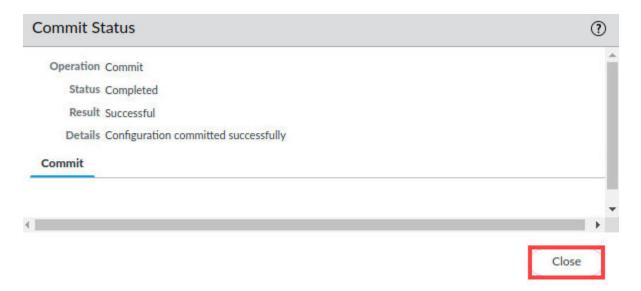


15. In the Commit window, click Commit.





16. Wait until the *Commit* process is complete. Click **Close**.



17. Minimize the Palo Alto Networks Firewall and continue to the next task.



1.8 Test Interface Access after Management Profiles

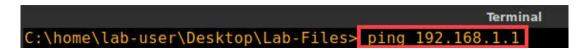
In this section, you will use the ping command to test the management profiles that you defined. Both ping and SSH will succeed.

1. Return to the *Terminal* window used previously or reopen the **Terminal Emulator** on the *client desktop*.



2. Issue the following command below.

C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files> ping 192.168.1.1 <Enter>





3. Wait a few seconds and use **Ctrl+C** to stop the command. You will get a response because *Management* profiles have been configured.

```
PING 192.168.1.1 (192.168.1.1) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 192.168.1.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=2.45 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.883 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.58 ms

---
--- 192.168.1.1 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2002ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.883/1.641/2.457/0.645 ms
```

4. Elevate to *super user* by issuing the following command.

C:\home\lab-user\Desktop\Lab-Files> sudo su

```
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```

5. Attempt to open an *SSH connection* to the firewall through **192.168.1.1** by issuing the following command.

```
root@client-a:/home/lab-user/Desktop/Lab-Files# ssh admin@192.168.1.1 <Enter>
```

```
root@client-a:/home/lab-user/Desktop/Lab-Files# ssh admin@192.168.1.1
```

6. When prompted to accept the RSA key fingerprint, type yes and press Enter.

```
RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:NLIJBMoViMy4a3acVKjvdDQnx0cy0a2814qfV0gD13c.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
```

7. For password, type Pal0Alt0! and press Enter.

```
Authorized Access Only Password:
```

8. The *firewall* will present the *CLI interface*.

```
root@client-a:/home/lab-user/Desktop/Lab-Files# ssh admin@192.168.1.1
Authorized Access Only
Password:
Last login: Fri Aug 6 05:33:35 2021 from 192.168.1.20

Number of failed attempts since last successful login: 0

admin@firewall-a>
```

9. The lab is now complete; you may end your reservation.