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Overview

All CIS Benchmarks focus on technical configuration settings used to maintain and/or increase the security of the addressed technology, and they should be used in **conjunction** with other essential cyber hygiene tasks like:

- Monitoring the base operating system for vulnerabilities and quickly updating with the latest security patches
- Monitoring applications and libraries for vulnerabilities and quickly updating with the latest security patches

In the end, the CIS Benchmarks are designed as a key **component** of a comprehensive cybersecurity program.

END OF LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT

This will be the final release of the ASA Benchmark as Cisco has made it End of Support December 2023.

This document, Security Configuration Benchmark for Cisco Firewall Appliances, provides prescriptive guidance for establishing a secure configuration posture for Cisco Firewall Appliances versions 9.8. This guide was tested against Cisco ASA 9.8(4). To obtain the latest version of this guide, please visit http://cisecurity.org. If you have questions, comments, or have identified ways to improve this guide, please write us at feedback@cisecurity.org.

Intended Audience

This benchmark is intended for system and application administrators, security specialists, auditors, help desk, and platform deployment personnel who plan to develop, deploy, assess, or secure solutions that incorporate a Cisco Firewall Appliance.

Consensus Guidance

This CIS Benchmark was created using a consensus review process comprised of a global community of subject matter experts. The process combines real world experience with data-based information to create technology specific guidance to assist users to secure their environments. Consensus participants provide perspective from a diverse set of backgrounds including consulting, software development, audit and compliance, security research, operations, government, and legal.

Each CIS Benchmark undergoes two phases of consensus review. The first phase occurs during initial Benchmark development. During this phase, subject matter experts convene to discuss, create, and test working drafts of the Benchmark. This discussion occurs until consensus has been reached on Benchmark recommendations. The second phase begins after the Benchmark has been published. During this phase, all feedback provided by the Internet community is reviewed by the consensus team for incorporation in the Benchmark. If you are interested in participating in the consensus process, please visit https://workbench.cisecurity.org/.

Typographical Conventions

The following typographical conventions are used throughout this guide:

Convention	Meaning
Stylized Monospace font	Used for blocks of code, command, and script examples. Text should be interpreted exactly as presented.
Monospace font	Used for inline code, commands, or examples. Text should be interpreted exactly as presented.
<italic brackets="" font="" in=""></italic>	Italic texts set in angle brackets denote a variable requiring substitution for a real value.
Italic font	Used to denote the title of a book, article, or other publication.
Note	Additional information or caveats

Recommendation Definitions

The following defines the various components included in a CIS recommendation as applicable. If any of the components are not applicable it will be noted or the component will not be included in the recommendation.

Title

Concise description for the recommendation's intended configuration.

Assessment Status

An assessment status is included for every recommendation. The assessment status indicates whether the given recommendation can be automated or requires manual steps to implement. Both statuses are equally important and are determined and supported as defined below:

Automated

Represents recommendations for which assessment of a technical control can be fully automated and validated to a pass/fail state. Recommendations will include the necessary information to implement automation.

Manual

Represents recommendations for which assessment of a technical control cannot be fully automated and requires all or some manual steps to validate that the configured state is set as expected. The expected state can vary depending on the environment.

Profile

A collection of recommendations for securing a technology or a supporting platform. Most benchmarks include at least a Level 1 and Level 2 Profile. Level 2 extends Level 1 recommendations and is not a standalone profile. The Profile Definitions section in the benchmark provides the definitions as they pertain to the recommendations included for the technology.

Description

Detailed information pertaining to the setting with which the recommendation is concerned. In some cases, the description will include the recommended value.

Rationale Statement

Detailed reasoning for the recommendation to provide the user a clear and concise understanding on the importance of the recommendation.

Impact Statement

Any security, functionality, or operational consequences that can result from following the recommendation.

Audit Procedure

Systematic instructions for determining if the target system complies with the recommendation.

Remediation Procedure

Systematic instructions for applying recommendations to the target system to bring it into compliance according to the recommendation.

Default Value

Default value for the given setting in this recommendation, if known. If not known, either not configured or not defined will be applied.

References

Additional documentation relative to the recommendation.

CIS Critical Security Controls® (CIS Controls®)

The mapping between a recommendation and the CIS Controls is organized by CIS Controls version, Safeguard, and Implementation Group (IG). The Benchmark in its entirety addresses the CIS Controls safeguards of (v7) "5.1 - Establish Secure Configurations" and (v8) '4.1 - Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process" so individual recommendations will not be mapped to these safeguards.

Additional Information

Supplementary information that does not correspond to any other field but may be useful to the user.

Profile Definitions

The following configuration profiles are defined by this Benchmark:

Level 1

Items in this profile intend to:

- be practical and prudent;
- o provide a clear security benefit; and
- o not inhibit the utility of the technology beyond acceptable means.

Level 2

This profile extends the "Level 1" profile. Items in this profile exhibit one or more of the following characteristics:

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-are intended for environments or use cases where security is paramount.-acts as defense in depth measure.-may negatively inhibit the utility or performance of the technology.
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Recommendations

1 Management Plane

The management plane deals with services, settings and data streams related to the configuration of the security appliance. Examples of management plane services include: administrative device access (telnet, ssh, http, and https), SNMP, and security protocols like RADIUS and TACACS+, the authentication and authorization of firewall administrators.

1.1 Password Management

Sets the rules for password enforcement

1.1.1 Ensure 'Logon Password' is set (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Changes the default login password.

Rationale:

The login password is used for SSH connections. The default device configuration does not require any strong user authentication enabling unfettered access to an attacker that can reach the device. A user can enter the default password and just press the Enter key at the Password prompt to login to the device. Setting the login password causes the device to enforce use of a strong password to access user mode. Using default or well-known passwords makes it easier for an attacker to gain entry to a device.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to determine whether the login password is set

hostname# show running-config passwd

The output should look like

passwd xxxxxx encrypted

Example:

Asa#show running-config passwd passwd 8Ry2YjIyt7RRXU24 encrypted

Here 8Ry2Yjlyt7RRXU24 is the encrypted format of the plain-text password used as login password

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to set the login password.

hostname(config) #passwd <login password>

The login_password parameter should be the plain-text password used to log into the system

Default Value:

The default password is "cisco".

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The default password, "cisco," has been removed; you must actively set a login password. Using the no passwd or clear configure passwd command removes the password; formerly, it reset it to the default of "cisco."

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa_91_general_config/basic_hostname_pw.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	5.2 <u>Use Unique Passwords</u> Use unique passwords for all enterprise assets. Best practice implementation includes, at a minimum, an 8-character password for accounts using MFA and a 14-character password for accounts not using MFA.	•	•	•
v7	4.2 <u>Change Default Passwords</u> Before deploying any new asset, change all default passwords to have values consistent with administrative level accounts.	•	•	•

1.1.2 Ensure 'Enable Password' is set (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the password for users accessing privileged EXEC mode when they run the enable command.

Rationale:

The default device configuration does not require any strong user authentication enabling unfettered access to an attacker that can reach the device. A user can enter the default password and just press the Enter key at the Password prompt to login to the device. Setting the enable password causes the device to enforce use of a strong password to access privileged EXEC mode. Using default or well-known passwords makes it easier for an attacker to gain entry to a device.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to determine whether the login password is set

hostname#show run | inc enable

The output should look like

enable password xxxxxxx encrypted

Example:

Asa#show run enable enable password 8Ry2YjIyt7RRXU24 encrypted

Here 8Ry2Yjlyt7RRXU24 is the encrypted format of the plain-text password used as enable password

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to set the enable password.

hostname(config) #enable password <enable password> level <privilege level>

The enable_password parameter should be the plain-text password used to log into the enable mode

If the privilege level is not configured, the default one is 15

Default Value:

By default, the enable password is blank.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa_91_general_config/basic_hostname_pw.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	5.2 <u>Use Unique Passwords</u> Use unique passwords for all enterprise assets. Best practice implementation includes, at a minimum, an 8-character password for accounts using MFA and a 14-character password for accounts not using MFA.	•	•	•
v7	4.4 <u>Use Unique Passwords</u> Where multi-factor authentication is not supported (such as local administrator, root, or service accounts), accounts will use passwords that are unique to that system.		•	•
v7	18.5 <u>Use Only Standardized and Extensively Reviewed</u> <u>Encryption Algorithms</u> Use only standardized and extensively reviewed encryption algorithms.		•	•

1.1.3 Ensure 'Master Key Passphrase' is set (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Defines the master key passphrase used to encrypt the application secret-keys contained in the configuration file for software releases from 8.3(1) and above.

Rationale:

For ASA software releases from 8.3 and below, the VPN preshared keys, Tacacs+/Radius shared keys or Routing protocols authentication passwords are encrypted in the running-configuration once generated. They can be viewed in plain-text when the file is transferred through TFTP or FTP to be stored out of the device. Therefore, if the stored file falls into the hands on an attacker, he/she will have all the passwords and application encryption keys.

From version 8.3(1) and above, the master key passphrase helps to generate the AES encryption key used to encrypt secret-keys both in the running configuration and when the file is exported through TFTP or FTP to be stored in a different location.

It improves the security because the master key is never displayed in the runningconfiguration.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following to find whether the software version of the security appliance is from 9.x

```
hostname# sh version | i Software_Version_9.[0-9]
```

Example:

```
asa-dmz# sh version | i Software_Version_9.[0-9]
Datacenter-fw-01# sh version | i Software_Version_9.[0-9]
```

- Step 2: If an output is displayed, go to the step 3.
- Step 3: Run the following to find whether the existing keys are type 6 encrypted

```
hostname# sh run | in key.6
```

Example:

```
cis-asa-1/admin# sh run | in key.6
key 6 "JDYkW0hEIquGiXMdznN2
```

Here the Tacacs+ key is encrypted using AES encryption and master key. If it was not the case, the key would be displayed with stars only as follows: **key** *******

• Step 4: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant, if not it is a finding.

Remediation:

Step 1: Set the master key passphrase with the following command:

hostname (config) # key config-key password-encryption <passphrase>

The passphrase is between 8 and 128 characters long

Step 2: Enable the AES encryption of existing keys of the running-configuration

hostname(config) # password encryption aes

• Step 3: Run the following for the encryption of keys in the startup-configuration

hostname(config) # write memory

References:

 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa94/configguides/cli/general/asa-94-general-config/basic-hostname-pw.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	3.11 Encrypt Sensitive Data at Rest Encrypt sensitive data at rest on servers, applications, and databases containing sensitive data. Storage-layer encryption, also known as server-side encryption, meets the minimum requirement of this Safeguard. Additional encryption methods may include application-layer encryption, also known as client-side encryption, where access to the data storage device(s) does not permit access to the plain-text data.		•	•
v8	11.3 <u>Protect Recovery Data</u> Protect recovery data with equivalent controls to the original data. Reference encryption or data separation, based on requirements.	•	•	•
v7	18.5 <u>Use Only Standardized and Extensively Reviewed</u> <u>Encryption Algorithms</u> Use only standardized and extensively reviewed encryption algorithms.		•	•

1.1.4 Ensure 'Password Recovery' is disabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Disables the password recovery

Rationale:

Disabling the password recovery is an additional physical control. It will prevent an attacker that will have circumvented all the physical safeguards and being in contact with the security appliance to change the existing login password, enable password and local user password and then hack the system.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to determine if the password recovery has been disabled

hostname#sh run | in no.service.password-recovery

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to disable the password recovery:

hostname (config) # no service password-recovery

Default Value:

The password recovery is enabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa93/configuration/general/asa-general-cli/basic-hostname-pw.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	11.3 <u>Protect Recovery Data</u> Protect recovery data with equivalent controls to the original data. Reference encryption or data separation, based on requirements.	•	•	•

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	11.4 Establish and Maintain an Isolated Instance of Recovery Data Establish and maintain an isolated instance of recovery data. Example implementations include, version controlling backup destinations through offline, cloud, or off-site systems or services.	•	•	•
v7	5.1 <u>Establish Secure Configurations</u> Maintain documented, standard security configuration standards for all authorized operating systems and software.	•	•	•

1.1.5 Ensure 'Password Policy' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enforces the Enterprise Password Policy by setting compliant local password requirements for the security appliance

Rationale:

The password policy helps to prevent unauthorized accesses by enforcing the password for more complexity and making them difficult to be guessed. This applies to the local database.

Impact:

Excessive password expiration requirements do more harm than good, because these requirements make users select predictable passwords, composed of sequential words and numbers that are closely related to each other.10 In these cases, the next password can be predicted based on the previous one (incrementing a number used in the password for example). Also, password expiration requirements offer no containment benefits because attackers will often use credentials as soon as they compromise them. Instead, immediate password changes should be based on key events including, but not limited to: • Indication of compromise • Change of user roles • When a user leaves the organization. Not only does changing passwords every few weeks or months frustrate the user, it's been suggested that it does more harm than good, because it could lead to bad practices by the user such as adding a character to the end of their existing password. In addition, we also recommend a yearly password change. This is primarily because for all their good intentions users will share credentials across accounts. Therefore, even if a breach is publicly identified, the user may not see this notification, or forget they have an account on that site. This could leave a shared credential vulnerable indefinitely. Having an organizational policy of a 1year (annual) password expiration is a reasonable compromise to mitigate this with minimal user burden.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to determine whether the password-policy is set

hostname#show run password-policy

Example:

```
Asa#sh run password-policy
password-policy minimum-length 14
password-policy minimum-numeric 1
password-policy minimum-lowercase 1
password-policy minimum-uppercase 1
password-policy minimum-special 1
```

Here the password-policy is configured for the passwords to have at least 14 characters and to contain at least 1 number, 1 uppercase, 1 lowercase, and 1 special character

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

 Step 1: Run the following to set the password lifetime in days to less than or equal to 365

```
hostname(config) #password-policy lifetime 365
```

 Step 2: Run the following to set the minimum number of characters that must be changed between the old and the new passwords, to be to be greater than or equal to 14

```
hostname(config) #password-policy minimum-changes 14
```

 Step 3: Run the following to set the minimum number of upper case characters in the password, to be to be greater than or equal to 1

```
hostname(config) #password-policy minimum-uppercase 1
```

• Step 4: Run the following to set the minimum number of lower case characters in the password, to be to be greater than or equal to 1

```
hostname(config) #password-policy minimum-lowercase 1
```

 Step 5: Run the following to set the minimum number of numeric characters in the password, to be greater than or equal to 1

```
hostname(config) #password-policy minimum-numeric 1
```

 Step 6: Run the following to set the minimum number of special characters in the password, to be greater than or equal to 1

```
hostname(config) #password-policy minimum-special 1
```

 Step 7: Run the following to set the password minimum length, to be greater than or equal to 14

Default Value:

Password policy is disabled by default.

The following are default values:

password-policy lifetime 0 password-policy minimum-changes 0 password-policy minimum-length 3 password-policy minimum-uppercase 0 password-policy minimum-lowercase 0 password-policy minimum-numeric 0 password-policy minimum-special 0

References:

- 1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa91_general_config/admin_management.html
- 2. https://www.cisecurity.org/insights/white-papers/cis-password-policy-guide

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
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v8	6.1 <u>Establish an Access Granting Process</u> Establish and follow a process, preferably automated, for granting access to enterprise assets upon new hire, rights grant, or role change of a user.	•	•	•
v8	6.2 Establish an Access Revoking Process Establish and follow a process, preferably automated, for revoking access to enterprise assets, through disabling accounts immediately upon termination, rights revocation, or role change of a user. Disabling accounts, instead of deleting accounts, may be necessary to preserve audit trails.	•	•	•
v8	6.7 <u>Centralize Access Control</u> Centralize access control for all enterprise assets through a directory service or SSO provider, where supported.		•	•
v7	4.4 <u>Use Unique Passwords</u> Where multi-factor authentication is not supported (such as local administrator, root, or service accounts), accounts will use passwords that are unique to that system.		•	•

1	.2	Device	Management
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Sets the security appliance device name

1.2.1 Ensure 'Domain Name' is set (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the domain name for the security appliance

Rationale:

The domain name is important during the deployment of RSA keys and certificates used by the appliance.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the enterprise domain name <enterprise_domain>
- Step 2: Run the following to check whether it is configured

```
hostname#sh run | inc domain-name
```

The output should be the domain.

Example:

```
asa_internet#sh run domain-name | in example.com
example.com
```

• Step 3: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the enterprise domain name (enterprise_domain)
- Step 2: Run the following to configure the domain name

```
hostname(config) #domain-name <enterprise_domain>
```

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asage-pw.html

Controls Version	Control			IG 3
v8	4.1 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for enterprise assets (end-user devices, including portable and mobile, non-computing/IoT devices, and servers) and software (operating systems and applications). Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	5.1 <u>Establish Secure Configurations</u> Maintain documented, standard security configuration standards for all authorized operating systems and software.	•	•	•

1.2.2 Ensure 'Host Name' is set (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Changes the device default hostname

Rationale:

The device hostname plays an important role in asset inventory and identification as a security requirement, but also in the public keys and certificate deployments as well as when correlating logs from different systems during an incident handling.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to check whether the default name is changed

```
hostname# sh run hostname | e _ciscoasa_|_asa
```

The output should look like:

```
hostnamem name_of_device
```

where the name_of_device is not the default one.

Example:

```
Datacenter-asa-1# sh run hostname | e _ciscoasa_|_asa_
hostname Datacenter-asa-1
```

Here the hostname is Datacenter-asa-1

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the enterprise naming convention to build the name_of_device
- Step 2: Run the following to configure the device hostname

```
hostname(config) #hostname <name_of_device>
```

Default Value:

The default value depends on the platform, but generally is ciscoasa

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa_90_cli_config/basic_hostname_pw.html#pgfld-1103007

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.2.3 Ensure 'Failover' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables failover between the security appliance and another security appliance in order to achieve high availability

Rationale:

Enabling failover helps to meet the availability requirement of the security CIA (Confidentiality - Integrity - Availability) triad, ensuring a physical and logical redundancy of firewalls in order to avoid service disruption should the security appliance or its component fails. It requires to identical systems in hardware and software version connected through a failover and a state links.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to check if failover is enabled

```
hostname#sh run failover | grep -v no
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw# sh run failover | grep -v no failover failover lan unit secondary failover lan interface fointerface GigabitEthernet0/0 failover link fointerface GigabitEthernet0/0 failover interface ip fointerface 10.0.0.1 255.0.0.0 standby 10.0.0.2
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Follow the steps below to enable active/standby failover. The commands are run in the system execution space

- Step 1: For each appliance, identify the failover link physical interface
 <failover_interface_physical> and assign it a name <failover_interface_name>
 and IP address <failover_interface_ip> and subnet mask
 <failover_interface_mask>. Identify the other device IP address for each
 appliance as <peer_failover_ip>
- Step 2: For each appliance, identify the state link physical interface
 <state_interface_physical> and assign it a name <state_interface_name> and IP
 address <state_interface_ip> and subnet mask <state_interface_mask>. Identify
 the other device IP address for each appliance as <peer_state_ip>

Step 3: Run the following on the Active device to set it as primary node

hostname(config) #failover lan unit primary

Step 4: Run the following on the Standby device to set it as secondary node

hostname(config) #failover lan unit secondary

Step 5: Run the following on both security appliances

```
hostname(config) #failover lan interface <failover_interface_name>
  <failover_interface_physical>
  hostname(config) #failover interface ip <failover_interface_name>
  <failover_interface_ip> <failover_interface_mask> standby <peer_failover_ip>
  hostname(config) #interface <failover_interface_physical>
  hostname(config-if) #no shutdown
  hostname(config) #failover link <state_interface_name>
  <state_interface_physical>
  hostname(config) #failover interface ip <state_interface_name>
  <state_interface_ip> <state_interface_mask> standby <peer_state_ip>
  hostname(config) #interface <state_interface_physical>
  hostname(config-if) #no shutdown
  hostname(config) #failover
  hostname(config) #failover
  hostname(config) #write memory
```

Step 6: Set up IPSEC preshared key

hostname(config) #failover ipsec pre-shared-key ********

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa-a-90_cli_config/ha_active_standby.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.1 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for enterprise assets (end-user devices, including portable and mobile, non-computing/loT devices, and servers) and software (operating systems and applications). Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.		•	•

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.2.4 Ensure 'Unused Interfaces' is disable (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Disables the unused interfaces

Rationale:

Shutting down the unused interfaces is a complement to physical security. In fact, an attacker connecting physically to an unused port of the security appliance can use the interface to gain access to the device if the relevant interface has not been disabled and the source restriction to management access is not enabled.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following command to check if there are unsused ports that have not been disabled.

```
hostname#sh int ip brief | in __down
```

Example:

This first command lists all the interfaces

Corp-FW# show int ip brief			
Interface	IP-Address	OK? Method	Status
Protocol			
GigabitEthernet0/1	unassigned	YES unset	up
up			
GigabitEthernet0/1.201	172.16.61.1	YES CONFIG	up
up			
GigabitEthernet0/1.202	172.16.62.171	YES CONFIG	up
up			
GigabitEthernet1/0	unassigned	YES unset	administratively down
down			
GigabitEthernet1/1	unassigned	YES unset	administratively down
down			
GigabitEthernet1/2	unassigned	YES unset	down
down			
GigabitEthernet1/3	192.168.1.11	YES manual	up
up			

This second command is the audit command which looks for unused interfaces that are not disabled

```
Corp-FW#sh int ip brief | in __down
GigabitEthernet1/2 unassigned YES unset down
down
```

Here, the interface GigabitEthernet1/2 is unused but not shutdown since the status is 'down' instead of being 'administratively down'

• Step 2: If there is no output displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Identify the physical name <interface_physical_name> of the unused interfaces that are not disabled
- Step 2: For each of the identified interfaces, run the following command

Hostname(config) #interface <interface_physical_name>
Hostname(config-if) #shutdown

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa_90_cli_config/ha_active_standby.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.3 Image security

Verifies the integrity and authenticity of the image

1.3.1 Ensure 'Image Integrity' is correct (Manual)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Verifies integrity of an uploaded software before upgrading the system

Rationale:

While software is downloaded from the internet it can be corrupted, as a result, the image integrity should be verified before upgrading the system with the downloaded software.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the location in the security appliance of the new image <new_image_location> and the MD5 checksum <md5_checksum> from the Cisco.com Website
- Step 2: Run the following command to verify that the MD5 checksum value of the new image matches the one provided on the Cisco.com Website

```
hostname#verify <new_image_location> <md5_checksum>
```

Example:

The new image location is disk0:asa9xx-6-k8.bin

 Step 3: If the message 'Verified' appears at the end of the output, the new image is valid. If instead the message '%Error verifying' is displayed, the image is not valid. It is a finding.

Remediation:

Download a new image from the Cisco.com website and apply the audit procedure until obtaining the message '**Verified**' at the end of the output.

References:

1. https://tools.cisco.com/security/center/resources/asa integrity assurance.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.4 Install the Latest Stable Version of Any Security-related Updates on All Network Devices Install the latest stable version of any security-related updates on all network devices.	•	•	•

1.3.2 Ensure 'Image Authenticity' is correct (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Verifies for digitally signed images that the running image is from a trusted source

Rationale:

The software image being a code can be vulnerable to many attacks such as malicious code injection in the software, the modification of the code installed in the ROM. In order to ensure that the image running is from a trusted source, the image is digitally signed and its certificate should be verified.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following command to verify the authenticity of the image currently running on the security appliance

```
hostname#show software authenticity running | in CiscoSystems$
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw# show software authenticity running
Image type : Release
Signer Information
Common Name : abraxas
Organization Unit : ASAv
Organization Name : CiscoSystems
Certificate Serial Number : 565963AF
Hash Algorithm : SHA2 512
Signature Algorithm : 2048-bit RSA
Key Version : A
Asa-fw# show software authenticity running | in CiscoSystems$
Organization Name : CiscoSystems
```

 Step 2: If an output is displayed, the image is sourced from Cisco. The system is compliant. If there is no output displayed, the image is not from a trusted source. It is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Correct the errors on the hardware and software
- Step 2: Run the audit procedure until the system is compliant
- Step 3: Implement secure delivery of hardware and harden the software distribution server

1. https://tools.cisco.com/security/center/resources/asa_integrity_assurance.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	11.4 Install the Latest Stable Version of Any Security-related Updates on All Network Devices Install the latest stable version of any security-related updates on all network devices.	•	•	•

1.4 Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA)

The AAA (authentication, authorization, and accounting) scheme implements the security requirements relevant to access control, mainly in providing the mechanisms to authenticate the users, controlling their privileges and tracking their actions on the system. AAA provides a primary method for authenticating users (a username/password database stored on a TACACS+ or RADIUS server or group of servers) and then specifies a backup method (a locally stored username/password database). The backup method is used if the primary method's database cannot be accessed by the networking device.

1.4.1 Local AAA rules

Sets the AAA (Authentication, Authorization, Accounting) requirements for the local database of users

1.4.1.1 Ensure 'aaa local authentication max failed attempts' is set to less than or equal to '3' (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Limits the maximum number of times a local user can enter a wrong password before being locked out

Rationale:

Limiting the number of failed authentication attempts is a prevention and safeguard against brute force and dictionary attacks on systems. The implementation of the aaa local authentication max failed attempts helps to limit the number of consecutive failed login attempts when the AAA authentication scheme through the local database is used as method.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the enterprise standard maximum value (enterprise_max_value) for local authentication failed attempts
- Step 2: Run the following to determine whether the standard value is configured.

```
hostname#sh run aaa | in max-fail 3
```

The output should look like

```
aaa local authentication attempts max-fail 3
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run aaa | in max-fail.3 aaa local authentication attempts max-fail 3
```

Here the max-fail attempts is 3 and it is configured

• Step 3: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to configure the maximum number of consecutive local login failures to be less than or equal to 3

```
hostname(config)# aaa local authentication attempts max-fail 3
```

Default Value:

The aaa local authentication max login attempts is disabled by default

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/ios-xml/ios/sec_usr_aaa/configuration/xe-3s/sec-usr-aaa-xe-3s-book/sec-login-pw-retry.html

Additional Information:

The feature does not affect the privilege level 15 users.

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	6.1 <u>Establish an Access Granting Process</u> Establish and follow a process, preferably automated, for granting access to enterprise assets upon new hire, rights grant, or role change of a user.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.4.1.2 Ensure "Emergency" account is set (Manual)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets a local username and password for "Emergency" purposes. This account should only be used for catastrophic failure to the AAA. The password should be kept in a password vault and only accessed in the case of an emergency. After this account is used for the device it is recommended that the password is reset and changed in the password vault.

Rationale:

Default device configuration does not require strong user authentication enabling unfettered access to an attacker that can reach the device. Creating a local account with a strong password enforces login authentication and provides a fallback authentication mechanism in case remote centralized authentication, authorization and accounting services are unavailable

Impact:

While the local name is allowed to be 0-15 with 15 being full admin. It is recommended that the Local account has a complex password and is only used in the event of loss to connection to AAA services.

The best way is to hold the local account password in a secure location.

It is recommended that you change the local account password after every use.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to determine whether a local username password is set

hostname#show running-config username

The output should look like

username <username> password xxxxxxx encrypted

Example:

Asa#show running-config username username cisuser password 3USUcOPFUiMCO4Jk encrypted

Here the username is cisuser and 3USUcOPFUiMCO4Jk is the encrypted format of the plain-text password that has been configured

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to set a local username and password.

```
hostname(config) #username <local_username> password <local_password>
privilege <level>
```

The privilege level is chosen between 0 and 15. If the privilege is not configured, the default one is 2.

Default Value:

The default username used for the first SSH connection or aaa authentication telnet console is as a but for versions from 8.4(2) and above, there is no default username

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa91_general_config/aaa_local.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	5.1 Establish and Maintain an Inventory of Accounts Establish and maintain an inventory of all accounts managed in the enterprise. The inventory must include both user and administrator accounts. The inventory, at a minimum, should contain the person's name, username, start/stop dates, and department. Validate that all active accounts are authorized, on a recurring schedule at a minimum quarterly, or more frequently.	•	•	•
v8	5.2 <u>Use Unique Passwords</u> Use unique passwords for all enterprise assets. Best practice implementation includes, at a minimum, an 8-character password for accounts using MFA and a 14-character password for accounts not using MFA.	•	•	•
v7	4.4 <u>Use Unique Passwords</u> Where multi-factor authentication is not supported (such as local administrator, root, or service accounts), accounts will use passwords that are unique to that system.		•	•

1.4.1.3 Ensure known default accounts do not exist (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Deletes the known default accounts configured

Rationale:

In order to attempt access to known devices' platforms, attackers use the available database of the known default accounts for each platform or Operating System. The known default accounts are often (without limiting to) the following: 'root', 'asa', 'admin', 'cisco', 'pix'. When the attacker has discovered that a default account is enabled on a system, the work of attempting to access to the device will be half done given that the remaining part will be on guessing the password and risks for devices to be intruded are very high. It is a best practice to use Enterprise customized administrative accounts.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following to determine whether a known default account is available.

hostname#show running-config username | in _admin_|_asa_|_cisco_|_pix_|_root_

The output should look like:

username <known default account> password xxxxxxx encrypted

Example:

Asa-fw-1#show running-config username | in _admin_|_asa_|_cisco_|_pix_|_root_username admin password 3USUcOPFUiMCO4Jk encrypted privilege 15

Here the known default account is admin.

• Step 2: If there is no output displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the Enterprise customized administrative account
 <ustomized_admin_account> and password <admin_password>
- Step 2: Run the following to create the customized administrative account as well as the required privilege level <pri>level>

hostname(config) #username <customized_admin_account> password
<admin password> privilege <privilege level>

 Step 3: Run the following to delete the known default accounts identified during the audit

hostname(config) # no username <known default account>

Default Value:

The default username used for the first SSH connection or aaa authentication telnet console is as a but for versions from 8.4(2) and above, there is no default username

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa97/configuration/general/asa-97-general-config/basic-hostname-pw.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	5.2 <u>Use Unique Passwords</u> Use unique passwords for all enterprise assets. Best practice implementation includes, at a minimum, an 8-character password for accounts using MFA and a 14-character password for accounts not using MFA.	•	•	•
v8	5.3 <u>Disable Dormant Accounts</u> Delete or disable any dormant accounts after a period of 45 days of inactivity, where supported.	•	•	•
v7	4.2 <u>Change Default Passwords</u> Before deploying any new asset, change all default passwords to have values consistent with administrative level accounts.	•	•	•
v7	16.9 <u>Disable Dormant Accounts</u> Automatically disable dormant accounts after a set period of inactivity.	•	•	•

1.4.2 Remote AAA servers

Sets the AAA servers for remote authentication

1.4.2.1 Ensure 'TACACS+/RADIUS' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Specifies the AAA server-group and each individual server using the TACACS+ or RADIUS protocol

Rationale:

Authentication, authorization and accounting (AAA) scheme provide an authoritative source for managing and monitoring access for devices. Many protocols are supported for the communication between the systems and the AAA servers: http-form, kerberos, ldap, nt, radius, sdi, tacacs+.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the enterprise standard protocol (protocol_name) for authentication (TACACS+ or RADIUS)
- Step 2: Perform the following to determine if the AAA server-group is configured with the required protocol

```
hostname#sh run aaa-server | i protocol.<protocol name>
```

The output should look like:

```
aaa-server server group name protocol protocol name
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run aaa-server | i protocol.tacacs+
aaa-server cisco_tacacs protocol tacacs+
```

Here the the protocol_name is tacacs+ and server_group_name is cisco_tacacs

- Step 3: If an output is displayed, go to the step 4. If not, it is a finding and the remediation procedure should be applied.
- Step 4: Perform the following to determine if there is at least an AAA server configured for the server group <server_group_name> identified in step 2

```
hostname#sh run aaa-server <server_group_name> | i host
```

The output should look like:

```
aaa-server server_group_name (interface_name) host server_ip_address
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run aaa-server cisco_tacacs | i host
aaa-server cisco_tacacs (MGMT) host 192.16.0.223
```

Here the server_group_name is cisco_tacacs, the interface_name is MGMT and the server_ip_address is 192.168.0.223

• Step 5: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding and the remediation procedure should be applied.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the enterprise standard protocol (protocol_name) for authentication (TACACS+ or RADIUS)
- Step 2: Run the following to configure the AAA server-group for the required protocol

```
hostname(config) #aaa-server <server-group_name> protocol <protocol_name>
```

• Step 3: Run the following to configure the AAA server:

```
hostname(config) #aaa-server <server-group_name> (<interface_name>) host <aaa-
server ip> <shared key>
```

server-group_name: the above server-group configured interface_name: the network interface from which the AAA server will be accessed aaa-server_ip: the IP address of the AAA server shared_key: the TACACS+ or RADIUS shared key

Default Value:

The AAA server configuration is by default disabled

References:

- 1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa96/configuration/general/asa-96-general-config/aaa-tacacs.html
- 2. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa96/configuration/general/asa-96-general-config/aaa-radius.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v7	4.3 Ensure the Use of Dedicated Administrative Accounts Ensure that all users with administrative account access use a dedicated or secondary account for elevated activities. This account should only be used for administrative activities and not internet browsing, email, or similar activities.	•	•	•

1.4.3 AAA authentication

Defines the AAA authentication rules

1.4.3.1 Ensure 'aaa authentication enable console' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Authenticates users trying to access the Enable mode (privileged EXEC mode) through the 'enable' command.

Rationale:

The default access to enable mode is done through a password. AAA provides a primary method for authenticating users (a username/password database stored on a TACACS+ or RADIUS server or group of servers) and then specifies backup method (a locally stored username/password database). The backup method is used if the primary method's database cannot be accessed by the networking device.

Audit:

• Step 1: Perform the following to determine if the aaa authentication is configured for the access to the enable mode (privileged EXEC mode)

hostname# sh run | i aaa authentication enable console

The output should look like

aaa authentication enable console server group name

Example:

Asa#sh run | i aaa authentication enable console aaa authentication enable console cisco tacacs

Here the remote servers group name is cisco_tacacs

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Configure the aaa authentication for enable access using the TACACS+ server-group as primary method and the local database as backup method

hostname(config) # aaa authentication enable console <server-group name> local

Default Value:

The aaa authentication is disabled by default for the enable mode

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa910/configuration/general/asa-910-general-config/aaa-local.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	4.3 Ensure the Use of Dedicated Administrative Accounts Ensure that all users with administrative account access use a dedicated or secondary account for elevated activities. This account should only be used for administrative activities and not internet browsing, email, or similar activities.	•	•	•

1.4.3.2 Ensure 'aaa authentication http console' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Authenticates ASDM users who access the security appliance over HTTP

Rationale:

By default, the enable password is used in combination with no username for http access. The aaa command is used to define the TACACS+/RADIUS authentication method. The local database can be mentioned as backup method to this primary method, failing that the ASDM will use the default administrator username and enabled password for authentication.

Audit:

 Step 1: Perform the following to determine if aaa authentication http is configured.

hostname#sh run aaa authentication | i http.console

The output should look like

aaa authentication http console server group name

Example:

Asa#sh run aaa authentication | i http.console aaa authentication http console cisco tacacs

Here the remote servers group name is cisco_tacacs

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Configure the aaa authentication for http using the TACACS+ server-group as primary method and the local database as backup method.

hostname(config) #aaa authentication http console <server-group name> local

Default Value:

The http aaa authentication is disabled by default.

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa_90_cli_config/aaa_servers.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	4.3 Ensure the Use of Dedicated Administrative Accounts Ensure that all users with administrative account access use a dedicated or secondary account for elevated activities. This account should only be used for administrative activities and not internet browsing, email, or similar activities.	•	•	•

1.4.3.3 Ensure 'aaa authentication secure-http-client' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

• Level 1

Description:

Provides a secure method, SSL, to protect username and password to be sent in clear text

Rationale:

If HTTP authentication is used without the command aaa authentication secure-httpclient, the username and password are sent from the client to the security appliance in clear text.

Audit:

 Step 1: Perform the following command to determine if the secure communication is enabled.

hostname#sh run | i aaa authentication secure-http-client

The output should be:

aaa authentication secure-http-client

Example:

Asa#sh run | i aaa authentication secure-http-client aaa authentication secure-http-client

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Configure the secure aaa authentication for http

hostname(config) #aaa authentication secure-http-client

Default Value:

The secure aaa authentication for http is disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa90 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	4.3 Ensure the Use of Dedicated Administrative Accounts Ensure that all users with administrative account access use a dedicated or secondary account for elevated activities. This account should only be used for administrative activities and not internet browsing, email, or similar activities.	•	•	•

1.4.3.4 Ensure 'aaa authentication ssh console' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Authenticates users who access the device using SSH.

Rationale:

Using AAA authentication for interactive management access to the device provides consistent, centralized control of your network. The default under AAA (local or network) is to require users to log in using a valid user name and password. This rule applies for both local and network AAA. Fallback mode should also be enabled to allow emergency access to the firewall in the event that the AAA server was unreachable, by utilizing the LOCAL keyword after the AAA server-tag.

Audit:

• Step 1: Perform the following to determine if aaa authentication ssh is configured.

hostname#sh run aaa authentication | i ssh.console

The output should look like

aaa authentication ssh console server group name

Example:

Asa#sh run aaa authentication | i ssh.console aaa authentication ssh console cisco tacacs

Here the remote servers group name is cisco_tacacs

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Configure the aaa authentication ssh using the TACACS+ server-group as primary method and the local database as backup method.

hostname(config) #aaa authentication ssh console <server-group name> local

Default Value:

The aaa authentication ssh console is disabled by default.

1. https://www.pei.com/set-up-ssh-cisco-asa/

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	4.3 Ensure the Use of Dedicated Administrative Accounts Ensure that all users with administrative account access use a dedicated or secondary account for elevated activities. This account should only be used for administrative activities and not internet browsing, email, or similar activities.	•	•	•

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Defines the AAA authorization rules

1.4.4.1 Ensure 'aaa command authorization' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Defines the source of authorization for the commands entered by an administrator/user

Rationale:

Requiring authorization for commands enforces separation of duties and provides least privilege access for specific job roles.

Audit:

Step 1: Perform the following to determine if command authorization is enabled

hostname#sh run aaa authorization | i command

The output should look like

aaa authorization command server group name

Example:

Asa#sh run aaa authorization | in command aaa authorization command cisco tacacs

Here the remote servers group name is cisco_tacacs

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to determine the remote the TACACS+/RADIUS servers (server_group_name) as source of authorization and the local database (LOCAL) as fallback method if the remote servers are not available.

hostname(config) # aaa authorization command <server-group_name> LOCAL

This implies that locally, each privilege has its sets of commands configured and username associated just in accordance with the privilege and command definition in the remote servers.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa94/config-guides/cli/general/asa-94-general-config/aaa-local.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.1 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for enterprise assets (end-user devices, including portable and mobile, non-computing/IoT devices, and servers) and software (operating systems and applications). Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	4.3 Ensure the Use of Dedicated Administrative Accounts Ensure that all users with administrative account access use a dedicated or secondary account for elevated activities. This account should only be used for administrative activities and not internet browsing, email, or similar activities.	•	•	•

1.4.4.2 Ensure 'aaa authorization exec' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Limits the access to the privileged EXEC mode

Rationale:

When a user is placed in the privileged EXEC mode, valuable information can be obtained. The AAA authorization exec enforces the segregation of users rights so that only authorized users can get access to the privileged EXEC mode. Once this feature is enabled, the user rights are provided by the authentication servers mentioned in the AAA authentication console and AAA authentication enable schemes.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following to determine whether the AAA authentication exec is enabled.

hostname# sh run aaa authorization | in exec

Example:

datacenter-asa# sh run aaa authorization | in exec aaa authorization exec authentication-server

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to enable the AAA authorization exec

hostname(config) # aaa authorization exec authentication-server auto-enable

Default Value:

Not enabled

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa94/config-quides/cli/general/asa-94-general-config/aaa-local.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	4.3 Ensure the Use of Dedicated Administrative Accounts Ensure that all users with administrative account access use a dedicated or secondary account for elevated activities. This account should only be used for administrative activities and not internet browsing, email, or similar activities.	•	•	•

1.4.5 AAA Accounting

Defines the AAA accounting rules

1.4.5.1 Ensure 'aaa accounting command' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables accounting of administrative access by specifying that each command, or commands of a specified privilege level or higher, entered by an administrator/user is recorded and sent to the accounting server or servers.

Rationale:

The AAA accounting feature enables to track the actions performed by users and to store the data collected into AAA serves for further audit or further analysis. While the aaa accounting serial, ssh, telnet and enable commands collect and sent the accounting records related to the start and end of sessions done on each access type, the aaa accounting command provides the accounting records related to each command entered by the users during the session and whatever the privilege level of the user.

Audit:

Step 1: Perform the following to determine if command accounting is enabled.

```
hostname#sh run aaa accounting | in command
```

The output should look like

```
aaa accounting command server group name
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run aaa accounting | in command aaa accounting command cisco tacacs
```

Here the remote servers group name is cisco_tacacs

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding

Remediation:

Run the following in order to record all the commands entered at all the privilege levels and to send them to the AAA servers

```
hostname(config) # aaa accounting command <server-group name>
```

Default Value:

By default, AAA accounting for administrative access is disabled.

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa94/config-guides/cli/general/asa-94-general-config/aaa-local.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v8	4.7 Manage Default Accounts on Enterprise Assets and Software Manage default accounts on enterprise assets and software, such as root, administrator, and other pre-configured vendor accounts. Example implementations can include: disabling default accounts or making them unusable.	•	•	•
v7	11.3 <u>Use Automated Tools to Verify Standard Device</u> <u>Configurations and Detect Changes</u> Compare all network device configuration against approved security configurations defined for each network device in use and alert when any deviations are discovered.		•	•

1.4.5.2 Ensure 'aaa accounting for SSH' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables accounting of administrative access by specifying the start and stop of SSH sessions

Rationale:

The AAA accounting feature enables to track the actions performed by users and to store the data collected into AAA serves for further audit or further analysis. While the aaa accounting serial, ssh, telnet and enable commands collect and sent the accounting records related to the start and end of sessions done on each access type, the aaa accounting command provides the accounting records related to each command entered by the users during the session and whatever the privilege level of the user.

Audit:

• Step 1: Perform the following to determine if ssh accounting is enabled.

hostname#sh run aaa accounting | in ssh

The output should look like

aaa accounting ssh console server group name

Example:

```
Asa#sh run aaa accounting | in ssh aaa accounting ssh console cisco tacacs
```

Here the remote servers group name is cisco_tacacs

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding

Remediation:

Run the following in order to record ssh session start and stop and to send them to the AAA servers

hostname(config) #aaa accounting ssh console <server-group_name>

Default Value:

By default, AAA accounting for administrative access is disabled.

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa94/config-guides/cli/general/asa-94-general-config/aaa-local.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v8	5.4 Restrict Administrator Privileges to Dedicated Administrator Accounts Restrict administrator privileges to dedicated administrator accounts on enterprise assets. Conduct general computing activities, such as internet browsing, email, and productivity suite use, from the user's primary, non-privileged account.	•	•	•
v7	11.3 <u>Use Automated Tools to Verify Standard Device</u> Configurations and Detect Changes Compare all network device configuration against approved security configurations defined for each network device in use and alert when any deviations are discovered.		•	•

1.4.5.3 Ensure 'aaa accounting for EXEC mode' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables accounting of administrative access by specifying the start and stop of EXEC sessions

Rationale:

The AAA accounting feature enables to track the actions performed by users and to store the data collected into AAA serves for further audit or further analysis. While the aaa accounting serial, ssh, telnet and enable commands collect and sent the accounting records related to the start and end of sessions done on each access type, the aaa accounting command provides the accounting records related to each command entered by the users during the session and whatever the privilege level of the user.

Audit:

• Step 1: Perform the following to determine if exec mode accounting is enabled.

hostname#sh run aaa accounting | in enable

The output should look like

aaa accounting command server group name

Example:

Asa#sh run aaa accounting | in enable aaa accounting enable console cisco tacacs

Here the remote servers group name is cisco_tacacs

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding

Remediation:

Run the following in order to record exec mode session start and stop and to send them to the AAA servers

hostname(config) # aaa accounting enable console <server-group name>

Default Value:

By default, AAA accounting for administrative access is disabled.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa94/config-guides/cli/general/asa-94-general-config/aaa-local.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.1 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for enterprise assets (end-user devices, including portable and mobile, non-computing/IoT devices, and servers) and software (operating systems and applications). Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v8	4.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure Establish and maintain a secure configuration process for network devices. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v8	5.4 Restrict Administrator Privileges to Dedicated Administrator Accounts Restrict administrator privileges to dedicated administrator accounts on enterprise assets. Conduct general computing activities, such as internet browsing, email, and productivity suite use, from the user's primary, non-privileged account.	•	•	•
v7	11.3 <u>Use Automated Tools to Verify Standard Device</u> <u>Configurations and Detect Changes</u> Compare all network device configuration against approved security configurations defined for each network device in use and alert when any deviations are discovered.		•	•

1.5 Banner Rules

Rules in the banner class communicate legal rights to users.

1.5.1 Ensure 'ASDM banner' is set (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the banner message for the ASDM access

Rationale:

Configuring banner is an additional security safeguard to protect the device. In fact, banners are deterrent controls meant to discourage attackers by letting them know that their access is illegitimate and the possible consequences of going further.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following command to determine if the ASDM banner is set:

```
hostname#sh run banner asdm | i banner.asdm
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw# sh run banner asdm | in banner.asdm
banner asdm
banner asdm ------"This is the property of CIS"------
banner asdm ------Unauthorized users may be subject to prosecution-----
banner asdm
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to set the ASDM banner where eline_of_message> is a line of the banner text.

```
hostname(config)#banner asdm <line_of_message>
```

Repeat the command for each line if the banner text has several lines.

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa84/configuration/guide/asa84_cli_config/access_management.html#36060

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	17.3 Implement a Security Awareness Program Create a security awareness program for all workforce members to complete on a regular basis to ensure they understand and exhibit the necessary behaviors and skills to help ensure the security of the organization. The organization's security awareness program should be communicated in a continuous and engaging manner.	•	•	•

1.5.2 Ensure 'EXEC banner' is set (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the banner message for the access to the privileged EXEC mode

Rationale:

Configuring banner is an additional security safeguard to protect the device. In fact, banners are deterrent controls meant to discourage attackers by letting them know that their access is illegitimate and the possible consequences of going further.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following command to determine if the EXEC banner is set:

```
hostname#sh run banner exec | i banner.exec
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw# sh run banner exec | in banner.exec
banner exec
banner exec ------"This is the property of CIS"------
banner exec ------Unauthorized users may be subject to prosecution-----
banner exec
banner exec
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to set the EXEC banner where e_of_message> is a line of the banner text.

```
hostname(config)#banner exec <line_of_message>
```

Repeat the command for each line if the banner text has several lines.

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa84/configuration/guide/asa84_cli_config/access_management.html#36060

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	17.3 Implement a Security Awareness Program Create a security awareness program for all workforce members to complete on a regular basis to ensure they understand and exhibit the necessary behaviors and skills to help ensure the security of the organization. The organization's security awareness program should be communicated in a continuous and engaging manner.	•	•	•

1.5.3 Ensure 'LOGIN banner' is set (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the LOGIN banner for access to the Command Line Interface (CLI)

Rationale:

Configuring banner is an additional security safeguard to protect the device. In fact, banners are deterrent controls meant to discourage attackers by letting them know that their access is illegitimate and the possible consequences of going further.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following command to determine if the LOGIN banner is set:

```
hostname#sh run banner login | i banner.login
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw# sh run banner login | in banner.login
banner login
banner login ------"This is the property of CIS"------
banner login ------Unauthorized users may be subject to prosecution-----
banner login
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to set the LOGIN banner where eline_of_message> is a line of the banner text.

```
hostname(config)#banner login <line_of_message>
```

Repeat the command for each line if the banner text has several lines.

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa84/configuration/guide/asa84 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa84/configuration/guide/asa84 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa84/configuration/guide/asa84 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa84/configuration/guide/asa84 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa84 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa84 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa84 https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa84 <a href="https://www.cisc

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	17.3 Implement a Security Awareness Program Create a security awareness program for all workforce members to complete on a regular basis to ensure they understand and exhibit the necessary behaviors and skills to help ensure the security of the organization. The organization's security awareness program should be communicated in a continuous and engaging manner.	•	•	•

1.5.4 Ensure 'MOTD banner' is set (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the message-of-the-day (MOTD) banner for first access to the Command Line Interface (CLI).

Rationale:

Configuring banner is an additional security safeguard to protect the device. In fact, banners are deterrent controls meant to discourage attackers by letting them know that their access is illegitimate and the possible consequences of going further.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following command to determine if the MOTD banner is set:

```
hostname#sh run banner motd | i banner.motd
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw# sh run banner motd | in banner.motd banner motd banner motd banner motd ------"This is the property of CIS"------banner motd -------Unauthorized users may be subject to prosecution-----banner motd
```

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to set the MOTD banner where e_of_message> is a line of the banner text.

```
hostname(config)#banner motd <line_of_message>
```

Repeat the command for each line if the banner text has several lines.

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa84/configuration/guide/asa84_cli_config/access_management.html#36060

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	17.3 Implement a Security Awareness Program Create a security awareness program for all workforce members to complete on a regular basis to ensure they understand and exhibit the necessary behaviors and skills to help ensure the security of the organization. The organization's security awareness program should be communicated in a continuous and engaging manner.	•	•	•

1.6 SSH rules

Defines the SSH requirements

1.6.1 Ensure 'SSH source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Determines the client IP addresses that are allowed to connect to the security appliance through SSH

Rationale:

One key element of securing the network is the security of management access to the infrastructure devices. It is critical to establish the appropriate controls in order to prevent unauthorized access to infrastructure devices. One of them is permitting only authorized originators to attempt device management access. This ensures that the processing of access requests is restricted to an authorized source IP address, thus reducing the risk of unauthorized access and the exposure to other attacks, such as brute force, dictionary, or DoS attacks.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to verify if ssh access source restriction is enabled:

```
hostname# sh run ssh | i ssh_[0-9]|[0-9]|[0-9]
```

The output should look like

```
ssh source_ip source_netmask interface_name
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run ssh | i ssh_[0-9]|[0-9]|[0-9]
ssh 192.168.0.0 255.255.255.0 mgmt
```

Here the source_ip value is 192.168.0.0, the source_netmask 255.255.255.0 and the interface_name is mgmt

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to enable SSH access source restriction

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa91_general_config/admin_management.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	6.7 <u>Centralize Access Control</u> Centralize access control for all enterprise assets through a directory service or SSO provider, where supported.		•	•
v8	13.5 Manage Access Control for Remote Assets Manage access control for assets remotely connecting to enterprise resources. Determine amount of access to enterprise resources based on: up-to-date antimalware software installed, configuration compliance with the enterprise's secure configuration process, and ensuring the operating system and applications are up-to-date.		•	•
v7	11.6 <u>Use Dedicated Machines For All Network</u> Administrative Tasks Ensure network engineers use a dedicated machine for all administrative tasks or tasks requiring elevated access. This machine shall be segmented from the organization's primary network and not be allowed Internet access. This machine shall not be used for reading e-mail, composing documents, or surfing the Internet.		•	•

1.6.2 Ensure 'SSH version 2' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the SSH version to 2

Rationale:

SSH is an application running on top of a reliable transport layer, such as TCP/IP, that provides strong authentication and encryption capabilities. The ASA allows SSH connections to the ASA for management purposes. The ASA supports the SSH remote shell functionality provided in SSH Versions 1 and 2. However, SSH version is known to be a vulnerable protocol that can be exploited by attackers.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to determine whether SSH version 2 is enabled:

hostname#sh run ssh version | in 2

The output should be:

ssh version 2

 Step 2: If this output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to enable SSH version 2

hostname(config) # ssh version 2

Default Value:

By default, the security appliance allows both SSH Version 1 and Version 2

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security/asa-5500-x-series-next-generation-firewalls/118075-configure-asa-00.pdf

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.7 Ensure Remote Devices Utilize a VPN and are Connecting to an Enterprise's AAA Infrastructure Require users to authenticate to enterprise-managed VPN and authentication services prior to accessing enterprise resources on end-user devices.		•	•
v8	13.5 Manage Access Control for Remote Assets Manage access control for assets remotely connecting to enterprise resources. Determine amount of access to enterprise resources based on: up-to-date antimalware software installed, configuration compliance with the enterprise's secure configuration process, and ensuring the operating system and applications are up-to-date.		•	•
v7	11.6 <u>Use Dedicated Machines For All Network</u> Administrative Tasks Ensure network engineers use a dedicated machine for all administrative tasks or tasks requiring elevated access. This machine shall be segmented from the organization's primary network and not be allowed Internet access. This machine shall not be used for reading e-mail, composing documents, or surfing the Internet.		•	•

1.6.3 Ensure 'RSA key pair' is greater than or equal to 2048 bits (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Generates an RSA key pair used by SSH protocol of at least 2048 bits

Rationale:

Secure Shell (SSH) is a secure remote-login protocol. The ASA allows SSH connections to the ASA for management purposes and supports the SSH DES and 3DES ciphers. SSH uses a key-exchange method based on Rivest-Shamir-Adleman (RSA) public-key. Since RSA 1024-bit keys are likely to become crackable, it is recommended to have RSA keys of at least 2048 bits.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to determine whether the RSA key modulus size is equal or greater than 2048 bits.

```
hostname#sh crypto key mypubkey rsa | i _Modulus_Size_.bits.._[2-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]
```

This is an example of output where the key pair modulus size is 2048 bits:

```
Asa# sh crypto key mypubkey rsa | i _Modulus_Size_.bits.._[2-9][0-9][0-9][0-9]
9]
Modulus Size (bits): 2048
```

- Step 2: If this output is not displayed, either there is no key configured, either the
 available modulus size is less than 2048 bits. The system is not compliant. If is a
 finding.
- Step 3: Run the following to check if there is already an existing RSA key pair:

```
hostname# sh crypto key mypubkey rsa | i ^Key|^_Usage|^_Modulus
```

The example below shows that there are already created RSA key pairs but they are not compliant, since one is 1024 bits and the other 768 bits.

```
Asa# sh crypto key mypubkey rsa | i ^Key|^_Usage|^_Modulus

Key pair was generated at: 13:54:47 UTC Sep 14 2008

Key name: <Default-RSA-Key>
   Usage: General Purpose Key
   Modulus Size (bits): 1024

Key pair was generated at: 06:43:39 UTC Mar 2 2003

Key name: <Default-RSA-Key>.server
   Usage: Encryption Key
   Modulus Size (bits): 768
```

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the enterprise standard RSA key size greater or equal than 2048 bits
- Step 2: If the audit procedure revealed existing non-compliant key pairs, run the following to remove them:

```
hostname(config) #crypto key zeroize rsa
```

• Step 3: Run the following to generate compliant RSA key pair:

```
hostname(config) # crypto key generate rsa modulus <enterprise RSA key size>
```

Step 4: Run the following to save the RSA keys to persistent Flash memory

```
hostname(config) #write memory
```

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa91_general_config/admin_management.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.6.4 Ensure 'SCP protocol' is set to Enable for files transfers (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

• Level 2

Description:

Enables Secure Copy protocol

Rationale:

FTP and TFTP are protocols that transfer data in clear text across the network and thus are vulnerable to packet sniffing. Files and mostly configuration files should be transferred using secure protocols such as HTTPS or SCP.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following command to determine

hostname# sh run ssh | grep scopy

Example:

```
Corp-FW# sh run ssh | grep scopy ssh scopy enable
```

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to enable secure copy

```
hostname(config)# ssh scopy enable
```

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa91_general_config/admin_swconfig.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.6 <u>Securely Manage Enterprise Assets and Software</u> Securely manage enterprise assets and software. Example implementations include managing configuration through version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code and accessing administrative interfaces over secure network protocols, such as Secure Shell (SSH) and Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS). Do not use insecure management protocols, such as Telnet (Teletype Network) and HTTP, unless operationally essential.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.6.5 Ensure 'Telnet' is disabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Disables the telnet access to the security appliance in the case it has been configured

Rationale:

Telnet is an unsecure protocol as username and password are conveyed in clear text during the administrator authentication and can be retrieved through network sniffing.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to verify if telnet access is enabled:

```
hostname# sh run telnet | i telnet_[0-9]|[0-9]|[0-9]
```

The output should look like

```
telnet source_ip source_netmask interface_name
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run telnet | i telnet_[0-9]|[0-9]|[0-9]
telnet 192.168.0.0 255.255.255.0 mgmt
telnet timeout 15
```

Here the source_ip value is 192.168.0.0, the source_netmask 255.255.255.0 and the interface_name is mgmt

• Step 2: If this output is displayed, the system is not compliant. It is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to remove the telnet access

```
hostname(config) #no telnet 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 <interface_name>
```

References:

1. https://www.networkstraining.com/disable-telnet-enable-ssh-cisco-devices/

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.6 <u>Securely Manage Enterprise Assets and Software</u> Securely manage enterprise assets and software. Example implementations include managing configuration through version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code and accessing administrative interfaces over secure network protocols, such as Secure Shell (SSH) and Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS). Do not use insecure management protocols, such as Telnet (Teletype Network) and HTTP, unless operationally essential.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.7 HTTP rules

Defines the HTTP requirements

1.7.1 Ensure 'HTTP source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Determines the client IP addresses that are allowed to connect to the security appliance through HTTP

Rationale:

One key element of securing the network is the security of management access to the infrastructure devices. It is critical to establish the appropriate controls in order to prevent unauthorized access to infrastructure devices. One of them is permitting only authorized originators to attempt device management access. This ensures that the processing of access requests is restricted to an authorized source IP address, thus reducing the risk of unauthorized access and the exposure to other attacks, such as brute force, dictionary, or DoS attacks.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to verify if http access source restriction is enabled:

```
hostname# sh run http | i http_[0-9]|[0-9]|[0-9]
```

The output should look like

```
http source_ip source_netmask interface_name
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run http | i http_[0-9]|[0-9]|[0-9]
http 192.168.0.0 255.255.255.0 mgmt
```

Here the source_ip value is 192.168.0.0, the source_netmask 255.255.255.0 and the interface_name is mgmt

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to enable HTTP access source restriction

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa91_general_config/admin_management.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.6 <u>Securely Manage Enterprise Assets and Software</u> Securely manage enterprise assets and software. Example implementations include managing configuration through version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code and accessing administrative interfaces over secure network protocols, such as Secure Shell (SSH) and Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS). Do not use insecure management protocols, such as Telnet (Teletype Network) and HTTP, unless operationally essential.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.7.2 Ensure 'TLS 1.2' or greater is set for HTTPS access (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enable SSL server version to TLS 1.2

Rationale:

Given that the network may be prone to sniffing, the HTTP access to the security appliance must be secured with SSL or TLS protocols. The latest version of SSL that is SSL v3 is now inclined to many vulnerabilities and systems should use at least TLS 1.2 as SSL server version.

Audit:

 Step 1: For Software version 8.x, run the following to check that AES 256 algorithm is enabled

hostname#sh run ssl | in encryption.aes256-sha1\$

Example:

```
Corp_fw#sh run ssl | in encryption.aes256-sha1$
ssl encryption aes256-sha1
```

For Software version 9.x, run the following to check that AES 256 algorithm is enabled

hostname#sh run ssl | in custom "AES256-SHA"\$

Example:

```
Corp_fw#sh run ssl | in custom_"AES256-SHA"$
ssl cipher tlsv1.2 custom "AES256-SHA"
```

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

For version 8.x, run the following command to enable AES 256 algorithm

```
hostname(config) # ssl encryption aes256-sha1
```

For version 9.x, run the following command to enable AES 256 algorithm

hostname(config)# ssl cipher tlsv1.2

References:

1. https://www.jaacostan.com/2018/03/cisco-asa-disable-sslv3-and-configure.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.6 <u>Securely Manage Enterprise Assets and Software</u> Securely manage enterprise assets and software. Example implementations include managing configuration through version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code and accessing administrative interfaces over secure network protocols, such as Secure Shell (SSH) and Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS). Do not use insecure management protocols, such as Telnet (Teletype Network) and HTTP, unless operationally essential.	•	•	•
v7	14.4 Encrypt All Sensitive Information in Transit Encrypt all sensitive information in transit.		•	•

1.7.3 Ensure 'SSL AES 256 encryption' is set for HTTPS access (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the SSL encryption algorithm to AES 256

Rationale:

Given that the network may be prone to sniffing, the HTTP access to the security appliance must be secured with SSL or TLS protocols. A secure encryption algorithm must be used.

Audit:

 Step 1: For Software version 9.x, run the following to check that AES 256 algorithm is enabled

```
hostname#sh run ssl | in custom "AES256-SHA"$
```

Example:

```
Corp_fw#sh run ssl | in custom_"AES256-SHA"$
ssl cipher tlsv1.2 custom "AES256-SHA"
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

For version 9.x, run the following command to enable AES 256 algorithm

```
hostname(config) # ssl cipher tlsv1.2 custom AES256-SHA
```

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asage-90-cli-config/vpn_ike.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.6 <u>Securely Manage Enterprise Assets and Software</u> Securely manage enterprise assets and software. Example implementations include managing configuration through version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code and accessing administrative interfaces over secure network protocols, such as Secure Shell (SSH) and Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS). Do not use insecure management protocols, such as Telnet (Teletype Network) and HTTP, unless operationally essential.	•	•	•
v7	14.4 Encrypt All Sensitive Information in Transit Encrypt all sensitive information in transit.		•	•

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Sets the idle timeout values

1.8.1 Ensure 'console session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

• Level 1

Description:

Sets the idle timeout for a console session before the security appliance terminates it.

Rationale:

Limiting session timeout prevents unauthorized users from using abandoned sessions to perform malicious activities.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following command to show what the console timeout is set to

```
hostname#sh run console | in timeout.5
```

The output should look like

```
console timeout 5
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw#sh run console | in timeout.5 console timeout 5
```

Here the session timeout is 5 minutes

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

 Step 1: Run the following command to set the console timeout to less than or equal to 5 minutes

```
hostname(config) # console timeout 5
```

Default Value:

The default timeout is 0, which means the console session will not time out.

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa91_general_config/admin_management.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.3 Configure Automatic Session Locking on Enterprise Assets Configure automatic session locking on enterprise assets after a defined period of inactivity. For general purpose operating systems, the period must not exceed 15 minutes. For mobile end-user devices, the period must not exceed 2 minutes.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.8.2 Ensure 'SSH session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

• Level 1

Description:

Sets the idle timeout for an SSH session before the security appliance terminates it.

Rationale:

Limiting session timeout prevents unauthorized users from using abandoned sessions to perform malicious activities.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to verify the required timeout is configured:

```
hostname#sh run ssh | in timeout.5
```

The output should look like

```
ssh timeout 5
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run ssh | in timeout.5 ssh timeout 5
```

Here the session timeout is 5 minutes

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

Step 1: Run the following to set the SSH timeout to 5 minutes

```
hostname(config) # ssh timeout 5
```

Default Value:

The default session timeout value is 5 minutes.

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa91_general_config/admin_management.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.3 Configure Automatic Session Locking on Enterprise Assets Configure automatic session locking on enterprise assets after a defined period of inactivity. For general purpose operating systems, the period must not exceed 15 minutes. For mobile end-user devices, the period must not exceed 2 minutes.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.8.3 Ensure 'HTTP idle timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

• Level 1

Description:

Sets the timeout for an HTTP session idle before the security appliance terminates it.

Rationale:

Limiting session idle timeout prevents unauthorized users from using abandoned sessions to perform malicious activities.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to verify the required timeout is configured:

```
hostname#sh run http | in idle-timeout.5
```

The output should look like

```
http server idle-timeout 5
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run http | in idle-timeout.5
http server idle-timeout 5
```

Here the session-timeout is 5 minutes

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

 Step 1: Run the following to set the HTTP timeout to less than or equal to 5 minutes

```
hostname(config) # http server idle-timeout 5
```

Default Value:

The default session timeout value is 20 minutes.

References:

http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa82/configuration/guide/config/intro.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.3 Configure Automatic Session Locking on Enterprise Assets Configure automatic session locking on enterprise assets after a defined period of inactivity. For general purpose operating systems, the period must not exceed 15 minutes. For mobile end-user devices, the period must not exceed 2 minutes.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.9 Clock rules

Sets the device time

1.9.1 NTP rules

Defines the NTP requirements

1.9.1.1 Ensure 'NTP authentication' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables NTP authentication in order to receive time information only from trusted sources

Rationale:

When authentication is not enabled, attackers can disguise as NTP servers and broadcast wrong time and it will be difficult to correlate events upon an incident. In some other cases, attackers can perform NTP DDoS attacks such as NTP Amplification.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following command to check whether NTP authentication is enabled

hostname#sh run ntp | in authenticate

Example:

Asa-fw#sh run ntp | in authenticate ntp authenticate

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to enable NTP authentication

hostname(config) #ntp authenticate

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa96/configuration/general/asa-96-general-config/basic-hostname-pw.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.4 <u>Standardize Time Synchronization</u> Standardize time synchronization. Configure at least two synchronized time sources across enterprise assets, where supported.		•	•
v8	12.6 <u>Use of Secure Network Management and Communication Protocols</u> Use secure network management and communication protocols (e.g., 802.1X, Wi-Fi Protected Access 2 (WPA2) Enterprise or greater).		•	•
v7	6.1 <u>Utilize Three Synchronized Time Sources</u> Use at least three synchronized time sources from which all servers and network devices retrieve time information on a regular basis so that timestamps in logs are consistent.		•	•

1.9.1.2 Ensure 'NTP authentication key' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

• Level 1

Description:

Sets the key used to authenticate NTP servers

Rationale:

When authentication is not enabled, attackers can disguise as NTP servers and broadcast wrong time and it will be difficult to correlate events upon an incident. In some other cases, attackers can perform NTP DDoS attacks such as NTP Amplification.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following command to check whether the NTP key is configured

hostname#sh run ntp | in authentication-key

Example

```
Asa-fw#sh run ntp | in authentication-key ntp authentication-key 11 md5 *****
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Step 1: Run the following to set the authentication key ID <key_id>

```
hostname(config)# ntp trusted-key <key_id>
```

 Step 2: Run the following to configure the authentication key <authentication_key>

hostname(config) # ntp authentication-key <key id> md5 <authentication key>

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa96/configuration/general/asa-96-qeneral-config/basic-hostname-pw.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.4 <u>Standardize Time Synchronization</u> Standardize time synchronization. Configure at least two synchronized time sources across enterprise assets, where supported.		•	•
v8	12.6 <u>Use of Secure Network Management and Communication Protocols</u> Use secure network management and communication protocols (e.g., 802.1X, Wi-Fi Protected Access 2 (WPA2) Enterprise or greater).		•	•
v7	16.4 Encrypt or Hash all Authentication Credentials Encrypt or hash with a salt all authentication credentials when stored.		•	•

1.9.1.3 Ensure 'trusted NTP server' exists (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets a NTP server for which authentication is enabled in order to receive time information

Rationale:

When authentication is not enabled, attackers can disguise as NTP servers and broadcast wrong time and it will be difficult to correlate events upon an incident. In some other cases, attackers can perform NTP DDoS attacks such as NTP Amplification. The trusted NTP server will be authenticated through the NTP authentication key.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following command to check whether a trusted NTP server is configured

```
hostname#sh run ntp | in [0-5] key
```

Example

```
Asa-fw#sh run ntp | in [0-5]_key
ntp server 10.140.1.100 key 11 source mgmt
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the authentication key ID <key_id>, the IP address of the NTP server <ip_address> and the interface <interface_name> used by the appliance to communicate with the NTP server.
- Step 2: Run the following to configure the trusted NTP server

```
hostname(config) # ntp server <ip_address> key <key_id> source <interface_name>
```

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa96/configuration/general/asa-96-general-config/basic-hostname-pw.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.4 <u>Standardize Time Synchronization</u> Standardize time synchronization. Configure at least two synchronized time sources across enterprise assets, where supported.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.9.2 Ensure 'local timezone' is properly configured (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the local time zone information so that the time displayed by the ASA is more relevant to those who are viewing it.

Rationale:

Having a correct time set on a Cisco ASA is important for two main reasons. The first reason is that digital certificates compare this time to the range defined by their Valid From and Valid To fields to define a specific validity period. The second reason is to have a relevant time stamps when logging information. Whether you are sending messages to a syslog server, sending messages to an SNMP monitoring station, or performing packet captures, time stamps have little usefulness if you cannot be certain of their accuracy.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire standard zone name (enterprise_zone_name) used by the enterprise (GMT, UTC, EDT, PST)
- Step 2: Run the following to check if the required value is configured

```
hostname#sh run clock | in <enterprise zone name>
```

The output should look like

```
clock timezone enterprise zone name local offset
```

Example:

```
Asa# sh run clock | in EDT clock timezone EDT 1
```

Here the enterprise_zone_name is EDT and the local offset is 1

• Step 3: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire standard zone name (enterprise_zone_name) used by the enterprise (GMT, UTC, EDT, PST)
- Step 2: Run the following to configure the required value

hostname(config) # clock timezone <enterprise zone name> <local offset>

Default Value:

By default, the time zone is UTC

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa96/configuration/general/asa-96-general-config/basic-hostname-pw.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.4 <u>Standardize Time Synchronization</u> Standardize time synchronization. Configure at least two synchronized time sources across enterprise assets, where supported.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.10 Logging Rules

Rules in the logging class enforce controls that provide a record of system activity and events.

1.10.1 Ensure 'logging' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables logging

Rationale:

Logging is fundamental for audit requirements and incident management and should be enabled on any business critical system storing or conveying information

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to check if logging is enabled

hostname# sh run logging | in enable

Example:

Dc-fw-01# sh run logging | in enable logging enable

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to enable logging

hostname(config) #logging enable>

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security/pix-500-series-security-appliances/63884-config-asa-00.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.2 Collect Audit Logs Collect audit logs. Ensure that logging, per the enterprise's audit log management process, has been enabled across enterprise assets.	•	•	•

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3	
v7	6.2 <u>Activate audit logging</u> Ensure that local logging has been enabled on all systems and networking devices.	•	•	•	

1.10.2 Ensure 'logging to monitor' is disabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Disables the logging to monitor

Rationale:

The ASA by default send logs to monitor for Telnet and SSH sessions. The logs messages will continuously scroll on the monitor after the "Terminal Monitor" command is issued. This consumes a lot of resources causing high CPU usage and should be avoided.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to check if the logging monitor is enabled

hostname# sh run logging | grep monitor

Example:

asa-fw-2# sh run logging | grep monitor
logging monitor debugging

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is not compliant. It is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to disable the logging monitor

hostname(config) #no logging monitor

Default Value:

The logging monitor is disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security/pix-500-series-security-appliances/63884-config-asa-00.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.2 <u>Collect Audit Logs</u> Collect audit logs. Ensure that logging, per the enterprise's audit log management process, has been enabled across enterprise assets.	•	•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.10.3 Ensure 'syslog hosts' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the SNMP notification recipient or the NMS or SNMP manager that can connect to the ASA.

Rationale:

Syslog messages are an invaluable tool for accounting, monitoring, and routine troubleshooting. Logging to a central syslog server is a method of collecting messages from devices to a server running a syslog daemon. This helps in aggregation of logs and alerts. This form of logging provides protected long-term storage for logs, since are also useful in incident handling.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to check whether the Syslog host is configured:

```
hostname#sh run logging | i host
```

The output should look like:

```
logging host interface name host ip address
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run logging | i host logging host mgmt 10.7.26.5
```

Here the interface name is mgmt, the Syslog server IP address is 10.7.26.5

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to configure the Syslog server

```
hostname(config)# logging host <interface_name> <host_ip_address>
```

Default Value:

The syslog server is not configured by default.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security/pix-500-series-security-appliances/63884-config-asa-00.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.2 <u>Collect Audit Logs</u> Collect audit logs. Ensure that logging, per the enterprise's audit log management process, has been enabled across enterprise assets.	•	•	•
v8	8.8 Collect Command-Line Audit Logs Collect command-line audit logs. Example implementations include collecting audit logs from PowerShell®, BASH™, and remote administrative terminals.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.10.4 Ensure 'logging with the device ID' is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Includes the device ID in the logs generated

Rationale:

In an environment where logs are collected from many different sources, identifying the logs from a specific device is alleviated by doing a query including the device's hostname included in the logs and helps to quickly gather the expected results.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to check if logging is enabled with the device id.

hostname# sh run logging | in device-id

Example:

Dc-fw-01# sh run logging | in device-id logging device-id hostname

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to enable logging with the device hostname:

hostname (config) #logging device-id hostname

In a multi-context security appliance, run the following command:

 $\verb|hostname| (\verb|config|) # logging device-id context-name|$

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa95/configuration/general/asa-95-general-config/monitor-syslog.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.2 Collect Audit Logs Collect audit logs. Ensure that logging, per the enterprise's audit log management process, has been enabled across enterprise assets.	•	•	•
v8	8.8 Collect Command-Line Audit Logs Collect command-line audit logs. Example implementations include collecting audit logs from PowerShell®, BASH™, and remote administrative terminals.		•	•
v7	6.2 Activate audit logging Ensure that local logging has been enabled on all systems and networking devices.	•	•	•

1.10.5 Ensure 'logging history severity level' is set to greater than or equal to '5' (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Determines which syslog messages should be sent to the SNMP server.

Rationale:

Syslog messages are an invaluable tool for accounting, monitoring, and routine troubleshooting. They can be sent as SNMP traps to an SNMP server. This provides an additional method for the events to be viewed in real time and a backup method to Syslog servers in case there is an issue with the Syslog protocol.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to verify the required severity level is configured:

```
hostname# sh run logging | in history.5
```

The output should look like

logging history 5

Example:

```
Asa-fw# sh run | in history.information logging history informational
```

Here the level is set to notification

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

Step 1: Run the following command to set the logging level to 5:

```
hostname(config) # logging history 5
```

The severity level can be chosen between 0 and 7

Default Value:

The device does not log to simple network management protocol (SNMP) servers by default.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa95/configuration/general/asa-95-general-config/monitor-syslog.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.1 Establish and Maintain an Audit Log Management Process Establish and maintain an audit log management process that defines the enterprise's logging requirements. At a minimum, address the collection, review, and retention of audit logs for enterprise assets. Review and update documentation annually, or when significant enterprise changes occur that could impact this Safeguard.	•	•	•
v7	6.3 Enable Detailed Logging Enable system logging to include detailed information such as an event source, date, user, timestamp, source addresses, destination addresses, and other useful elements.		•	•

1.10.6 Ensure 'logging with timestamps' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Allows the timestamp to logs generated

Rationale:

Enabling timestamps, to mark the generation time of log messages, reduces the complexity of correlating events and tracing network attacks across multiple devices by providing a holistic view of events thus enabling faster troubleshooting of issues and analysis of incidents.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to check if the timestamp is enabled

hostname# sh run logging | grep timestamp

Example:

asa-fw-2# sh run logging | grep timestamp
logging timestamp

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to enable the logging timestamp

hostname(config) #logging timestamp

Default Value:

By default, syslog messages do not include timestamp

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa95/configuration/general/asa-95-general-config/monitor-syslog.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.5 Collect Detailed Audit Logs Configure detailed audit logging for enterprise assets containing sensitive data. Include event source, date, username, timestamp, source addresses, destination addresses, and other useful elements that could assist in a forensic investigation.		•	•
v7	6.3 Enable Detailed Logging Enable system logging to include detailed information such as an event source, date, user, timestamp, source addresses, destination addresses, and other useful elements.		•	•

1.10.7 Ensure 'logging buffer size' is greater than or equal to '524288' bytes (512kb) (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Determines the size of the local buffer in which the logs are stored so that they can be checked by the administrator.

Rationale:

The internal log buffer serves as a temporary storage location. New messages are appended to the end of the list. When the buffer is full, that is, when the buffer wraps, old messages are overwritten as new messages are generated. The internal log buffer allows the administrator performing a health check on the system to locally have the last logs generated.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to verify the required buffer size is configured:

```
hostname# sh run logging | in buffer-size.524288
```

The output should look like

logging buffer-size 524288

Example:

```
Asa# sh run | in buffer-size.524288 logging buffer-size 524288
```

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

• Step 1: Run the following command to set the logging buffer-size to 524288

The size is in bytes and is to be chosen between 4096 and 1048576 bytes

hostname(config) # logging buffer-size 524288

Default Value:

The default size is 4kB.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa95/configuration/general/asa-95-general-config/monitor-syslog.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.5 Collect Detailed Audit Logs Configure detailed audit logging for enterprise assets containing sensitive data. Include event source, date, username, timestamp, source addresses, destination addresses, and other useful elements that could assist in a forensic investigation.		•	•
v7	6.4 Ensure adequate storage for logs Ensure that all systems that store logs have adequate storage space for the logs generated.		•	•

1.10.8 Ensure 'logging buffered severity level' is greater than or equal to '3' (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Determines which syslog messages should be temporary stored in the local buffer so they can be checked by the administrator

Rationale:

The internal log buffer serves as a temporary storage location, thus allowing the administrator performing a health check on the system to locally have the last logs generated. Given that the size of the buffer is limited, it is better to have a specific set of syslog messages to be kept therein.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to verify the required severity level is configured:

```
hostname# sh run logging | in buffered.3
```

The output should look like

```
logging buffered 3
```

Example:

```
Asa# sh run | in buffered.3 logging buffered 3
```

Here the level is notification

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

• Step 1: Run the following command to set the Logging Buffered to greater than or equal to 3:

```
hostname(config) # logging buffered 3
```

The severity level can be chosen between 0 through 7

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa95/configuration/general/asa-95-general-config/monitor-syslog.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.5 Collect Detailed Audit Logs Configure detailed audit logging for enterprise assets containing sensitive data. Include event source, date, username, timestamp, source addresses, destination addresses, and other useful elements that could assist in a forensic investigation.		•	•
v7	6.3 Enable Detailed Logging Enable system logging to include detailed information such as an event source, date, user, timestamp, source addresses, destination addresses, and other useful elements.		•	•

1.10.9 Ensure 'logging trap severity level' is greater than or equal to '5' (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Determines which syslog messages should be sent to the syslog server.

Rationale:

Syslog messages are an invaluable tool for accounting, monitoring, and routine troubleshooting. Logging to a central syslog server is a method of collecting messages from devices to a server running a syslog daemon. This helps in aggregation of logs and alerts. This form of logging provides protected long-term storage for logs, since are also useful in incident handling.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to verify the required severity level is configured:

```
hostname# sh run logging | in trap.5
```

The output should look like

```
logging trap 5
```

Example:

```
Asa# sh run | in trap.5 logging trap 5
```

Here the level is notification

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

Step 1: Run the following command to verify logging trap is equal to 5:

```
hostname(config) # logging trap 5
```

The severity level can be chosen between 0 and 7

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa_91_general_config/monitor_syslog.htmll

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.5 Collect Detailed Audit Logs Configure detailed audit logging for enterprise assets containing sensitive data. Include event source, date, username, timestamp, source addresses, destination addresses, and other useful elements that could assist in a forensic investigation.		•	•
v7	6.3 Enable Detailed Logging Enable system logging to include detailed information such as an event source, date, user, timestamp, source addresses, destination addresses, and other useful elements.		•	•

1.10.10 Ensure email logging is configured for critical to emergency (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables logs to be sent to an email recipient for critical to emergency logs' severity levels

Rationale:

In some cases, the notifications of the Syslog server or the NMS system can be delayed by the time taken to process the logs and build the reports. Some system's events require an immediate intervention of the administrator and it in this case, the logs generated should be directly sent to the administrator email address.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to check if the email logging is enabled.

hostname# sh run logging | in mail

Example:

```
Dc-fw-01# sh run logging | in mail logging mail critical
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

 Step 1: Run the following to enable email logging for logs with severity level from critical and above (critical, alert and emergency)

hostname(config) #logging mail critical

 Step 2: Obtain from the mail server administrator to create an firewall email account <firewall_email_account> and run the following to enable the account as email source address in the firewall

hostname(config) #logging from-address <firewall email account>

 Step 3: Acquire the firewall administrator email account <firewall_admin_email> and run the following for the security appliance to send logs to its administrator email account hostname(config) #logging recipient-address <firewall admin email>

• Step 4: Obtain from the mail server administrator the mail server IP address <mail_server_ip> and run the following to configure it in the firewall

hostname(config) #smtp-server <mail server ip>

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/general/asa_91_general_config/monitor_syslog.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	8.9 <u>Centralize Audit Logs</u> Centralize, to the extent possible, audit log collection and retention across enterprise assets.		•	•
v8	8.10 Retain Audit Logs Retain audit logs across enterprise assets for a minimum of 90 days.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.11 SNMP Rules

Rules in the simple network management protocol class (SNMP) enforce secure network management and monitoring of the device.

1.11.1 Ensure 'snmp-server group' is set to 'v3 priv' (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the SNMP v3 group with authentication and privacy

Rationale:

SNMP Version 3 provides security enhancements that are not available in SNMP Version 1 or SNMP Version 2c. SNMP Versions 1 and 2c transmit data between the SNMP server and SNMP agent in clear text. SNMP Version 3 adds authentication and privacy options to secure protocol operations.

For configuration purposes, the authentication and privacy options are grouped together into security models. Security models apply to users and groups, and are divided into the following three types:

- NoAuthPriv—No Authentication and No Privacy, which means that no security is applied to messages.
- AuthNoPriv—Authentication but No Privacy, which means that messages are authenticated.
- AuthPriv—Authentication and Privacy, which means that messages are authenticated and encrypted.

It is recommended that packets should be authenticated and encrypted

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to check if the SNMP group includes packet authentication and encryption

```
hostname# sh run snmp-server group | i v3.priv
```

The output should look like:

```
snmp-server group_name> v3 priv
```

Example:

```
sa# sh run snmp-server group | i v3.priv
snmp-server group v3 asagroup priv
```

Here the SNMP v3 group name is asagroup. The keyword 'priv' ensures that the SNMP packets will be authenticated and encrypted

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to configure the SNMP v3 group.

hostname(config) # snmp-server group <group_name> v3 priv

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa_90_cli_config/monitor_snmp.html#37189

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.5 Centralize Network Authentication, Authorization, and Auditing (AAA) Centralize network AAA.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.11.2 Ensure 'snmp-server user' is set to 'v3 auth SHA' (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the SNMP v3 user with SHA authentication and AES-256 encryption

Rationale:

SNMP users have a specified username, a group to which the user belongs, authentication password, encryption password, and authentication and encryption algorithms to use. The authentication algorithm options are MD5 and SHA. The encryption algorithm options are DES, 3DES, and AES (which is available in 128, 192, and 256 versions).

It is recommended to use SHA algorithm for authentication and AES-256 for encryption

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following to check if there is an SNMP v3 user with SHA authentication

hostname#sh run snmp-server user | i auth.SHA

The output should look like:

snmp-server user XXXXX Authentication_Encryption v3 engineID YYYYY encrypted auth sha ZZZZZ priv aes 256 WWWWW

Example:

sa#sh run snmp-server user | i auth.SHA snmp-server user XXXXX Authentication_Encryption v3 engineID YYYYY encrypted auth sha ZZZZZ priv aes 256 WWWWW

Here the SNMP v3 user is asauser in the group asagroup. The authentication algorithm is SHA and xxxxxxx is the authentication password.

- Step 2: If an output is displayed, go to the step 3. If not, there is a finding. The remediation procedure should be applied
- Step 3: Acquire the SNMP username identified in step 1 configured for SHA authentication
- Step 4: Run the following to check that the identified user is also configured for AES-256 encryption

hostname#sh run snmp-server user | i priv.AES.256

The output should look like:

snmp-server user snmp_user group-name v3 auth SHA authentication_password
priv AES 256 encryption password

Example:

Asa#sh run snmp-server user | i priv.AES.256 snmp-server user asagroup v3 auth SHA xxxxxxx priv AES 256 YYYYYYYYY

Here, for the SNMP v3 user 'asauser', the encryption algorithm is AES-256 and yyyyyyyy is the encryption password.

• Step 5: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding. The remediation procedure should be applied

Remediation:

Run the following:

hostname(config)#snmp-server user <snmp_username> <group-name> v3 auth SHA <authentication_password> priv AES 256 <encryption_password>

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa_90_cli_config/monitor_snmp.html#56907

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.11.3 Ensure 'snmp-server host' is set to 'version 3' (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the SNMP notification recipient or the NMS or SNMP manager that can connect to the ASA.

Rationale:

An SNMP host is an IP address to which SNMP notifications and traps are sent or which can send requests (polling) to the security appliance. To configure SNMP Version 3 hosts, along with the target IP address, the SNMP username must be provided, because traps are only sent to a configured user. It is an additional access control.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to check whether the SNMP host is configured:

```
hostname#sh run snmp-server host | i version.3
```

The output should look like:

```
snmp-server host interface_name host_ip_address version 3 snmp_user
```

Example:

```
Asa#sh run snmp-server host | i version.3 snmp-server host mgmt 10.7.26.5 version 3 asauser
```

Here the interface name is mgmt, the host IP address is 10.7.26.5 and the SNMP user is assuser

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to configure the SNMP v3 host

```
hostname(config) # snmp-server host <interface_name> <host_ip_address> version
3 <snmp_user>
```

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asaa90 a 90 cli config/monitor snmp.html#37189

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.11.4 Ensure 'SNMP traps' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables SNMP traps to be sent to the NMS

Rationale:

The purpose of the SNMP service is to monitor in real time the events occurring on systems in order to meet the security requirement of availability of systems and services. The traps are SNMP notifications sent to the NMS and should be enabled in order to be sent and processed by the NMS. The NMS will then provide a comprehensive aggregation and reporting of events generated, thus helping administrator.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following command to determine if SNMP traps are enabled

```
hostname# sh run all | in traps.snmp
```

Example:

```
asa-dc# sh run all | in traps.snmp
snmp-server enable traps snmp authentication linkup linkdown coldstart
```

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to enable SNMP traps

```
hostname(config) # snmp-server enable traps snmp authentication
hostname(config) # snmp-server enable traps snmp coldstart
hostname(config) # snmp-server enable traps snmp linkdown
hostname(config) # snmp-server enable traps snmp linkup
```

Default Value:

By default, only syslog traps are enabled

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa90 a 90 cli config/monitor snmp.html#52733

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

1.11.5 Ensure 'SNMP community string' is not the default string (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets a SNMP community string different from the default one

Rationale:

The SNMP community string is a key used both by the security appliance and the NMS server. The security appliance accepts or rejects the requests from the NMS is a valid key is submitted.

From version 8.2(1) and above, for each community string, there are two SNMP server groups created, one for version 1 and another for version 2C. The default SNMP community string is public and can be used by an attacker to collect unauthorized information from the ASA and hence should be changed.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following command to check whether the default SNMP community string is configured

```
hostname# show snmp-server group | in _public
```

Example:

```
Corp-FW# show snmp-server group
groupname: public
                                           security model:v1
readview : <no readview specified>
                                           writeview: <no writeview
notifyview: <no readview specified>
row status: active
groupname: public
                                           security model:v2c
readview : <no readview specified>
                                           writeview: <no writeview
specified>
notifyview: *<no readview specified>
row status: active
Corp-FW#show snmp-server group | in public
groupname: public
                                           security model:v1
groupname: public
                                           security model:v2c
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is not compliant, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to configure the SNMP community string

hostname(config) #snmp-server community <snmp_community_string>

In a multi-context environment, run the same command in the context.

Default Value:

The default community string is public.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa-90-cli-config/monitor-snmp.html#52733

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

2 Control Plane

The control plane covers routing table updates, the traffic directed to the security appliance and generally the dynamic operation of the firewall. Network control protocols like ICMP, ARP, IGMP directed to or sent by the firewall itself also fall into this area.

2.1 Routing protocols authentication	
Defines the routing protocols security requirement	t

2.1.1 Ensure 'OSPF authentication' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Enables the authentication of OSPF neighbor before routing information is received from the neighbor

Rationale:

Enabling the routing protocol authentication prevents against attackers who can send wrong routing information in order to redirect traffic to their network or send malformed packets in order to saturate and to exhaust the control plane.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following command to check if the OSPF protocol is enabled

hostname#sh run | in router.ospf

Example:

```
Asa-fw#sh run | in router.ospf router ospf 5
```

- Step 2: If an output is displayed, OSPF is enabled. Go to Step 3. If there is no output, OSPF is not enabled and the recommendation is not applicable.
- Step 3: Run the following to check whether OSPF authentication is enabled

```
hostname#sh run | in ospf.message-digest-key
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw#sh run | in ospf.message-digest-key ospf message-digest-key *****
```

Step 4: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the interface <interface_name> used by the firewall to receive OSPF routing updates and the area ID <area_id>
- Step 2: Agree with the neighbor device on the authencation key <key_value> and determine an authentication key ID <key_id>
- Step 3: Run the following to enable OSPF authentication

```
hostname(config)#interface <interface_name>
hostname(config-if)#ospf authentication message-digest
hostname(config-if)#ospf message-digest-key <key_id> md5 <key_value>
hostname(config-if)#exit
hostname(config)#area <area_id> authentication message-digest
```

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa95/configuration/general/asa-95-general-config/route-ospf.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.5 Centralize Network Authentication, Authorization, and Auditing (AAA) Centralize network AAA.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

2.1.2 Ensure 'EIGRP authentication' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Enables the authentication of EIGRP neighbor before routing information is received from the neighbor

Rationale:

Enabling the routing protocol authentication prevents against attackers who can send wrong routing information in order to redirect traffic to their network or send malformed packets in order to saturate and to exhaust the control plane.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following command to check if the EIGRP protocol is enabled

hostname#sh run | in router.eigrp

Example:

Asa-fw#sh run | in router.eigrp router eigrp 200

- Step 2: If an output is displayed, EIGRP is enabled. Go to Step 3. If there is no output, EIGRP is not enabled and the recommendation is not applicable.
- Step 3: Run the following to check whether EIGRP authentication is enabled

hostname#sh run | in authentication.key.eigrp

Example:

Asa-fw#sh run | in authentication.key.eigrp authentication key eigrp 200 **** key-id 11

Step 4: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the interface <interface_name> used by the firewall to receive EIGRP routing updates and the EIGRP Autonomous System number <as_number>
- Step 2: Agree with the neighbor device on the authencation key <key_value> and determine an authentication key ID <key_id>
- Step 3: Run the following to enable RIP authentication

hostname(config)#interface <interface_name>
hostname(config-if)#authentication mode eigrp <as_number> md5
hostname(config-if)#authentication key eigrp <as_number> <key_value> key-id
<key id>

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa95/configuration/general/asa-95-general-config/route-eigrp.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.5 Centralize Network Authentication, Authorization, and Auditing (AAA) Centralize network AAA.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

2.1.3 Ensure 'BGP authentication' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

BGP is an inter and intra autonomous system routing protocol. An autonomous system is a network or group of networks under a common administration and with common routing policies. BGP is used to exchange routing information for the Internet and is the protocol used between Internet service providers (ISP).

Rationale:

Customer networks, such as universities and corporations, usually employ an Interior Gateway Protocol (IGP) such as OSPF for the exchange of routing information within their networks. Customers connect to ISPs, and ISPs use BGP to exchange customer and ISP routes. When BGP is used between autonomous systems (AS), the protocol is referred to as External BGP (EBGP). If a service provider is using BGP to exchange routes within an AS, then the protocol is referred to as Interior BGP (IBGP).

BGP can also be used for carrying routing information for IPv6 prefix over IPv6 networks

Audit:

asa fw#(config)show run | inc bgp

If no BGP is used this is not a finding

Remediation:

Step 1

Enable BGP.

Step 2

Define the Best Path for a BGP Routing Process.

Step 3

Configure Policy Lists.

Step 4

Configure AS Path Filters.

Step 5

Configure Community Rules.

Step 6

Configure IPv4 Address Family Settings.

Step 7

Configure IPv6 Address Family Settings.

```
ciscoasa#(config)router bgp 2
ciscoasa(config-router)# bgp default local-preference 500
ciscoasa(config)# policy-list Example-policy-list1 permit
ciscoasa(config)# as-path access-list 35 permit testaspath
ciscoasa(config)# community-list standard excomm1 permit 100 internet no-
advertise no-export
ciscoasa(config-router-af)# bgp router-id 10.86.118.3
ciscoasa(config-router-af) aggregate-address 10.86.118.0 255.255.255.0 as-set
summary-only suppress-map example1 advertise-map example1
```

Default Value:

not enabled

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa95/configuration/general/asa-95-general-config/route-bgp.html

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v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.5 Centralize Network Authentication, Authorization, and Auditing (AAA) Centralize network AAA.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

2.2 Ensure 'noproxyarp' is enabled for untrusted interfaces (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Disables the Proxy-ARP function on untrusted interfaces

Rationale:

The ASA replies to ARP requests performed to IP addresses belonging to its interfaces' subnets and also to global IP addresses in some NAT configurations. Where the appliance is not asked to be a proxy for ARP requests, the Proxy-ARP function should be disabled especially on untrusted interfaces since attackers can act as legitimate devices by spoofing their IP addresses, perform ARP requests thus receiving packets intended to them.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the name of the untrusted interface <untrusted_interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following to check whether the Proxy-ARP is disabled on the interface

```
hostname# sh run sysopt | grep proxyarp.<untrusted interface name>
```

Example:

```
asa_fw_1# sh run sysopt | grep proxyarp.DMZ
sysopt noproxyarp DMZ
```

Here the untrusted interface name is DMZ

Step 3: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the name of the untrusted interface <untrusted_interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following command to disable the Proxy-ARP on the untrusted interface.

hostname(config) # sysopt noproxyarp <untrusted_interface_name>

Default Value:

Proxy-ARP is enabled by default

References:

1. https://community.cisco.com/t5/network-security/disbling-proxy-arp/td-p/3096028

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v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.5 Centralize Network Authentication, Authorization, and Auditing (AAA) Centralize network AAA.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

2.3 Ensure 'DNS Guard' is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Enables the protection against DNS cache poisoning attacks

Rationale:

A DNS cache is poisoned when it contains incorrect entries that redirect traffic to an attacker website. When the DNS queries performed towards legitimate DNS servers, attackers can spoof the Identifier of the DNS header along with the DNS caching server UDP port in order to provide a reply as from an authoritative DNS server. The DNS Guard function helps eliminating subsequent replies coming after the authoritative server reply.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to determine if the DNS Guard is enabled.

hostname# show running-config dns-guard

Example:

asa-dmz1# show running-config dns-guard
dns-guard

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following command to enable the DNS Guard function.

hostname(config) # dns-guard

Default Value:

The function is disabled for the related software versions

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa-command-reference/A-H/cmdref1/d3.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.5 Centralize Network Authentication, Authorization, and Auditing (AAA) Centralize network AAA.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

2.4 Ensure DHCP services are disabled for untrusted interfaces (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Disables the DHCP service

Rationale:

The ASA can act as a DHCP or DHCP Relay server. However, on untrusted interface, attacker can get the opportunity of the availability of the service to perform DoS attacks such as DHCP starvation that will exhaust not only the IP addresses' space but also the memory and CPU resources of the security appliance and bring it down.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the name of the untrusted interface <untrusted_interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following command to check if the DHCP service is enabled on the untrusted interface

hostname# sh run | in dhcpd.enable.<untrusted interface name>

Example:

Extrnl-FW# sh run | in dhcpd.enable.outside
dhcpd enable outside

Here outside is the name of the untrusted interface.

- Step 3: If there is no output displayed, go to the step 4. If not, it is a finding and the remediation procedure should be applied.
- Step 4: Run the following command to check if the DHCP Relay service is enabled on the untrusted interface

hostname# sh run | in dhcprelay.enable.<untrusted interface name>

Example:

Extrnl-FW# sh run | in dhcprelay.enable.outside
dhcprelay enable outside

 Step 5: If there is no output displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding and the remediation procedure should be applied.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the name of the untrusted interface <untrusted_interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following command to disable DHCP service on the untrusted interface

hostname(config) # no dhcpd enable <untrusted interface name>

• Step 3: Run the following command to disable DHCP Relay service on the untrusted interface

hostname(config) # no dhcprelay enable <untrusted_interface_name>

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa_90_cli_config/basic_dhcp.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.3 Securely Manage Network Infrastructure Securely manage network infrastructure. Example implementations include version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code, and the use of secure network protocols, such as SSH and HTTPS.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

2.5 Ensure ICMP is restricted for untrusted interfaces (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Allows ICMP traffic for specific hosts or subnets and denies ICMP traffic for all other sources

Rationale:

ICMP is an important troubleshooting tool that can also be used to perform ICMP attacks on untrusted interfaces. For these interfaces, the ICMP traffic should be allowed only for specific hosts or subnets that are trusted by the Enterprise and should be denied for all other sources.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the untrusted interface name <untrusted_interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following command to determine whether ICMP is denied on the interface

hostname#sh run icmp | in deny.any.<untrusted interface name>

Example:

```
Corp-FW# sh run icmp | in deny.any.Outside
icmp deny any Outside
```

Here the untrusted interface name is Outside.

• Step 3: If there is an output to this command that is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the untrusted interface name <untrusted_interface_name>, the trusted subnet and corresponding subnet mask
- Step 2: Run the following command to allow ICMP from the trusted subnet to the untrusted interface. Repeat the command if there are more than one trusted subnets identified.

hostname(config)# icmp permit <subnet> <mask> <untrusted_interface_name>

 Step 3: Run the following command to deny ICMP from all other sources to the untrusted interface. hostname(config) # icmp deny any<untrusted interface name>

Default Value:

ICMP is enabled by default.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa93/configuration/firewall/asa-firewall-cli/access-rules.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.3 <u>Securely Manage Network Infrastructure</u> Securely manage network infrastructure. Example implementations include version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code, and the use of secure network protocols, such as SSH and HTTPS.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3 Data Plane

The data plane is for services and settings related to the data passing through the security appliance (as opposed to the traffic directed to it). It includes interface access lists, firewall functionality, traffic inspection, NAT, and IPSec.

3.1 Ensure DNS services are configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets DNS server(s) to be used by the appliance to perform DNS queries

Rationale:

The security appliance may perform DNS queries in order to achieve URL filtering or threat protection against Botnet traffic.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following to determine whether DNS lookup is enabled.

```
hostname#sh run all | in domain-lookup
```

The output should look like:

```
hostname#dns domain-lookup <interface_name>
```

where interface_name is the name of the interface connected to the DNS server Example:

```
asa_dmz#sh run all | in domain-lookup dns domain-lookup outside
```

Here the dns lookup is enabled and outside interface connects to DNS server

- Step 2: If an output is displayed, go to step 3. If not, it is a finding and the remediation procedure should be applied.
- Step 3: Acquire the enterprise authorized DNS servers' IP addresses
 <dns_ip_address> and for each of them, run the following command to determine if the DNS server has been configured.

```
hostname#sh run all | i name-server_<dns_ip_address>
```

The output should look like:

```
dns name-server <em><dns_ip_address></em>
```

Example:

```
asa_dmz#sh run all | in name-server_8.8.8.8
dns name-server 8.8.8.8
asa_dmz#sh run all| in name-server_10.1.1.254
dns name-server 10.1.1.254
```

Here the configured DNS servers are 8.8.8.8 and 10.1.1.254

• Step 4: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not it is a finding.

Remediation:

Step 1: Run the following to enable the DNS lookup

hostname(config) # dns domain-lookup <interface name>

<interface_name> is the name of the interface connected to the DNS server

Step 2: Configure the group of DNS servers

hostname(config) # dns server-group DefaultDNS

Step 3: Acquire the enterprise authorized DNS servers' IP addresses
 <dns_ip_address> and for each of them, run the following command to configure the DNS server in the DNS server group

hostname(config-dns-server-group) #name-server <dns ip address>

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asa-90_cli_config/basic_hostname_pw.html

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v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.3 <u>Securely Manage Network Infrastructure</u> Securely manage network infrastructure. Example implementations include version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code, and the use of secure network protocols, such as SSH and HTTPS.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.2 Ensure intrusion prevention is enabled for untrusted interfaces (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables the intrusion prevention with the IP audit feature on untrusted interfaces

Rationale:

The intrusion prevention is an additional feature for which the security appliance audits the traffic in order to identify vulnerability exploits. This is achieved because specific signatures are matched in the traffic. There are two types of signatures, attack signature for which the traffic is intended to harm the internal resource and informational signature for which the traffic is to gather information on internal resources through port scans, ping sweeps, DNS zone transfers and many others. The possible actions to prevent the intrusion are to drop the traffic, to reset the connection or to send an alarm.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the name of the untrusted interface <interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following to determine if there is a configured audit policy to prevent against attack signatures

```
hostname# sh run ip audit name | in _attack
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw# sh run ip audit name | in _attack_
ip audit name ips-fw attack action alarm reset
```

Here the audit policy name is ips-fw

- Step 3: If there is an output displayed, collect the audit policy name
 <audit_name> and go to Step 4. If there is no output, the system is not compliant. It is a finding. The remediation procedure should be applied.
- Step 4: Run the following to determine if the identified audit policy is enabled on the untrusted interface

```
hostname#sh run ip audit interface <interface name> | in <audit name>
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw# sh run ip audit interface outside | in ips-fw ip audit interface outside ips-fw
```

Here, the audit policy ips-fw is applied to the untrusted interface named outside

• Step 5: If there is an output, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 2: Run the following to enable the audit policy against the attack signatures with the Enterprise standard action

hostname(config) # ip audit name <audit_name> attack action alarm
cprevention action>

- Step 3: Identify the untrusted interface <interface name>
- Step 4: Run the following to enable the intrusion prevention on the untrusted interface

hostname(config)# ip audit interface <interface name> <audit name>

Default Value:

Disabled

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa92/asdm72/firewall/asa-firewall-asdm/modules-ips.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	13.3 <u>Deploy a Network Intrusion Detection Solution</u> Deploy a network intrusion detection solution on enterprise assets, where appropriate. Example implementations include the use of a Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS) or equivalent cloud service provider (CSP) service.		•	•
v8	13.8 <u>Deploy a Network Intrusion Prevention Solution</u> Deploy a network intrusion prevention solution, where appropriate. Example implementations include the use of a Network Intrusion Prevention System (NIPS) or equivalent CSP service.			•

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.3 Ensure packet fragments are restricted for untrusted interfaces (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the security appliance to drop fragmented packets received on the untrusted interface.

Rationale:

Attackers use fragmentation to evade security systems such as firewalls or IPS because the checks are usually performed on the first fragment. They can then put malicious payload in the other fragments to perform DoS against internal systems. Disabling the fragmentation on the security appliance implies changing its default behavior from accepting up to 24 fragments in a packet to accepting only 1 fragment in a packet. In other words, it implies accepting only non fragmented packets.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the name of the untrusted interface <interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following to check if fragmentation is disabled on the interface

```
hostname# sh run fragment <interface_name> | in chain_1_
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw#sh run fragment Outside | in chain_1_
fragment chain 1 Outside
```

The Outside interface is configured to deny fragments.

Step 3: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the name of the untrusted interface <interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following command to deny fragments on the interface.

```
hostname(config) #fragment chain 1 <interface name>
```

Default Value:

The default value for the fragment chain is 24.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa90/configuration/guide/asago-cli-config/protect-tools.html

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v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.3 <u>Securely Manage Network Infrastructure</u> Securely manage network infrastructure. Example implementations include version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code, and the use of secure network protocols, such as SSH and HTTPS.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.4 Ensure non-default application inspection is configured correctly (Manual)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables the inspection of an application that is not in the default global policy application inspection

Rationale:

By default, the ASA configuration includes a policy that matches all default application inspection traffic and applies certain inspections to the traffic on all interfaces (global policy). Not all inspections are enabled by default. The default policy can be edited in order to enable inspection for a specific application that is not by default included in it.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to determine whether the protocol protocol_name> to be inspected is included in the default policy

```
hostname#sh run policy-map | in __inspect.<protocol_name>
```

The output should look like:

```
inspect protocol_name
```

The example below confirms that the FTP protocol is inspected

```
Asa# sh run policy-map | in __inspect.ftp
inspect ftp
```

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to enable the inspection of the protocol:

```
hostname(config) # policy-map global_policy
hostname(config-pmap) # class inspection_default
hostname(config-pmap-c) # inspect protocol_name>
hostname(config-pmap-c) # exit
hostname(config-pmap) # exit
hostname(config) #service-policy global_policy global
```

Default Value:

The default policy configuration includes the following commands to inspect applications: class-map inspection_default match default-inspection-traffic policy-map type inspect dns preset_dns_map parameters message-length maximum 512 policy-map global_policy class inspection_default inspect dns preset_dns_map inspect ftp inspect h323 h225 inspect h323 ras inspect ip-options inspect rsh inspect rtsp inspect esmtp inspect sqlnet inspect skinny inspect sunrpc inspect xdmcp inspect sip inspect netbios inspect tftp service-policy global_policy global

References:

1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security/asa-5500-x-series-next-generation-firewalls/113069-asa-disgi-enai-asdm-00.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.6 <u>Securely Manage Enterprise Assets and Software</u> Securely manage enterprise assets and software. Example implementations include managing configuration through version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code and accessing administrative interfaces over secure network protocols, such as Secure Shell (SSH) and Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS). Do not use insecure management protocols, such as Telnet (Teletype Network) and HTTP, unless operationally essential.	•	•	•
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.5 Ensure DOS protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces (Manual)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Determines the maximum connections, maximum embryonic connections, maximum connections per client and maximum embryonic connections per client that can be accepted on the outside interface

Rationale:

Limiting the number of connections protects from a DoS attack. The ASA uses the perclient limits and the embryonic connection limits to trigger TCP Intercept, which protects inside systems from a DoS attack perpetrated by flooding an interface with TCP SYN packets. An embryonic connection is a connection request that has not finished the necessary handshake between source and destination. TCP Intercept uses the SYN cookies algorithm to prevent TCP SYN-flooding attacks. A SYN-flooding attack consists of a series of SYN packets usually originating from spoofed IP addresses. The constant flood of SYN packets keeps the server SYN queue full, which prevents it from servicing connection requests.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following to determine whether the DOS protection is enabled

```
hostname#sh run policy-map | i set.connection
```

The output should look like:

```
set connection connection_type max_value
```

The example below gives the values for maximum connections, maximum embryonic connections, maximum connections per client and maximum embryonic connections per client

```
Asa#sh run policy-map | i set.connection
set connection conn-max 9500
set connection embryonic-conn-max 5000
set connection per-client-embryonic-max 100
set connection per-client-max 75
```

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, there is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the enterprise standard values for maximum connections, maximum embryonic connections, maximum connections per client and maximum embryonic connections per client
- Step 2: Run the following to configure the class to identify the traffic on which DOS protection should be performed.

```
hostname(config) # class-map <class_name>
hostname(config-cmap) # match any
```

Step 3: Run the following to configure the policy that will determine the maximum connections to be applied on the class previously configured

```
hostname(config) # policy-map <policy_name>
hostname(config-pmap) # class <class_name>
hostname(config-pmap-c) # set connection conn-max <enterprise_max_number>
hostname(config-pmap-c) # set connection embryonic-conn-max
<enterprise_max_number>
hostname(config-pmap-c) # set connection per-client-embryonic-max
<enterprise_max_number>
hostname(config-pmap-c) # set connection per-client-max
<enterprise_max_number>
```

The enterprise max number parameter is to be taken between 0 and 65535.

 Step 4: Run the following to apply the policy previously configured on the untrusted

```
hostname(config-pmap-c) # service-policy <policy_name> interface
<untrusted_interface_name>
```

Default Value:

The default maximum value is 0 meaning there is no limitation

References:

1. https://community.cisco.com/t5/network-security/prevent-dos-attack-on-asa/td-p/1595216

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v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.6 Ensure 'threat-detection statistics' is set to 'tcp-intercept' (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables threat detection statistics for attacks blocked by the TCP Intercept function

Rationale:

The TCP Intercept function helps protecting the network and particularly servers against DOS attacks. When the maximum count of allowed connections is reached, through the TCP Intercept function, the firewall will no longer allow connection to the impacted server and will act as a proxy to the attack server until a valid traffic is received.

Enabling statistics can help to prevent the attacks at the earliest stage possible upstream.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following to check whether TCP Intercept threat detection statistics is enabled

```
hostname# sh run all threat-detection | in tcp-intercept
```

Example:

```
fw-4-dmz# sh run all threat-detection | in tcp-intercept
threat-detection statistics tcp-intercept rate-interval 30 burst-rate 400
average-rate 200
```

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

Run the following to enable threat detection statistics for TCP Intercept

```
hostname(config)# threat-detection statistics tcp-intercept
```

Default Value:

Not enable by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa912/configuration/firewall/asa-912-firewall-config/conns-threat.html

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v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.7 Ensure 'ip verify' is set to 'reverse-path' for untrusted interfaces (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Enables the unicast Reverse-Path Forwarding (uRPF) on untrusted interfaces.

Rationale:

The unicast Reverse-Path Forwarding(uRPF) enabled on an interface ensures that for a packet received on an interface, the security appliance checks the routing table to make sure that the same interface is used to get back to the source IP address. If it is not the case, the packet will be dropped. This should be enabled by default on untrusted interfaces in order to prevent attackers from spoofing internal IP addresses. For the other internal interfaces, the uRPF should be enabled if there is no case of asymmetric routing for which the path to send a packet to the source IP address is different of the path from which the packet is received.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the name of the untrusted interface <interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following command to check if the uRPF is enabled on the interface

hostname# sh run ip verify reverse-path interface <interface name>

Example:

Asa-fw#sh run ip verify reverse-path interface Outside ip verify reverse-path interface Outside

• Step 3: If there is no output displayed, the system is not compliant. It is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the name of the untrusted interface <interface_name>
- Step 2: Run the following command to enable protection against IP spoofing

hostname(config) # ip verify reverse-path interface <interface name>

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/firewall/asa_91_firewall_config/protect_tools.html

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v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.8 Ensure 'security-level' is set to '0' for Internet-facing interface (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Sets the security level of the Internet facing interface to 0

Rationale:

Where security zones are not configured, the Internet facing interface is the most untrusted interface and must have the lowest security-level that is 0. Therefore, any traffic initiated from this interface to the other interfaces of the security appliance must be checked by a specific access-control list rule in order to be permitted.

Audit:

- Step 1: Acquire the physical name of the Internet facing interface <interface physical name>
- Step 2: Run the following command to check if its assigned security-level is 0

hostname#sh run interface <interface physical name> | in security-level.0

Example:

```
sh run interface GigabitEthernet 0/3.202 | in security-level.0 security-level 0
```

Here GigabitEthernet 0/3.202 is the physical name of the Internet facing interface

• Step 3: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not, it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the physical name of the Internet facing interface <interface_physical_name>
- Step 2: Run the following command assigned the security-level 0

```
hostname(config) #interface <interface_physical_name>
hostname(config-if) #security-level 0
```

Default Value:

Security level is not assigned by default

References:

- 1. http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa72/configuration/guide/conf_gd/int5505.html
- 2. https://networklessons.com/cisco/asa-firewall/cisco-asa-security-levels#:~:text=Security%20level%200%3A%20This%20is,it%20within%20an%20access%2Dlist.

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.3 <u>Securely Manage Network Infrastructure</u> Securely manage network infrastructure. Example implementations include version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code, and the use of secure network protocols, such as SSH and HTTPS.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.9 Ensure Botnet protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Filters Botnet traffic on the untrusted interface

Rationale:

In a Botnet condition, many computers in the Enterprise network after being infected with malware and mostly trojans will collect data without the knowledge of the users owning them and send it to the attacker network. In other cases, the infected computers are remotely controlled to forward the same viruses that infected them to many other computers on the Internet. The Botnet protection enables the security appliance to filter and drop the botnet traffic

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following command to check whether botnet traffic filter is enabled

hostname#sh run dynamic-filter | in enable

Example:

```
Corp-FW#sh run dynamic-filter | in enable
dynamic-filter enable interface outside
```

Here the Botnet traffic filter is enabled on the outside interface

- Step 2: If there is an output displayed, go to step 3. If there is no output displayed, the system is not compliant. It is a finding.
- Step 3: Run the following command to check whether the botnet malware traffic is dropped.

hostname#sh run dynamic-filter | in drop

Example:

```
Corp-FW#sh run dynamic-filter | in drop
dynamic-filter drop blacklist interface outside
```

Here the Botnet traffic on the outside interface is dropped

• Step 4: If there is an output displayed, the system is compliant. If there is no output displayed, the system is not compliant. It is a finding.

Remediation:

• Step 1: Run the following command to ensure that the DNS server is available.

```
hostname#sh run | i name-server
```

If there is no DNS server, configure the DNS server according to the related recommendation.

 Step 2: Run the following commands to enable the security appliance to download and use for inspection the lists of known malware websites

```
hostname(config)#dynamic-filter updater-client enable hostname(config)#dynamic-filter use-database
```

 Step 3: Run the following command to create a class map for the security appliance to match the DNS traffic

```
hostname(config)#class-map <dns_class_map_name>
hostname(config-cmap)#match port udp eq domain
```

 Step 4: Run the following to create the policy-map in order to ask the appliance to inspect the matched DNS traffic and to compare the domain name in the DNS traffic with the list of known malware related domain names.

```
hostname(config) #policy-map <dns_policy_map_name>
hostname(config-pmap) # class <dns_class_map_name>
hostname(config-pmap-c) # inspect dns preset_dns_map dynamic-filter-snoop
```

• Step 5: Run the following for the inspection to be applied on the untrusted interface

```
hostname(config) # service-policy <dns_policy_map_name> interface <untrusted_interface_name>
```

 Step 6: Run the following to monitor the Botnet traffic crossing the untrusted interface

```
hostname(config) # dynamic-filter enable interface <untrusted_interface_name>
```

 Step 7: Run the following to drop any identified Botnet traffic on the untrusted interface hostname(config) # dynamic-filter drop blacklist interface
<untrusted interface name>

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/special/botnet/guide/asa-botnet.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v8	12.3 <u>Securely Manage Network Infrastructure</u> Securely manage network infrastructure. Example implementations include version-controlled-infrastructure-as-code, and the use of secure network protocols, such as SSH and HTTPS.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.10 Ensure ActiveX filtering is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Removes ActiveX controls from the HTTP reply traffic received on the security appliance.

Rationale:

ActiveX controls are used to provide a rich users' browsing experience. Because the ActiveX control is a written program that is executed in the users' computers, it can be used by attackers to perform malicious tasks on the machines of their victims.

Impact:

Activex support has been deprecated by Microsoft, and activex support is disabled by default in modern browsers from Microsoft. However, activex support remains a viable attack platform against organizations that have it enabled for legacy applications.

recommended configuration should at a minimum be: filter activex 80 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0

Additional ports may be required depending on your environment.

Filtering activex on https traffic is not possible, as activex filtering works by commenting out the "object" references in the live data stream - replacing and , and and tags with comments. Since the native ASA does not have traffic decryption as a feature, this configuration will not work for https traffic, and is why this feature is deprecated on the ASA platform.

Audit:

• Step 1: Run the following command to check whether ActiveX filtering is enabled.

hostname#sh run filter | i activex

Example:

```
Corp-FW#sh run filter | i activex filter activex 80 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0
```

• Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not it is a finding.

Remediation:

 Step 1: Acquire the TCP port used for the HTTP traffic containing ActiveX objects, the IP address <internal_users_ip> and mask <internal_users_mask> of internal users generating the HTTP traffic, and the IP address <external_servers_ip> and mask <external_servers_mask> of the external servers to which the internal users connect and that are source of ActiveX objects.

• Step 2: Run the following command to filter ActiveX applets.

hostname(config) # filter activex <port> <internal_users_ip>
<internal_users_mask> <external_servers_ip> <external_servers_mask>

Default Value:

ActiveX control filtering is disabled by default.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa91/configuration/firewall/asa_91_firewall_config/protect_filter.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.11 Ensure Java applet filtering is enabled (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

Removes Java applets from the HTTP reply traffic crossing the security appliance.

Rationale:

Java applets enhance users' Web experience with more interactivity. Because the applet is a code that is downloaded and executed on the users' machines, it can be used by attackers to perform malicious activities on the systems visiting untrusted websites.

Audit:

Step 1: Run the following command to check whether Java filtering is enabled.

```
<strong>hostname#sh run filter | i java</strong>
```

Example:

```
Corp-FW#sh run filter | i java filter java 80 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0
```

Step 2: If an output is displayed, the system is compliant. If not it is a finding.

Remediation:

- Step 1: Acquire the TCP port used for the HTTP traffic containing Java objects, the IP address <internal_users_ip> and mask <internal_users_mask> of internal users generating the HTTP traffic, and the IP address <external_servers_ip> and mask <external_servers_mask> of the external servers to which the internal users connect and that are source of Java objects.
- Step 2: Run the following command to filter Java applets.

```
hostname(config) # filter java <port> <internal_users_ip> <internal_users_mask> <external_servers_ip> <external_servers_mask>
```

Default Value:

Java applet filtering is disabled by default.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/legacy/asa-legacy-gd/protect-filter.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.12 Ensure explicit deny in access lists is configured correctly (Automated)

Profile Applicability:

Level 1

Description:

Ensures that each access-list has an explicit deny statement

Rationale:

Configuring an explicit deny entry, with log option, at the end of access control lists enables monitoring and troubleshooting traffic flows that have been denied. Logging these events can provide an effective record to troubleshoot issues and attacks.

Audit:

 Step 1: Run the following command to determine the access-list that are applied to interfaces

```
hostname# sh run access-group
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw#sh run access-group
access-group inside_acl in interface Inside
access-group web_acl in interface Web
access-group dmz1_acl in interface Dmz1
access-group outside_acl in interface Outside
access-group finance_acl in interface Finance
```

Step 2: Run the following to check if explicit deny is configured

```
hostname#sh run access-list | in deny.ip.any.any
```

Example:

```
Asa-fw#sh run access-list | in deny.ip.any.any access-list outside_acl extended deny ip any any log access-list web_acl extended deny ip any any log access-list finance_acl extended deny ip any any log
```

 Step 3: If all the access-lists listed in step 1 are present in step 2, the system is compliant. If not it is a finding.

Remediation:

 Step 1: Acquire the name <access-list_name> of the access-list that is not compliant from the audit procedure • Step 2: Run the following to configure the explicit deny.

hostname(config) #<access-list_name> extended deny ip any any log

The statement will be placed at the end of the access-list

Default Value:

Disabled by default.

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa910/configuration/firewall/asa-910-firewall-config/access-rules.html

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v8	4.4 Implement and Manage a Firewall on Servers Implement and manage a firewall on servers, where supported. Example implementations include a virtual firewall, operating system firewall, or a third-party firewall agent.	•	•	•
v8	12.2 Establish and Maintain a Secure Network Architecture Establish and maintain a secure network architecture. A secure network architecture must address segmentation, least privilege, and availability, at a minimum.		•	•
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

3.13 Ensure VPN traffic goes through the relevant ACL (Manual)

Profile Applicability:

Level 2

Description:

By default, the traffic going through IPSEC tunnel (policy-based) bypasses the ACL of the interface the VPN terminates on, often the outside ACL.

Rationale:

VPN are used to interconnect sites, whether intra or inter companies. In many cases, these are seen to extensions of the local network and very little filtering is applied. It is important to consider that a remote site should not be seen automatically as fully trusted but that some level of filtering should be applied, for example to prevent access to local management ports.

Audit:

Run the following command to determine if the system option is set

```
hostname# show run full | grep sysopt.connection.permit-vpn
```

Example:

```
hostname# show run full | grep sysopt.connection.permit-vpn no sysopt connection permit-vpn
```

If the result does not show the leading *no*, then the IPSEC VPN traffic bypasses the interface ACL.

Remediation:

Summary

- Step 1: determine on which interface(s) the IPSEC tunnel ends
- Step 2: determine the ACL applied to the interface
- Step 3: add an ACE to the ACL to permit the traffic temporarily
- Step 4: disable the bypass

Step 1

```
hostname# show run full | grep crypto.map..*.interface.
crypto map my_remote_sites interface outside
```

In this example, the crypto map *my_remote_sites* is applied to the interface *outside*: the IPSEC tunnel terminates on the interface *outside*.

Step 2

hostname# sh run access-group | grep interface.outside access-group outside acl in interface outside

The ACL *outside_acl* is applied to the interface *outside*.

Step 3

Note: this considers that the remote site networks are defined in an object called *obj-remote-site* and the local site networks in an object called *obj-local-site*. The ACE is added as the first entry in this case but could be after an initial series of denies to known "bad" destinations.

hostname(config) # access-list outside_acl line 1 permit ip object obj-remotesite object obj-local-site log notifications hostname(config) # access-list outside_acl line 2 remark Temporary permit from remote site. Restrict as soon as possible.

Step 4

hostname(config) # no sysopt connection permit-vpn

Default Value:

Disabled by default

References:

1. https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa99/configuration/vpn/asa-99-vpn-config/vpn-params.html#ID-2443-00000007

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v7	9 <u>Limitation and Control of Network Ports, Protocols, and Services</u> Limitation and Control of Network Ports, Protocols, and Services			
v7	11.1 Maintain Standard Security Configurations for Network Devices Maintain standard, documented security configuration standards for all authorized network devices.		•	•

Controls Version	Control	IG 1	IG 2	IG 3
v7	11.2 <u>Document Traffic Configuration Rules</u> All configuration rules that allow traffic to flow through network devices should be documented in a configuration management system with a specific business reason for each rule, a specific individual's name responsible for that business need, and an expected duration of the need.		•	•

Appendix: Summary Table

	CIS Benchmark Recommendation		et ectly
		Yes	No
1	Management Plane		
1.1	Password Management		
1.1.1	Ensure 'Logon Password' is set (Automated)		
1.1.2	Ensure 'Enable Password' is set (Automated)		
1.1.3	Ensure 'Master Key Passphrase' is set (Automated)		
1.1.4	Ensure 'Password Recovery' is disabled (Automated)		
1.1.5	Ensure 'Password Policy' is enabled (Automated)		
1.2	Device Management		
1.2.1	Ensure 'Domain Name' is set (Automated)		
1.2.2	Ensure 'Host Name' is set (Automated)		
1.2.3	Ensure 'Failover' is enabled (Automated)		
1.2.4	Ensure 'Unused Interfaces' is disable (Automated)		
1.3	Image security		
1.3.1	Ensure 'Image Integrity' is correct (Manual)		
1.3.2	Ensure 'Image Authenticity' is correct (Automated)		
1.4	Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA)		
1.4.1	Local AAA rules		
1.4.1.1	Ensure 'aaa local authentication max failed attempts' is set to less than or equal to '3' (Automated)		
1.4.1.2	Ensure "Emergency" account is set (Manual)		

	CIS Benchmark Recommendation	_	et ectly
		Yes	No
1.4.1.3	Ensure known default accounts do not exist (Automated)		
1.4.2	Remote AAA servers	•	
1.4.2.1	Ensure 'TACACS+/RADIUS' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.4.3	AAA authentication		
1.4.3.1	Ensure 'aaa authentication enable console' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.4.3.2	Ensure 'aaa authentication http console' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.4.3.3	Ensure 'aaa authentication secure-http-client' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.4.3.4	Ensure 'aaa authentication ssh console' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.4.4	AAA Authorization		
1.4.4.1	Ensure 'aaa command authorization' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.4.4.2	Ensure 'aaa authorization exec' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.4.5	AAA Accounting		
1.4.5.1	Ensure 'aaa accounting command' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.4.5.2	Ensure 'aaa accounting for SSH' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.4.5.3	Ensure 'aaa accounting for EXEC mode' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.5	Banner Rules	_	_

	CIS Benchmark Recommendation	_	et ectly
		Yes	No
1.5.1	Ensure 'ASDM banner' is set (Automated)		
1.5.2	Ensure 'EXEC banner' is set (Automated)		
1.5.3	Ensure 'LOGIN banner' is set (Automated)		
1.5.4	Ensure 'MOTD banner' is set (Automated)		
1.6	SSH rules		
1.6.1	Ensure 'SSH source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address (Automated)		
1.6.2	Ensure 'SSH version 2' is enabled (Automated)		
1.6.3	Ensure 'RSA key pair' is greater than or equal to 2048 bits (Automated)		
1.6.4	Ensure 'SCP protocol' is set to Enable for files transfers (Automated)		
1.6.5	Ensure 'Telnet' is disabled (Automated)		
1.7	HTTP rules		
1.7.1	Ensure 'HTTP source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address (Automated)		
1.7.2	Ensure 'TLS 1.2' or greater is set for HTTPS access (Automated)		
1.7.3	Ensure 'SSL AES 256 encryption' is set for HTTPS access (Automated)		
1.8	Session timeout		
1.8.1	Ensure 'console session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes (Automated)		
1.8.2	Ensure 'SSH session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes (Automated)		

CIS Benchmark Recommendation		Set Correctly	
		Yes	No
1.8.3	Ensure 'HTTP idle timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes (Automated)		
1.9	Clock rules		
1.9.1	NTP rules		
1.9.1.1	Ensure 'NTP authentication' is enabled (Automated)		
1.9.1.2	Ensure 'NTP authentication key' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.9.1.3	Ensure 'trusted NTP server' exists (Automated)		
1.9.2	Ensure 'local timezone' is properly configured (Automated)		
1.10	Logging Rules		
1.10.1	Ensure 'logging' is enabled (Automated)		
1.10.2	Ensure 'logging to monitor' is disabled (Automated)		
1.10.3	Ensure 'syslog hosts' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.10.4	Ensure 'logging with the device ID' is configured correctly (Automated)		
1.10.5	Ensure 'logging history severity level' is set to greater than or equal to '5' (Automated)		
1.10.6	Ensure 'logging with timestamps' is enabled (Automated)		
1.10.7	Ensure 'logging buffer size' is greater than or equal to '524288' bytes (512kb) (Automated)		
1.10.8	Ensure 'logging buffered severity level' is greater than or equal to '3' (Automated)		
1.10.9	Ensure 'logging trap severity level' is greater than or equal to '5' (Automated)		

CIS Benchmark Recommendation		Set Correctly	
		Yes	No
1.10.10	Ensure email logging is configured for critical to emergency (Automated)		
1.11	SNMP Rules		
1.11.1	Ensure 'snmp-server group' is set to 'v3 priv' (Automated)		
1.11.2	Ensure 'snmp-server user' is set to 'v3 auth SHA' (Automated)		
1.11.3	Ensure 'snmp-server host' is set to 'version 3' (Automated)		
1.11.4	Ensure 'SNMP traps' is enabled (Automated)		
1.11.5	Ensure 'SNMP community string' is not the default string (Automated)		
2	Control Plane		
2.1	Routing protocols authentication		
2.1.1	Ensure 'OSPF authentication' is enabled (Automated)		
2.1.2	Ensure 'EIGRP authentication' is enabled (Automated)		
2.1.3	Ensure 'BGP authentication' is enabled (Automated)		
2.2	Ensure 'noproxyarp' is enabled for untrusted interfaces (Automated)		
2.3	Ensure 'DNS Guard' is enabled (Automated)		
2.4	Ensure DHCP services are disabled for untrusted interfaces (Automated)		
2.5	Ensure ICMP is restricted for untrusted interfaces (Automated)		
3	Data Plane		

CIS Benchmark Recommendation		_	et ectly
		Yes	No
3.1	Ensure DNS services are configured correctly (Automated)		
3.2	Ensure intrusion prevention is enabled for untrusted interfaces (Automated)		
3.3	Ensure packet fragments are restricted for untrusted interfaces (Automated)		
3.4	Ensure non-default application inspection is configured correctly (Manual)		
3.5	Ensure DOS protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces (Manual)		
3.6	Ensure 'threat-detection statistics' is set to 'tcp-intercept' (Automated)		
3.7	Ensure 'ip verify' is set to 'reverse-path' for untrusted interfaces (Automated)		
3.8	Ensure 'security-level' is set to '0' for Internet-facing interface (Automated)		
3.9	Ensure Botnet protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces (Automated)		
3.10	Ensure ActiveX filtering is enabled (Automated)		
3.11	Ensure Java applet filtering is enabled (Automated)		
3.12	Ensure explicit deny in access lists is configured correctly (Automated)		
3.13	Ensure VPN traffic goes through the relevant ACL (Manual)		

Appendix: CIS Controls v7 IG 1 Mapped Recommendations

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.1.1	Ensure 'Logon Password' is set		
1.1.4	Ensure 'Password Recovery' is disabled		
1.2.1	Ensure 'Domain Name' is set		
1.3.1	Ensure 'Image Integrity' is correct		
1.3.2	Ensure 'Image Authenticity' is correct		
1.4.1.3	Ensure known default accounts do not exist		
1.4.2.1	Ensure 'TACACS+/RADIUS' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.1	Ensure 'aaa authentication enable console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.2	Ensure 'aaa authentication http console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.3	Ensure 'aaa authentication secure-http-client' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.4	Ensure 'aaa authentication ssh console' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.1	Ensure 'aaa command authorization' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.2	Ensure 'aaa authorization exec' is configured correctly		
1.5.1	Ensure 'ASDM banner' is set		
1.5.2	Ensure 'EXEC banner' is set		
1.5.3	Ensure 'LOGIN banner' is set		
1.5.4	Ensure 'MOTD banner' is set		
1.10.1	Ensure 'logging' is enabled		
1.10.4	Ensure 'logging with the device ID' is configured correctly		

Appendix: CIS Controls v7 IG 2 Mapped Recommendations

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.1.1	Ensure 'Logon Password' is set		
1.1.2	Ensure 'Enable Password' is set		
1.1.3	Ensure 'Master Key Passphrase' is set		
1.1.4	Ensure 'Password Recovery' is disabled		
1.1.5	Ensure 'Password Policy' is enabled		
1.2.1	Ensure 'Domain Name' is set		
1.2.2	Ensure 'Host Name' is set		
1.2.3	Ensure 'Failover' is enabled		
1.2.4	Ensure 'Unused Interfaces' is disable		
1.3.1	Ensure 'Image Integrity' is correct		
1.3.2	Ensure 'Image Authenticity' is correct		
1.4.1.1	Ensure 'aaa local authentication max failed attempts' is set to less than or equal to '3'		
1.4.1.2	Ensure "Emergency" account is set		
1.4.1.3	Ensure known default accounts do not exist		
1.4.2.1	Ensure 'TACACS+/RADIUS' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.1	Ensure 'aaa authentication enable console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.2	Ensure 'aaa authentication http console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.3	Ensure 'aaa authentication secure-http-client' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.4	Ensure 'aaa authentication ssh console' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.1	Ensure 'aaa command authorization' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.2	Ensure 'aaa authorization exec' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.1	Ensure 'aaa accounting command' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.2	Ensure 'aaa accounting for SSH' is configured correctly		

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.4.5.3	Ensure 'aaa accounting for EXEC mode' is configured correctly		
1.5.1	Ensure 'ASDM banner' is set		
1.5.2	Ensure 'EXEC banner' is set		
1.5.3	Ensure 'LOGIN banner' is set		
1.5.4	Ensure 'MOTD banner' is set		
1.6.1	Ensure 'SSH source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address		
1.6.2	Ensure 'SSH version 2' is enabled		
1.6.3	Ensure 'RSA key pair' is greater than or equal to 2048 bits		
1.6.4	Ensure 'SCP protocol' is set to Enable for files transfers		
1.6.5	Ensure 'Telnet' is disabled		
1.7.1	Ensure 'HTTP source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address		
1.7.2	Ensure 'TLS 1.2' or greater is set for HTTPS access		
1.7.3	Ensure 'SSL AES 256 encryption' is set for HTTPS access		
1.8.1	Ensure 'console session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.2	Ensure 'SSH session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.3	Ensure 'HTTP idle timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.9.1.1	Ensure 'NTP authentication' is enabled		
1.9.1.2	Ensure 'NTP authentication key' is configured correctly		
1.9.1.3	Ensure 'trusted NTP server' exists		
1.9.2	Ensure 'local timezone' is properly configured		
1.10.1	Ensure 'logging' is enabled		
1.10.2	Ensure 'logging to monitor' is disabled		
1.10.3	Ensure 'syslog hosts' is configured correctly		
1.10.4	Ensure 'logging with the device ID' is configured correctly		
1.10.5	Ensure 'logging history severity level' is set to greater than or equal to '5'		

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.10.6	Ensure 'logging with timestamps' is enabled		
1.10.7	Ensure 'logging buffer size' is greater than or equal to '524288' bytes (512kb)		
1.10.8	Ensure 'logging buffered severity level' is greater than or equal to '3'		
1.10.9	Ensure 'logging trap severity level' is greater than or equal to '5'		
1.10.10	Ensure email logging is configured for critical to emergency		
1.11.1	Ensure 'snmp-server group' is set to 'v3 priv'		
1.11.2	Ensure 'snmp-server user' is set to 'v3 auth SHA'		
1.11.3	Ensure 'snmp-server host' is set to 'version 3'		
1.11.4	Ensure 'SNMP traps' is enabled		
1.11.5	Ensure 'SNMP community string' is not the default string		
2.1.1	Ensure 'OSPF authentication' is enabled		
2.1.2	Ensure 'EIGRP authentication' is enabled		
2.1.3	Ensure 'BGP authentication' is enabled		
2.2	Ensure 'noproxyarp' is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
2.3	Ensure 'DNS Guard' is enabled		
2.4	Ensure DHCP services are disabled for untrusted interfaces		
2.5	Ensure ICMP is restricted for untrusted interfaces		
3.1	Ensure DNS services are configured correctly		
3.2	Ensure intrusion prevention is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.3	Ensure packet fragments are restricted for untrusted interfaces		
3.4	Ensure non-default application inspection is configured correctly		
3.5	Ensure DOS protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.6	Ensure 'threat-detection statistics' is set to 'tcp-intercept'		
3.7	Ensure 'ip verify' is set to 'reverse-path' for untrusted interfaces		

	Recommendation		et ectly
		Yes	No
3.8	Ensure 'security-level' is set to '0' for Internet-facing interface		
3.9	Ensure Botnet protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.10	Ensure ActiveX filtering is enabled		
3.11	Ensure Java applet filtering is enabled		
3.12	Ensure explicit deny in access lists is configured correctly		
3.13	Ensure VPN traffic goes through the relevant ACL		

Appendix: CIS Controls v7 IG 3 Mapped Recommendations

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.1.1	Ensure 'Logon Password' is set		
1.1.2	Ensure 'Enable Password' is set		
1.1.3	Ensure 'Master Key Passphrase' is set		
1.1.4	Ensure 'Password Recovery' is disabled		
1.1.5	Ensure 'Password Policy' is enabled		
1.2.1	Ensure 'Domain Name' is set		
1.2.2	Ensure 'Host Name' is set		
1.2.3	Ensure 'Failover' is enabled		
1.2.4	Ensure 'Unused Interfaces' is disable		
1.3.1	Ensure 'Image Integrity' is correct		
1.3.2	Ensure 'Image Authenticity' is correct		
1.4.1.1	Ensure 'aaa local authentication max failed attempts' is set to less than or equal to '3'		
1.4.1.2	Ensure "Emergency" account is set		
1.4.1.3	Ensure known default accounts do not exist		
1.4.2.1	Ensure 'TACACS+/RADIUS' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.1	Ensure 'aaa authentication enable console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.2	Ensure 'aaa authentication http console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.3	Ensure 'aaa authentication secure-http-client' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.4	Ensure 'aaa authentication ssh console' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.1	Ensure 'aaa command authorization' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.2	Ensure 'aaa authorization exec' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.1	Ensure 'aaa accounting command' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.2	Ensure 'aaa accounting for SSH' is configured correctly		

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.4.5.3	Ensure 'aaa accounting for EXEC mode' is configured correctly		
1.5.1	Ensure 'ASDM banner' is set		
1.5.2	Ensure 'EXEC banner' is set		
1.5.3	Ensure 'LOGIN banner' is set		
1.5.4	Ensure 'MOTD banner' is set		
1.6.1	Ensure 'SSH source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address		
1.6.2	Ensure 'SSH version 2' is enabled		
1.6.3	Ensure 'RSA key pair' is greater than or equal to 2048 bits		
1.6.4	Ensure 'SCP protocol' is set to Enable for files transfers		
1.6.5	Ensure 'Telnet' is disabled		
1.7.1	Ensure 'HTTP source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address		
1.7.2	Ensure 'TLS 1.2' or greater is set for HTTPS access		
1.7.3	Ensure 'SSL AES 256 encryption' is set for HTTPS access		
1.8.1	Ensure 'console session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.2	Ensure 'SSH session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.3	Ensure 'HTTP idle timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.9.1.1	Ensure 'NTP authentication' is enabled		
1.9.1.2	Ensure 'NTP authentication key' is configured correctly		
1.9.1.3	Ensure 'trusted NTP server' exists		
1.9.2	Ensure 'local timezone' is properly configured		
1.10.1	Ensure 'logging' is enabled		
1.10.2	Ensure 'logging to monitor' is disabled		
1.10.3	Ensure 'syslog hosts' is configured correctly		
1.10.4	Ensure 'logging with the device ID' is configured correctly		
1.10.5	Ensure 'logging history severity level' is set to greater than or equal to '5'		

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.10.6	Ensure 'logging with timestamps' is enabled		
1.10.7	Ensure 'logging buffer size' is greater than or equal to '524288' bytes (512kb)		
1.10.8	Ensure 'logging buffered severity level' is greater than or equal to '3'		
1.10.9	Ensure 'logging trap severity level' is greater than or equal to '5'		
1.10.10	Ensure email logging is configured for critical to emergency		
1.11.1	Ensure 'snmp-server group' is set to 'v3 priv'		
1.11.2	Ensure 'snmp-server user' is set to 'v3 auth SHA'		
1.11.3	Ensure 'snmp-server host' is set to 'version 3'		
1.11.4	Ensure 'SNMP traps' is enabled		
1.11.5	Ensure 'SNMP community string' is not the default string		
2.1.1	Ensure 'OSPF authentication' is enabled		
2.1.2	Ensure 'EIGRP authentication' is enabled		
2.1.3	Ensure 'BGP authentication' is enabled		
2.2	Ensure 'noproxyarp' is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
2.3	Ensure 'DNS Guard' is enabled		
2.4	Ensure DHCP services are disabled for untrusted interfaces		
2.5	Ensure ICMP is restricted for untrusted interfaces		
3.1	Ensure DNS services are configured correctly		
3.2	Ensure intrusion prevention is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.3	Ensure packet fragments are restricted for untrusted interfaces		
3.4	Ensure non-default application inspection is configured correctly		
3.5	Ensure DOS protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.6	Ensure 'threat-detection statistics' is set to 'tcp-intercept'		
3.7	Ensure 'ip verify' is set to 'reverse-path' for untrusted interfaces		

	Recommendation		et ectly
		Yes	No
3.8	Ensure 'security-level' is set to '0' for Internet-facing interface		
3.9	Ensure Botnet protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.10	Ensure ActiveX filtering is enabled		
3.11	Ensure Java applet filtering is enabled		
3.12	Ensure explicit deny in access lists is configured correctly		
3.13	Ensure VPN traffic goes through the relevant ACL		

Appendix: CIS Controls v7 Unmapped Recommendations

Recommendation	Set Correctly	
	Yes	No
No unmapped recommendations to CIS Controls v7.0		

Appendix: CIS Controls v8 IG 1 Mapped Recommendations

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.1.1	Ensure 'Logon Password' is set		
1.1.2	Ensure 'Enable Password' is set		
1.1.3	Ensure 'Master Key Passphrase' is set		
1.1.4	Ensure 'Password Recovery' is disabled		
1.1.5	Ensure 'Password Policy' is enabled		
1.2.1	Ensure 'Domain Name' is set		
1.2.2	Ensure 'Host Name' is set		
1.2.3	Ensure 'Failover' is enabled		
1.2.4	Ensure 'Unused Interfaces' is disable		
1.3.2	Ensure 'Image Authenticity' is correct		
1.4.1.1	Ensure 'aaa local authentication max failed attempts' is set to less than or equal to '3'		
1.4.1.2	Ensure "Emergency" account is set		
1.4.1.3	Ensure known default accounts do not exist		
1.4.2.1	Ensure 'TACACS+/RADIUS' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.1	Ensure 'aaa authentication enable console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.2	Ensure 'aaa authentication http console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.3	Ensure 'aaa authentication secure-http-client' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.4	Ensure 'aaa authentication ssh console' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.1	Ensure 'aaa command authorization' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.2	Ensure 'aaa authorization exec' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.1	Ensure 'aaa accounting command' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.2	Ensure 'aaa accounting for SSH' is configured correctly		

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.4.5.3	Ensure 'aaa accounting for EXEC mode' is configured correctly		
1.6.4	Ensure 'SCP protocol' is set to Enable for files transfers		
1.6.5	Ensure 'Telnet' is disabled		
1.7.1	Ensure 'HTTP source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address		
1.7.2	Ensure 'TLS 1.2' or greater is set for HTTPS access		
1.7.3	Ensure 'SSL AES 256 encryption' is set for HTTPS access		
1.8.1	Ensure 'console session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.2	Ensure 'SSH session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.3	Ensure 'HTTP idle timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.10.1	Ensure 'logging' is enabled		
1.10.2	Ensure 'logging to monitor' is disabled		
1.10.3	Ensure 'syslog hosts' is configured correctly		
1.10.4	Ensure 'logging with the device ID' is configured correctly		
1.10.5	Ensure 'logging history severity level' is set to greater than or equal to '5'		
3.4	Ensure non-default application inspection is configured correctly		
3.12	Ensure explicit deny in access lists is configured correctly		

Appendix: CIS Controls v8 IG 2 Mapped Recommendations

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.1.1	Ensure 'Logon Password' is set		
1.1.2	Ensure 'Enable Password' is set		
1.1.3	Ensure 'Master Key Passphrase' is set		
1.1.4	Ensure 'Password Recovery' is disabled		
1.1.5	Ensure 'Password Policy' is enabled		
1.2.1	Ensure 'Domain Name' is set		
1.2.2	Ensure 'Host Name' is set		
1.2.3	Ensure 'Failover' is enabled		
1.2.4	Ensure 'Unused Interfaces' is disable		
1.3.1	Ensure 'Image Integrity' is correct		
1.3.2	Ensure 'Image Authenticity' is correct		
1.4.1.1	Ensure 'aaa local authentication max failed attempts' is set to less than or equal to '3'		
1.4.1.2	Ensure "Emergency" account is set		
1.4.1.3	Ensure known default accounts do not exist		
1.4.2.1	Ensure 'TACACS+/RADIUS' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.1	Ensure 'aaa authentication enable console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.2	Ensure 'aaa authentication http console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.3	Ensure 'aaa authentication secure-http-client' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.4	Ensure 'aaa authentication ssh console' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.1	Ensure 'aaa command authorization' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.2	Ensure 'aaa authorization exec' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.1	Ensure 'aaa accounting command' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.2	Ensure 'aaa accounting for SSH' is configured correctly		

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.4.5.3	Ensure 'aaa accounting for EXEC mode' is configured correctly		
1.5.1	Ensure 'ASDM banner' is set		
1.5.2	Ensure 'EXEC banner' is set		
1.5.3	Ensure 'LOGIN banner' is set		
1.5.4	Ensure 'MOTD banner' is set		
1.6.1	Ensure 'SSH source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address		
1.6.2	Ensure 'SSH version 2' is enabled		
1.6.3	Ensure 'RSA key pair' is greater than or equal to 2048 bits		
1.6.4	Ensure 'SCP protocol' is set to Enable for files transfers		
1.6.5	Ensure 'Telnet' is disabled		
1.7.1	Ensure 'HTTP source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address		
1.7.2	Ensure 'TLS 1.2' or greater is set for HTTPS access		
1.7.3	Ensure 'SSL AES 256 encryption' is set for HTTPS access		
1.8.1	Ensure 'console session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.2	Ensure 'SSH session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.3	Ensure 'HTTP idle timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.9.1.1	Ensure 'NTP authentication' is enabled		
1.9.1.2	Ensure 'NTP authentication key' is configured correctly		
1.9.1.3	Ensure 'trusted NTP server' exists		
1.9.2	Ensure 'local timezone' is properly configured		
1.10.1	Ensure 'logging' is enabled		
1.10.2	Ensure 'logging to monitor' is disabled		
1.10.3	Ensure 'syslog hosts' is configured correctly		
1.10.4	Ensure 'logging with the device ID' is configured correctly		
1.10.5	Ensure 'logging history severity level' is set to greater than or equal to '5'		

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.10.6	Ensure 'logging with timestamps' is enabled		
1.10.7	Ensure 'logging buffer size' is greater than or equal to '524288' bytes (512kb)		
1.10.8	Ensure 'logging buffered severity level' is greater than or equal to '3'		
1.10.9	Ensure 'logging trap severity level' is greater than or equal to '5'		
1.10.10	Ensure email logging is configured for critical to emergency		
1.11.1	Ensure 'snmp-server group' is set to 'v3 priv'		
1.11.2	Ensure 'snmp-server user' is set to 'v3 auth SHA'		
1.11.3	Ensure 'snmp-server host' is set to 'version 3'		
1.11.4	Ensure 'SNMP traps' is enabled		
1.11.5	Ensure 'SNMP community string' is not the default string		
2.1.1	Ensure 'OSPF authentication' is enabled		
2.1.2	Ensure 'EIGRP authentication' is enabled		
2.1.3	Ensure 'BGP authentication' is enabled		
2.2	Ensure 'noproxyarp' is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
2.3	Ensure 'DNS Guard' is enabled		
2.4	Ensure DHCP services are disabled for untrusted interfaces		
2.5	Ensure ICMP is restricted for untrusted interfaces		
3.1	Ensure DNS services are configured correctly		
3.2	Ensure intrusion prevention is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.3	Ensure packet fragments are restricted for untrusted interfaces		
3.4	Ensure non-default application inspection is configured correctly		
3.5	Ensure DOS protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.6	Ensure 'threat-detection statistics' is set to 'tcp-intercept'		
3.7	Ensure 'ip verify' is set to 'reverse-path' for untrusted interfaces		

Recommendation		Se Corre	
		Yes	No
3.8	Ensure 'security-level' is set to '0' for Internet-facing interface		
3.9	Ensure Botnet protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.10	Ensure ActiveX filtering is enabled		
3.11	Ensure Java applet filtering is enabled		
3.12	Ensure explicit deny in access lists is configured correctly		

Appendix: CIS Controls v8 IG 3 Mapped Recommendations

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.1.1	Ensure 'Logon Password' is set		
1.1.2	Ensure 'Enable Password' is set		
1.1.3	Ensure 'Master Key Passphrase' is set		
1.1.4	Ensure 'Password Recovery' is disabled		
1.1.5	Ensure 'Password Policy' is enabled		
1.2.1	Ensure 'Domain Name' is set		
1.2.2	Ensure 'Host Name' is set		
1.2.3	Ensure 'Failover' is enabled		
1.2.4	Ensure 'Unused Interfaces' is disable		
1.3.1	Ensure 'Image Integrity' is correct		
1.3.2	Ensure 'Image Authenticity' is correct		
1.4.1.1	Ensure 'aaa local authentication max failed attempts' is set to less than or equal to '3'		
1.4.1.2	Ensure "Emergency" account is set		
1.4.1.3	Ensure known default accounts do not exist		
1.4.2.1	Ensure 'TACACS+/RADIUS' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.1	Ensure 'aaa authentication enable console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.2	Ensure 'aaa authentication http console' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.3	Ensure 'aaa authentication secure-http-client' is configured correctly		
1.4.3.4	Ensure 'aaa authentication ssh console' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.1	Ensure 'aaa command authorization' is configured correctly		
1.4.4.2	Ensure 'aaa authorization exec' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.1	Ensure 'aaa accounting command' is configured correctly		
1.4.5.2	Ensure 'aaa accounting for SSH' is configured correctly		

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.4.5.3	Ensure 'aaa accounting for EXEC mode' is configured correctly		
1.5.1	Ensure 'ASDM banner' is set		
1.5.2	Ensure 'EXEC banner' is set		
1.5.3	Ensure 'LOGIN banner' is set		
1.5.4	Ensure 'MOTD banner' is set		
1.6.1	Ensure 'SSH source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address		
1.6.2	Ensure 'SSH version 2' is enabled		
1.6.3	Ensure 'RSA key pair' is greater than or equal to 2048 bits		
1.6.4	Ensure 'SCP protocol' is set to Enable for files transfers		
1.6.5	Ensure 'Telnet' is disabled		
1.7.1	Ensure 'HTTP source restriction' is set to an authorized IP address		
1.7.2	Ensure 'TLS 1.2' or greater is set for HTTPS access		
1.7.3	Ensure 'SSL AES 256 encryption' is set for HTTPS access		
1.8.1	Ensure 'console session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.2	Ensure 'SSH session timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.8.3	Ensure 'HTTP idle timeout' is less than or equal to '5' minutes		
1.9.1.1	Ensure 'NTP authentication' is enabled		
1.9.1.2	Ensure 'NTP authentication key' is configured correctly		
1.9.1.3	Ensure 'trusted NTP server' exists		
1.9.2	Ensure 'local timezone' is properly configured		
1.10.1	Ensure 'logging' is enabled		
1.10.2	Ensure 'logging to monitor' is disabled		
1.10.3	Ensure 'syslog hosts' is configured correctly		
1.10.4	Ensure 'logging with the device ID' is configured correctly		
1.10.5	Ensure 'logging history severity level' is set to greater than or equal to '5'		

	Recommendation	Se Corre	
		Yes	No
1.10.6	Ensure 'logging with timestamps' is enabled		
1.10.7	Ensure 'logging buffer size' is greater than or equal to '524288' bytes (512kb)		
1.10.8	Ensure 'logging buffered severity level' is greater than or equal to '3'		
1.10.9	Ensure 'logging trap severity level' is greater than or equal to '5'		
1.10.10	Ensure email logging is configured for critical to emergency		
1.11.1	Ensure 'snmp-server group' is set to 'v3 priv'		
1.11.2	Ensure 'snmp-server user' is set to 'v3 auth SHA'		
1.11.3	Ensure 'snmp-server host' is set to 'version 3'		
1.11.4	Ensure 'SNMP traps' is enabled		
1.11.5	Ensure 'SNMP community string' is not the default string		
2.1.1	Ensure 'OSPF authentication' is enabled		
2.1.2	Ensure 'EIGRP authentication' is enabled		
2.1.3	Ensure 'BGP authentication' is enabled		
2.2	Ensure 'noproxyarp' is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
2.3	Ensure 'DNS Guard' is enabled		
2.4	Ensure DHCP services are disabled for untrusted interfaces		
2.5	Ensure ICMP is restricted for untrusted interfaces		
3.1	Ensure DNS services are configured correctly		
3.2	Ensure intrusion prevention is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.3	Ensure packet fragments are restricted for untrusted interfaces		
3.4	Ensure non-default application inspection is configured correctly		
3.5	Ensure DOS protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.6	Ensure 'threat-detection statistics' is set to 'tcp-intercept'		
3.7	Ensure 'ip verify' is set to 'reverse-path' for untrusted interfaces		

Recommendation		Se Corre	
		Yes	No
3.8	Ensure 'security-level' is set to '0' for Internet-facing interface		
3.9	Ensure Botnet protection is enabled for untrusted interfaces		
3.10	Ensure ActiveX filtering is enabled		
3.11	Ensure Java applet filtering is enabled		
3.12	Ensure explicit deny in access lists is configured correctly		

Appendix: CIS Controls v8 Unmapped Recommendations

	Recommendation	Co	Se orre	et ectly
		Ye	s	No
3.13	Ensure VPN traffic goes through the relevant ACL]	

Appendix: Change History

Date	Version	Changes for this version
Apr 21, 2021	1.1.0	broken reference (Ticket 12497)
Apr 28, 2021	1.1.0	Minor typo in description "used for to encrypt" (Ticket 12751)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Add IPSEC failover key to recommendation (Ticket 21374)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Remove Telnet from Rationale statement (Ticket 21375)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Add Impact Statement (Ticket 21376)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Change rationale statement (Ticket 21377)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Change recommendation title (Ticket 21379)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Change Description (Ticket 21378)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Change Assessment status to manual (Ticket 21380)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Remove RIP from recommendations (Ticket 21381)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Delete Ensure 'aaa authentication serial console' is configured correctly (Ticket 21382)

Date	Version	Changes for this version
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Remove AAA accounting for Serial Console (Ticket 21383)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Delete Ensure 'logging to Serial console' is disabled (Ticket 21384)
Apr 2, 2024	1.1.0	Add Ensure VPN traffic goes through the relevant ACL (Ticket 21385)