CONNECT TO PRODUCTION NETWORKS

NETWORK CONNECTIVITY IS NOT A LUXURY, IT IS A NECESSITY

- Block threats by using network segmentation
- Network interfaces and security zones
- Tap interfaces
- Virtual wire interfaces
- Layer 3 interfaces
- Virtual routers
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Learning Objectives

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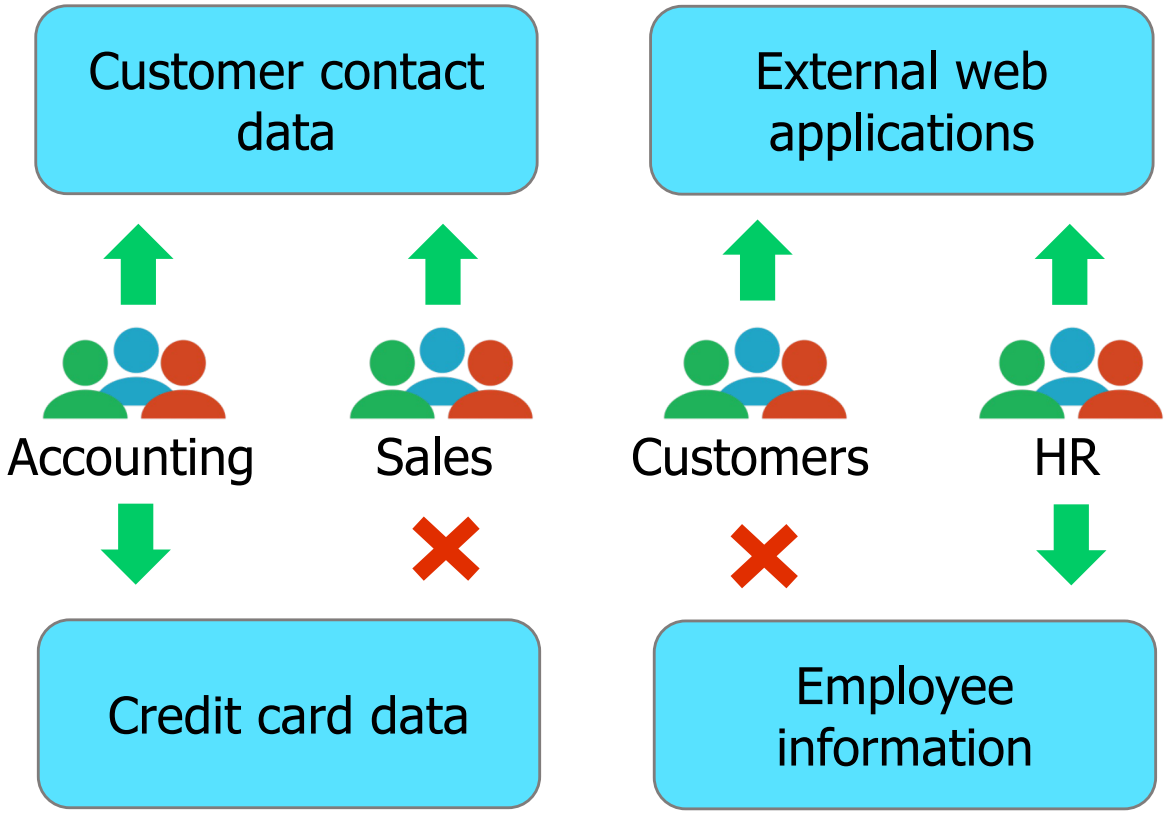
Network Segmentation

- Use network segmentation to secure access to data.
- Understand your business and organizational drivers:
  - Who must access what?
  - Use the principle of least privilege.
  - Consider any regulatory requirements.

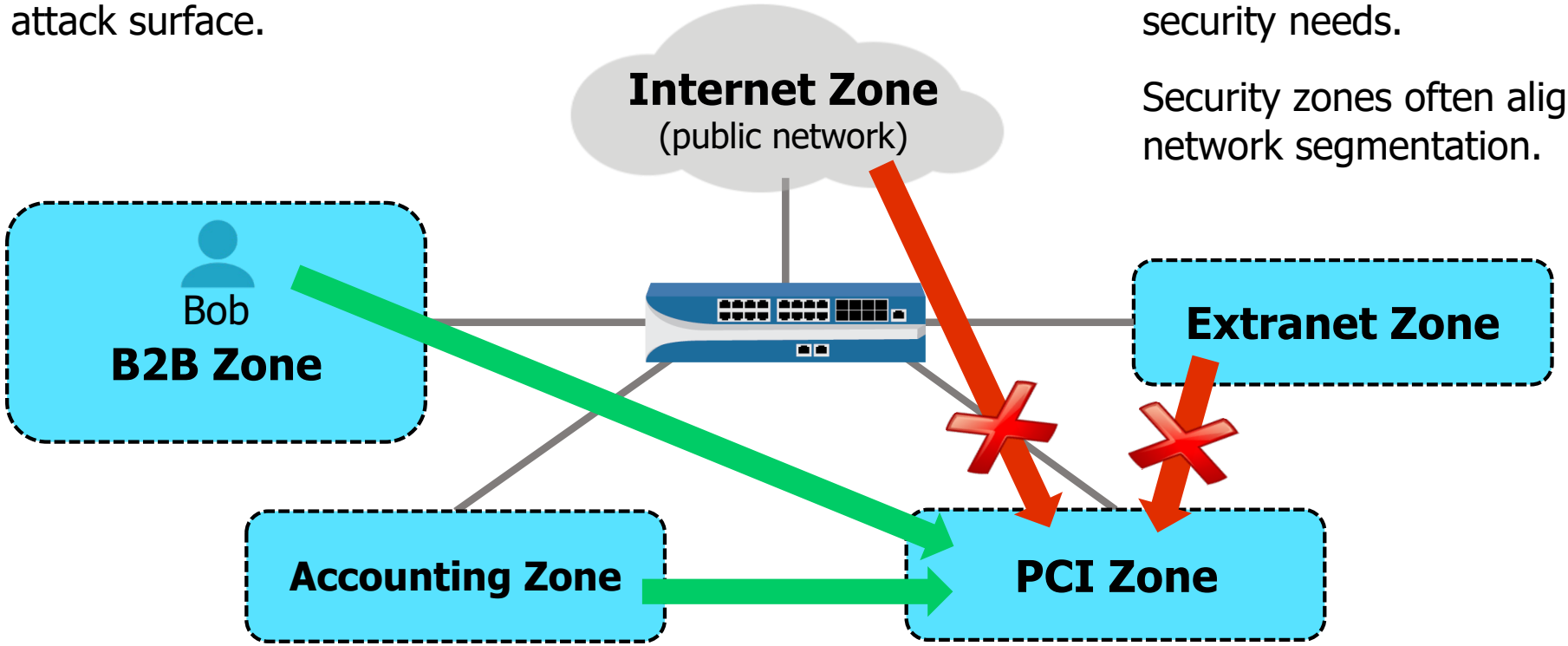


Network Segmentation and Security Zones

Use network segmentation and security zones to reduce the attack surface.

Security zones group devices/users with similar security needs.

Security zones often align to network segmentation.



Configure Security Policy to Support Segmentation

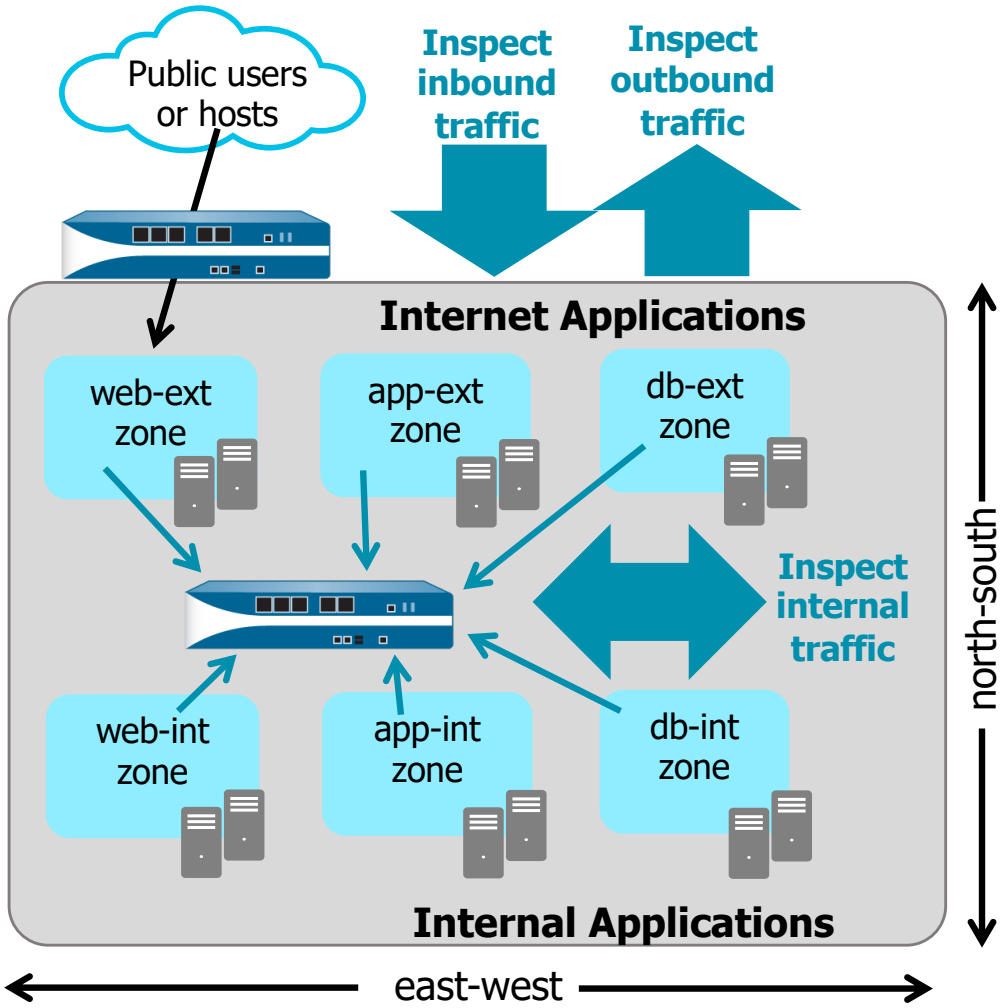
Policies > Security

				Source				Destination					
	NAME	TAGS	TYPE	ZONE	ADDRESS	USER	DEVICE	ZONE	ADDRE...	DEVICE	APPLICATION	SERVICE	ACTION
1	B2B-PCI-Access	B2B	universal	B2B	any	Bob	any	PCI	any	any	mssql-db	application-default	Allow
2	Acct-PCI-Access	Accounting	universal	Accounting	any	Accounting_Grp	any	PCI	any	any	mssql-db	application-default	Allow
3	intrazone-default	none	intrazone	any	any	any	any	(intrazone)	any	any	any	any	Allow
4	interzone-default	none	interzone	any	any	any	any	any	any	any	any	any	Deny

- Create a Security policy rule to allow required interzone traffic:
  - *Bob* in the *B2B* zone is allowed to access the *PCI* zone.
  - The *Accounting-Grp* in the *Accounting* zone is allowed to access the *PCI* zone.
- Any other interzone traffic is blocked, by default.

Zero Trust Architecture

- Never trust, always verify.
- Inspect perimeter traffic:
  - Inbound traffic
  - Outbound traffic
- Also inspect internal traffic.



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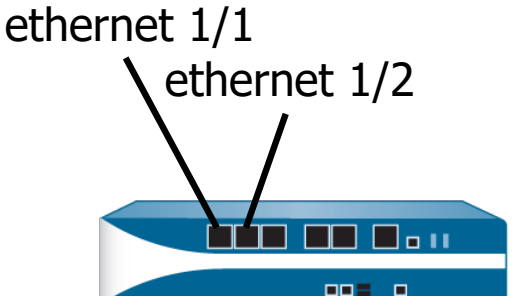
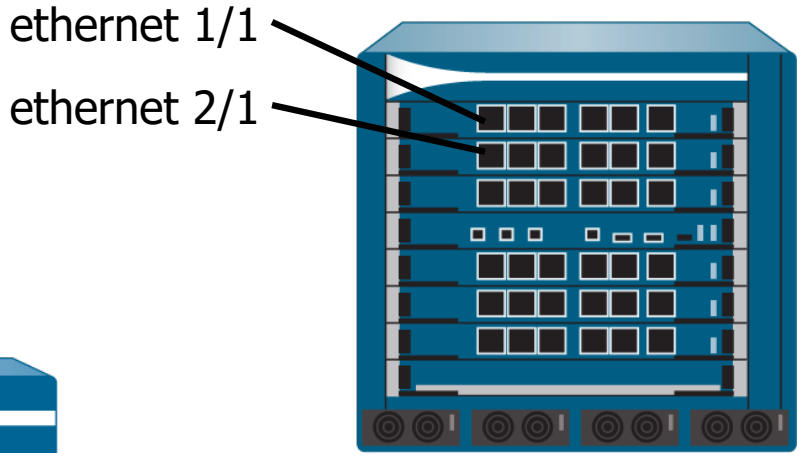
Network Interfaces

- The firewall data plane controls *in-band* network interfaces.
- Each interface is assigned to a single zone.
- A zone can include multiple physical or logical interfaces.



Single-Slot Firewall



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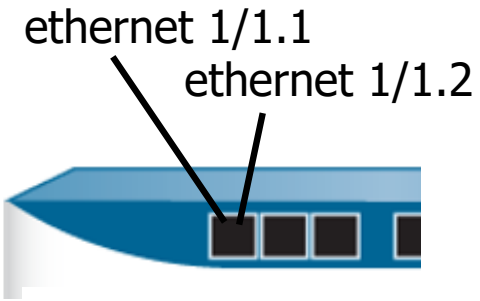
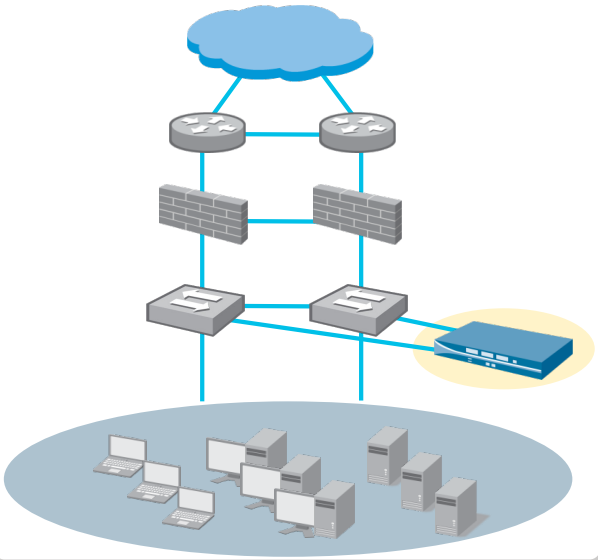


Logical Interfaces

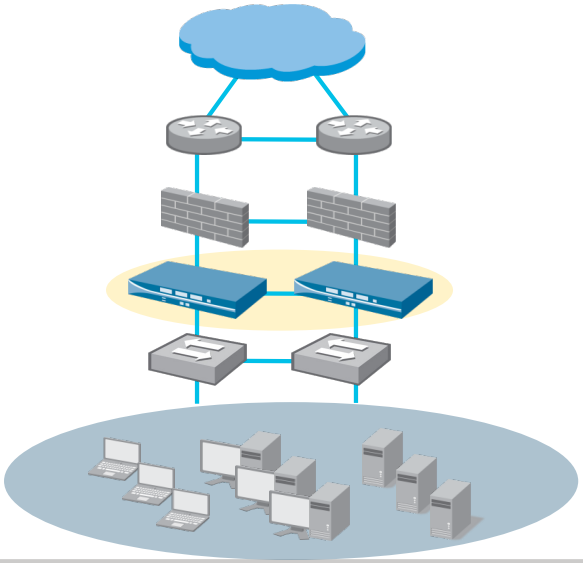
Flexible Deployment Options for Ethernet Interfaces

Tap



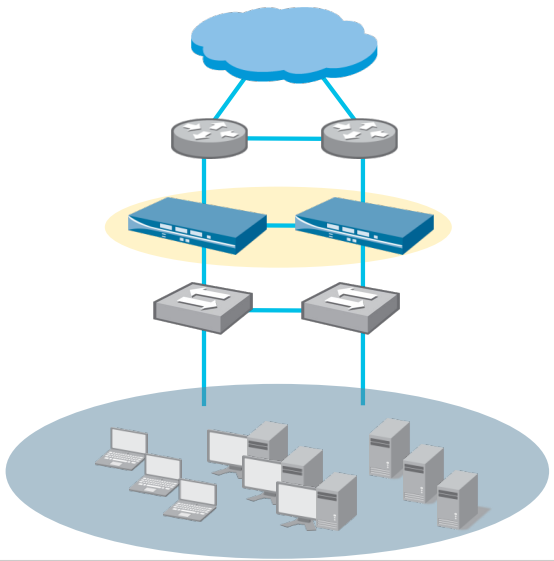
- Application, user, and content visibility without inline deployment
- Used for evaluation and audit of existing networks

Virtual Wire



- App-ID, Content-ID, User-ID, and SSL decryption
- Includes NAT capability

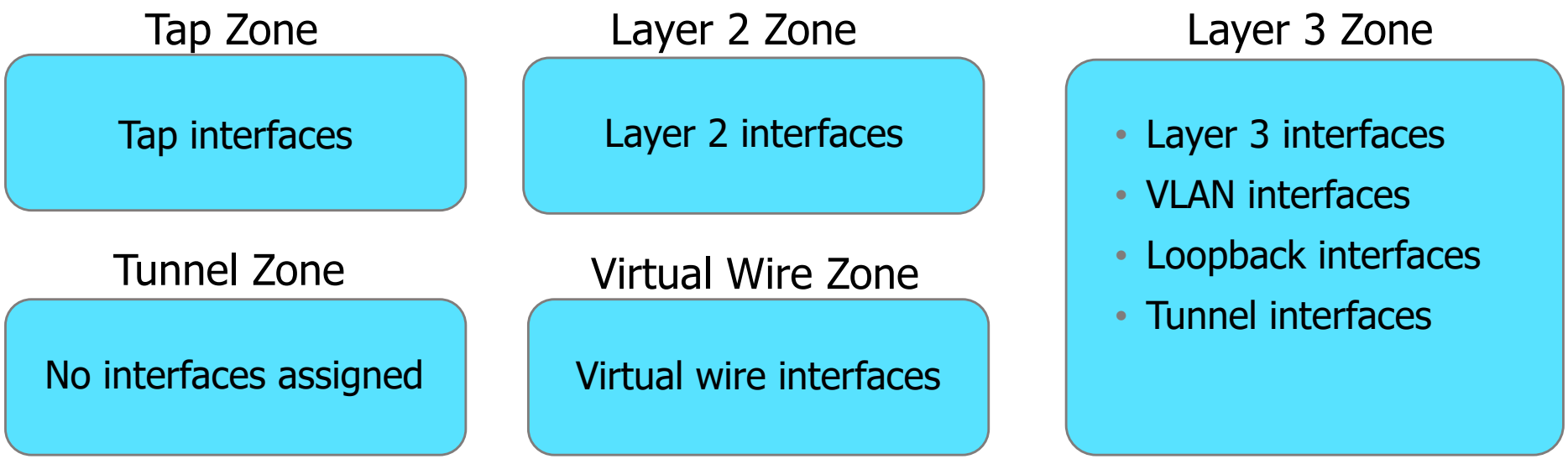
Layer 3



- All the virtual wire mode capabilities with the addition of Layer 3 services: virtual routers, VPN, and routing protocols

Interface Types and Zone Types

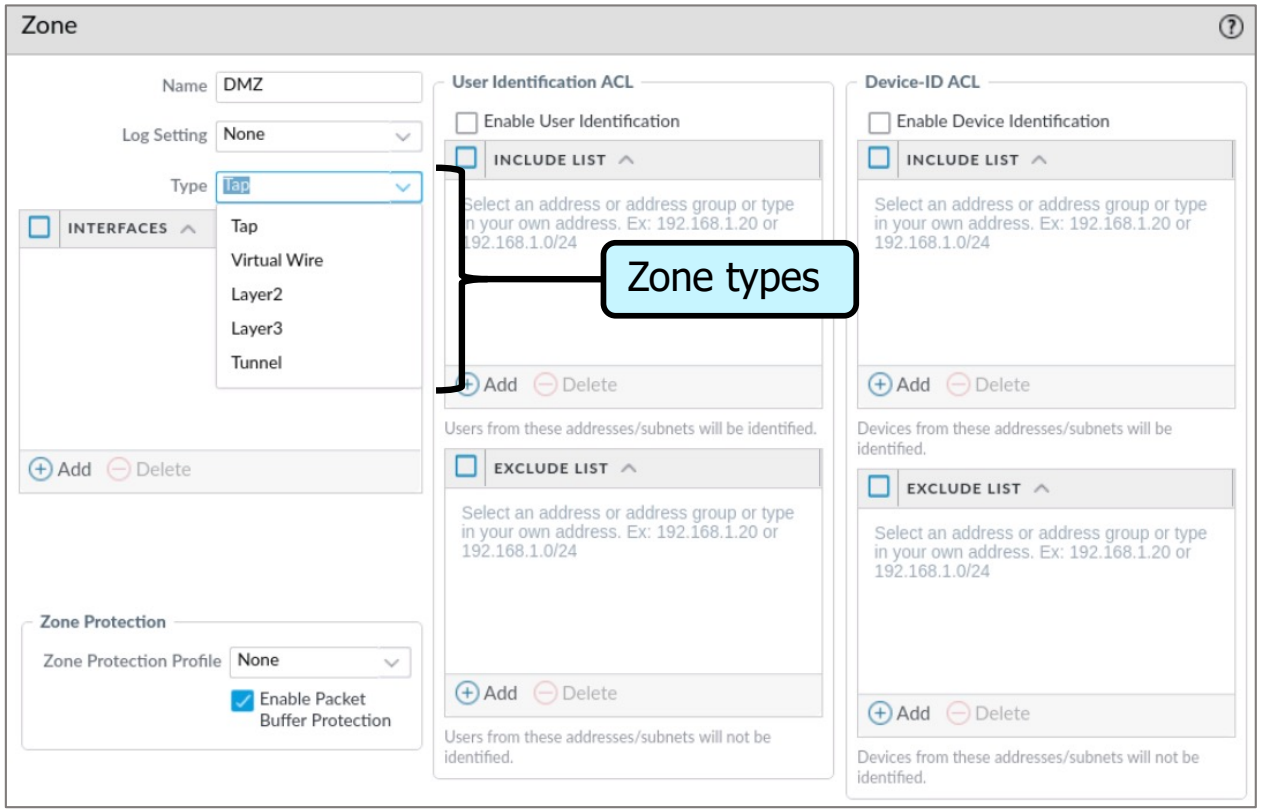
Different zone types support only specific interface types:



MGT and HA interfaces are not assigned to a zone.

Create a Security Zone

Network > Zones > Add



- Specify zone **Name**.
- Specify zone **Type**.
- Assign **Interfaces**:
  - Must be appropriate type.
  - Unassigned interfaces do not process traffic.

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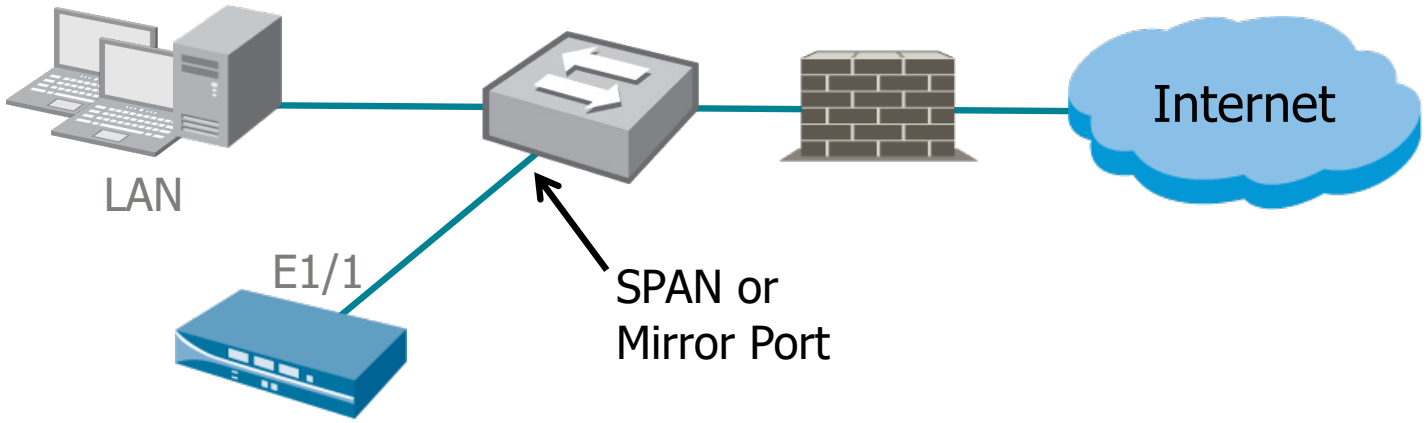
Tap Interfaces

- Enable passive monitoring of switch traffic from a SPAN or mirror port
- Cannot control traffic or perform traffic shaping
- Must be assigned to a tap zone
- Use Traffic log information to configure Security policy rules



Configure a Tap Interface

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet > <select_interface>

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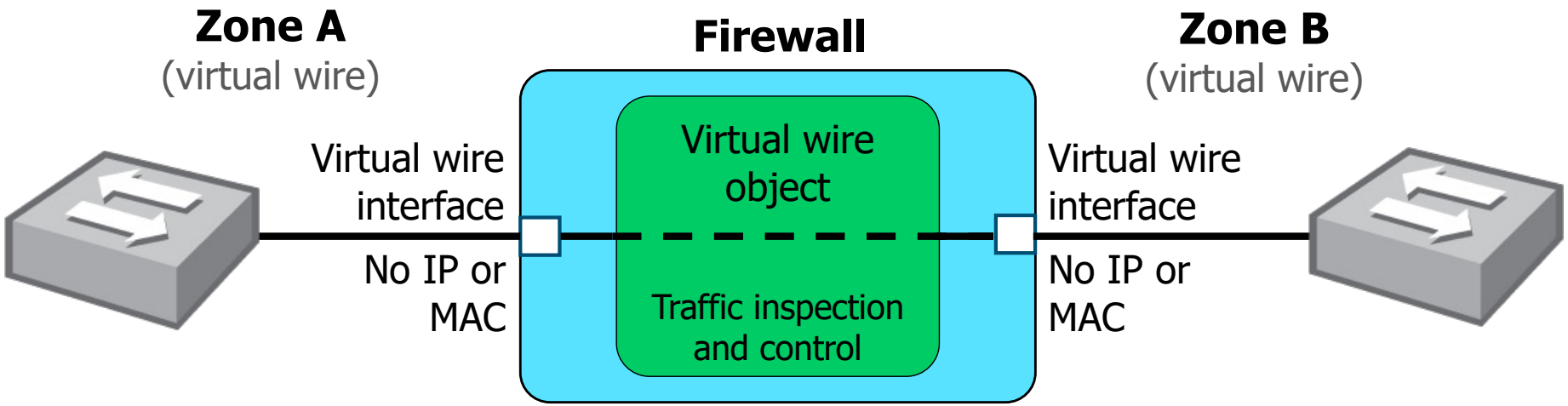
Virtual Wire Interfaces

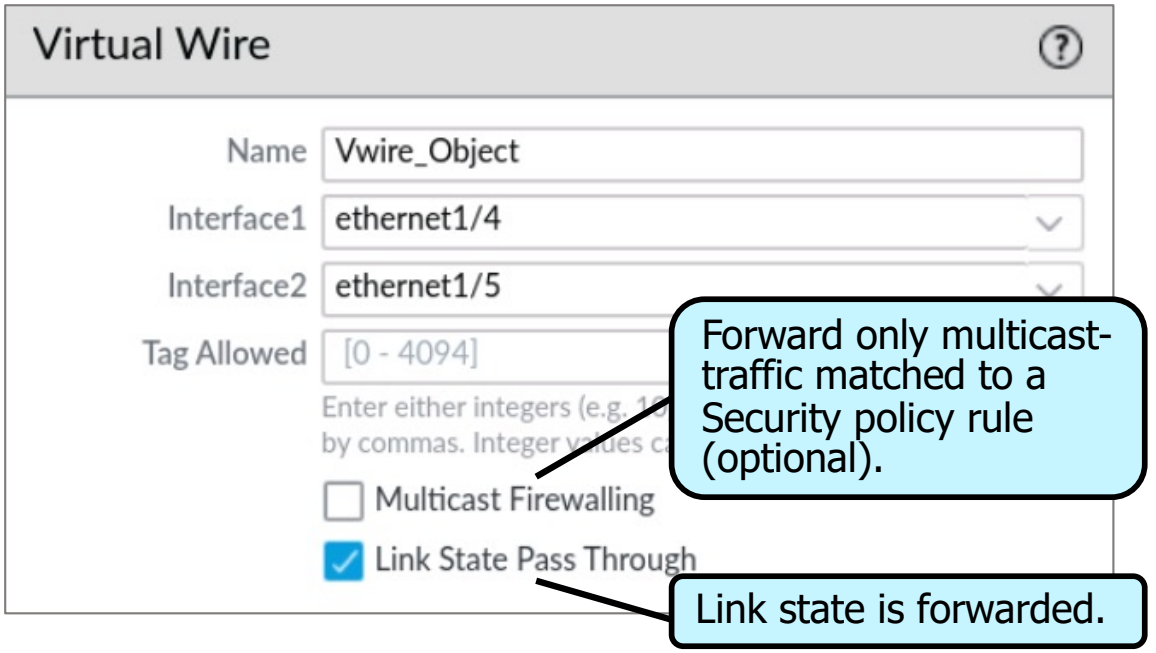
- Bind two firewall interfaces together through a virtual wire object
- Typically used when no switching or routing is needed
- No configuration changes for adjacent network devices



Configure a Virtual Wire Object

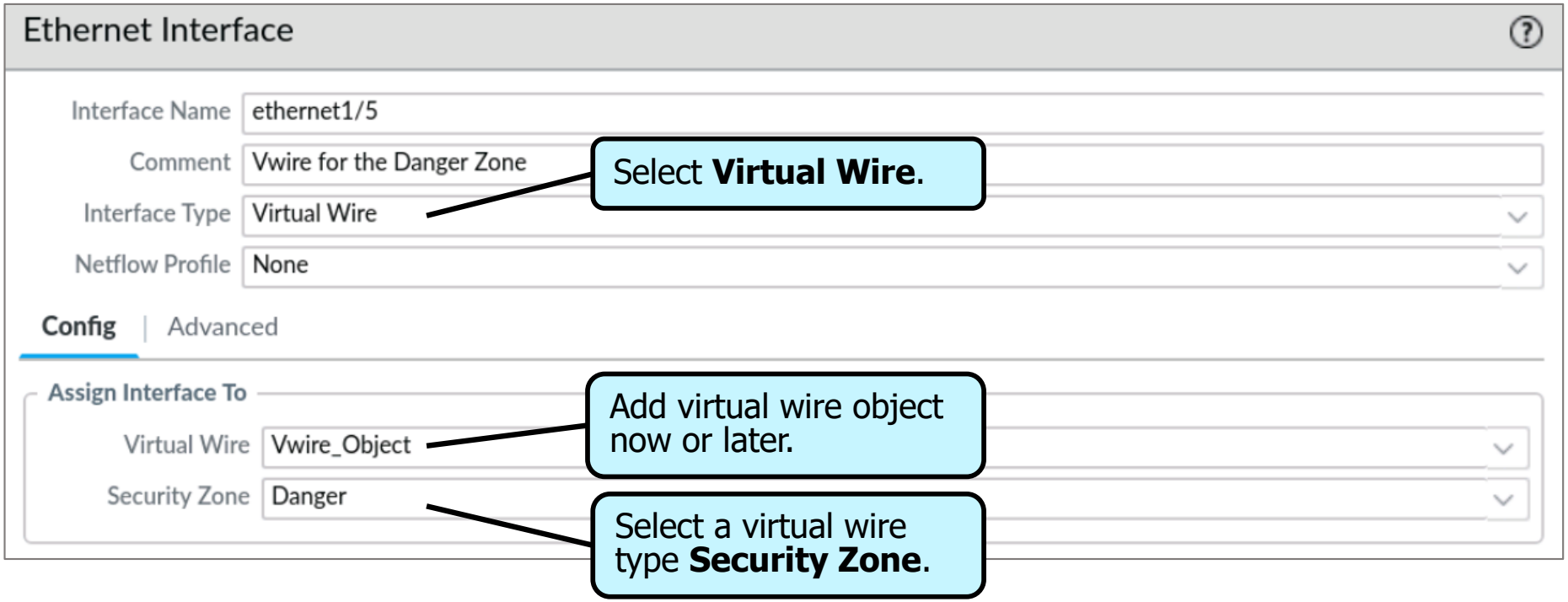
- A virtual wire object connects to virtual wire interfaces.
- A virtual wire can accept traffic based on 802.1Q VLAN tags:
  - 0 = untagged traffic

Network > Virtual Wires > Add

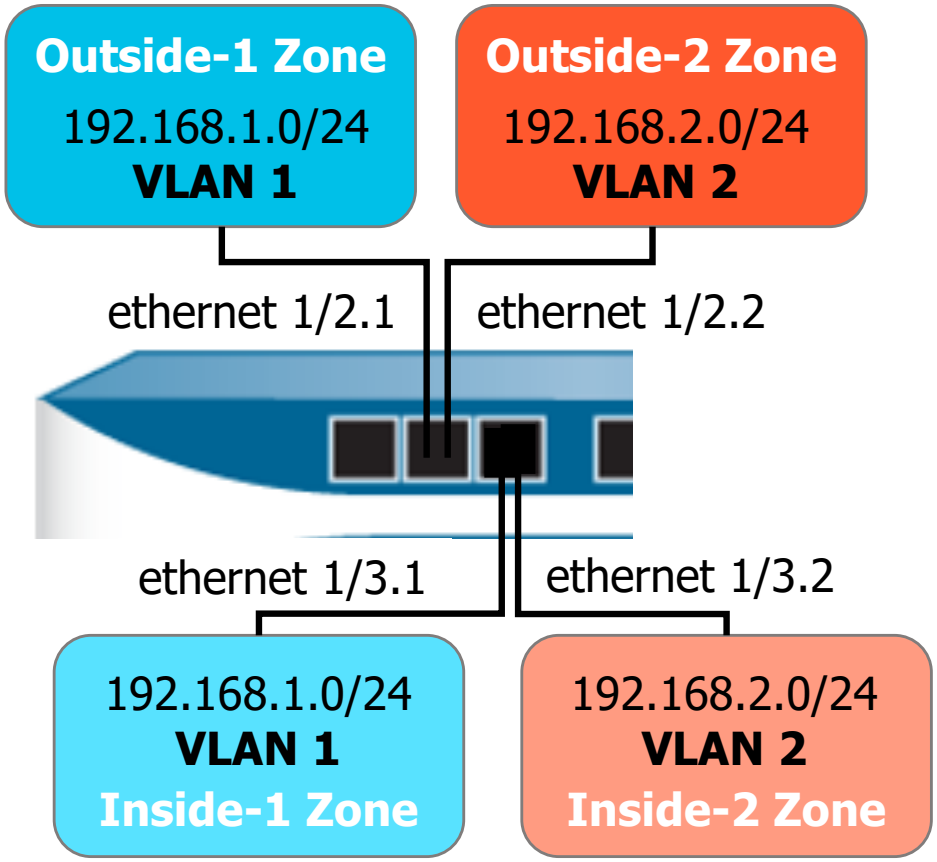


Configure a Virtual Wire Interface

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet > <select_interface>



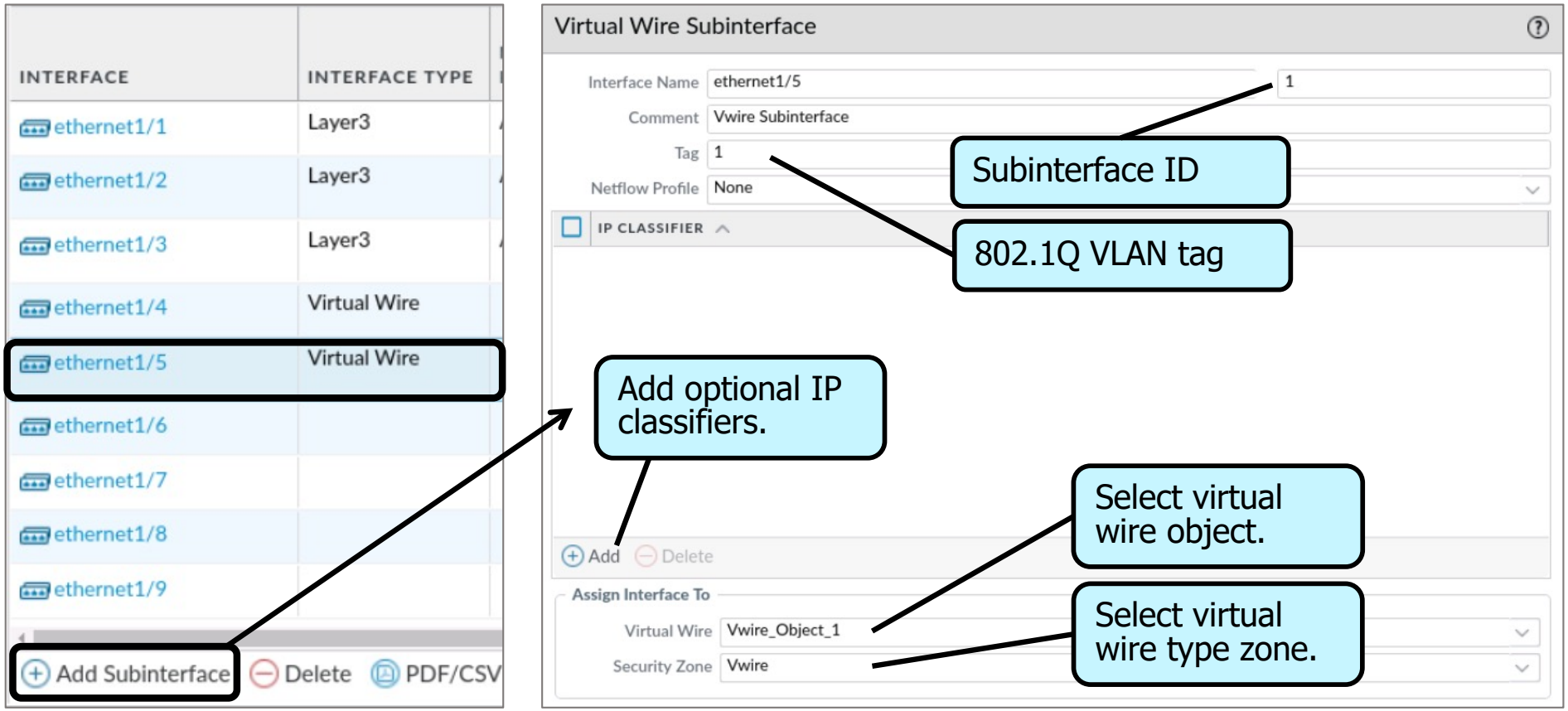
Virtual Wire Subinterfaces



- Assign subinterfaces to zones
- Security policy is required for interzone traffic
- Useful configuration for multi-tenant networks

Configure a Virtual Wire Subinterface

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet



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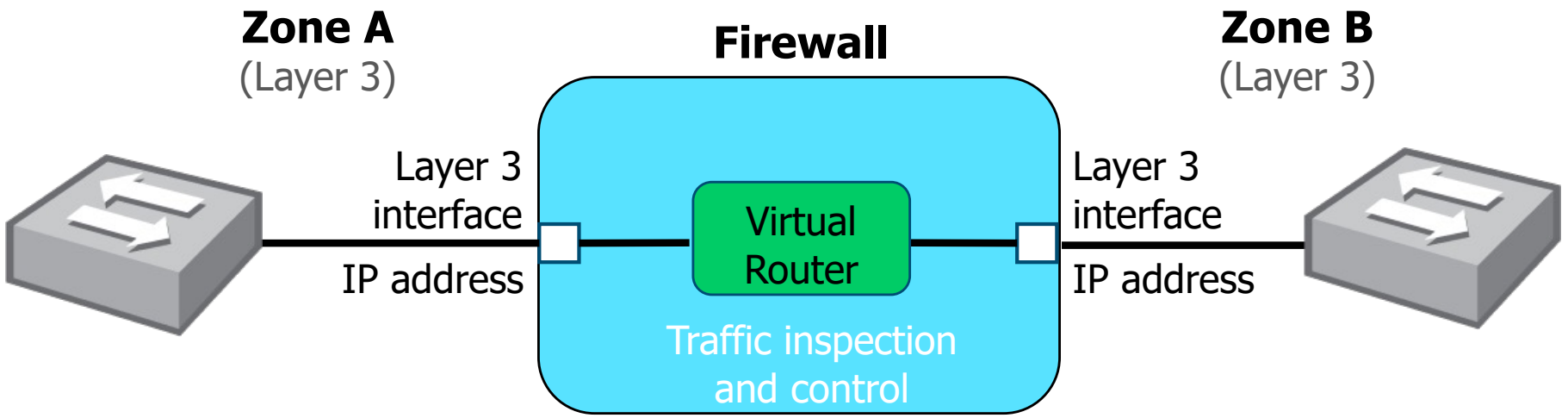
Layer 3 Interfaces

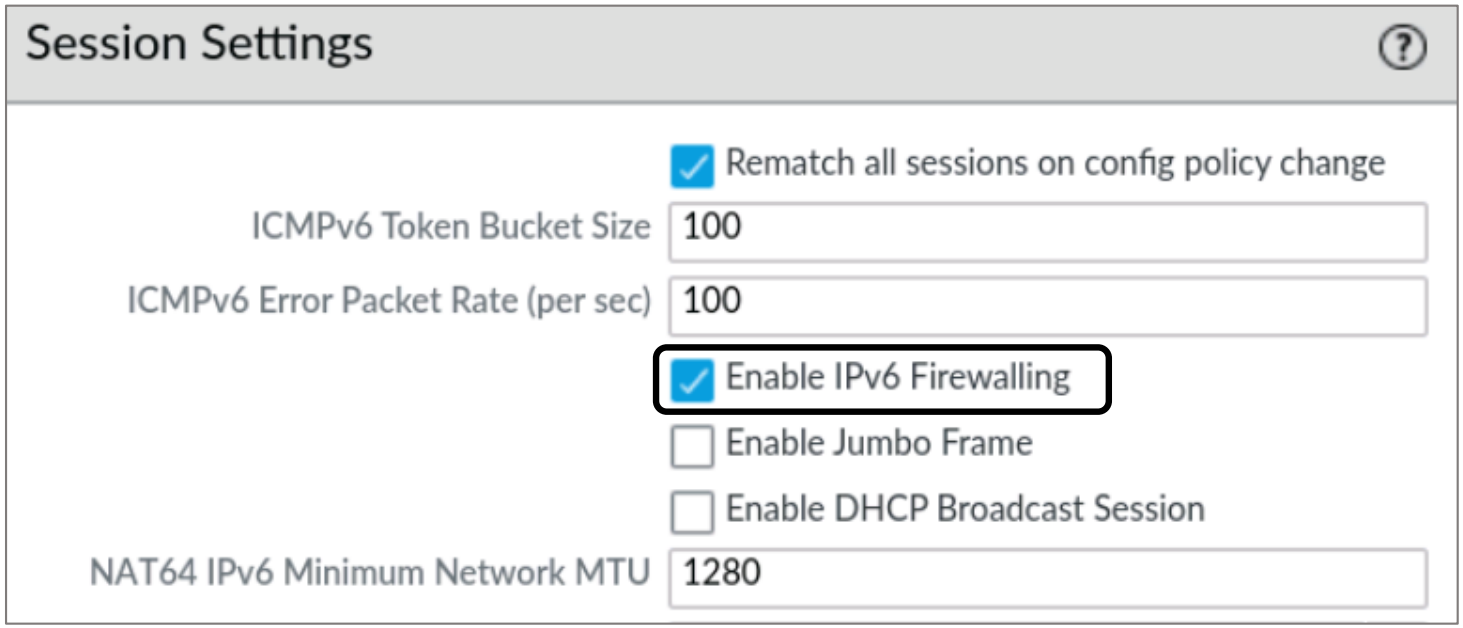
- Enables routing between multiple interfaces:
  - Requires a virtual router configuration
- Can require network configuration to accommodate new IP addresses



Enable IPv4 and IPv6 Support

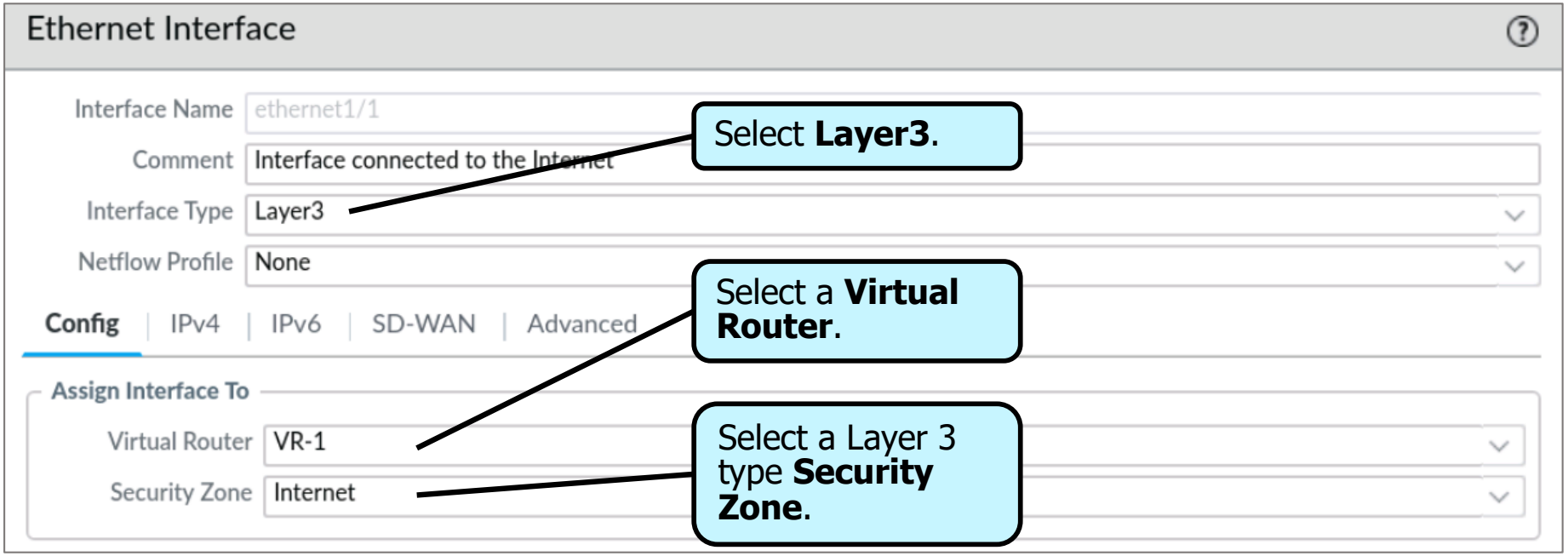
- Layer 3 interfaces support IPv4 and IPv6.
- To support IPv6 addresses, you must enable IPv6 on the firewall.

Device > Setup > Session > Session Settings



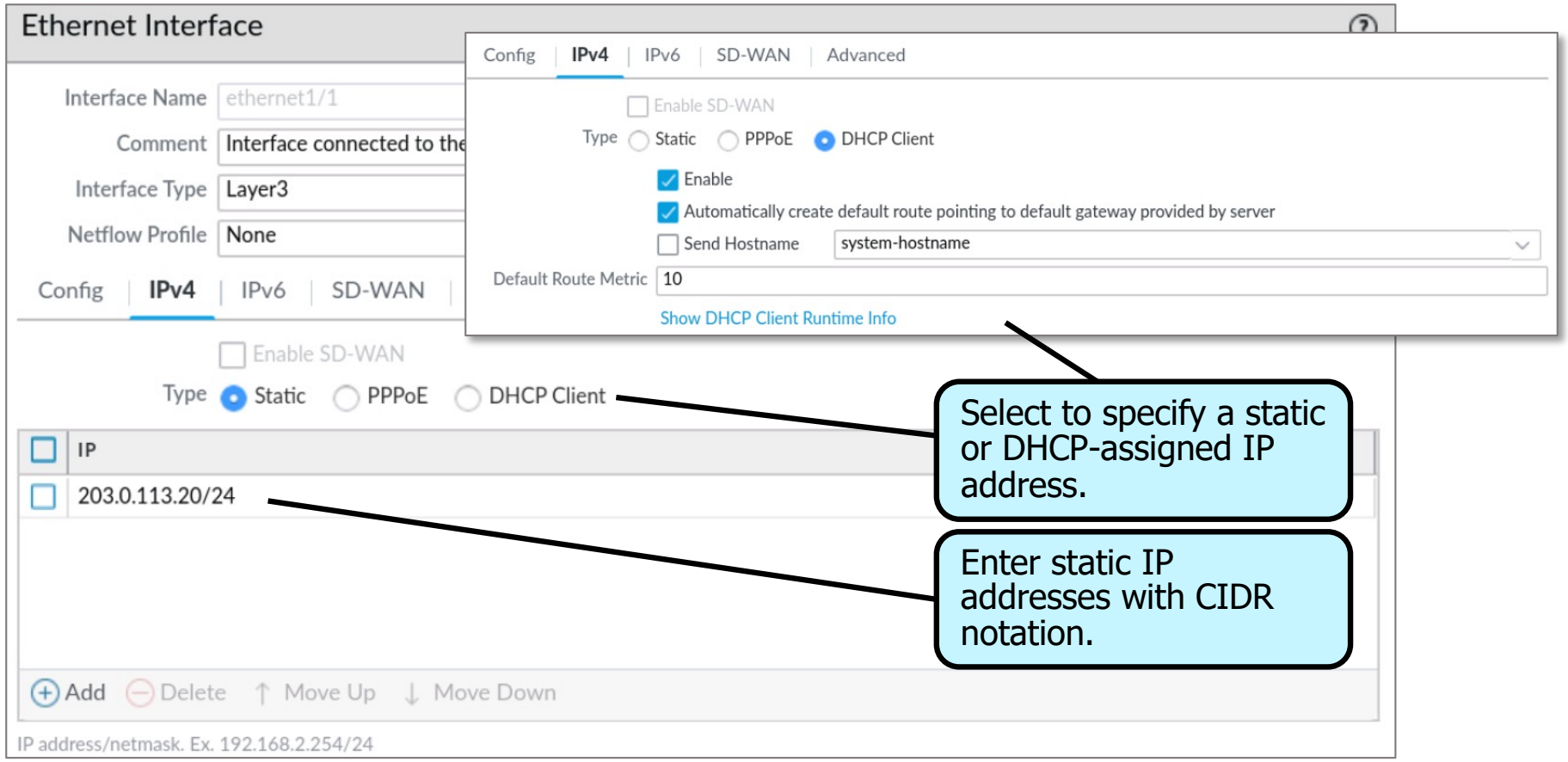
Configure a Layer 3 Interface: Config

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet > <select_interface>



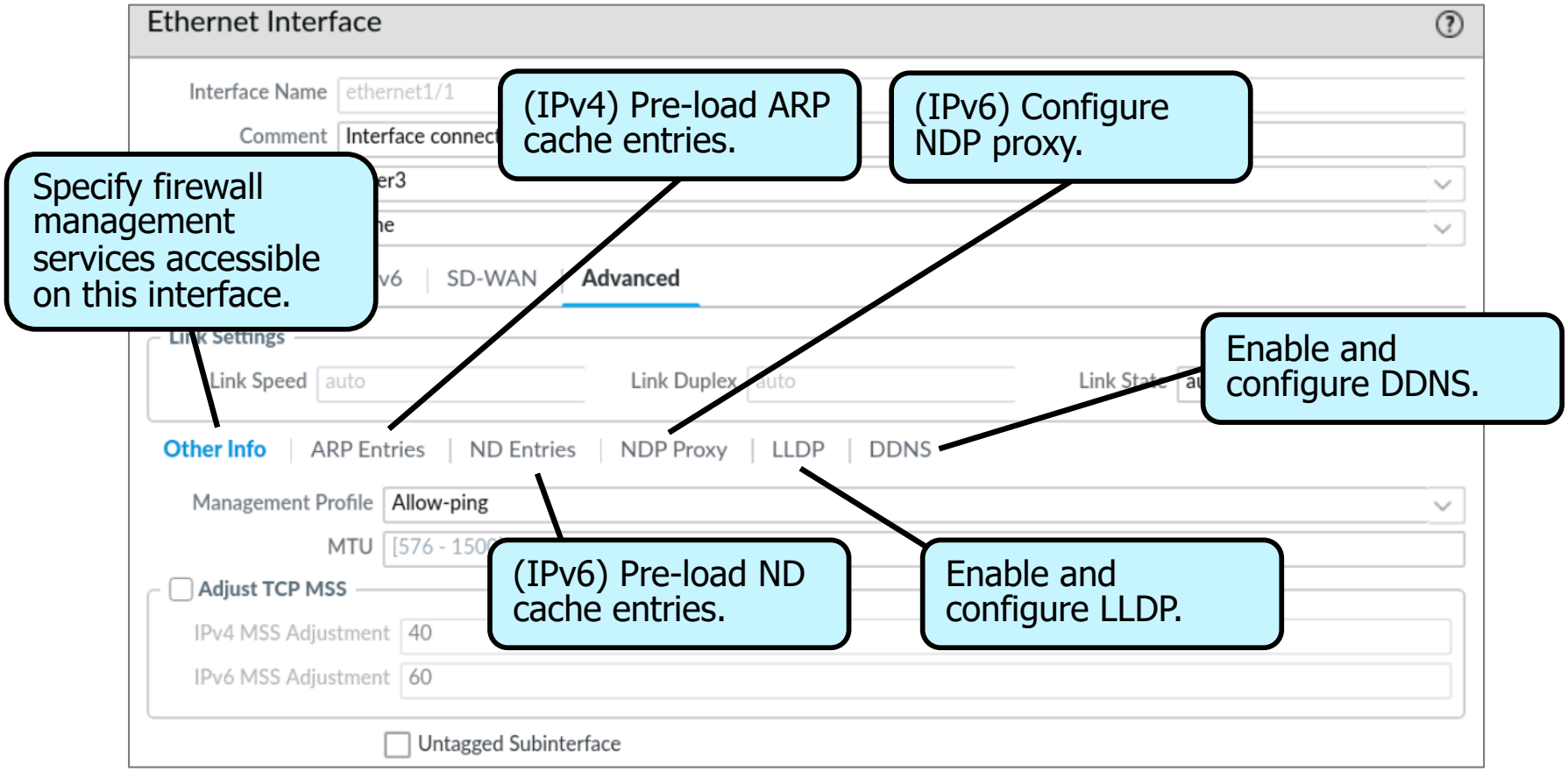
Configure a Layer 3 Interface: IPv4

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet > <select_interface>



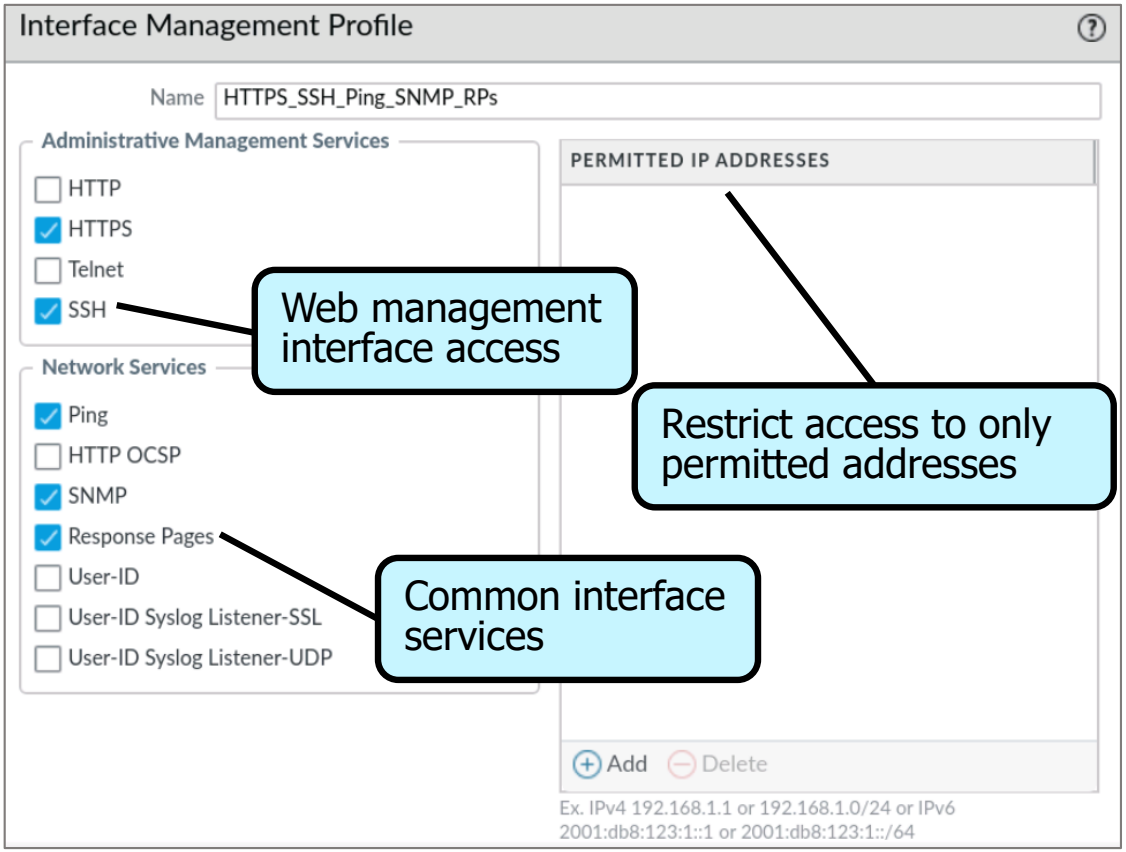
Configure a Layer 3 Interface: Advanced

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet > <select_interface>



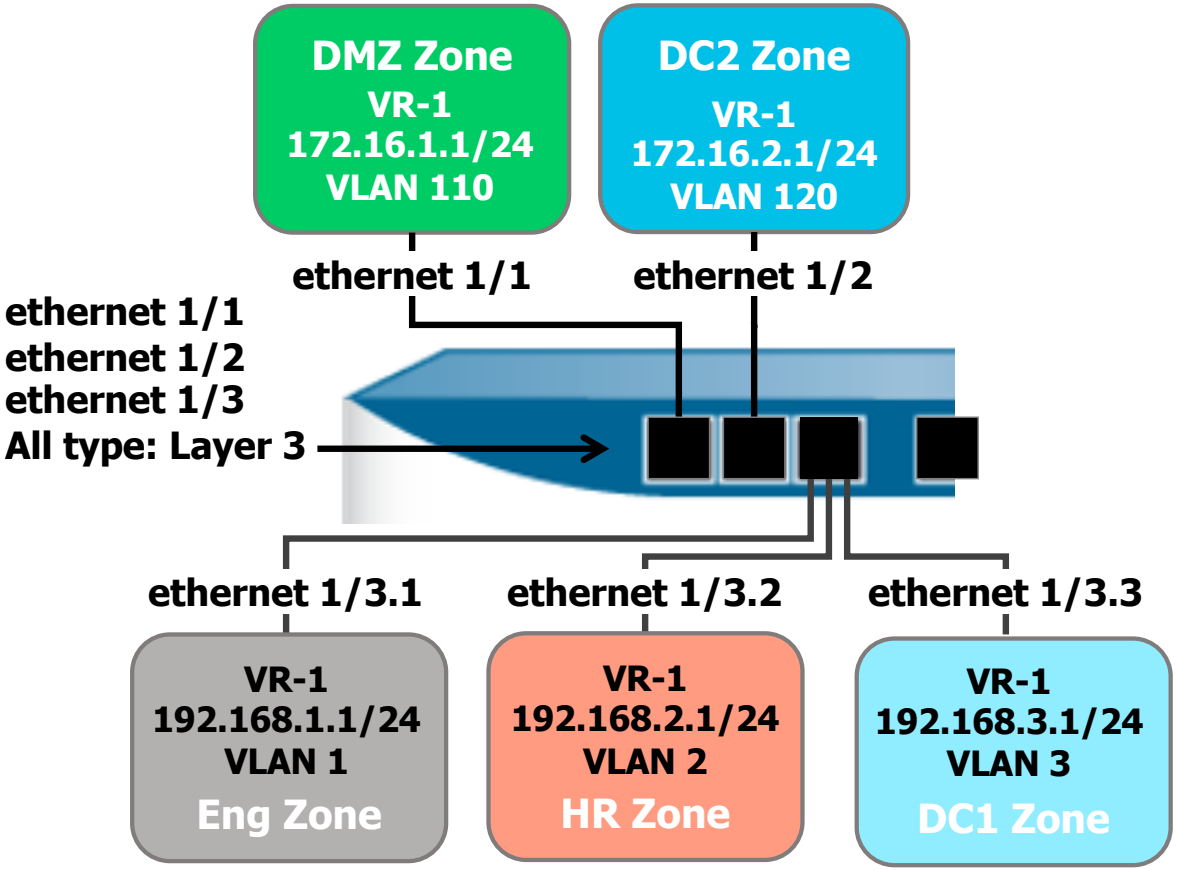
Interface Management Profile

Network > Network Profiles > Interface Mgmt > Add



- Defines which firewall management services are accessible from a traffic interface
- Can be applied to interfaces that support IP addresses:
  - Layer 3
  - Loopback
  - Tunnel

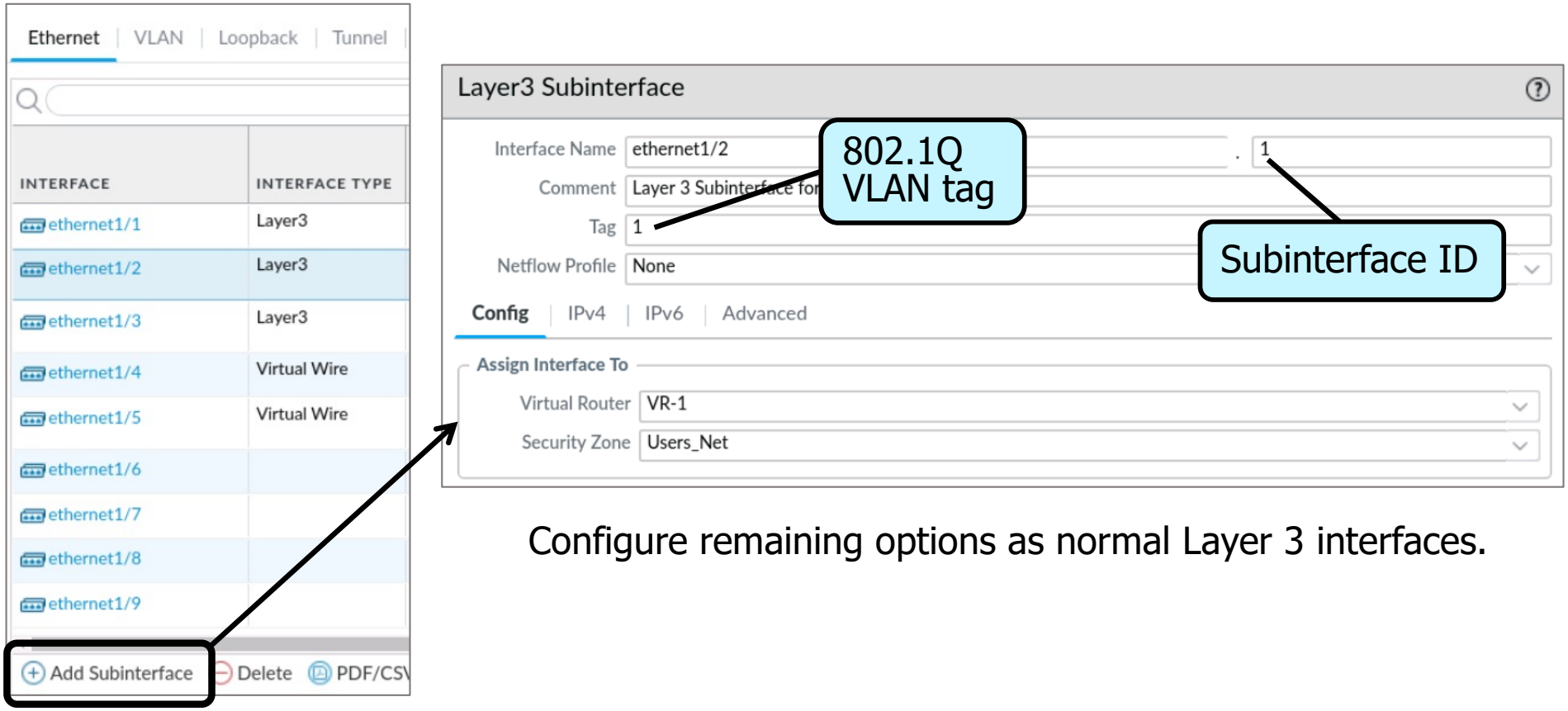
Layer 3 Subinterfaces



- Read and process traffic based on:
  - VLAN tags (1-4094)
  - VLAN tags and IP classifiers (source IP)
  - IP classifiers (untagged traffic, source IP)
- Common uses include:
  - More granular security rules
  - Logically splitting network traffic

Configure a Layer 3 Subinterface

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet



Configure remaining options as normal Layer 3 interfaces.

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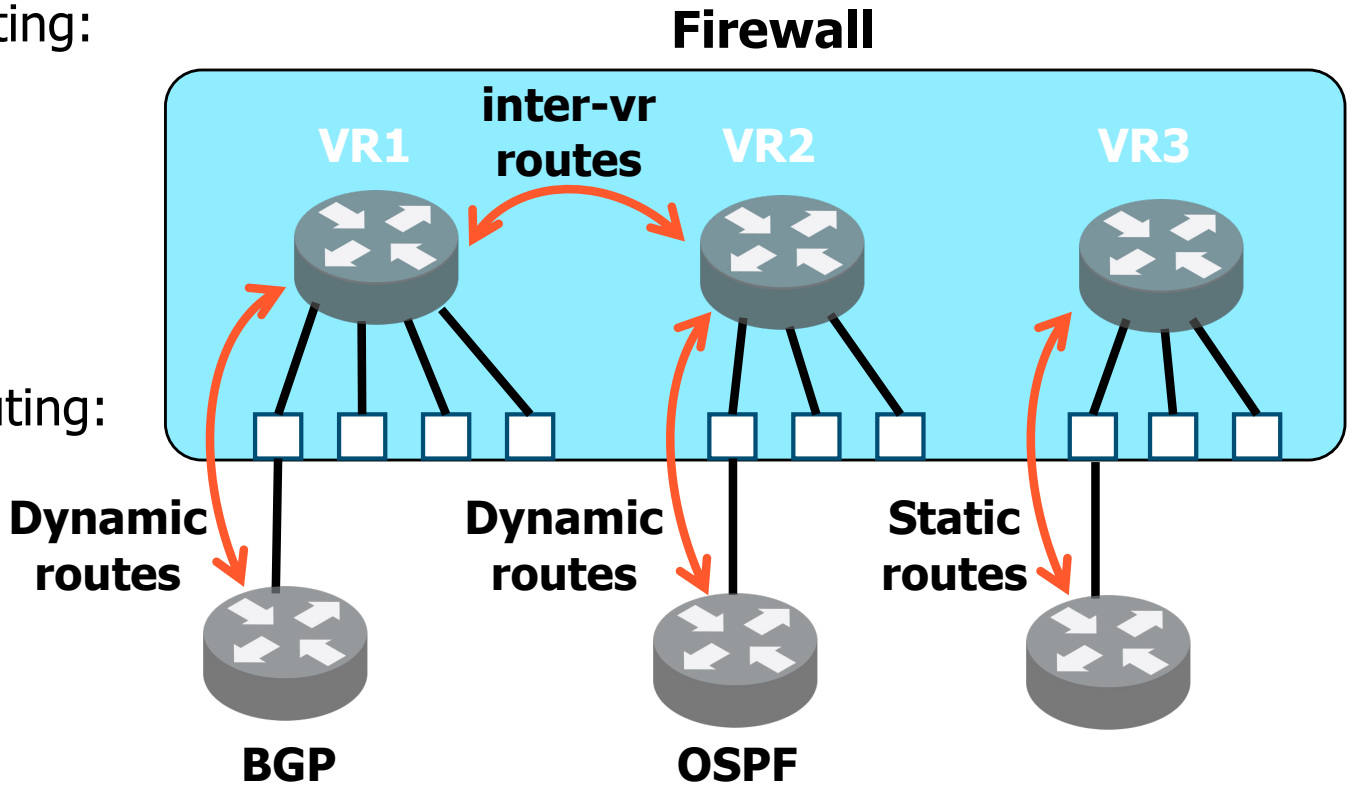
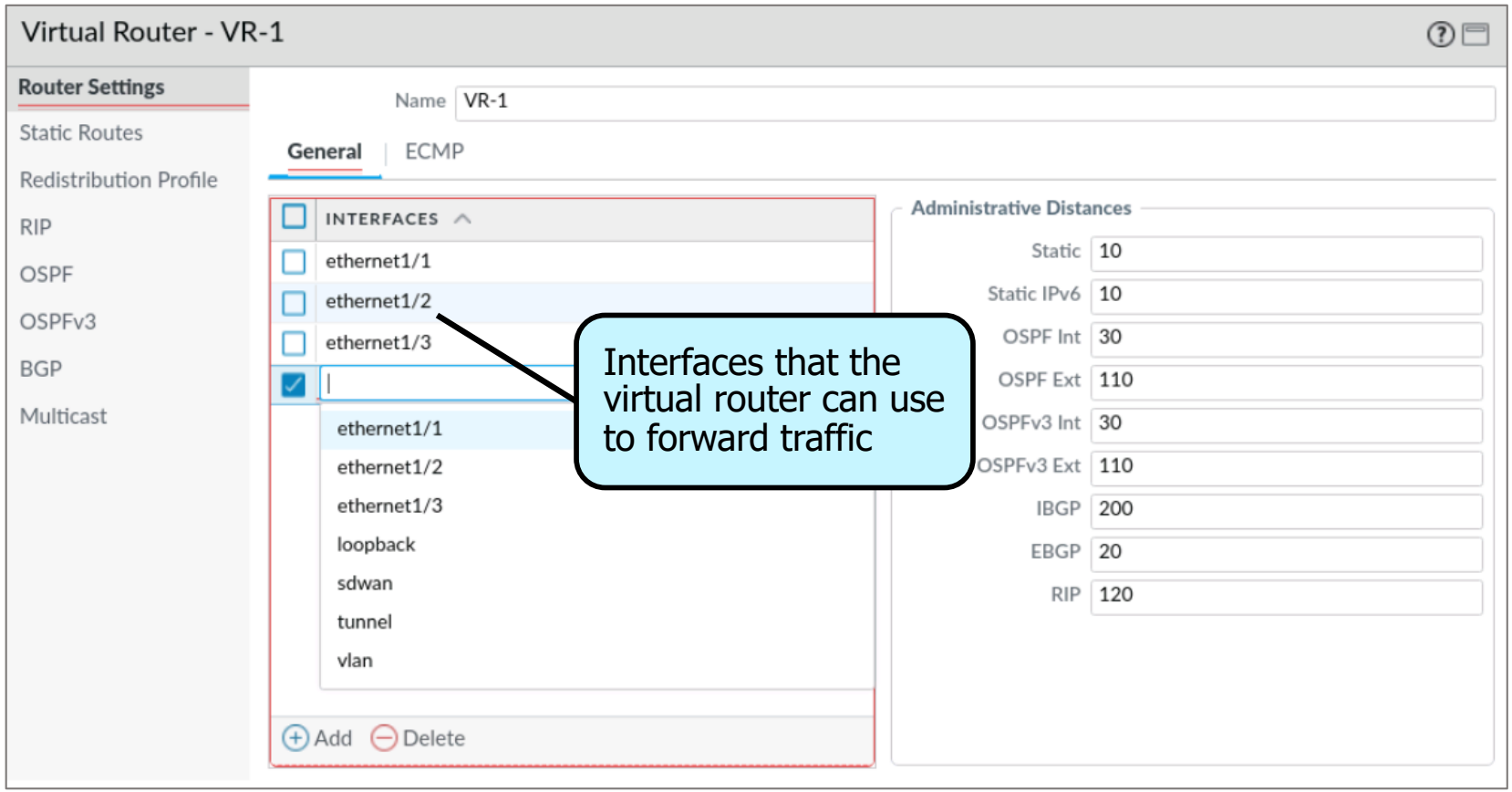
Virtual Routers

- Support one or more static routes
- Support dynamic routing:
  - BGPv4
  - OSPFv2
  - OSPFv3
  - RIPv2
- Support multicast routing:
  - PIM-SM
  - PIM-SSM



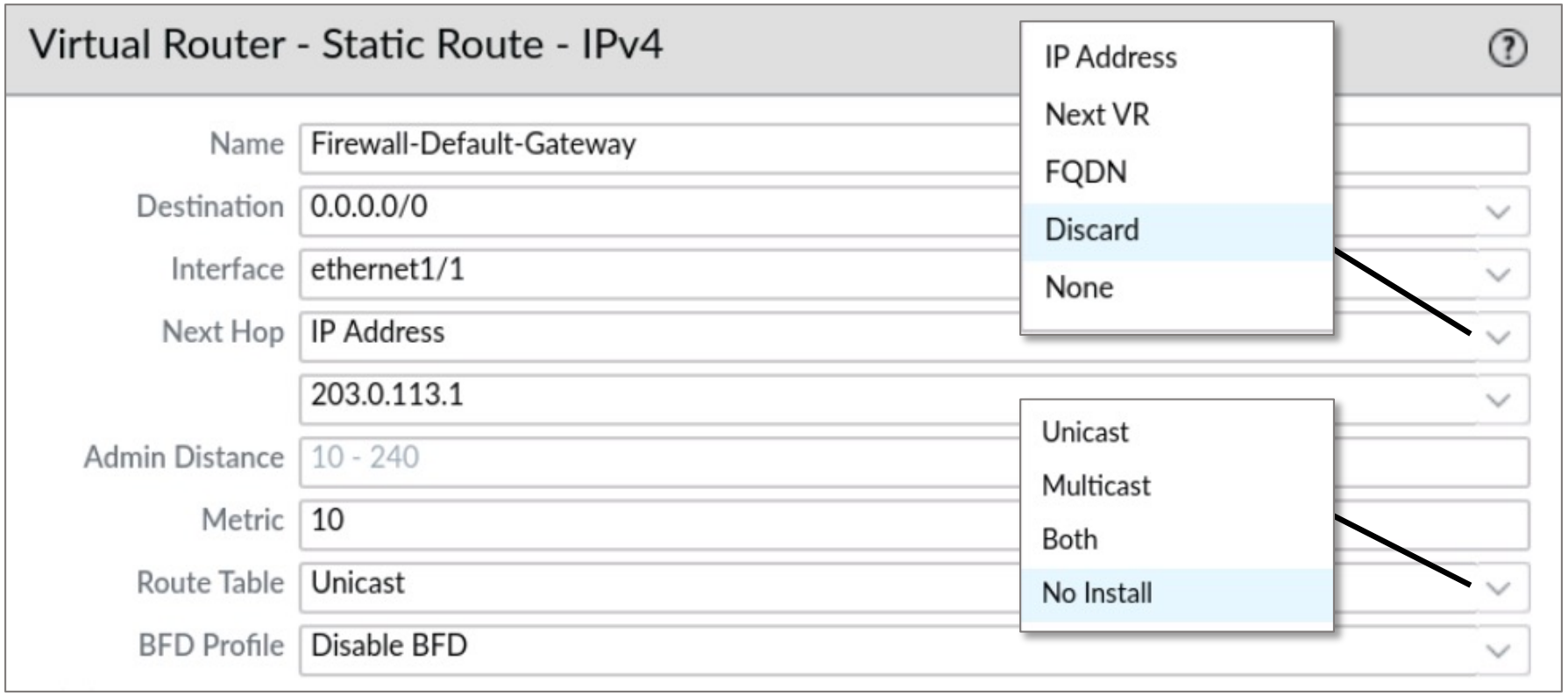
Virtual Router General Settings

Network > Virtual Routers



Add a Static Default Route

Network > Virtual Routers > Static Routes > Add



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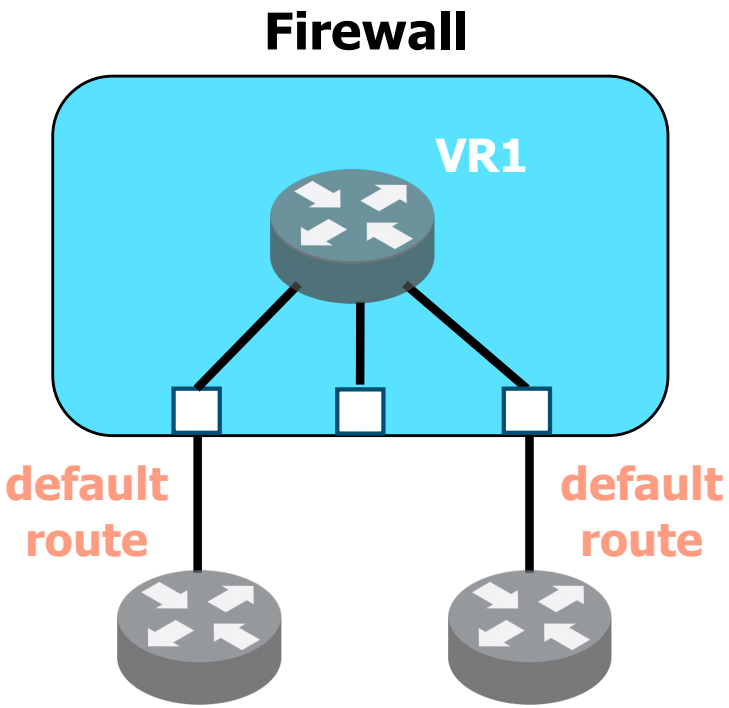
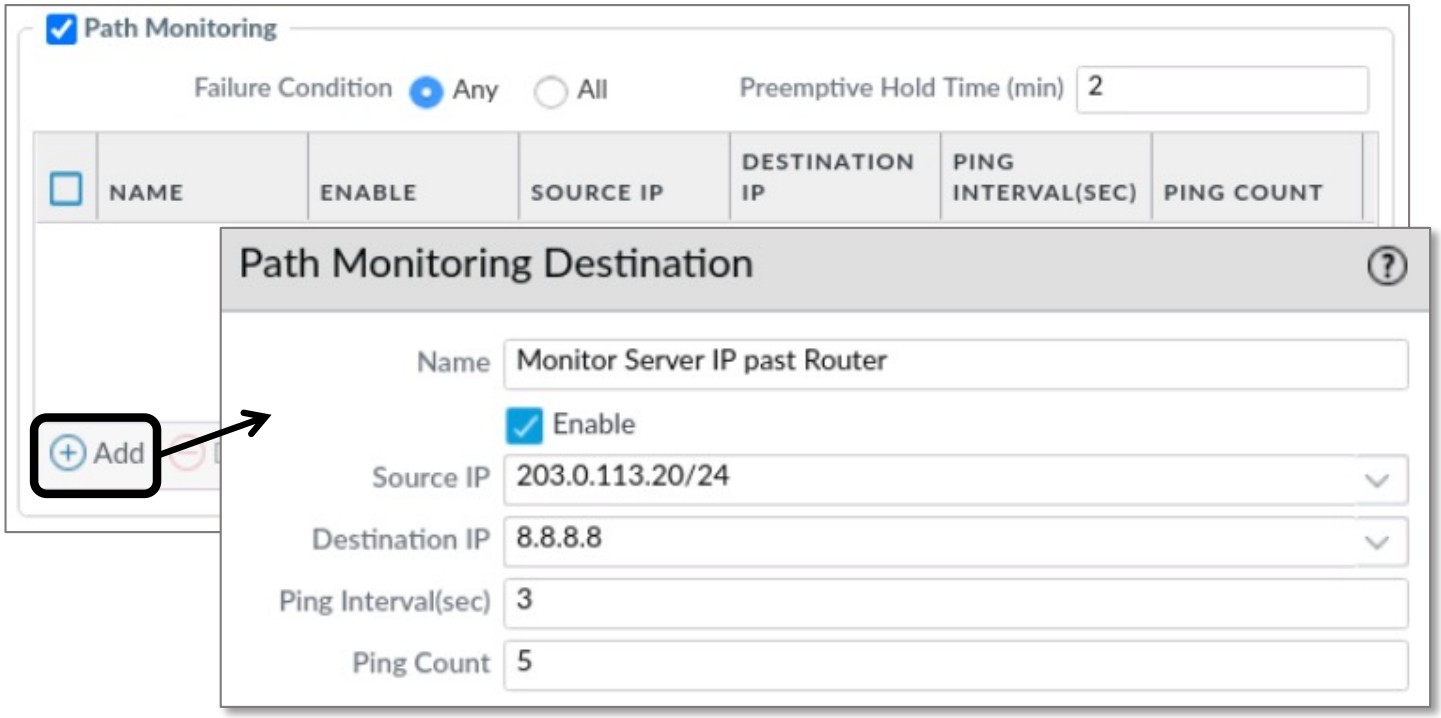


- Can configure multiple static default routes.
- Route with the lowest metric is used.
- Path monitoring determines if routes are usable.
- Firewall switches the default route during path failure.
- Supports failback.

Static Route Path Monitoring

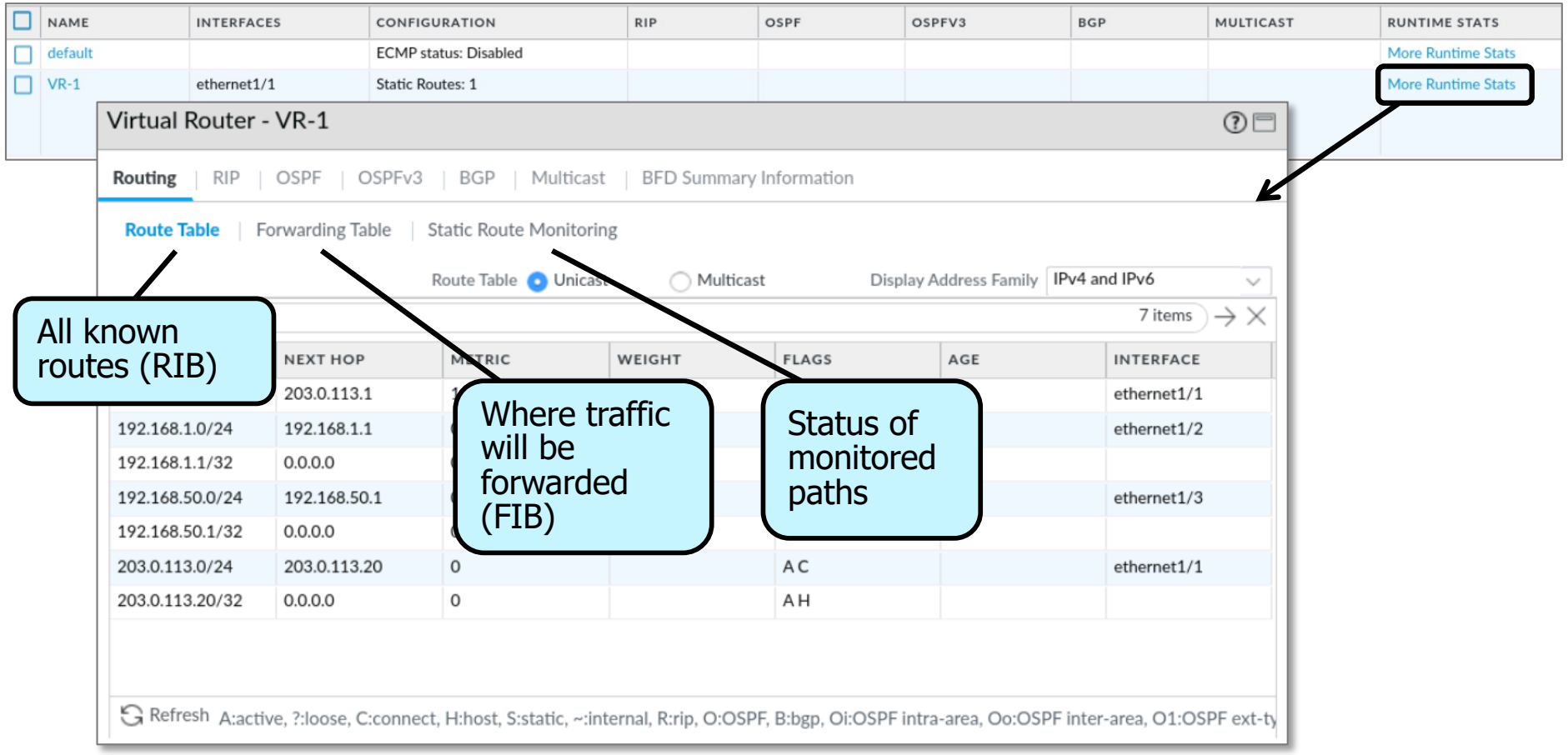
Network > Virtual Routers > Static Routes > Add



- Uses ping to test reachability to stable upstream devices.
- Testing continues after failure.
- Will remove or re-add static routes.

Troubleshoot Routing

Network > Virtual Routers



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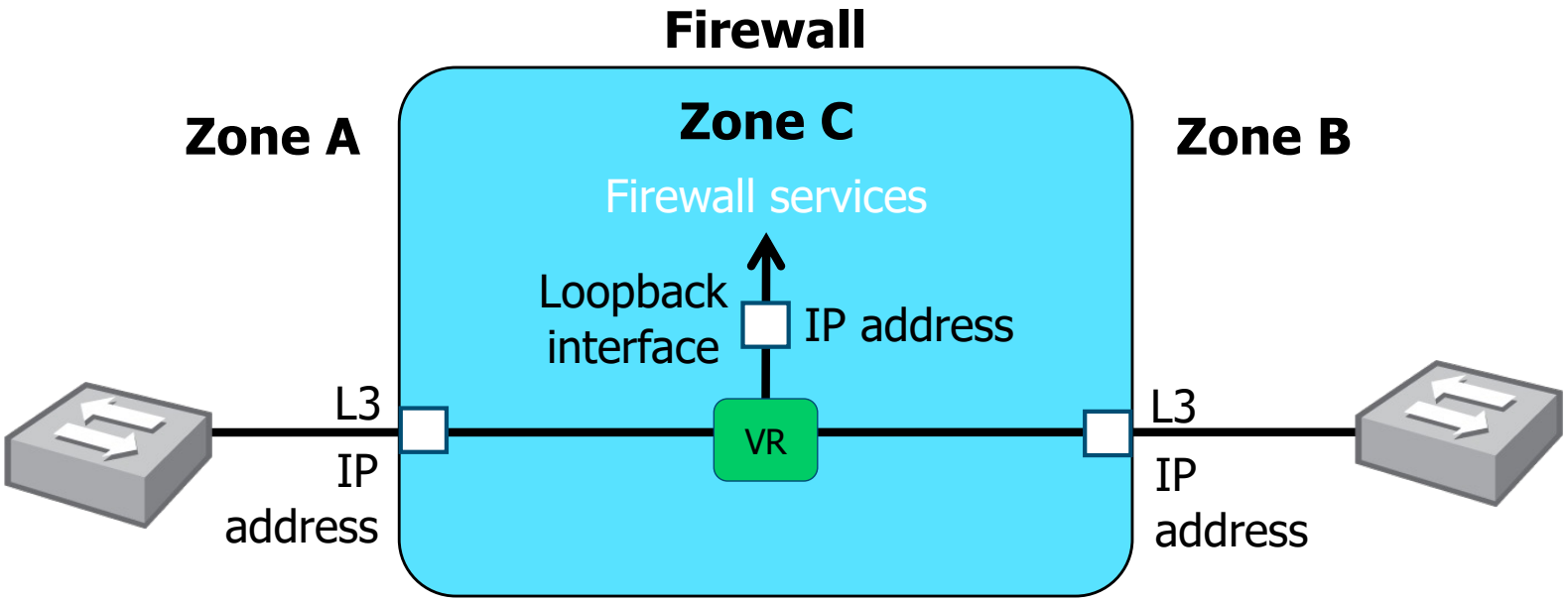
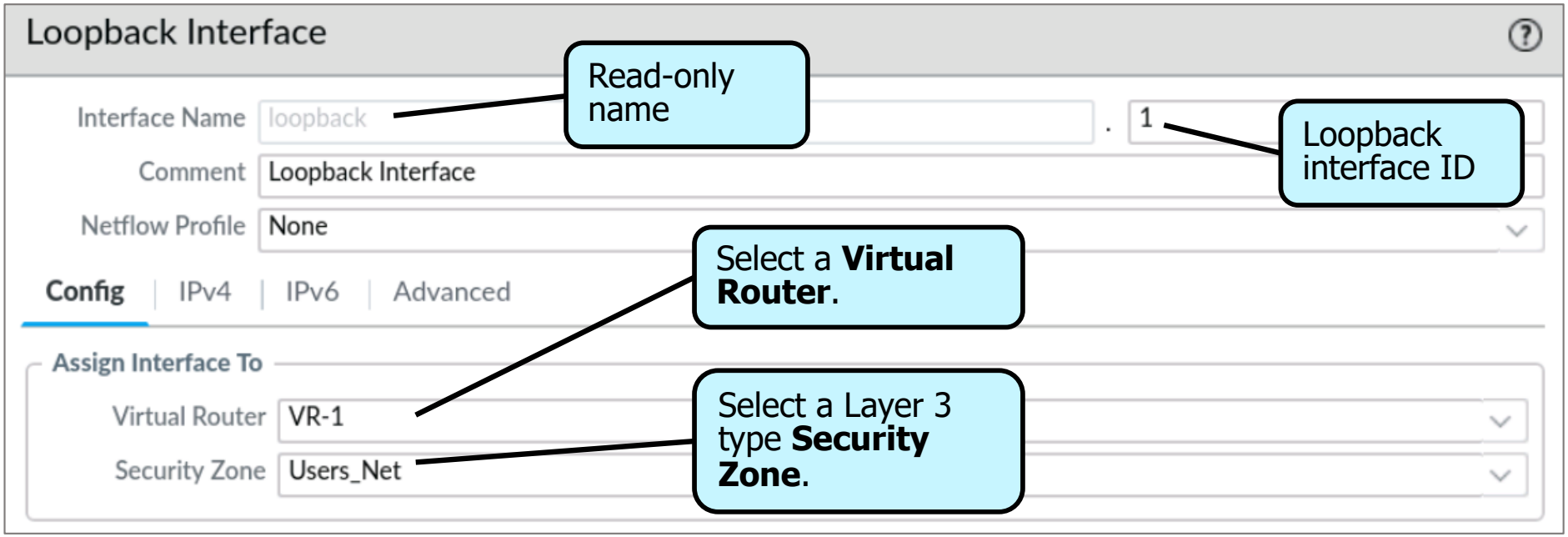
Loopback Interface

- Logical interface with an IP address
- Behaves like a host interface
- Used to provide access to firewall services



Configure a Loopback Interface

Network > Interfaces > Loopback > Add



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- Segment Your Production Network Using Security Zones
- Test Connectivity to Each Zone
- Create Interface Management Profiles
- Test Interface Access Before Management Profiles
- Define Interface Management Profiles
- Apply Interface Management Profiles
- Test Interface Access After Management Profiles

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