

## CONNECT TO PRODUCTION NETWORKS



## *NETWORK CONNECTIVITY IS NOT A LUXURY, IT IS A NECESSITY*

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

## Learning Objectives

After you complete this module, you should be able to:

- Describe firewall network segmentation components used to block threats
- Configure firewall security zones to implement network segmentation
- Configure tap interfaces to collect network traffic for later analysis
- Configure virtual wire interfaces to control network traffic traversing between two firewall interfaces
- Configure Layer 3 interfaces to control network traffic traversing Layer 3 networks
- Configure a virtual router to support Layer 3 interfaces
- Configure a loopback interface to support external connections to internal firewall services





## **Block threats by using network segmentation**

Network interfaces and security zones

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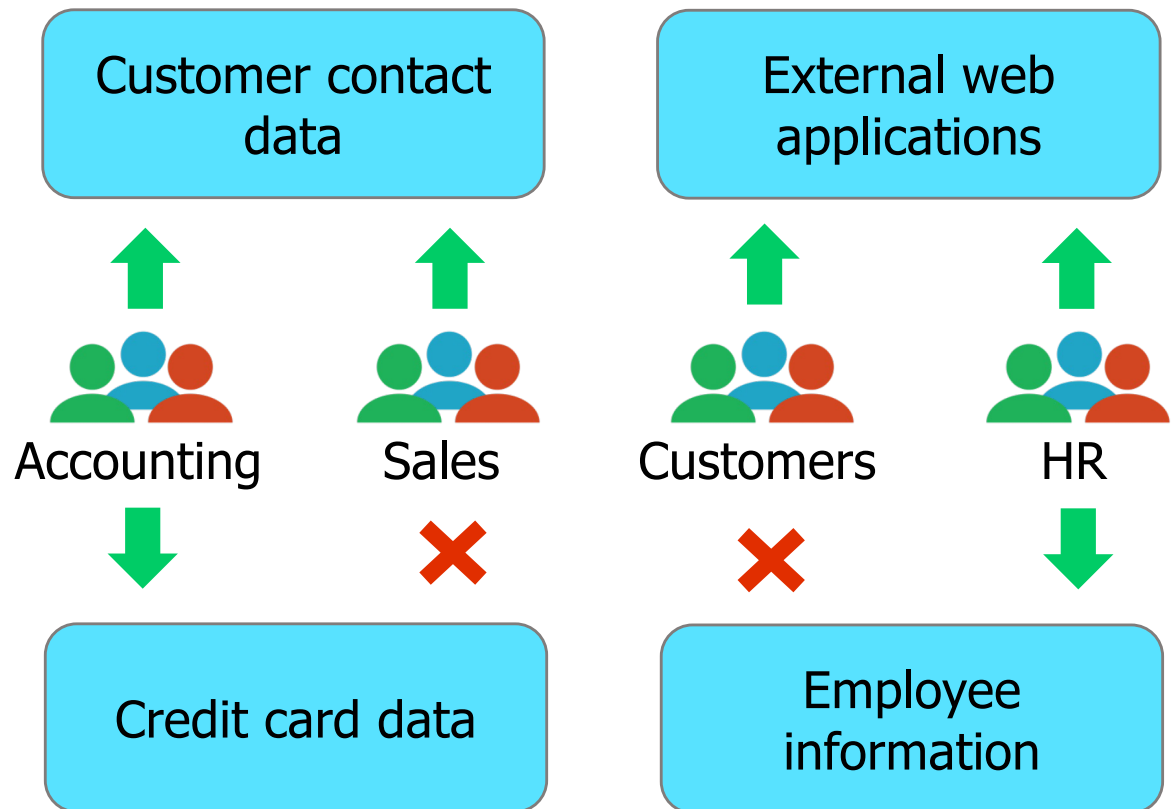
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## Network Segmentation

- 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.

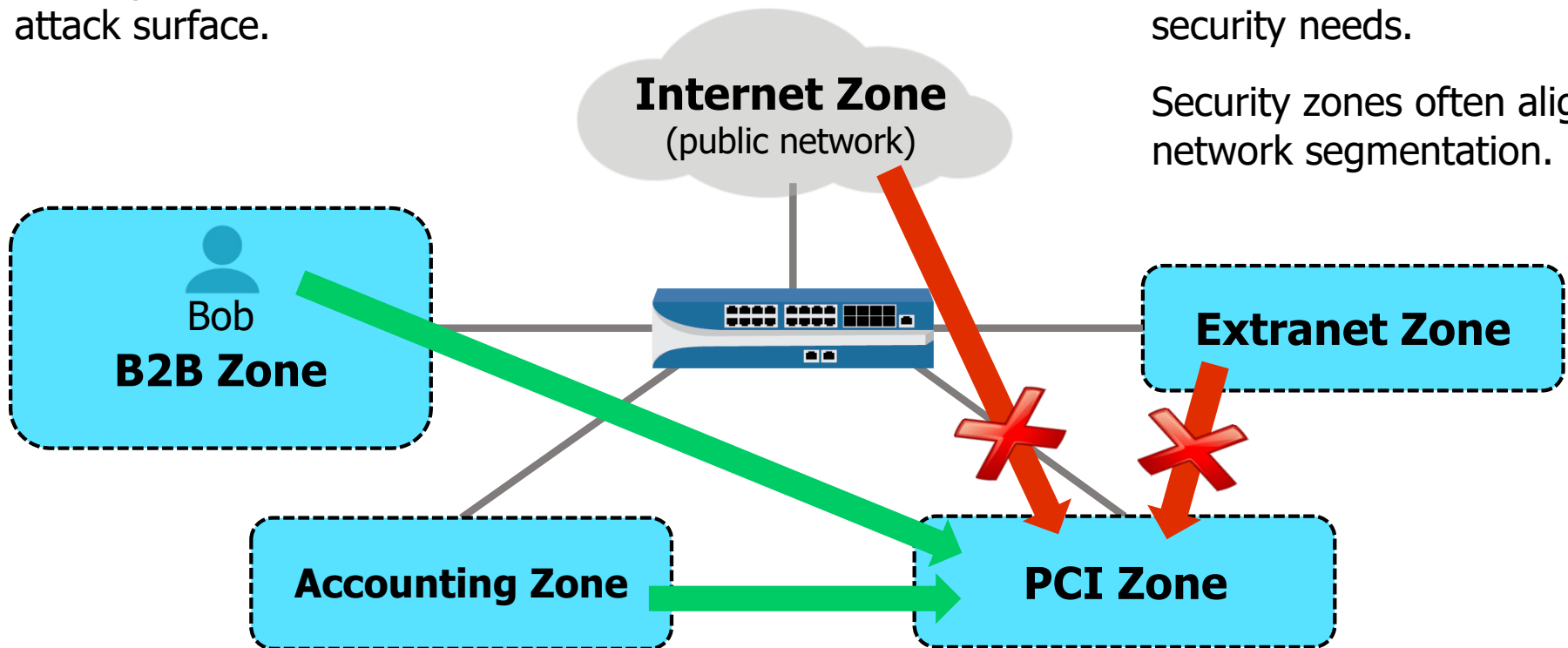


# Network Segmentation and Security Zones

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

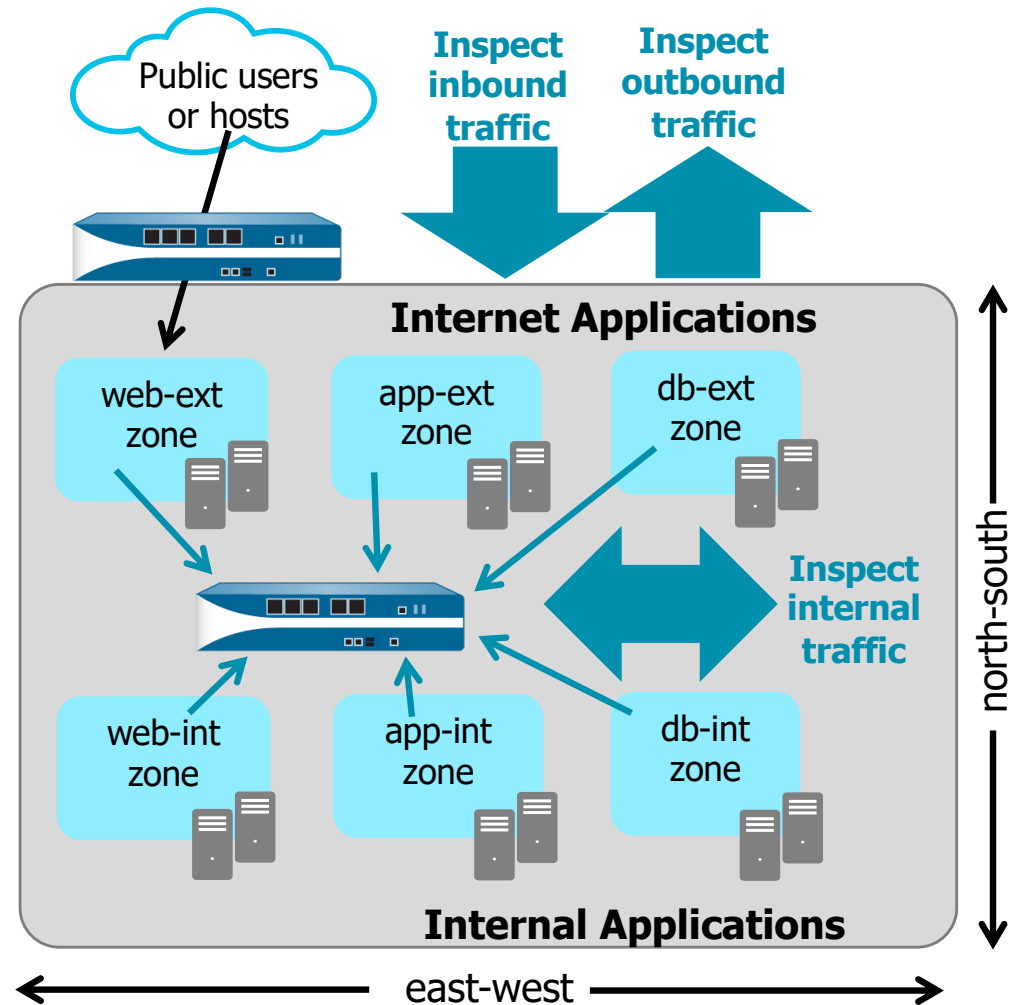
## Policies > Security

	NAME	TAGS	TYPE	Source				Destination			APPLICATION	SERVICE	ACTION
				ZONE	ADDRESS	USER	DEVICE	ZONE	ADDRE...	DEVICE			
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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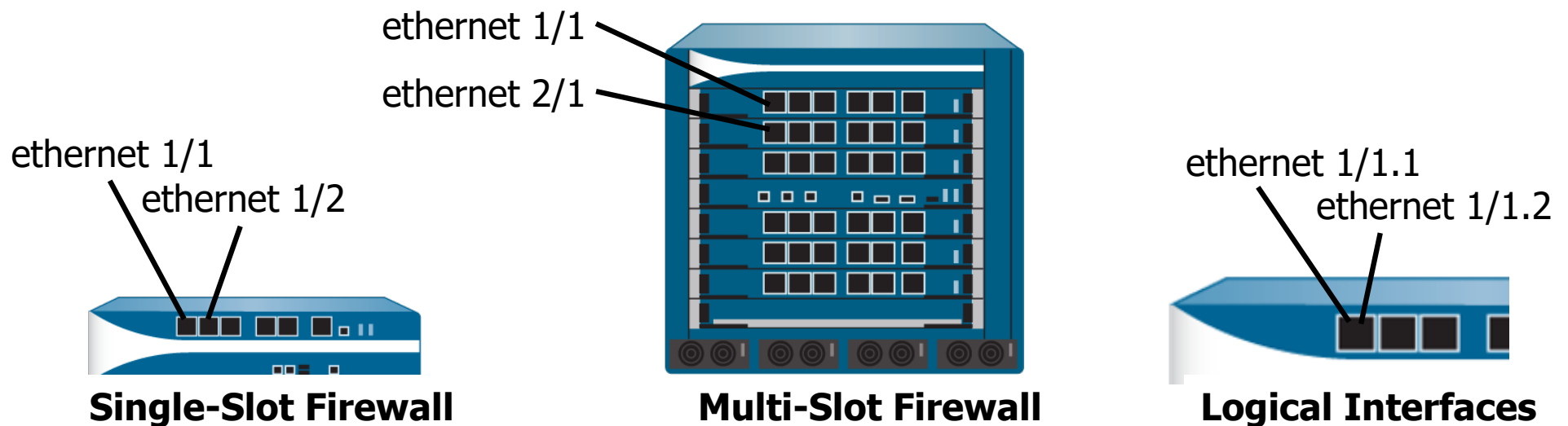
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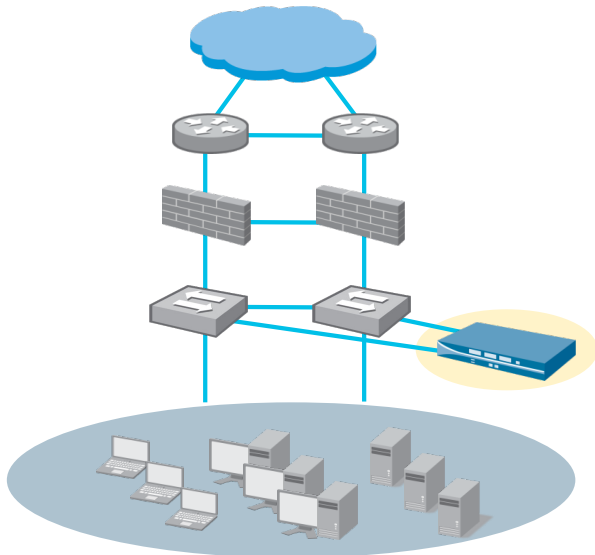
## Network Interfaces

- 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.



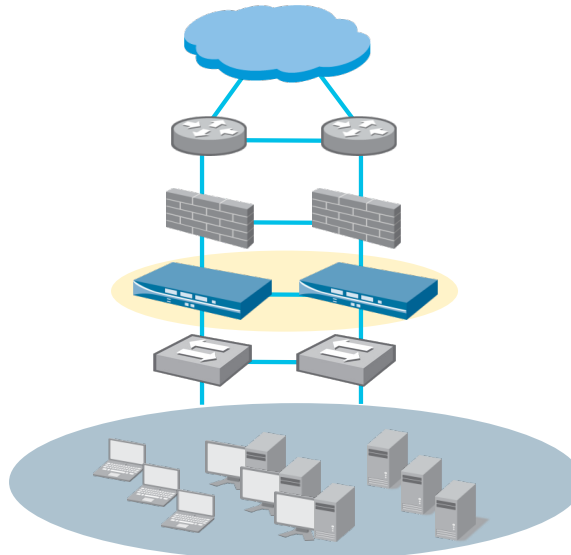
# Flexible Deployment Options for Ethernet Interfaces

## Tap



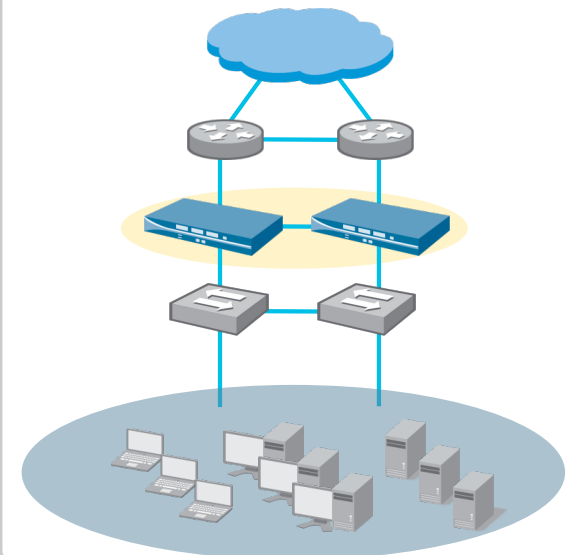
- Application, user, and content visibility without inline deployment
- Used for evaluation and audit of existing networks

## Virtual Wire



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

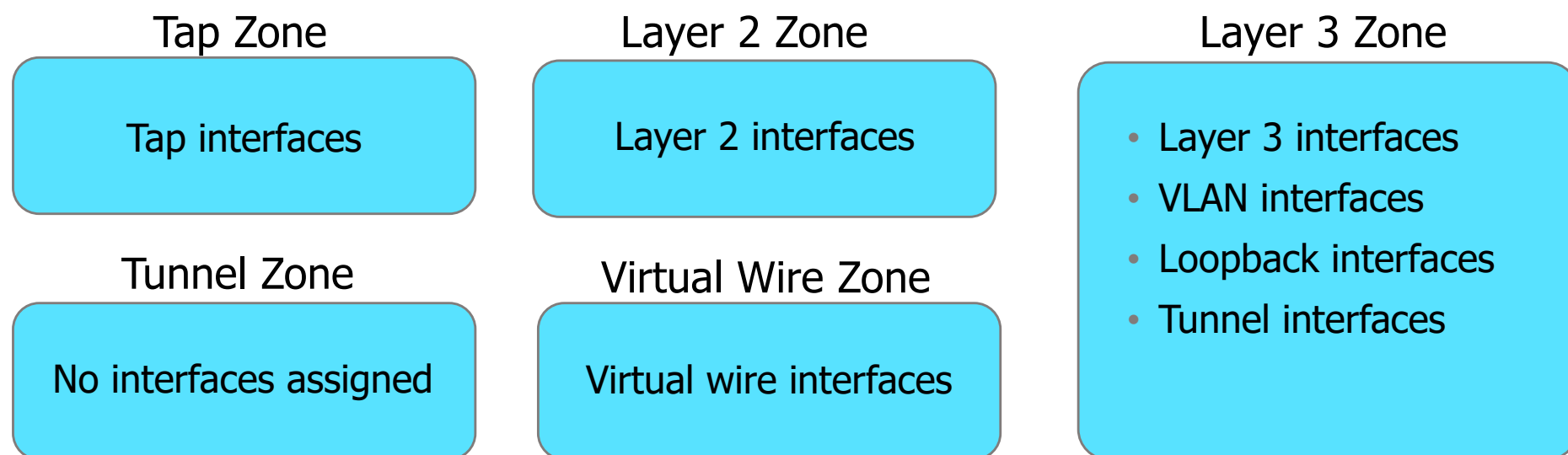
## Layer 3



- 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

Zone

Name: DMZ

Log Setting: None

Type: Iap

INTERFACES

- Tap
- Virtual Wire
- Layer2
- Layer3
- Tunnel

Zone Protection

Zone Protection Profile: None

☒ Enable Packet Buffer Protection

User Identification ACL

☐ Enable User Identification

INCLUDE LIST

Select an address or address group or type in your own address. Ex: 192.168.1.20 or 192.168.1.0/24

+ Add - Delete

Users from these addresses/subnets will be identified.

EXCLUDE LIST

Select an address or address group or type in your own address. Ex: 192.168.1.20 or 192.168.1.0/24

+ Add - Delete

Users from these addresses/subnets will not be identified.

Device-ID ACL

☐ Enable Device Identification

INCLUDE LIST

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+ Add - Delete

Devices from these addresses/subnets will be identified.

EXCLUDE LIST

Select an address or address group or type in your own address. Ex: 192.168.1.20 or 192.168.1.0/24

+ Add - Delete

Devices from these addresses/subnets will not be identified.

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

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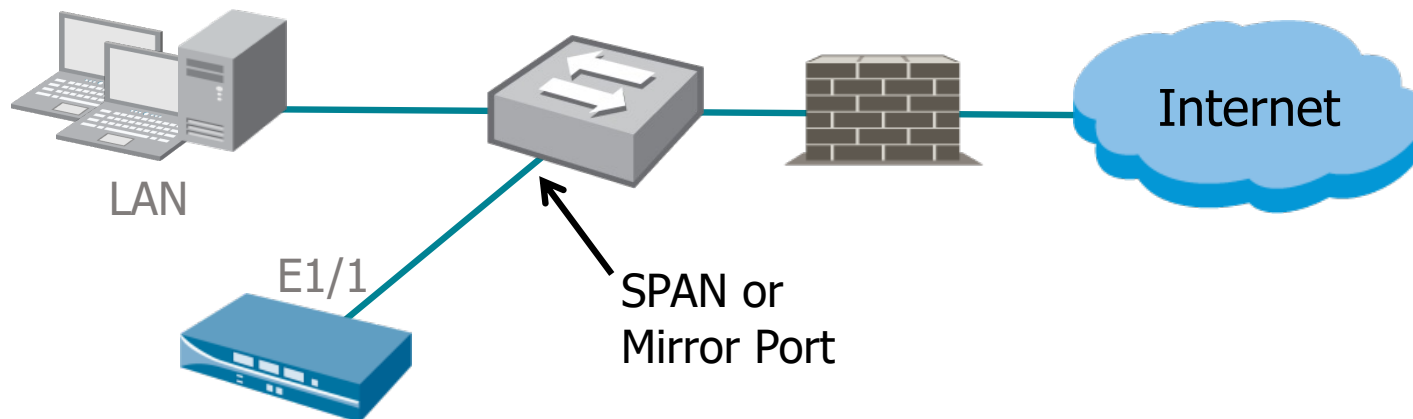
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## Tap Interfaces

- 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>

The screenshot displays the Palo Alto Networks configuration interface for an Ethernet interface. The top navigation bar shows 'Ethernet' selected, with other options like 'VLAN', 'Loopback', 'Tunnel', and 'SD-WAN'. Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a table of interfaces. The table has columns for 'INTERFACE', 'INTERFACE TYPE', 'MANAGEMENT PROFILE', 'LINK STATE', 'IP ADDRESS', 'VIRTUAL ROUTER', 'TAG', 'VLAN / VIRTUAL-WIRE', 'SECURITY ZONE', and 'SD-WAN INTERFACE PROFILE'. The 'INTERFACE' column lists 'ethernet1/1' through 'ethernet1/9'. The 'INTERFACE TYPE' column is currently empty.

The 'Ethernet Interface' configuration form is shown on the right. It has a 'Config' tab selected and an 'Advanced' tab. The form includes the following fields:

- Interface Name: ethernet1/3
- Comment: Tap interface for monitoring traffic only
- Interface Type: Tap (selected)
- Netflow Profile: None
- Assign Interface To: Security Zone (selected)

Two callout boxes provide instructions:

- Callout 1: Select **Tap** as the Interface Type.
- Callout 2: Select a tap type **Security Zone**.

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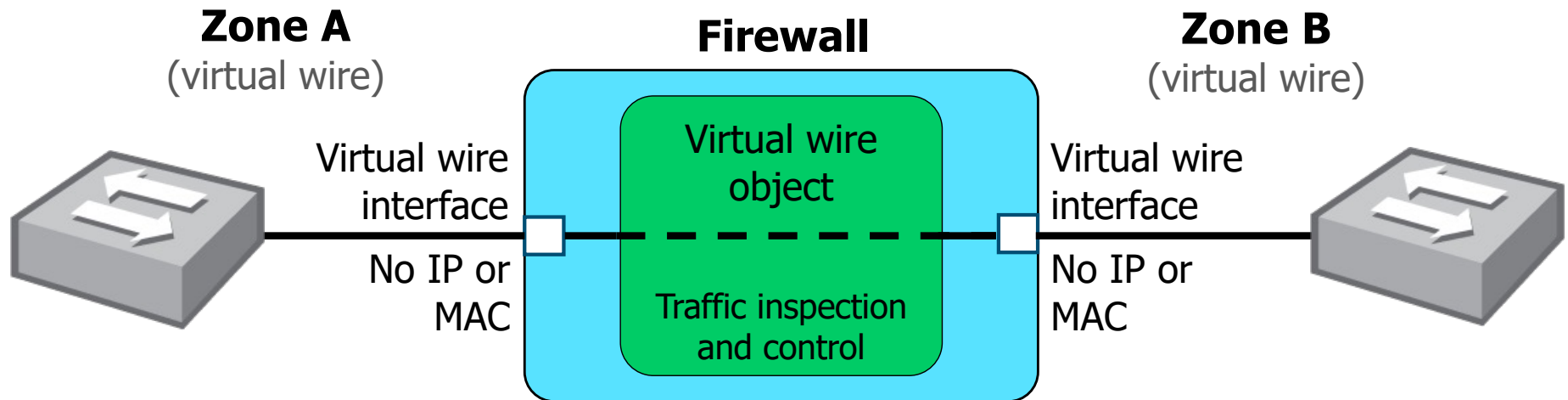
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## Virtual Wire Interfaces

- 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

The screenshot shows the 'Virtual Wire' configuration window. The title bar is 'Virtual Wire' with a help icon. The form contains the following fields and options:

- Name:** A text box containing 'Vwire\_Object'.
- Interface1:** A dropdown menu showing 'ethernet1/4'.
- Interface2:** A dropdown menu showing 'ethernet1/5'.
- Tag Allowed:** A text box containing '[0 - 4094]'. Below it is a small text hint: 'Enter either integers (e.g. 100, 200, 300) by commas. Integer values can be up to 4094.'
- Multicast Firewalling:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Link State Pass Through:** A checked checkbox.

Two callout boxes provide additional context:

- A callout box points to the 'Tag Allowed' field with the text: 'Forward only multicast-traffic matched to a Security policy rule (optional).'.
- A callout box points to the 'Link State Pass Through' checkbox with the text: 'Link state is forwarded.'

# Configure a Virtual Wire Interface

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet > <select\_interface>

Ethernet Interface

Interface Name

ethernet1/5

Comment

Vwire for the Danger Zone

Interface Type

Virtual Wire

Netflow Profile

None

Config

Advanced

Assign Interface To

Virtual Wire

Vwire\_Object

Security Zone

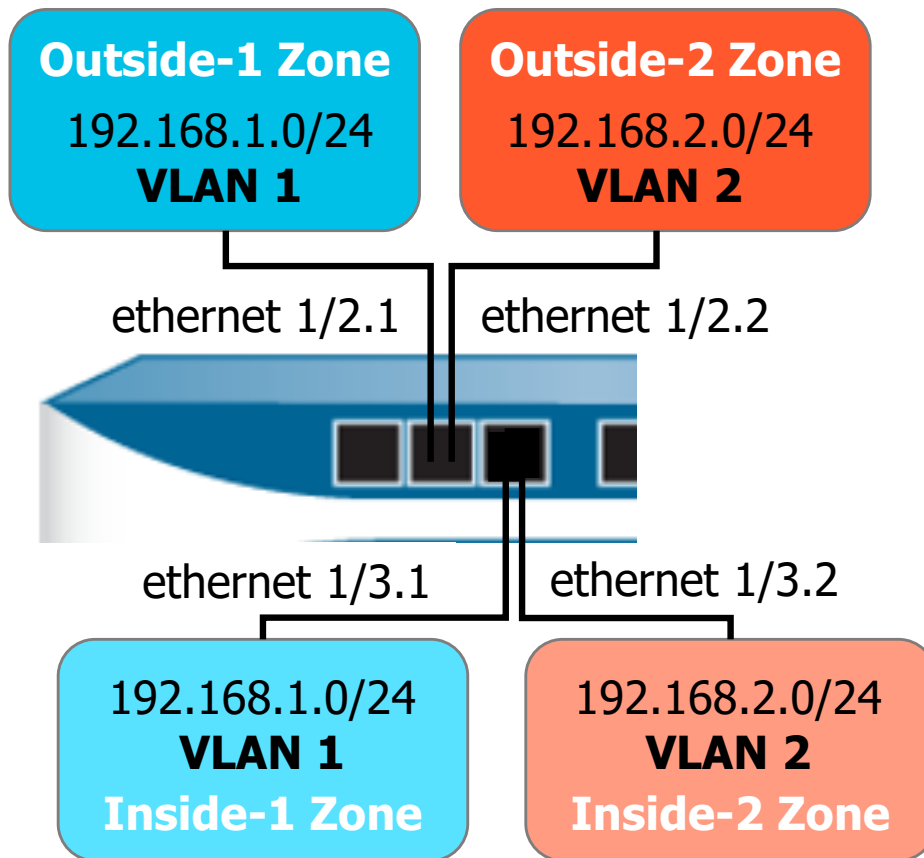
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Select **Virtual Wire**.

Add virtual wire object now or later.

Select a virtual wire type **Security Zone**.

## 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

INTERFACE	INTERFACE TYPE
ethernet1/1	Layer3
ethernet1/2	Layer3
ethernet1/3	Layer3
ethernet1/4	Virtual Wire
ethernet1/5	Virtual Wire
ethernet1/6	
ethernet1/7	
ethernet1/8	
ethernet1/9	

Add Subinterface Delete PDF/CSV

### Virtual Wire Subinterface

Interface Name: ethernet1/5

Comment: Vwire Subinterface

Tag: 1

Netflow Profile: None

☐ IP CLASSIFIER ^

+ Add - Delete

Assign Interface To

Virtual Wire: Vwire\_Object\_1

Security Zone: Vwire

Subinterface ID

802.1Q VLAN tag

Add optional IP classifiers.

Select virtual wire object.

Select virtual wire type zone.

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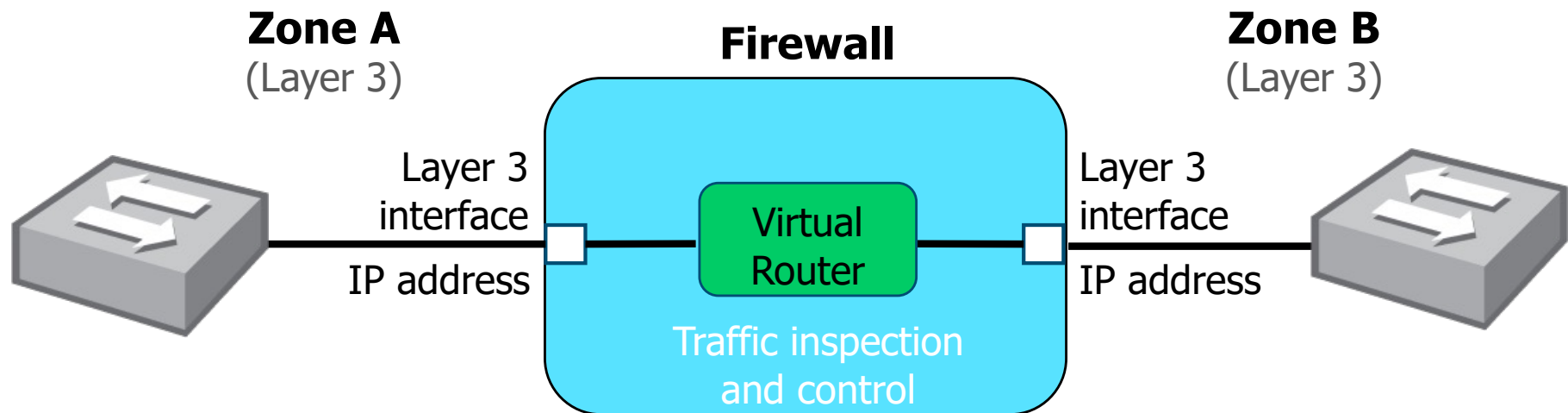
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## Layer 3 Interfaces

- 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

Session Settings

☒ Rematch all sessions on config policy change

ICMPv6 Token Bucket Size

ICMPv6 Error Packet Rate (per sec)

☒ Enable IPv6 Firewalling

☐ Enable Jumbo Frame

☐ Enable DHCP Broadcast Session

NAT64 IPv6 Minimum Network MTU



## Configure a Layer 3 Interface: Config

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet > <select\_interface>

Ethernet Interface

Interface Name: ethernet1/1

Comment: Interface connected to the Internet

Interface Type: Layer3

Netflow Profile: None

Config | IPv4 | IPv6 | SD-WAN | Advanced

Assign Interface To

Virtual Router: VR-1

Security Zone: Internet

Select **Layer3**.

Select a **Virtual Router**.

Select a Layer 3 type **Security Zone**.

# Configure a Layer 3 Interface: IPv4

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet > <select\_interface>

Ethernet Interface

Interface Name: ethernet1/1  
Comment: Interface connected to the  
Interface Type: Layer3  
Netflow Profile: None

Config | **IPv4** | IPv6 | SD-WAN | Advanced

☐ Enable SD-WAN  
Type: ☐ Static ☐ PPPoE ☒ DHCP Client  
☒ Enable  
☒ Automatically create default route pointing to default gateway provided by server  
☐ Send Hostname: system-hostname  
Default Route Metric: 10  
[Show DHCP Client Runtime Info](#)

☐ Enable SD-WAN  
Type: ☒ Static ☐ PPPoE ☐ DHCP Client

IP
203.0.113.20/24

+ Add - Delete ↑ Move Up ↓ Move Down

IP address/netmask. Ex. 192.168.2.254/24

Select to specify a static or DHCP-assigned IP address.

Enter static IP addresses with CIDR notation.

# Configure a Layer 3 Interface: Advanced

Network > Interfaces > Ethernet > <select\_interface>

The screenshot displays the 'Ethernet Interface' configuration page in the Palo Alto Networks management console. The 'Advanced' tab is selected, showing various configuration options. Callouts highlight specific settings:

- Specify firewall management services accessible on this interface.** (Points to the 'Management Profile' dropdown menu, which is set to 'Allow-ping').
- (IPv4) Pre-load ARP cache entries.** (Points to the 'ARP Entries' tab).
- (IPv6) Configure NDP proxy.** (Points to the 'NDP Proxy' tab).
- (IPv6) Pre-load ND cache entries.** (Points to the 'ND Entries' tab).
- Enable and configure DDNS.** (Points to the 'DDNS' tab).
- Enable and configure LLDP.** (Points to the 'LLDP' tab).

The interface also shows 'Link Settings' (Link Speed: auto, Link Duplex: auto, Link State: auto) and 'Adjust TCP MSS' (IPv4 MSS Adjustment: 40, IPv6 MSS Adjustment: 60). The 'Untagged Subinterface' checkbox is at the bottom.

# Interface Management Profile

**Network > Network Profiles > Interface Mgmt > Add**

Interface Management Profile

Name: HTTPS\_SSH\_Ping\_SNMP\_RPs

**Administrative Management Services**

- ☐ HTTP
- ☒ HTTPS
- ☐ Telnet
- ☒ SSH

**Network Services**

- ☒ Ping
- ☐ HTTP OCSP
- ☒ SNMP
- ☒ Response Pages
- ☐ User-ID
- ☐ User-ID Syslog Listener-SSL
- ☐ User-ID Syslog Listener-UDP

**PERMITTED IP ADDRESSES**

+ Add - Delete

Ex. IPv4 192.168.1.1 or 192.168.1.0/24 or IPv6 2001:db8:123:1::1 or 2001:db8:123:1::/64

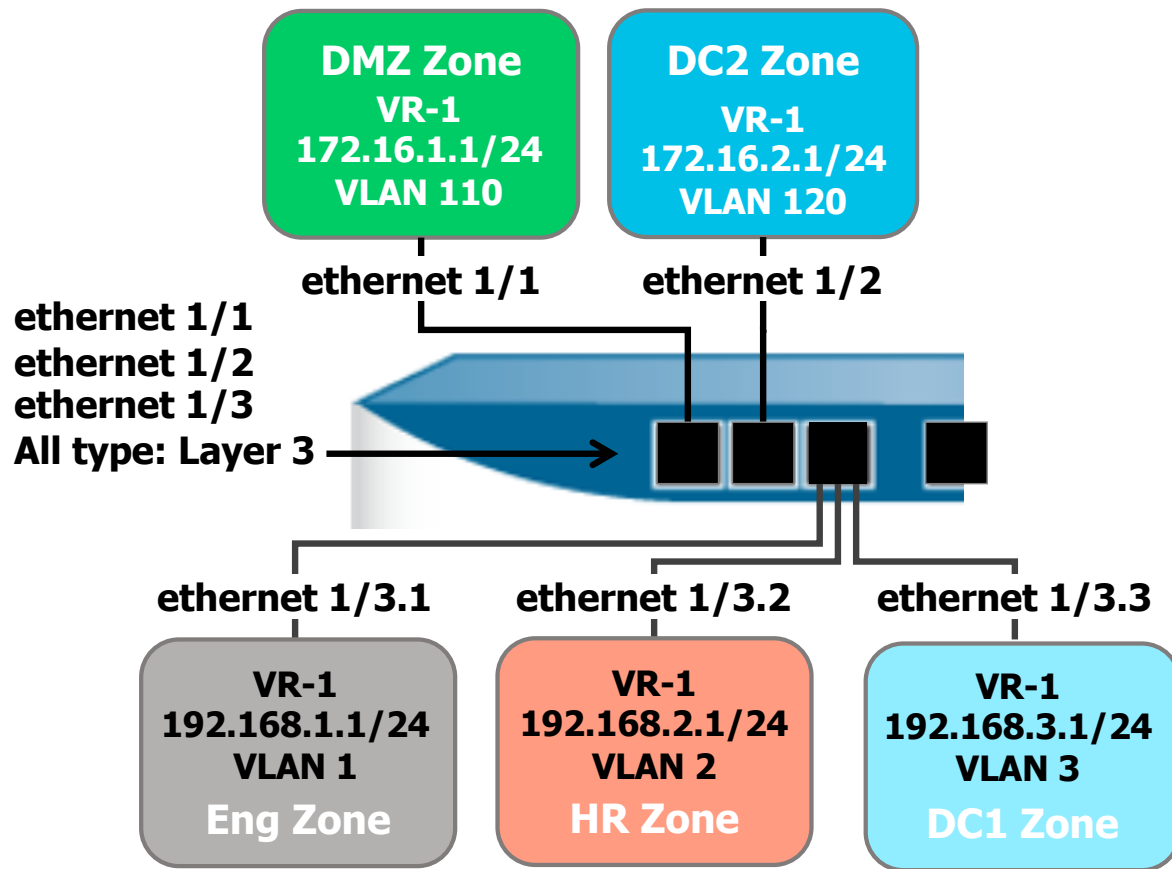
Web management interface access

Restrict access to only permitted addresses

Common interface services

- 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

The screenshot displays the Palo Alto Networks configuration interface. On the left, the 'Ethernet' tab is selected, showing a list of interfaces. The 'Add Subinterface' button at the bottom is highlighted with a red box. An arrow points from this button to the 'Layer3 Subinterface' configuration panel on the right.

INTERFACE	INTERFACE TYPE
ethernet1/1	Layer3
ethernet1/2	Layer3
ethernet1/3	Layer3
ethernet1/4	Virtual Wire
ethernet1/5	Virtual Wire
ethernet1/6	
ethernet1/7	
ethernet1/8	
ethernet1/9	

**Layer3 Subinterface**

Interface Name: ethernet1/2 . 1

Comment: Layer 3 Subinterface for

Tag: 1

Netflow Profile: None

**Config** | IPv4 | IPv6 | Advanced

Assign Interface To

Virtual Router: VR-1

Security Zone: Users\_Net

**Annotations:**

- A red box labeled "802.1Q VLAN tag" points to the "Tag" field with the value "1".
- A red box labeled "Subinterface ID" points to the "1" in the "Interface Name" field.

Configure remaining options as normal Layer 3 interfaces.

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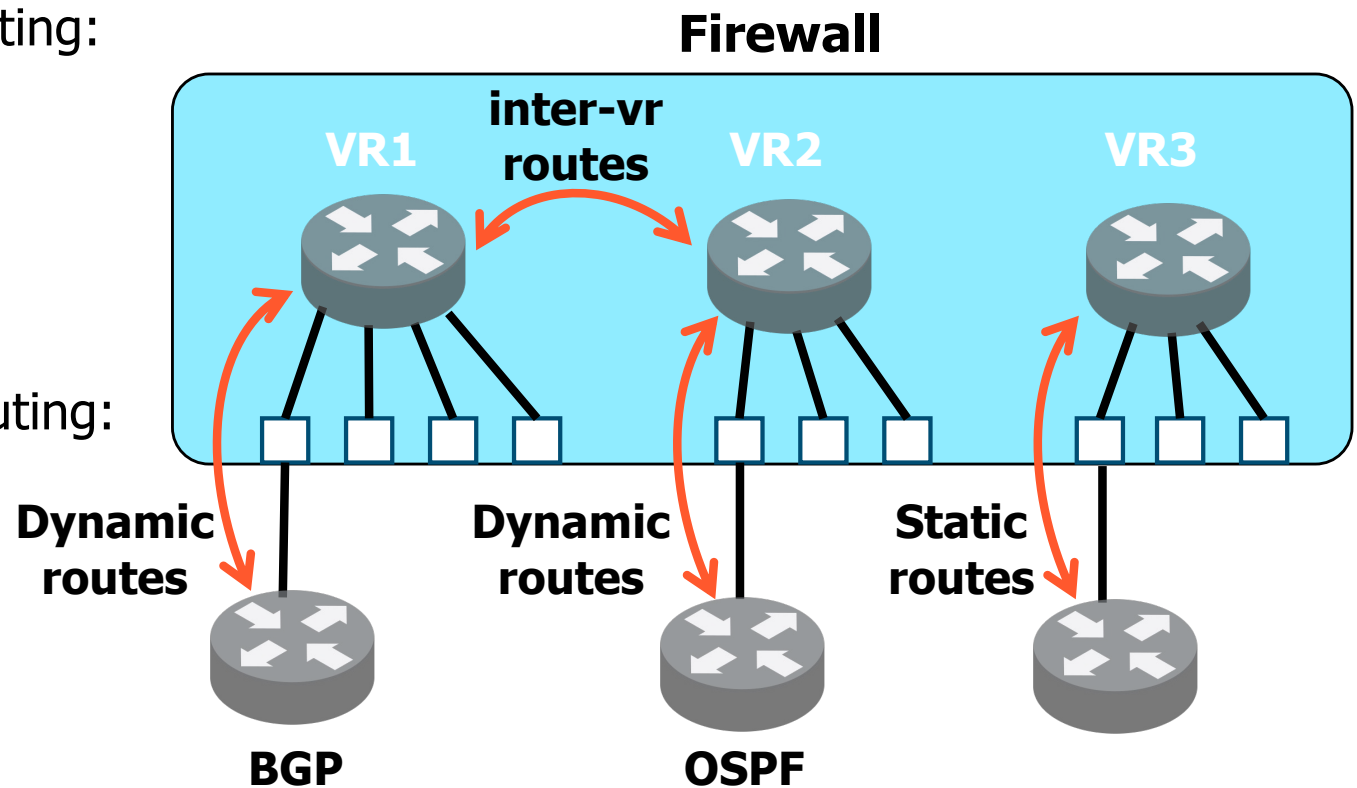
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# Virtual Routers

- 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

Virtual Router - VR-1

Name: VR-1

General | ECMP

**Router Settings**

- Static Routes
- Redistribution Profile
- RIP
- OSPF
- OSPFv3
- BGP
- Multicast

**INTERFACES**

- ☐ ethernet1/1
- ☐ ethernet1/2
- ☐ ethernet1/3
- ☒
- ethernet1/1
- ethernet1/2
- ethernet1/3
- loopback
- sdwan
- tunnel
- vlan

+ Add - Delete

**Administrative Distances**

Static	10
Static IPv6	10
OSPF Int	30
OSPF Ext	110
OSPFv3 Int	30
OSPFv3 Ext	110
IBGP	200
EBGP	20
RIP	120

Interfaces that the virtual router can use to forward traffic

# Add a Static Default Route

Network > Virtual Routers > Static Routes > Add

Virtual Router - Static Route - IPv4

Name

Firewall-Default-Gateway

Destination

0.0.0.0/0

Interface

ethernet1/1

Next Hop

IP Address

203.0.113.1

Admin Distance

10 - 240

Metric

10

Route Table

Unicast

BFD Profile

Disable BFD

IP Address

Next VR

FQDN

Discard

None

Unicast

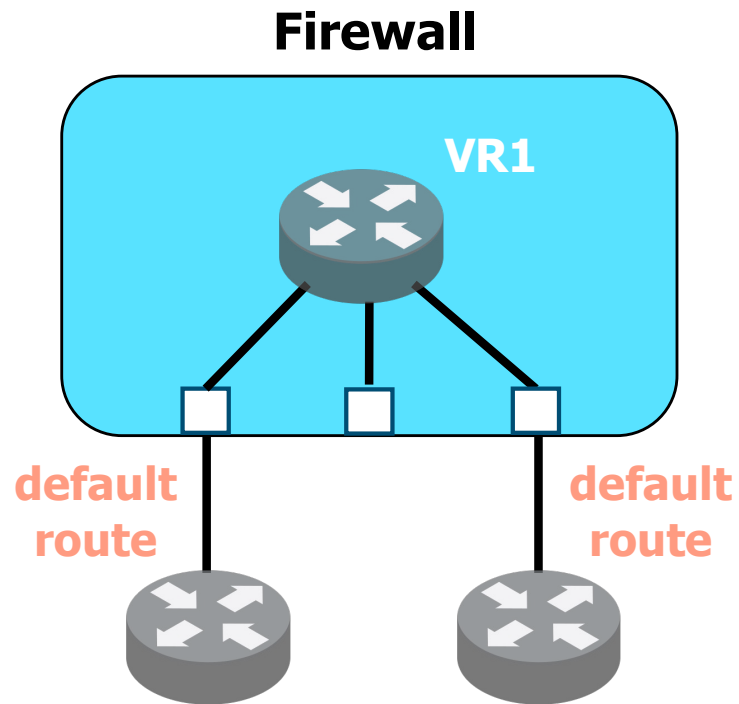
Multicast

Both

No Install

?

## Multiple Static Default Routes



- 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

☒ Path Monitoring

Failure Condition ☒ Any ☐ All Preemptive Hold Time (min) 2

NAME	ENABLE	SOURCE IP	DESTINATION IP	PING INTERVAL(SEC)	PING COUNT
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**Path Monitoring Destination**

Name Monitor Server IP past Router

☒ Enable

Source IP 203.0.113.20/24

Destination IP 8.8.8.8

Ping Interval(sec) 3

Ping Count 5

- 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

<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME	INTERFACES	CONFIGURATION	RIP	OSPF	OSPFV3	BGP	MULTICAST	RUNTIME STATS
<input type="checkbox"/>	default		ECMP status: Disabled						<a href="#">More Runtime Stats</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	VR-1	ethernet1/1	Static Routes: 1						<a href="#">More Runtime Stats</a>

Virtual Router - VR-1

Routing

RIP

OSPF

OSPFv3

BGP

Multicast

BFD Summary Information

Route Table

Forwarding Table

Static Route Monitoring

Route Table

☒ Unicast

☐ Multicast

Display Address Family

IPv4 and IPv6

7 items

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	NEXT HOP	METRIC	WEIGHT	FLAGS	AGE	INTERFACE
	203.0.113.1	1				ethernet1/1
192.168.1.0/24	192.168.1.1					ethernet1/2
192.168.1.1/32	0.0.0.0					
192.168.50.0/24	192.168.50.1					ethernet1/3
192.168.50.1/32	0.0.0.0					
203.0.113.0/24	203.0.113.20	0		AC		ethernet1/1
203.0.113.20/32	0.0.0.0	0		AH		

Refresh

A:active, ?:loose, C:connect, H:host, S:static, ~:internal, R:rip, O:OSPF, B:bgp, Oi:OSPF intra-area, Oo:OSPF inter-area, O1:OSPF ext-ty

All known routes (RIB)

Where traffic will be forwarded (FIB)

Status of monitored paths

More Runtime Stats

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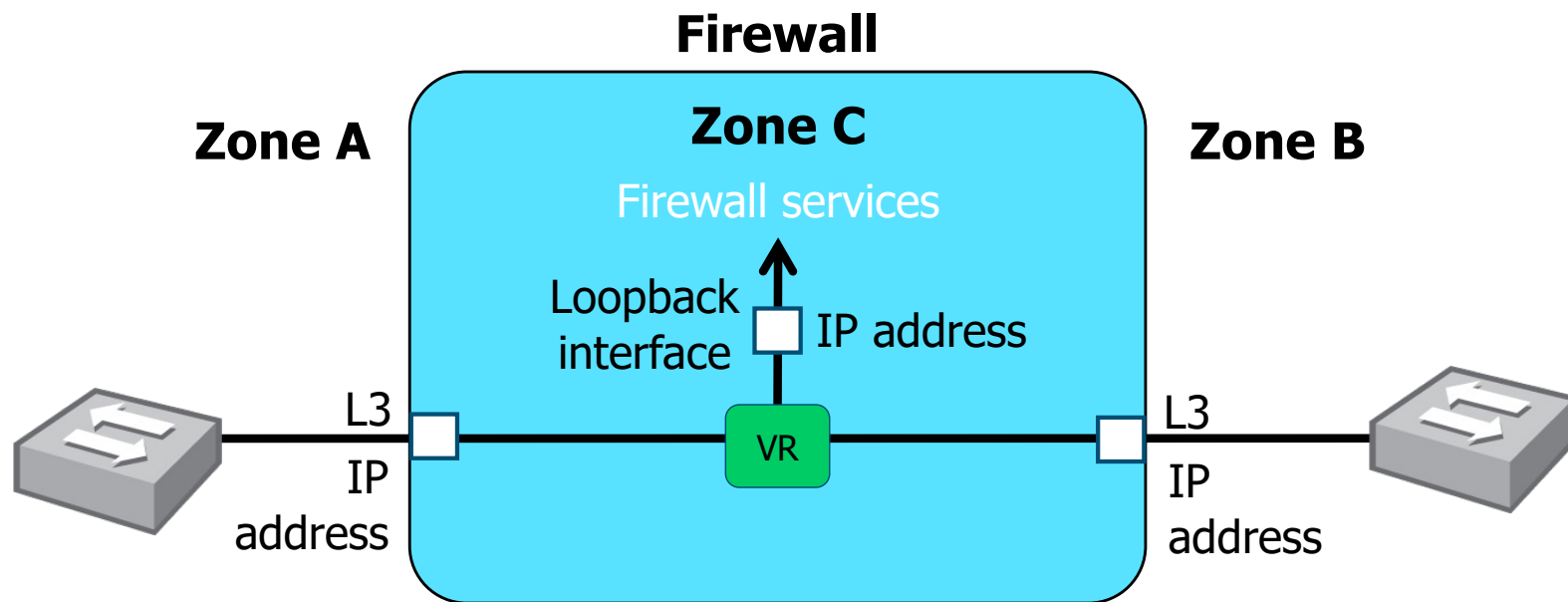
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**Loopback interfaces**

## 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

**Loopback Interface** ⓘ

Interface Name  .

Comment

Netflow Profile

**Config** | IPv4 | IPv6 | Advanced

Assign Interface To

Virtual Router

Security Zone

Read-only name

Loopback interface ID

Select a **Virtual Router**.

Select a Layer 3 type **Security Zone**.

Do not assign a netmask to the IP addresses.



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# Questions



## Lab 5: Connecting the Firewall to Production Networks

- Create Layer 3 Network Interfaces
- Create a Virtual Router
- 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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