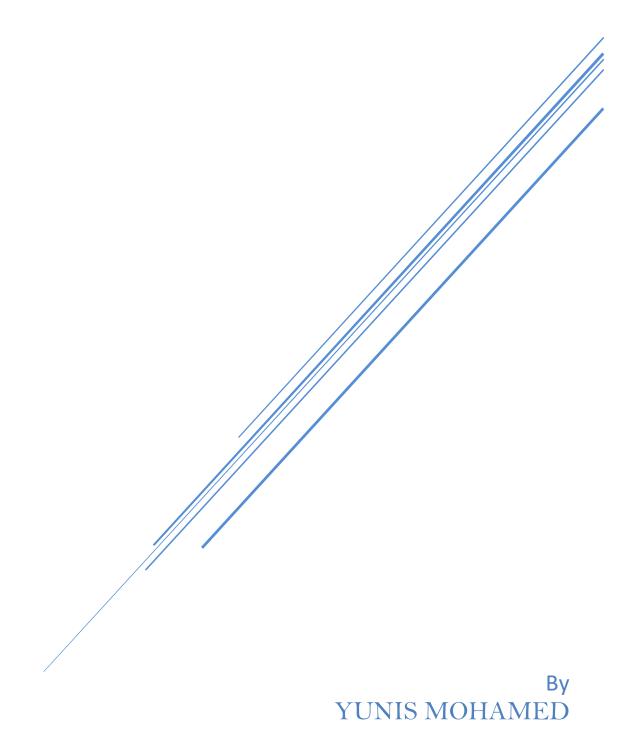
CONFIGURE ASA FIREWALL REPORT

Packet tracer Lab



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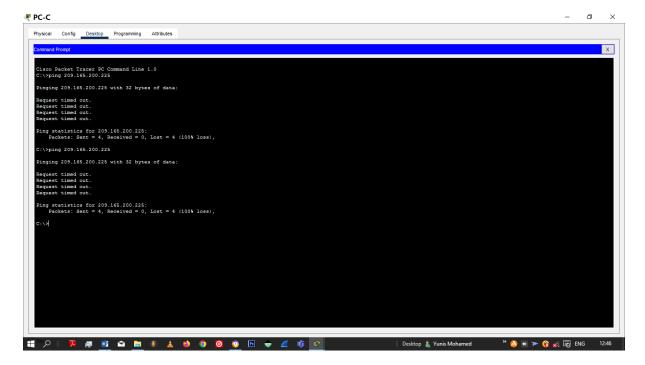
Introduction

The "Configure ASA Basic Settings and Firewall Using the CLI" lab in Packet Tracer offers a hands-on learning experience for configuring and securing a network using a Cisco ASA (Adaptive Security Appliance) firewall. In this lab, I was able to configure and practice the fundamentals of ASA configuration, including setting up basic parameters such as hostname, domain name, and management interface IP address. I also explore the essential firewall functionalities like the Static Network Address Translation (NAT), Access Control Lists (ACLs), and the establishment of firewall policies.

Part 1: Verify Connectivity and Explore the ASA

Step 1: Verify connectivity.

The ASA is not currently configured. However, all routers, PCs, and the DMZ server are configured. Verify that PC-C can ping any router interface. PC-C is unable to ping the ASA, PC-B, or the DMZ server.



Step 2: Determine the ASA version, interfaces, and license.

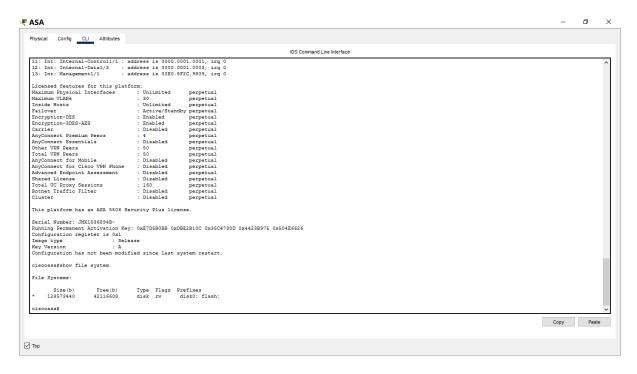
Use the **show version** command to determine various aspects of this ASA device

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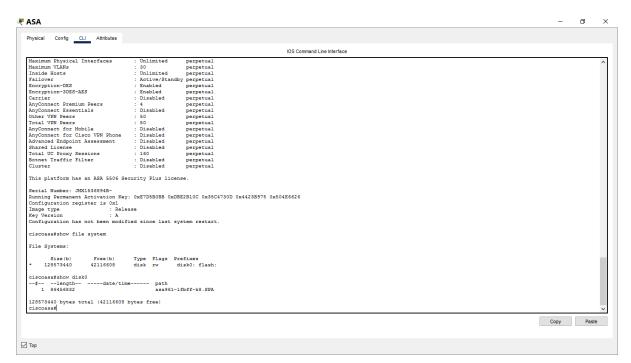
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Step 3: Determine the file system and contents of flash memory.

Use the **show file system** command to display the ASA file system and determine which prefixes are supported.



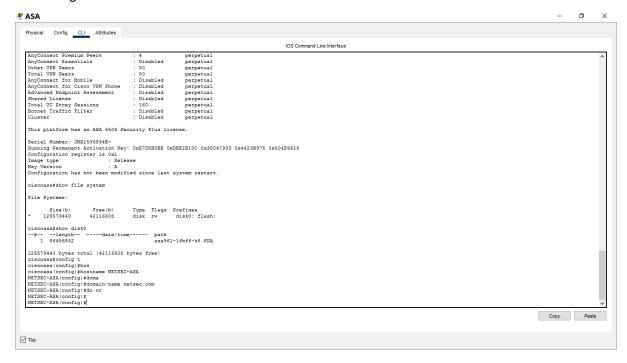
c. Use the **show flash:** or **show disk0:** command to display the contents of flash memory.



Part 2: Configure ASA Settings and Interface Security Using the CLI

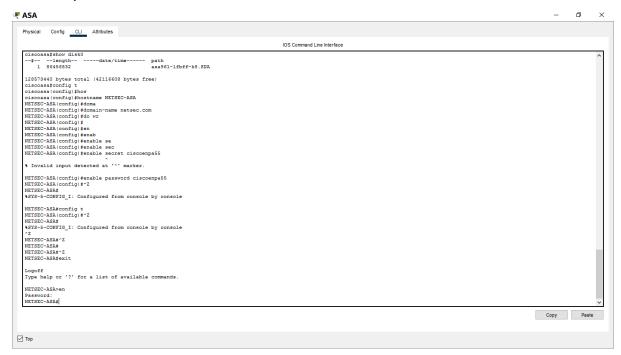
Step 1: Configure the hostname and domain name.

- a. Configure the ASA hostname as NETSEC-ASA. Hostname NETSEC-ASA
- b. Configure the domain name as **netsec.com**. Domain-name netsec.com



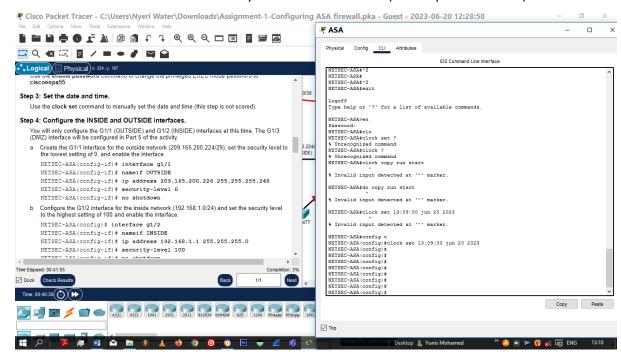
Step 2: Configure the enable mode password.

Use the **enable password** command to change the privileged EXEC mode password to **ciscoenpa55**.



Step 3: Set the date and time.

Use the **clock set** command to manually set the date and time (this step is not scored).



Step 4: Configure the INSIDE and OUTSIDE interfaces

a. Create the G1/1 interface for the outside network (209.165.200.224/29), set the security level to the lowest setting of 0, and enable the interface.

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# interface g1/1

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# nameif OUTSIDE

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# ip address 209.165.200.226 255.255.255.248

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# security-level 0

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# no shutdown



b. Configure the G1/2 interface for the inside network (192.168.1.0/24) and set the security level to the highest setting of 100 and enable the interface.

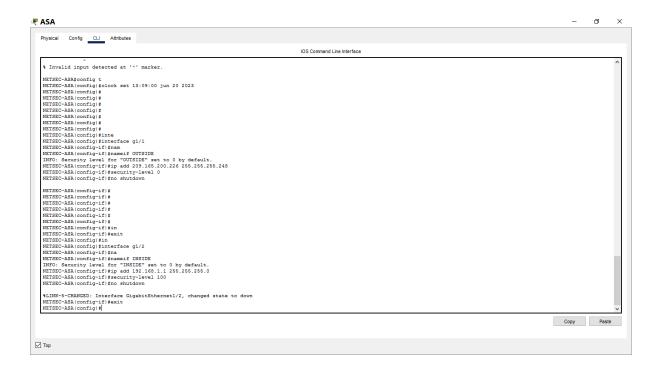
NETSEC-ASA(config)# interface g1/2

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# nameif INSIDE

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255.0

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# security-level 100

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# no shutdown



- c. Use the following verification commands to check your configurations:
 - 1) Use the **show interface ip brief** command to display the status for all ASA interfaces.

Note: This command is different from the IOS command **show ip interface brief**. If any of the physical or logical interfaces previously configured are not up/up, troubleshoot as necessary before continuing.

Tip: Most ASA **show** commands, including **ping**, **copy**, and others, can be issued from within any configuration mode prompt without the **do** command.

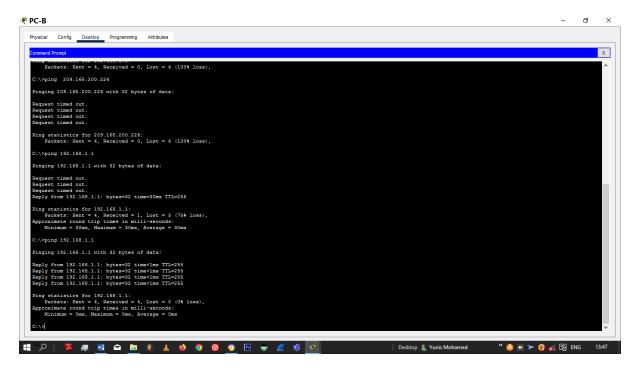
2) Use the **show ip address** command to display the interface information.

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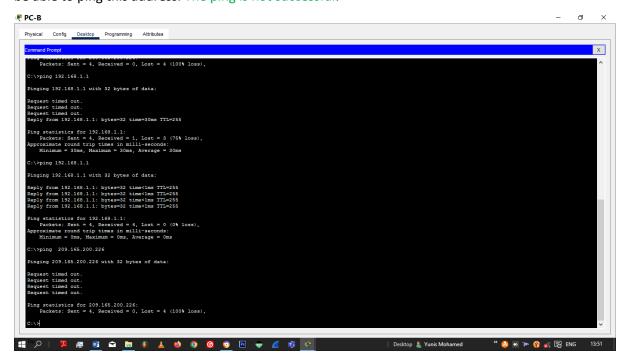
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Step 5: Test connectivity to the ASA.

a. You should be able to ping from PC-B to the ASA inside interface address (192.168.1.1). If the pings fail, troubleshoot the configuration as necessary. The ping is successful



b. From PC-B, ping the G1/1 (OUTSIDE) interface at IP address 209.165.200.226. You should not be able to ping this address. The ping is not successful.



Part 3: Configure Routing, Address Translation, and Inspection Policy Using the CLI

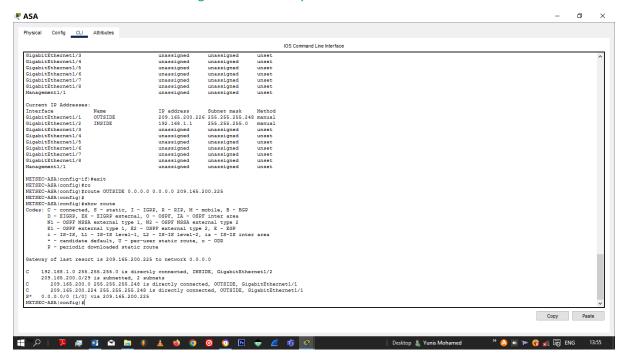
Step 1: Configure a static default route for the ASA.

Configure a default static route on the ASA OUTSIDE interface to enable the ASA to reach external networks.

a. Create a "quad zero" default route using the **route** command, associate it with the ASA OUTSIDE interface, and point to the R1 G0/0 IP address (209.165.200.225) as the gateway of last resort.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# route OUTSIDE 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 209.165.200.225

c. Issue the **show route** command to verify the static default route is in the ASA routing table. The default static route is configured successfully.



d. Verify that the ASA can ping the R1 S0/0/0 IP address 10.1.1.1. If the ping is unsuccessful, troubleshoot as necessary. The ping is successful.

Step 2: Configure address translation using PAT and network objects.

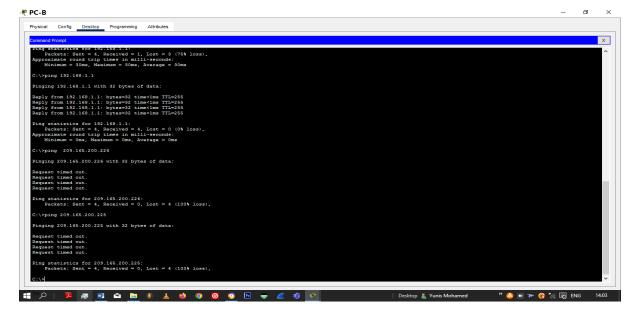
a. Create network object **INSIDE-NET** and assign attributes to it using the **subnet** and **nat** commands.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# **object network INSIDE-NET**NETSEC-ASA(config-network-object)# **subnet 192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0**NETSEC-ASA(config-network-object)# **nat (INSIDE,OUTSIDE) dynamic interface**NETSEC-ASA(config-network-object)# **exit**

b. The ASA splits the configuration into the object portion that defines the network to be translated and the actual **nat** command parameters. These appear in two different places in the running configuration. Display the NAT object configuration using the **show run** command.



c. From PC-B attempt to ping the R1 G0/0 interface at IP address 209.165.200.225. The pings should fail. The ping is not successful.



e. Issue the **show nat** command on the ASA to see the translated and untranslated hits. Notice that, of the pings from PC-B, four were translated and four were not. The outgoing pings (echos) were translated and sent to the destination. The returning echo replies were blocked by the firewall policy.

Part 4: Configure DHCP, AAA, and SSH

Step 1: Configure the ASA as a DHCP server.

a. Configure a DHCP address pool and enable it on the ASA INSIDE interface.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# dhcpd address 192.168.1.5-192.168.1.36 INSIDE

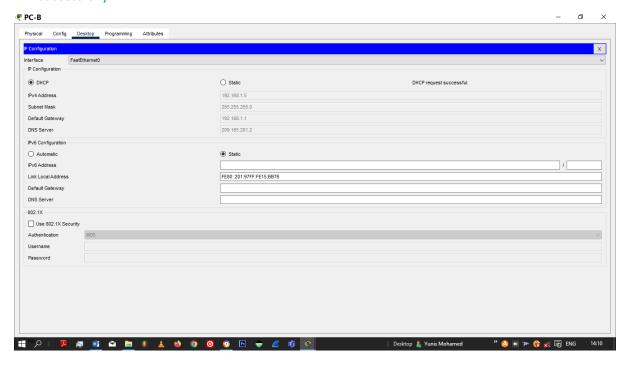
b. (Optional) Specify the IP address of the DNS server to be given to clients.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# dhcpd dns 209.165.201.2 interface INSIDE

c. Enable the DHCP daemon within the ASA to listen for DHCP client requests on the enabled interface (INSIDE).

NETSEC-ASA(config)# dhcpd enable INSIDE

d. Change PC-B from a static IP address to a DHCP client and verify that it receives IP addressing information. Troubleshoot, as necessary to resolve any problems. PC-B receives its IP address successfully.



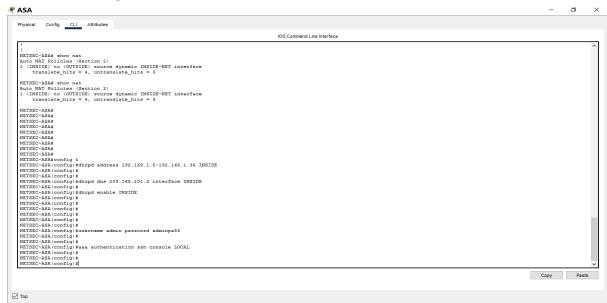
Step 2: Configure AAA to use the local database for authentication.

a. Define a local user named **admin** by entering the **username** command. Specify a password of **adminpa55**.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# username admin password adminpa55

b. Configure AAA to use the local ASA database for SSH user authentication.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# aaa authentication ssh console LOCAL



Step 3: Configure remote access to the ASA.

The ASA can be configured to accept connections from a single host or a range of hosts on the INSIDE or OUTSIDE network. In this step, hosts from the OUTSIDE network can only use SSH to communicate with the ASA. SSH sessions can be used to access the ASA from the inside network.

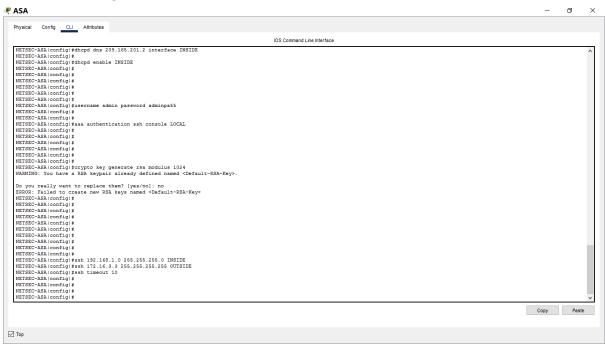
a. Generate an RSA key pair, which is required to support SSH connections. Because the ASA device has RSA keys already in place, enter **no** when prompted to replace them.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# crypto key generate rsa modulus 1024

b. Configure the ASA to allow SSH connections from any host on the INSIDE network (192.168.1.0/24) and from the remote management host at the branch office (172.16.3.3) on the OUTSIDE network. Set the SSH timeout to 10 minutes (the default is 5 minutes).

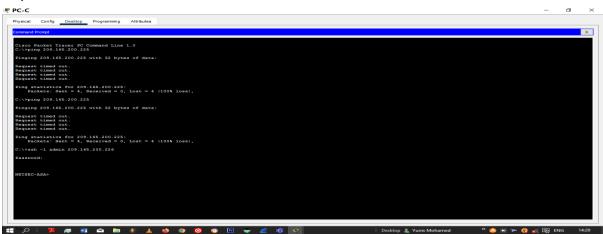
NETSEC-ASA(config)# ssh 192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0 INSIDE NETSEC-ASA(config)# ssh 172.16.3.3 255.255.255.255 OUTSIDE

NETSEC-ASA(config)# ssh timeout 10



c. Establish an SSH session from PC-C to the ASA (209.165.200.226). Troubleshoot if it is not successful. The ssh connection is successful.

C:\> ssh -l admin 209.165.200.226



d. Establish an SSH session from PC-B to the ASA (192.168.1.1). Troubleshoot if it is not successful. The ssh session is successful.

C:\> ssh -l admin 192.168.1.1

Part 5: Configure a DMZ, Static NAT, and ACLs

R1 G0/0 and the ASA OUTSIDE interface already use 209.165.200.225 and .226, respectively. You will use public address 209.165.200.227 and static NAT to provide address translation access to the server.

Step 1: Configure the DMZ interface VLAN 3 on the ASA.

a. Configure DMZ VLAN 3, which is where the public access web server will reside. Assign it IP address 192.168.2.1/24, name it **DMZ**, and assign it a security level of 70. Because the server does not need to initiate communication with the inside users, disable forwarding to interface VLAN 1.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# interface g1/3

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# ip address 192.168.2.1 255.255.255.0

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# nameif DMZ

INFO: Security level for "DMZ" set to 0 by default.

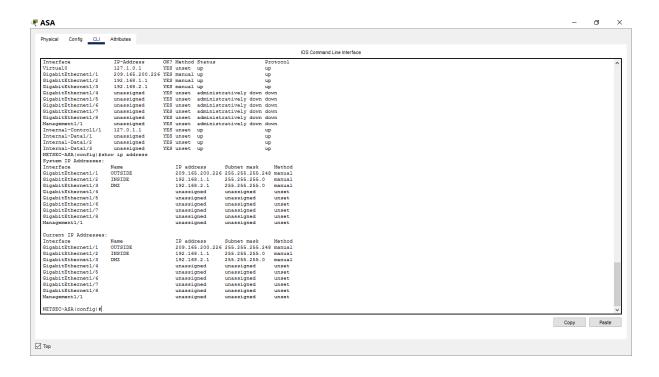
NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# security-level 70

NETSEC-ASA(config-if)# no shutdown

b. Use the following verification commands to check your configurations:

Use the **show interface ip brief** command to display the status for the ASA interfaces.

Use the **show ip address** command to display the information for the ASA interfaces.



Step 2: Configure static NAT to the DMZ server using a network object.

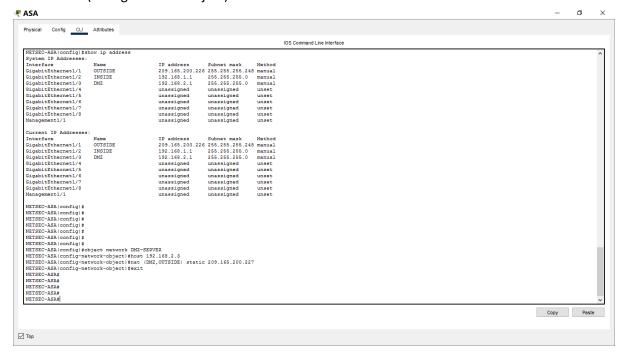
Configure a network object named **DMZ-SERVER** and assign it the static IP address of the DMZ server (192.168.2.3). While in object definition mode, use the **nat** command to specify that this object is used to translate a DMZ address to an OUTSIDE address using static NAT, and specify a public translated address of 209.165.200.227.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# object network DMZ-SERVER

NETSEC-ASA(config-network-object)# host 192.168.2.3

NETSEC-ASA(config-network-object)# nat (DMZ,OUTSIDE) static 209.165.200.227

NETSEC-ASA(config-network-object)# exit



Step 3: Configure an ACL to allow access to the DMZ server from the Internet.

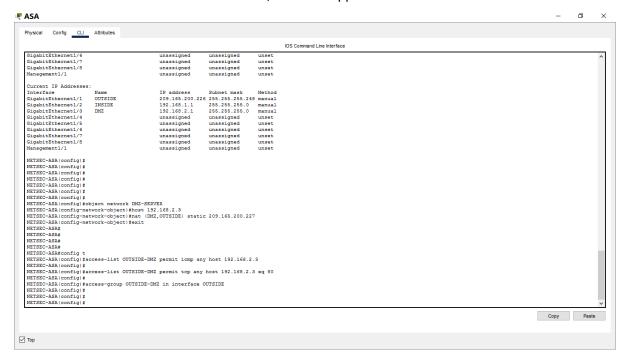
Configure a named access list **OUTSIDE-DMZ** that permits the TCP protocol on port 80 from any external host to the internal IP address of the DMZ server. Apply the access list to the ASA OUTSIDE interface in the "IN" direction.

NETSEC-ASA(config)# access-list OUTSIDE-DMZ permit icmp any host 192.168.2.3

NETSEC-ASA(config)# access-list OUTSIDE-DMZ permit tcp any host 192.168.2.3 eq 80

NETSEC-ASA(config)# access-group OUTSIDE-DMZ in interface OUTSIDE

Note: Unlike IOS ACLs, the ASA ACL permit statement must permit access to the internal private DMZ address. External hosts access the server using its public static NAT address, the ASA translates it to the internal host IP address, and then applies the ACL.



Step 4: Test access to the DMZ server.

From a web browser on PC-C, navigate to the DMZ server (209.165.200.227). Troubleshoot if it is not successful. The connection to the DMZ server is successful.



Conclusion

In conclusion, the "Configure ASA Basic Settings lab has offered me valuable hands-on experience in setting up and securing a network using a Cisco ASA firewall. Through this lab, I was able to learn crucial skills such as configuring basic settings on the ASA, including hostname, domain name, and management interface IP address. I also gained proficiency in Network Address Translation (NAT) for enabling internet connectivity, as well as in Access Control Lists (ACLs) for filtering and controlling traffic. Additionally, I was able to acquire knowledge on firewall policies and security best practices. I was able to configure the Demilitarized Zone Server (DMZ) which allows for controlled access to specific services while maintaining a higher level of security compared to hosting those services directly on the internal network. Overall, this lab provides a solid foundation for understanding firewall configuration and network security, making it beneficial for network administrators and security professionals in enhancing their knowledge in these areas.