

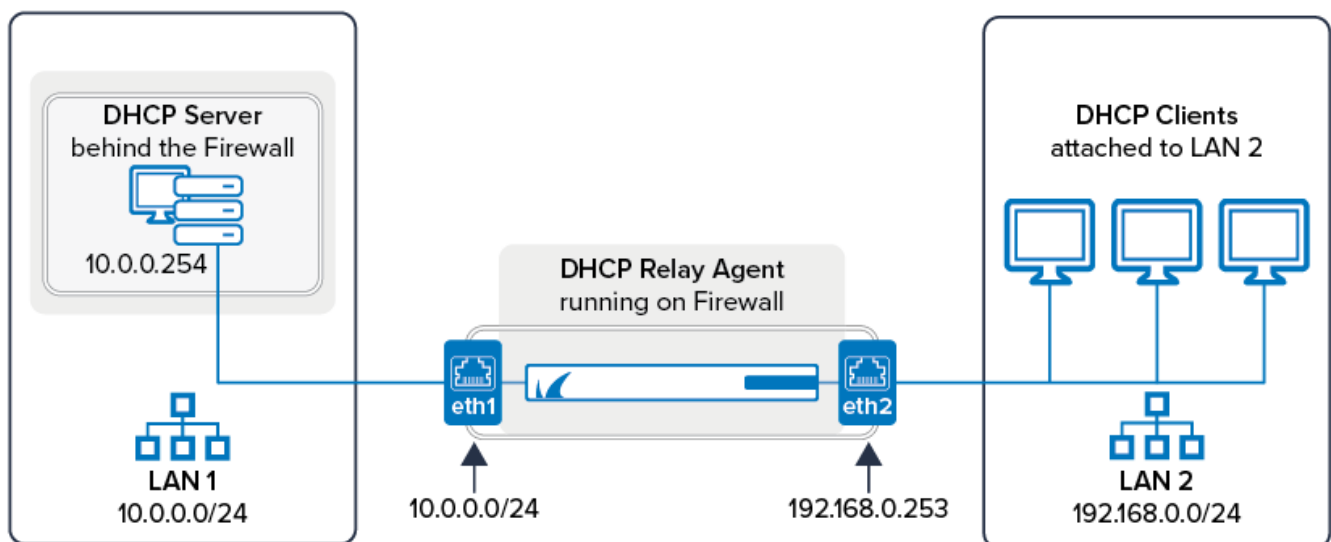
How to Configure the DHCP Relay Agent

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The DHCP relay service allows you to pass DHCP broadcast messages to network segments that a client computer is not directly attached to. DHCP relaying can be used to share a single DHCP server across logical network segments that are separated by a firewall. The DHCP relay service does not handle IP addresses. It sends unicast messages instead of broadcast messages.

A client in need of a DHCP-assigned IP address sends its request as a broadcast message to the network attached to the corresponding interface. The DHCP relay service on the firewall receives the request on an interface attached to the same network, e.g., eth2, 192.168.0.0/24. The DHCP relay service sends a unicast request to all configured DHCP servers in the LAN and receives a DHCP IP address offer from a DHCP server (e.g., 10.0.0.254) that has an IP address range configured for the network segment of the requesting client (e.g., 192.168.0.0/24). This offer is forwarded to the requesting client. If the client accepts the offer, the DHCP address is acknowledged by the client and immediately assigned to its attached interface.

DHCP Relay Agent Between Two LANs:



Before You Begin

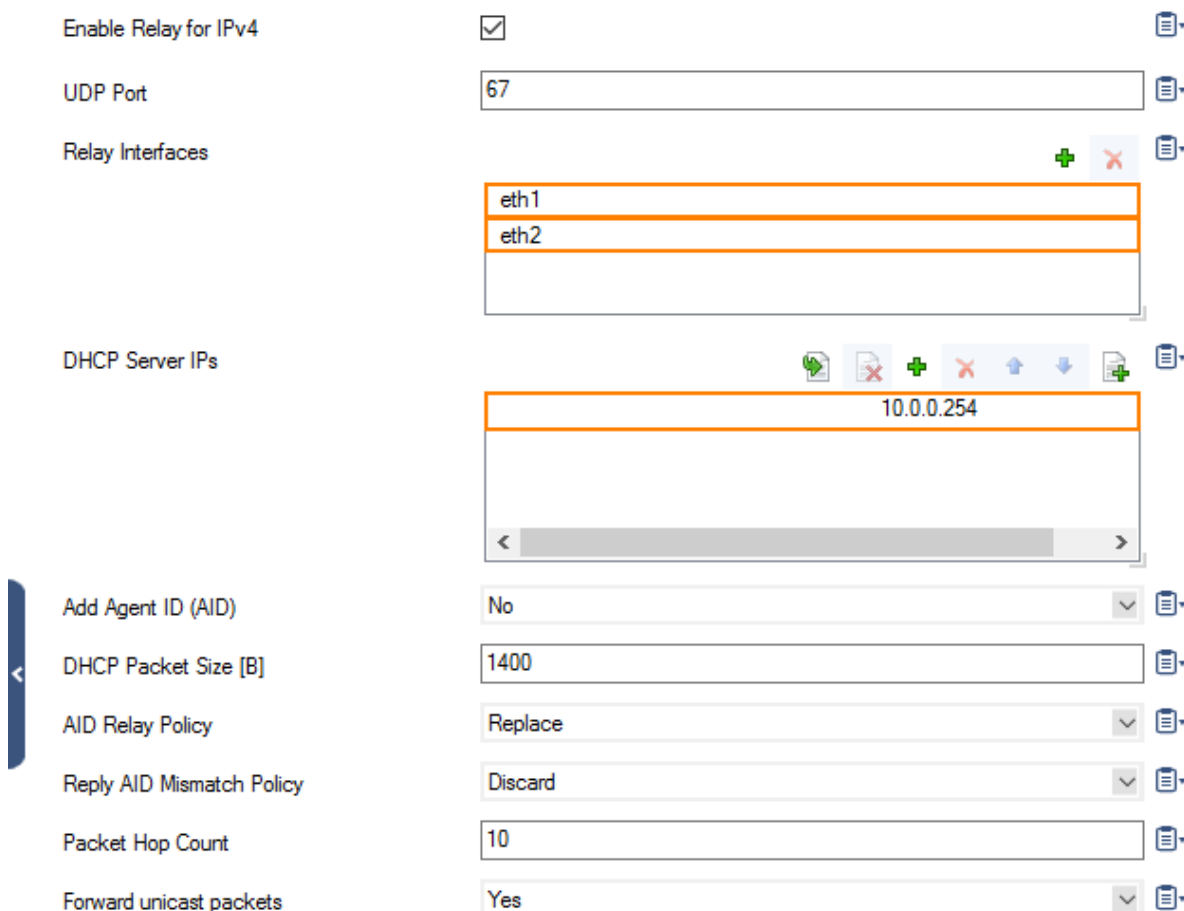
If you are using both a DHCP and a DHCP relay service on the same firewall, verify that both services are not using the same physical interface.




















Configure the DHCP Relay Agent for IPv4

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Assigned Services > DHCP-Relay**.
2. Click **Lock**.
3. Select **Enable Relay for IPv4**.
4. Enter the **UDP Port** the relay agent is listening on (default: 67).
5. In the **Relay Interfaces** section, click **+** and add the network interfaces that are used by the DHCP relay agent to connect to the DHCP server and client networks.

If you must configure multiple relay agents in a cascaded environment (more than one relay is involved and traffic is passed from relay to relay), do not specify the server-side interface of the cascaded ('border') relay agent. For more information, read the following section.

6. In the **DHCP Server IPs** field, enter the IP addresses of the DHCP servers.



Enable Relay for IPv4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
UDP Port	<input type="text" value="67"/>	
Relay Interfaces	<div><div></div><div>eth1</div><div>eth2</div></div>	
DHCP Server IPs	<div><div></div><div>10.0.0.254</div></div>	
Add Agent ID (AID)	<input type="text" value="No"/>	
DHCP Packet Size [B]	<input type="text" value="1400"/>	
AID Relay Policy	<input type="text" value="Replace"/>	
Reply AID Mismatch Policy	<input type="text" value="Discard"/>	
Packet Hop Count	<input type="text" value="10"/>	
Forward unicast packets	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

7. Enable **Add Agent ID (AID)** if you want the DHCP relay agent to add an Agent ID (AID) to the transmitted packets. An AID indicates that the data has been relayed.
8. Enter the maximum **DHCP Packet Size** in bytes (default: 1400).

9. From the **AID Relay Policy** list, select how your DHCP relay agent handles DHCP packets that are already flagged by an AID from another agent:
 - **Append** (default) – Attaches your AID to the existing AID.
 - **Replace** – Replaces the existing AID with your AID.
 - **Forward** – Passes DHCP packets without any modification.
 - **Discard** – Discards DHCP packets that are already flagged by an AID.
10. From the **Reply AID Mismatch Policy** list, select how your DHCP relay agent handles DHCP server replies that do not contain its AID:
 - **Discard** – Default. Discards the DHCP packet.
 - **Forward** – Forwards the DHCP packet to the DHCP client.

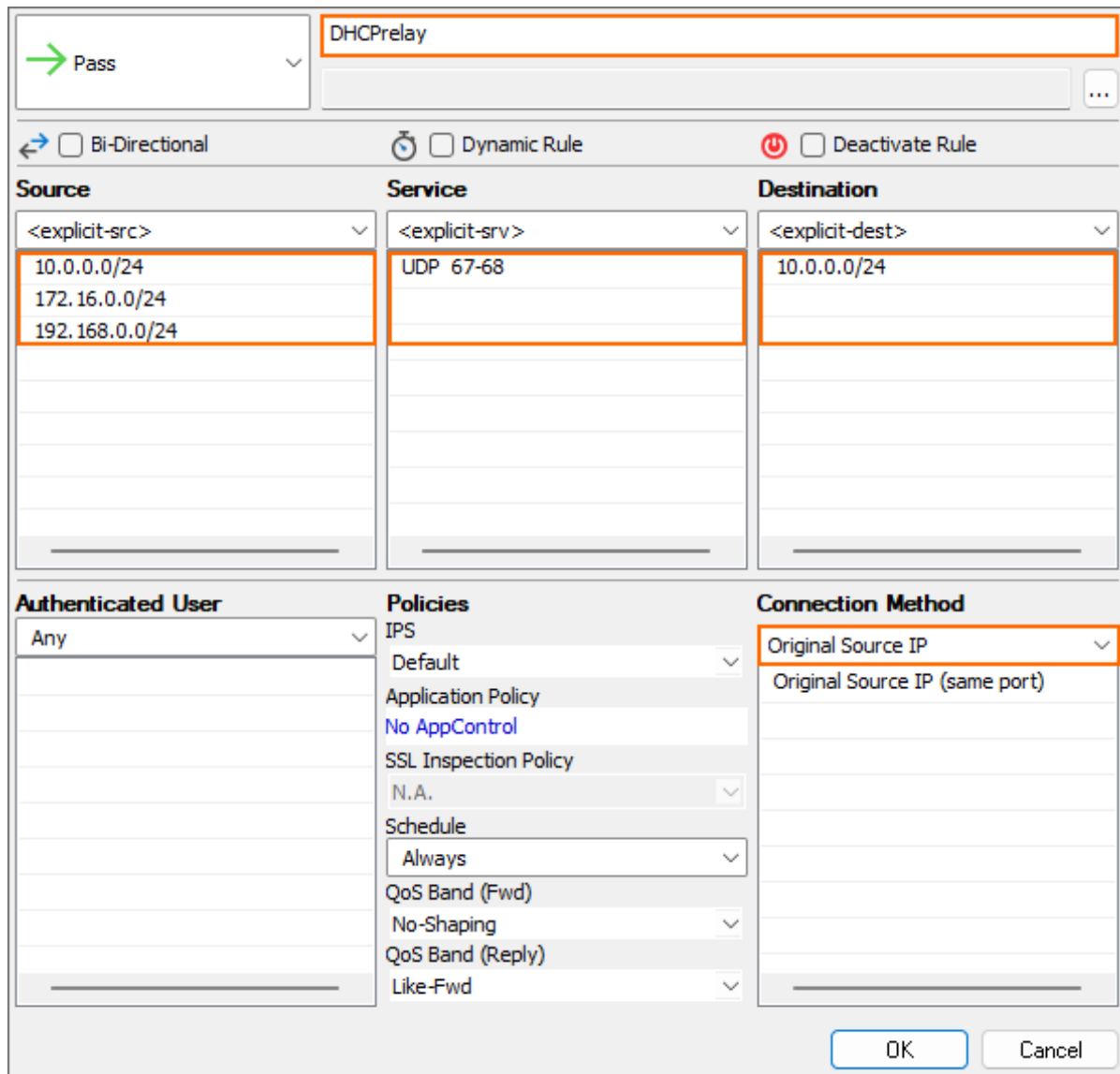
The **Reply AID Mismatch Policy** setting is important when multiple relay agents serve the DHCP server.

11. Specify the maximum **Packet Hop Count** to avoid infinite packet loops (default: 10).
12. Select **Forward unicast packets** if Bootstrap/BOOTP unicast messages should be forwarded by the DHCP relay.
13. Click **OK**.
14. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Create an Access Rule to Allow DHCP Requests

The relay agent must forward the request from the client to the DHCP server.

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Assigned Services > Firewall > Forwarding Rules**.
2. Click **Lock**.
3. Either click the plus icon (+) at the top right of the ruleset or right-click the ruleset and select **New > Rule**.
4. Select **Pass** as the action.
5. Enter a **name** for the rule. For example, DHCPrequest.
6. Specify the following settings that must be matched by the traffic to be handled by the access rule:
 - **Source** – The network address of the segment to which the client is attached, e.g., 192.168.0.0/24.
 - **Destination** – The network address of the segment where the DHCP server is attached to, e.g., 10.0.0.0/24.
 - **Service** – Either configure an explicit service for **UDP** and ports **67** and **68** to let DHCP requests pass, or create a service object. For more information, see [How to Create Service Objects](#).
7. **Connection Method** – Original Source IP.



Pass

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☐ Bi-Directional ☐ Dynamic Rule ☐ Deactivate Rule

Source	Service	Destination
<explicit-src>	<explicit-srv>	<explicit-dest>
10.0.0.0/24	UDP 67-68	10.0.0.0/24
172.16.0.0/24		
192.168.0.0/24		

Authenticated User	Policies	Connection Method
Any	IPS Default Application Policy No AppControl SSL Inspection Policy N.A. Schedule Always QoS Band (Fwd) No-Shaping QoS Band (Reply) Like-Fwd	Original Source IP Original Source IP (same port)

OK Cancel

8. Click **OK**.
9. Drag and drop the access rule so that it is the first rule that matches the traffic that you want it to forward. Ensure that the rule is located *above* the BLOCKALL rule; rules located below the BLOCKALL rule are never executed.
10. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

The DHCP Server Must Be Able to Reach the Client Network

The DHCP server must return DHCP offers to the requesting client.

- (option #1) In case your DHCP server runs on a dedicated Barracuda firewall, create a gateway route to the client network. For more information, see [How to Configure Gateway Routes](#).
- (option #2) On any other appliance, configure the DHCP server to be able to reach the client

network.

Configure the DHCP Relay Agent for IPv6

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Assigned Services > DHCP-Relay > DHCP-Relay Settings**.
2. In the left menu, select **DHCP Relay IPv6**.
3. Click **Lock**.
4. Select **Enable Relay for IPv6**.
5. Enter the **UDP Port** the relay agent is listening on (default: 547).
6. Specify the maximum **Packet Hop Count** to avoid infinite packet loops (default: 10).
7. Select **Interface ID** to force the use of the DHCPv6 Interface-ID option. This option is automatically sent when there are two or more downstream interfaces in use, in order to disambiguate between them.
8. For **Lower Network Interfaces**, click '+' to specify the network interface and link address on which queries will be received from clients or other relay agents. If no link address is specified, the first non-link local address is used.
9. The **Lower Network Interfaces** window is displayed to enter the name for the interface.
10. Enter the name for the lower interface.
11. Click **OK...**.
12. The **Lower Network Interfaces** window is displayed to configure the interface.
13. Click '+' to select the lower interface.
14. For **IPv6 Address**, enter the IP address.
15. Click **OK**.
16. For **Upper Network Interfaces**, click '+' to specify the network interface and destination unicast or multicast address to which queries will be forwarded. If no destination address is specified, requests are forwarded to the `FF02::1:2` multicast address (All_DHCP_Relay_Agents_and_Servers).
17. The **Upper Network Interfaces** window is displayed to enter the name for the interface.
18. Enter the name for the upper interface.
19. Click **OK...**.
20. The **Upper Network Interfaces** window is displayed to configure the interface.
21. Click '+' to select the upper interface.
22. For **IPv6 Address**, enter the IP address.
23. Click **OK**.

Enable Relay for IPv6 ☒

UDP Port

Packet Hop Count

Interface ID ☐

Lower Network Interfaces

Name	Interface Name	IPv6 Address
LOWE01	eth2.3098 , eth2.3099	

Upper Network Interfaces

Name	Interface Name	IPv6 Address
UPPE01	eth1.2097	fd6c:f514:8c9:97:1:1:1

24. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Figures

1. dhcp_relay.png
2. dhcp_relay_config.png
3. access_rule_for_dhcp_relay_02.png
4. enable_relay_for_IPv6.png

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