What's New in the Barracuda Web Application Firewall

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What's new in version 12.2

Features and Enhancements:

Cloud

- **Public Cloud Rebranding** – WAF images on all supported public cloud platforms have been rebranded as "Web Application Firewall" (previously referred to as "CloudGen WAF"). Users can now use the rebranded name to navigate a marketplace and can opt for the required license types.

Advanced Bot Protection

- **Client Fingerprint Cookies**:
  - The system will be able to detect and block any tampering of the Client Fingerprint cookie.
  - Administrators can now enable the Fingerprint cookie mechanism for all services that serve the subdomains of the domain of the service. Note that this is enforced only when **Enable Client Fingerprint** is also set to **Yes**.
- **Geo IP Region List**: The IP regions list has been updated to include Kosovo and Curaçao and can be utilized to create geo-policies.

Security

- **TLS Defaults as Best Practice:**
  - In efforts to maintain security best practices, TLS 1.3 is now enabled by default for new servers and rule group servers.
  - In efforts to maintain security best practices, TLS 1.1 is now disabled by default for new SSL services, servers, and rule group servers.
- **Virus Scan and MimeType Checks Support for Raw File Upload**
  - Files uploaded through application/octet-stream using POST methods are now subjected to virus scanning and MimeType checks.
  - Files uploaded through multipart-formdata and application/octet-stream using the PUT method are subjected to virus scanning and MimeType checks.
  - Files uploaded using multipart-formdata using PUT also go through BATD scans.

System

- **OpenSSL Version**: The firmware has been updated to OpenSSL version 3.0.9, which is an LTS version.

  SSL certificates signed using weak hashing algorithms such as MD5 and SHA1 are not supported with OpenSSL 3.0. Ensure that all existing certificates signed with MD5 and SHA1 are replaced with SHA-256 signed certificates before you upgrade to 12.2.0.x. If an upgrade is performed without replacing these certificates, services using them will go down and rollbacks occur. [BNWF-55392]

API Security

- **JSON Profiles**
  - JSON profile REST API now supports strict-check, extended-match-sequence, and extended-match parameters.
  - JSON URL profile now supports Allowed Methods.
  - JSON key profile "MAX Length" can now support up to 256k of data.

    The max value length for the JSON key value is 8192 in the JSON policy. If a request has a key that exceeds the max value length, the request will be blocked. To allow more than 8192 bytes of value length, it is recommended to create a key profile and adjust the max value length in the profile.
  - The hash (#) character is allowed in JSON key names.
- **JSON Profile Extended Match**
  - When a new service is created, the default match uses a wildcard (*) to match with the incoming requests.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements, see Release Notes Version 12.2.

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Features and Enhancements:

- **Logs and Reports**
  - All log pages (Web Firewall Logs, Access Logs, Audit Logs, Network Firewall Logs, and System Logs) now provide the following:
    - **Import/Export Filters** – Ability to import or export predefined log filters into or from different Barracuda WAF units.
    - **Filter on Load** – Ability to set a saved filter as a default filter that loads every time you visit a log page.
    - “Saved” and “Custom” filter options.
    - Factory-shipped log filters.
  - URL profile and ACL summary reports now display learned URLs depending on the user's preference.
- **Advanced Bot Protection**
  - **Bot Identifier** – Ability to add a bot to the Allow list either from the bot dictionary

provided by the Barracuda Advanced Threat Intelligence (ATI) service or a custom bot signature.
    - **Added support for hCaptcha** to protect websites from spam or any other type of automated abuse like BOTS, etc.
    - **Bot Library integration for allowed bots** – Ability to create new allow bots from the predefined list of bots that are provided by ATI services.
    - Ability to add custom bots based on certain ASNs as Identifier.
- **Time-based rules** – Ability to create time-based policies to apply the rules on the service traffic for a specific period. You can define the start and end time for the rules (content rules, URL ADRs), and they are effective only during the specified time range.
- **Account Take Over Protection** – Login failures for servers responding with 200 OK response code and error message in the response page can now be detected based on the response data. The **Auth Response Identifier** in the Brute Force policy should be configured to enable this capability.
- **Redirect Service** – Virtual services with service type as “Redirect Service” can be set to redirect traffic permanently (based on response code 301) or temporarily (based on response code 302).
- **Security**
    - It is now possible to allow traffic from ASNs specified in the IP Reputation policy.
    - CAPTCHA policy does not enforce the CAPTCHA challenge if the service is configured in Passive mode.
    - Extended Match Enhancement: The element type “SSL-Version” in extended match expressions can be configured to match the value of TLSv1.3.
- **System**
    - OpenSSL has now been upgraded to version 1.1.1q.
    - Password change for the Administrator login is now mandatory after the firmware upgrade if the default password is used for login. It also changes the console password if the default password is used.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements, see Release Notes Version 12.1.

What's new in version 12.0

Features:

- **Client-Side Protection**
    - **Configure and fine-tune CSP policy from the ATI dashboard** – The Barracuda WAF now provides granular control to fine-tune and configure the CSP policies. The ATI dashboard now has integrated configurable elements for improved visibility and control over CSP policy violations.
- **Security and Access Control**
    - **Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS)** - The Barracuda WAF now provides support to enable the Cross-Origin Resource Sharing option for back-end applications. Cross-Origin

Resource Sharing (CORS) is an HTTP header-based mechanism that allows a server to indicate any origins (domain, scheme, or port) other than its own from which a browser should permit loading resources.
    - **OpenID Authentication for selected users** – Barracuda Web Application Firewall administrators can now configure "Allowed Users" and enable access to the web application only to the specified users.
    - **Block requests based on ASN** - The Barracuda WAF now allows users to block requests based on their Autonomous System Numbers (ASN). You can configure ASNs at the application layer IP Reputation and block the request originating from those ASNs.
- **System Management**
    - **Stable and Secure Management Web Server** - The management web server has been upgraded to the latest stable version to address multiple security vulnerabilities.
    - **Role-based Administration for ATI dashboard** - The Barracuda WAF now gives administrators the option to grant role-based administration access to perform the configuration actions on the ATI dashboard.
    - **Attack Graphs** - The Barracuda WAF can now show/hide all attacks graphs using a single click. This helps to give a compact and flexible viewing area of the dashboard.
    - **Filter logs based on attack type** – Now administrators have an option to filter the logs based on the selected attack type. This helps administrators to perform security audits of the attack logs based on the selected attack type.
- **API Security**
    - **Automatic discovery for API endpoints and structure learning** – Automatic API discovery provides automated discovery of the API endpoints and thereby assists in learning the API structure and facilitates the configuring of API security. The feature is available for systems with an active ATI subscription.
    - **GraphQL API Integration** - The Barracuda WAF now provides native parsing, security, and delivery of applications with GraphQL APIs. GraphQL is an open-source data query and manipulation language for APIs, and a runtime for fulfilling queries with existing data.
- **Account Takeover Protection**
    - **Account profiling** – This feature has been integrated as a part of Privileged account protection feature set. Account profiling helps in creating a profile of the respective account based on various parameters, and helps administrators to define binding policies.

Enhancements:

- **SameSite attribute** can now be configured from the **Cookie Security** page. By default, this attribute will not be added by the WAF. It can be configured later to either Lax/Strict/None.
- **Addition to IP Reputation Geo pool** - “Gibraltar” has been added to the country list in the IP Reputation Geo Pool.
- **Improved Fingerprint risk score computation** – The Barracuda Web Application Firewall now provides the improved fingerprint risk-score computation to ensure that the Barracuda WAF is not blocking upstream load balancers in cloud deployments.
- **Option to export country code** – Barracuda Web Application Firewall administrators can now export country code information to the syslog servers. This helps in security audits based on the country code.

- **An expandable menu has been added for Notices and Warnings** – The Barracuda WAF now updates users with the system-generated Notices or Warnings in the expandable menu for improved visibility. Users can expand and collapse options to view and hide the list of notices/warnings on their WAF GUI.
- **Internal Attack Patterns** – Administrators can now configure the internal attack patterns with the help of REST API v3.x framework.
- **In the Request/Response rewrite rule** - The Barracuda Web Application firewall now ensures that in the request/response rewrite rule, headers that appear multiple times and match the criterion are honored. Also, all the corresponding headers are modified.

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Feature:

- **Client Profile Validation** allows you to configure client IP addresses and IP address ranges that need to be exempted from the risk score validation.

Enhancements:

- **Web Scraping** now uses Advanced Threat Intelligence (ATI) for improved client classification and provides many more bot categories.
- **Client Fingerprint** mechanism has been upgraded to support a wider range of applications.
- **Exception Learning** now supports learning from IPv6 trusted hosts as well.
- **CAPTCHA Validation** is now enforced at the level of application session to avoid problems for clients coming from NAT'ed IP addresses. Only the sessions that solve the CAPTCHA are allowed to access the requested resources. Other clients that have not solved the CAPTCHA but may be coming from the same IP address will continue to be challenged or will be blocked.
- **Scheduling Reports** now support multiple filtering criteria based on the type of reports similar to the UI behavior.
- **Certificates for SAML Single Sign-On** can now be created or uploaded on the ADVANCED > Admin Access Control page.
- Multiple Barracuda Threat Intelligence Service (BTIS) enhancements for improving the efficacy of the Bot Protection service (offered as a subscription to customers).
- Internal processes have been optimized to improve the system performance, especially for single-core instances.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements, see Release Notes Version 11.0.1.

What's new in version 11.0

Features

- **Client-Side Protection**
  - **Content Security Policy** is used to control the behavior of the client's browser. A full-featured wizard supporting all CSP directives enables administrators to control the resources that can be loaded in the client's browsers and direct the behavior of the various elements, tags, and other aspects of the web pages within the client's browser. Directives such as frame-ancestors help in protecting against clickjacking attacks.
  - **Sub Resource Integrity** is a security feature that enables browsers to verify that resources they fetch are delivered without unexpected manipulation. This protects the applications from supply chain attacks that may be targeted at resources such as JavaScript, images, and other content loaded from third-party servers.
  - These capabilities can be deployed in Report Only mode or in Block mode. In the Report Only mode, all the violations of the policies are reported to the Barracuda Threat Intelligence Service and can be viewed using the Barracuda Threat Intelligence Service dashboard.
- **Advanced Bot Protection**
  - Barracuda Advanced Bot Protection capabilities have been protecting many of our customers against many types of automated attacks. Barracuda Networks continues to enhance the capabilities to detect and protect against automated attacks.
  - **Credential Stuffing** attack protection has been enhanced to support applications that communicate credentials via JSON / AJAX requests or HTTP Basic Authentication mechanisms.
  - **Brute Force Policy** can now be triggered by matching a set of text patterns in the HTTP response body.
- **Security and Access Control**
  - **JWT Validation**: JSON Web Tokens (JWT) are a common mechanism of representing claims securely especially in the context of APIs. With version 11.0, Barracuda Web Application Firewall adds support for validating JWT token issued by the authorization server.
  - **Web Socket Security**: Traffic on WebSocket can now be inspected for protocol violation and other exploits by the WebSocket Security feature on the Barracuda Web Application Firewall. Administrators can configure the WebSocket Security profile by navigating to **WEBSITES > WebSocket Security**.
  - **Tarpit**: Suspicious clients can be tarpitted (slowed down) for time interval configurable from UI.
  - **Single Log Out (SLO) support for SAML**: SAML for Access Control has been enhanced to support SLO where the logout response for any of the participating applications resident on the WAF will send a logout command to all participating SSO applications.
- **Traffic Management**
  - **HTTP/2**: With this release, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall adds support for HTTP/2 for WAF-to-server communication in addition to the client-to-WAF communication that has been supported from earlier releases.
  - **Direct Server Return**: The Barracuda Web Application Firewall service can now be configured behind a load balancer service with Direst Server Return. This capability is

used in rare scenarios where traffic from the server must be bypassed due to application considerations. This requires changes on the web server as well.
    - **IP Address from TCP Options (additional CDN Support)**: In many cases where the Barracuda WAF is deployed behind a CDN, the actual IP address of the client is encapsulated in the TCP Options field by the CDN infrastructure. The Barracuda Web Application Firewall supports reading of client IP and port from the TCP Options Address field.
- **System Management**
    - **Auto Configuration Engine**: Customers with a Barracuda Advanced Bot Protection license can now use the statistical- and machine-learning enabled configuration recommendation engine. This engine analyzes traffic patterns to recommend configurations that would make the existing deployments more secure.
    - **SAML for Role Based Administration**: All user identity stores that support SAML, such as Azure AD or Microsoft AD/FS, can be integrated with the Barracuda Web Application Firewall to enable Role Based Administration for the WAF administration. [BNWF-32912]
    - **Alien Vault SIEM** is now supported as an external Syslog server by the Barracuda Web Application Firewall.
    - **API Enhancements**: REST API v3.x now supports performing IP reputation lookups.

What’s new in version 10.1.1 Cloud

Features

- **Azure IPv6 Support** - The Barracuda CloudGen WAF now supports the Azure IPv6 feature.
- **Azure Sentinel Support** - Added Barracuda Cloudgen WAF template for Azure Sentinel Workbooks..
- **Azure Managed Identities** - The Barracuda CloudGen WAF is now integrated with the Azure Managed identities for secure authentication.
- **JSON formatted configuration file enhancement**: Configuration files in JSON format can now be restored on WAF units that are part of a High Availability configuration.

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Features

- **Integration of Gemalto SafeNet Luna Network HSM device in HA** - The Barracuda Web Application Firewall provides support to integrate with two Gemalto SafeNet Luna Network HSMs in High Availability (HA) mode.
- Migration of **Let's Encrypt** to use v2. The WAF features are now NOT dependent on v1, for which support was stopped in July 2020.
- **UI Revamp** for the 'NETWORKS', 'SECURITY POLICIES' and 'ACCESS CONTROL' tabs. Tabs have been enhanced to provide an improved UI appearance and experience.

- ECDSA certificate during application onboarding - Support for configuring only an ECDSA certificate for HTTPS service is provided, moving away from the mandatory RSA certificates.
- Augmented logging with Content Rule details - If the server is part of any Content Rule, that rule's name is displayed in the email notification to identify which server is down.

Enhancements

- **Barracuda Threat Intelligence Service (BTIS) enhancements** for data ingestion (Internal).
- The InputTable widget has been enhanced to provide the ability to add multiple fields in headers, leading to a much better UI experience.
- Enhanced UI integration to display the configuration fields related to SSL/TLS Quick Settings for applications.
- Ability to read and remove an IP from the Client-IP Blocklist using REST API.

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- **Azure PAYG WAF integration with METTLE** - Mettle integration with the Barracuda Web Application Firewall allows customers to add/remove the Barracuda Add-Ons Subscription . The charges are based on its consumption that allows the customer to subscribe/unsubscribe to Barracuda WAF Add-Ons subscription on the fly.
- **Syslog to AWS CloudWatch** - The integration of CloudWatch with the Barracuda Web Application Firewall provides data and actionable insights to monitor WAF applications. With CloudWatch, you can collect and access all your performance and operational data in the form of logs and metrics
- **Google API Discovery** – The API Discovery module is enhanced to support new API specification rules.

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New features in Advanced Bot Protection

- **Advanced Analytics Dashboard*** : Customers with the ABP subscription now have access to the new Advanced Analytics Dashboard. This dashboard can be accessed by clicking the link available in the Bot Statistics widget on the WAF Dashboard. The Advanced Analytics Dashboard is driven by the data sent to the Barracuda Threat Intelligence Service (BTIS) by your WAF units. It provides a deep dive into traffic patterns and client behavior. The dashboard is hosted on the Barracuda cloud and is regularly updated with new reports.
- **New Cloud Machine Learning Models and Integration with the Infisecure Bot Engine*** : Last year, Barracuda acquired Infisecure, a leading bot mitigation provider. In this release, Infisecure's bot engine has been incorporated into the ABP Cloud Machine Learning tool. Additionally, the Machine Learning layer has been updated with newer models and updated static rules for better detection.

- **Credential Spraying Detection*** : The Account Takeover protection is updated to support credential spraying detection, in addition to credential stuffing detection. With credential stuffing, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall identifies the attack only if the username+password pair is exactly available in our database. With Credential Spraying detection, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall detects when any of these credentials are part of the database. Customers can choose the method they wish to use based on their threat perception.
  The cloud-based Credential database has also been updated with multiple new data breach dumps.
- **Tarpit as a Follow-up Action** : Customers can now choose to Tarpit a client as a follow-up action. Tarpitting puts the client on a queue that is slowed down for a defined period. This is especially useful when defending APIs where other methods like CAPTCHA cannot be used.
- **UI Upgrade** : The ABP UI on the Barracuda WAF has been updated for better performance and usability.
- **CAPTCHA State export in Access Logs** : The Access logs now have a new macro to export the CAPTCHA state. If a client is issued a CAPTCHA, their response is now available in the logs.
  *<Features marked with * require the Advanced Bot Protection add-on subscription>*
- **OCSP Stapling Support** : The Barracuda WAF now supports OCSP stapling.
- **OpenID Connect Supports** : The Barracuda WAF now supports OpenID Connect for authentication. Customers can use this to offload OIDC authentication against any OAuth authorization service.

Enhancements

- **Support for reCAPTCHAv3** : The Barracuda WAF now supports integration with reCAPTCHAv3, in addition to reCAPTCHAv2.
- **New page for Risk Scores** : The risk scores for various action policies have now been moved from the **Action Policy > Edit** to a new page under the **Security Policies** tab.
- **Quick SSL Settings** : You can now quickly configure specific combinations of SSL/TLS protocols and ciphers using the **SSL/TLS Quick Settings** drop-down list provided in the **BASIC > Services > Edit Service** menu. Currently, Barracuda supports three presets from the Mozilla Server Side Security list. Selecting a preset automatically selects the relevant TLS/SSL versions and the associated ciphers.
- **SameSite Cookie Support** : SameSite cookie attribute is now honored like other cookie attributes.
- **Reporting** :
  - Certificate reports now show the associated services and SNI domains for ECDSA services.
  - The 'Attacks by Category' report has been enhanced to show a stacked graph for better readability and interpretation.
  - The Top Attacking Region/Country report now shows the world map with the geographical data.

What’s new in version 10.0.1 Cloud

- **Multiple IP Address(es) Support for Amazon Web Services**: The Barracuda CloudGen WAF on AWS can now be used with multiple IP addresses, either manually or automatically. During service creation, the admin can choose to either manually enter a new IP address from the AWS console, or ask the Barracuda CloudGen WAF to automatically get one using the AWS APIs. **Note:** This feature does not work with autoscaling at this time. HA and clustering will work with manual IP assignment.
- **SR-IOV/ENA support**: In AWS, the Barracuda CloudGen WAF can now be deployed on instance types supporting **ENA/SR-IOV**.
- **Support for new Instance Types on AWS**: The Barracuda CloudGen WAF on AWS now supports an extensive list of t., m., and c. instances on AWS. The full list is available at: https://campus.barracuda.com/doc/28967064/
- **Openstack Autoscaling**: Barracuda Web Application Firewall Vx now supports autoscaling on OpenStack .
- **Backup Restore**: It is now possible to restore all backup files stored in the cloud for a particular Barracuda CloudGen WAF on AWS or Azure (as determined by serial number). To access and restore from a backup file stored in the cloud that was created from a different system, please contact Barracuda Networks Technical Support for assistance.
- **API Discovery with OpenAPI Spec Import**: It is now possible to discover OpenAPI applications and automatically configure the JSON firewall protection with the Barracuda CloudGen WAF.
- **Disaster Recovery for Multi-IP instances on Azure & AWS**: In earlier releases, if a backup that contained mutli-IP configurations on Azure was uploaded to a new instance, it would use the older IPs and require IP reconfiguration. With this new feature, this can be done automatically by the admin by clicking on “Multi IPs Refresh” on the **Services** page. This works only on non-clustered units at this time.

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- **Client Profile**: Enables the creation and validation of all client profiles (client fingerprints).
- **Advanced Client Analysis**: Once subscribed to the Advanced Bot Mitigation service, the Barracuda WAF can be configured to send HTTP requests and response metadata to the Barracuda Application Intelligence Network (AIN). This data is used to analyze client behavior, and detect and block advanced bots/attackers.
- **Client Risk scores**: Metadata from each request and response is sent to the cloud-based Barracuda Application Intelligence Network. This information is analyzed for each session, and the risk of the client is computed based on the traffic and client’s behavioral characteristics. The score is used to identify the client as a good bot/bad bot, a good user, or an attacker.
- **Action Policies**: New action policies have been added.
- **UI Enhancements**
  - The **SECURITY POLICIES > Action Policy > Locked Out Clients** page is enhanced to display client fingerprints of the locked-out clients.
  - The **SECURITY POLICIES > Action Policy > Clear Locked Out Clients** page is

enhanced to allow the administrator to unblock client fingerprint(s) that are blocked by the Barracuda Web Application Firewall.

- **Deprecated Feature**
  - The Secure Browsing tab has been moved from the **Websites** to the **Advanced** tab. The Secure Browsing tab is visible ONLY if **Enable Secure Browsing** is enabled. Secure Browsing feature will be removed from the product in a later release.

What's new in version 10.0

Advanced Bot Protection

Provides our customers with the ability to effectively defend against bots, crawlers, and automated attacks.

> Some features require an additional subscription. The extended trial is available. Please contact your sales team now.

Advanced Bot Protection is a suite of features that include:

- Client Tracking and Rating
  - Active and Passive Client Fingerprinting to identify clients down to a browser. This means that blocking can be done at browser level rather than IP address, making the block more effective.
  - Integration with third-party feeds to identify and block bots.
  - Computation of risk scores for each request based on detected violations.
- Credential Stuffing Detection and Brute Force Protection enhancements
  - Credential Stuffing detection: Detection of credential stuffing attacks using Advanced Bot Protection Cloud service. This uses a large database of previously leaked credentials to verify and block credential attacks.
  - Brute Force enhancements: Enforcement of Brute Force policies based on a client fingerprint.

- Protection Mechanisms
  - Comment Spam / Referrer Spam detection: Inspection of links sent in HTML Form parameters (as POST requests) or injected in HTTP Referer headers.
  - Google reCAPTCHA: Enhanced client validation using Google reCAPTCHAv2.
- New Reports and Dashboard enhancements
  - Bot traffic Analysis
  - Top Good or Bad Bots
  - Bots by Categories
  - Captcha Summary Report

    - Bot Spam
    - Credential Stuffing Trends

- Cloud layer for advanced analysis [Requires subscription – extended trial available]
    - Provides credential stuffing protection.
    - Client Fingerprint analysis.
    - Lookup services for Client Fingerprints and Credentials.
- SSL enhancements - Support for TLSv1.3 for both service side SSL and server-side SSL.
- Usability enhancements
    - Enhancements to the certificate page to support multiple thousands of certificates and their management.
    - Enhancements to the logging to show expired certificates.
    - Enhancement to the UI by introducing the “Bot Mitigation” tab for all the configurations related to Advanced Bot Protection.

- Throughput usage data collection - Support for tracking WAF throughput usage statistics when connected to WAF Control Center v2.3.

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- **Config JSON checkpoints** : provide administrators a human-readable configuration file. These files are JSON formatted files which can be modified and downloaded from the Barracuda WAF. Furthermore, they can also be stored in a version-controlled repository, such as Git or CVS.
- **Generating a signed certificate using Let’s Encrypt**: Barracuda WAF now provides integration with Let’s Encrypt to generate, sign, install, and renew certificates for domain names bound with applications protected by the Barracuda Web Application Firewall.
- **Enabling Telemetry Data**:Users can now select the type of data that they intend to send to Barracuda Networks. By enabling telemetry, users define the type of data that the WAF should collect and share with the Barracuda Networks.
- **Barracuda WAF Deployment on OpenStack**: Barracuda WAF can now be deployed on OpenStack as a virtual machine to protect applications running on Openstack as well as externally.
- **UI Enhancements in System Configuration**: The fields in the **ADVANCED > System Configuration > Advanced** section are reorganized into groups for better user experience.

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- **JSON File-Based Configuration Management (AWS and Azure)**: Teams utilizing infrastructure-as-code process can integrate Barracuda CloudGen WAF into their infrastructure definitions using JSON snippets. This simplifies the overall configuration management of Barracuda CloudGen WAF and makes it easy to organize and maintain as it can be used for

versioning, reviewing, and auditing.

- **Slack Integration (All Models)**: Barracuda CloudGen WAF is now able to push WAF alerts and notifications to the configured slack channel.
- **WCC + WAF Integration (AWS)**: Using the Cloud Formation Template, administrators can direct the Barracuda CloudGen WAF to automatically join to Barracuda WAF Control Center (WCC) in autoscaling environments.
- **Consolidated ARM Templates (Azure)**: Multiple existing non VMSS marketplace templates have been merged into a single template.Two existing VMSS marketplace templates have also been merged to a single template.
- **CloudGen WAF Rebranding**: All the public cloud WAF VM's will be re-branded to CloudGen WAF.

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- **Integration with the Gemalto Safenet Luna Network HSM**: With Firmware 9.2, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall now integrates with the Gemalto SafeNet Luna Network HSM's for added security in SSL/TLS transactions. The Gemalto SafeNet Luna HSM is a hardened physical device that stores all SSL/TLS certificates in tamper-proof hardware for additional security. All hardware and virtual WAF models 660 and above will support this integration.
- **Integration with the Barracuda Reporting Server**: The Barracuda Reporting Server is a purpose-built hardware appliance that rapidly generates reports while maintaining or improving accuracy of the reporting data. With this release, the Barracuda WAF and CloudGen WAF product lines integrate with the Barracuda Reporting Server to provide centralized log storage and reporting.
- **Role-Based Access Control for REST APIv3**: In Firmware 9.1, the revamped REST APIv3 for management and control of the Barracuda WAF and CloudGen WAF product lines was launched. In this release, a granular and comprehensive Role-based access control capabilities for the REST APIv3 have been added. With these features, you can now fully control administrative access to various API calls, and integrate this with access control systems.
- **Two-Factor Authentication for Administrator Access and Role-Based Access Control Enhancements**: It is now possible to configure Two-Factor Authentication for admin UI access. This includes integrations with RADIUS/LDAP based systems, RSA SecurID, and SMS passcodes. Role-Based access control settings are more granular with all operations on the web interface having READ/WRITE permission toggles, with a WRITE being the default permission.
- **Networking Enhancements**: In earlier firmware releases, it was not possible to include the WAN interface (eth0) as part of a link bond. This restriction is now removed, and eth0 can be part of the bond.
- **Enhancements for Virtual Instances**: Virtual Barracuda WAF units now support multi-ports (86x and 96x) and 10GigabitEthernet interfaces (96x) where the hypervisor supports these capabilities.
- **Enhancements for GDPR Compliance**: To ensure compliance with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), two new capabilities - Log Encryption, Problem Report Encryption have been introduced. Enabling these features requires turning them on the GDPR Compliance toggle in System preferences. When this capability is turned on, a

passphrase should be configured. This passphrase is then used to encrypt all logs and problem reports that are generated from the unit.
- **New Application Templates for Drupal and Joomla**: New application templates for crating and configuring security policies for Drupal and Joomla are now available. These templates can be used to easily create a new service using the configuration wizard. They contain security rules specific to each web application.

What's New in Version 9.1 Video

Watch this video for an overview of new features in version 9.1. These features are also described in the sections below.

What's New in Version 9.1 Cloud

- **Support for Virtual Machine Scale Sets and Bootstrapping on Microsoft Azure**: The Barracuda Web Application Firewall on Azure can now be deployed in an Azure Virtual Machine Scale Set for dynamic scaling. With the VMSS integration, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall can be configured to bootstrap based on a service configuration defined in the ARM Template at launch. Alternatively, an existing configuration backup can be placed in an Azure Blob, and the Barracuda Web Application Firewall VMSS instances can bootstrap from this configuration. This capability is now available only for hourly models at this time. The ARM template for deploying the Barracuda Web Application Firewall in available on the Azure Marketplace at this time.
- **Support for configuration backup to Azure Blob Storage**: It is now possible to export configuration backups to Azure Blob Storage. This is possible with both manual backups and scheduled backups.

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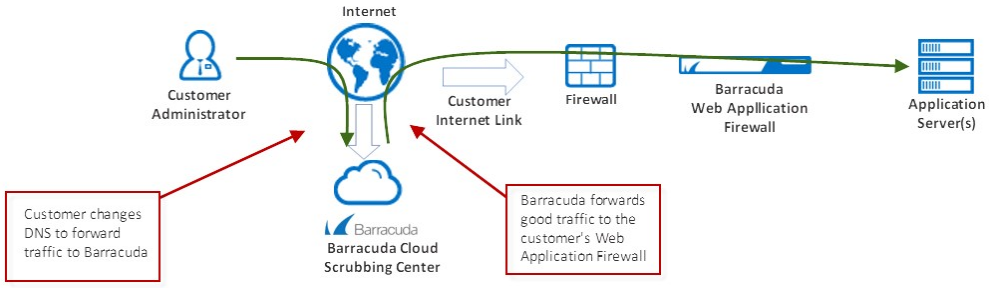
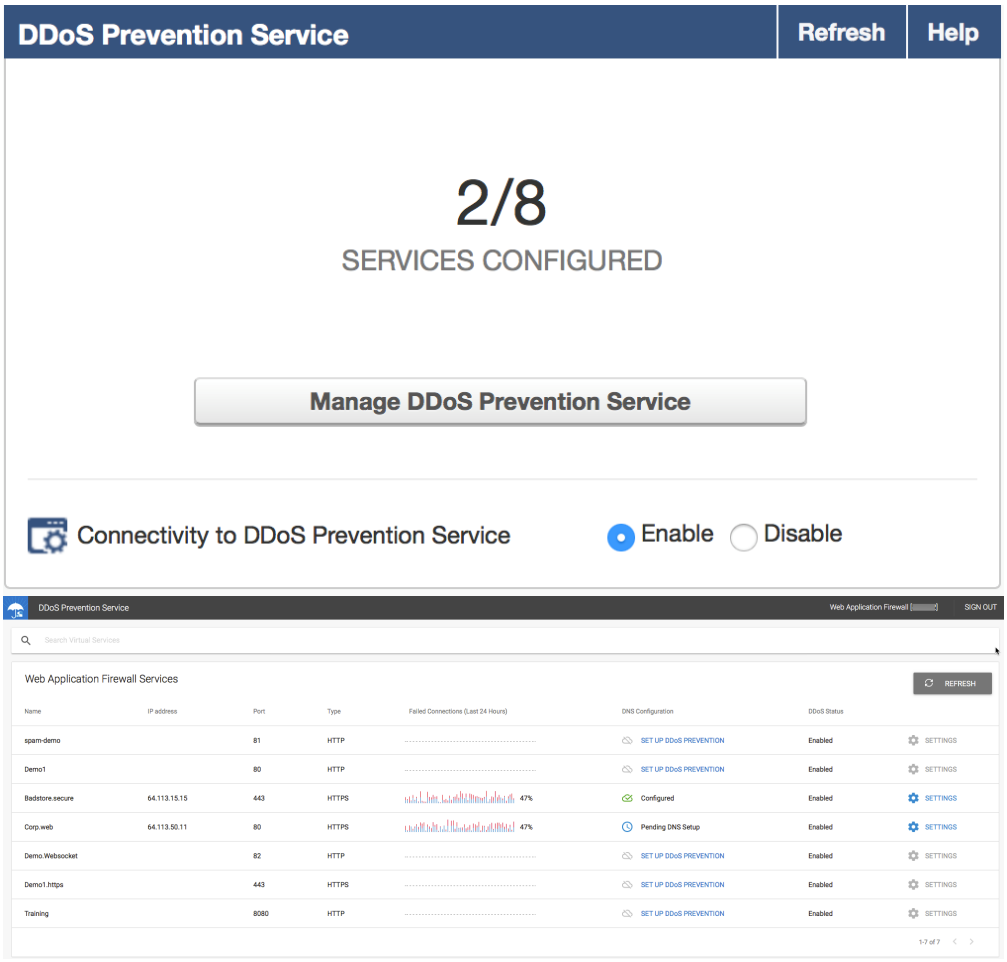
- **REST APIv3**: With the release of Firmware 9.1, we have released a new version (v3) of the Barracuda Web Application Firewall's REST API. The new REST API v3 is fully compliant with the OpenAPI standard, and API documentation has been built using the Swagger Framework. The Swagger-based documentation is now live on Barracuda Campus. With Swagger, you do not need to manually copy paste various parts to create your configuration scripts; instead, Swagger allows you to specify variables, such as IP addresses, and other settings, and generates the code sample directly. You can then use the sample with minimal changes to build your scripts.
- **Integrations with Puppet, Terraform and Ansible**: The Barracuda Web Application Firewall now integrates with Puppet, Terraform and Ansible for automated deployments. The sample

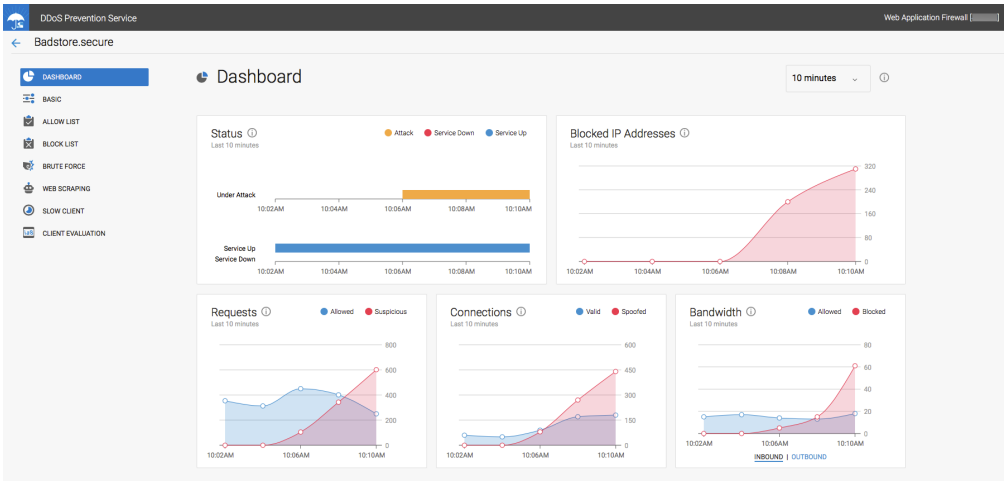
code for these integration is now available on our public GitHub Repository at: https://github.com/barracudanetworks/waf-automation

- **Integration with Barracuda Active DDoS Prevention**: With version 9.1, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall integrates closely with the Barracuda Active DDoS Prevention Service. The Barracuda Active DDoS Prevention is a service that protects you against volumetric DDoS attacks. Combined with the Application DDoS protection features of the Barracuda Web Application Firewall, Barracuda Active DDoS Protection gives you comprehensive protection from all types of DDoS attacks.



The Barracuda Active DDoS Prevention Service can be configured and managed directly from your Barracuda Web Application Firewall. It requires a separate subscription.





- **New models for Barracuda Web Application Firewall Vx**: New Vx models have been launched for the Barracuda Web Application Firewall. With this, customers will no longer have to purchase separate core licenses for Vx installations that support more than 200Mbps of traffic. The newly introduced models are: 760Vx (500Mbps), 860Vx (1Gbps) and 960Vx (5Gbps). The specifications for all the Vx models are now updated and are available on the main website and in the Barracuda Campus documentation.
- **Proxy Protocol support for HTTPS Services**: Proxy protocol is now supported for all HTTPS Services. Earlier, the Proxy Protocol was supported only when WebSockets were enabled. This limitation is no longer in effect and hence the Proxy Protocol can be enabled independently.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 9.0, see Release Notes Version 9.1.

What's New in Version 9.0.1 Cloud

- **Multi NIC and Multi IP per NIC Support for Azure**: The Barracuda Web Application Firewall instances on Microsoft Azure can now support multiple NIC's (WAN and LAN) for better separation of traffic. In addition, the WAN interface can now support multiple IP addresses. The Multi IP support now enables customers to host multiple applications with their own IP addresses on Azure instances. To make configuration tasks much easier for administrators, we have added the ability to generate new IP addresses directly from the **BASIC > Services** page of the Barracuda Web Application Firewall. When an administrator needs a new IP address, they can simply click a button, and the Barracuda Web Application Firewall will generate it using the Azure APIs. All clustered units will automatically generate their own IP addresses, and synchronize this information with other units.
- **Granular Role-Based Administration with LDAP Groups**: It is now possible to assign specific LDAP groups for a given Admin Role. It is also possible to assign priorities for each Admin role for more fine grained control over permissions, in cases where a specific role is attached to multiple LDAP groups.
- **Microsoft Operations Management Suite (OMS) Integration**: The Barracuda Web Application Firewall now integrates with Microsoft's Operations Management Suite. With this

integration, any Barracuda Web Application Firewall deployed anywhere – on-premises hardware, virtual or cloud, can be configured to send logs to the Microsoft OMS system. Simply configure the relevant Microsoft OMS Workspace as an export log server, configure the correct log headers, and the logs will start showing up on the relevant OMS Workspace. For additional ease-of-use, we have provided an OMS ARM template. This ARM template will automatically setup a Workspace with three dashboards:
    - Attack Statistics Dashboard
    - Application Performance Dashboard
    - Audit Logs Dashboard

  When the Barracuda Web Application Firewall instances send logs to this Workspace, the graphs on these dashboards are automatically populated and provide a complete view of the deployment.
- **Configuration Backup to Amazon S3**: It is now possible to backup Barracuda Web Application Firewall configuration to an S3 bucket. This backup includes the ability to perform scheduled backups to a pre-configured S3 bucket.
- **Disable “admin” account on AWS instances**: When launching Barracuda Web Application Firewall instances using AWS CloudFormation Templates, it is now possible to irreversibly disable the default “admin” account. This capability is available when launch the Barracuda Web Application Firewall stack with backup based boostrapping, where the backup has an alternative external RBA source (such as LDAP/AD) configured.
- **Support for configuring NTP Servers and Time Zone from CloudFormation Templates**: It is now possible to configure NTP Servers and Time Zone for Barracuda Web Application Firewall instances that are launched using CloudFormation Template. Multiple NTP servers can be configured from the template, and the Time Zone and NTP settings are now synchronized across clustered units.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 9.0, see Release Notes Version 9.0.1 Cloud.

What's New in Version 9.0.1

- **User Interface Enhancements**: The **BASIC > Services** page has now been enhanced for better usability and performance. The **Services** page can now be viewed in full-width, using the entire screen space to display information. In addition, multiple changes have been implemented to speed up page load times and configuration updates.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 9.0, see Release Notes Version 9.0.1.

What's New in Version 9.0

- **Integration with Barracuda Advanced Threat Protection:** Barracuda Networks' Advanced Threat Protection (ATP) implements full-system emulation which provides the deepest visibility into malware behavior while simultaneously being the toughest one to evade. With this release, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall now integrates with the Barracuda ATP system to ensure that all file uploads do not contain any hidden malware. BATP integration is available as a separate license with the Barracuda Web Application Firewall.
- **Integration with the Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series:** Web Application Firewall's are deployed to block web application attacks that evade the perimeter firewall. In such situations, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall can be configured to block attackers from accessing the site. Till now, these attackers were allowed into the network and blocked only at the Barracuda Web Application Firewall level. With the release of 9.0, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall can now push blocked client configuration out to the Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series, ensuring that attackers are blocked at the perimeter and not allowed into the network at all.
- **Integration with the Barracuda Vulnerability Remediation Service:** The Barracuda Vulnerability Remediation Service (BVRS) allows administrators to scan applications for vulnerabilities on-demand or on a schedule. Detected vulnerabilities can be mitigated by pushing configuration changes to the Barracuda Web Application Firewall's security policy. This can happen either automatically based on a schedule, or manually in a single click. Administrators can also audit each vulnerability's history and view logs of blocked requests for each vulnerability separately.
- **Integration with the HPE ArcSight SIEM:** With release 9.0, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall now integrates with the HPE ArcSight SIEM. Syslogs can now be sent to ArcSight in the CEF format to be integrated with existing reporting systems.
- **New Hardware:** The 86x and 96x series hardware now come with more ports and link bonding capabilities. The 86x series is available with 8 GigabitEthernet ports. The 96x series is available with 8 GigabitEthernet ports and 2 TenGigabitEthernet ports. Interface choices include Copper or Fiber, with bypass options, and all models are capable of supporting link bonding, including 802.3ad/LACP.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 9.0, see Release Notes Version 9.0.

What's New in Version 8.1.1

- **Enhanced Bootstrapping Support for AWS CloudFormation deployments:** With this release, you can now bootstrap Barracuda Web Application Firewall instances on AWS using previously exported configuration templates or backups. This allows for easy transfer of configuration between staging and production environments. The configuration template or backup file is placed in an S3 bucket, and passed to the CloudFormation Template at launch. The Barracuda Web Application Firewall instances that are brought up will then use these files to automatically configure themselves at boot. The latest Hourly AMI and CloudFormation Templates with these features will be available on the AWS Marketplace page shortly.
- **Geo IP and IP Reputation Policy enforcement at Layer 7:** In cloud deployments, the

Barracuda Web Application Firewall is typically positioned behind a Load Balancer, such as the AWS Elastic Load Balancer. Incoming traffic from the Load Balancer has the Load Balancer's IP address as the client IP address. In such cases, GeoIP and other IP reputation based policies will not work. With this enhancement, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall now looks for the IP address contained in the HTTP X-Forwarded-For header, which is the original client IP, and uses this information to enforce Geo IP and IP Reputation policies. To enable easier policy fixes with this feature, it is now possible to apply a Policy Fix directly from the Web Firewall Logs for requests detected by this feature.

- **Changes to default Cipher Lists for HTTPS services:** Weak ciphers such as (SEED-SHA, IDEA-CBC-SHA, ECDHE-RSA-RC4-SHA, ECDHE-ECDSA-RC4-SHA and RC4-SHA) are no longer enabled by default. If your application requires that these ciphers are supported, then they need to be enabled explicitly by using a "Custom" cipher list for the service.
- **New Reports:** New reports have been added to the System Summary Reports to show CPU and Memory Utilization trends. In addition, a new Exception List report has been added un the Config Summary section. This report provides a detailed listing of all the IP Reputation Pools and the exempted IP addresses for associated Services and IP addresses.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 8.1.1, see Release Notes Version 8.1.1 .

What's New in Version 8.1

- **Enhanced Web Scraping Protection**: To tackle increasingly sophisticated web scrapers, this release adds support for enhanced web scraping that provides multiple protection mechanisms against scrapers. This includes embedding web-based honeypots to trap scrapers, headless browser detection, mouse and keyboard detection and detection of clients based on common automation tools like PhantomJS. At the same time search engine crawlers are whitelisted and validated using reverse DNS lookups on their IP addresses. This also helps identify fake googlebots, etc.
- **Granular Binding of Security Policies**: Security Policies can now bind at a URL or domain level. Earlier these policies had to be associated at a service or VIP level. This allows having separate policies for applications that are on the same server and IP. For example, http://barracuda.com/partner and http://barracuda.com/collaborate could be on the same VIP but can now have different policies associated with them, e.g. WordPress and SharePoint policy respectively.
- **Support for AMQP formatting in Exported Logs**: AMQP (1.0 version) protocol support added to export logs to external aggregators that are compliant to AMQP message queuing, including Microsoft Azure's Event Hub. AMQP is a binary, application layer protocol, designed to efficiently support a wide variety of messaging applications and communication patterns and is being increasingly supported in SIEM solutions and message-oriented middleware.
- **URL Profile Optimization**: Many applications generate different URLs for similar content, like for different products in an ecommerce portal. From a security perspective the profile remains the same with similar URL parameters, FORMs, access methods, etc. Under Adaptive Profiling,

this can generate a large number of URL and parameter profiles. URL optimizers can now be used to coalesce such URLs into a single profile for easier management and better system performance.

- **Support for Auto-Scaling in AWS**: The Barracuda Web Application Firewall cluster in AWS can now auto-scale without admin intervention. Earlier dynamic scaling support required an admin to spin up additional instances manually that then synchronized amongst each other. The auto-scale feature allows the cluster to scale out automatically within limits that can be specified. With this feature, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall can now be launched automatically using CloudFormation templates and integrates with various AWS services, including IAM, Cloudwatch, S3 and SNS. The Barracuda Web Application Firewall is now also certified as part of the AWS Security Competency Program.
- **SAN Certificate CSR**: This release adds the ability to create Certificate Signing Request (CSR)/self-signed for SAN certificates. SAN certificates are commonly used for Microsoft applications and are even recommended in some instances. SAN Certificates allows organizations to specify alternative domains for a service. For example a SAN certificate for www.example.com could have the alternative domains www.examples.net and www.ex.com listed as alternative names for the same service. This partially solves the multi-domain limitation with wildcard certificates though SAN Certificates are more expensive than single domain certificates and are often limited to 3-5 domains.
- **Support for JSON Key Profiles**: This is an enhancement to the JSON security module, where the administrator can define granular policies for JSON Keys, akin to URL and parameter profiles.
- **Load Balancing across Server Name Resolution**: When a server uses hostname as the identifier, rather than IP address, and if it resolves to multiple IPs, the system performs load balancing across these IP addresses. This is especially important in IaaS environments.
- **Integration with Barracuda Vulnerability Manager, HPE Fortify OnDemand and HPE Fortify WebInspect Vulnerability Scanners:**Barracuda Web Application Firewall can now import and virtually patch vulnerabilities discovered by running the Barracuda Vulnerability Manager, HPE Fortify OnDemand and HPE Fortify WebInspect Vulnerability scanners. This is in addition to the scanners already supported.
- **Integration with Denim ThreadFix:**The Denim ThreadFix tool provides the capability to translate the reports from multiple scanners into a format that can be imported by the Barracuda Web Application Firewall. This integration now allows the Barracuda Web Application Firewall to integrate with over 20 different vulnerability scanners for simplified virtual patching of vulnerabilities.
- **Support for HTTP/2 and Websockets (BETA)**:
  - The Barracuda Web Application Firewall provides Beta support for HTTP/2 Offloading. This means that the Barracuda Web Application Firewall can provide an HTTP/2 connection front-end to clients while the back-end connection to the server is via HTTP/1.1.
  - The Barracuda Web Application Firewall can now also support WebSocket traffic. With WebSocket support, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall behaves as a pass through proxy and does not intercept or analyze the traffic.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 8.1, see Release Notes Version 8.1 .

What's New in Version 8.0.1

- **Support for SSL/TLS Version based Redirection**: Due to vulnerabilities, administrators are disabling older versions of SSL/TLS. With this release, you can configure the Barracuda Web Application Firewall to redirect clients to the relevant error page, making it easier to identify the cause of any error.
- **Support for Cipher Suite override based on SSL/TLS versions**: Because specific cipher suite and SSL/TLS version combinations have vulnerabilities, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall can now be configured to limit allowed cipher suites for a given SSL/TLS protocol version.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 8.0.1, see Release Notes Version 8.0.1.

What's New in Version 8.0

- **Support for JSON Payload Inspection**: RESTful applications are increasingly adopting JSON over XML as a data interchange format. With this release, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall can parse and inspect JSON content in requests. Protection includes input validation as well as JSON sanity checks to shield JSON parsers from DoS attacks.
- **Enhancements to Logs and Reporting**: Among other things, these include a new multi-line log entry layout, visual cues for response codes, severity and action taken, easier page navigation with page numbering, and additional information about the vulnerabilities in the details. Drill down capability that was added to the reporting module earlier has been enhanced to provide multi-drill downs allowing more choice to the user.
- **Increased Granularity for Client Certificates**: While client certificates have been supported at a Service (Virtual IP) level for a long time, this release adds support for client certificate policies at the more granular URL space level. Different URL spaces within a service can now have different client certification policies.
- **Improved Centralized Management**: This firmware co-releases with an on-prem version of Barracuda Control Server (BCS) 4.0 which provides a scalable, centralized console for unified management, control and visibility into multiple Barracuda Web Application Firewall units. This is a separately licensed product. For more information, refer to Barracuda Control Server.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 8.0, see Release Notes Version 8.0.

What's New in Version 7.9.1

- **Support for SAML v2**: SAML Service Provider (SP) capabilities have been added. This allows offloading SAML-based federated authentication and authorization where identity is provided by a remote Identity Provider. This also provides interoperability with Microsoft Azure AD.
- **Dashboard Enhancement**: A Heat map of attacks based on Geo-Location of attack sources has been added to the dashboard on the Status page.
- **Logs UI Enhancement**: The user interface for the Access, Web Firewall and Audit logs now occupy the full browser width.
- **Azure Optimizations**: Optimizations have been introduced to enhance the performance of small instances in the Azure cloud.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 7.9.1, see Release Notes Version 7.9.1.

What's New in Version 7.9

The main themes for this release are reporting and notification enhancements, application security enhancements like URL encryption and PFS support, and a new infrastructure for templates.

- **New UI Skin**: The product gets a spiffy new UI across the board.
- **Reporting Enhancements**: The new reporting modules carry over 40 ready-to-use reports, including new reports by geography. For example, you can schedule a report providing a breakdown by country of the traffic hitting your services, or drill down to regions attacking you most. With a couple of clicks, you can filter security and traffic reports by time frame, services and Top Count. Together, these provide a very rich set of reports out-of-the-box that you can view instantly or schedule for periodic delivery.
- **New Notifications Page**: A new page, BASIC > Notifications, allows you to configure events to be notified, generated from hardware components, attacks, or various system modules. To avoid inundating the recipients, it allows you to set individual thresholds for each notification type. Only when an event trigger exceeds this threshold in a given time interval will the notification be sent out.
- **URL Encryption**: When you turn this on for one or more portals of your web application, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall encrypts every URL in the response body before sending it to clients. Neither the original URLs nor the directory structure are ever exposed externally. When a client clicks on a link, the Barracuda Web Application Firewall decrypts it, translates it to the original, then forwards it to the protected server. Any tampering found during decryption results in the request being denied - thus providing a very strong mechanism for forceful browsing prevention. It can also work along with adaptive profiling.
- **SSL Enhancements**: Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS) with ECDSA and RSA certificates and associated ciphers are now supported. The key exchange mechanism supported is Elliptic Curve DHE. These are increasingly relevant in a post-Snowden world, as communications intercepted today can never be decrypted even far into the future due to the ephemeral nature of the PFS scheme. You can also customize backed SSL, including SNI extensions in the TLS header if the server requires it.

- **New Templates Module**: A new, powerful wizard-based UI template mechanism has been added. You can create custom templates for any object or policy in the system. Templates capture the attributes of the object along with its "children" objects. For example, a template for a service would contain service attributes like VIP, Port, Mask, Vsite, etc. as well as nested templates for Servers, Rule Groups, Authentication Policies, SSL Security, etc. Create a service template from one unit and deploy it on another, and the whole hierarchy is auto-populated.
- **User Access Control Enhancements**: Authentication Services now allow multiple domains for a service. A user can authenticate across multiple domains using the login format "domain\username". User logins without domain specified are authenticated using the default domain configured for the service. Support for dual authentication using LDAP and RSA SecurID / Radius with OTP has also been added.
- **Admin Account Password Security Enhancements**: Barracuda Web Application Firewall administrator accounts can now be configured with password policies like minimum strength, expiry and maximum retries before account lockout.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 7.9, see Release Notes Version 7.9.

What's New in Version 7.8

Security

- **DDoS Enhancements**: Administrators can define policies for specific URL spaces to ensure suspicious clients are challenged with a CAPTCHA for verification. These challenges thwart DDOS attacks on process and memory intensive resources of the back-end applications from bots and crawlers. Configure challenges using the WEBSITES > DDoS Prevention page. Additionally, CAPTCHA challenges can also be invoked as a Follow Up Action to other attacks, such as SQL Injection, via the Security Policies > Action Policy feature. Use this to detect and thwart automated tool attempts to repeatedly scan the website for vulnerabilities and waste resources. For example, sqlmap tool scanning for SQLi can be blocked.
- **Barracuda Blocklist Integration**: Barracuda Blocklist is an extensive IP reputation system that lists IP addresses that are open proxies or are botnet infected. The system relies on honeypots to flag both web and spam botnets, which are used interchangeably, depending on the need. Under a DDoS attack, these addresses can be blocked with a single click to deflate the attack, with minimal false positive risk. Configure this on the WEBSITES > DDoS Prevention page.
- **True File type checks for File Uploads**: In earlier releases, file extension checks could be evaded on a file upload by changing the extension to match one of the whitelisted extensions. As of this release, such evasions are detected by fingerprinting the file, thus establishing its true MIME type for comparison to the whitelist. For example, this prevents a hacker from changing a file extension from .exe to .doc to upload it, since it will be evaluated to application/octet-stream and blocked (assuming the latter has not been added to the Allowed Mime Types on the WEBSITES > Parameter Protection page).

- **Kerberos Authentication**: The AAA module has been enhanced to support Kerberos authentication to back-end services like OWA and SharePoint using Kerberos. The front-end authentication is form based while the back-end uses the Kerberos protocol.
- **Clickjacking Protection**: Clickjacking and UI redressing attacks can now be prevented by enabling Clickjacking protection from the WEBSITES > Advanced Security page.

Cryptography

- **SNI support**: SNI (Server Name Indication) extension to SSL is now supported. This is particularly useful in a virtual hosting scenario where organizations may have several domains hosted on a single server using the same IP address and each domain has a distinct SSL certificate.
- **CRL (Certification Revocation Lists) support**: Client certificate CRLs can be automatically retrieved over HTTP and can be updated periodically by the system.
- **Backup Enhancements**: System backups can now be done over FTPS.
- **Performance and Stability improvements:** Rearchitected SSL modules now ensure higher transactions per second and throughput support with less memory footprint and reduced risk of race conditions than earlier releases.

Networking

- **Synchronization for Network elements**: The following objects are now synchronized across the cluster: (1) VLANs (2) Static routes (3) Interface routes and (4) ACLs. Interfaces in Management network group will not be synced in cluster.
- **Backup Enhancements:** NTLM V2 is now supported while taking system backup.
- **Deployment**: System IP can now be on a VLAN interface.
- **Persistence Enhancements**: The Load balancing module can use HTTP header based persistence for directing traffic to back-end servers.

Usability improvements

- Clients locked out by the configured Follow Up Action of Block Client can now be unblocked manually by the administrator on the WEBSITES > Advanced Security page.
- Parameter profile viewing preferences have been added on the WEBSITES > Website Profiles page.
- In a clustered setup, the Join Cluster operation is now available when the Failback Mode is manual, no longer only when in automatic mode.
- NIC speed, duplexity and statistics can now be viewed and edited from ADVANCED > Advanced Networking, under the configuration for Network Group: System. This is only available when Show Advanced Settings is set to *Yes* under ADVANCED > System Configuration.
- Access Logs now have a host filter.
- Interface routes and Custom Virtual Interfaces can now be edited.
- The login page can now display a custom message to comply with FISMA, which requires federal systems to display an access notice on the login pages.
- A new tool indicates how an IP address is categorized in the Geo IP database.
- The data path can be manually restarted after an attack definitions update.

Logging and Reporting

- The logging module has been enhanced to integrate with IBM QRadar SIEM System.

For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 7.8, see Release Notes Version 7.8.

What's New in Version 7.7

Firmware version 7.7 of the Barracuda Web Application Firewall is a major firmware release enhancing security and networking capabilities including:

Security

- **Protection From Slow Client Attacks**: Tools designed by network and security experts to test the robustness of their networks are now being used by the hacker community to attack the applications. Some of these attacks are done using Slowloris, PyLoris, QSlowLoris, slowhttprequest type of tools. The Barracuda Web Application Firewall augments its security capability by adding a variable traffic window detection algorithm to thwart these attacks. See Slow Client Attack Prevention .
- **Access Blocked Based On Client IP Reputation**: Protecting your network against botnet requires a multi-pronged strategy. One step in that direction is to control access to the applications based on IP reputation. The reputation of an IP address is dependent on attributes such as geographic location of the IP address or its identity as an anonymous proxy. The Barracuda Web Application Firewall now provides an easy way to block out clients based on Geo Location, Anonymous Proxy identity or Satellite ISP identity. See IP Reputation-Based Filters.
- **Armored Browser Integration**: The Barracuda Web Application Firewall now integrates with the Quarri Protect On Q armored browser to extend security coverage to the client side.
- **Enhanced Shared Security Policies**: CSRF can be enabled using the shared security policy. Enhanced max instances check for parameters which prevent a class of HTTP Parameter pollution attacks, for wild card parameter profiles.
- **Finger Print Evasion**: Administrators can now change the system generated tokens such as ncforminfo, BNES_ or BNIS_.

- **Networking**
    - **Advanced Routing Capabilities**: A virtual site is now a networking entity with its own routing tables and ACLs, allowing services on the Barracuda Web Application Firewall to be grouped by their routing requirements. See Networking .
    - **Network ACL**: Traffic to the server networks can be restricted using network layer ACLs. Network ACLs can now be configured for traffic that is being NATed or proxied via the Barracuda Web Application Firewall.

Deployment

- **Active-Active HA**: Two Barracuda Web Application Firewalls in a clustered environment can be configured to have active services on them, and to failover/failback if one of the units fail. See High Availability .
- **IPv6 Enhancements**: Enhanced stability and improvements in the IPv6 functionality.

Usability improvements

- Integration with Cenzic for vulnerability patch management.
- Bulk edit for Services page.
- Persistence of node expansion state in the **BASIC > Services** page.

Logging and reporting enhancements

- Service level SNMP stats: The enhanced SNMP MIB now supports multiple statistics at the application level.
- System Logs, (e.g., server up and server down events) are now displayed on the web interface.
- Syslog NG integration.
- Integration with Splunk and Arcsight now available.
- For detailed information on fixes and enhancements in the Firmware Version 7.7, see Release Notes Version 7.7.

Figures

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