

## How to Configure SMS Control

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F-Series Firewalls equipped with the Barracuda 3G USB modem can execute maintenance tasks and custom scripts triggered remotely via SMS. Administrators can also receive certain status information of a Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series via SMS. Access control lists for specific phone numbers and password restrictions allow granular security policies for administrators.

### In this article:

#### Step 1. Enable Active GSM Channel

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Full Configuration > Box > Network**.
2. In the left menu, select **Wireless WAN**.
3. Expand **Configuration Mode** and click **Switch to Advanced View**.
4. In the **Connection Details** section, set **Active GSM Channel** to **Yes**.
5. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

#### Step 2. Configure SMS Control

Before configuring the SMS Control feature, make sure the Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series is equipped with the Barracuda 3G USB modem. See [How to Configure an ISP with UMTS/3G](#).

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Full Configuration > Box > Administrative Settings**.
2. In the left navigation, select **SMS Control**.
3. Expand **Configuration Mode** and click **Switch to Advanced View**.
4. In the **SMS Control Settings** section, enable **Remote Control via SMS**.  
In case of reception problems, use the **SMS Storage Location** field to override the SMS modem specific defaults. Allowed values are 'SM' (SIM Card Memory) and 'ME' (Mobile Equipment Memory).
5. In the **Allowed Phone Numbers** table, add the phone numbers from which SMS control is allowed. Include country prefixes, omitting the leading zeros and plus sign.
6. The **Successive Command Maximum** field specifies the maximum number of successive commands to be accepted (default: 8). When this limit is reached, the counter must be reset in **Control > Box > Reset SMS Counter**.
7. In the **Command Codes** section, specify the password for each SMS command. Each password must start with a lower-case letter. No special characters are allowed.
8. In the **Custom Script** table, you can enter a custom bash script to be executed via SMS. Begin

the script with: `#!/bin/bash` and specify the password in the **Execute Custom Script** section.  
 9. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

## SMS Control Commands

Task	Description/Command
Reboot	Reboots the system. Send: <code>reboot &lt;password&gt;</code>
Restart	Restarts the subsystem. Send: <code>restart &lt;password&gt;</code>
Reconnect Network	Restarts the network subsystem. Send: <code>reconnect &lt;password&gt;</code>
Rebuild Mgmt Tunnel	Restarts the management VPN tunnel. Send: <code>rebuild &lt;password&gt;</code>
Send Status Message	Gets status information for the system (model, serial number, temperature, free RAM, load average, dynamic links status). Send: <code>status &lt;password&gt;</code>
Execute Custom Script	Executes a custom bash script that is defined in the <b>Custom Script</b> table. Send: <code>custom &lt;password&gt;</code>

## SMS Event Notifications

The following events are associated with SMS control:

Event	Description
[135]Resource Limit Pending	Less than 50 % of the maximum command value remains.
[136]Resource Limit Exceeded	The maximum command counter has been reached or has been exceeded.
[4111]Authentication Failure Warning	The ACL does not match.
[4112]Authentication Failure Alert	Password authentication failure and/or unsuccessful command match.
[4126]Remote Command Execution Alert	Successful authentication and command is accepted.

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