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## Managing Access for Administrators

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On a standalone Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series system, the administrative concept offers different administrative roles with special access rights and restrictions. Initially, every Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series is managed by the user *root* who has unlimited access rights to the entire system when logged into the interface or serial console. The user *root* has the ability to grant system access to other administrators who, depending on the assigned user rights, are allowed or denied to perform certain operations on the Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series.

### Admin Accounts

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Create Administrator accounts on your standalone Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series or for the box level of the Barracuda NextGen Control Center. Every administrative user is assigned one of the preconfigured admin roles.

For more information, see [How to Create a New Admin Account](#).

### Authentication

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Root and administrative users are authenticated either through a certificate containing an RSA key or a password. A combination of password and key is also possible.

For more information, see [How to Create a New Admin Account](#) and [How to Configure Certificate Based Authentication for the Root User](#).

### Default User Accounts

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Every Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series has a root and service user by default. The service user is used to grant limited console access to the NextGen Firewall F-Series for support purposes. The service user is disabled by default.

For more information, see [How to Configure System Access for the Service User](#).

## Serial Access

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Management and terminal access to the Barracuda NextGen Firewall F-Series is possible, via the serial interface COM1, by using a terminal emulation program or when connected to a dial-in modem.

For more information, see [How to Enable System Access via Serial Console](#).

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