
Firewall Objects

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Firewall objects are named collections that represent specific networks, services, applications, user groups or connections. You can use the firewall objects that are preconfigured on the Barracuda NextGen Firewall, but you can also create custom firewall objects depending on your requirements. Firewall objects are re-usable which means that you can use one firewall object in as many rules as required. The following section explains the available firewall objects and contains articles on how to create the different firewall objects for use in your access and application rules.

Advantages of Firewall Objects

Using firewall objects gives you the following advantages:

- Each firewall object has a unique name that is more easily referenced than, for example, an IP address or a network range.
- Maintenance of the access and application rule set is simplified. When you update a firewall object, the changes are automatically updated in every rule that refers to this object.

Firewall Object Types

The following types of firewall objects and policies are available for use and configuration:

- **Connection Objects** — The egress interface and source (NAT) IP address for traffic matching an access rule.
For more information, see [Connection Objects](#).
- **Proxy ARPs** - Resolve MAC addresses not physically on the F-Series Firewall to the corresponding IP addresses.
For more information, see [Proxy ARPs](#).
- **Network Objects** — Networks, IP addresses, geolocation, host names, or interfaces when configuring firewall rules.
For more information, see [Network Objects](#).
- **Service Objects** — TCP/UDP ports for a service.
For more information, see [Service Objects](#).
- **User Objects** — Lists of users and/or user groups for use within firewall rules.
For more information, see [User Objects](#).
- **Schedule Objects** — Time restriction or scheduling tables that can be applied to access rules on an hourly, weekly, or calendar date basis.
For more information, see [Schedule Objects](#).
- **Interface Groups** - A specific interface or interface group containing one or more interfaces.

For more information, see [How to Create Interface Groups](#).

- **Applications** – Lists of applications and/or sub-applications when creating application aware firewall rules.

For more information, see [Application Objects](#) and [Application Control](#).

- **URL Filter** – Access restrictions for web sites. The F-Series Firewall provides a predefined list of URL categories that are available for blacklisting and whitelisting.

For more information, see [How to Create a URL Filter Policy Object](#) and [How to Create a URL Filter Match Object](#).

- **File Content Policies** – Filter files downloads or email attachments based on their file type, name or MIME type.

For more information, see [How to Create File Content Policies](#).

- **User Agent Policies** – Filter web traffic based on the information contained in the user agent string.

For more information, see [How to Create User Agent Policies](#).

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