

# How to Configure CloudGen Firewall and Web Application Firewall Integration

#### https://campus.barracuda.com/doc/96025927/

The Barracuda Web Application Firewall (WAF) and CloudGen Firewall can work in tandem to block IP addresses from which malicious activity was detected. While the WAF is very good at detecting application layer attacks, the CloudGen Firewall is more efficient on the network layer. Connections blocked by the firewall are never forwarded to the WAF, thereby freeing resources that would otherwise have to be used to block known-bad connections.

The CloudGen Firewall is located at the perimeter with the WAF behind it. IP addresses that are blocked by the WAF are synced to the fourth custom external network object on the firewall via REST API calls. For the WAF to see the public IP address of the request and to block the public IP address associated with the request, the WAF must use the firewall as the default gateway.

#### Blocking IP Addresses for a Detected Attack:

- 1. Incoming HTTP/HTTPS connections are forwarded to the WAF.
- 2. If an attack is detected by the WAF, the attack is blocked and the IP address is added to the CustomExternalNetworkObject4 on the CloudGen Firewall via REST API call.
- 3. Subsequent attacks from the blocked IP address are blocked on the firewall, freeing up resources on the WAF.
- 4. After the defined timeout, the IP address is removed from the blocked IP addresses on the WAF and removed from the custom external network object on the firewall via REST API call.



# Limitations for High Availability Clusters in the Public Cloud

• The WAF can only send REST API calls to one firewall. High availability CloudGen Firewall clusters in the public cloud cannot be both updated by one REST API call. An internal load balancer between the WAF and the firewalls can be used to update only the active firewall.

#### **Before You Begin**



- The WAF must use the firewall as the default gateway.
- In the public cloud, the WAF and the firewall must be deployed into two different subnets.

#### Step 1. Configure Admin for Accessing the REST API

- 1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Administrators**.
- 2. Click Lock.
- 3. In the **Administrators** section, click + to add an administrator account.
- 4. Enter restadmin for the Name and click OK. The Administrators window opens.
- 5. Configure the admin:
  - Full Name Enter REST Admin.
  - Assigned Roles Select Manager.
  - System Level Access Select No OS Login.
  - Authentication Level Select Password.
  - Password Validation Select Against Local Password.
  - **Password** Enter the password.

| Account Description          |                          |          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Account Status               | Enabled ~                | ٦·       |
| Full Name                    | REST Admin               | ∎-       |
| Administrator Authorization  |                          |          |
| Assigned Roles               |                          | <b>.</b> |
|                              | Manager                  | )        |
| System Level Access          | No OS Login 🗸 🗸          | Ē.       |
| Administrator Authentication |                          |          |
| Authentication Level         | Password ~               | ٦.       |
| Password Validation          | Against Local Password 🗸 | ٦.       |
| External Login Name          |                          | ٦.       |
| Password                     | New •••••                | ∎-       |
|                              | Confirm •••••            | ]        |
|                              | Strength                 |          |

 • (optional) Peer IP Restriction – Add the IP address of the WAF and remove the 0.0.0.0/0 entry.



| Administrator Access C | ontrol      |           |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Peer IP Restriction    |             | 🛨 🗙 🛧 🕂 🗐 |
|                        | 10.100.0.48 |           |
|                        |             |           |
|                        |             |           |
|                        |             |           |

- 6. Click **OK**.
- 7. Click Send Changes and Activate.

#### Step 2. Enable REST API for HTTP or HTTPS

- 1. Go to CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Infrastructure Services > REST API Service.
- 2. Click **Lock**.
- 3. Verify that either the **HTTP** or **HTTPS Interface** of the REST API is enabled. For more information, see <u>REST API</u>.
- 4. Click Send Changes and Activate.

### Step 3. Create App Redirect Rule for REST API Calls from the WAF

Allow REST API calls for HTTP or HTTPS from the WAF and redirect them to the rest daemon listening on 127.0.0.1:8080 (HTTP) or 127.0.0.1:8443 (HTTPS).

Create an access rule to redirect incoming REST API calls to the REST daemon:

- Action Select App Redirect.
- Source Enter the IP address of the WAF.
- Service Select HTTP or HTTPS.
- **Destination** Select the box IP address the WAF uses for the REST API call. In the public cloud, select **DHCP Local IP1**.
- **Redirection** Enter 127.0.0.1 for the HTTP REST endpoint.



| Spp Redirect       | ~ WAF-: | 2-RESTAPI             |   |   |   |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| Bi-Directional     |         | 💍 🗌 Dynamic Rule      |   | Deactivate Rule   |   |
| WAF<br>10.100.0.48 | ~       | REST-HTTP<br>TCP 8080 | ~ | DHCP1 Local IP<br>Redirection<br>Local Address<br>127.0.0.1 | ~ |
|                    |         |                       |   |   |   |

# Step 3. Create a DST NAT Rule to Forward Web Traffic to the WAF

Create an access rule to forward all incoming HTTP and/or HTTPS traffic to the WAF:

- Action Select Dst NAT.
- Source Select Internet.
- Service Select HTTP, HTTPS, or HTTP+S depending on the type of web traffic forwarded to the WAF.
- **Destination** Enter the public IP address of the firewall, or the network object for the dynamic WAN connection.
- Redirection Enter the IP address for the WAF.
- Connection Method Select Original Source IP.



|                    | INET- | 2-WAF              |        |                         |             |
|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|
| St NAT V           |       |                    |        |                         |             |
| rectional 📄        |       | 💿 🗌 Dynamic Rule   |        | 🕘 🗌 Deactivate Rule     | :           |
| Source             |       | Service            |        | Destination             |             |
| Internet           | ~     | HTTP+S             | ~      | DHCP1 Local IP          | ~           |
| Ref: Any           |       | Ref: HTTP          |        |                         |             |
| NOT 10.0.0/8       |       | Ref: HTTPS         |        |                         |             |
| NOT 172.16.0.0/12  |       |                    |        |                         |             |
| NOT 192.168.0.0/16 |       |                    |        | Redirection             |             |
|                    |       |                    |        | Target List             | Reference 🗌 |
|                    |       |                    |        | 10.100.0.48             |             |
|                    |       |                    |        | Fallback                | $\sim$      |
|                    |       |                    |        | List of Critical Ports  |             |
|                    |       |                    |        |                         |             |
| Authenticated User |       | Policies           |        | Connection Method       |             |
| Any                | ~     | IPS Policy         |        | Original Source IP      | ~           |
|                    |       | Default Policy     | $\sim$ | Original Source IP      | ,<br>,      |
|                    |       | Application Policy |        | Original Source IP (san | ne porty    |
|                    |       | No AppControl      |        |                         |             |
|                    |       | Schedule           |        |                         |             |
|                    |       | Always             | ~      |                         |             |
|                    |       | QoS Band (Fwd)     |        |                         |             |
|                    |       | VoIP (ID 2)        | $\sim$ |                         |             |
|                    |       | QoS Band (Reply)   |        |                         |             |
|                    |       | Like-Fwd           | $\sim$ |                         |             |

# Step 4. Create an Access Rule to Block Malicious IP Addresses

Create an access rule to block the malicious IP address stored in the custom external object number 4.

- Action Select Block.
- Source Select CustomExternalObject4 .
- Service Select HTTP, HTTPS, or HTTP+S depending on the type of application.
- **Destination** Enter the public IP address of the firewall, or the network object for the dynamic WAN connection.



| Rindk                 | Block- | BadIPs           |   |                     |   |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| BIOCK                 | Ť 🗌    |                  |   |                     |   |
| rectional 📄 🔿         |        | 💍 🗌 Dynamic Rule |   | 🕘 🗌 Deactivate Rule |   |
| Source                |        | Service          |   | Destination         |   |
| CustomExternalObject4 | ~      | Any              | ~ | DHCP1 Local IP      | ~ |
|                       |        | Ref: Any-TCP     |   |                     |   |
|                       |        | Ref: Any-UDP     |   |                     |   |
|                       |        | Ref: ICMP        |   |                     |   |
|                       |        | ALLIP            |   |                     |   |
|                       |        |                  |   |                     |   |
|                       |        |                  |   |                     |   |
|                       |        |                  |   |                     |   |
|                       |        |                  |   |                     |   |
|                       |        |                  |   |                     |   |

# Step 5. Configure the Barracuda Web Application Firewall

Go to **ADVANCED** > **CloudGen Firewall Settings** and configure the IP address and user for the REST API calls. Go to **SECURITY POLICIES** > **Action Policies** to edit the Attack action for the security policies to use **Block Client-IP** as the **Follow Up Action**.

| NextGen Firewall Settings                                   |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Server Name/IP:   | 10.100.1.149  |  |  |  |
| TCP Port.   | Enter the name or IP address of the Barracuda NextGen Firewall. 8080                |  |  |  |
| Username:   | Enter port number associated with the IP address of the Barracuda NextGen Firewall. |  |  |  |
| Paceword:   | Enter the user name to access the Barracuda NextGen Firewall.                       |  |  |  |
| Fassword.   | Enter the password associated with the user name.                                   |  |  |  |
| Test<br>Click Test to view the IP addresses that            |   |  |  |  |
| are currently blocked on the Barracuda<br>NextGen Firewall. |   |  |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |  |



| Edit Attack Action     |  | Help |
|------------------------|--|------|
| Attack Action Name     | Invalid Header   |      |
| ID                     | invalid-header   |      |
| Numeric ID             | 121  |      |
| Action:                | Protect and Log<br>Specifies what to do when this attack is encountered. The actual protection method varies from<br>attack to attack. Most attacks on the request cause the request to be denied, for which, the Deny<br>Response decides how the request is denied   |      |
| Deny Response:         | Specifies how the request should be denied (applicable only for those attacks whose protection method is to deny the request)  |      |
| Redirect URL:          | Specifies the URL to be used to redirect the request if the deny response is set to "Permanent Redirect" or "Temporary Redirect". The URL should start with a "/" or should be a fully qualified URI like http://domain/url or https://domain/url. When using the "Follow Up Action" as "Challenge with CAPTCHA", configure a %s to redirect to the original URL, or a %b to redirect to the base part of the original URL if desired. |      |
| Response Page:         | default  |      |
|                        | Specifies the response page to be sent to the client if the "Deny Response" is set to "Send<br>Response"   |      |
| Follow Up Action:      | Block Client-IP  |      |
| Follow Up Action Time: | 60<br>Specifies the time in seconds to block the client IP if *Follow Up Action* is set to *Block Client IP*.  |      |

For more information, see <u>Upstream Firewall Configuration</u> and <u>Security Policies</u>.



#### Figures

- 1. ngf\_waf\_integration.png
- 2. WAF\_01a.png
- 3. WAF\_01b.png
- 4. WAF 02.png
- 5. WAF 03.png
- 6. WAF\_04.png
- 7. WAF\_05.png
- 8. WAF\_06.png

© Barracuda Networks Inc., 2024 The information contained within this document is confidential and proprietary to Barracuda Networks Inc. No portion of this document may be copied, distributed, publicized or used for other than internal documentary purposes without the written consent of an official representative of Barracuda Networks Inc. All specifications are subject to change without notice. Barracuda Networks Inc. assumes no responsibility for any inaccuracies in this document. Barracuda Networks Inc. reserves the right to change, modify, transfer, or otherwise revise this publication without notice.