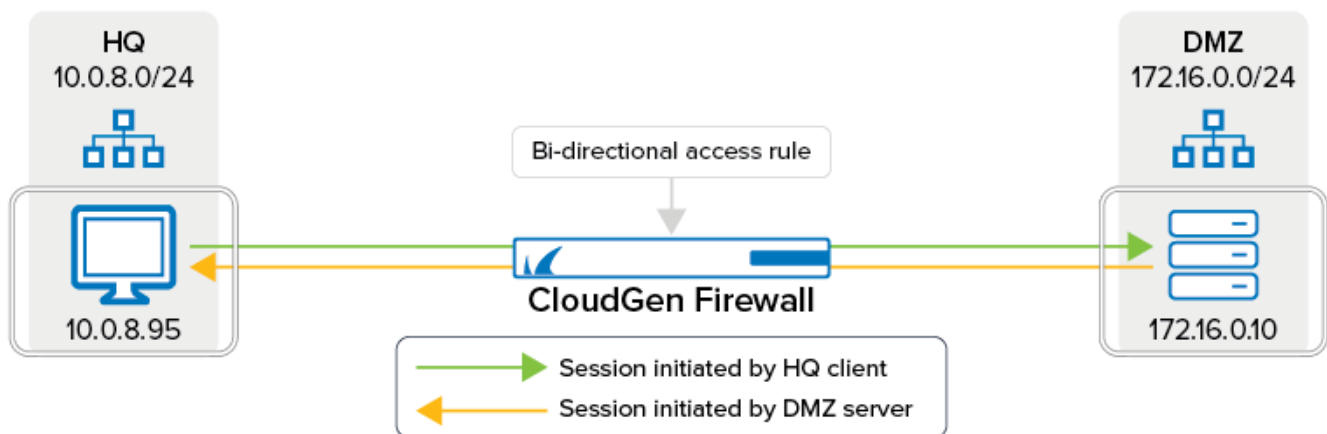



How to Create Bi-Directional Access Rules

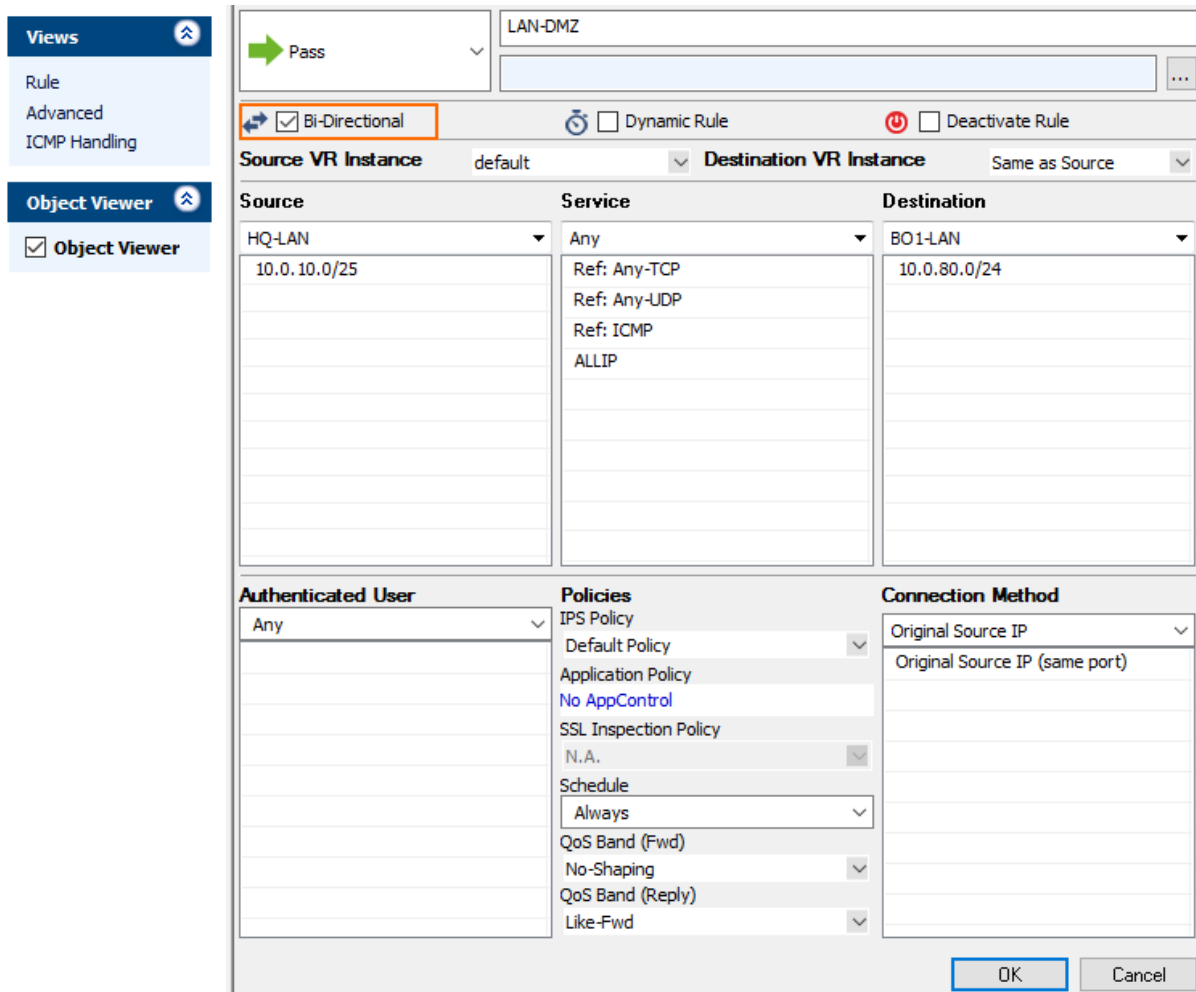
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Bi-directional access rules are rules where the source and destination of the rule are used interchangeably. Bi-directional rules must use the action **Pass** or **Map** and a static NAT or no source NAT as the **Connection Method**.



Create a Pass Access Rule

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Configuration Tree > Box > Assigned Services > Firewall > Forwarding Rules**.
2. Click **Lock**.
3. Either click the plus icon (+) at the top right of the rule set, or right-click the rule set and select **New > Rule**.

4. Select **Pass** or **Dst NAT** as the action.
5. Enter a **name** for the rule.
6. Select the **Bi-Directional** check box.
7. Specify the following settings that must be matched by the traffic to be handled by the access rule:
 - **Source** - The source addresses of the traffic.
 - **Destination** - The destination addresses of the traffic.
 - **Service** - Select a service object, or select **Any** for this rule to match for all services.



8. Click **OK**.
9. Drag and drop the access rule so that it is the first rule that matches the traffic that you want it to forward. Ensure that the rule is located *above* the BLOCKALL rule; rules located below the BLOCKALL rule are never executed.
10. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Additional Matching Criteria

- **Authenticated User** – For more information, see [User Objects](#).
- **Schedule Objects** – For more information, see [Schedule Objects](#).
- **Connection Method** – For more information, see [Connection Objects](#).

Additional Policies

- **IPS Policy** – For more information, see [Intrusion Prevention System \(IPS\)](#).
- **Application Control** – For more information on Application Control features, see [Application](#)

[Control](#).

- **SSL Inspection Policy** – For more information, see [SSL Inspection in the Firewall](#).
- **QoS Band (Fwd) or QoS Band (Reply)** – For more information, see [Traffic Shaping](#).

Figures

1. bi-dir_rule.png
2. FW_Rule_Add01.png
3. bi-directional_access_rule.png

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