

How to Configure Log Streaming to AWS CloudWatch

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To stream log data from your firewall to AWS CloudWatch, you must configure AWS Cloud Integration and configure syslog streaming on the firewall. The IAM role assigned to the firewall instance must include an IAM policy allowing the firewall instance access to AWS CloudWatch. Configure syslog streaming with AWS CloudWatch as the destination. The configured log group is automatically created, and the logs are placed into a folder using either the instance ID or the hostname as the name. No additional configuration is required for AWS CloudWatch to collect the following metrics:

Custom VPN Metrics

- Client-to-site VPN tunnels
- SSL VPN clients
- Site-to-site VPN tunnels up
- Site-to-site VPN tunnels down

Custom System Metrics

- Load
- Used memory
- Protected IPs

Custom Firewall Metrics

- Bytes in
- Bytes out
- Bytes total
- Packets in
- Packets out
- Packets total
- Connections dropped
- IPS Hits
- Forwarding Connections new
- Forwarding Connections total
- Connections new
- Connections total
- Connections blocked
- Connections failed

Before You Begin

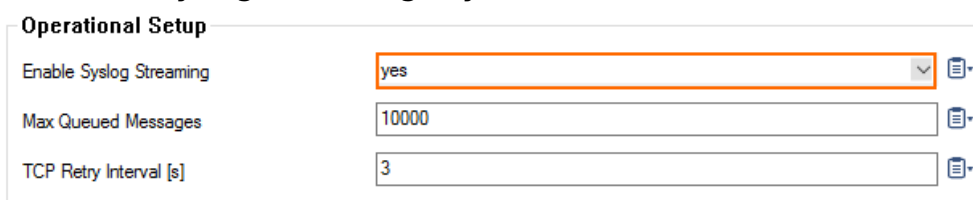
The firewall must be deployed with an IAM role that allows access to AWS CloudWatch. For more information, see [How to Create an IAM Role for a CloudGen Firewall in AWS](#).

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{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "logs:CreateLogGroup",
        "logs:CreateLogStream",
        "logs:PutLogEvents",
        "logs:DescribeLogStreams",
        "logs:DescribeLogGroups"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:logs:*:*:*"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Step 1. Enable Syslog Streaming

Enable syslog streaming and, optionally, configure the AWS region if it is different from the region of the firewall instance.

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Full Configuration > Box > Infrastructure Services > Syslog Streaming**.
2. Click **Lock**.
3. Set **Enable Syslog Streaming** to **yes**.



The screenshot shows the 'Operational Setup' section of the Syslog Streaming configuration. It contains three settings:

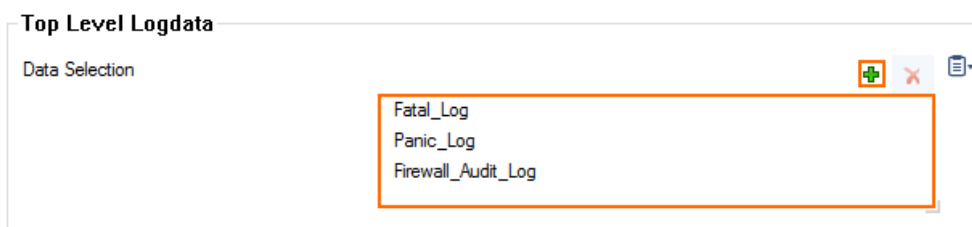
Setting	Value
Enable Syslog Streaming	yes
Max Queued Messages	10000
TCP Retry Interval [s]	3

4. In the left menu, expand the **Configuration Mode** section and click **Switch to Advanced View**.
5. Enter the AWS CloudWatch region. E.g., eu-west-1
6. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Step 2. Configure Logdata Filters

Define profiles specifying the log file types to be transferred / streamed. Log file are classified into top level, box level, and service level log data sources.

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Full Configuration > Box > Infrastructure Services > Syslog Streaming**.
2. In the left menu, select **Logdata Filters**.
3. Click **Lock**.
4. In the **Filters** table, click + to add a new filter. The **Filters** window opens.
5. Enter a **Name**.
6. Click **OK**.
7. In the **Data Selection** table, add the **Top Level Log Files** log files to be streamed. You can select:
 - **Fatal_log**
 - **Firewall_Audit_Log** – The firewall audit log must be enabled and configured, and **Audit Delivery** must be set to **Syslog Proxy**. For more information, see [How to Enable the Firewall Audit Log Service](#). Alternatively, the firewall audit log can also be streamed as a part of the firewall service logs.
 - **Panic_log**



8. Configure the **Box Level Logfile** filters:
 1. From the **Data Selector** list, select which files for this category are streamed:
 - **All** – All box level logs are streamed.
 - **None** – Box level logs are not streamed.
 - **Selection** – Only box level log files defined in the **Data Selection** list are streamed.

Box Level Logfiles

Data Selector Selection

Data Selection

Name	Log Groups	Log Message Filter
DATA01	Cloud_awsconfigsyncd , ...	All

2. (**Selection** only) Click **+** to add custom filters to the **Data Selection** table.
 1. In the **Log Groups** table, click **+**.
 2. Select the box level log files, or select **Other** to enter a **user defined log group pattern** to stream log files matching this pattern.
 3. (optional) From the **Log Level Filter** list, select the message types from the log group that are streamed.
 4. (**Selection** only) In the **Selected Messages Types** table, click **+** to add message types.

Data Selection

Log Groups

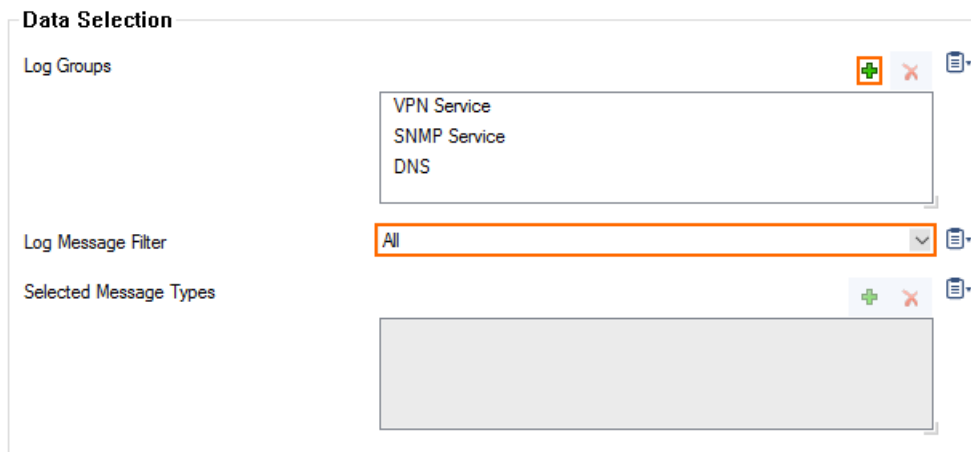
Cloud-AWS-Config-Sync-Daemon
 Cloud-AWS-Log-Daemon

Log Message Filter All

Selected Message Types

9. Configure the **Service Level Logfile** filters:
 1. From the **Data Selector** list, select which files for this category are streamed:
 - **All** - All service logs are streamed.
 - **None** - Service level logs are not streamed.
 - **Selection** - Only service level log files defined in the **Data Selection** list are streamed.
 2. (**Selection** only) Click **+** to add custom filters to the **Data Selection** table.
 1. In the **Log Groups** table, click **+**.
 2. Select the box level log files, or select **Other** to enter a **user defined log group pattern** to stream log files matching this pattern.
 3. (optional) From the **Log Level Filter** list, select the message types from the log group that are streamed.
 4. (**Selection** only) In the **Selected Messages Types** table, click **+** to add message types.

5. Click **OK**.



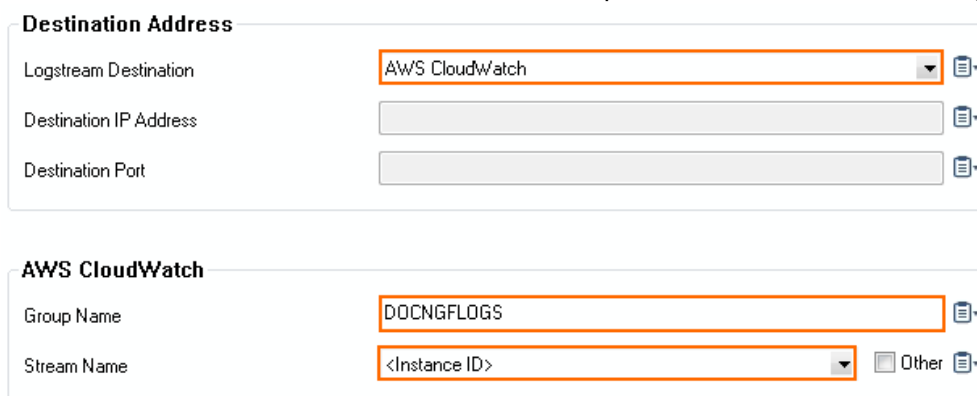
The **Data Selection** dialog box contains three sections: **Log Groups** with a list box containing 'VPN Service', 'SNMP Service', and 'DNS'; **Log Message Filter** with a dropdown menu set to 'All'; and **Selected Message Types** with an empty list box. Each section has a plus icon to add items, a minus icon to remove items, and a document icon to view details.

10. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Step 3. Configure AWS CloudWatch as the Logstream Destination

Configure the firewall to send the syslog stream to AWS CloudWatch. The AWS CloudWatch log group name is created automatically, with one stream per firewall.

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Full Configuration > Box > Infrastructure Services > Syslog Streaming**.
2. In the left menu, select **Logstream Destinations**.
3. Click **Lock**.
4. In the **Destinations** table, click + to add a new filter. The **Destinations** window opens.
5. Enter a **Name**.
6. Click **OK**.
7. From the **Logstream Destination** list, select **AWS CloudWatch**.
8. In the **AWS CloudWatch** section, enter the name of the AWS CloudWatch log **Group Name**.
9. (optional) Select the **Stream Name** from the drop-down list, or select **Other** and enter the stream name. The stream name must be unique in the AWS CloudWatch group.



The **Destination Address** form has three fields: **Logstream Destination** (dropdown menu with 'AWS CloudWatch' selected), **Destination IP Address** (text field), and **Destination Port** (text field). The **AWS CloudWatch** section has two fields: **Group Name** (text field with 'DOCNGFLOGS' entered) and **Stream Name** (dropdown menu with '<Instance ID>' selected, and an 'Other' checkbox).

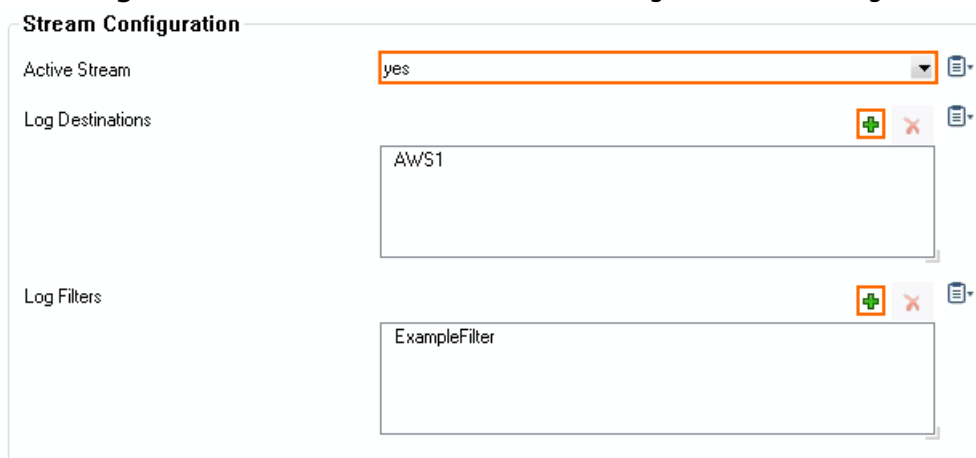
10. Click **OK**.

11. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

Step 4. Configure the Logdata Streams to AWS CloudWatch

Combine the logdata filters and logstream destination to a logdata stream.

1. Go to **CONFIGURATION > Full Configuration > Box > Infrastructure Services > Syslog Streaming**.
2. In the left menu, select **Logdata Streams**.
3. Click **Lock**.
4. In the **Streams** table, click **+** to add a new syslog stream. The **Streams** window opens.
5. Enter a **Name**.
6. Click **OK**.
7. Set **Active Stream** to **yes**.
8. In the **Log Destinations** table, click **+** and select the logstream destination configured in step 3.
9. In the **Log Filters** table, click **+** and select the logdata filter configured in step 2.



Stream Configuration

Active Stream: yes

Log Destinations: AWS1

Log Filters: ExampleFilter

10. Click **OK**.
11. Click **Send Changes** and **Activate**.

All logs covered by the logdata filter are now streamed to AWS CloudWatch. It might take up to 30 minutes for logs to be displayed in the console.

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