

Managing the datapath

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The Barracuda WAF-as-a-Service datapath is the engine that processes your application traffic and applies your security configuration. Barracuda WAF-as-a-Service often releases new datapath versions with bug fixes, improvements, and new features.

For changelog full details, see [Release Notes](#).

By default, Barracuda Networks will administer your datapath and you will receive notice before your WAF-as-a-Service account is automatically upgraded to a newer datapath version. If you wish, you can control when your applications are upgraded to a new datapath version.

Datapath version selection does not apply to the legacy North America and West Europe regions.

If you decide to manage the datapath yourself, you will receive 90 days notice before a version reaches End of Life (EoL).

- If you do not upgrade within the 90 day window and the version you are using reaches End of Life, your WAF-as-a-Service instance will be upgraded to the next datapath version and the old version will be retired from service. The **Let Barracuda Manage My Datapath Version** setting will also be switched from **No** to **Yes**. You can, however, switch it back at any time.
- In the event a 0-Day vulnerability is discovered, such as one found in the OpenSSL library used across the internet, datapath versions may have to be updated with notice the same day as the update.

To choose the datapath version for your applications, follow these steps:

1. Log into <https://waas.barracudanetworks.com>
2. Navigate to **Resources > Managing the datapath**.
3. Set **Let Barracuda manage my datapath version** to **Off**.
4. Select the desired datapath version in the dropdown list and click **Save**.

It can take up to 30 minutes for the selected datapath version to be fully applied to all the endpoint locations used by the applications in your account.

There will be no downtime to your applications during the datapath upgrades. See the WAF-as-a-Service [Service Level Agreement \(SLA\)](#) for more information regarding downtime.

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