

Palo Alto Firewall

What are next generation firewalls and how do they operate?



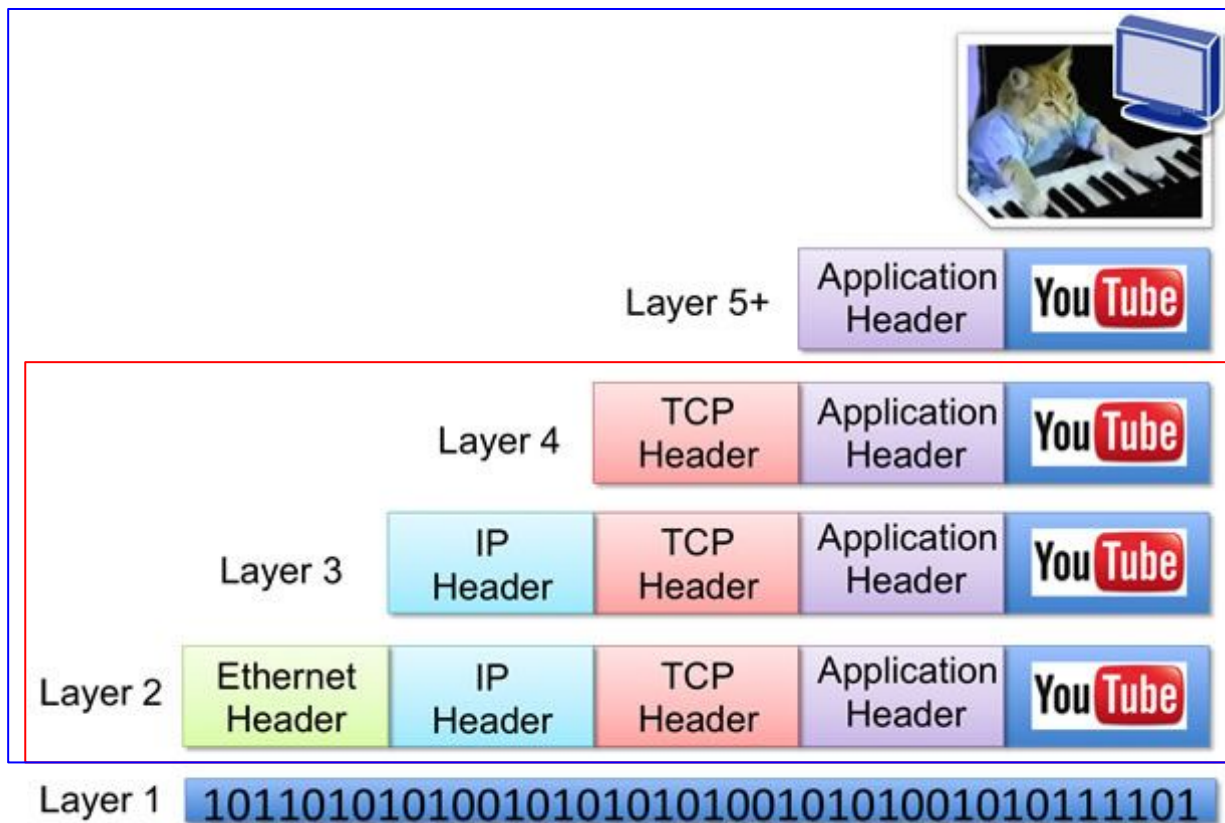
Difference between NGFW and classic firewalls:

	Classic Firewall	Next Generation Firewall
Traffic filtering using Port, IP, and protocol	Supported	Supported
VPN	Supported	Supported
NAT	Supported	Supported
Deep Packet Inspection (DPI)	Not supported	Supported
Intrusion prevention system (IPS) Intrusion detection system (IDS)	Not Supported	Supported
OSI model Layers supported	2-4	2-7
LDAP and Active Directory Integration	Not Supported	Supported
SSL and SSH Decryption	Not Supported	Supported
And Much Much more	Lv. 1 Crook	Lv. 100 Mafia Boss

Layers

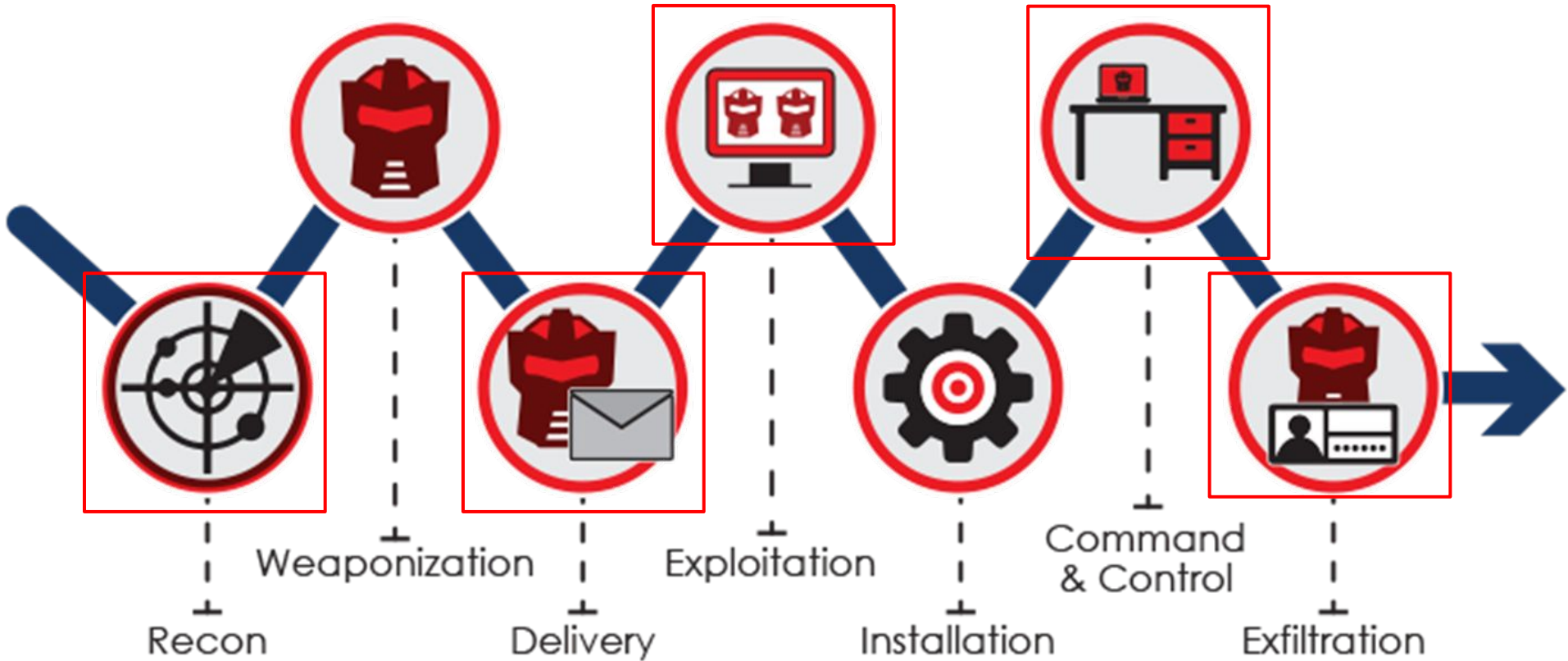
What layers do classic firewalls operate on?

What layers do NGFW operate on?



Cyber Kill Chain

At what stages could firewall be useful?



Some popular Next Generation Firewalls:

FORTINET[®]



paloalto
NETWORKS[®]

FORCEPOINT
POWERED BY Raytheon

JUNIPER
NETWORKS[®]

SONICWALL[®]

Things to consider when getting NGFW

Very Expensive /Subscription fees (Rolling updates for NGFW)

Model	Description	MSRP	Customer Cost
PA-200	Palo Alto Networks PA-200	\$2,000	\$1,600.00
PA-220	Palo Alto Networks PA-220	\$1,000	\$800.00
PA-820	Palo Alto Networks PA-820	\$4,500	\$3,600.00
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PAN-PA-5260-DC	Palo Alto Networks PA-5260 with redundant DC power supplies	\$180,000	\$144,000.00
PA-7000	PA-7000 Network Processing Card	\$160,000	\$128,000.00
PA-7050	PA-7050 Base AC Hardware Bundle	\$125,000	\$100,000.00

Requires knowledge to manage

Some Certifications:

- Palo Alto Networks Certified Cybersecurity Associate (PCCSA)
- Palo Alto Networks Certified Network Security Administrator (PCNSA)
- Palo Alto Networks Certified Network Security Engineer (PCNSE)
- Accredited Configuration Engineer (ACE)

Some Requirements:

- Countless hours of studying
- Having a decent background knowledge on a subject of security and networking
- Practice Practice Practice



Requires a lot of processing power

Underlying Operating System does not change much from one hardware firewall to another

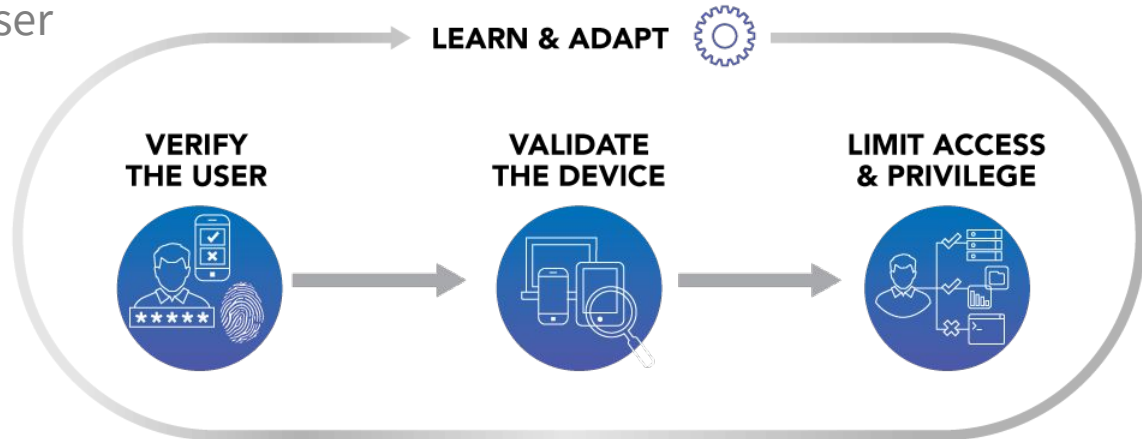
Performance and Capacities ¹	PA-7080 System ²	PA-7050 System ²	PA-5280	PA-5260	PA-5250	PA-5220
Firewall throughput (App-ID)	200 Gbps	120 Gbps	68 Gbps	68 Gbps	39 Gbps	18 Gbps
Threat Prevention throughput	100 Gbps	60 Gbps	30 Gbps	30 Gbps	20 Gbps	9 Gbps
IPsec VPN throughput	80 Gbps	48 Gbps	24 Gbps	24 Gbps	16 Gbps	8 Gbps
New sessions per second	1,200,000	720,000	462,000	462,000	348,000	171,000
Max sessions	40,000,000/80,000,000 ³	24,000,000/48,000,000 ³	64,000,000	32,000,000	8,000,000	4,000,000
Virtual systems (base/max ²)	25/225	25/225	25/225	25/225	25/125	10/20

What could be done:

- Have more than one firewall (load balancing)
- Putting NGFW behind traditional firewall
- Create and prioritize rules that wouldn't require too much computational power

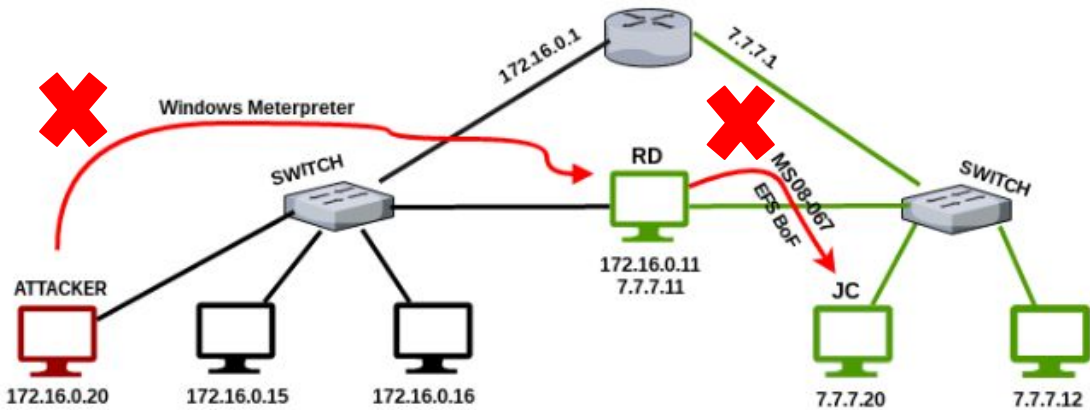
Zero Trust Concept

- Never trust anyone, not even people at your own company
- Always verify
- Least privilege
- There is no way to differentiate between good guys and bad guys (essentially assume everyone is bad)
- Validate every device, and user



What Zero Trust Architecture accomplishes?

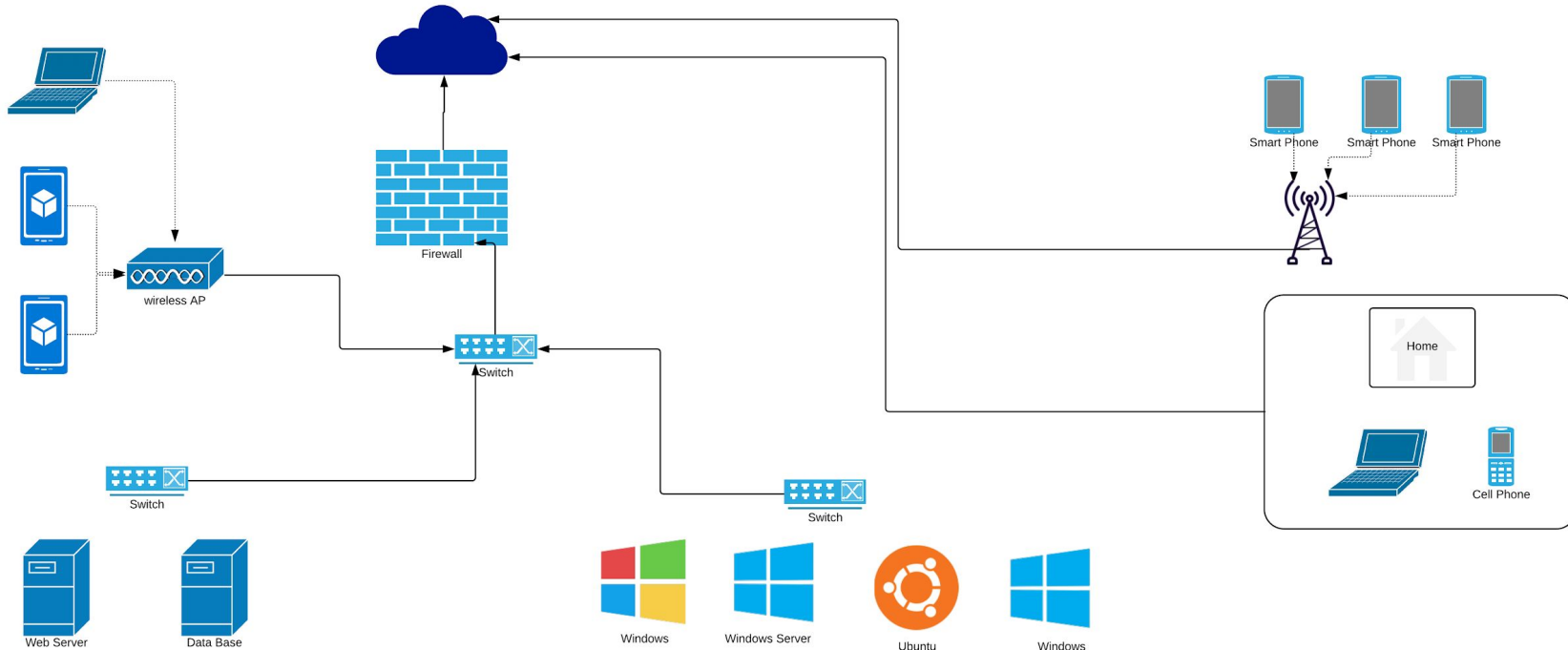
- Reduces the likelihood of accidental breaches (Worker picks up a hard drive on a parking lot)
- Reduces the likelihood of insider attack
- Reduces the likelihood of successful pivoting
- Ensures that east-west traffic is monitored
- More



North-South Traffic



What is wrong on this image?



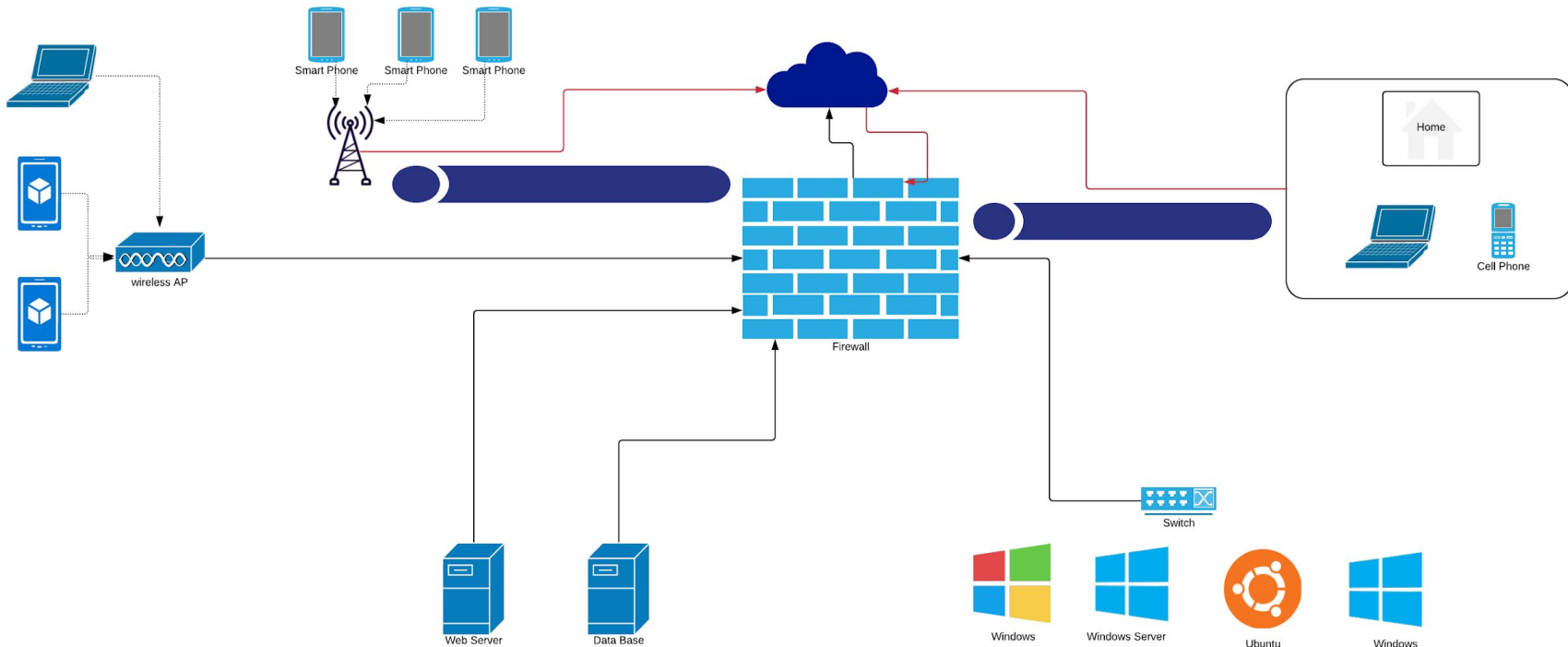
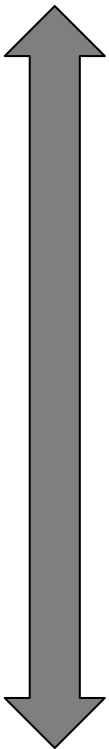
East-West Traffic



East-West Traffic



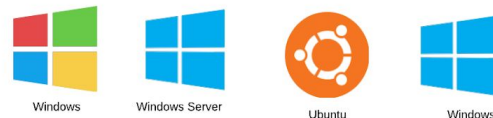
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Palo Alto Command Line

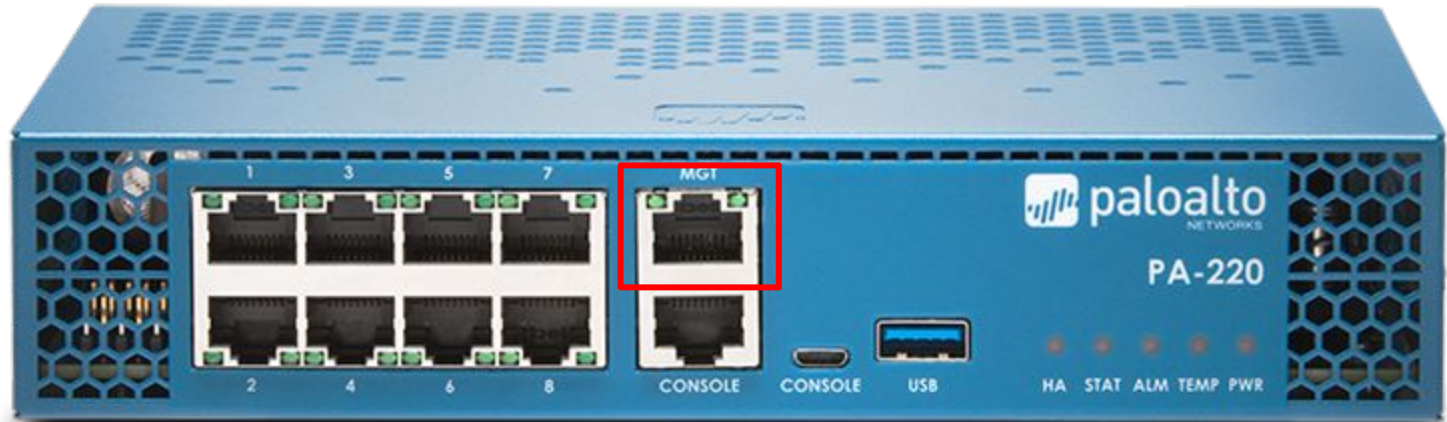
Everything you can do in a GUI, you can do in a CLI.

In comparison to pfsense, the command line in palo alto is NOT a typical shell where you are “free” to do whatever you want.

You can only use a predefined set of the commands that palo alto provides to you. While this could be seen as a limitation, the palo alto’s default instruction set will most likely accommodate any of your needs.

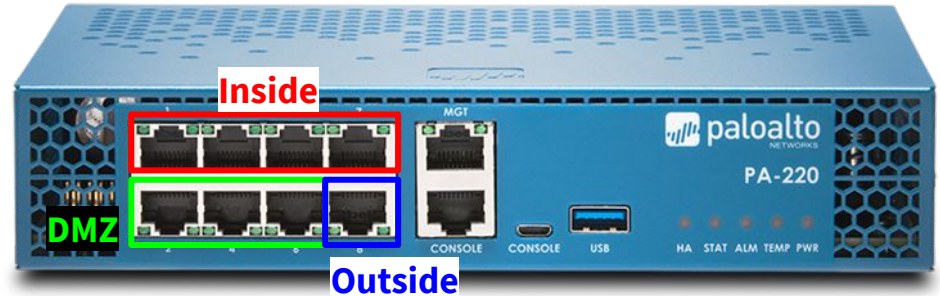
There are, however, a lot of benefits to this, including the fact that it is practically impossible to install a “backdoor” on Palo alto firewall itself, even if you have physical access to the palo alto device. (~~This is also a reason we still don’t have palo alto in Lockdown~~ 😞).

Management Interface



Zones

- A zone is a grouping of interfaces (physical or virtual) that represents a segment of your network that is connected to, and controlled by, the firewall
- Helps you organize your security policies better
- Allows for a proper segmentation of the network
- Easy to understand



Interfaces

The screenshot shows the Palo Alto Networks GUI with the 'Network' tab selected in the top navigation bar. In the left sidebar, the 'Interfaces' option is highlighted with a red box. The main content area displays a table of interfaces under the 'Ethernet' category.

Interface	Interface Type	Management Profile	Link State	IP Address	Virtual Router	Tag	VLAN / Virtual-Wire	Sec
ethernet1/1	Layer3			192.168.8.123/20	default	Untagged	none	out
ethernet1/2	Layer3	https_access		10.42.25.23/24	default	Untagged	none	insi
ethernet1/3				none	none	Untagged	none	non

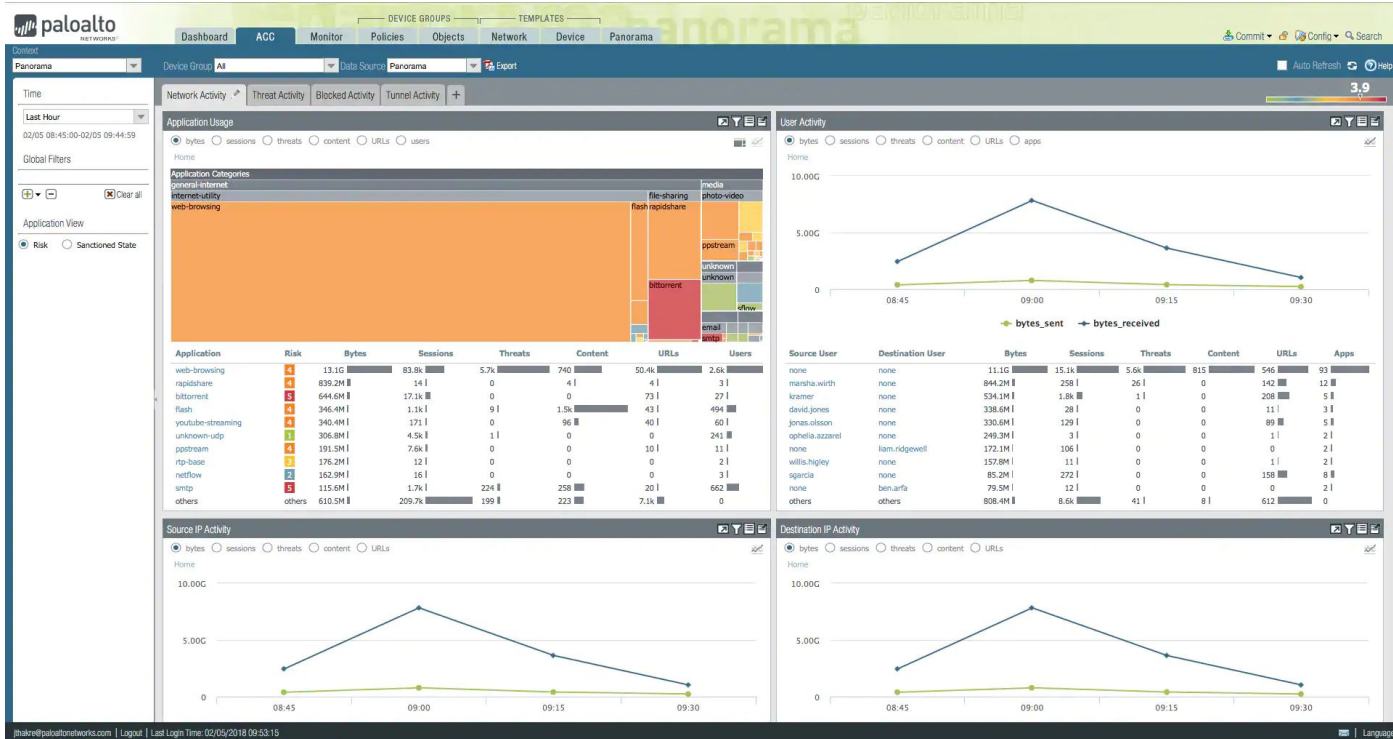
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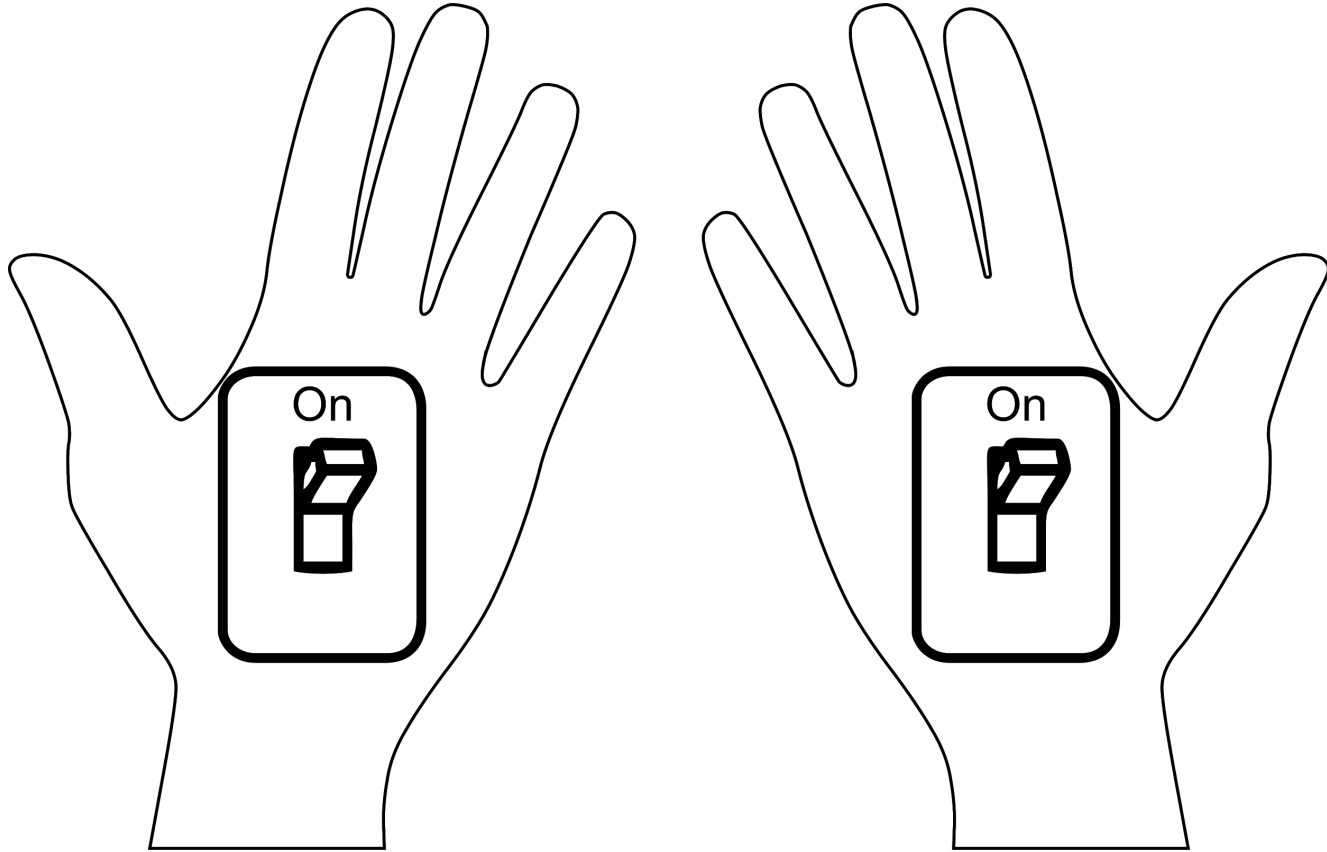
Name	Type	Interfaces / Virtual Systems	Zone Protection Profile	Packet Buffer Protection	Log Setting	Enabled	Included Networks	User-ID
<input type="checkbox"/> outside	layer3	ethernet1/1		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	any	
<input type="checkbox"/> inside	layer3	ethernet1/2		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	any	

Panorama

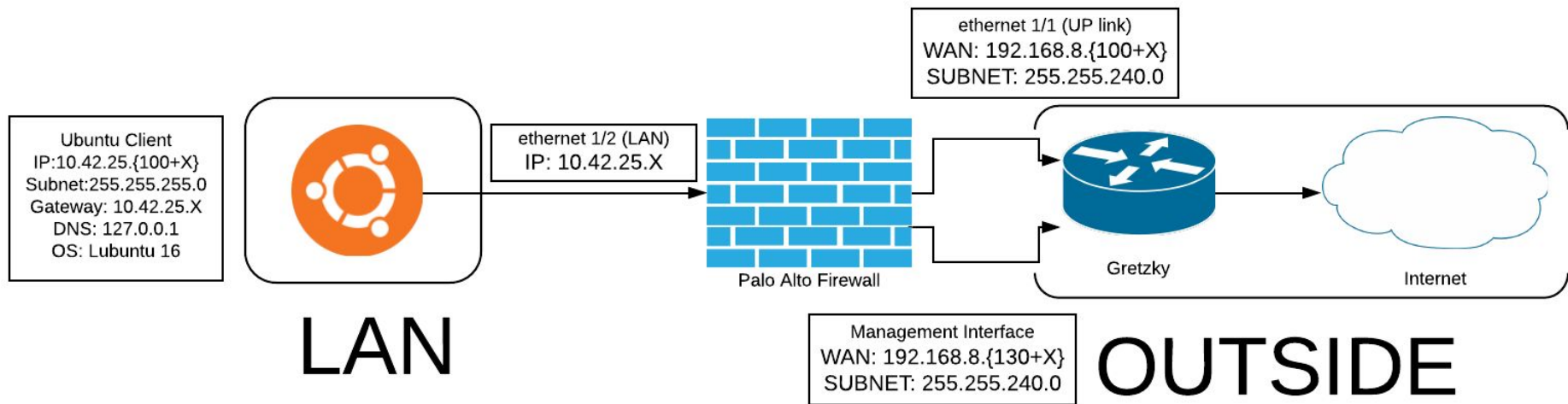
Panorama is a piece of software that helps you manage multiple Palo Alto Firewalls in centralized fashion.



Security Policy (hands-on)



Lab Topology



User: student
Password: changeme

User: admin
Password: Change.me!

Candidate Config and Running Config

All the changes you make are saved to the **Candidate Config**. The Candidate Config doesn't enforce the rules you save into it. In order to do that you will need to promote the candidate config to **running config**.

Commit Commit Commit

If unsure what exactly you are committing, see the difference between Candidate Config and Running Config.



Services and App-ID

ssh 192.168.8.190

ssh bandit0@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

http://192.168.8.190

http://192.168.13.221:8000

How would we only allow google, and nothing else?

Use App-ID google-base

Security Profiles

Antivirus Profiles

Anti-Spyware Profiles

Vulnerability Protection Profiles

URL Filtering Profiles

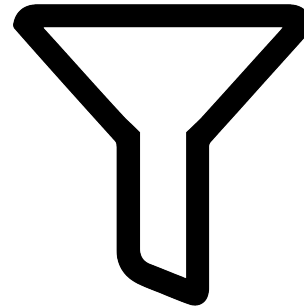
Data Filtering Profiles

File Blocking Profiles

DoS Protection Profiles

WildFire Analysis Profiles

Zone Protection Profiles



Logs

You can use logical operations like 'and', 'or' to sort your logs.

Connector	Attribute	Operator	Value
and	Action	in	Please enter value
or	Action Source	not in	
	Address		

(receive_time leq '2019/03/28 05:25:24') and (zone.src eq inside)

Receive Time	Type	From Zone	To Zone	Source	Source User	Destination
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Policies

(zone.src eq inside)

To Zone Source

Columns

Adjust Columns

outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receive Time
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decrypted
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Type
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	From Zone
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To Zone
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Source
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Source User
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Destination
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To Port
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rule
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Session End Reason
outside	10.42.25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bytes
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Action Source
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bytes Received
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bytes Sent
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Captive Portal
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Client to Server
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Destination Country
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Destination User
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Destination UUID
outside	10.42.25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Egress I/F
olve hostname	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highlight
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Elapsed Time (sec)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	From Port

There are a lot of options available for you to dig more into packet 'metadata'

Detailed Log View

General	Source	Destination
Session ID 519	User	User
Action allow	Address 10.42.25.123	Address 128.205.8.12
Action Source from-policy	Country 10.0.0.0-10.255.255.255	Country United States
Application incomplete	Port 47858	Port 443
Rule Allow All	Zone inside	Zone outside
Session End Reason tcp-rst-from-server	Interface ethernet1/2	Interface ethernet1/1
Category any	NAT IP 192.168.8.123	NAT IP 128.205.8.12
Virtual System	NAT Port 11037	NAT Port 443
Device SN		
IP Protocol tcp		
Log Action		
Generated Time 2019/03/28 05:25:24		

Details













Type end

Flags

Captive Portal <input type="checkbox"/>
Proxy Transaction <input type="checkbox"/>

ACC (Application Command Center)

ACC is an interface that provides you with a nice overview of the network activity.

Application	Risk	Bytes	Sess...	Thre...	Cont...	URLs	User
google-base	4	21.2M 	17	0	0	0	1 
ssl	4	8.6M	62 	0	0	0	1 
web-browsing	4	57.0k	5	0	0	0	1 
dns	4	32.5k	92 	0	0	0	1 
ntp	2	20.6k	229 	0	0	0	1 
netbios-ns	2	2.9k	3	0	0	0	2 
insufficient-data	1	2.4k	10	0	0	0	2 
ping	2	392	2	0	0	0	1 

Homework

Make sure that the ip addresses are aligned according to the topology (this will make troubleshooting much easier).

Ask questions:

System Security Channel

