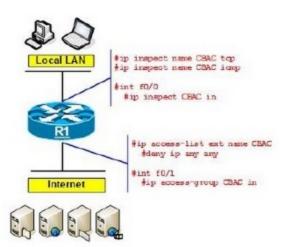


# Legacy Cisco IOS Firewall (CBAC)



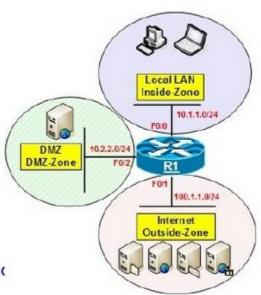
- Cisco IOS Stateful Inspection (formerly CBAC) offered interface-based firewall service
- Inspection policy and ACL policy combined to define firewall policy
- Very little inspection policy granularity
- Inspection relies too heavily on ACLs





# Zone-Based Policy Firewall (ZFW)

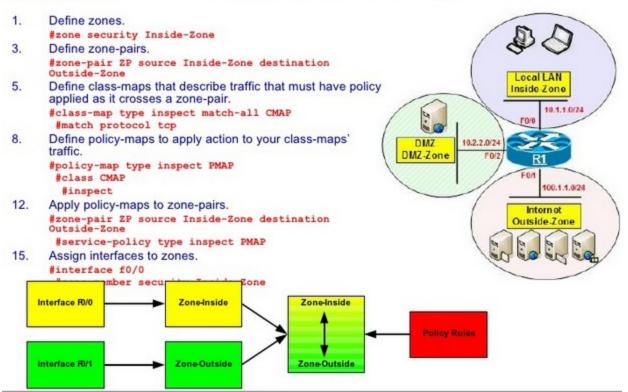
- Zone-Based Policy introduces a new firewall configuration model
- Policies are applied to traffic moving between zones, not interfaces
- Subnet-and host-specific policies
- Firewall policies can be more clearly understood
- CBAC and ZFW can be used concurrently on the same router, but no combined on interfaces







# Steps to ZFW Configuration





#### **ZFW Basic Rules**

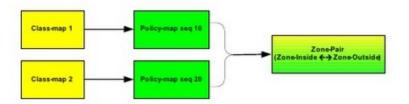
- ✓ <u>Unidirectional</u> policy is applied between zones
- ✓ Default policy for inter-zone traffic is <u>DENY ALL</u>
- Multiple traffic classes and actions can be applied per zonepair
- If two interfaces are <u>not</u> in zones, traffic flows freely between them
- ✓ If one interface <u>is</u> in a zone, and another interface <u>is not</u> in a zone, traffic may never flow between them
- If two interfaces are in two different zones, traffic will not flow between the interfaces until a <u>policy</u> is defined to allow the traffic



## How to build a policy?

Applies <u>C3PL</u> (Cisco Common Classification Policy Language) framework based on existing <u>MQC</u> framework in Cisco IOS Software using 3 simple steps:

- · Class-map Specifies interesting traffic via "match" conditions
- · Policy-map Associates actions with the above specified traffic
- <u>Service-policy</u> Associates policy map with the zone-pair (applies policy)





# The "inspect" type class-map

- Applies logical qualifiers 'match-all' and 'match-any'; determines the way a packet is matched against filters in a class-map
- · Applies three types of match statements (filters)
  - match protocol <protocol-name>
  - match access-group <number | name>
  - match class <class-map-name>

```
class-map type inspect match-all CMAP1
match protocol http
match access-group 120

class-map type inspect match-any CMAP2
match protocol http
match protocol ftp
match protocol smtp

class-map type inspect match-all CMAP3
match access-group 199
match class CMAP2
```



## The "match protocol" filter

- Matches the protocol in the packet headers against the specified protocol
  - L4 protocols match protocol <tcp | udp | icmp>
- In case of L7 protocols, the ports associated with the protocol are dictated by the existing PAM feature
- Determines the protocol for which the packet will be inspected, if 'inspect' action is configured in the policy-map

```
class-map type inspect match-any CMAP1
match protocol tcp
match protocol http

class-map type inspect match-all CMAP2
match protocol tcp
match protocol tcp
match protocol tcp
match protocol http
```



# **ZFW Policy Action**



- Inspect
  - Monitor outbound traffic according to permit/deny policy
  - Anticipate return traffic according to session table entries
- Drop
  - Siliently drops packets
- Pass
  - Requires manually-configured ACL for reflexive policy
  - No stateful capability
- Interface ACLS are still applicable, in addition to Zone-Based Policy
  - 'ip access-group in' is applied before ZFW
  - 'ip access-group out' is applied after ZFW



#### ZFW Policy Types: Layer 3/4/7

- L3/L4 policy is a "top level" policy which is attached to the zone-pair; applies "high level" actions like drop, inspect, urlfilter and deep-inspection to the traffic matched by the class-map
- L7 or application policy is optional and is typically applied to control details of an application ie: http, smtp etc. It is contained in an L3/L4 policy and cannot be directly attached to a target
- L3/L4 policy suffices for basic inspection; application level inspection id performed by nesting an L7 policy under the L3/L4 policy





## Local traffic inspection

- 'Local' traffic provisioned through concept of 'self' zone
- 'self' zone is system-defined
- 'self' can appear as source or destination zone in a zone-pair
- Validations are performed to check that only allowed protocols (tcp, udp, icmp, H323) can be configured for inspection when self zone is involved

```
class-map type inspect LOCAL-TCP
match protocol tcp
policy-map type inspect MY-LOCAL-POLICY
class type inspect LOCAL-TCP
inspect
zone-pair security Inside-to-Local source in-zone dest self
service-policy type inspect MY-LOCAL-POLICY
```



#### **ZFW DoS Protection**

- 'parameter maps' are used to specify inspection behavior like TCP connections, session timers, audit trail logging setting and DoS Protection
- 'parameter map' can be used in defining matching criteria in the class map
- Can also be used in policy map to define application-specific behavior like HTTP objects and POP3/IMAP authentication requirements

```
arameter-map type inspect PARAM1
max-incomplete low 100
max-incomplete high 200
tcp max-incomplete host 100 block-time 10
parameter-map type regex PARAM2
pattern .*delete
class-map type inspect http HTTP-CMAP
match request uri regex PARAM2
policy-map type inspect http HTTP-PMAP
class type inspect http HTTP-CMAP
  reset
policy-map type inspect MY-POLICY
class type inspect CMAP1
 inspect PARAM1
class type inspect CMAP2
 inspect
  service-policy http HTTP-PMAP
```

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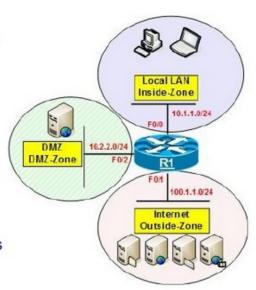
#### ZFW Configuration - In/Out/DMZ

#### Network consistes of three zones

Inside-Zone: private network, 10.1.1.0/24

Outside-Zone: InternetDMZ-Zone: 10.2.2.0/24

- Inspect tcp, http, icmp from the Inside-Zone to the Outside-Zone.
- Does not allow users to connect to the mail.google.com and mail.yahoo.com websites.
- Allow and inspect HTTP to hosted Web Server on DMZ (10.2.2.2).
- Enable DoS Protecton so that it does not allow more than 500 half-open connections (delete the oldest 200 entries when the limit is reached) from the Internet to the Web Server.





# **ZFW Configuration: Step #1**

#### Create the policy: Inside-Zone - Outside-Zone class-map type inspect match-any CMAP-L3-ICMP-TCP-In-Out match protocol icmp match protocol tcp class-map type inspect match-all CMAP-L3-HTTP-In-Out match protocol http parameter-map type regex DENY-SITES pattern .\*mail.google.com pattern .\*mail.yahoo.com class-map type inspect http CMAP-L7-In-Out match req-resp header host regex DENY-SITES policy-map type inspect http PMAP-L7-In-Out class type inspect http CMAP-L7-In-Out reset policy-map type inspect PMAP-L3-In-Out class type inspect CMAP-L3-HTTP-In-Out service-policy http PMAP-L7-In-Out class type inspect CMAP-L3-ICMP-TCP-In-Out

Create L3/L3 class map to match ICMP and TCP

Create L3/L3 class map to match HTTP only

Create parameter map to match domain names using regex

Create L7 class map to match host field in HTTP header Host: mail.google.com

Create L7 policy map and assign L3/L4 class map to it Set action to "reset" for packets matching L7 class map

Create L3/L4 policy map and assign previously configured class maps Set action to "inspect!" Remeber that L7 policy map must be nested



# **ZFW Configuration: Step #2**

Create the policy: Outside-Zone - DMZ-Zone

access-list 120 permit tcp any host 10.2.2.2 eq 80

class-map type inspect match-all CMAP-L3-Out-DMZ
match protocol http
match access-group 120

parameter-map type inspect PM-DMZ-PROTECTION
max-incomplete low 300
max-incomplete high 500

policy-map type inspect PMAP-L3-Out-DMZ
class type inspect CMAP-L3-Out-DMZ
inspect PM-DMZ-PROTECTION

ACL should match Web Server's IP address

Create L3 class map to match HTTP along with ACL

Create paramater map for DoS Protection

Create L3/L4 policy map and attach previously configured L3/L4 class map. Set the action to "inspect" with custom parameters defined



## **ZFW Configuration: Step #3**



#### **ZFW Verification**

- > show policy-map type inspect zone-pair
- show policy-map type inspect http
- show zone security
- show zone-pair security