

Software and Configurations

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Upgrade the Software

See the Cisco ASA Upgrade Guide for full upgrade procedures.

Load an Image Using ROMMON (ASA 5500-X, ISA 3000)

To load a software image onto an ASA from the ROMMON mode using TFTP, perform the following steps.

Procedure

Step 1 Connect to the ASA console port according to the instructions in Access the ASA Hardware or ISA 3000 Console.

Step 2 Power off the ASA, then power it on.

Step 3 During startup, press the **Escape** key when you are prompted to enter ROMMON mode.

Step 4 In ROMMOM mode, define the interface settings to the ASA, including the IP address, TFTP server address, gateway address, software image file, and port, as follows:

```
rommon #1> interface gigabitethernet0/0
rommon #2> address 10.86.118.4
rommon #3> server 10.86.118.21
```

```
rommon #4> gateway 10.86.118.21
rommon #5> file asa961-smp-k8.bin
```

Note
Be sure that the connection to the network already exists.

The **interface** command is ignored on the ASA 5506-X, ASA 5508-X, and ASA 5516-X, and ISA 3000 platforms, and you must perform TFTP recovery on these platforms from the Management 1/1 interface.

Step 5 Validate your settings:

```
rommon #6> set
ROMMON Variable Settings:
  ADDRESS=10.86.118.3
  SERVER=10.86.118.21
  GATEWAY=10.86.118.21
  PORT=GigabitEthernet0/0
  VLAN=untagged
  IMAGE=asa961-smp-k8.bin
  CONFIG=
  LINKTIMEOUT=20
  PKTTIMEOUT=4
  RETRY=20
```

Step 6 Ping the TFTP server:

```
rommon #7> ping server
Sending 20, 100-byte ICMP Echoes to server 10.86.118.21, timeout is 4 seconds:

Success rate is 100 percent (20/20)
```

Step 7 Save the network settings for future use:

```
rommon #8> sync
Updating NVRAM Parameters...
```

Step 8 Load the software image:

```
rommon #9> tftpdnld
ROMMON Variable Settings:
  ADDRESS=10.86.118.3
  SERVER=10.86.118.21
  GATEWAY=10.86.118.21
  PORT=GigabitEthernet0/0
  VLAN=untagged
  IMAGE=asa961-smp-k8.bin
  CONFIG=
  LINKTIMEOUT=20
  PKTTIMEOUT=4
  RETRY=20

tftp asa961-smp-k8.bin@10.86.118.21 via 10.86.118.21

Received 14450688 bytes

Launching TFTP Image...
Cisco ASA Security Appliance admin loader (3.0) #0: Mon Mar 5 16:00:07 MST 2016
```

```
Loading...
```

After the software image is successfully loaded, the ASA automatically exits ROMMON mode.

Step 9 Booting the ASA from ROMMON mode does not preserve the system image across reloads; you must still download the image to flash memory. See the Cisco ASA Upgrade Guide for full upgrade procedures.

Upgrade the ROMMON Image: ASA 5506-X, 5508-X, and 5516-X, ISA 3000

Follow these steps to upgrade the ROMMON image for the ASA 5506-X series, ASA 5508-X, ASA 5516-X, and ISA 3000. For the ASA models, the ROMMON version on your system must be 1.1.8 or greater. We recommend that you upgrade to the latest version.

You can only upgrade to a new version; you cannot downgrade.

Caution The ASA 5506-X, 5508-X, and 5516-X ROMMON upgrade for 1.1.15 and the ISA 3000 ROMMON upgrade for 1.0.5 takes twice as long as previous ROMMON versions, approximately 15 minutes. **Do not** power cycle the device during the upgrade. If the upgrade is not complete within 30 minutes or it fails, contact Cisco technical support; **do not** power cycle or reset the device.

Before you begin

Obtain the new ROMMON image from Cisco.com, and put it on a server to copy to the ASA. The ASA supports FTP, TFTP, SCP, HTTP(S), and SMB servers. Download the image from:

- ASA 5506-X, 5508-X, 5516-X: https://software.cisco.com/download/home/286283326/type
- ISA 3000: https://software.cisco.com/download/home/286288493/type

Procedure

Step 1 Copy the ROMMON image to the ASA flash memory. This procedure shows an FTP copy; enter **copy ?** for the syntax for other server types.

copy ftp://[*username***:***password***@**]*server_ip***/asa5500-firmware-***xxxx***.SPA disk0:asa5500-firmware-***xxxx***.SPA**

Step 2 To see your current version, enter the **show module** command and look at the Fw Version in the output for Mod 1 in the MAC Address Range table:

```
ciscoasa# show module
[...]
Mod  MAC Address Range                 Hw Version   Fw Version   Sw Version
---- --------------------------------- ------------ ------------ ---------------
   1 7426.aceb.ccea to 7426.aceb.ccf2  0.3          1.1.5        9.4(1)
```

```
 sfr 7426.aceb.cce9 to 7426.aceb.cce9  N/A          N/A
```

Step 3 Upgrade the ROMMON image:

upgrade rommon disk0:asa5500-firmware-*xxxx*.SPA

Example:

```
ciscoasa# upgrade rommon disk0:asa5500-firmware-1108.SPA
Verifying file integrity of disk0:/asa5500-firmware-1108.SPA

Computed Hash   SHA2: d824bdeecee1308fc64427367fa559e9
                      eefe8f182491652ee4c05e6e751f7a4f
                      5cdea28540cf60acde3ab9b65ff55a9f
                      4e0cfb84b9e2317a856580576612f4af

Embedded Hash   SHA2: d824bdeecee1308fc64427367fa559e9
                      eefe8f182491652ee4c05e6e751f7a4f
                      5cdea28540cf60acde3ab9b65ff55a9f
                      4e0cfb84b9e2317a856580576612f4af


Digital signature successfully validated
File Name                     : disk0:/asa5500-firmware-1108.SPA
Image type                    : Release
    Signer Information
        Common Name           : abraxas
        Organization Unit     : NCS_Kenton_ASA
        Organization Name     : CiscoSystems
    Certificate Serial Number : 553156F4
    Hash Algorithm            : SHA2 512
    Signature Algorithm       : 2048-bit RSA
    Key Version               : A
Verification successful.
Proceed with reload? [confirm]
```

Step 4 Confirm to reload the ASA when you are prompted.

The ASA upgrades the ROMMON image, and then reloads the operating system.

Recover and Load an Image for the ASA 5506W-X Wireless Access Point

To recover and load a software image onto an ASA 5506W-X using TFTP, perform the following steps.

Procedure

Step 1 Session to the access point (AP) and enter the AP ROMMON (not the ASA ROMMON):

```
ciscoasa# hw-module module wlan recover image
```

Step 2 Follow the procedure in the Cisco IOS Software Configuration Guide for Cisco Aironet Access Points.

Downgrade Your Software

In many cases, you can downgrade your ASA software and restore a backup configuration from the previous software version. The method of downgrading depends on your ASA platform.

Guidelines and Limitations for Downgrading

See the following guidelines before downgrading:

- **There is no official Zero Downtime Downgrade support for clustering**—However, in some cases, Zero Downtime Downgrading will work. If you encounter issues, you need to reload your cluster units, which results in downtime.
- **VPN tunnels are replicated to the standby unit even if the standby unit is running a version of software that does not support the Ciphersuite that the original tunnel negotiated**—This scenario occurs when downgrading. In this case, disconnect your VPN connection and reconnect.

Incompatible Configuration Removed After Downgrading

When you downgrade to an old version, commands that were introduced in later versions will be removed from the configuration. There is no automated way to check the configuration against the target version before you downgrade. You can view when new commands were added in ASA new features by release.

You can view rejected commands *after* you downgrade using the **show startup-config errors** command. If you can perform a downgrade on a lab device, you can preview the effects using this command before you perform the downgrade on a production device.

In some cases, the ASA migrates commands to new forms automatically when you upgrade, so depending on your version, even if you did not manually configure new commands, the downgrade could be affected by configuration migrations. We recommend that you have a backup of your old configuration that you can use when you downgrade. In the case of upgrading to 8.3, a backup is automatically created (<old_version>_startup_cfg.sav). Other migrations do not create back-ups. See the "Version-Specific Guidelines and Migrations" in the ASA Upgrade guide for more information about automatic command migrations that could affect downgrading.

See also known downgrade issues in Guidelines and Limitations for Downgrading, on page 5.

For example, an ASA running version 9.8(2) includes the following commands:

```
access-list acl1 extended permit sctp 192.0.2.0 255.255.255.0 198.51.100.0 255.255.255.0
username test1 password $sha512$1234$abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz privilege 15
snmp-server user snmpuser1 snmpgroup1 v3 engineID abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz encrypted auth
 md5 12:ab:34 priv aes 128 12:ab:34
```

When you downgrade to 9.0(4), you will see the following errors on startup:

```
access-list acl1 extended permit sctp 192.0.2.0 255.255.255.0 198.51.100.0 255.255.255.0
                                      ^
ERROR: % Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
```

```
username test1 password $sha512$1234$abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz pbkdf2 privilege 15
                                                                ^
ERROR: % Invalid input detected at '^' marker.

snmp-server user snmpuser1 snmpgroup1 v3 engineID abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz encrypted auth
 md5 12:ab:34 priv aes 128 12:ab:34
                                    ^
ERROR: % Invalid input detected at '^' marker.
```

In this example, support for **sctp** in the **access-list extended** command was added in version 9.5(2), support for **pbkdf2** in the **username** command was added in version 9.6(1), and support for **engineID** in the **snmp-server user** command was added in version 9.5(3).

Downgrade the ASA Appliance

You can downgrade the ASA software version by setting the ASA version to the old version, restoring the backup configuration to the startup configuration, and then reloading. This procedure applies to the following models:

- Firepower 1000
- Secure Firewall 1200
- Firepower 2100
- Secure Firewall 3100
- Secure Firewall 4200

Before you begin

This procedure requires a backup configuration of the ASA before you upgraded, so you can restore the old configuration. If you do not restore the old configuration, you may have incompatible commands representing new or changed features. Any new commands will be rejected when you load the old software version.

Procedure

Step 1 Load the old ASA software version using the upgrade procedure in the ASA upgrade guide for standalone, failover, or clustering deployments. In this case, specify the old ASA version instead of a new version. **Important:** Do *not* reload the ASA yet.

Step 2 At the ASA CLI, copy the backup ASA configuration to the startup configuration. For failover, perform this step on the active unit. This step replicates the command to the standby unit.

copy *old_config_url* **startup-config**

It's important that you do not save the running configuration to the startup configuration using **write memory**; this command will overwrite your backup configuration.

Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy disk0:/9.13.1_cfg.sav startup-config
```

Step 3 Reload the ASA.

ASA CLI

reload

ASDM

Choose **Tools** > **System Reload**.

Downgrade the Firepower 2100 in Platform Mode

You can downgrade the ASA software version by restoring the backup configuration to the startup configuration, setting the ASA version to the old version, and then reloading.

Before you begin

This procedure requires a backup configuration of the ASA before you upgraded, so you can restore the old configuration. If you do not restore the old configuration, you may have incompatible commands representing new or changed features. Any new commands will be rejected when you load the old software version.

Procedure

Step 1 At the ASA CLI, copy the backup ASA configuration to the startup configuration. For failover, perform this step on the active unit. This step replicates the command to the standby unit.

copy *old_config_url* **startup-config**

It's important that you do not save the running configuration to the startup configuration using **write memory**; this command will overwrite your backup configuration.

Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy disk0:/9.12.4_cfg.sav startup-config
```

Step 2 In FXOS, use the Firewall Chassis Manager or FXOS CLI to use the old ASA software version using the upgrade procedure in the ASA upgrade guide for standalone, failover, or clustering deployments. In this case, specify the old ASA version instead of a new version.

Downgrade the Firepower 4100/9300

You can downgrade the ASA software version by restoring the backup configuration to the startup configuration, setting the ASA version to the old version, and then reloading.

Before you begin

- This procedure requires a backup configuration of the ASA before you upgraded, so you can restore the old configuration. If you do not restore the old configuration, you may have incompatible commands representing new or changed features. Any new commands will be rejected when you load the old software version.

- Make sure the old ASA version is compatibile with the current FXOS version. If not, downgrade FXOS as the first step before you restore the old ASA configuration. Just make sure the downgraded FXOS is also compatible with the current ASA version (before you downgrade it). If you cannot achieve compatibility, we suggest you do not perform a downgrade.

Procedure

Step 1 At the ASA CLI, copy the backup ASA configuration to the startup configuration. For failover or clustering, perform this step on the active/control unit. This step replicates the command to the standby/data units.

copy *old_config_url* **startup-config**

It's important that you do not save the running configuration to the startup configuration using **write memory**; this command will overwrite your backup configuration.

Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy disk0:/9.8.4_cfg.sav startup-config
```

Step 2 In FXOS, use the Firewall Chassis Manager or FXOS CLI to use the old ASA software version using the upgrade procedure in the ASA upgrade guide for standalone, failover, or clustering deployments. In this case, specify the old ASA version instead of a new version.

Step 3 If you are also downgrading FXOS, use the Firewall Chassis Manager or FXOS CLI to set the old FXOS software version to be the current version using the upgrade procedure in the ASA upgrade guide for standalone, failover, or clustering deployments.

Downgrade the ISA 3000 or ASA 5500-X

The downgrade feature provides a shortcut for completing the following functions on ASA 5500-X and ISA 3000 models:

- Clearing the boot image configuration (**clear configure boot**).
- Setting the boot image to be the old image (**boot system**).
- (Optional) Entering a new activation key (**activation-key**).
- Saving the running configuration to startup (**write memory**). This sets the BOOT environment variable to the old image, so when you reload, the old image is loaded.
- Copying the old configuration backup to the startup configuration (**copy** *old_config_url* **startup-config**).
- Reloading (**reload**).

Before you begin

- This procedure requires a backup configuration of the ASA before you upgraded, so you can restore the old configuration.

- Make sure the ASA FirePOWER module version, if installed, is compatible with the old ASA version. You cannot downgrade the FirePOWER module to an earlier major version.

Procedure

Downgrade the software and restore the old configuration.

downgrade [**/noconfirm**] *old_image_url old_config_url* [**activation-key** *old_key*]

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# downgrade /noconfirm disk0:/asa821-k8.bin disk0:/8_2_1_0_startup_cfg.sav
```

The **/noconfirm** option downgrades without prompting. The *image_url* is the path to the old image on disk0, disk1, tftp, ftp, or smb. The *old_config_url* is the path to the saved, pre-migration configuration. If you need to revert to a pre-8.3 activation key, then you can enter the old activation key.

Manage Files

View Files in Flash Memory

You can view files in flash memory and see information about files.

Procedure

Step 1 View files in flash memory:

dir [**disk***n***:**]

disk0: is the internal memory. Other drive numbers represent external storage such as a USB drive, SSD, or SD card.

Example:

```
hostname# dir

Directory of disk0:/
500    -rw-  4958208     22:56:20 Nov 29 2004  cdisk.bin
2513   -rw-  4634        19:32:48 Sep 17 2004  first-backup
2788   -rw-  21601       20:51:46 Nov 23 2004  backup.cfg
2927   -rw-  8670632     20:42:48 Dec 08 2004  asdmfile.bin
```

Step 2 View extended information about a specific file:

show file information [path:/]*filename*

Example:

```
hostname# show file information cdisk.bin

disk0:/cdisk.bin:
  type is image (XXX) []
  file size is 4976640 bytes version 7.0(1)
```

The file size listed is for example only.

The default path is the root directory of the internal flash memory (disk0:/).

Delete Files from Flash Memory

You can remove files from flash memory that you no longer need.

Procedure

Delete a file from flash memory:

delete disk*n***:** *filename*

disk0: is the internal memory. Other drive numbers represent external storage such as a USB drive, SSD, or SD card.

By default, the file is deleted from the current working directory if you do not specify a path. You may use wildcards when deleting files. You are prompted with the filename to delete, and then you must confirm the deletion.

Erase the Flash File System

To erase the flash file system, perform the following steps.

Procedure

Step 1 Connect to the ASA console port according to the instructions inAccess the ASA Hardware or ISA 3000 Console.

Step 2 Power off the ASA, then power it on.

Step 3 During startup, press the **Escape** key when you are prompted to enter ROMMON mode.

Step 4 Enter the **erase** command, which overwrites all files and erases the file system, including hidden system files:

rommon #1> **erase** [**disk0:** | **disk***n***:** | **usb:**]

disk0: is the internal memory. Other drive numbers represent external storage. Newer models use **usb:** for the external USB drive.

Configure File Access

The ASA can use an FTP client, secure copy client, or TFTP client. You can also configure the ASA as a secure copy server so you can use a secure copy client on your computer.

Configure the FTP Client Mode

The ASA can use FTP to upload or download image files or configuration files to or from an FTP server. In passive FTP, the client initiates both the control connection and the data connection. The server, which is the recipient of the data connection in passive mode, responds with the port number to which it is listening for the specific connection.

Procedure

Set the FTP mode to passive:

ftp mode passive

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# ftp mode passive
```

Configure the ASA Secure Copy Client

You can configure SCP settings when the ASA acts as an SCP client using the **copy** command.

The performance of SCP depends partly on the encryption cipher used. By default, the ASA negotiates one of the following algorithms in order: 3des-cbc aes128-cbc aes192-cbc aes256-cbc aes128-ctr aes192-ctr aes256-ctr. If the first algorithm proposed (3des-cbc) is chosen, then the performance is much slower than a more efficient algorithm such as aes128-cbc. To change the proposed ciphers, use the **ssh cipher encryption** command; for example, **ssh cipher encryption custom aes128-cbc**

Before you begin

- The ASA license must have the strong encryption (3DES/AES) license to support SSH Version 2 connections.
- Unless otherwise specified, for multiple context mode, complete this procedure in the system execution space. To change from the context to the system execution space, enter the **changeto system** command.
- For the SCP server, enable SSH on the ASA according to Configure SSH Access.

Procedure

Step 1 (Optional) The ASA stores the SSH host key for each SCP server to which it connects. You can manually manage keys if desired.

ssh pubkey-chain [**no**] **server** *ip_address* {**key-string** *key_string* **exit**| **key-hash** {**md5** | **sha256**} *fingerprint*}

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# ssh pubkey-chain
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-chain)# server 10.7.8.9
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-server)# key-string
Enter the base 64 encoded RSA public key.
End with the word "exit" on a line by itself
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-server-string)# c1:b1:30:29:d7:b8:de:6c:97:77:10:d7:46:41:63:87
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-server-string)# exit
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-server)# show running-config ssh pubkey-chain
ssh pubkey-chain
  server 10.7.8.9
    key-hash sha256 f1:22:49:47:b6:76:74:b2:db:26:fb:13:65:d8:99:19:
e7:9e:24:46:59:be:13:7f:25:27:70:9b:0e:d2:86:12
```

For each server, you can specify the **key-string** (public key) or **key-hash** (hashed value) of the SSH host.

The *key_string* is the Base64 encoded RSA public key of the remote peer. You can obtain the public key value from an open SSH client; that is, from the .ssh/id_rsa.pub file. After you submit the Base64 encoded public key, that key is then hashed via SHA-256.

The **key-hash** {**md5** | **sha256**} *fingerprint* enters the already hashed key (using an MD5 or SHA-256 key); for example, a key that you copied from **show** command output.

Step 2 (Optional) Enable or disable SSH host key checking. For multiple context mode, enter this command in the admin context.

[**no**] **ssh stricthostkeycheck**

Example:

```
ciscoasa# ssh stricthostkeycheck
ciscoasa# copy x scp://cisco@10.86.95.9/x
The authenticity of host '10.86.95.9 (10.86.95.9)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is dc:2e:b3:e4:e1:b7:21:eb:24:e9:37:81:cf:bb:c3:2a.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.86.95.9' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
Source filename [x]?

Address or name of remote host [10.86.95.9]?

Destination username [cisco]?

Destination password []? cisco123

Destination filename [x]?
```

By default, this option is enabled. When this option is enabled, you are prompted to accept or reject the host key if it is not already stored on the ASA. When this option is disabled, the ASA accepts the host key automatically if it was not stored before.

Examples

The following example adds an already hashed host key for the server at 10.86.94.170:

```
ciscoasa(config)# ssh pubkey-chain
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-chain)# server 10.86.94.170
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-server)# key-hash sha256 65:d9:9d:fe:1a:bc:61:aa:
64:9d:fc:ee:99:87:38:df:a8:8e:d9:e9:ff:42:de:e8:8d:2d:bf:a9:2b:85:2e:19
```

The following example adds a host string key for the server at 10.7.8.9:

```
ciscoasa(config)# ssh pubkey-chain
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-chain)# server 10.7.8.9
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-server)# key-string
Enter the base 64 encoded RSA public key.
End with the word "exit" on a line by itself
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-server-string)# c1:b1:30:29:d7:b8:de:6c:97:77:10:d7:
46:41:63:87
ciscoasa(config-ssh-pubkey-server-string)# exit
```

Configure the ASA TFTP Client Path

TFTP is a simple client/server file transfer protocol, which is described in RFC 783 and RFC 1350 Rev. 2. You can configure the ASA as a TFTP client so that it can copy files to or from a TFTP server. In this way, you can back up and propagate configuration files to multiple ASAs.

This section lets you predefine the path to a TFTP server so you do not need to enter it in commands such as **copy** and **configure net**.

Procedure

Predefine the TFTP server address and filename for use with **configure net** and **copy** commands:

tftp-server *interface_name server_ip filename*

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# tftp-server inside 10.1.4.7 files/config1.cfg
ciscoasa(config)# copy tftp: test.cfg

Address or name of remote host [10.1.4.7]?

Source filename [files/config1.cfg]?config2.cfg

Destination filename [test.cfg]?
```

```
Accessing tftp://10.1.4.7/files/config2.cfg;int=outside...
```

You can override the filename when you enter the command; for example, when you use the **copy** command, you can take advantage of the predefined TFTP server address but still enter any filename at the interactive prompts.

For the **copy** command, enter **tftp:** to use the tftp-server value instead of **tftp://***url*.

Copy a File to the ASA

This section describes how to copy the application image, ASDM software, a configuration file, or any other file that needs to be downloaded to internal or external flash memory from a TFTP, FTP, SMB, HTTP, HTTPS, SCP server, or from a drive such as a USB drive.

Guidelines

- **disk0:** is the internal memory. Other drive numbers represent external storage such as a USB drive, SSD, or SD card.
- Make sure the USB drive is formatted as EXT2/3/4 or VFAT/FAT32.
- You cannot have two files with the same name but with different letter case in the same directory in flash memory. For example, if you attempt to download the file, Config.cfg, to a location that contains the file, config.cfg, you receive the following error message:

  ```
  %Error opening disk0:/Config.cfg (File exists)
  ```

- For multiple context mode, you must be in the system execution space unless you configure private storage (**storage-url private**). Within a context, you can also copy the running or startup configuration (see Copy a File to the Startup or Running Configuration, on page 17 if you have private storage and Back Up a Context Configuration within a Context, on page 31), or a capture..

Before you begin

- To use the ASA **copy** command to copy a file to or from an SCP server, you have to:
  - Generate a key pair (for physical ASAs only) using the **crypto key generate** command.

Procedure

Copy a file using one of the following server types.

- Copy from a TFTP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] **tftp://***server*[*/path*]*/src_filename* **disk***n***:/**[*path/*]*dest_filename*

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy tftp://10.1.1.67/files/context1.cfg disk0:/context1.cfg
  ```

```
Address or name of remote host [10.1.1.67]?

Source filename [files/context1.cfg]?

Destination filename [context1.cfg]?
Cryptochecksum: db8ba196 9ad189a8 7f5f501f 1bec469b
!!!!!!!!!!!
11143 bytes copied in 5.710 secs (2228 bytes/sec)
```

- Copy from an FTP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] **ftp://**[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/src_filename* **disk*n*:/**[*path/*]*dest_filename*

  Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy ftp://jcrichton:aeryn@10.1.1.67/files/context1.cfg
disk0:/contexts/context1.cfg

Address or name of remote host [10.1.1.67]?

Source username [jcrichton]?

Source password [aeryn]?

Source filename [files/context1.cfg]?

Destination filename [contexts/context1.cfg]?
Cryptochecksum: db8ba196 9ad189a8 7f5f501f 1bec469b
!!!!!!!!!!!
11143 bytes copied in 5.710 secs (2228 bytes/sec)
```

Note
The password should not contain the '@' special character. The copy operation fails if the password contains this character.

- Copy from an HTTP(S) server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] **http**[**s**]**://**[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[**:***port*][*/path*]*/src_filename* **disk*n*:/**[*path/*]*dest_filename*

  Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy https://asun:john@10.1.1.67/files/moya.cfg disk0:/contexts/moya.cfg

Address or name of remote host [10.1.1.67]?

Source username [asun]?

Source password [john]?

Source filename [files/moya.cfg]?

Destination filename [contexts/moya.cfg]?
Cryptochecksum: db8ba196 9ad189a8 7f5f501f 1bec469b
!!!!!!!!!!!
11143 bytes copied in 5.710 secs (2228 bytes/sec)
```

- Copy from an SMB server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] **smb:**//[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/src_filename* **disk***n***:/**[*path/*]*dest_filename*

  Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy /noconfirm smb://chiana:dargo@10.1.1.67/test.xml disk0:/test.xml

Cryptochecksum: db8ba196 9ad189a8 7f5f501f 1bec469b
!!!!!!!!!!!
11143 bytes copied in 5.710 secs (2228 bytes/sec)
```

- Copy from a SCP server:

  The **;int=***interface* option bypasses the route lookup and always uses the specified interface to reach the SCP server.

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*]
  scp://[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/src_filename*[**;int=***interface_name*] **disk***n***:/**[*path/*]*dest_filename*

  Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy scp://pilot@10.86.94.170/test.cfg disk0:/test.cfg

Address or name of remote host [10.86.94.170]?

Source username [pilot]?

Destination filename [test.cfg]?

The authenticity of host '10.86.94.170 (10.86.94.170)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is
<65:d9:9d:fe:1a:bc:61:aa:64:9d:fc:ee:99:87:38:df:a8:8e:d9:e9:ff:42:de:e8:8d:2d:bf:a9:2b:85:2e:19>(SHA256).
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes

Please use the following commands to add the hash key to the configuration:
  ssh pubkey-chain
    server 10.86.94.170
      key-hash sha256
65:d9:9d:fe:1a:bc:61:aa:64:9d:fc:ee:99:87:38:df:a8:8e:d9:e9:ff:42:de:e8:8d:2d:bf:a9:2b:85:2e:19


Password: <type in password>
!!!!!!
6006 bytes copied in 8.160 secs (750 bytes/sec)
```

- Copy from USB or an internal or external drive:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] **disk***n***:/**[*path*]*/src_filename* **disk***n***:/**[*path/*]*dest_filename*

  Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy /noconfirm disk1:/test.xml disk0:/test.xml

Cryptochecksum: db8ba196 9ad189a8 7f5f501f 1bec469b
!!!!!!!!!!!
```

```
11143 bytes copied in 5.710 secs (2228 bytes/sec)
```

Copy a File to the Startup or Running Configuration

You can download a text file to the running or startup configuration from a TFTP, FTP, SMB, HTTP(S), or SCP server, or from the flash memory.

When you copy a configuration to the running configuration, you merge the two configurations. A merge adds any new commands from the new configuration to the running configuration. If the configurations are the same, no changes occur. If commands conflict or if commands affect the running of the ASA, then the effect of the merge depends on the command. You might get errors, or you might have unexpected results.

(Optional) Specify the interface through which the ASA communicates with the server. If you do not specify the interface, the ASA checks the management-only routing table; if there are no matches, it then checks the data routing table.

Within a context in multiple context mode, you can use this procedure if you enable private storage (**storage-url private**). Without private storage, to download from a TFTP server to the running context configuration, use the **configure net** command.

Procedure

To copy a file to the startup configuration or running configuration, enter one of the following commands for the appropriate download server:

- Copy from a TFTP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] **tftp://***server*[*/path*]*/src_filename* {**startup-config** | **running-config**}

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy tftp://10.1.1.67/files/old-running.cfg running-config
  ```

- Copy from an FTP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] **ftp://**[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/src_filename* {**startup-config** | **running-config**}

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy ftp://jcrichton:aeryn@10.1.1.67/files/old-startup.cfg startup-config
  ```

- Copy from an HTTP(S) server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] **http**[**s**]**://**[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[**:***port*][*/path*]*/src_filename* {**startup-config** | **running-config**}

  Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy https://asun:john@10.1.1.67/files/new-running.cfg running-config
```

- Copy from an SMB server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] **smb://**[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/src_filename* {**startup-config** | **running-config**}

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy /noconfirm smb://chiana:dargo@10.1.1.67/new-running.cfg running-config
  ```

- Copy from a SCP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] **scp://**[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/src_filename*[**;int=***interface_name*] {**startup-config** | **running-config**}

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy scp://pilot:moya@10.86.94.170/new-startup.cfg startup-config
  ```

  The **;int=***interface* option bypasses the route lookup and always uses the specified interface to reach the SCP server.

Examples

For example, to copy the configuration from a TFTP server, enter the following command:

```
ciscoasa# copy tftp://209.165.200.226/configs/startup.cfg startup-config
```

To copy the configuration from an FTP server, enter the following command:

```
ciscoasa# copy ftp://admin:letmein@209.165.200.227/configs/startup.cfg startup-config
```

To copy the configuration from an HTTP server, enter the following command:

```
ciscoasa# copy http://209.165.200.228/configs/startup.cfg startup-config
```

Set the ASA Image, ASDM, and Startup Configuration

If you have more than one ASA or ASDM image, you should specify the image that you want to boot. If you do not set the image, the default boot image is used, and that image may not be the one intended. For the startup configuration, you can optionally specify a file in the visible file system instead of a hidden directory.

See the following model guidelines:

- Firepower 4100/9300 chassis—ASA upgrades are managed by FXOS; you cannot upgrade the ASA within the ASA operating system, so do not use this procedure for the ASA image. You can upgrade the ASA and FXOS separately from each other, and they are listed separately in the FXOS directory listing. The ASA package always includes ASDM.
- Firepower 2100 in Platform mode—The ASA, ASDM, and FXOS images are bundled together into a single package. Package updates are managed by FXOS; you cannot upgrade the ASA within the ASA operating system, so do not use this procedure for the ASA image. You *cannot* upgrade the ASA and FXOS separately from each other; they are always bundled together.
- Firepower 1000, 2100 in Appliance mode—The ASA, ASDM, and FXOS images are bundled together into a single package. Package updates are managed by the ASA using this procedure. Although these platforms use the ASA to identify the image to boot, the underlying mechanism is different from legacy ASAs. See the command description below for more information.
- ASDM for the models—ASDM can be upgraded from within the ASA operating system, so you do not need to only use the bundled ASDM image. For the Firepower 2100 in Platform mode and Firepower 4100/9300, ASDM images that you upload manually do not appear in the FXOS image list; you must manage ASDM images from the ASA.



Note When you upgrade the ASA bundle, the ASDM image in the bundle replaces the previous ASDM bundle image on the ASA because they have the same name (**asdm.bin**). But if you manually chose a different ASDM image that you uploaded (for example, **asdm-782.bin**), then you continue to use that image even after a bundle upgrade. To make sure that you are running a compatible version of ASDM, you should either upgrade ASDM before you upgrade the bundle, or you should reconfigure the ASA to use the bundled ASDM image (**asdm.bin**) just before upgrading the ASA bundle.

- ASAv—The initial deployment ASAv package puts the ASA image in the read-only boot:/ partition. When you upgrade the ASAv, you specify a different image in flash memory. Note that if you later clear your configuration (**clear configure all**), then the ASAv will revert to loading the original deployment image. The initial deployment ASAv package also includes an ASDM image that it places in flash memory. You can upgrade the ASDM image separately.
- **disk0:** is the internal memory. Other drive numbers represent external storage such as a USB drive, SSD, or SD card.

See the following default settings:

- ASA image:
  - Firepower 1000, 2100 in Appliance mode—Boots the previously-running boot image.
  - ASA hardware and ISA 3000—Boots the first application image that it finds in internal flash memory.
  - ASAv—Boots the image in the read-only boot:/ partition that was created when you first deployed.
  - Firepower 4100/9300 chassis—The FXOS system determines which ASA image to boot. You cannot use this procedure to set the ASA image.
  - Firepower 2100 in Platform mode—The FXOS system determines which ASA/FXOS package to boot. You cannot use this procedure to set the ASA image.

- ASDM image on all ASAs—Boots the first ASDM image that it finds in internal flash memory, or if one does not exist in this location, then in external flash memory.
- Startup configuration—By default, the ASA boots from a startup configuration that is a hidden file.

Procedure

Step 1 Set the ASA boot image location:

boot system *url*

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# boot system disk0:/images/asa921.bin
```

The URL can be:

- **disk** *n***:/**[*path/*]*filename*
- **tftp:**//[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[**:***port*]/[*path/*]*filename*

  The TFTP option is not supported on all models.

Firepower 1000, 2100 in Appliance mode: You can only enter a single **boot system** command. If you upgrade to a new image, then you must enter **no boot system** to remove the previous image you set. Note that you may not have a **boot system** command present in your configuration; for example, if you installed the image from ROMMON, have a new device, or you removed the command manually. The **boot system** command performs an action when you enter it: the system validates and unpacks the image and copies it to the boot location (an internal location on disk0 managed by FXOS). The new image will load when you reload the ASA. If you change your mind prior to reloading, you can enter the **no boot system** command to delete the new image from the boot location, so the current image continues to run. You can even delete the original image file from the ASA flash memory after you enter this command, and the ASA will boot correctly from the boot location; however, we recommend keeping any images you want to use in flash memory because the **boot system** command only works with images in flash memory. Unlike other models, this command in the startup configuration does not affect the booting image, and is essentially cosmetic. The last-loaded boot image will always run upon reload. If you do not save the configuration after you enter this command, then when you reload, the old command will be present in your configuration, even though the new image was booted. Be sure to save the configuration so that the configuration remains in sync. You can only load images with the original filename from the Cisco download site. If you change the filename, it will not load. You can also reimage to the Firewall Threat Defense by loading the Firewall Threat Defense image. In this case, you are prompted to reload immediately.

Other models: You can enter up to four **boot system** command entries to specify different images to boot from in order; the ASA boots the first image it finds successfully. When you enter the **boot system** command, it adds an entry at the bottom of the list. To reorder the boot entries, you must remove all entries using the the **clear configure boot system** command, and re-enter them in the order you desire. Only one **boot system tftp** command can be configured, and it must be the first one configured.

Note
If the ASA is stuck in a cycle of constant booting, you can reboot the ASA into ROMMON mode. For more information about the ROMMON mode, see View Debugging Messages.

Example:

```
asa(config)# boot system disk0:/cisco-asa-fp2k.9.13.2.SPA
The system is currently installed with security software package 9.13.1, which has:
   - The platform version:  2.7.1
   - The CSP (asa) version: 9.13.1
Preparing new image for install...
!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Image download complete (Successful unpack the image).
Installation of version 9.13.2 will do the following:
   - upgrade to the new platform version 2.7.2
   - upgrade to the CSP ASA version 9.13.2
After the installation is complete, reload to apply the new image.
Finalizing image install process...

Install_status: ready...........
Install_status: validating-images.....
Install_status: update-software-pack-completed
asa(config)#
```

Step 2 Set the ASDM image to boot:

asdm image disk*n***:/**[*path*/]*filename*

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# asdm image disk0:/images/asdm721.bin
```

If you do not specify the image to boot, even if you have only one image installed, then the ASA inserts the **asdm image** command into the running configuration. To avoid problems with Auto Update (if configured), and to avoid the image search at each startup, you should specify the ASDM image that you want to boot in the startup configuration.

Step 3 (Optional) Set the startup configuration to be a known file instead of the default hidden file:

boot config disk*n***:/**[*path*/]*filename*

This feature is important for when you work with large configurations that do not fit in the hidden directory. If you save a large configuration and see the following error message, be sure to instead save the configuration to a new file using this command:

```
%Error writing. nvram:/startup-config (No space left on device:)
```

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# boot config disk0:/configs/startup1.cfg
```

Back Up and Restore Configurations or Other Files

We recommend that you make regular backups of your configuration and other system files to guard against system failure.

Perform a Complete System Backup or Restoration

These procedures describe how to back up and restore configurations and images to a tar.gz file and transfer it to your local computer.

Before You Begin Backup or Restore

- You should have at least 300 MB of disk space available at the backup or restore location before you start a backup or restore.
- You can start only one backup or restore at a time.
- If you make any configuration changes during or after a backup, those changes will not be included in the backup. If you change a configuration after making the backup, then perform a restore, this configuration change will be overwritten. As a result, the ASA might behave differently.
- Do not overwrite or restore the system configuration (*cspCfg.xml*) file from one ASA to another, especially between different ASA platform models. The *cspCfg.xml* file may contain device-specific hardware information. Copying this file from a different ASA can create a hardware mismatch, such as differences in CPU core count. This mismatch may cause the target ASA to fail to boot properly and eventually enter into Failsafe mode.
- You can only restore a configuration to the same ASA version as when you performed the original backup. You cannot use the restore tool to migrate a configuration from one ASA version to another. If a configuration migration is required, the ASA automatically upgrades the resident startup configuration when it loads the new ASA OS.
- If you use clustering, you can only back up or restore the startup-configuration, running-configuration, and identity certificates. You must create and restore a backup separately for each unit.
- If you use failover, you must create and restore a backup separately for the active and standby units.
- If you set a master passphrase for the ASA, then you need that master passphrase to restore the backup configuration that you create with this procedure. If you do not know the master passphrase for the ASA, see Configure the Master Passphrase to learn how to reset it before continuing with the backup.
- If you import PKCS12 data (with the **crypto ca trustpoint** command) and the trustpoint uses RSA keys, the imported key pair is assigned the same name as the trustpoint. Because of this limitation, if you specify a different name for the trustpoint and its key pair after you have restored an ASDM configuration, the startup configuration will be the same as the original configuration, but the running configuration will include a different key pair name. This means that if you use different names for the key pair and trustpoint, you cannot restore the original configuration. To work around this issue, make sure that you use the same name for the trustpoint and its key pair.
- You cannot back up using the CLI and restore using ASDM, or vice versa.
- Each backup file includes the following content:
  - Running-configuration
  - Startup-configuration
  - All security images

    Cisco Secure Desktop and Host Scan images

    Cisco Secure Desktop and Host Scan settings

AnyConnect Client (SVC) images and profiles

AnyConnect Client (SVC) customizations and transforms

- Identity certificates (includes RSA key pairs tied to identity certificates; excludes standalone keys)
- VPN pre-shared keys
- SSL VPN configurations
- Application Profile Custom Framework (APCF)
- Bookmarks
- Customizations
- Dynamic Access Policy (DAP)
- Plug-ins
- Pre-fill scripts for connection profiles
- Proxy Auto-config
- Translation table
- Web content
- Version information

Back Up the System

This procedure describes how to perform a complete system backup.

Procedure

Step 1 Back up the system:

backup [**/noconfirm**] [**context** *ctx-name*] [**interface** *name*] [**passphrase** *value*] [**location** *path*]

Example:

```
ciscoasa# backup location disk0:/sample-backup]
Backup location [disk0:/sample-backup]?
```

If you do not specify the **interface** *name*, the ASA checks the management-only routing table; if there are no matches, it then checks the data routing table.

In multiple context mode from the system execution space, enter the **context** keyword to backup the specified context. Each context must be backed up individually; that is, re-enter the **backup** command for each file.

During the backup of VPN certificates and preshared keys, a secret key identified by the **passphrase** keyword is required to encode the certificates. You must provide a passphrase to be used for encoding and decoding the certificates in PKCS12 format. The backup only includes RSA key pairs tied to the certificates and excludes any standalone certificates.

The backup **location** can be a local disk or a remote URL. If you do not provide a location, the following default names are used:

- Single mode—disk0:*hostname*.backup.*timestamp*.tar.gz
- Multiple mode—disk0:*hostname*.context-*ctx-name*.backup.*timestamp*.tar.gz

Step 2 Follow the prompts:

Example:

```
ciscoasa# backup location disk0:/sample-backup
Backup location [disk0:/sample-backup]?

Begin backup…
Backing up [ASA version] … Done!
Backing up [Running Config] … Done!
Backing up [Startup Config]  … Done!

Enter a passphrase to encrypt identity certificates. The default is cisco.
You will be required to enter the same passphrase while doing a restore: cisco
Backing up [Identity Certificates] … Done!

IMPORTANT: This device uses master passphrase encryption. If this backup file
is used to restore to a device with a different master passphrase,
you will need to provide the current master passphrase during restore.
Backing up [VPN Pre-shared keys] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Application Profile Custom Framework] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Bookmarks]… Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Customization] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Dynamic Access Policy] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Plug-in] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Pre-fill scripts for Connection Profile] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Proxy auto-config] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Translation table] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Web Content] … Done!
Backing up [Anyconnect(SVC) client images and profiles] … Done!
Backing up [Anyconnect(SVC) customizations and transforms] … Done!
Backing up [Cisco Secure Desktop and Host Scan images] … Done!
Backing up [UC-IME tickets] … Done!
Compressing the backup directory ... Done!
Copying Backup ... Done!
Cleaning up ... Done!
Backup finished!
```

Restore the Backup

You can specify configurations and images to restore from a zip tar.gz file on your local computer.

Procedure

Step 1 Restore the system from the backup file.

restore [**/noconfirm**] [**context** *ctx-name*] [**passphrase** *value*] [**location** *path*]

Example:

```
ciscoasa# restore location disk0:/5525-2051.backup.2014-07-09-223$
restore location [disk0:/5525-2051.backup.2014-07-09-223251.tar.gz]?
```

When using the **context** keyword to restore multiple contexts, each backed up context file must be restored individually; that is, re-enter the **restore** command for each file.

Step 2 Follow the prompts:

Example:

```
ciscoasa# restore location disk0:/5525-2051.backup.2014-07-09-223$
restore location [disk0:/5525-2051.backup.2014-07-09-223251.tar.gz]?

Copying Backup file to local disk... Done!
Extracting the backup file ... Done!
Warning: The ASA version of the device is not the same as the backup version,
some configurations might not work after restore!
 Do you want to continue? [confirm] y
Begin restore ...
IMPORTANT: This backup configuration uses master passphrase encryption.
Master passphrase is required to restore running configuration,
startup configuration and VPN pre-shared keys.
Backing up [VPN Pre-shared keys] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Application Profile Custom Framework] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Bookmarks]… Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Customization] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Dynamic Access Policy] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Plug-in] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Pre-fill scripts for Connection Profile] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Proxy auto-config] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Translation table] … Done!
Backing up [SSL VPN Configurations: Web Content] … Done!
Backing up [Anyconnect(SVC) client images and profiles] … Done!
Backing up [Anyconnect(SVC) customizations and transforms] … Done!
Backing up [Cisco Secure Desktop and Host Scan images] … Done!
Backing up [UC-IME tickets] … Done!
Restoring [Running Configuration]
Following messages are as a result of applying the backup running-configuration to
this device, please note them for future reference.

ERROR: Interface description was set by failover and cannot be changed
ERROR: Unable to set this url, it has already been set
Remove the first instance before adding this one
INFO: No change to the stateful interface
Failed to update LU link information
.Range already exists.
WARNING: Advanced settings and commands should only be altered or used
under Cisco supervision.
ERROR: Failed to apply media termination address 198.0.1.228 to interface outside,
the IP is already used as media-termination address on interface outside.
ERROR: Failed to apply media termination address 198.0.0.223 to interface inside,
the IP is already used as media-termination address on interface inside.
WARNING: PAC settings will override http- and https-proxy configurations.
Do not overwrite configuration file if you want to preserve the old http-
and https-proxy configurations.

Cryptochecksum (changed): 98d23c2c ccb31dc3 e51acf88 19f04e28
 Done!
Restoring UC-IME ticket ... Done!
Enter the passphrase used while backup to encrypt identity certificates.
The default is cisco. If the passphrase is not correct, certificates will not be restored.
```

```
No passphrase was provided for identity certificates.
Using the default value: cisco. If the passphrase is not correct,
certificates will not be restored.
Restoring Certificates ...
Enter the PKCS12 data in base64 representation....
ERROR: A keypair named Main already exists.
INFO: Import PKCS12 operation completed successfully
. Done!
Cleaning up ... Done!
Restore finished!
```

Configure Automatic Backup and Restore (ISA 3000)

On the ISA 3000, you can configure automatic backups to a particular location every time you save your configuration using **write memory**.

Automatic restore lets you easily configure new devices with a complete configuration loaded on an SD flash memory card. Automatic restore is enabled in the default factory configuration.

Configure Automatic Backup (ISA 3000)

On the ISA 3000, you can configure automatic backups to a particular location every time you save your configuration using **write memory**.

Before you begin

This feature is only available on the ISA 3000.

Procedure

Step 1 Set the back-up package parameters:

backup-package backup [**interface** *name*] **location** {**disk***n***:** | *url*} [**passphrase** *string*]

- **interface** *name*—Specifies the interface to reach the backup URL, if you specify off-device storage. If you do not specify the interface name, the ASA checks the management-only routing table; if there are no matches, it then checks the data routing table.
- **location** {**disk***n***:** | *url*}—Specifies the storage medium to be used for backing up data. You can specify a URL or local storage. disk0 is the internal flash drive. disk1 is an optional USB memory stick on USB 1. disk2 is an optional USB memory stick on USB 2. And disk3 is the SD memory card. Note that the default settings for automatic restore use disk3.
- **passphrase** *string*—Sets the passphrase to secure the backed-up data. Note that the default settings for automatic restore use "cisco" as the passphrase.

These settings are also used by default with the manual **backup** command. See Back Up the System, on page 23. Note that if you use the manual **backup** command when you have automatic backup or restore enabled, then the system saves a backup file with the specified name, as well as the "auto-backup-asa.tgz" name used by automatic backup and restore.

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# backup-package backup location disk3: passphrase cisco
```

Step 2 Enable automatic mode for back-up and restore:

backup-package backup auto

When you save the configuration using **write memory**, the configuration is automatically saved to the backup location as well as to the startup configuration. The backup file has the name "auto-backup-asa.tgz". To disable automatic backups, use the **no** form of the command.

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# backup-package backup auto
```

Configure Automatic Restore (ISA 3000)

Automatic restore mode restores the system configuration on a device without any user intervention. For example, you insert an SD memory card containing a saved backup configuration into a new device and then power the device on. When the device comes up, it checks the SD card to decide if the system configuration needs to be restored. (The restoration is only initiated if the backup file has the "fingerprint" of a different device. The fingerprint of the backup file is updated to match the current device during a backup or restore operation. So if the device has already completed a restore, or if it has created its own backup, then the automatic restore is skipped.) If the fingerprint shows a restoration is required, the device replaces the system configuration (startup-config, running-config, SSL VPN configuration, and so on; see Back Up the System, on page 23 for details about the contents of the backup). When the device finishes booting, it is running the saved configuration.

Automatic restore is enabled in the default factory configuration, so you can easily configure new devices with a complete configuration loaded on an SD memory card without having to perform any pre-configuration of the device.

Because the device needs to decide early in the boot process if the system configuration needs to be restored, it checks ROMMON variables to determine if the device is in automatic restore mode and to obtain the location of the backup configuration. The following ROMMON variables are used:

- **RESTORE_MODE =** {**auto** | **manual**}

  The default is **auto**.

- **RESTORE_LOCATION =** {**disk0:** | **disk1:** | **disk2:** | **disk3:**}

  The default is **disk3:**.

- **RESTORE_PASSPHRASE =** *key*

  The default is **cisco**.

To change the automatic restore settings, complete the following procedure.

Before you begin

- This feature is only available on the ISA 3000.

- If you use the default restore settings, you need an SD memory card installed (part number SD-IE-1GB=).
- If you need to restore the default configuration to ensure that automatic restore is enabled, use the **configure factory default** command. This command is only available in transparent firewall mode, so if you are in routed firewall mode, use the **firewall transparent** command first.

Procedure

Step 1 Set the restore package parameters.

backup-package restore location {**disk***n***:** | *url*} [**passphrase** *string*]

- **location disk***n***:**—Specifies the storage medium to be used for restoring data. disk0 is the internal flash drive. disk1 is an optional USB memory stick on USB 1. disk2 is an optional USB memory stick on USB 2. And disk3 is the SD memory card. The default is disk3.
- **passphrase** *string*—Sets the passphrase to read the backed-up data. The default is "cisco".

These settings are also used by default with the manual **restore** command. See Back Up the System, on page 23.

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# backup-package restore location disk1: passphrase $upe3rnatural
```

Step 2 Enable or disable automatic mode for restore.

[**no**] **backup-package restore auto**

The name of the file that is restored is "auto-backup-asa.tgz".

Example:

```
ciscoasa(config)# no backup-package restore auto
```

Back up the Single Mode Configuration or Multiple Mode System Configuration

In single context mode or from the system configuration in multiple mode, you can copy the startup configuration or running configuration to an external server or to the local flash memory.

Before you begin

(Optional) Specify the interface through which the ASA communicates with the server. If you do not specify the interface, the ASA checks the management-only routing table; if there are no matches, it then checks the data routing table.

Procedure

Back up the configuring using one of the following server types:

- Copy to a TFTP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] {**startup-config** | **running-config**} **tftp://***server*[*/path*]*/dst_filename*

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy running-config tftp://10.1.1.67/files/new-running.cfg
  ```

- Copy to an FTP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] {**startup-config** | **running-config**} **ftp://**[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/dst_filename*

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy startup-config ftp://jcrichton:aeryn@10.1.1.67/files/new-startup.cfg
  ```

- Copy to an SMB server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] {**startup-config** | **running-config**} **smb://**[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/dst_filename*

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy /noconfirm running-config smb://chiana:dargo@10.1.1.67/new-running.cfg
  ```

- Copy to a SCP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] {**startup-config** | **running-config**} **scp://**[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/dst_filename*[**;int=***interface_name*]

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy startup-config
  scp://pilot:moya@10.86.94.170/new-startup.cfg
  ```

  The **;int=***interface* option bypasses the route lookup and always uses the specified interface to reach the SCP server.

- Copy to the local flash memory:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] {**startup-config** | **running-config**} {**disk0**|**disk1**}**:/**[*path/*]*dst_filename*

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy /noconfirm running-config disk0:/new-running.cfg
  ```

Be sure that the destination directory exists. If it does not exist, first create the directory using the **mkdir** command.

Back Up a Context Configuration or Other File in Flash Memory

Copy context configurations or other files that are on the local flash memory by entering one of the following commands in the system execution space.

Before you begin

(Optional) Specify the interface through which the ASA communicates with the server. If you do not specify the interface, the ASA checks the management-only routing table; if there are no matches, it then checks the data routing table.

Procedure

Back up a context configuration using one of the following server types:

- Copy from flash to a TFTP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] {**disk0**|**disk1**}**:/**[*path*/]*src_filename* **tftp://***server*[*/path*]*/dst_filename*

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy disk0:/asa-os.bin tftp://10.1.1.67/files/asa-os.bin
  ```

- Copy from flash to an FTP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] {**disk0**|**disk1**}**:/**[*path*/]*src_filename*
  ftp://[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/dst_filename*

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy disk0:/asa-os.bin ftp://jcrichton:aeryn@10.1.1.67/files/asa-os.bin
  ```

- Copy from flash to an SMB server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] {**disk0**|**disk1**}**:/**[*path*/]*src_filename*
  smb://[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/dst_filename*

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy /noconfirm copy disk0:/asdm.bin
  smb://chiana:dargo@10.1.1.67/asdm.bin
  ```

- Copy from flash to SCP server:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] [*interface_name*] {**disk0**|**disk1**}**:/**[*path*/]*src_filename*
  scp://[*user*[**:***password*]**@**]*server*[*/path*]*/dst_filename*[**;int=***interface_name*]

Example:

```
ciscoasa# copy disk0:/context1.cfg
scp://pilot:moya@10.86.94.170/context1.cfg
```

The **;int=***interface* option bypasses the route lookup and always uses the specified interface to reach the SCP server.

- Copy from flash to the local flash memory:

  copy [**/noconfirm**] {**disk0**|**disk1**}**:/**[*path*/]*src_filename* {**disk0**|**disk1**}**:/**[*path*/]*dst_filename*

  Example:

  ```
  ciscoasa# copy /noconfirm disk1:/file1.cfg disk0:/file1.cfgnew-running.cfg
  ```

  Be sure that the destination directory exists. If it does not exist, first create the directory using the **mkdir** command.

Back Up a Context Configuration within a Context

In multiple context mode, from within a context, you can perform the following backups.

Procedure

Step 1 Copy the running configuration to the startup configuration location (if on a remote server, it is connected to the admin context). The startip configuration location is specified by the **config-url** command.

copy running-config startup-config

Example:

```
ciscoasa/contexta# copy running-config startup-config
```

Step 2 Copy the running configuration to an FTP or TFTP server connected to the *context* network.

copy running-config {**ftp** | **tftp**}**://***url*/*dest_filename*

See the **copy** command help for exact URL options.

If you enable private storage (**storage-url private**), other server options are available..

Example:

```
ciscoasa/contexta# copy running-config tftp:/10.89.6.8/configs/1010-1.cfg
```

Copy the Configuration from the Terminal Display

Procedure

Step 1 Print the configuration to the terminal:

more system:running-config

Step 2 Copy the output from this command, and then paste the configuration into a text file.

Back Up Additional Files Using the Export and Import Commands

Additional files essential to your configuration might include the following:

- Files that you import using the **import webvpn** command. Currently, these files include customizations, URL lists, web content, plug-ins, and language translations.
- DAP policies (dap.xml).
- CSD configurations (data.xml).
- Digital keys and certificates.
- Local CA user database and certificate status files.

The CLI lets you back up and restore individual elements of your configuration using the **export** and **import** commands.

To back up these files, for example, those files that you imported with the **import webvpn** command or certificates, perform the following steps.

Procedure

Step 1 Run the applicable **show** command(s) as follows:

```
ciscoasa # show import webvpn plug-in
ica
rdp
ssh, telnet
vnc
```

Step 2 Run the **export** command for the file that you want to back up (in this example, the rdp file):

```
ciscoasa # export webvpn plug-in protocol rdp tftp://tftpserver/backupfilename
```

Use a Script to Back Up and Restore Files

You can use a script to back up and restore the configuration files on your ASA, including all extensions that you import via the **import webvpn** CLI, the CSD configuration XML files, and the DAP configuration XML file. For security reasons, we do not recommend that you perform automated backups of digital keys and certificates or the local CA key.

This section provides instructions for doing so and includes a sample script that you can use as is or modify as your environment requires. The sample script is specific to a Linux system. To use it for a Microsoft Windows system, you need to modify it using the logic of the sample.



Note You can alternatively use the **backup** and **restore** commands. See Perform a Complete System Backup or Restoration, on page 22 for more information.

Before You Begin Using Backup and Restore Scripts

To use a script to back up and restore an ASA configuration, first perform the following tasks:

- Install Perl with an Expect module.
- Install an SSH client that can reach the ASA.
- Install a TFTP server to send files from the ASA to the backup site.

Another option is to use a commercially available tool. You can put the logic of this script into such a tool.

Run the Script

To run a backup-and-restore script, perform the following steps.

Procedure

Step 1 Download or cut-and-paste the script file to any location on your system.

Step 2 At the command line, enter **Perl***scriptname*, where *scriptname* is the name of the script file.

Step 3 Press **Enter**.

Step 4 The system prompts you for values for each option. Alternatively, you can enter values for the options when you enter the **Perl***scriptname* command before you press **Enter**. Either way, the script requires that you enter a value for each option.

Step 5 The script starts running, printing out the commands that it issues, which provides you with a record of the CLIs. You can use these CLIs for a later restore, which is particularly useful if you want to restore only one or two files.

Sample Script

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
#Description: The objective of this script is to show how to back up
```

```
configurations/extensions.
# It currently backs up the running configuration, all extensions imported via "import
webvpn" command, the CSD configuration XML file, and the DAP configuration XML file.
#Requirements: Perl with Expect, SSH to the ASA, and a TFTP server.
#Usage: backupasa -option option_value
#       -h: ASA hostname or IP address
#       -u: User name to log in via SSH
#       -w: Password to log in via SSH
#       -e: The Enable password on the security appliance
#       -p: Global configuration mode prompt
#       -s: Host name or IP address of the TFTP server to store the configurations
#       -r: Restore with an argument that specifies the file name. This file is produced
during backup.
#If you don't enter an option, the script will prompt for it prior to backup.
#
#Make sure that you can SSH to the ASA.

use Expect;
use Getopt::Std;

#global variables
%options=();
$restore = 0; #does backup by default
$restore_file = '';
$asa = '';
$storage = '';
$user = '';
$password = '';
$enable = '';
$prompt = '';
$date = `date +%F`;
chop($date);
my $exp = new Expect();

getopts("h:u:p:w:e:s:r:",\%options);
do process_options();

do login($exp);
do enable($exp);
if ($restore) {
   do restore($exp,$restore_file);
}
else {
   $restore_file = "$prompt-restore-$date.cli";
   open(OUT,">$restore_file") or die "Can't open $restore_file\n";
   do running_config($exp);
   do lang_trans($exp);
   do customization($exp);
   do plugin($exp);
   do url_list($exp);
   do webcontent($exp);
   do dap($exp);
   do csd($exp);
   close(OUT);
}
do finish($exp);

sub enable {
   $obj = shift;
   $obj->send("enable\n");
   unless ($obj->expect(15, 'Password:')) {
      print "timed out waiting for Password:\n";
   }
   $obj->send("$enable\n");
```

```
   unless ($obj->expect(15, "$prompt#")) {
      print "timed out waiting for $prompt#\n";
   }
}

sub lang_trans {
   $obj = shift;
   $obj->clear_accum();
   $obj->send("show import webvpn translation-table\n");
   $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
   $output = $obj->before();
   @items = split(/\n+/, $output);

   for (@items) {
     s/^\s+//;
     s/\s+$//;
     next if /show import/ or /Translation Tables/;
     next unless (/^.+\s+.+$/);
     ($lang, $transtable) = split(/\s+/,$_);
     $cli = "export webvpn translation-table $transtable language $lang
$storage/$prompt-$date-$transtable-$lang.po";
     $ocli = $cli;
     $ocli =~ s/^export/import/;
     print "$cli\n";
     print OUT "$ocli\n";
     $obj->send("$cli\n");
     $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
   }
}

sub running_config {
  $obj = shift;
  $obj->clear_accum();
  $cli ="copy /noconfirm running-config $storage/$prompt-$date.cfg";
  print "$cli\n";
  $obj->send("$cli\n");
  $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
}


sub customization {
  $obj = shift;
  $obj->clear_accum();
  $obj->send("show import webvpn customization\n");
  $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
  $output = $obj->before();
  @items = split(/\n+/, $output);

  for (@items) {
    chop;
    next if /^Template/ or /show import/ or /^\s*$/;
    $cli = "export webvpn customization $_ $storage/$prompt-$date-cust-$_.xml";
    $ocli = $cli;
    $ocli =~ s/^export/import/;
    print "$cli\n";
    print OUT "$ocli\n";
    $obj->send("$cli\n");
    $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
  }
}

sub plugin {
   $obj = shift;
   $obj->clear_accum();
```

```
   $obj->send("show import webvpn plug-in\n");
   $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
   $output = $obj->before();
   @items = split(/\n+/, $output);

   for (@items) {
     chop;
     next if /^Template/ or /show import/ or /^\s*$/;
     $cli = "export webvpn plug-in protocol $_ $storage/$prompt-$date-plugin-$_.jar";
     $ocli = $cli;
     $ocli =~ s/^export/import/;
     print "$cli\n";
     print OUT "$ocli\n";
     $obj->send("$cli\n");
     $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
   }
}

sub url_list {
   $obj = shift;
   $obj->clear_accum();
   $obj->send("show import webvpn url-list\n");
   $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
   $output = $obj->before();
   @items = split(/\n+/, $output);

   for (@items) {
     chop;
     next if /^Template/ or /show import/ or /^\s*$/ or /No bookmarks/;
     $cli="export webvpn url-list $_ $storage/$prompt-$date-urllist-$_.xml";
     $ocli = $cli;
     $ocli =~ s/^export/import/;
     print "$cli\n";
     print OUT "$ocli\n";
     $obj->send("$cli\n");
     $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
   }
}

sub dap {
   $obj = shift;
   $obj->clear_accum();
   $obj->send("dir dap.xml\n");
   $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );

   $output = $obj->before();
   return 0 if($output =~ /Error/);

   $cli="copy /noconfirm dap.xml $storage/$prompt-$date-dap.xml";
   $ocli="copy /noconfirm $storage/$prompt-$date-dap.xml disk0:/dap.xml";
   print "$cli\n";
   print OUT "$ocli\n";
   $obj->send("$cli\n");
   $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
}

sub csd {
   $obj = shift;
   $obj->clear_accum();
   $obj->send("dir sdesktop\n");
   $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );

   $output = $obj->before();
   return 0 if($output =~ /Error/);
```

```
   $cli="copy /noconfirm sdesktop/data.xml $storage/$prompt-$date-data.xml";
   $ocli="copy /noconfirm $storage/$prompt-$date-data.xml disk0:/sdesktop/data.xml";
   print "$cli\n";
   print OUT "$ocli\n";
   $obj->send("$cli\n");
   $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
}

sub webcontent {
   $obj = shift;
   $obj->clear_accum();
   $obj->send("show import webvpn webcontent\n");
   $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
   $output = $obj->before();
   @items = split(/\n+/, $output);

   for (@items) {
     s/^\s+//;
     s/\s+$//;
     next if /show import/ or /No custom/;
     next unless (/^.+\s+.+$/);
     ($url, $type) = split(/\s+/,$_);
     $turl = $url;
     $turl =~ s/\/\+//;
     $turl =~ s/\+\//-/;
     $cli = "export webvpn webcontent $url $storage/$prompt-$date-$turl";
     $ocli = $cli;
     $ocli =~ s/^export/import/;
     print "$cli\n";
     print OUT "$ocli\n";
     $obj->send("$cli\n");
     $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
   }
}

sub login {
    $obj = shift;
    $obj->raw_pty(1);
    $obj->log_stdout(0); #turn off console logging.
    $obj->spawn("/usr/bin/ssh $user\@$asa") or die "can't spawn ssh\n";
    unless ($obj->expect(15, "password:" )) {
        die "timeout waiting for password:\n";
    }

    $obj->send("$password\n");

    unless ($obj->expect(15, "$prompt>" )) {
        die "timeout waiting for $prompt>\n";
    }
}

sub finish {
    $obj = shift;
    $obj->hard_close();
    print "\n\n";

}

sub restore {
   $obj = shift;
   my $file = shift;
   my $output;
   open(IN,"$file") or die "can't open $file\n";
```

```
   while (<IN>) {
      $obj->send("$_");
      $obj->expect(15, "$prompt#" );
      $output = $obj->before();
      print "$output\n";
   }
   close(IN);
}

sub process_options {
  if (defined($options{s})) {
      $tstr= $options{s};
      $storage = "tftp://$tstr";
  }
  else {
      print "Enter TFTP host name or IP address:";
      chop($tstr=<>);
      $storage = "tftp://$tstr";
  }
  if (defined($options{h})) {
      $asa = $options{h};
  }
  else {
      print "Enter ASA host name or IP address:";
      chop($asa=<>);
  }

  if (defined ($options{u})) {
      $user= $options{u};
  }
  else {
      print "Enter user name:";
      chop($user=<>);
  }

  if (defined ($options{w})) {
      $password= $options{w};
  }
  else {
      print "Enter password:";
      chop($password=<>);
  }
  if (defined ($options{p})) {
      $prompt= $options{p};
  }
  else {
      print "Enter ASA prompt:";
      chop($prompt=<>);
  }
  if (defined ($options{e})) {
      $enable = $options{e};
  }
  else {
      print "Enter enable password:";
      chop($enable=<>);
  }

  if (defined ($options{r})) {
     $restore = 1;
     $restore_file = $options{r};
  }
}
```

History for Software and Configurations

Feature Name	Platform Releases	Feature Information
Secure Copy client and server	9.1(5)/9.2(1)	The ASA now supports the Secure Copy (SCP) client and server to transfer files to and from a SCP server. We introduced the following commands: **ssh pubkey-chain**, **server (ssh pubkey-chain)**, **key-string**, **key-hash**, **ssh stricthostkeycheck**. We modified the following command: **copy scp**.
Configurable SSH encryption and integrity ciphers	9.1(7)/9.4(3)/9.5(3)/9.6(1)	Users can select cipher modes when doing SSH encryption management and can configure HMAC and encryption for varying key exchange algorithms. You might want to change the ciphers to be more or less strict, depending on your application. Note that the performance of secure copy depends partly on the encryption cipher used. By default, the ASA negotiates one of the following algorithms in order: 3des-cbc aes128-cbc aes192-cbc aes256-cbc aes128-ctr aes192-ctr aes256-ctr. If the first algorithm proposed (3des-cbc) is chosen, then the performance is much slower than a more efficient algorithm such as aes128-cbc. To change the proposed ciphers, use **ssh cipher encryption custom aes128-cbc**, for example. We introduced the following commands: **ssh cipher encryption**, **ssh cipher integrity**
Auto Update server certificate verification enabled by default	9.2(1)	The Auto Update server certificate verification is now enabled by default; for new configurations, you must explicitly disable certificate verification. If you are upgrading from an earlier release, and you did not enable certificate verification, then certificate verification is not enabled, and you see the following warning: `WARNING: The certificate provided by the auto-update servers will not be verified. In order to verify this certificate please use the verify-certificate option.` The configuration will be migrated to explicitly configure no verification. **auto-update server no-verification** We modified the following command: **auto-update server** {**verify-certificate** | **no-verification**}.

Feature Name	Platform Releases	Feature Information
System backup and restore using the CLI	9.3(2)	You can now back up and restore complete system configurations, including images and certificates, using the CLI. We introduced the following commands: **backup** and **restore**.
Recovering and loading a new ASA 5506W-X image	9.4(1)	We now support the recovery and loading of a new ASA 5506W-X image. We introduced the following command: **hw-module module wlan recover image**.
Automatic Backup and Restore for the ISA 3000	9.7(1)	You can enable auto-backup and/or auto-restore functionality using pre-set parameters in the backup and restore commands. The use cases for these features include initial configuration from external media; device replacement; roll back to an operable state. We introduced the following commands: **backup-package location, backup-package auto, show backup-package status, show backup-package summary**