

Configure Passive Authentication with Remote Access VPN login on Firepower Device Manager

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Introduction

This document describes how to configure Passive Authentication on the Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) via the Firepower Device Manager (FDM) with Remote Access VPN logins (RA VPN) with AnyConnect.

Prerequisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- Firepower Device Manager.
- Remote Access VPN.
- Identity Policy.

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- Firepower Threat Defense (FTD) version 7.0
- Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client version 4.10
- Active Directory (AD)

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Background Information

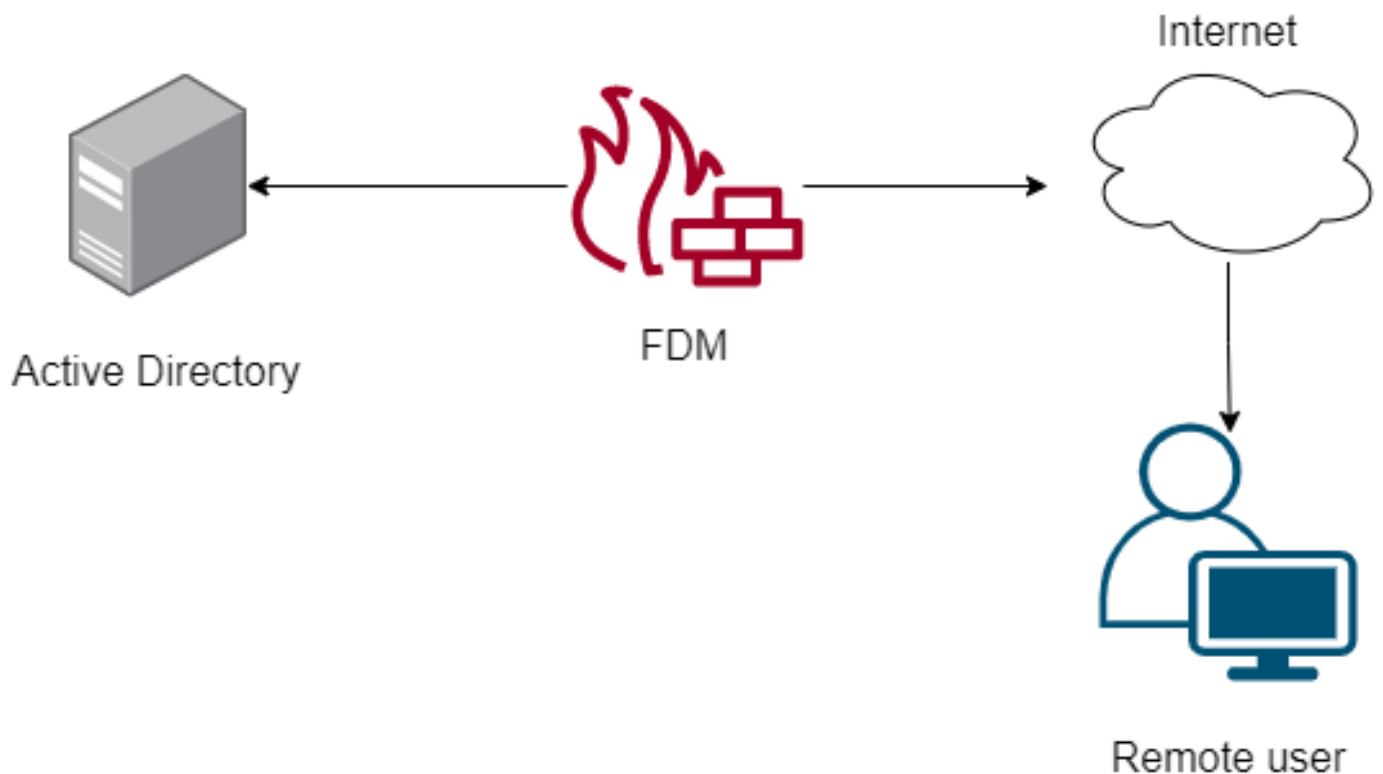
Identity Policy can detect users that are associated with a connection. The method used is Passive Authentication since the user identity is obtained from other authentication services (LDAP).

In FDM, Passive Authentication can work with two different options:

- Remote Access VPN logins
- Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE)

Configuration

Network Diagram



This section describes how to configure Passive Authentication on FDM.

Step 1. Configure the Identity Source

Whether you collect user identity actively (by the prompt for user authentication) or passively, you need to configure the Active Directory (AD) server that has the user identity information.

Navigate to **Objects > Identity Services** and select the option **AD** to add the Active Directory.

Add the Active Directory configuration:

! Identity Realm is used for Identity Policies and Remote Access VPN. Any changes impact all features that use this realm.

Name	AnyConnect_LDAP	Type	Active Directory (AD) ▼
Directory Username	brazil <small>e.g. user@example.com</small>	Directory Password
Base DN	CN=Users,dc=cmonterr,dc=local <small>e.g. ou=user, dc=example, dc=com</small>	AD Primary Domain	cmonterr.local <small>e.g. example.com</small>
Directory Server Configuration			
192.168.26.202:389			Test ▼
Add another configuration			
		CANCEL	OK

Step 2. Configure the RA VPN

Remote Access VPN configuration can be reviewed in this [link](#)

Step 3. Configure the Authentication Method for RA VPN users

In the RA VPN configuration, select the authentication method. The Primary Identity Source for User Authentication must be the AD.

Primary Identity Source	
Authentication Type	
AAA Only ▼	
Primary Identity Source for User Authentication	Fallback Local Identity Source ⚠
AnyConnect_LDAP ▼	LocalIdentitySource ▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strip Identity Source server from username	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strip Group from Username	

Note: In the Global Settings of the RA VPN, uncheck the Bypass Access Control Policy for

decrypted traffic (**sysopt permit-vpn**) option to allow the possibility to use Access Control Policy to inspect traffic which comes from the AnyConnect users.

The screenshot shows a configuration page for a VPN. At the top, there are two dropdown menus: 'Certificate of Device Identity' set to 'AnyConnect_VPN' and 'Outside Interface' set to 'outside (GigabitEthernet0/0)'. Below these are two input fields: 'Fully-qualified Domain Name for the Outside Interface' with 'fdm.ravpn' and a note 'e.g. ravpn.example.com', and 'Port' with '443' and a note 'e.g. 8080'. A section titled 'Access Control for VPN Traffic' contains a paragraph of text and a checkbox labeled 'Bypass Access Control policy for decrypted traffic (sysopt permit-vpn)', which is highlighted with a red box. Below this is a 'NAT Exempt' section with an orange toggle switch turned on. Underneath are two columns: 'Inside Interfaces' with a '+' button and a field containing 'inside (GigabitEthernet0/1)', and 'Inside Networks' with a '+' button and a field containing 'FDM_Local_network'.

Step 4. Configure the Identity Policy for Passive Authentication

You need to create the Identity policy in order to configure Passive authentication, the policy must have the below elements:

- AD Identity Source: The same you add in step number 1
- Action: PASSIVE AUTH

In order to configure the Identity rule, navigate to **Policies>Identity >select[+]** button to add a new Identity rule.

- Define the source and destination subnets where passive authentication applies.

Order: 1, Title: AnyConnect, AD Identity Source: AnyConnect_LDAP, Action: Passive Auth

PASSIVE AUTHENTICATION
For all types of connections, obtain user identity from other authentication services without prompting for username and password.

With Identity Sources: Anyconnect

SOURCE			DESTINATION		
Zones	Networks	Ports	Zones	Networks	Ports
ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY

Step 5. Create the Access Control Rule into the Access Control Policy

Configure the Access Control rule to allow or block traffic based on users.

#	NAME	ACTION	SOURCE			DESTINATION			APPLICATIONS	URLS	USERS	ACTIONS
			ZONES	NETWORKS	PORTS	ZONES	NETWORKS	PORTS				
> 1	Inside_Outside...	Allow	inside_zone	ANY	ANY	outside_zone	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	brazil	

In order to configure the users or users group to have passive authentication, select the Users tab. You can add a user group or individual user.

Order: 1, Title: Inside_Outside_Rule, Action: Allow

Source/Destination | Applications | URLs | **Users** | Intrusion Policy | File policy | Logging

AVAILABLE USERS: AnyConnect_LDAP \ administrator, AnyConnect_LDAP \ brazil, AnyConnect_LDAP \ calo-maintenance

CONTROLLING ACCESS FOR USERS AND USER GROUPS

If you configure identity policies to establish user identity based on source IP address, you can control access based on user name or user group membership. By controlling access based on user identity, you can apply the appropriate access controls whether the user changes workstations or obtains a different address through DHCP. If you base rules on group membership, user network access changes as users change roles in your organization, moving from one group to another.

Deploy the changes.

Verification

Verify that the test connection with the AD is successful

! Identity Realm is used for Identity Policies and Remote Access VPN. Any changes impact all features that use this realm.

Name

AnyConnect_LDAP

Type

Active Directory (AD)

Directory Username

brazil

e.g. user@example.com

Directory Password

.....

Base DN

CN=Users,dc=cmonterr,dc=local

e.g. ou=user, dc=example, dc=com

AD Primary Domain

cmonterr.local

e.g. example.com

Directory Server Configuration

 192.168.26.202:389

Hostname / IP Address

192.168.26.202

e.g. ad.example.com

Port

389

Interface

inside (GigabitEthernet0/1)

Encryption

NONE

Trusted CA certificate

Please select a certificate

TEST

✓ Connection to realm is successful


[Add another configuration](#)

CANCEL

OK

Verify that the remote user can log in with the AnyConnect client with their AD credentials.

Cisco AnyConnect | 192.168.27.44




Group:

Username:

Password:

OK Cancel




Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client



VPN:
Connected to 192.168.27.44.

Disconnect

00:00:58 IPv4

Verify that the user gets an IP address of the VPN pool

```
firepower# show vpn-sessiondb anyconnect filter name brazil
Session Type: AnyConnect
Username      : brazil                               Index      : 23
Assigned IP   : 192.168.19.1                         Public IP   : 192.168.27.40
Protocol      : AnyConnect-Parent SSL-Tunnel
License       : AnyConnect Premium
Encryption    : AnyConnect-Parent: (1)none  SSL-Tunnel: (1)AES-GCM-256
Hashing       : AnyConnect-Parent: (1)none  SSL-Tunnel: (1)SHA384
Bytes Tx      : 15818                               Bytes Rx    : 2494
Group Policy  : DfltGrpPolicy                       Tunnel Group : Anyconnect
Login Time    : 13:22:20 UTC Wed Jul 21 2021
Duration      : 0h:00m:13s
Inactivity    : 0h:00m:00s
VLAN Mapping  : N/A                                VLAN        : none
Audt Sess ID  : 000000000001700060f81f8c
Security Grp  : none                               Tunnel Zone : 0
firepower#
```

Troubleshoot

You can use the **user_map_query.pl** script to validate that the FDM has the user ip mapping

```
root@firepower:~# user_map_query.pl -u brazil
WARNING: This script was not tested on this major version (7.0.0)! The results may be unexpected.
Current Time: 07/21/2021 13:23:38 UTC
Getting information on username(s)...

User #1: brazil
---
ID: 5
Last Seen: 07/21/2021 13:22:20 UTC
for_policy: 1

=====
| Database |
=====

##) IP Address
1) ::ffff:192.168.19.1

##) Group Name (ID)
1) Domain Users (11)
root@firepower:~# user_map_query.pl -i 192.168.19.1
WARNING: This script was not tested on this major version (7.0.0)! The results may be unexpected.
Current Time: 07/21/2021 13:23:50 UTC
Getting information on IP Address(es)...

IP #1: 192.168.19.1
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=====
| Database |
=====

##) Username (ID)
1) brazil (5)
   for_policy: 1
   Last Seen: 07/21/2021 13:22:20 UTC
root@firepower:~#
```

On clish mode you can configure:

system support identity-debug to verify if redirection is successful.

```
> system support identity-debug
Enable firewall-engine-debug too? [n]: y
Please specify an IP protocol:
Please specify a client IP address: 192.168.19.1
Please specify a client port:
Please specify a server IP address:
Please specify a server port:
Monitoring identity and firewall debug messages

192.168.19.1-62757 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules
params) with zones 2 -> 2, port 62757 -> 53, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-62757 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-62757 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp src
192.168.19.1-62757 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp dst
192.168.19.1-62757 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 matched auth rule id = 130027046 user_id = 5
realm_id = 3
192.168.19.1-62757 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 new firewall session
192.168.19.1-62757 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 using HW or preset rule order 2,
'Inside_Outside_Rule', action Allow and prefilter rule 0
192.168.19.1-62757 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 HitCount data sent for rule id: 268435458,
192.168.19.1-62757 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 allow action
192.168.19.1-62757 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules params)
with zones 2 -> 2, port 62757 -> 53, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-62757 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Retrieved ABP info:
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192.168.19.1-62757 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 allow action
192.168.19.1-53015 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules
params) with zones 2 -> 2, port 53015 -> 443, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-53015 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-53015 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 abp src
192.168.19.1-53015 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 abp dst
192.168.19.1-53015 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 matched auth rule id = 130027046 user_id = 5
realm_id = 3
192.168.19.1-53015 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 new firewall session
192.168.19.1-53015 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 using HW or preset rule order 2,
'Inside_Outside_Rule', action Allow and prefilter rule 0
192.168.19.1-53015 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 HitCount data sent for rule id: 268435458,
192.168.19.1-53015 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 allow action
192.168.19.1-52166 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 1 deleting firewall session flags = 0x10001,
fwFlags = 0x102, session->logFlags = 010001
192.168.19.1-65207 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules
params) with zones 2 -> 2, port 65207 -> 53, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-65207 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-65207 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 abp src
192.168.19.1-65207 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 abp dst
192.168.19.1-65207 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 matched auth rule id = 130027046 user_id = 5
realm_id = 3
192.168.19.1-65207 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 new firewall session
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'Inside_Outside_Rule', action Allow and prefilter rule 0
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192.168.19.1-65207 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 allow action
192.168.19.1-65207 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules params)
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with zones 2 -> 2, port 65207 -> 53, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-65207 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-65207 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp src
192.168.19.1-65207 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp dst
192.168.19.1-65207 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 matched auth rule id = 130027046 user_id = 5
realm_id = 3
192.168.19.1-65207 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 new firewall session
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'Inside_Outside_Rule', action Allow and prefilter rule 0
192.168.19.1-65207 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 HitCount data sent for rule id: 268435458,
192.168.19.1-65207 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 allow action
192.168.19.1-65209 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules params)
with zones 2 -> 2, port 65209 -> 53, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-65209 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-65209 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp src
192.168.19.1-65209 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp dst
192.168.19.1-65209 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 matched auth rule id = 130027046 user_id = 5
realm_id = 3
192.168.19.1-65209 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 new firewall session
192.168.19.1-65209 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 using HW or preset rule order 2,
'Inside_Outside_Rule', action Allow and prefilter rule 0
192.168.19.1-65209 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 HitCount data sent for rule id: 268435458,
192.168.19.1-65209 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 allow action
192.168.19.1-65211 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules
params) with zones 2 -> 2, port 65211 -> 53, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-65211 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-65211 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 abp src
192.168.19.1-65211 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 abp dst
192.168.19.1-65211 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 matched auth rule id = 130027046 user_id = 5
realm_id = 3
192.168.19.1-65211 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 new firewall session
192.168.19.1-65211 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 using HW or preset rule order 2,
'Inside_Outside_Rule', action Allow and prefilter rule 0
192.168.19.1-65211 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 HitCount data sent for rule id: 268435458,
192.168.19.1-65211 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 allow action
192.168.19.1-61823 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules
params) with zones 2 -> 2, port 61823 -> 53, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-61823 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-61823 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 abp src
192.168.19.1-61823 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 abp dst
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192.168.19.1-61823 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules params)
with zones 2 -> 2, port 61823 -> 53, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-61823 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-61823 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp src
192.168.19.1-61823 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp dst
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'Inside_Outside_Rule', action Allow and prefilter rule 0
192.168.19.1-61823 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 HitCount data sent for rule id: 268435458,
192.168.19.1-61823 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 allow action
192.168.19.1-57747 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 deleting firewall session flags = 0x10001,
fwFlags = 0x102, session->logFlags = 010001
192.168.19.1-57747 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Logging EOF as part of session delete with
rule_id = 268435458 ruleAction = 2 ruleReason = 0
192.168.19.1-57747 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 deleting firewall session flags = 0x10001, fwFlags

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= 0x102, session->logFlags = 010001
192.168.19.1-57747 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Logging EOF as part of session delete with rule_id
= 268435458 ruleAction = 2 ruleReason = 0
192.168.19.1-53038 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules
params) with zones 2 -> 2, port 53038 -> 443, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-53038 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-53038 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 abp src
192.168.19.1-53038 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 abp dst
192.168.19.1-53038 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 matched auth rule id = 130027046 user_id = 5
realm_id = 3
192.168.19.1-53038 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 new firewall session
192.168.19.1-53038 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 using HW or preset rule order 2,
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192.168.19.1-53038 > 20.42.0.16-443 6 AS 1-1 I 0 allow action
192.168.19.1-57841 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 deleting firewall session flags = 0x10001,
fwFlags = 0x102, session->logFlags = 010001
192.168.19.1-57841 > 72.163.47.11-53 17 AS 1-1 I 1 Logging EOF as part of session delete with
rule_id = 268435458 ruleAction = 2 ruleReason = 0
192.168.19.1-57841 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 deleting firewall session flags = 0x10001, fwFlags
= 0x102, session->logFlags = 010001
192.168.19.1-57841 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Logging EOF as part of session delete with rule_id
= 268435458 ruleAction = 2 ruleReason = 0
192.168.19.1-64773 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Starting authentication (sfAuthCheckRules params)
with zones 2 -> 2, port 64773 -> 53, geo 14467064 -> 14467082
192.168.19.1-64773 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 Retrieved ABP info:
192.168.19.1-64773 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp src
192.168.19.1-64773 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 abp dst
192.168.19.1-64773 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 matched auth rule id = 130027046 user_id = 5
realm_id = 3
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192.168.19.1-64773 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 using HW or preset rule order 2,
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192.168.19.1-64773 > 8.8.8.8-53 17 AS 1-1 I 0 allow action
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Related information

Configure Remote Access VPN on FTD Managed by FDM

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security/anyconnect-secure-mobility-client/215532-configure-remote-access-vpn-on-ftd-manag.html>