Decryption and Inspection of Encrypted Traffic

High-performance protection from malicious use of encryption

According to the 2017 SonicWall Annual Threat Report, encrypted traffic now accounts for more than sixty percent of an organization’s total web communication. Although there are many benefits to encrypting internet sessions such as protecting the privacy and integrity of personal information for data exchange, we are also seeing a less positive trend emerge as malware writers exploit this encryption capability as a way of hiding their attacks from firewalls. Not only can attackers bypass firewalls and capitalize on blind spots to sneak in malware that opens doors directly into any network, they are also using TLS/SSL to hide command and control traffic to manipulate compromised systems from virtually anywhere. Organizations not inspecting encrypted traffic are missing a lot of the value of their firewall systems. They are unable to view what is inside that traffic, spot malware downloads, identify harmful files or see unauthorized transmission of privileged information to external systems.

Organizations can safeguard their networks from these security risks with SonicWall Deep Packet Inspection of SSL (DPI-SSL), an add-on service that is available on all SonicWall Next-Generation Firewall (NGFW) and Unified Threat Management (UTM) network security appliances. DPI-SSL provides advanced protection against encrypted threats using SonicWall’s patented Reassembly-Free Deep Packet Inspection engine, a full-stack stream inspection technology that scans a broad array of encryption protocols – including HTTPS, SMTPS, NNTPS, LDAPS, FTPS, TelnetS, IMAPS, IRCs, and POPS, regardless of the port being used.

The service decrypts TLS/SSL traffic, inspects it for threats and then re-encrypts it, sending it along to its destination if no threats or vulnerabilities are found. It is an invaluable service for providing critical security and application control and also for preventing data leakage.

This service provides critical security, application control and data leakage prevention for analyzing HTTPS and other SSL-encrypted traffic.

Benefits:
- Gain visibility into SSL/TLS encrypted traffic
- Block encrypted malware downloads
- Thwart C&C communication and data exfiltration
- Customize inclusion and exclusion lists for compliance or legal requirements
System requirements

SSL Inspection is available for all TZ Series appliances, Network Security Appliance and SuperMassive Series appliances.

SSL Inspection is available with the following SonicWall firewalls:

- SonicWall SOHO / SOHO W
- SonicWall TZ300 / TZ300 W
- SonicWall TZ400 / TZ400 W
- SonicWall TZ500 / TZ500 W
- SonicWall TZ600
- NSA 2600
- NSA 3600
- NSA 4600
- NSA 5600
- NSA 6600
- SuperMassive 9200
- SuperMassive 9400
- SuperMassive 9600
- SuperMassive 9800
- SuperMassive E10200
- SuperMassive E10400
- SuperMassive E10800

Features

Secure and simple setup — DPI-SSL decryption and inspection service protects users on the network with minimal configuration and complexity.

Inclusion/exclusion list — For high-traffic deployments, administrators can exclude trusted sources to maximize network performance. Additionally, administrators can target specific traffic for TLS/SSL inspection by customizing a list that specifies address, service or user objects or groups to conform to privacy and/or legal requirements.

Client deployment mode — Inspects TLS/SSL traffic when the client is on the firewall’s LAN and accesses content located on the WAN. After the appliance has decrypted and inspected the encrypted traffic, it re-writes the certificate sent by the remote server and signs the newly generated certificate with the user-specified certificate. By default, this is the appliance certificate authority (CA), although a different certificate can be selected.

Server deployment mode — Inspects TLS/SSL traffic when remote clients connect over the WAN to access content located on the firewall’s LAN, allowing the administrator to configure pairings of an address object and certificate. When the appliance detects TLS/SSL connections to the address object, it presents the paired certificate and negotiates TLS/SSL with the connecting client. In this scenario, the owner of the SonicWall next-generation firewall owns the certificates and private keys of the origin content servers.

Comprehensive support — Support includes intrusion prevention, malware prevention, application control, content/URL filtering, and prevention of malware command and control communication.

SSL Inspection — Client Deployment Mode

1. Client initiates TLS/SSL handshake with server
2. NGFW intercepts request and establishes session using its own certificates in place of server
3. NGFW initiates TLS/SSL handshake with server on behalf of client using admin defined TLS/SSL certificate
4. Server completes handshake and builds a secure tunnel between itself and NGFW
5. NGFW re-encrypts traffic and sends along to client
6. NGFW decrypts and inspect all traffic coming from or going to client for threats and policy violations
System requirements

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- NSA 220 / NSA 220 W
- NSA 250M / NSA 250MW
- NSA 240
- NSA 2400
- NSA 2400MX
- NSA 3500
- NSA 4500
- NSA 5000
- NSA E5500
- NSA E6500
- NSA E7500
- NSA E8500
- NSA E8510

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Over a 25 year history, SonicWall has been the industry's trusted security partner. From network security to access security to email security, SonicWall has continuously evolved its product portfolio, enabling organizations to innovate, accelerate and grow. With over a million security devices in almost 200 countries and territories worldwide, SonicWall enables its customers to confidently say yes to the future.