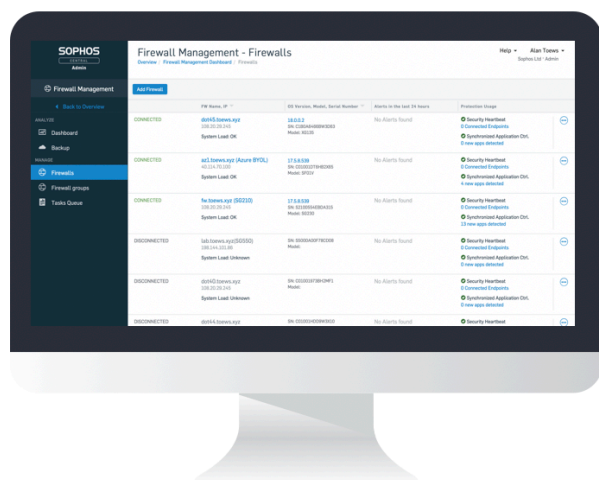


XG Firewall

Making the Most of New Sophos Central Management Features



New Sophos Central Management Features Mid-2019

Since XG Firewall joined Sophos Central earlier this year, a few new helpful features have been added that make day-to-day management of XG Firewall easier than ever:

- Management and storage of scheduled backups
- Firmware update management
- Zero-touch deployment of new XG Firewall appliances

This guide provides an overview and how you can make the most of these new Sophos Central features.

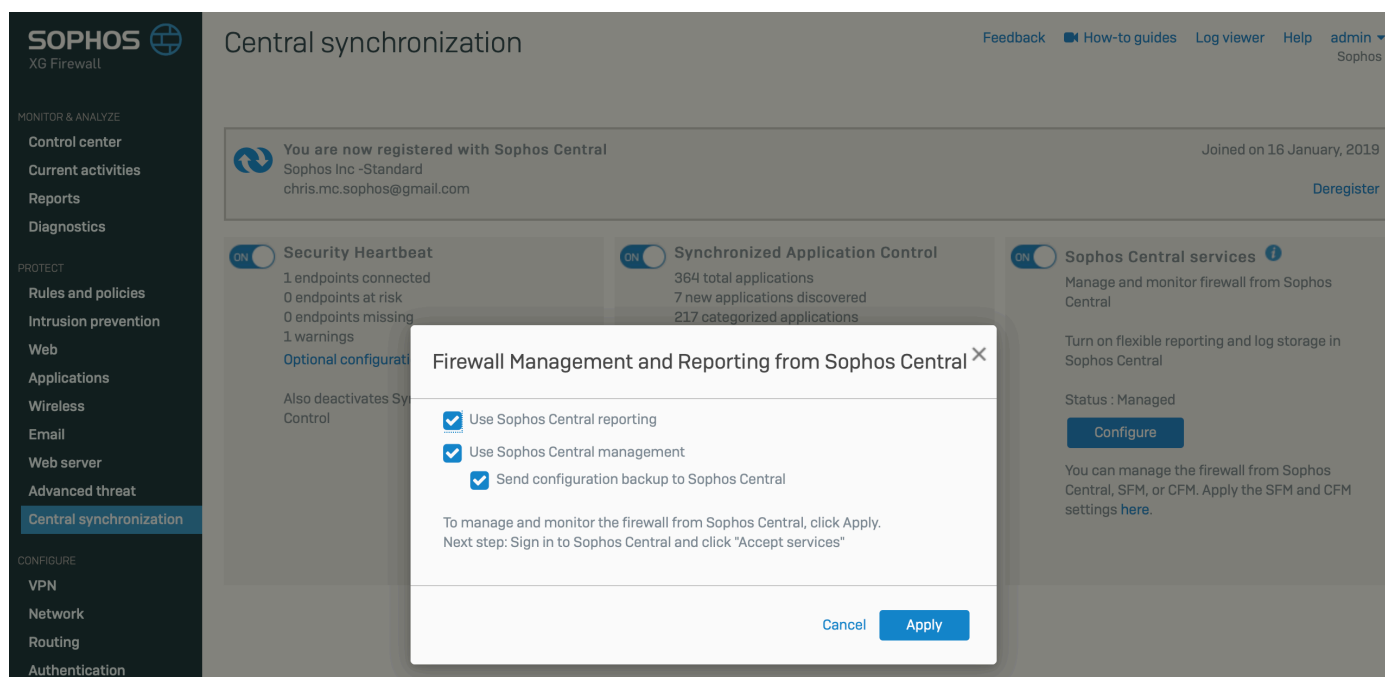
Backup Management

Sophos Central now includes a helpful new feature to centrally schedule and manage all your firewall configuration backups. XG Firewall v17.5 MR7 or later is required.

Here's how to take advantage of this great new feature:

(1) Enabling Sophos Central Backup Management

You can activate this feature in XG Firewall from the “Central Synchronization” menu. Under Sophos Central Services, click the “Configure” button, and then check the box to “Use Sophos Central Management”, and “Send configuration backups to Sophos Central” as shown below:



In Sophos Central this new feature is part of your Firewall Management Menu as shown on the screen below.

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Schedule Backup

Backup Frequency

Never

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Add New Item











Save

Manage Backup



Select Device

S2100554EBDA315

Generate Backup

Backup Date	Backup Type	
2019-09-19 09:15	Scheduled Backup	 
2019-09-12 09:15	Scheduled Backup	 
2019-09-05 09:15	Scheduled Backup	 
2019-08-29 09:15	Scheduled Backup	 
2019-08-15 09:15	Scheduled Backup	 

Stored Backup:

2019-08-22 09:15	Scheduled Backup	 
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(2) Scheduling Backups

Here you can select which devices you wish to back up, when, and how often. The backup files will then be generated automatically according to the schedule and stored securely encrypted in Sophos Central.

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(3) Managing Backups











You manage your backup files on the same screen where you can download a backup file to restore or pin a backup to store permanently. Sophos Central stores your last five backups, replacing the oldest one with every new scheduled backup. Any backup you pin is stored permanently in a separate location from the backup file rotation.

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When you download a backup, the configuration file will be re-encrypted using a password of your choice to ensure it remains secure, making it easy to restore onto your XG Firewall appliance. You will be prompted for the password by Sophos Central when you download the backup file, and again by the firewall to decrypt it when you use it to restore the configuration.

Firmware Update Management

When a firmware update is available for any of your firewalls, a green “Update” button will appear next to the current firmware version in the Firewall list. As with backup management, XG Firewall v17.5 MR7 or later is required to take advantage of this new feature.

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<button>Add Firewall</button>			
	FW Name, IP ▼	OS Version, Model, Serial Number ▼	Alerts in the last 24 hours
CONNECTED	dot45.toews.xyz 18.0.0.2 System Load: OK	18.0.0.2 SN: C1B0A6466BW3D63 Model: XG135	No Alerts found
CONNECTED	az1.toews.xyz (Azure BYOL) 17.5.8.539 System Load: OK	17.5.8.539 SN: C01001DT6HB2X65 Model: SF01V	No Alerts found
CONNECTED	fw.toews.xyz (SG210) 17.5.8.539 System Load: OK	17.5.8.539 <button>UPDATE</button> SN: S2100554EBDA315 Model: SG230	No Alerts found

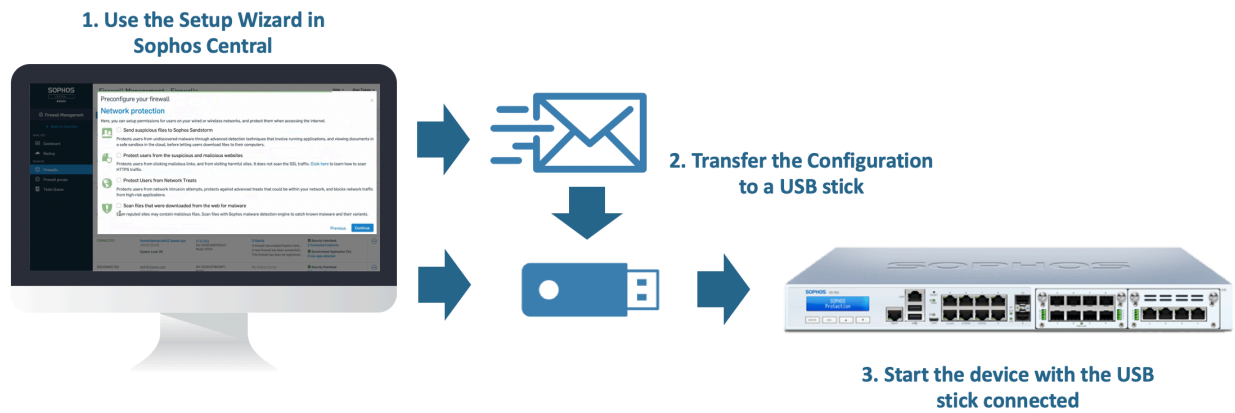
Clicking this button will provide a pop-up window highlighting the details of the new firmware and a confirmation button to proceed with the firmware update.

Upon initiating a firmware update from Sophos Central, the device will download the firmware update file if it has not done so previously, apply the new firmware, and reboot. It may take several minutes for this process to complete and for the firewall to re-appear in the management list in Sophos Central.

Zero-Touch Deployment

Sophos Central now enables you to set up a new XG Firewall appliance in Sophos Central without having to touch the device yourself. It's done in three easy steps:

1. Perform the initial setup in Sophos Central
2. Put the configuration file on a USB stick
3. Connect the USB stick to the firewall and start up the device



Note: This new feature only works with hardware appliance deployments. Virtual and software firewall deployments are not supported at this time. All firewalls with v17.5 MR3 or later support zero-touch deployment which should include any firewall ordered today.

(1) Initial Configuration in Sophos Central

From your “Firewalls” Management List in Sophos Central, click the “Add Firewall” button at the top of the list and select “Add a New Firewall”.

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	FW Name, IP	OS Version, Model, Serial Number
CONNECTED	dot45.toews.xyz XXXXXXXXXX System Load: OK	18.0.0.2 SN: C1B0A6466BW3D63 Model: XG135

You will then be prompted for the device serial number which can be found on the License Schedule, the outside of the cardboard box, or on the underside of the appliance itself:

Add Firewall

You need to submit your unique Device Serial Number to help us identify your firewall.
The Device Serial Number can be found either on the appliance or in the License Schedule sent to you in an email.

Where to find the Serial Number?

In the License Schedule PDF sent to you in an email.

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Where to find Serial Number on a configured device – [Learn More](#)

Enter Device Serial Number:

[Need more help?](#) [Cancel](#) [Next](#)

You will then go through the normal Firewall Setup Wizard to configure the firewall...

Preconfigure your firewall

Network protection

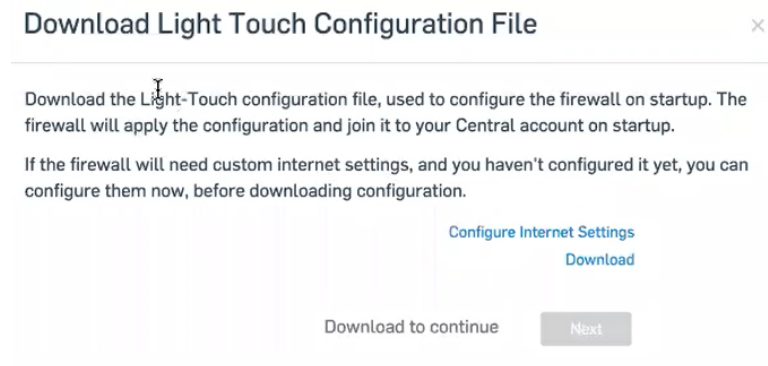
Here, you can setup permissions for users on your wired or wireless networks, and protect them when accessing the internet.

- ☐ **Send suspicious files to Sophos Sandstorm**
Protects users from undiscovered malware through advanced detection techniques that involve running applications, and viewing documents in a safe sandbox in the cloud, before letting users download files to their computers.
- ☐ **Protect users from the suspicious and malicious websites**
Protects users from clicking malicious links, and from visiting harmful sites. It does not scan the SSL traffic. [Click here](#) to learn how to scan HTTPS traffic.
- ☐ **Protect Users from Network Treats**
Protects users from network intrusion attempts, protects against advanced treats that could be within your network, and blocks network traffic from high-risk applications.
- ☐ **Scan files that were downloaded from the web for malware**
Even reputed sites may contain malicious files. Scan files with Sophos malware detection engine to catch known malware and their variants.

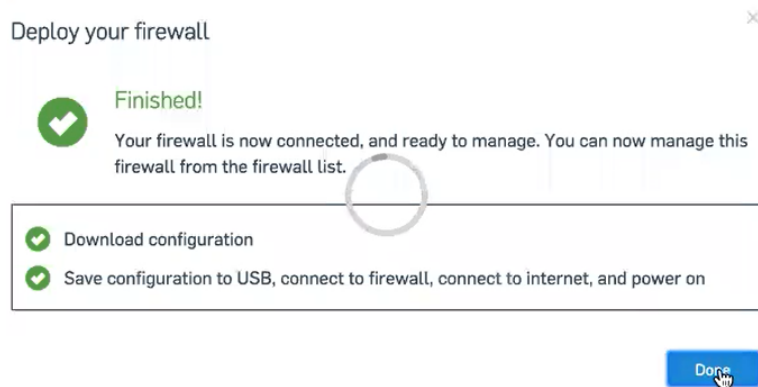
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(2) Download the Configuration and Transfer It to a USB Stick

Once you finish the initial configuration, you will be prompted to download the configuration file:



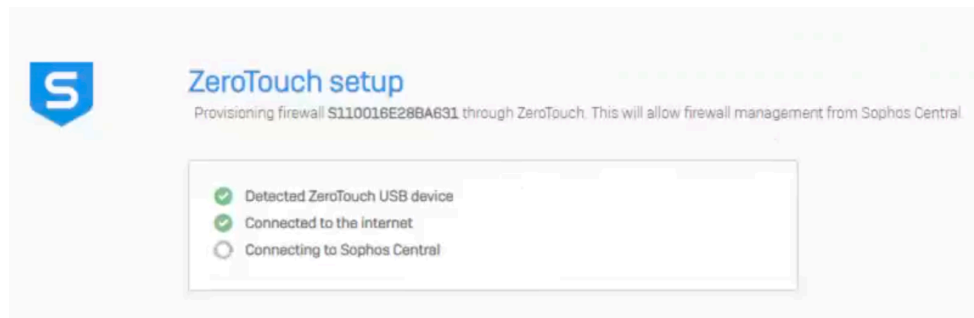
If the firewall requires customized settings to access the internet at its deployment location, you can enter those here to include them in the configuration file.



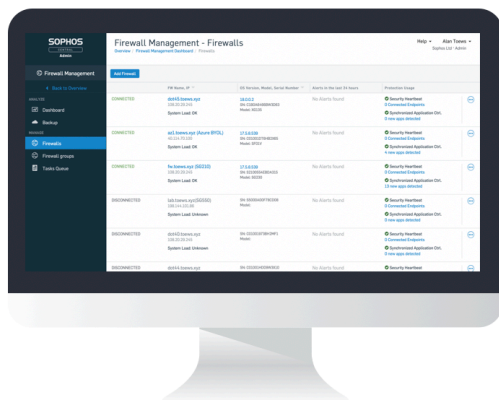
With the new firewall config file in hand you can email it to someone at the remote location to transfer to a USB stick and then insert that into the device before starting it up.

(3) Connect the USB Stick to the Device and Start It Up

At startup, the device will look for a configuration on any attached USB storage device and utilize it if present. It will then connect to the internet and connect to Sophos Central, and download any firmware updates.



Once the process is complete, your new firewall will be available to manage in Sophos Central.



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