SonicWall™ Global Management System Switching

Administration Guide



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Configuring VLAN Trunking

- NOTE: This section describes advanced switching in GMS, which is different from managing a Dell X-Series switch or N-Series switch from a SonicWall Security Appliance.
- (i) NOTE: Switching is available on all NSA 2650 and above and SuperMassive appliances.

What is Switching?

GMS provides Layer 2 (data link layer) switching functionality that supports these switching features:

- VLAN Trunking Provides the ability to trunk different VLANs between multiple switches.
- Layer 2 Network Discovery Uses IEEE 802.1AB (LLDP) and Microsoft LLTD protocols and switch forwarding table to discover devices visible from a port.
- Link Aggregation Provides the ability to aggregate ports for increased performance and redundancy.
 - NOTE: Link Aggregation is supported on NSA 3600 and higher Security Appliances. On the NSA 2600, Link Aggregation for Network Interfaces is a separate feature from Link Aggregation for Switching. The NSA 2600 does support Link Aggregation for Network Interfaces, but the NSA 2600 does not support Switching and, therefore, does not support Link Aggregation for Switching.
- **Port Mirroring** Allows you to assign a mirror port to mirror ingress, egress or bidirectional packets coming from a group of ports.
- **Jumbo Frames** Supporting jumbo frames allows GMS to process Ethernet frames with payloads ranging from 1500-9000 bytes.
 - (i) NOTE: Jumbo frames are supported on NSA 3600 and higher appliances.

Benefits of Switching

GMS provides a combined security and switching solution. Layer 2 switching features enhance the deployment and interoperability of SonicWall devices within existing Layer 2 networks.

(i) NOTE: Advanced switching is supported on NSA 3600 and higher appliances.

The advanced switching features on a network Security Appliance provide these benefits:

- Increased port density With one appliance providing up to 26 interfaces, including up to 24 switch ports, you can decrease the number of devices on your internal network.
- Increased security across multiple switch ports The PortShield architecture provides the flexibility to configure all LAN switch ports into separate security zones such as LANs, WLANs and DMZs, providing protection not only from the WAN and DMZ, but also between devices inside the LAN. Effectively, each security zone has its own wire-speed "mini-switch" that benefits from the protection of a dedicated deep packet inspection firewall.

- VLAN Trunking Simplifies VLAN management and configuration by reducing the need to configure VLAN information on every switch; provides the ability to trunk different VLANs between multiple switches.
- Layer 2 Network Discovery Provides Layer 2 network information for all devices attached to the appliance; uses IEEE 802.1AB (LLDP) and Microsoft LLTD protocols and switch forwarding table to discover devices visible from a port.
- Link Aggregation Aggregated ports provide increased performance through load balancing when connected to a switch that supports aggregation, and provide redundancy when connected to a switch or server that supports aggregation.
- **Port Mirroring** Allows you to easily monitor and inspect network traffic on one or more ports and to assign a mirror port to mirror ingress, egress or bidirectional packets coming from a group of ports.
- **Jumbo Frames** Allows increased throughput and reduces the number of Ethernet frames to be processed by allowing GMS to process Ethernet frames with payloads ranging from 1500-9000 bytes. Throughput increase may not be seen in some cases. However, there are some improvement in throughput if the packets traversing are really jumbo size.
 - (i) NOTE: Jumbo frames are supported on NSA 3600 and higher appliances.

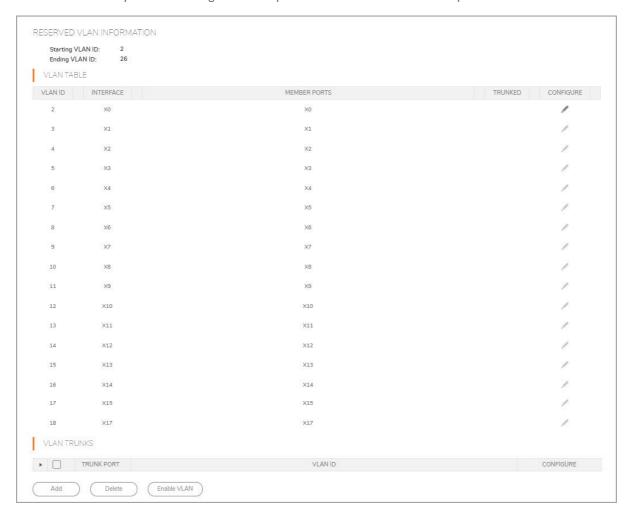
Some switching features operate on PortShield Groups and require preliminary configuration on the **Network > PortShield Groups** page. Some operate on existing **Network > Interfaces** configurations.

For details about the operation of each switching feature, see:

- Switching > VLAN Trunking
- Managing Layer 2 Discovery and LLDP/LLTD
- Configuring Link Aggregation
- Configuring Port Mirroring

Switching > VLAN Trunking

VLAN Trunking simplifies VLAN management and configuration by reducing the need to configure VLAN information on every switch. Unassigned switch ports can function as VLAN trunk ports.



About Trunking

Unassigned switch ports can function as VLAN trunk ports. You can enable or disable VLANs on the trunk ports, allowing the existing VLANs to be bridged to respective VLANs on another switch connected through the trunk port. 802.1Q encapsulation is supported on the trunk ports. A maximum of 25 VLANs can be enabled on each trunk port.

The VLAN trunking feature provides the following functions:

- Change VLAN ID's of existing PortShield groups
- Add/delete VLAN trunk ports
- Enable/disable VLANs on the trunk ports

The allowed VLAN ID range is 1-4094. Some VLAN IDs are reserved for PortShield use. The reserved range is displayed in the management interface at **Switching > VLAN Trunking**.

You can mark certain PortShield groups as "Trunked." After the PortShield group is dismantled, the associated VLAN is automatically disabled on the trunk ports. VLANs can exist locally in the form of PortShield groups or can

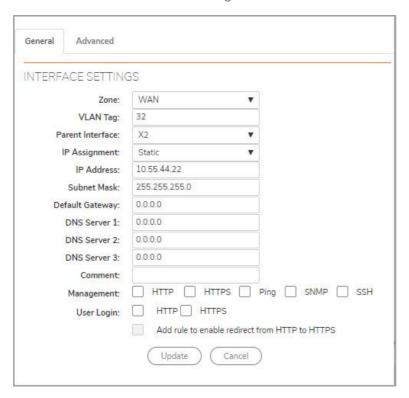
be totally remote VLANs. You can change the VLAN ID of PortShield groups on the SonicWall appliance. This allows easy integration with existing VLAN numbering.

Unlike traditional Layer 2 switches, SonicWall appliances do not allow changing port VLAN membership in an ad-hoc manner. VLAN membership of a port must be configured through PortShield configuration. For more information about configuring PortShield groups, see Configuring PortShield Groups.

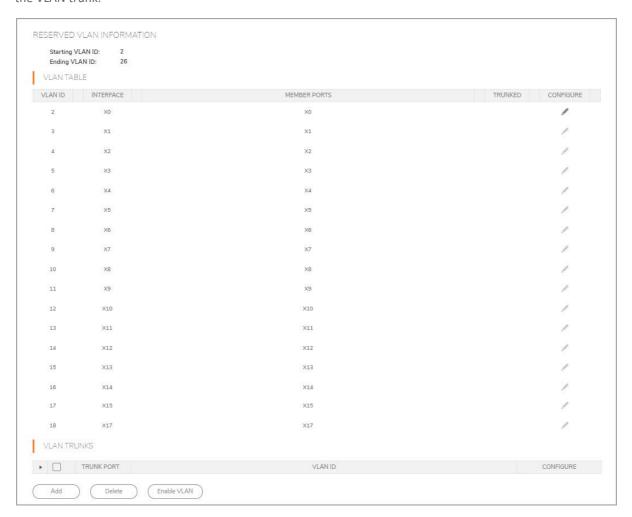
A virtual interface (called the VLAN Trunk Interface) is automatically created for remote VLANs. When the same remote VLAN is enabled on another trunk port, no new interfaces are created. All packets with the same VLAN tag ingressing on different trunk ports are handled by the same virtual interface. This is a key difference between VLAN subinterfaces and VLAN trunk interfaces.

The **Network > Interfaces** page displays the VLAN Trunk Interfaces for the VLAN trunks.

You can enable any VLAN, local or remote, on a VLAN trunk to allow bridging to respective VLANs on another switch on the **Edit VLAN Interface** dialog.

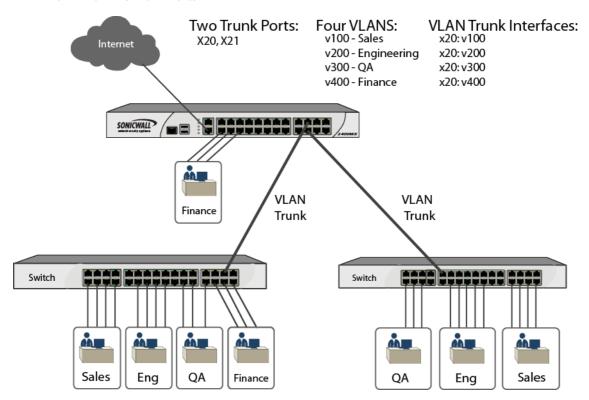


The **VLAN Table** on the **Switching > VLAN Trunking** page displays the trunk port after the VLAN is enabled on the VLAN trunk.



VLAN Trunk with Two Trunk Ports illustrates a VLAN trunk with two trunk ports, bridging the Sales, Engineering, QA, and Finance VLANs through an NSA 2400MX. Each remote VLAN was enabled on VLAN trunk port X20 initially, causing the creation of four virtual VLAN trunk interfaces. When these VLANs were also enabled on trunk port X21, no new virtual interfaces were created.

VLAN Trunk with Two Trunk Ports



VLAN trunking interoperates with Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP), Link Aggregation and Port Mirroring features. A VLAN trunk port can be mirrored, but cannot act as a mirror port itself. You cannot enable Static port security on the VLAN trunk port.

Ports configured as VLAN trunks cannot be used for any other function and are reserved for use in Layer 2 only. For example, you cannot configure an IP Address for the trunk ports.

When a Trunk VLAN interface has been configured on a particular trunk port, that trunk port cannot be deleted until the VLAN interface is removed, even though the VLAN is enabled on multiple trunk ports.

Topics:

- Viewing Reserved VLAN IDs
- Editing VLANs
- Adding VLAN Trunk Ports
- Deleting VLAN Trunk Ports
- Enabling VLANs on a Trunk Port
- Viewing Enabled VLANs
- Deleting Enabled VLANs

Viewing Reserved VLAN IDs

The Reserved VLAN Information table lists the range of reserved VLAN IDs:

- Starting VLAN ID
- Ending VLAN ID



Editing VLANs

To edit a VLAN:

1 On the **Switching > VLAN Trunking** page, click the **Configure** icon in the **VLAN Table** row for the VLAN ID you want to edit. The **Edit VLAN for PortShield** dialog displays.



- 2 Do one of the following:
 - Type a different VLAN ID into the **VLAN ID** field. You can enter any VLAN ID except the original system-specified VLAN ID or any others in the **Reserved VLAN Information** section.
 - Use the VLAN ID number in the **VLAN ID** field that matches the one for which you clicked the **Configure** icon.
- 3 To enable trunking for this VLAN, select **Trunked**. This option is not selected by default. To disable trunking for this VLAN, clear the option.
- 4 Click **OK**.

Adding VLAN Trunk Ports

To add a VLAN trunk port:

- 1 On the **Switching > VLAN Trunking** page, scroll to the VLAN Trunks section.
- 2 Click Add. The Add VLAN Truck Port dialog displays.



- 3 Select the port to add from **Trunk Port**.
 - (i) NOTE: This port cannot be a mirror port.
- 4 Click OK.

Deleting VLAN Trunk Ports

Topics:

- Deleting a VLAN Trunk Port
- Deleting Multiple VLAN Trunk Ports

Deleting a VLAN Trunk Port

To delete a VLAN trunk port:

- 1 On the Switching > VLAN Trunking page, scroll to the VLAN Trunks section.
- 2 Select the checkbox next to the VLAN Trunk you would like to remove.
- 3 Click the **Trash** icon in the **Configure** column.

Deleting Multiple VLAN Trunk Ports

To delete multiple VLAN trunk ports:

- 1 On the **Switching > VLAN Trunking** page scroll to the VLAN Trunks section.
- 2 Select the VLAN trunk ports you want to delete, or to delete ALL VLAN trunk ports, select the checkbox at the top of the VLAN Trunks table. All VLAN ports are selected.
- 3 Click **Delete**. A confirmation message displays.
- 4 Click OK.

Enabling VLANs on a Trunk Port

To enable a custom VLAN ID on a specific trunk port:

- 1 Navigate to the **Switching > VLAN Trunking** page.
- 2 Scroll to the VLAN Trunks section.
- 3 Click Enable VLAN. The Enable VLAN dialog displays.



- 4 Select a trunked port from **Trunked Port**. This is the port that you want to use to trunk the VLAN ID indicated in the next field.
- 5 In the **VLAN ID** field, type in the VLAN ID to be trunked. Usually, it is a VLAN ID configured on another switch.
- 6 Click OK. The Modify Task Description and Schedule dialog displays.

- 7 Optionally, enter a description of the task in the **Description** field.
- 8 Choose a schedule:
 - **Default** (default)
 - Immediate
 - At:
- 9 Click Accept. The VLAN is added to the trunk port in the VLAN Trunks table.

Viewing Enabled VLANs

To view enabled VLANs:

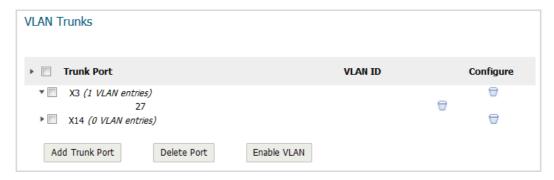
- 1 Navigate to the **Switching > VLAN Trunking** page.
- 2 Scroll to the VLAN Trunks section.
- 3 Click the small triangle of the trunk port that has VLAN entries. The display expands.



Deleting Enabled VLANs

To delete an enabled VLAN:

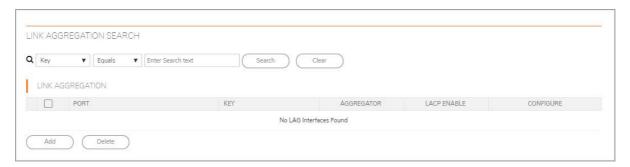
- 1 Navigate to the **Switching > VLAN Trunking** page.
- 2 Scroll to the **VLAN Trunks** section.
- 3 Click the small triangle of the trunk port that has VLAN entries. The display expands.



4 Click the **Trash** icon of the VLAN to delete.

Configuring Link Aggregation

Aggregated ports provide increased performance through load balancing when connected to a switch that supports aggregation, and provide redundancy when connected to a switch or server that supports aggregation.



Link Aggregation allows port redundancy and load balancing in Layer 2 networks. Load balancing is controlled by the hardware, based on source and destination MAC address pairs. The **Switching > Link Aggregation** page provides information and statistics, and allows configuration of interfaces for aggregation.

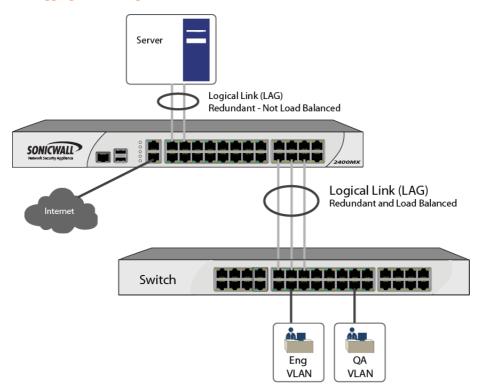
Static and Dynamic Link Aggregation are supported. Dynamic Link Aggregation is supported with the use of LACP (IEEE 802.1AX). Ports that are in the same VLAN (same PortShield Group) or are VLAN trunk ports are eligible for link aggregation. Up to four ports can be aggregated in a logical group and there can be four Logical Links (LAGs) configured.

Two main types of usage are enabled by this feature:

- **Firewall to Server** This is implemented by enabling Link Aggregation on ports within the same VLAN (same PortShield Group). This configuration allows port redundancy, but does not support load balancing in the Firewall-to-Server direction because of a hardware limitation.
- **Firewall to Switch** This is allowed by enabling Link Aggregation on VLAN trunk ports. Load balancing is automatically done by the hardware. The Firewall supports one load balancing algorithm based on source and destination MAC address pairs.

Link Aggregation Configuration shows LAGs to a server and to a switch.

Link Aggregation Configuration



Similarly to PortShield configuration, you select an interface that represents the aggregated group. This port is called an aggregator. The aggregator port must be assigned a unique key. By default, the aggregator port key is the same as its interface number. Non-aggregator ports can be optionally configured with a key that can help prevent an erroneous LAG if the switch connections are wired incorrectly.

Ports bond together if connected to the same link partner and their keys match. If there is no key configured for a port (if the port is in auto mode), it bonds with an aggregator that is connected to the same link partner. The link partner is discovered through LACP messages. A link partner cannot be discovered for Static link aggregation. In this case, ports aggregate based on keys alone.

Like a PortShield host, the aggregator port cannot be removed from the LAG because it represents the LAG in the system.

- NOTE: After link aggregation has been enabled on VLAN trunk ports, additional VLANs cannot be added or deleted on the LAG.
- NOTE: If you need to enable RSTP on the LAG, first enable RSTP on the individual members and then enable link aggregation.

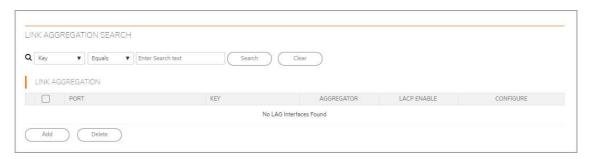
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- Editing LAG Ports
- Deleting LAG Ports
- Searching the Link Aggregation Table

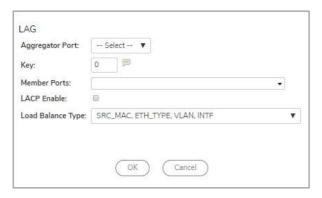
Creating a Logical Link (LAG)

To create a Logical Link (LAG):

1 Navigate to the **Switching > Link Aggregation** page.



2 Under the Link Aggregation table, click Add. The Add LAG Port dialog displays.

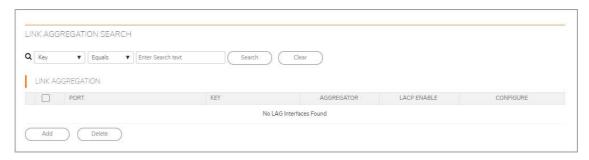


- 3 Select the aggregator interface from Aggregate Port. Only one interface can be an aggregator for a LAG.
- 4 To manually define port membership to an LAG group, enter the membership key in the **Key** field. The range is 1 to 255.
- 5 Select one or more member ports to be aggregated from **Member Ports**.
- 6 To enable LACP, select **LACP Enable**. Dynamic Link Aggregation is supported with the use of LACP. The link partner is discovered through LACP messages. This option is not selected by default.
- 7 Select the type of load balancing from **Load Balance Type**:
 - SRC_MAC, ETH_TYPE, VLAN, INTF (default)
 - DST_MAC, ETH_TYPE, VLAN, INTF
 - SRC_MAC, DST_MAC, ETH_TYPE, VLAN, INTF
 - SRC_IP, SRC_PORT
 - DST_IP, DST_PORT
 - SRC_IP, SRC_PORT, DST_IP, DST_PORT
- 8 Click **OK**. The Link Aggregation table is updated.

Editing LAG Ports

To edit a LAG port:

1 Navigate to the **Switching > Link Aggregation** page.

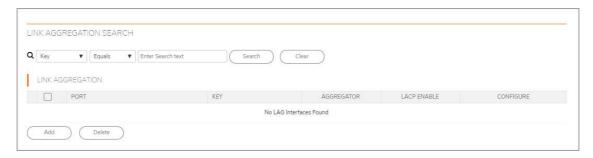


- 2 In the Link Aggregation table, click the Edit icon for the LAG port to edit. The Edit LAG Port dialog displays.
- 3 All the options except **Member Ports** are dimmed. Add or delete ports from **Member Ports**.
- 4 Click OK.

Deleting LAG Ports

To delete a LAG port:

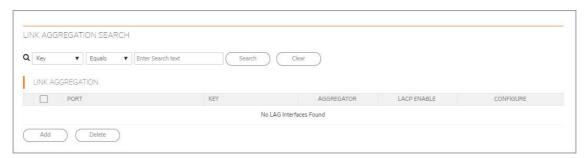
1 Navigate to the **Switching > Link Aggregation** page.



2 In the **Link Aggregation** table, click the **Trash** icon for the LAG port to delete.

To delete one or more LAG ports:

1 Navigate to the **Switching > Link Aggregation** page.



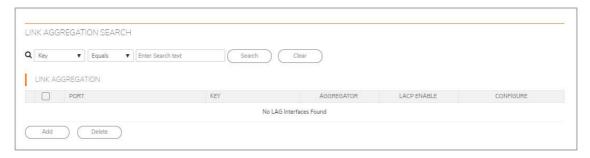
- 2 In the Link Aggregation table, select the LAG port(s) to delete or select the checkbox at the top of the left column to select all LAG ports.
- 3 Click Delete.

Searching the Link Aggregation Table

You can restrict the display of the Link Aggregation table to only those ports of interest.

To search for a particular port:

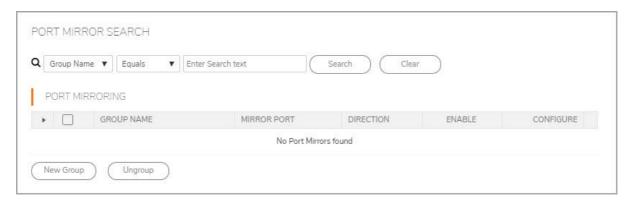
1 Navigate to the **Switching > Link Aggregation** page.



- 2 In the Search fields of the Link Aggregation Search section,
 - Select:
 - Key (default)
 - Aggregator
 - LACP Enable
 - Select the search operator:
 - Equals
 - Starts with
 - Ends with
 - Contains
 - Enter the search criterion to match the operator.
- 3 Click Search. The Link Aggregation table displays only those ports that match the search criteria.
- 4 To return the Link Aggregation table to its regular display, click Clear.

Configuring Port Mirroring

Port Mirroring allows you to easily monitor and inspect network traffic on one or more ports.



You can configure Port Mirroring on the SonicWall appliance to send a copy of network packets seen on one or more switch ports (or on a VLAN) to another switch port called the mirror port. By connecting to the mirror port, you can monitor the traffic passing through the mirrored port(s).

A VLAN trunk port can be mirrored, but cannot act as a mirror port itself.

The **Switching > Port Mirroring** page allows you to assign mirror ports to mirror ingress, egress or bidirectional packets coming from a group of ports.

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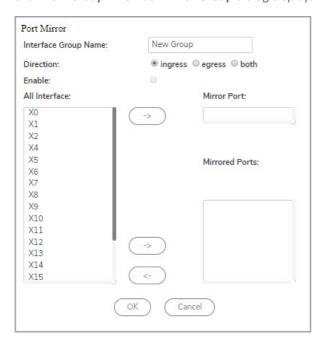
- Configuring a Port Mirroring Group
- Enabling the Mirror Group
- Searching the Port Mirroring Table
- Deleting a Port Mirroring Group

Configuring a Port Mirroring Group

To create a new port mirroring group:

1 Navigate to the **Switching > Port Mirroring** page.

2 Click **New Group**. The **Add Mirror Group** dialog displays.

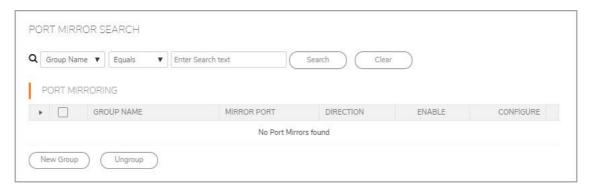


- 3 Type a descriptive name for the group into the Interface Group Name field. The default is New Group.
- 4 For the **Direction**, choose one of the following:
 - ingress (default) Monitor traffic arriving on the mirrored port(s).
 - **egress** Monitor traffic being sent out on the mirrored port(s).
 - **both** Monitor traffic in both directions on the mirrored port(s).
- 5 Select **Enable** to enable the port mirror.
- 6 In the All Interfaces list:
 - a Select the port to mirror the traffic to.
 - b Click the top right-arrow to move it to the **Mirror Port** field. You must use an unassigned port as the mirror port.
- 7 In the **All Interfaces** list:
 - a Select one or more ports to be monitored.
 - b Click the lower right-arrow to move it/them to the **Mirrored Ports** field. You are able to monitor traffic on the mirrored port(s) by connecting to the mirror port.
- 8 Click **OK**. The **Modify Task Description and Schedule** dialog displays.
- 9 Optionally, enter a description of the task in the **Description** field. The default is **Add New Port Mirroring Group**.
- 10 Choose a schedule:
 - **Default** (default)
 - Immediate
 - At:
- 11 Click **Accept**. The group is added to the trunk port in the **Port Mirroring** table.

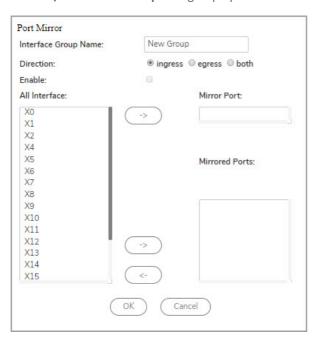
Enabling the Mirror Group

To enable a mirrored group:

- 1 Navigate to the **Switching > Port Mirroring** page.
- 2 Scroll to the **Port Mirroring** section.



3 Use the **Edit** icon in the **Configure** column to edit an existing Port Mirroring Group, or click **New Group**. The **Edit/Add Mirror Group** dialog displays.



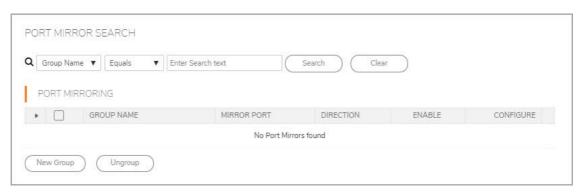
- 4 Select the checkbox for **Enable**.
- 5 Click OK.

Searching the Port Mirroring Table

You can restrict the display of the **Port Mirroring** table to only those ports of interest.

To search for a particular mirror port group:

1 Navigate to the **Switching > Port Mirroring** page.



- 2 In the **Search** fields of the **Port Mirror Search** section,
 - Select:
 - Group Name (default)
 - Direction
 - Select the search operator:
 - Equals
 - Starts with
 - Ends with
 - Contains
 - Enter the search criterion to match the operator.
- 3 Click Search. The Port Mirroring table displays only those ports that match the search criteria.
- 4 To return the **Port Mirroring** table to its regular display, click **Clear**.

Deleting a Port Mirroring Group

To remove a port mirroring group:

- 1 Navigate to the **Switching > Port Mirroring** page.
- 2 Select the checkbox next to the port mirroring group that you want to delete.
- 3 Click either:
 - Ungroup.
 - The **Trash** icon for the group.

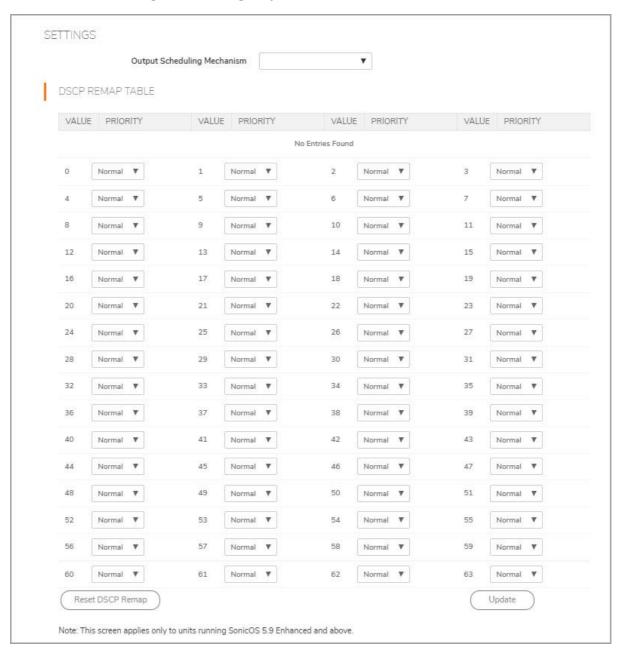
A confirmation dialog displays.

4 Click OK.

Configuring Layer 2 QoS

Layer 2 Quality of Service (QoS) allows for traffic prioritization and bandwidth management to minimize network delay using Cost of Service (CoS) classification, and DSCP marking.

From the GlobalView, navigate to **Switching > Layer 2 QoS**.



A SonicWall appliance can be configured to trust Class of Service (CoS) (IEEE 802.1p) and/or trust Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) per port and treat the frames appropriately.

The **Switching > Layer 2 QoS** page allows you to configure QoS settings per interface.

(i) NOTE: The X1 interface on the NSA 2400MX cannot be configured for switching.

Four queues with different priority levels (low, normal, high, highest) are supported; see Supported Queues with Different Priority Levels. These are mapped to the eight levels defined in IEEE 802.1p and cannot be changed:

Supported Queues with Different Priority Levels

User Priority	Traffic Type	Queue Priority
0	Best Effort	Normal
1	Background	Low
2	Spare	Low
3	Excellent Effort	Normal
4	Controlled Load	High
5	Video	High
6	Voice	Highest
7	Network Control	Highest

The DSCP mapping can be configured. Frames received on ports configured to trust CoS or DSCP are queued appropriately according to the mapping table. An option is provided to select the field to use when both the 802.1p tag field and the DSCP field are present in ingressing frames.

For QoS settings, ports can be assigned a default priority. The default priority is used when **Trust CoS** or **Trust DSCP** is enabled, but the information is absent. When **Fixed Priority** is enabled, the 802.1p tag field and DSCP field are ignored and the default priority is used.

Topics:

- Configuring the Scheduling Mechanism
- Configuring DSCP Mapping
- Resetting to Default Values

Configuring the Scheduling Mechanism

To configure Weighted Round-Robin or Strict Priority Queue as the output scheduling mechanism:

- 1 In GlobalView, on the **Switching > Layer 2 QoS** page, select one of the following from **Output Scheduling Mechanism**:
 - Weighted Round-Robin The weighting factors are 8:4:2:1.
 - **Strict Priority Queue** The 802.1p tag field and DSCP field are ignored and the default priority is used.
- 2 Click **Update**. The **Modify Task Description and Schedule** dialog displays.
- 3 Optionally, enter a description of the task in the Description field. The default is Edit QoS Settings: Output Scheduling Mechanism: Strict Priority Queue or Edit QoS Settings: Output Scheduling Mechanism: Weighted Round-Robin.
- 4 Choose a schedule:

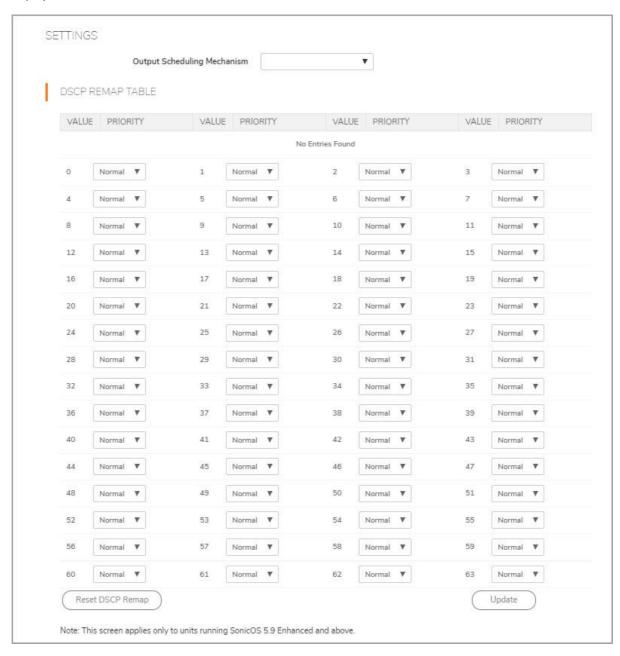
- Default (default)
- Immediate
- At:
- 5 Click Accept.

Configuring DSCP Mapping

You can configure the DSCP mapping by setting the priority levels for DSCP values 0 through 63. The **Switching > Layer 2 QoS** page also provides **Reset DSCP Remap** to reset the priority levels back to the default, which is **Normal**.

To configure DSCP mapping:

1 In GlobalView, navigate to **Switching > Layer 2 QoS**. The priority settings for all DSCP values, 0 - 63, are displayed.



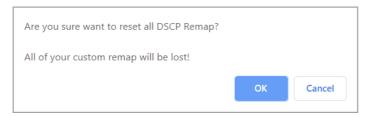
- $2 \quad \text{For each DSCP value (0 63) that you want to change, select one of the following from \textbf{Priority}:} \\$
 - Low
 - Normal (default)
 - High
 - Highest
- 3 Click **Update**. The **Modify Task Description and Schedule** dialog displays.
- 4 Optionally, enter a description of the task in the **Description** field. The default is **Edit QoS Settings**: **Output Scheduling Mechanism**: **Strict Priority Queue** or **Edit QoS Settings**: **Output Scheduling Mechanism**: **Weighted Round-Robin**.

- 5 Choose a schedule:
 - Default (default)
 - Immediate
 - At:
- 6 Click **Accept**. The priorities are added to the **DSCP Remap Table**. The **DSCP Remap Table** is hidden when updated, but if you show it again, the updated priority settings are displayed.

Resetting to Default Values

To reset all DSCP Remap values to default, Normal:

- 1 In GlobalView, navigate to Switching > Layer 2 QoS.
- 2 Click **Reset DSCP Remap**. A confirmation dialog displays.



- 3 Click **OK**. The **Modify Task Description and Schedule** dialog displays.
- 4 Optionally, enter a description of the task in the **Description** field. The default is **Edit QoS Settings : reset DSCP Remap values to Default**.
- 5 Choose a schedule:
 - **Default** (default)
 - Immediate
 - At:
- 6 Click **Accept**. The priorities are reset to **Normal** in the **DSCP Remap Table**. The **DSCP Remap Table** is hidden when updated, but if you show it again, the updated priority settings are displayed.

Managing Layer 2 Discovery and LLDP/LLTD

(i) NOTE: Switching is available on all security appliances except the SM 9800, NSA 2600, TZ series, and SOHO W security appliances.

LLDP is supported on the NSA 3600 and higher security appliances and is also supported when High Availability is enabled.

About L2 Discovery and LLDP

To discover neighboring devices and their capabilities, the SonicWall Security Appliance uses:

- IEEE 802.1AB (LLDP: Link Layer Discovery Protocol)/Microsoft LLTD (Link Layer Topology Discovery)
- IEEE 802.3-2012 protocols
- A switch-forwarding table

LLDP operates at Layer 2 and exchanges LLDP Protocol Data Units (LLDPDUs) between the neighbors containing a sequence of variable length information elements that include type-length-values (TLV). The information is stored in the SNMP MIBs. These Layer 2 protocols are used by networking devices to advertise their identities and capabilities and to identify their directly connected Layer 2 neighbors/peers on wired Ethernet networks; they do not cross a broadcast domain.

More information about these protocols is available at:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Link Layer Topology Discovery
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Link_Layer_Discovery_Protocol
 - (i) | TIP: GMS supports LLDP Transmit and Transmit-Receive Modes.
- https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/dn594471(v=vs.85).aspx

LLDP makes troubleshooting easier, especially in cases where peers are not detected by ping or traceroute.

Topics:

- Supported LLDP Modes
- Type-Length-Values
- Effect of Interface Link on LLDP Functions

Supported LLDP Modes

These LLDP modes are supported:

LLDP-receive

- LLDP-transmit
- LLDP-transmit-receive
- LLDP-disabled

You can create custom LLDP profiles for individual interfaces.

These interface types and modes support LLDP:

 L2 Interface
 If the physical port is configured in L2 Mode.

 L3 Interface
 If the physical port is configured in L3 Mode.

 Wire-Mode Interface
 Supported for secure and inspect mode for wire-mode interfaces, but not for VLAN interfaces.

 L2 Bridge Interface
 Supported for the physical interface, but not for VLAN interfaces.

 VLAN Sub-Interface
 Not supported.

LAG/LACP Supported for learn only on the aggregate port and not a member, but is supported for send on individual interfaces. An aggregate port shows

neighbor information for both itself and its members.

Type-Length-Values

Each LLDP frame starts with three mandatory type-length-values TLVs: Chassis ID, Port ID and TTL. The mandatory TLVs are followed by any number of optional TLVs. The LLDP frame ends with a mandatory End-of-frame TLV.

Topics:

- Mandatory TLVs
- Optional TLVs

Mandatory TLVs

The following table describes the mandatory LLDP TLVs supported for both transmit and receive.

Mandatory TLVs

TLV Name	TLV Type	Description	GMS Usage
Chassis ID TLV	1	Identifies the firewall chassis. Each firewall must have exactly one unique Chassis ID.	GMS sends the MAC address of the security appliance in the Chassis ID field. The MAC address is same as the security appliance serial number.
Port ID TLV	2	Identifies the port from which the LLDPDU is sent. The security appliance uses the interface's <i>ifname</i> as the Port ID. For example, Port ID can be X1, X2, X3.	The Port ID subtype 5 (interface name) is used to identify the transmitting port.

Mandatory TLVs (Continued)

TLV Name	TLV Type	Description	GMS Usage
Time-to-live (TTL) TLV	3	Specifies how long (in seconds) LLDPDU information received from the peer is retained as valid in the local security appliance (range is 0-65535). The value is a multiple of the LLDP Hold Time Multiplier. When the TTL value is 0, the information associated with the device is no longer valid and GMS removes that entry from the database.	Calculated internally.
End of LLDPDU frame TLV	0	Indicates the end of the TLVs in the LLDP Ethernet frame.	

Optional TLVs

The following table describes the optional LLDP TLVs supported for both transmit and receive.

Optional TLVs

TLV Name	TLV Type	Description	GMS Usage
Port Description	4	The port description in alpha-numeric format.	Advertises the values/string added in the comment section of the network interface field.
System Name	5	The security appliance name in alphanumeric format.	Advertises the Firewall Name.
System Description	6	The full name and version identification of the system's hardware type, software operating system, and networking software in alpha-numeric format.	Advertised as Firewall in this field.

Optional TLVs (Continued)

TLV Name	TLV Type	Description	GMS Usage
System Capabilities	7	This field contains a bit-map of the capabilities that define primary functions of the system. Describes the deployment mode of the interface: • An L3 interface is advertised with router (bit 6) capability and the "other" bit (bit 1). • An L2 interface is advertised with MAC Bridge (bit 3) capability and the "other" bit (bit 1).	Advertises the features supported by the security appliance and the enabled features.
		A virtual wire interface is advertised with Repeater (bit 2) capability and the "other" bit (bit 1).	
Management Address	8	One or more IP addresses used for the management of the device:	Advertises the management IP address of an interface if it is configured.
		 IP address of the management (MGT) interface. IPv4 and/or IPv6 address of the interfaceLoopback address. User-defined address entered in the management address field; If no management IP address is provided, the default is the MAC address of the transmitting interface. The interface number of the specified management address is included. Also included is the OID of the hardware interface with the specified management address (if applicable). If more than one management address is specified, they are sent in the order they are specified, starting at the top of the list. One Management Address is supported. This is an optional parameter and can be left disabled. 	NOTE: IPv6 is not supported.

Effect of Interface Link on LLDP Functions

LLDP only functions when the interface link is up. When the mode is changed:

- From Receive to Transmit
- From Transmit-Only to Receive-Only
- To Disabled

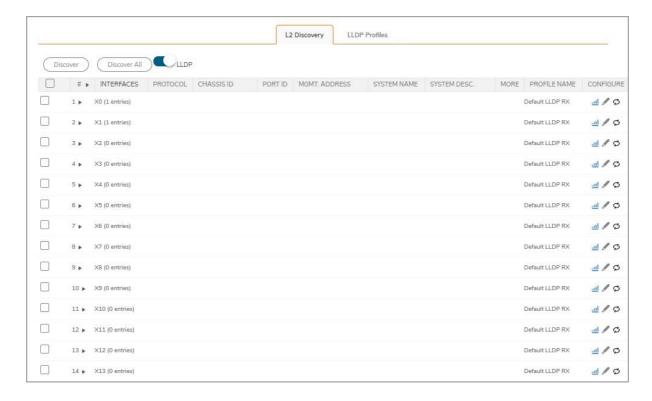
A final LLDP shutdown LLDPDU is sent with these mandatory TLVs:

- Chassis ID TLV
- Port ID TLV

- TTL TLV
- End of LLDPDU TLV

The statistics counters are reset after the link goes down.

Viewing L2 Discovery and LLDP/LLTD Interfaces



Topics:

- Displaying Peer Information
- Displaying Statistics

Displaying Peer Information

To display L2 discovery information:

1 Navigate to **Switching > L2 Discovery**.

2 In the **L2 Discovery** table, click the **Expand** icon for the desired interface. Information about the nodes (entries) discovered for the interface are displayed.



Interfaces Lists the Security Appliance's interfaces along with either the number of entries. Protocol Uses IEEE 802.1AB (LLDP) and Microsoft LLTD protocols and a switch forwarding table to discover devices visible from a port. Chassis ID Identifies the security appliance's chassis. Each security appliance must have exactly one unique Chassis ID that is a string value consisting of mostly the MAC address of the peer. Port ID Identifies the port from which the LLDPDU is sent and is a string value of the port name or number. The security appliance uses the interface's *ifname* as the Port ID. For example, Port ID can be X1, X2, X3. Lists the IP or MAC address of the peer used for the management of the device. If Mgmt. Address multiple management addresses are returned, only the first address is shown. **System Name** Name of the security appliance, in alpha-numeric format. Full name and version identification of the security appliance's hardware type, System Desc. software operating system, and networking software, in alpha-numeric format. Contains an Information icon that displays additional peer information. More **Profile Name** Name of the default or custom profile name. Configure Contains the Statistics, Edit, and Refresh icons for the interfaces.

3 To display additional peer information for a peer entry, mouse over the **Information** icon in the **More** column for that peer. A pop-up displays.

MAC Address MAC address of the peer.

Vendor Vendor name from the main menu.

Port Description String value from the Comments field for the interface on SonicWall security

appliances.

System Capabilities String value representing the list of capabilities supported by the peer device.

Displaying Statistics

For each interface, you can display the number of:

- Transmitted, received, erroneous, and discarded frames.
- Discarded and unrecognized TLVs.
- Aged or deleted neighbors.

To display an interface's statistics:

- 1 Navigate to **Switching > L2 Discovery**.
- 2 In the L2 Discovery table, mouse over the Statistics icon for the interface. The Statistics pop-up displays.



Discovering Neighbors

You can discover neighbors for:

- A single interface.
- Multiple interfaces.
- All interfaces.
- (i) TIP: For LAG with trunk mode, all ports can discover neighbors; LAG with PortShield mode learns neighbors only under the aggregator port.

To discover neighbors for single or multiple interfaces:

- 1 Navigate to **Switching > L2 Discovery**.
- 2 Select the interface or interfaces you would like to discover in the **L2 Discovery** table.
- 3 Click Discover.
- 4 A change notification appears. You are alerted when the latest data is available after Discovery is complete and the interfaces are updated.

To discover neighbors for all interfaces:

- 1 Navigate to **Switching > L2 Discovery**.
- 2 Click Discover All.
- 3 A change notification appears. After the change order is approved, all interfaces are updated.

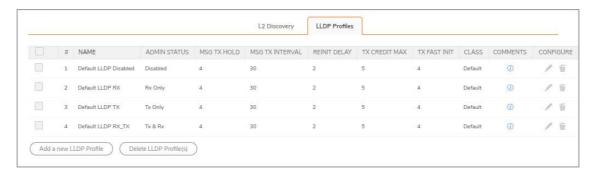
Adding an LLDP Custom Profile

(i) IMPORTANT: Changing default values affects the duration and the number of frames transmitted during each cycle.

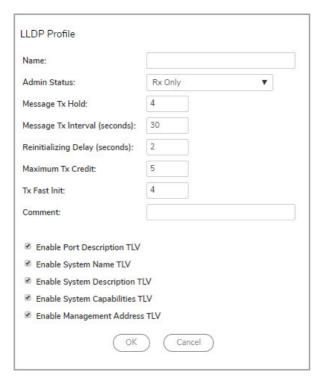
To add an LLDP custom profile:

1 Navigate to Switching > L2 Discovery.

2 Click the **LLDP Profiles** view for the interface.



3 Click Add a new LLDP Profile. The Add LLDP Profile dialog displays.



- 4 In the **Name** field, enter a descriptive name for the LLDP profile.
- 5 From **Admin Status**, select transmission mode for the LLDP profile:
 - Disabled
 - Rx Only (default)
 - Tx Only
 - Tx & Rx
- 6 To change the message transmission interval to determine the value of the TTL value of the LLDP frames transmitted by the LLDP agent, enter a multiplier in the **Message Tx Hold** field. The minimum value is 1, the maximum is 100, and the default value is 4.
- 7 To define the time interval, in timer ticks, between transmissions during normal transmission periods, enter the interval, in seconds, in the **Message Tx Interval** field. The minimum is 1 second, the maximum is 3600 seconds, and the default is **30** seconds.
- 8 To specify the amount of delay from when Admin Status becomes Disabled until reinitialization can be attempted again for the profile, enter the delay, in seconds, in the **Reinitializing Delay** field. The

- minimum is 1 second, the maximum is 10 seconds, and the default, and recommended delay, is 2 seconds.
- 9 To specify the maximum number of LLDPDUs that can be transmitted at any time for the LLDP profile, enter the number in the **Maximum Tx Credit** field. The minimum is 1, the maximum is 10, and the default is 5.
- 10 To specify an initial number of LLDPDUs transmitted during a fast transmission period, enter the number in the **Tx Fast Init** field. The minimum is 1, the maximum is 8, and the default is **4**.
- 11 Enter an optional comment in the **Comment** field. What you enter here displays when you mouse-over the **Information** icon in the **Comments** column of the **LLDP Profile** table.
- 12 To include the port description of the Security Appliance in the optional TLV of a LLDPDU message, select **Enable Port Description TLV**. This option is selected by default.
- 13 To include the configured Firewall Name of the Security Appliance in the optional TLV if a LLDPDU message, select **Enable System Name TLV**. This option is selected by default.
- 14 To include **Firewall** as the identification of the Security Appliance in the optional TLV if a LLDPDU message, select **Enable System Description TLV**. This option is selected by default.
- 15 To include an IPv4 or MAC address used for managing an interface of the Security Appliance in the optional TLV if a LLDPDU message, select **Enable Management Address TLV**. This option is selected by default.
- 16 Click **OK**. The name of the profile displays in the **Profile Name** column of the L2 Discovery table.

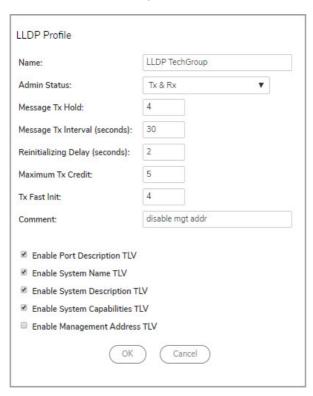
Editing a Custom LLDP Profile

(i) TIP: Default LLDP Profiles cannot be edited.

To edit a custom LLDP profile:

- 1 Navigate to **Switching > L2 Discovery**.
- 2 Click **LLDP Profile**.

3 Click the **Edit** icon for the profile. The **Edit LLDP Profile** dialog displays.



- 4 Make changes as necessary. For information about the options, see Adding an LLDP Custom Profile.
- 5 Click OK.

Deleting Custom Profiles

(i) TIP: Default profiles cannot be deleted.

To delete a custom profile:

- 1 Navigate to **Switching > L2 Discovery**.
- 2 Click the **LLDP Profile** view.
- 3 Click the **Delete** icon for the profile. A confirmation message displays.
- 4 Click OK.

To delete one or more custom profiles:

- 1 Navigate to **Switching > L2 Discovery**.
- 2 Click the **LLDP Profile** view.
- 3 Select the profiles to be deleted.
- 4 Click **Delete LLDP Profile(s)**. A confirmation message displays.
- 5 Click OK.

To delete all custom profiles:

1 Navigate to Switching > L2 Discovery.

- 2 Click the **LLDP Profile** view.
- 3 Click the top checkbox in the left column heading. All custom profiles are selected.
- 4 Click **Delete LLDP Profile(s)**. A confirmation message displays.
- 5 Click **OK**.

Configuring Switch Shield

(i) NOTE: Switching is available on all NSA 2650 and above firewalls.



To configure Switch Shield settings:

- 1 Navigate to Switching > Switch Shield.
- 2 Select the options for DDOS protection using switch capabilities. None of the options are selected by default.
- 3 Click Update.

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