

Automating Micro-Segmentation and Deploying Layer 4-7 Services in VXLAN EVPN Fabrics using Group Policy Option (GPO) and Nexus Dashboard

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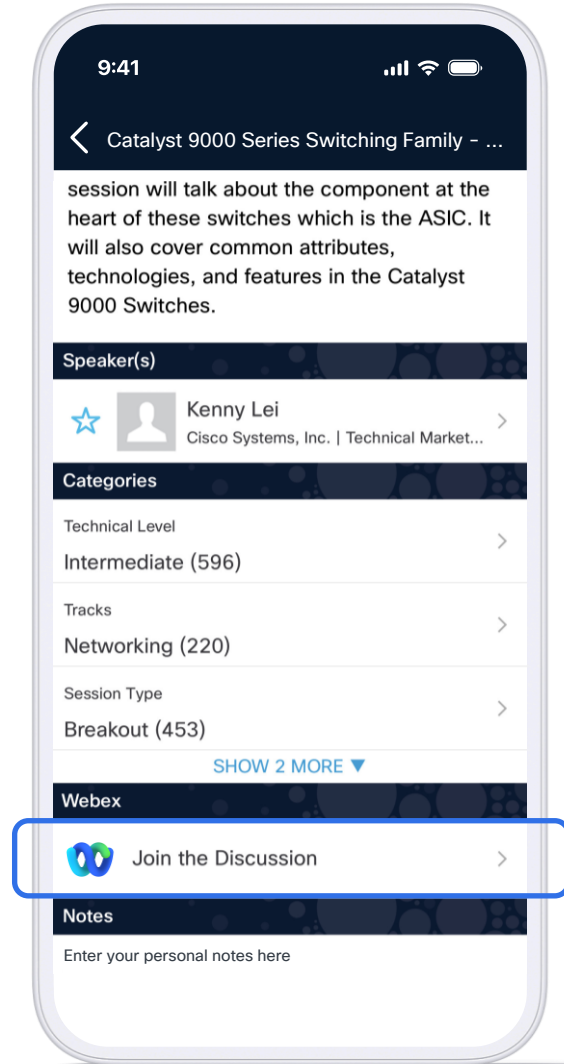
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Introduction

Group Policy Option

Enhancing Data Center Segmentation with Simplicity and Granularity

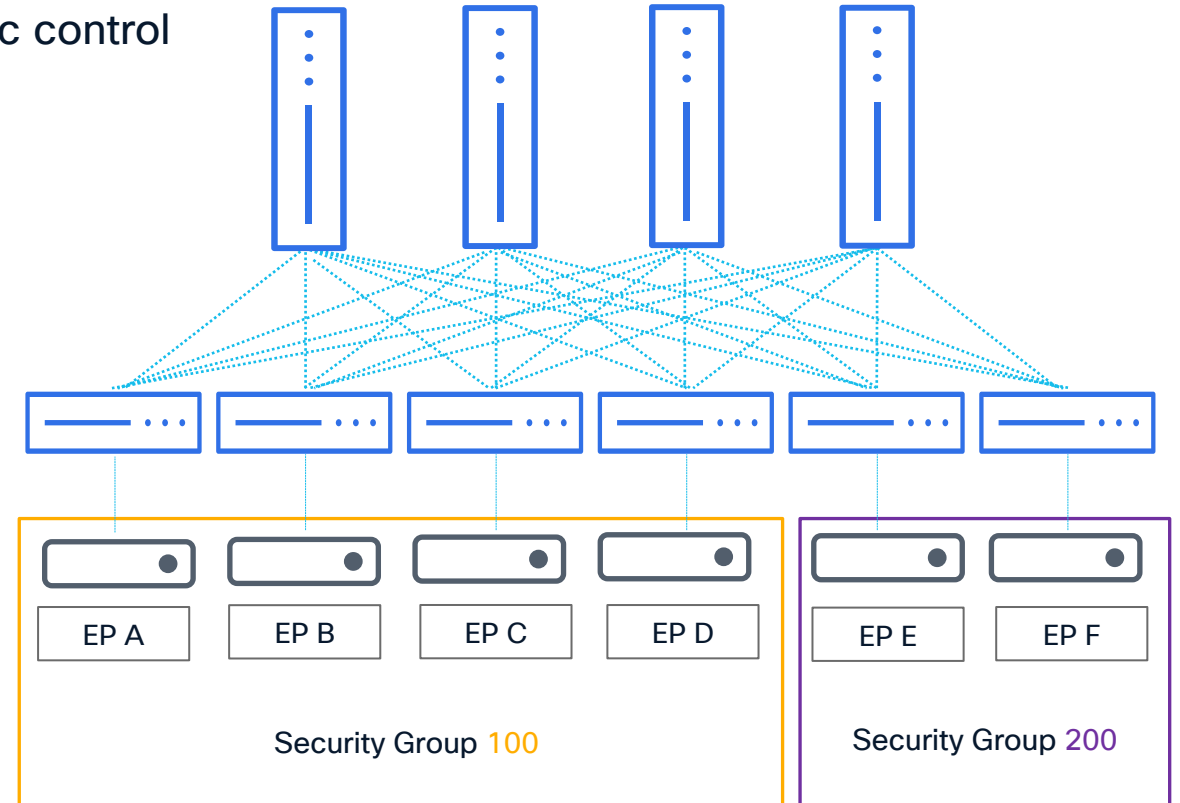
- Data Center security is important
- Threats are evolving, increasing and becoming more complex
- Enforce organization's security standards by permitting only pre-approved traffic across and within every network segment
- Traffic enforcement needs to be optimized. Design and configurations must be streamlined
- Newer capabilities have been introduced in recent NX-OS to expand the existing feature-set
 - Group Policy Option
 - Service Redirection based on GPO



Group Policy Option

Enhancing Data Center Segmentation with Simplicity and Granularity

- GPO Standard
 - Extension to VXLAN and EVPN that provide additional traffic control
- Grouping
 - Resources in a group inherit the same policies
- Classification
 - Classify endpoints into security-groups
 - Based on IPs, MACs, VLANs and Ports
- Enforcement for inter-group traffic
 - Action: Permit, Deny, Redirect
 - Supports micro-segmentation
- Easily **automated** via Nexus Dashboard
- Easily **monitored** via Nexus Dashboard

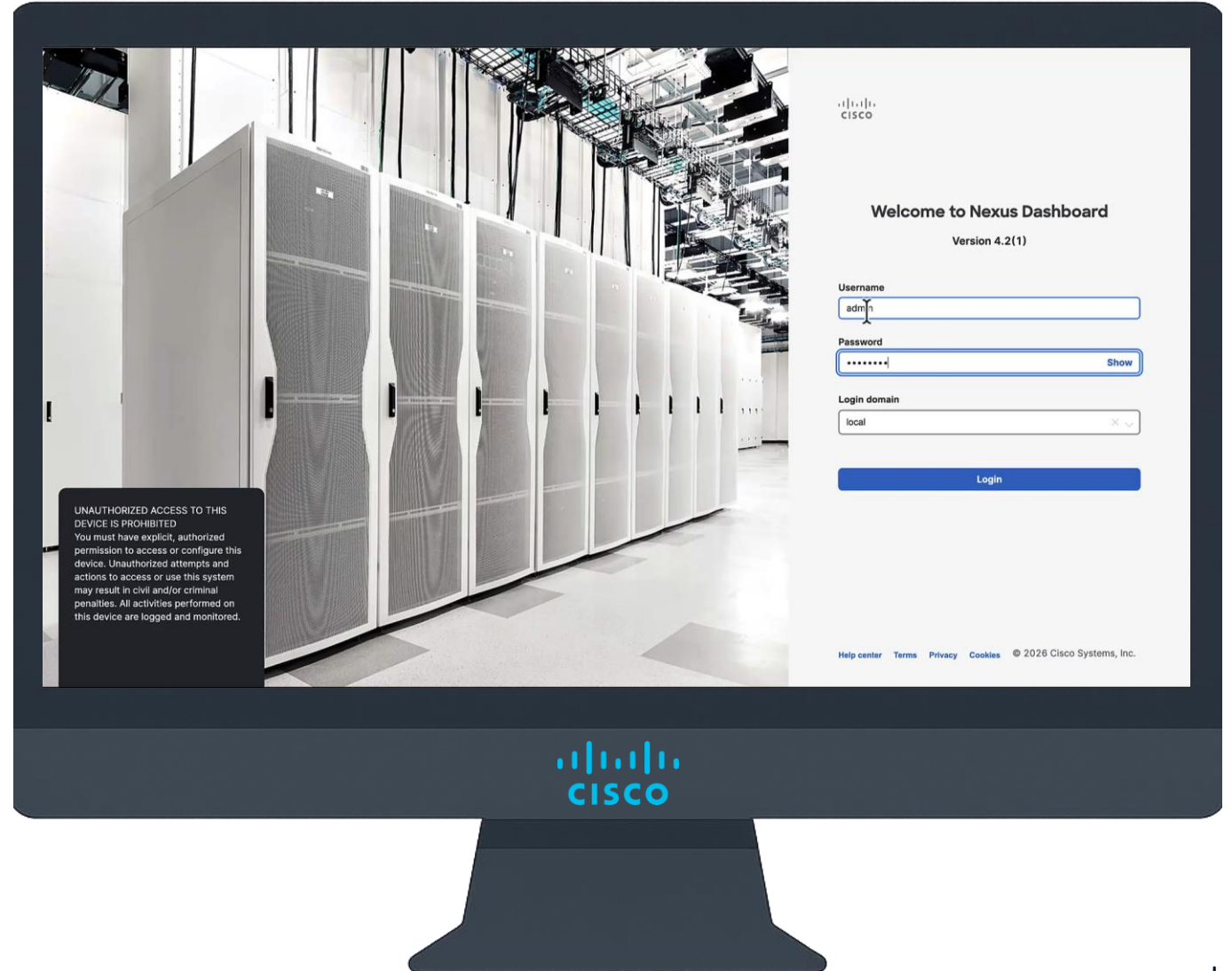


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- Single-Site and Multi-Site supported
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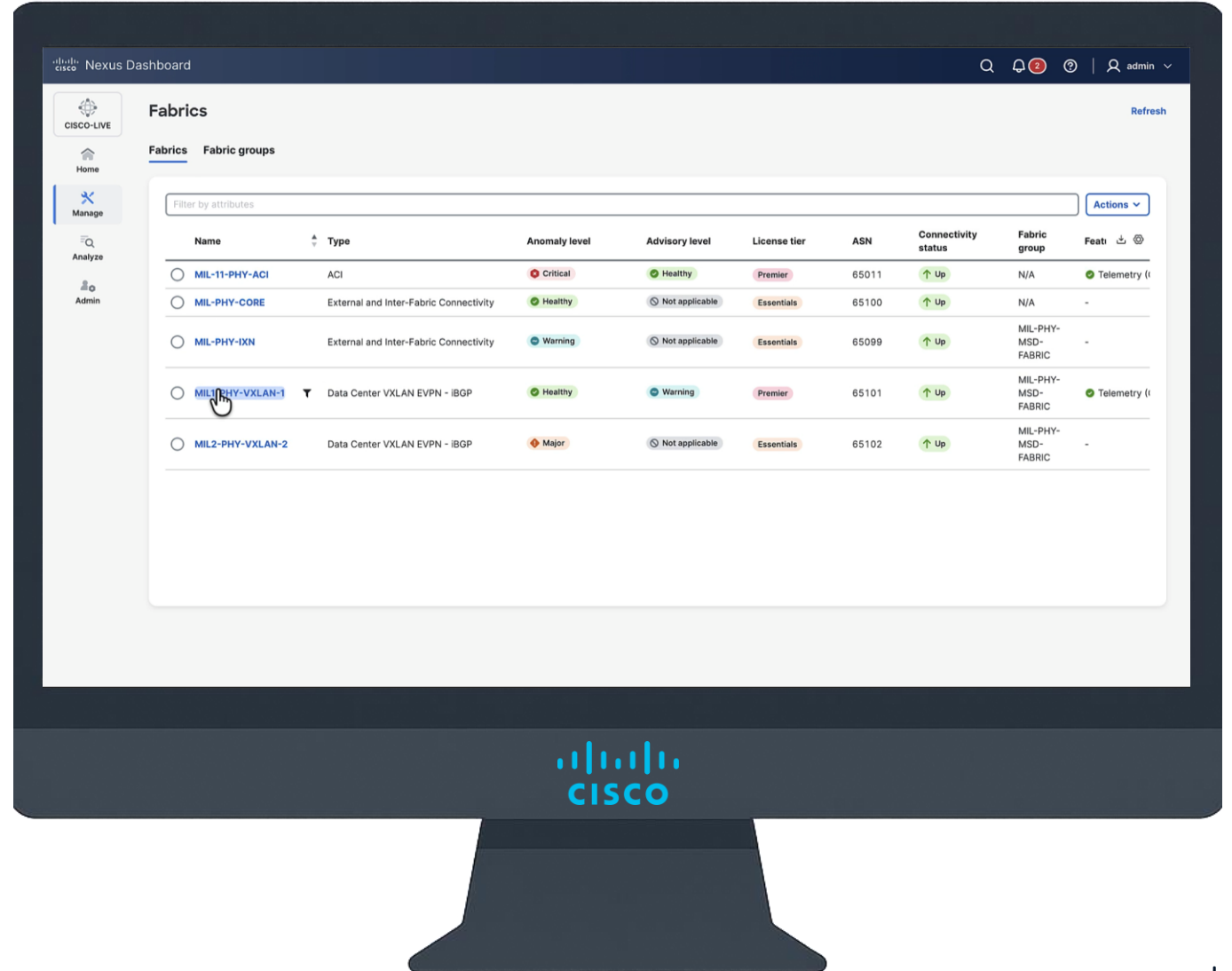


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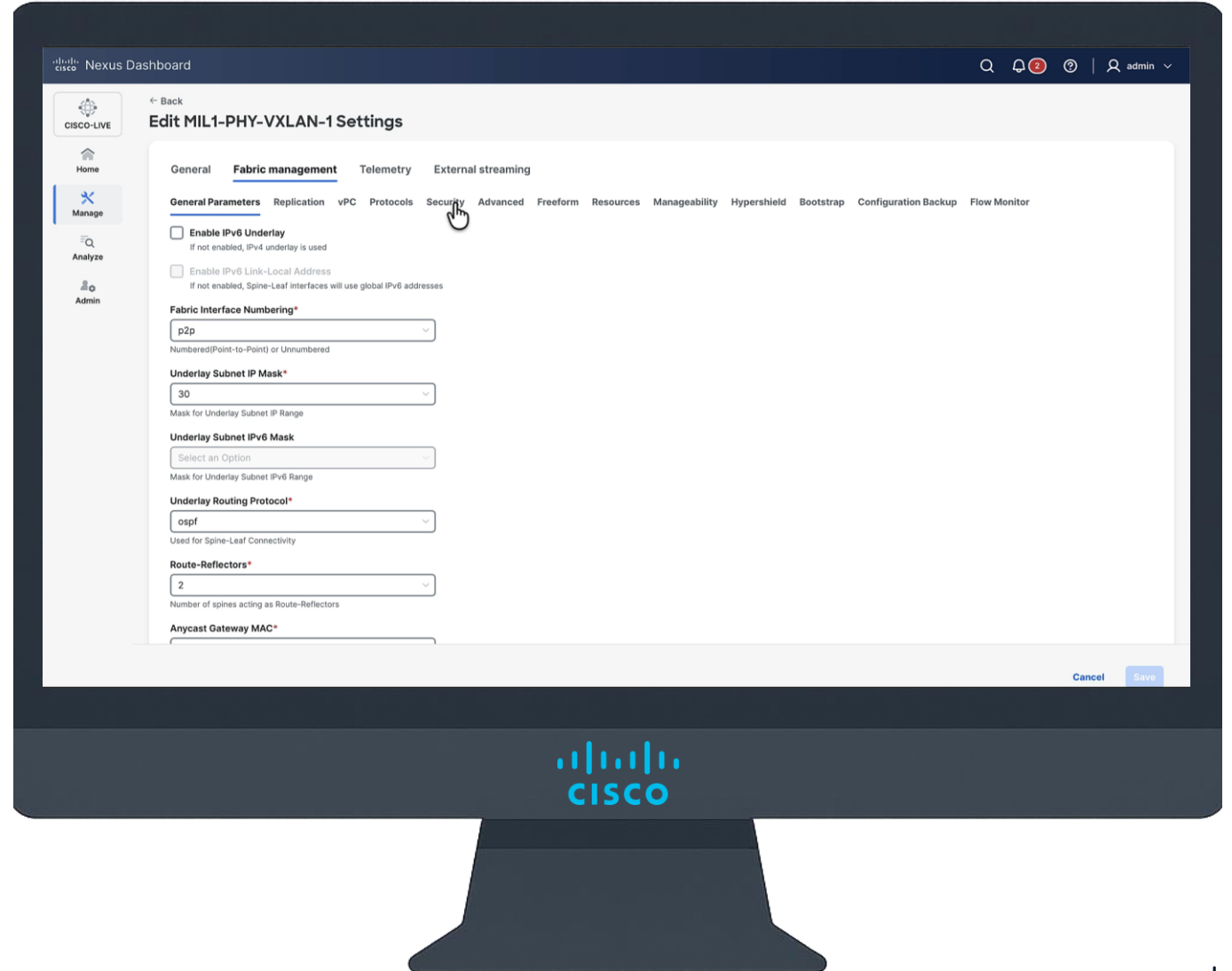


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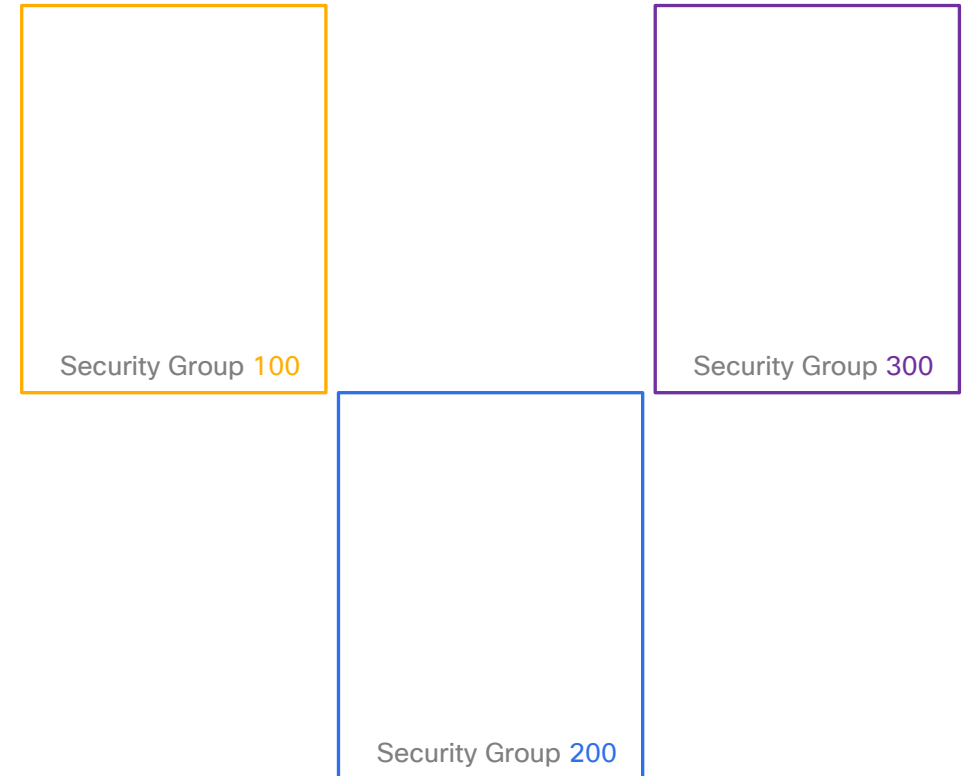


GPO Review

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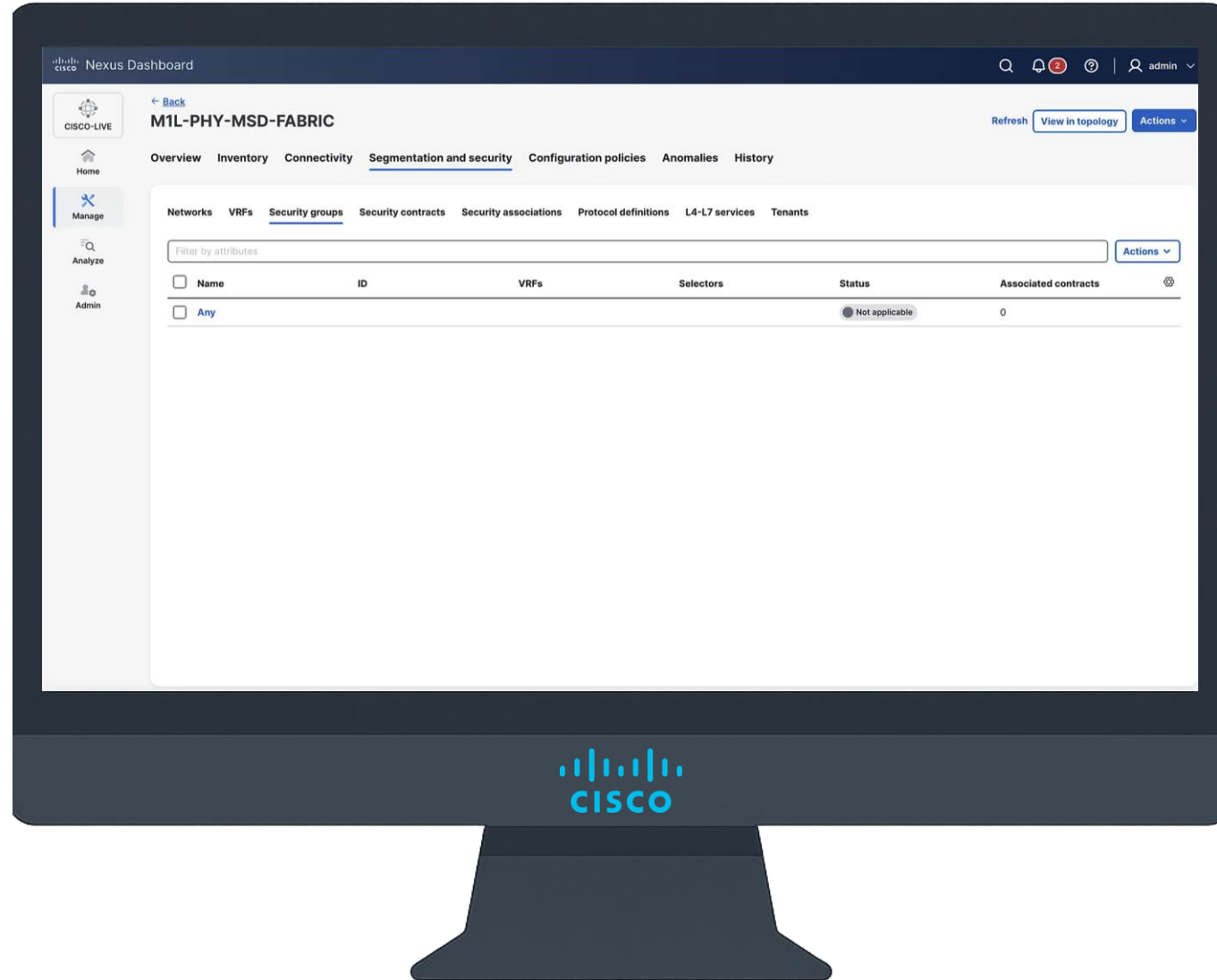
Group Definition

- Security Groups are containers that will include one or more end-hosts or networks with the same security requirements
- Security Groups must be configured with a 16 bit ID called Security Group Tag (SGT), reserved ranges:
 - 0 – 15
 - $a_n = 130 + 256 \cdot n$ [130,386,642...65410]
- IP traffic inside the same Security Group always allowed
- IP traffic across different Security Groups must be enforced
- Common reserved SGs:
 - 0 – for any non classified address, also refer to any
 - 1 – for default type-5 routes of directly connected networks
 - 15 – prefixes learned from GPO unaware sites



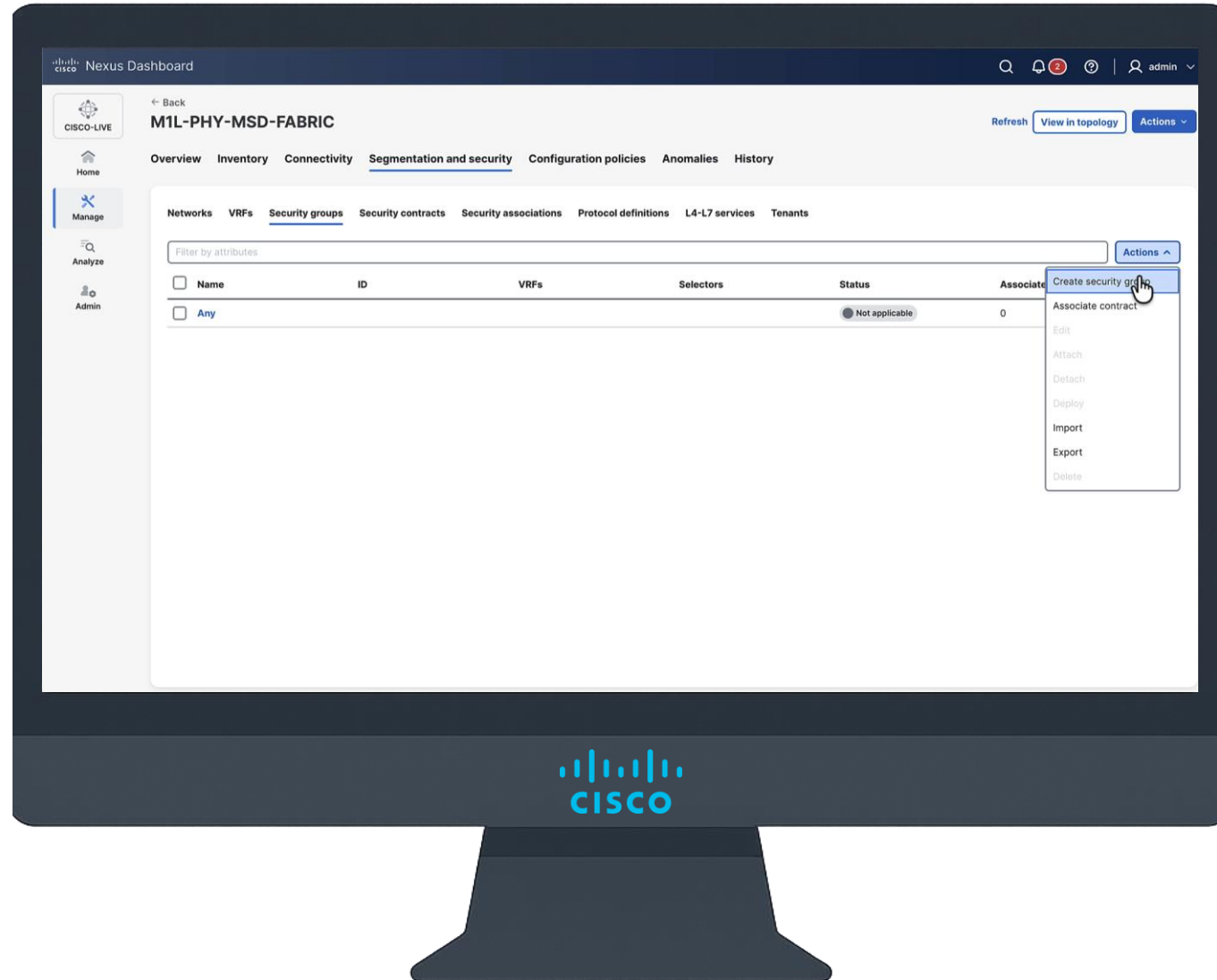
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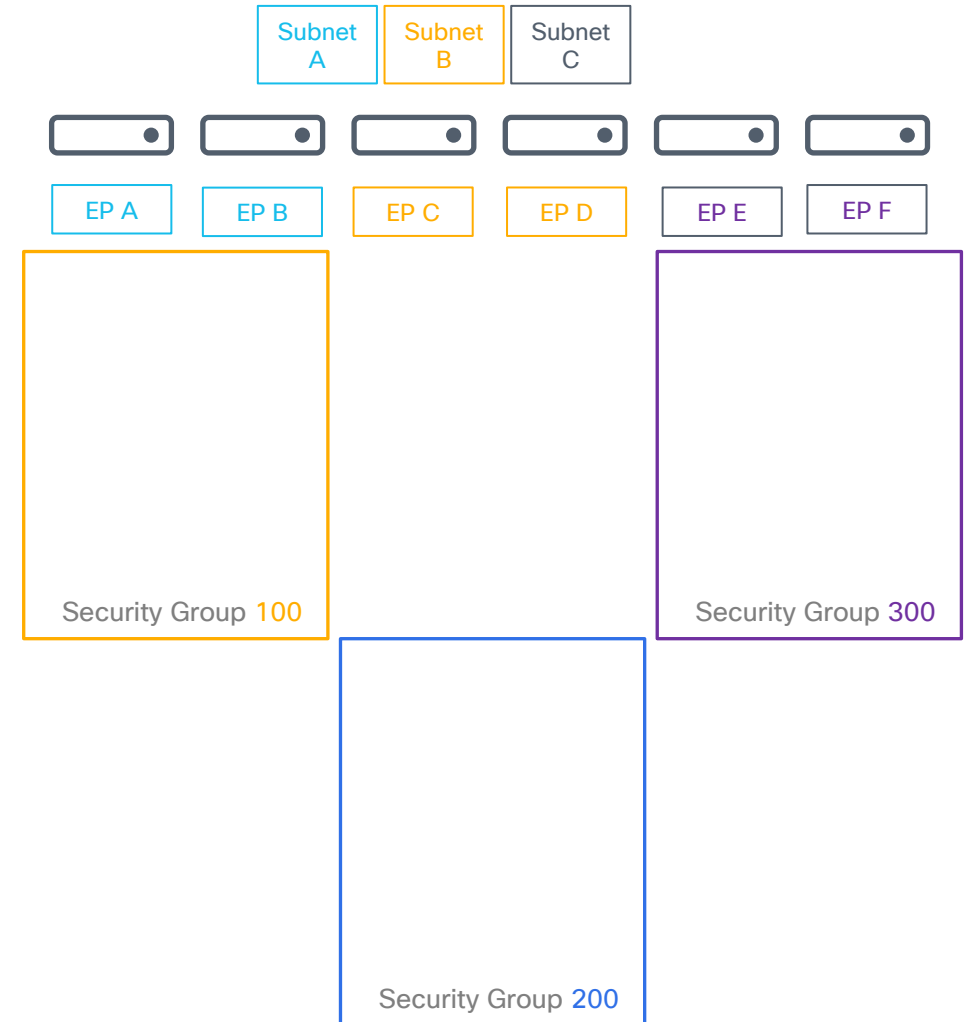
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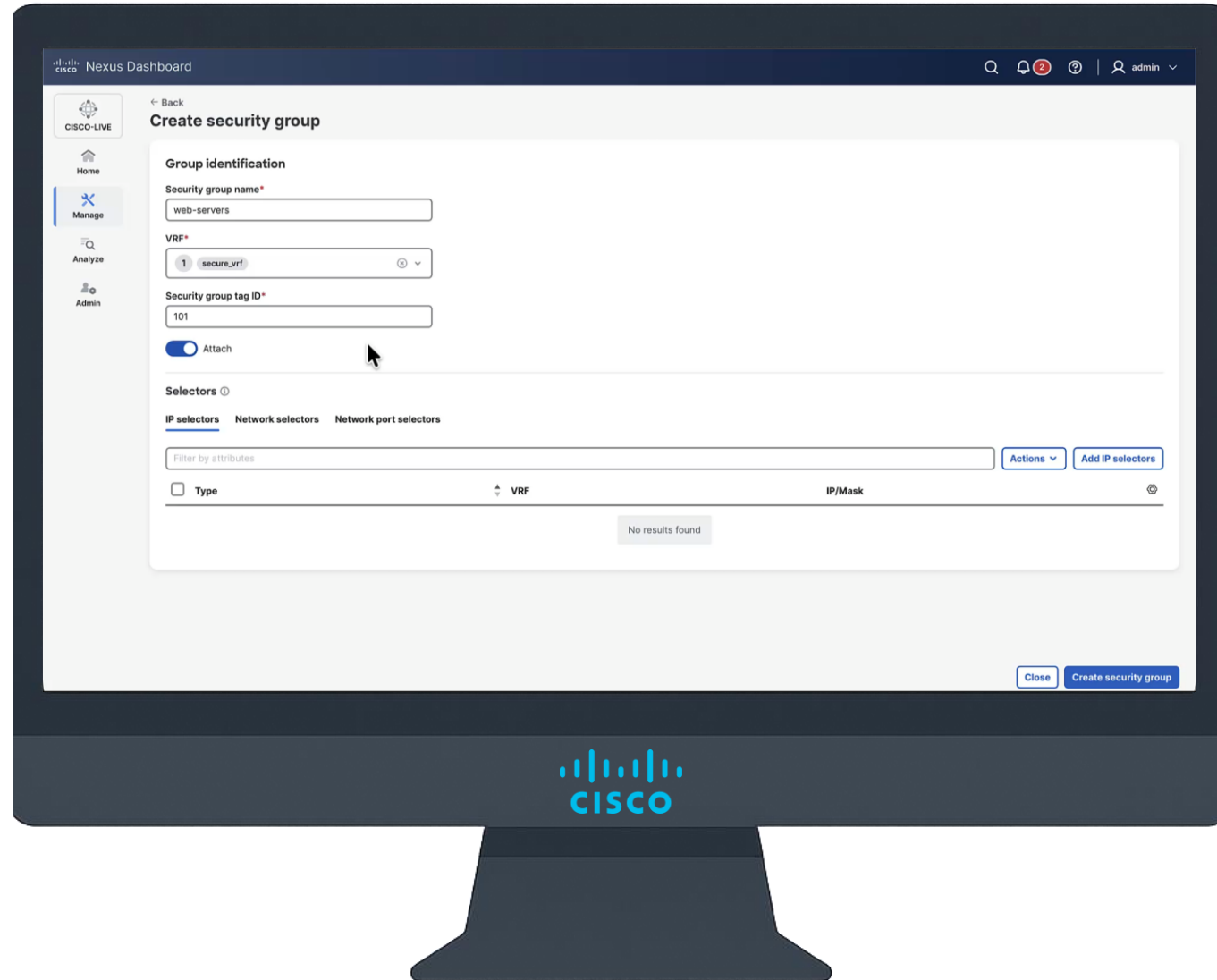
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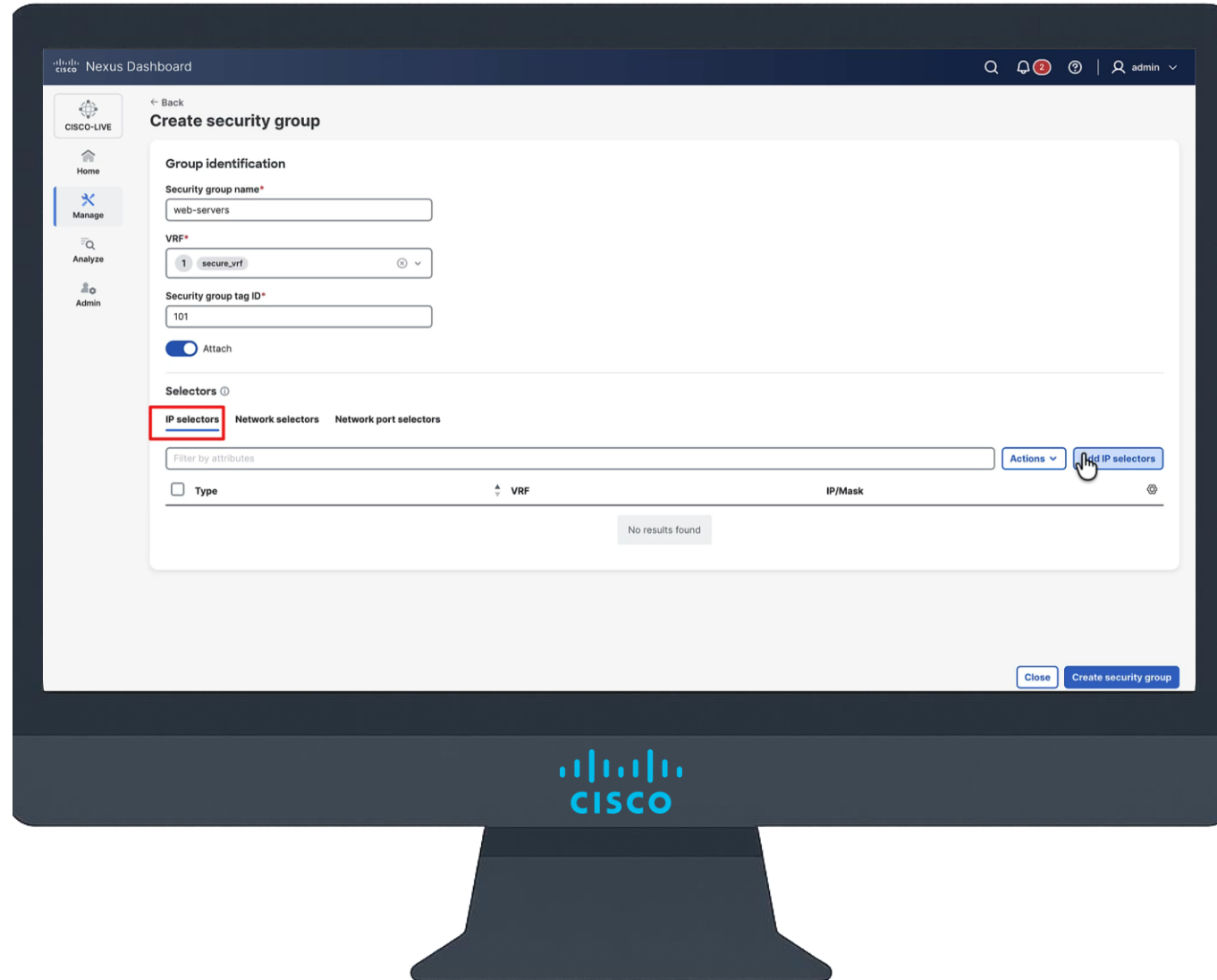
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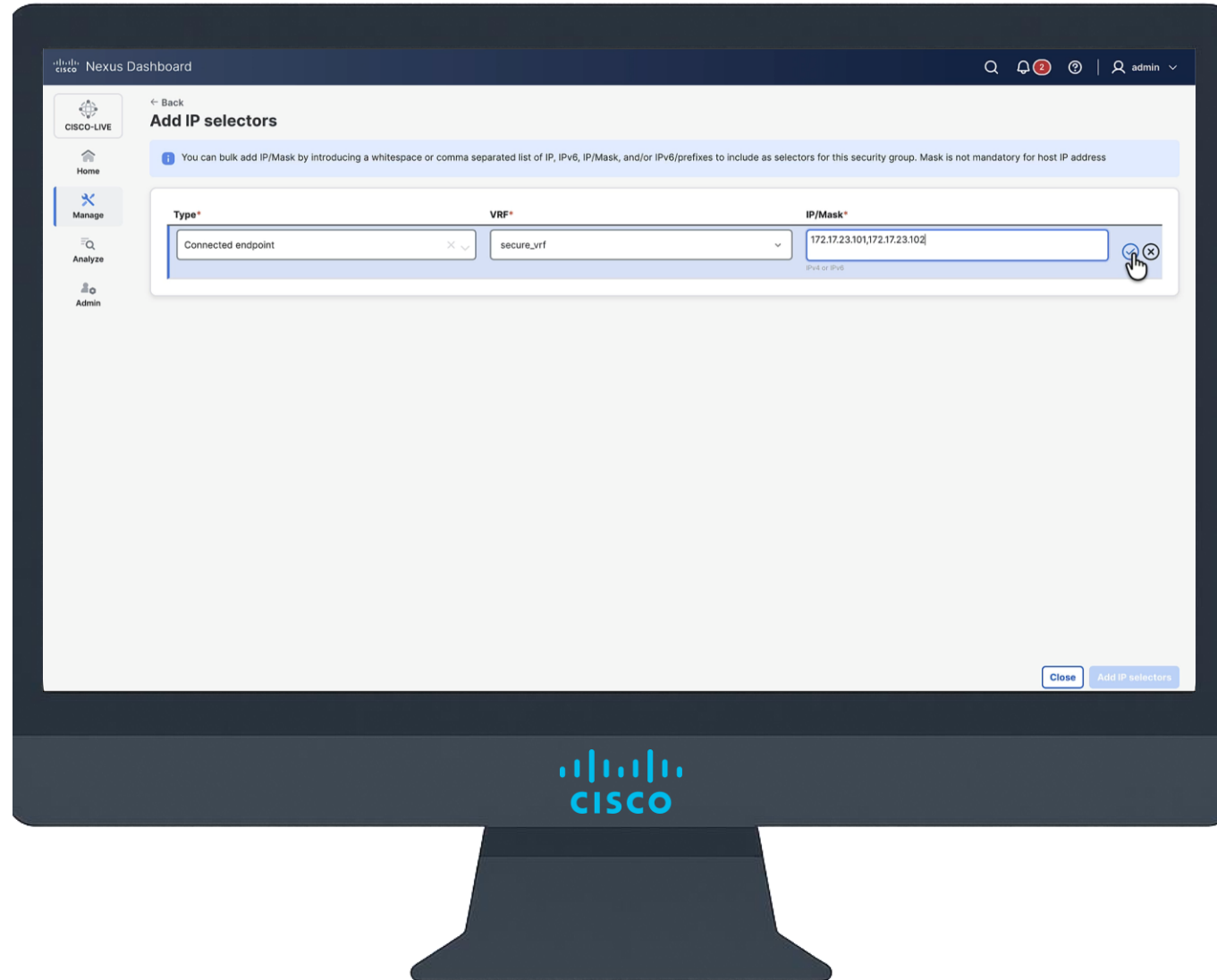
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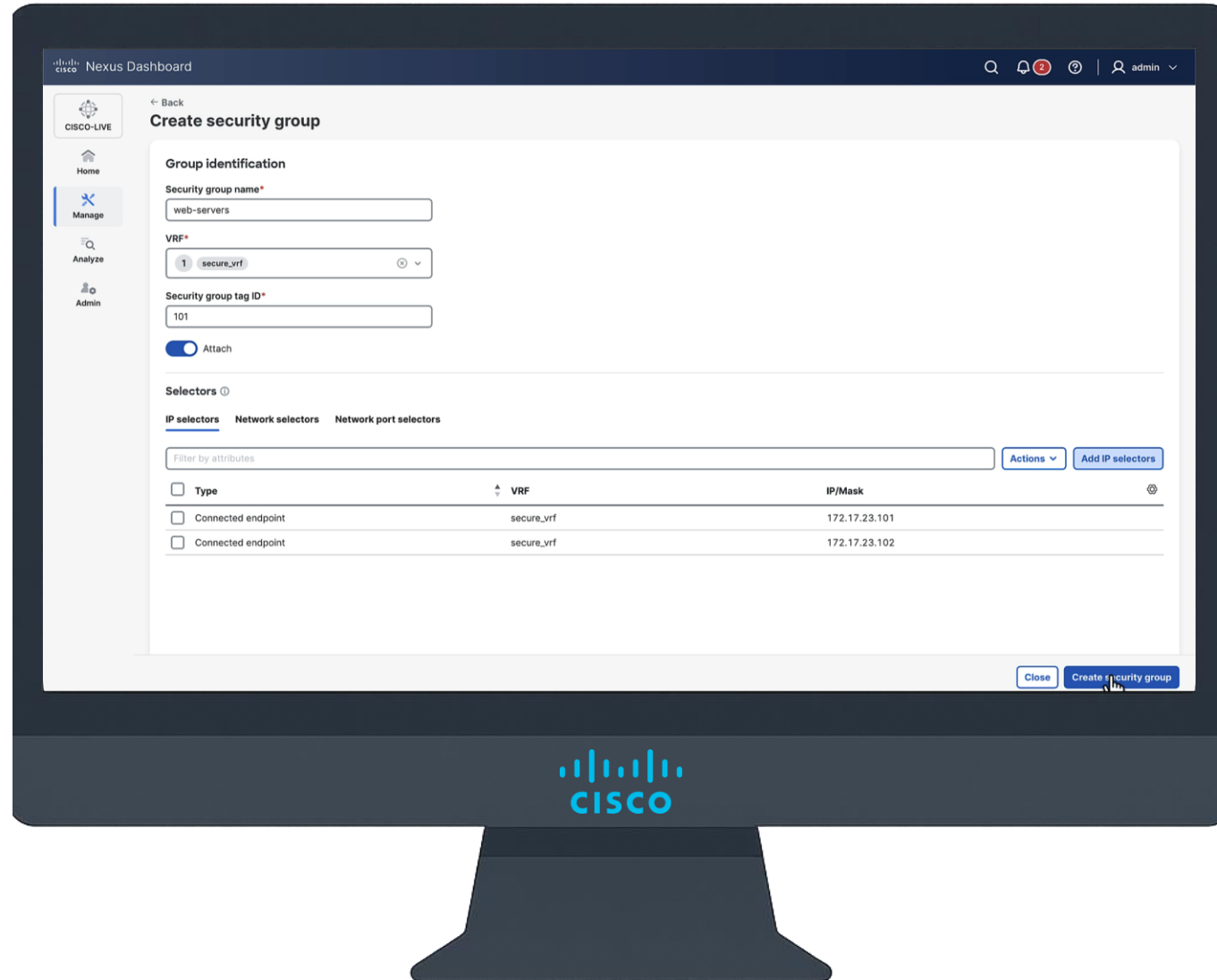
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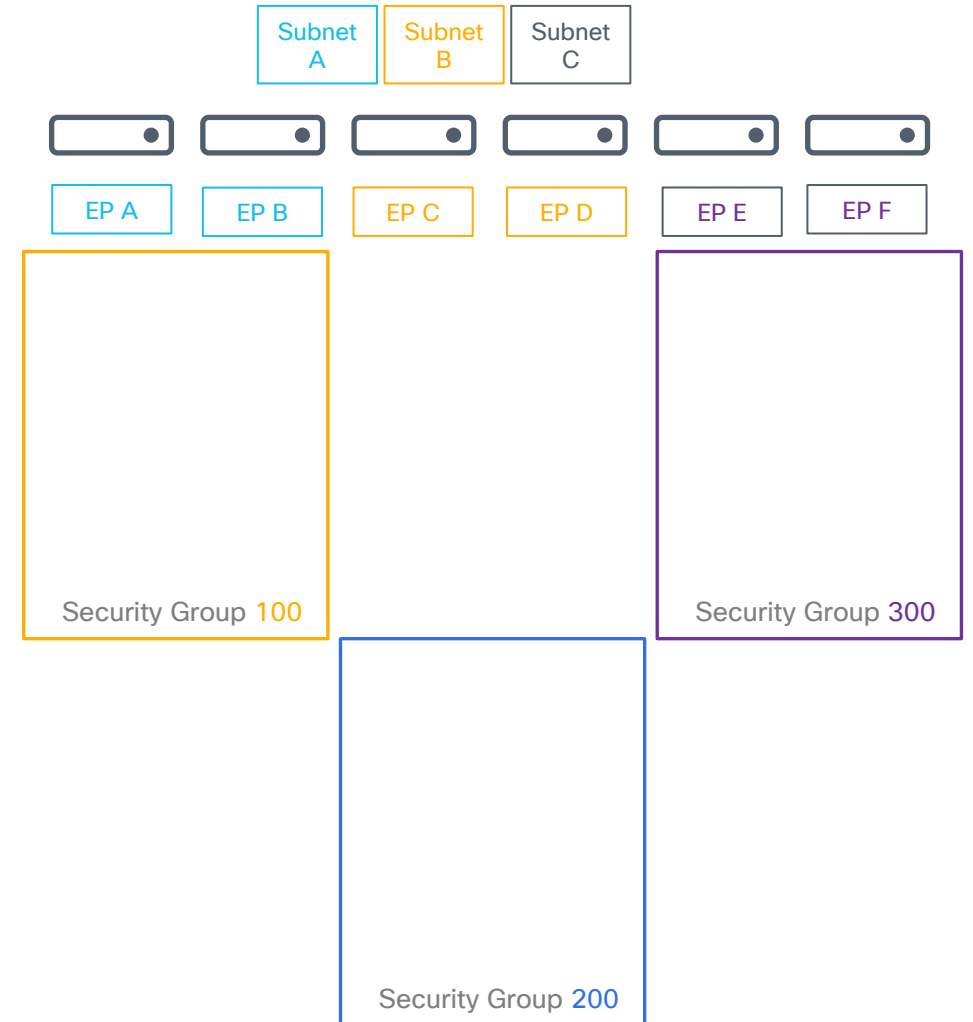
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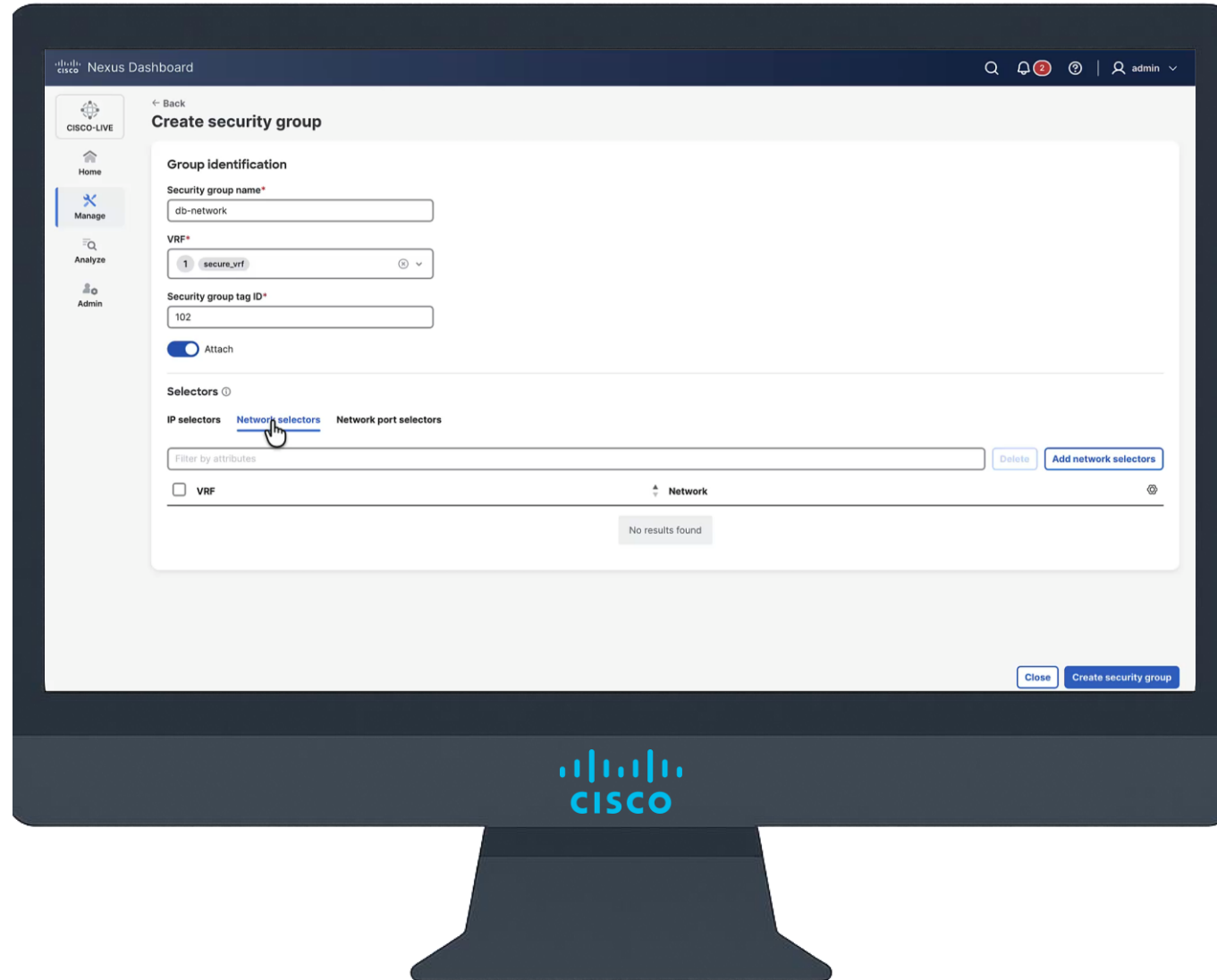
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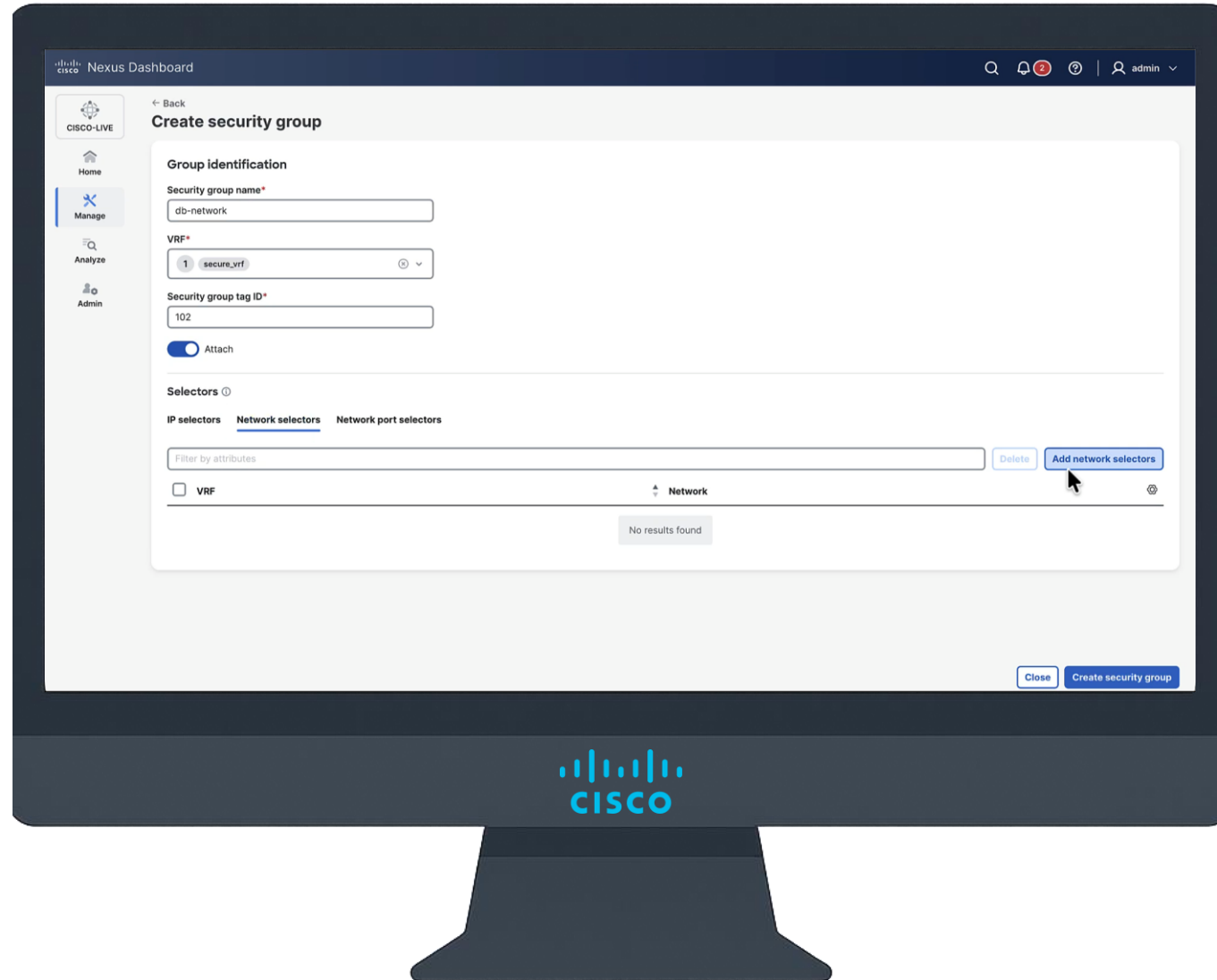
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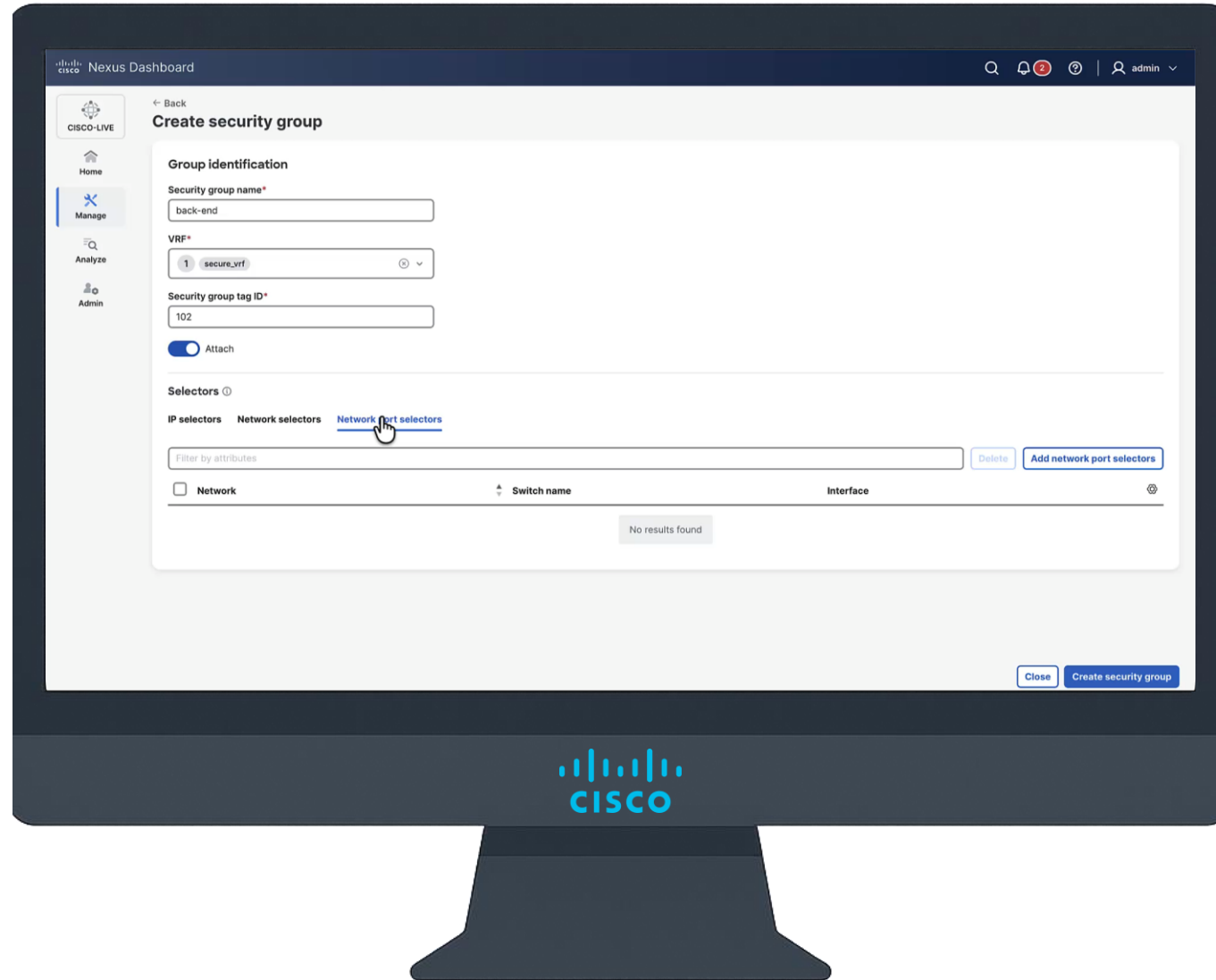
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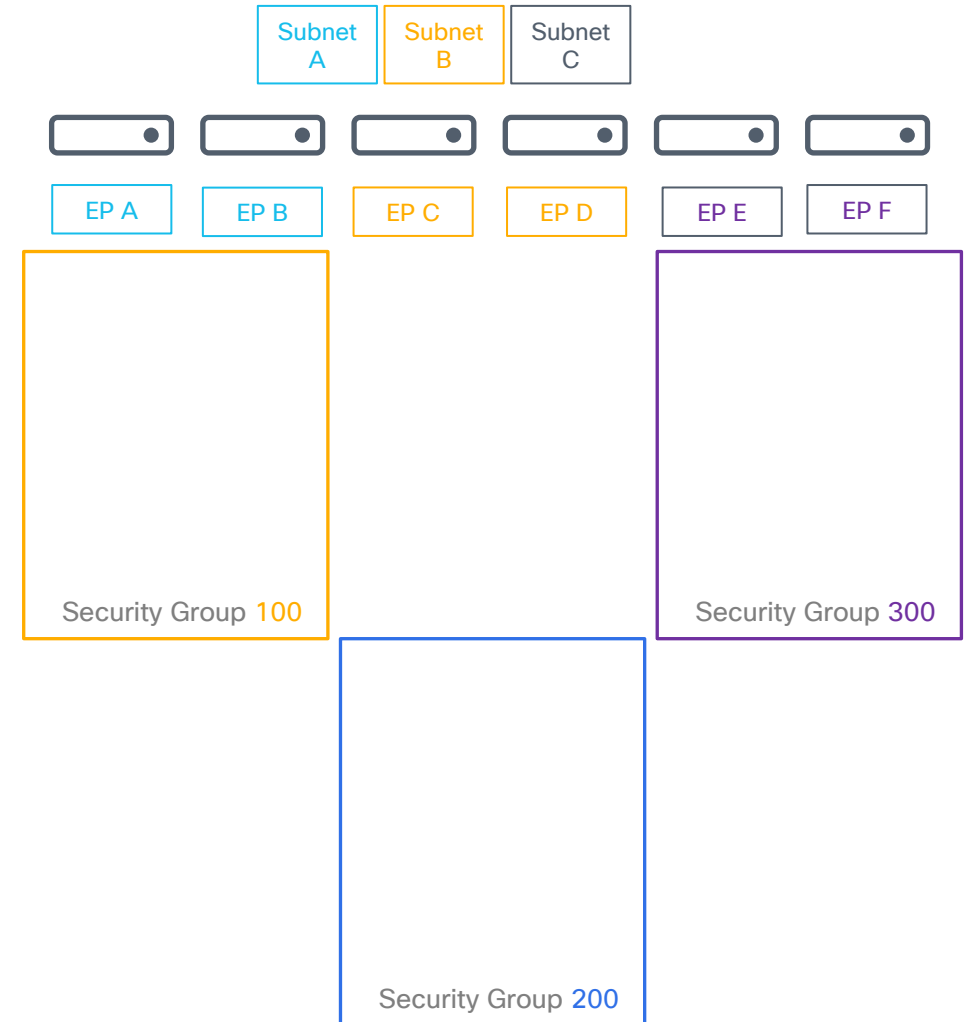
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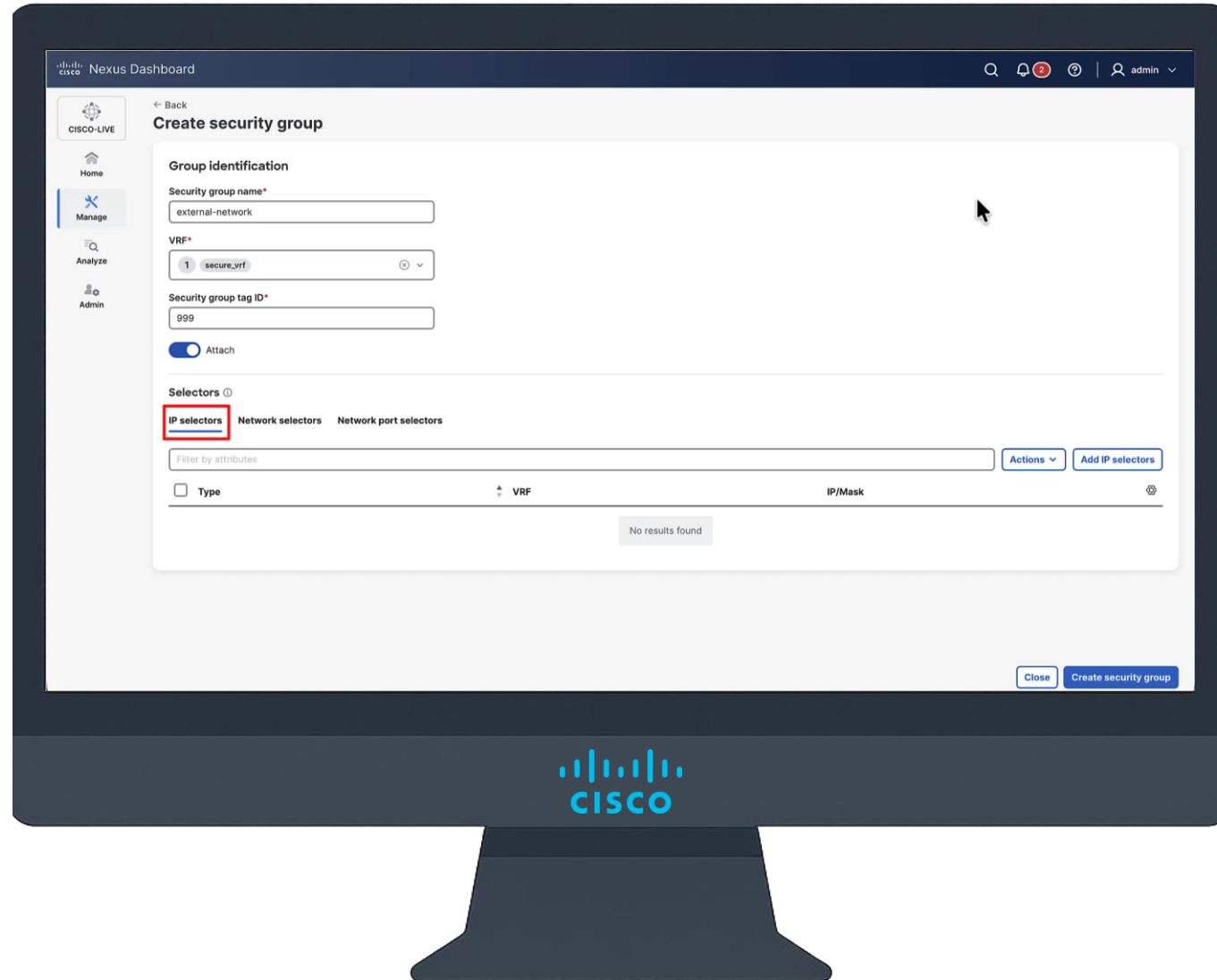
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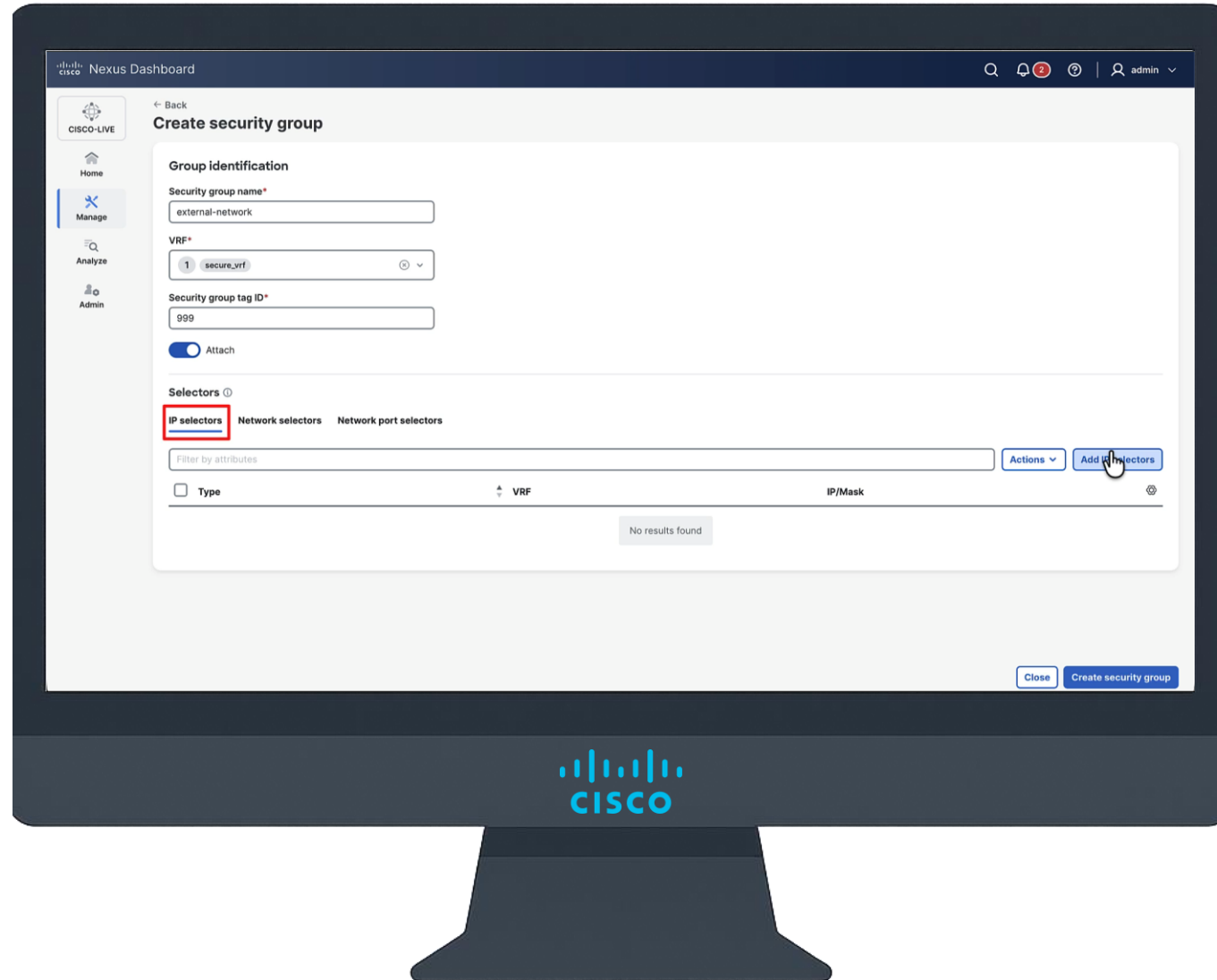
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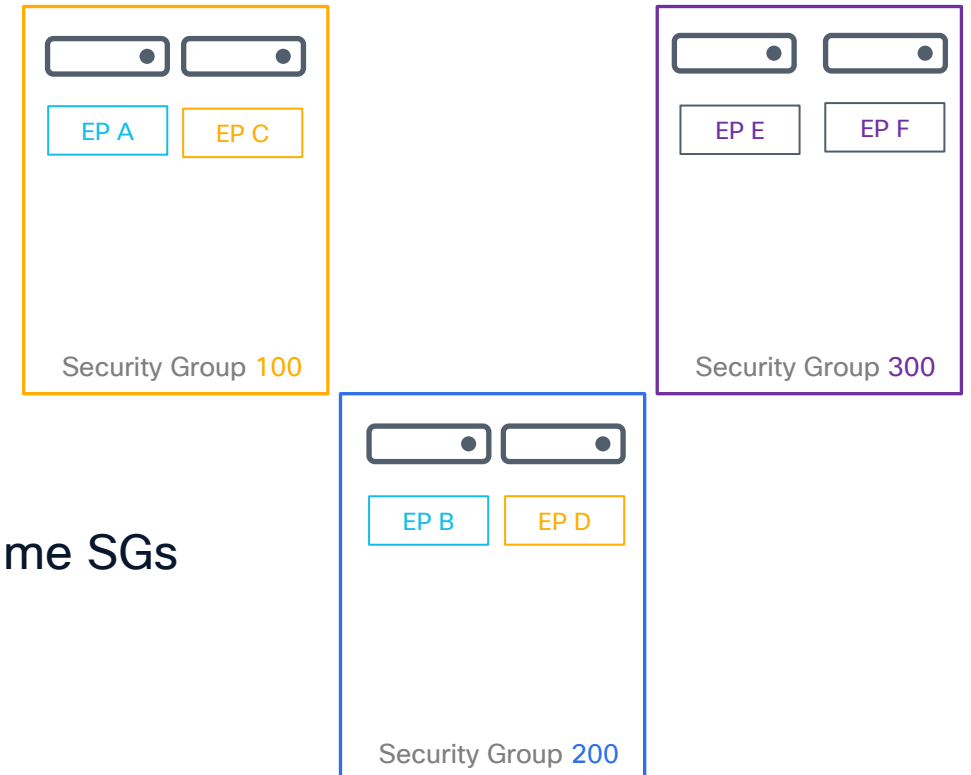
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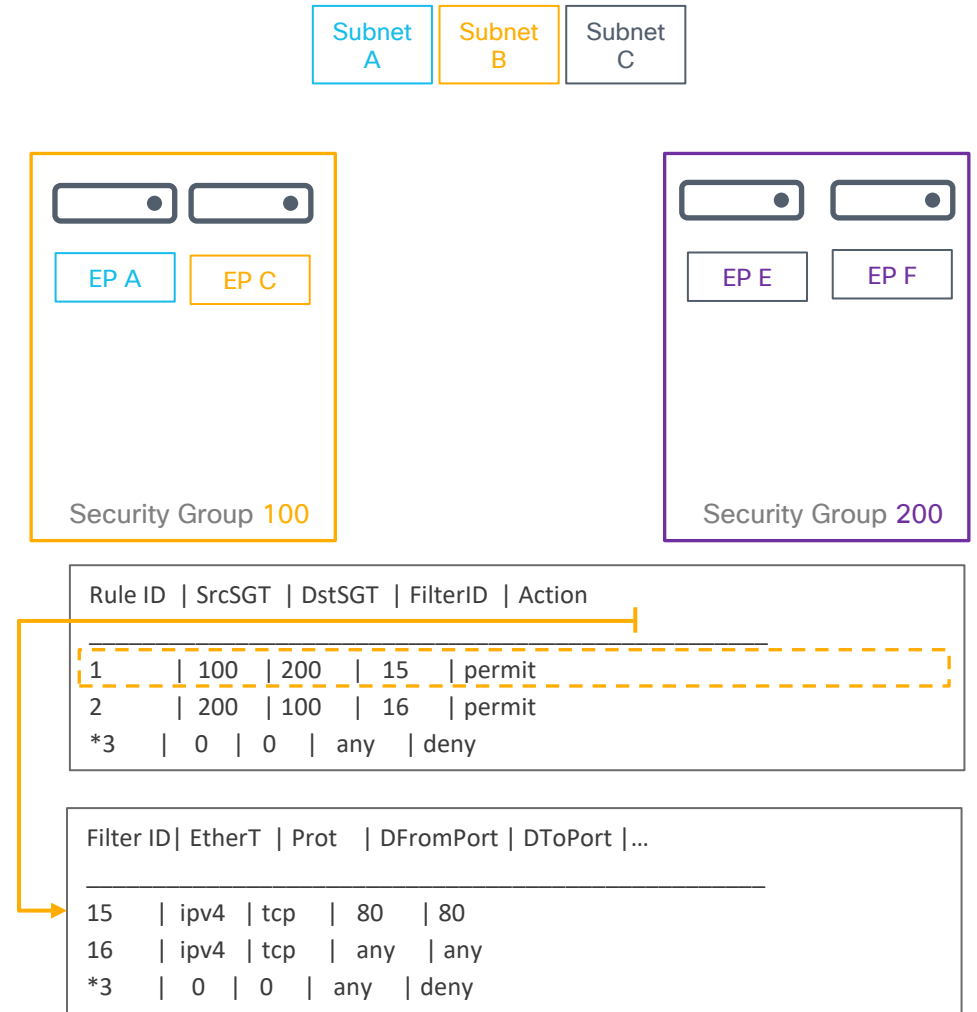
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- Endpoints in the same subnet can be mapped to different or same SGs
- Endpoints in different subnets can be mapped to the same SG
- Resources can be part of a single SG



Group Policy Option Fundamentals

Traffic Enforcement

- Traffic enforcement is done by the VTEPs
- Every packet is evaluated in a security-rule table build based on configurations that contains records(SGACLs) to identify source and destination SGT and the conditions (protocol, ports etc)
- When a match is found then the correspondent action is applied
- When multiple matches are configured then a priority logic will be used for the tie break
- If a 1:1 match is not found then a catch-all rule will be hit, the action in that case depends on configurations*



(simplified tables)

Group Policy Option Fundamentals

Traffic Enforcement - Filters

- SGACLs always match traffic between a source and a destination Security Group based on a filter
- Filters can include one or more entries that identify the traffic type. Valid options are:
 - IPv4/IPv6 carried protocol
 - TCP/UDP ports
 - TCP flags
 - DSCP
 - Fragments
- Filters are defined with “class-map type security” objects

```
class-map type security match-any TCP-PORT-80
  match ipv4 tcp dport 80
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class-map type security match-any TCP-PORT-443
  match ipv4 tcp dport 443
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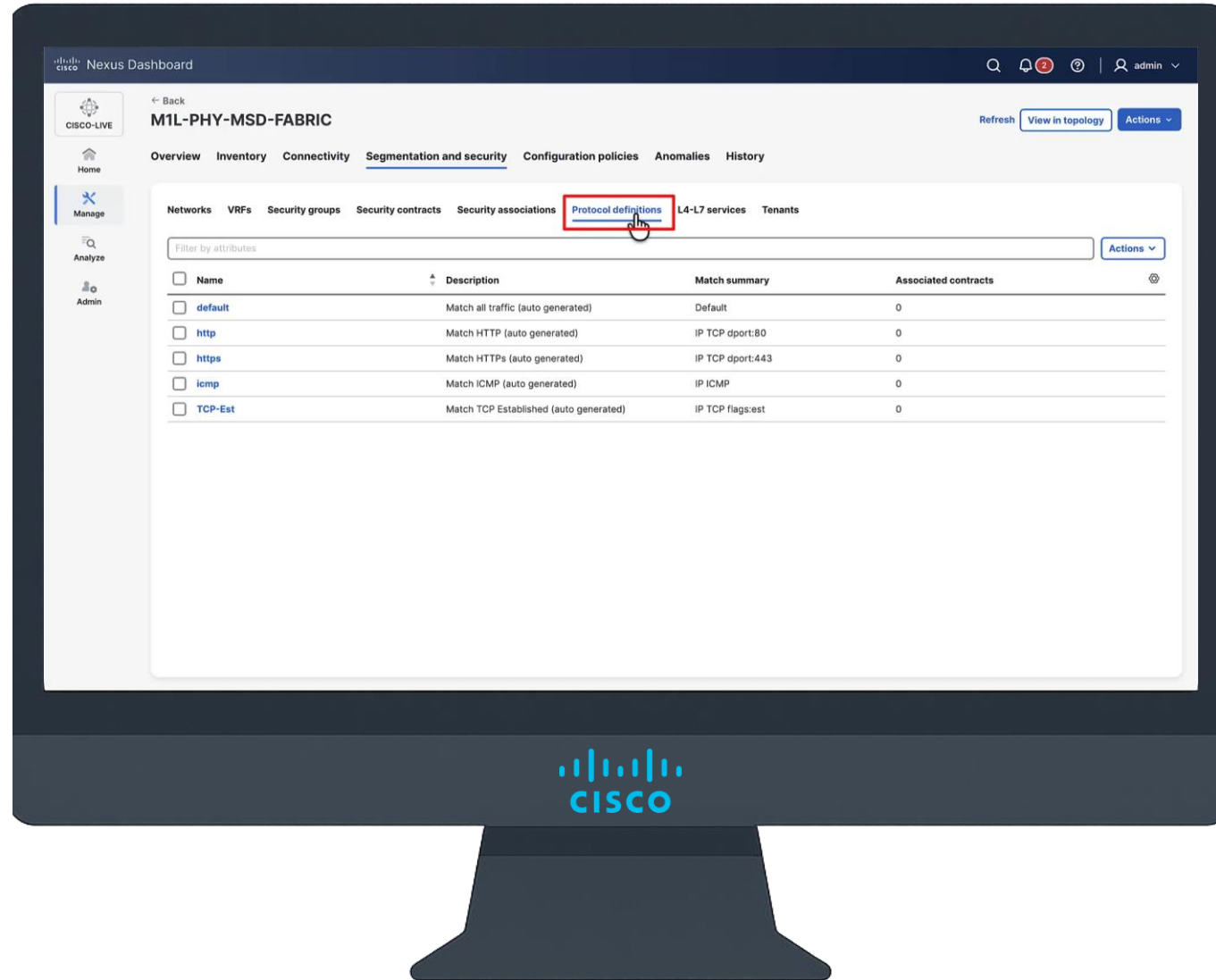
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class-map type security match-any MY-APP
  match ipv4 tcp dport 15000 to 15146
```

```
class-map type security match-any WEB-TRAFFIC-PORTS
  match ipv4 tcp stateful dport 443
  match ipv4 tcp stateful dport 80
  match ipv4 udp dport 443
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```
class-map type security match-any MANAGEMENT
  match ipv4 tcp dport 3389
  match ipv4 tcp dport 22
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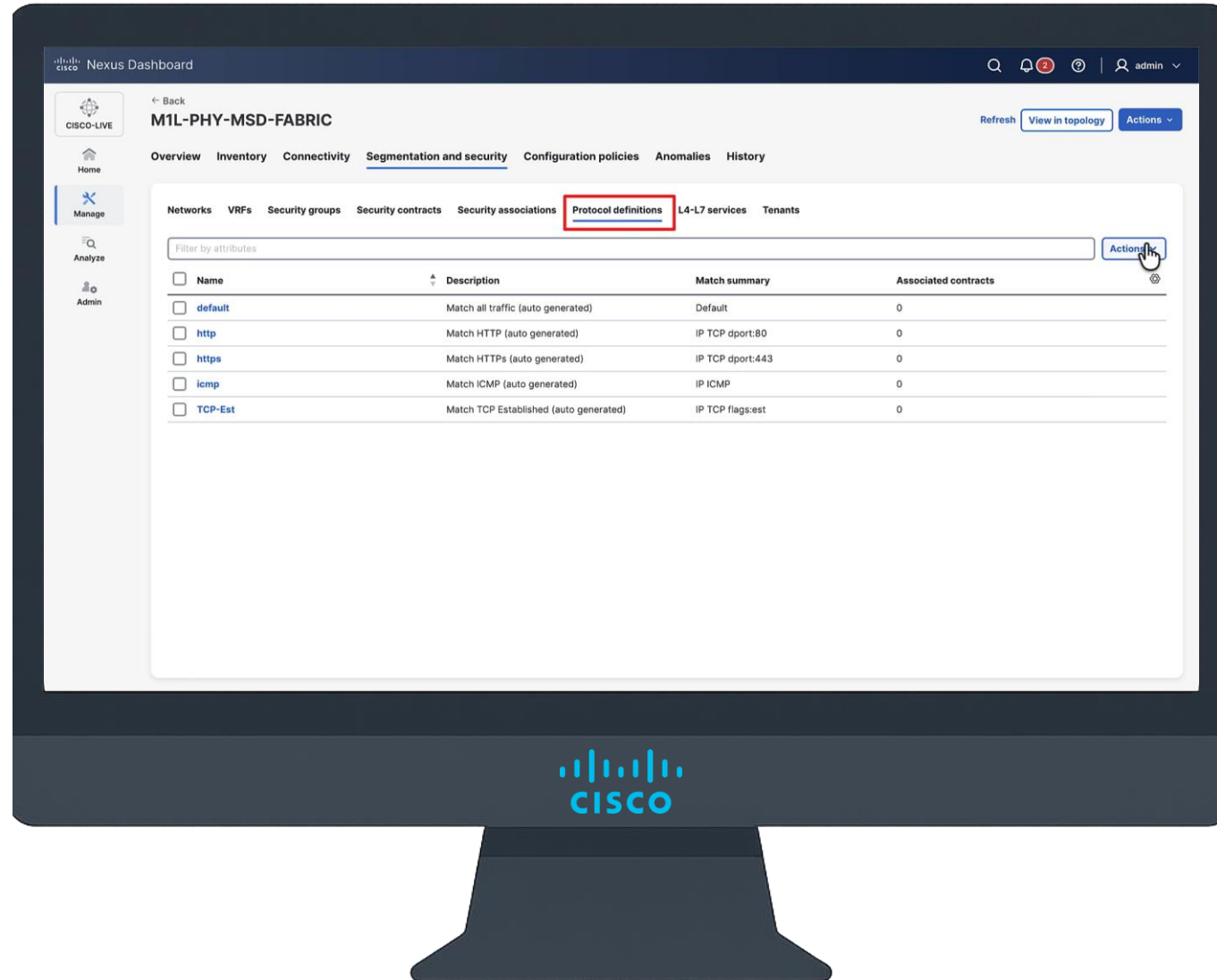
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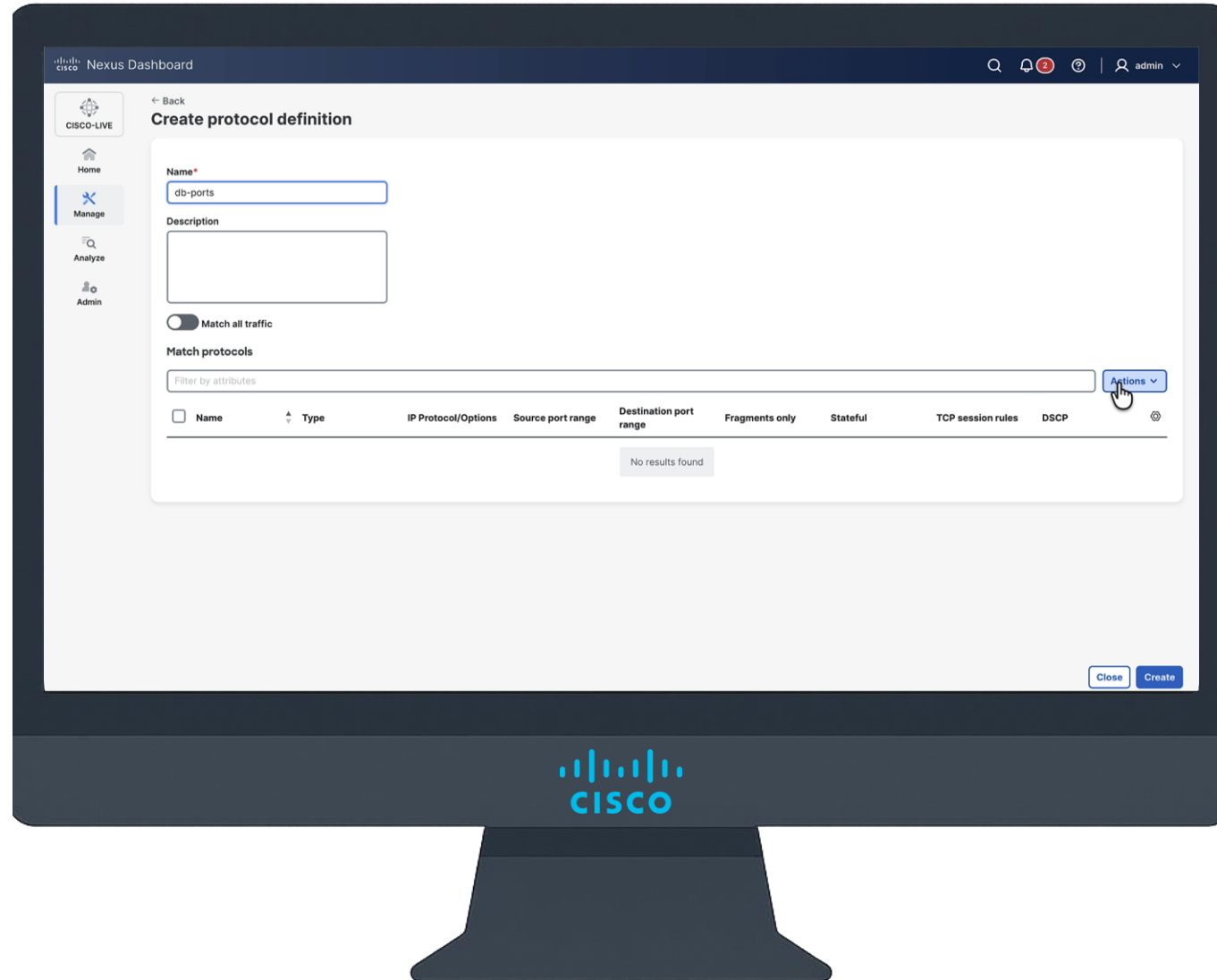
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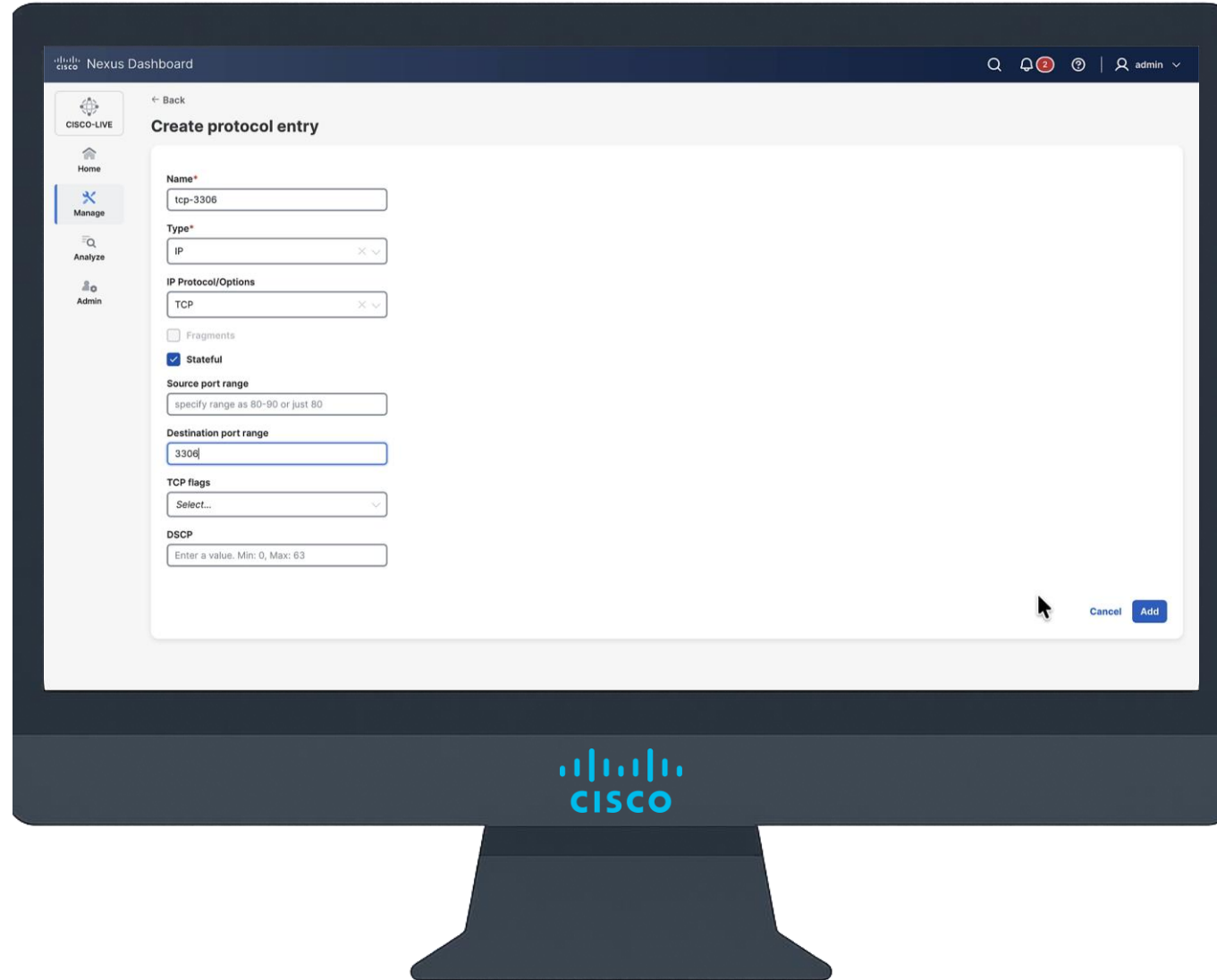
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Traffic Enforcement - Policies

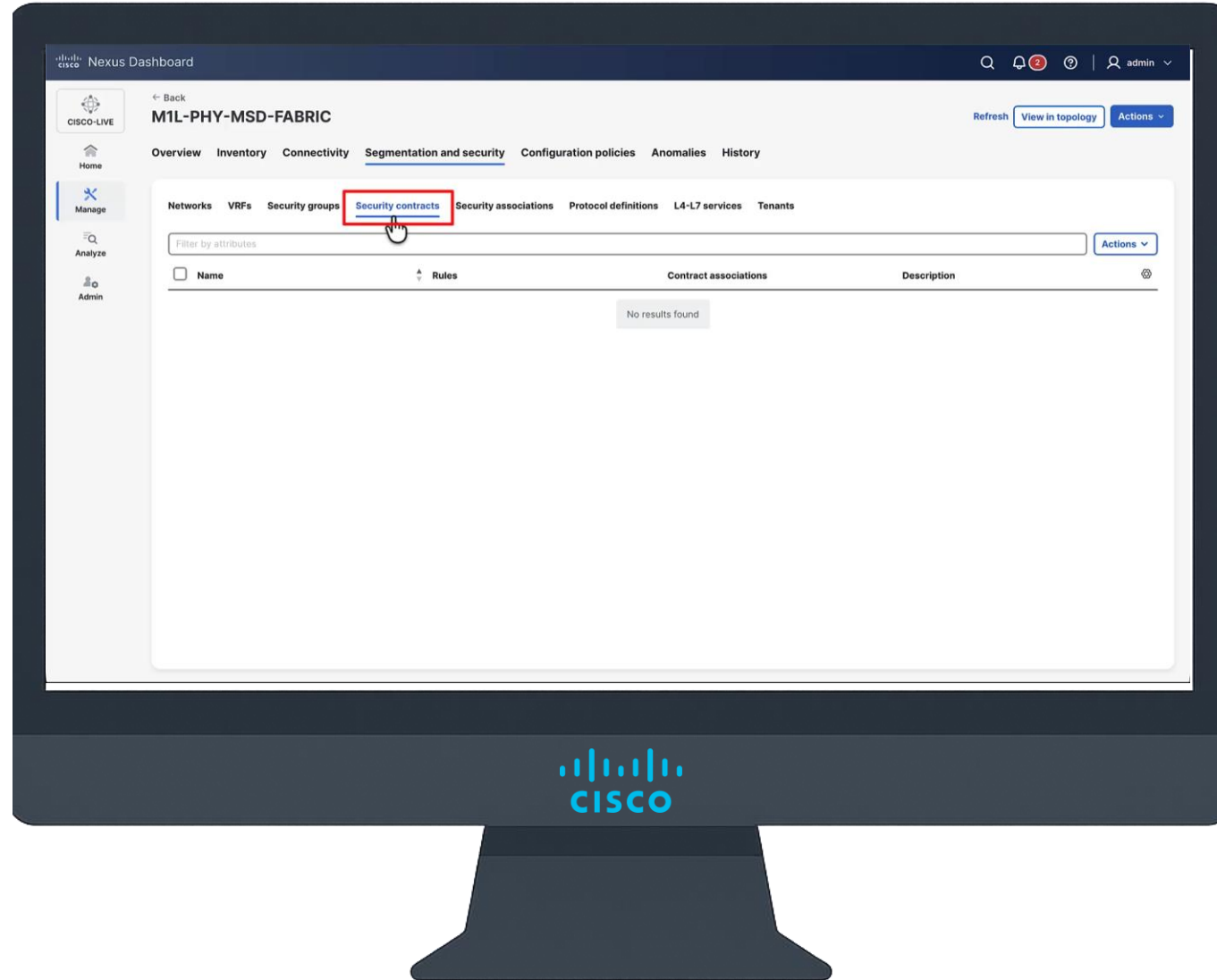
- Policies, or contracts, defined the action that will be programmed on the hardware(filter):
 - Permit
 - Deny
 - Redirect to a Service (*service-chain*)
- Multiple filters may be included in a single policy each one with a different action
- Device can log and track hit counts when the log keyword is used
- Policies can be safely re-used, there is no risk to allow unintended traffic (might make sense to ACI folks)

```
policy-map type security VPN-CLIENTS-TO-ANY
  class TCP-PORT-80
    log
    service-chain WEB-CHAIN-SITE-1
  class MANAGEMENT
    permit
  class default
    log
    deny
```

```
policy-map type security ONLY-WEB-PORTS
  class WEB-TRAFFIC-PORTS
    log
    service-chain WEB-CHAIN-SITE-1
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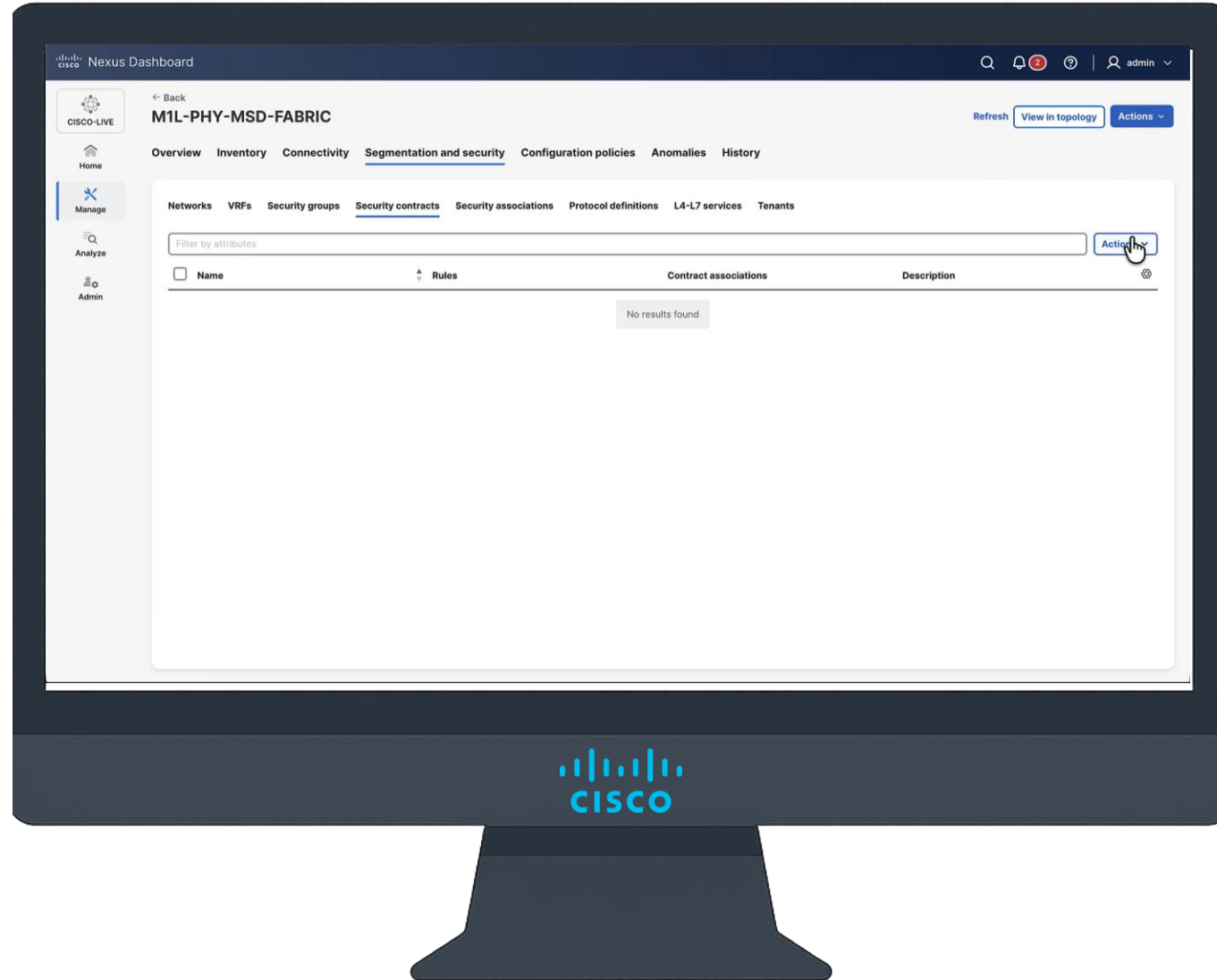
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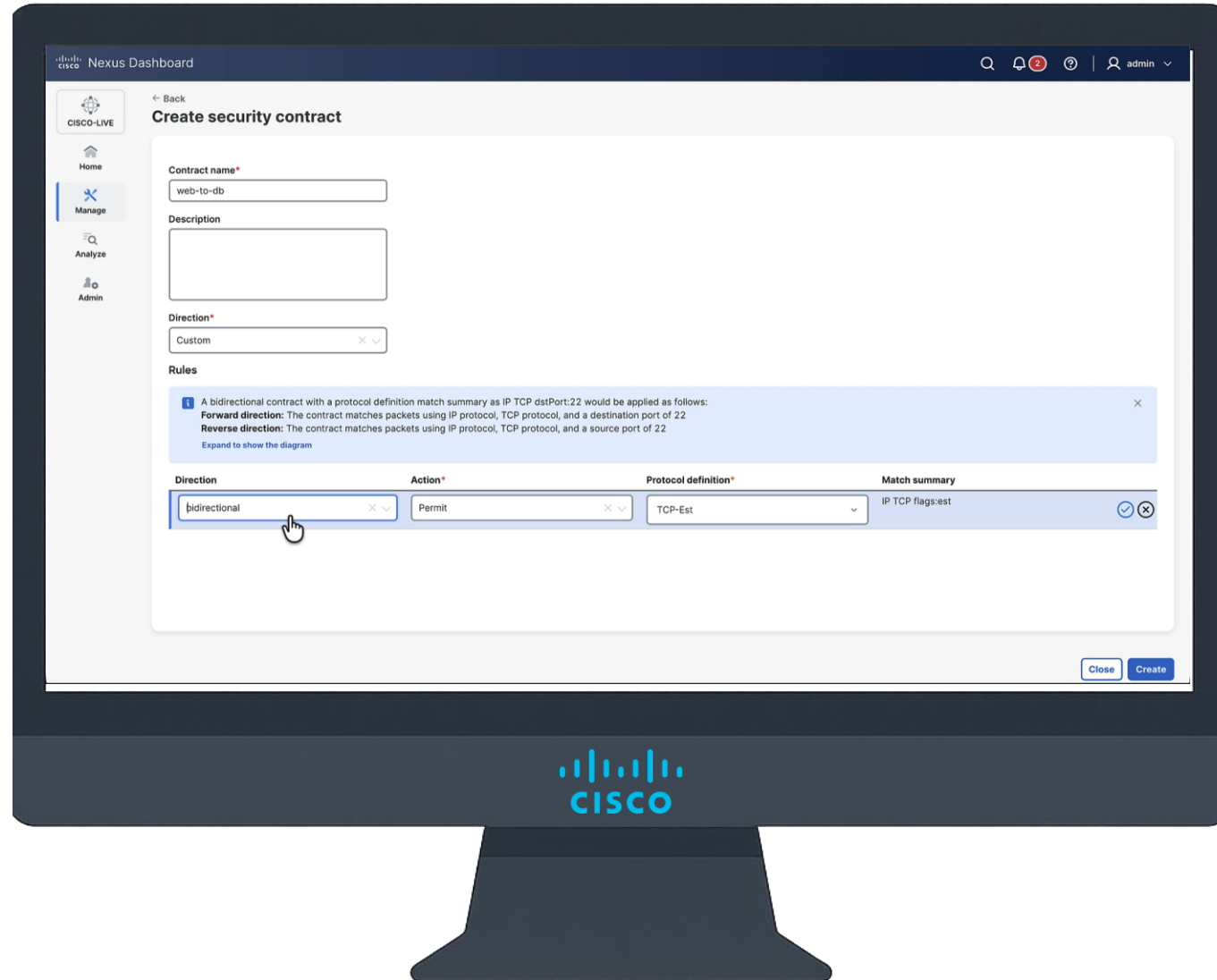
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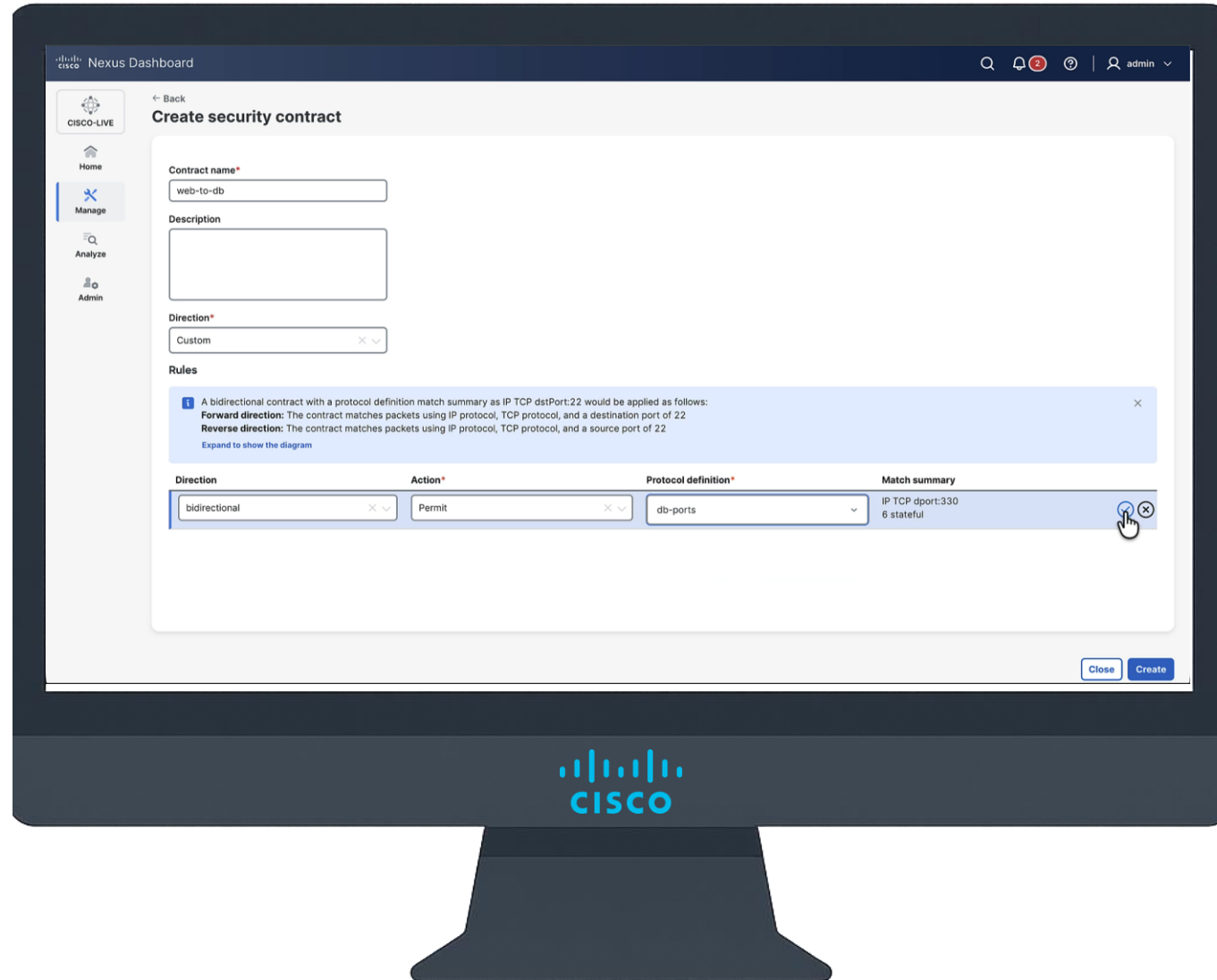
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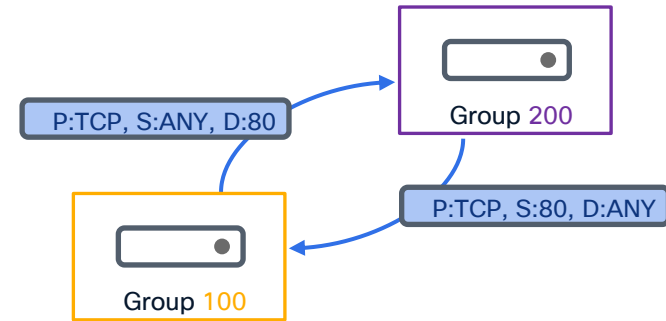
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Group Policy Option Fundamentals

Traffic Enforcement - Associations

- Associations set the policy between a source and a destination SGT
- Multiple associations can be defined between the same S-SGT and D-SGT if they refer to a different policy
- Associations can be:
 - Unidirectional
 - Bidirectional (default)
- When an association is bidirectional the switch programs the hardware rule to allow the return traffic



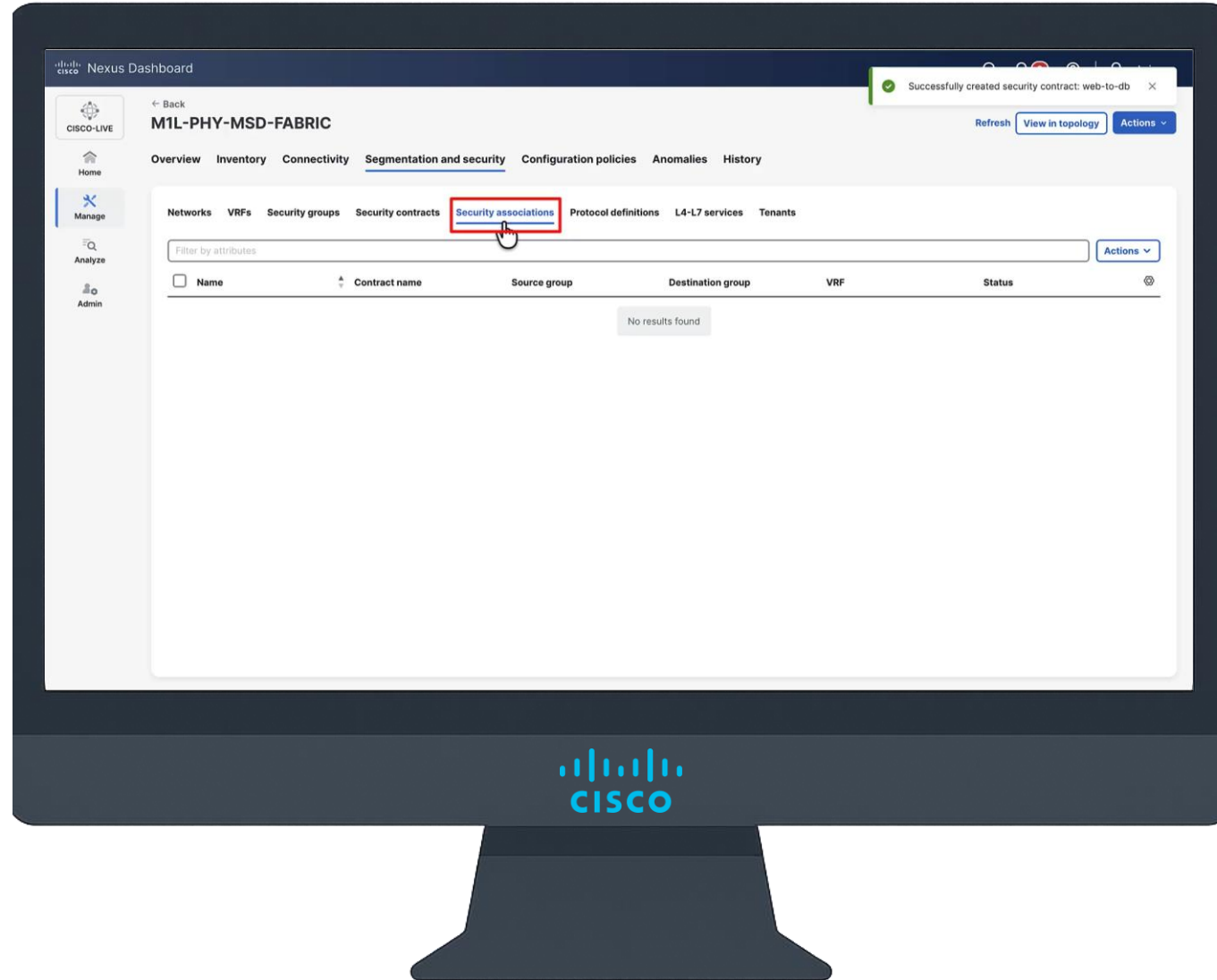
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security contract source 100 destination 200 policy ONLY-TCP-PORT-80 bidir*
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*default setting

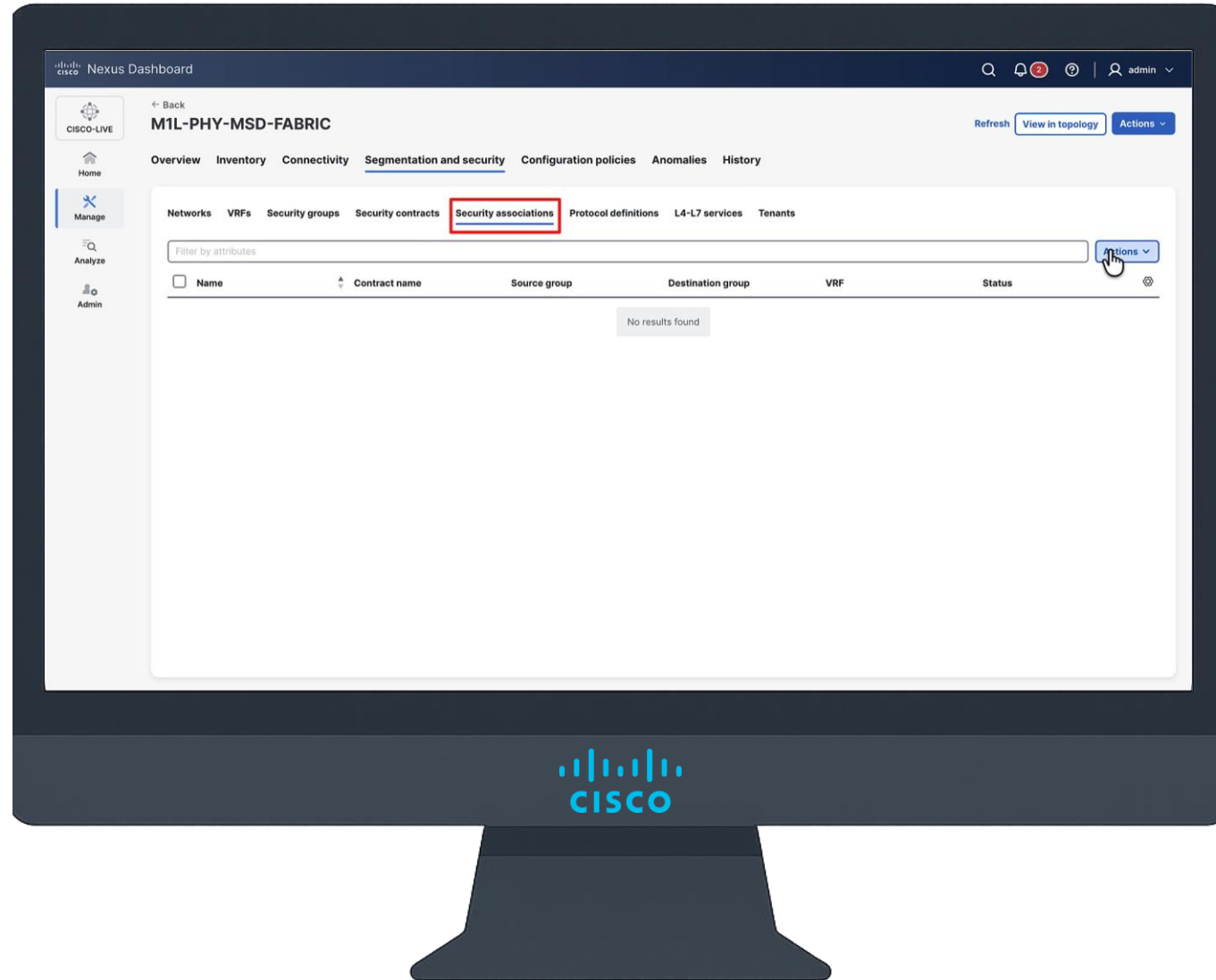
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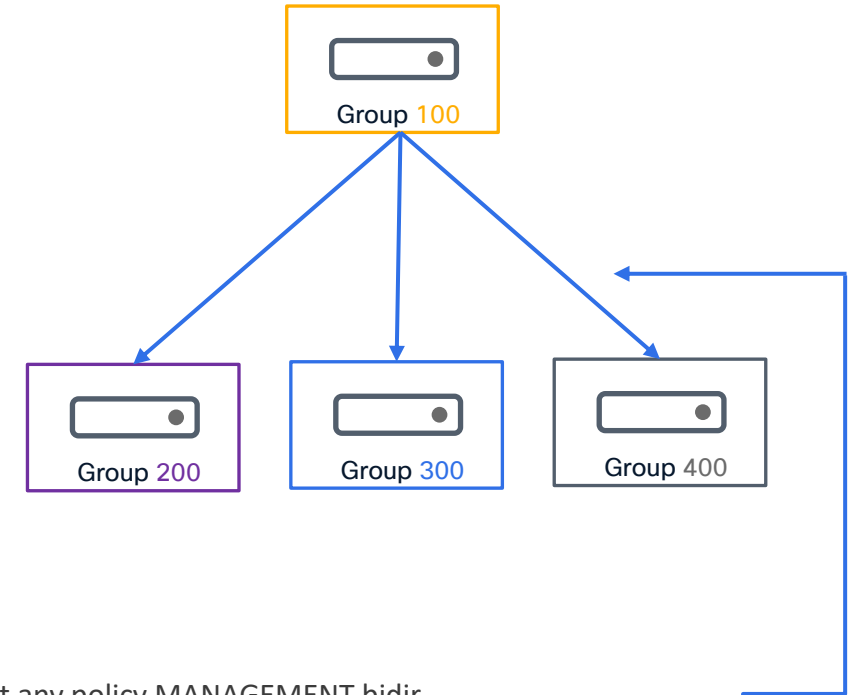
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Group Policy Option Fundamentals

Traffic Enforcement – Associations with Any

- Associations can also be mapped to a special object defined with the **“any”** keyword
- **“Any”** represents all the security-groups part of a VRF
- This allows the administrator to define a single rule when the following communications are required:
 - One to many
 - Many to one
 - Many to Many
- In case of SGACL overlaps, the most specific wins
 - One to One
 - One to Many
 - Many to One
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security con sou 100 dest any policy MANAGEMENT bidir
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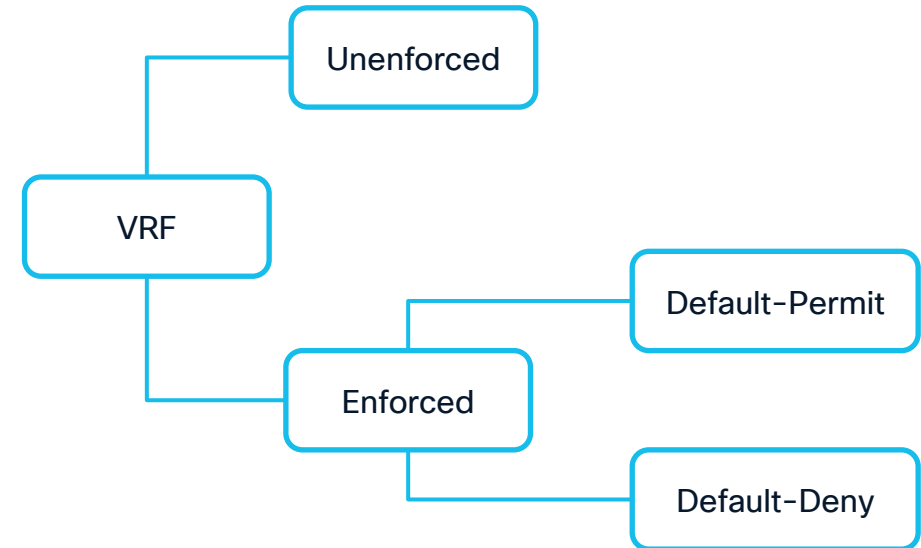
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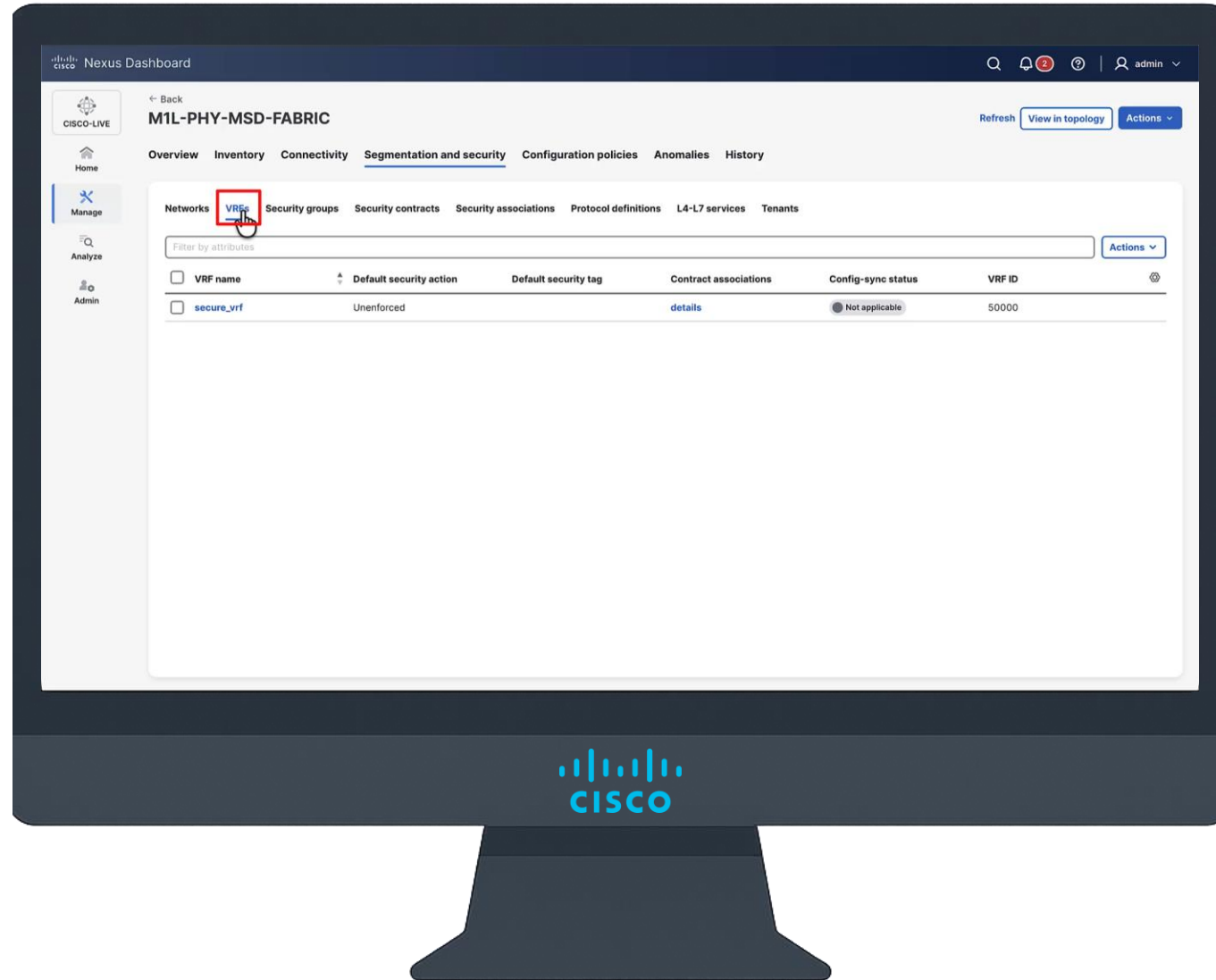
Traffic Enforcement – VRF Modes

- VRFs are the smallest atomic unit where traffic enforcement can be applied or denied
- They might be configured in 3 different options:
 - Unenforced: Classic behaviour, no policies
 - Enforced Permit: Block-List model, all traffic is allowed unless explicitly dropped
 - Enforced Deny: Allow-List model, all traffic is denied unless explicitly permitted
- Each VRF must be set with a default security tag for special classification, like BUM, multicast and for traffic that has not been categorized yet



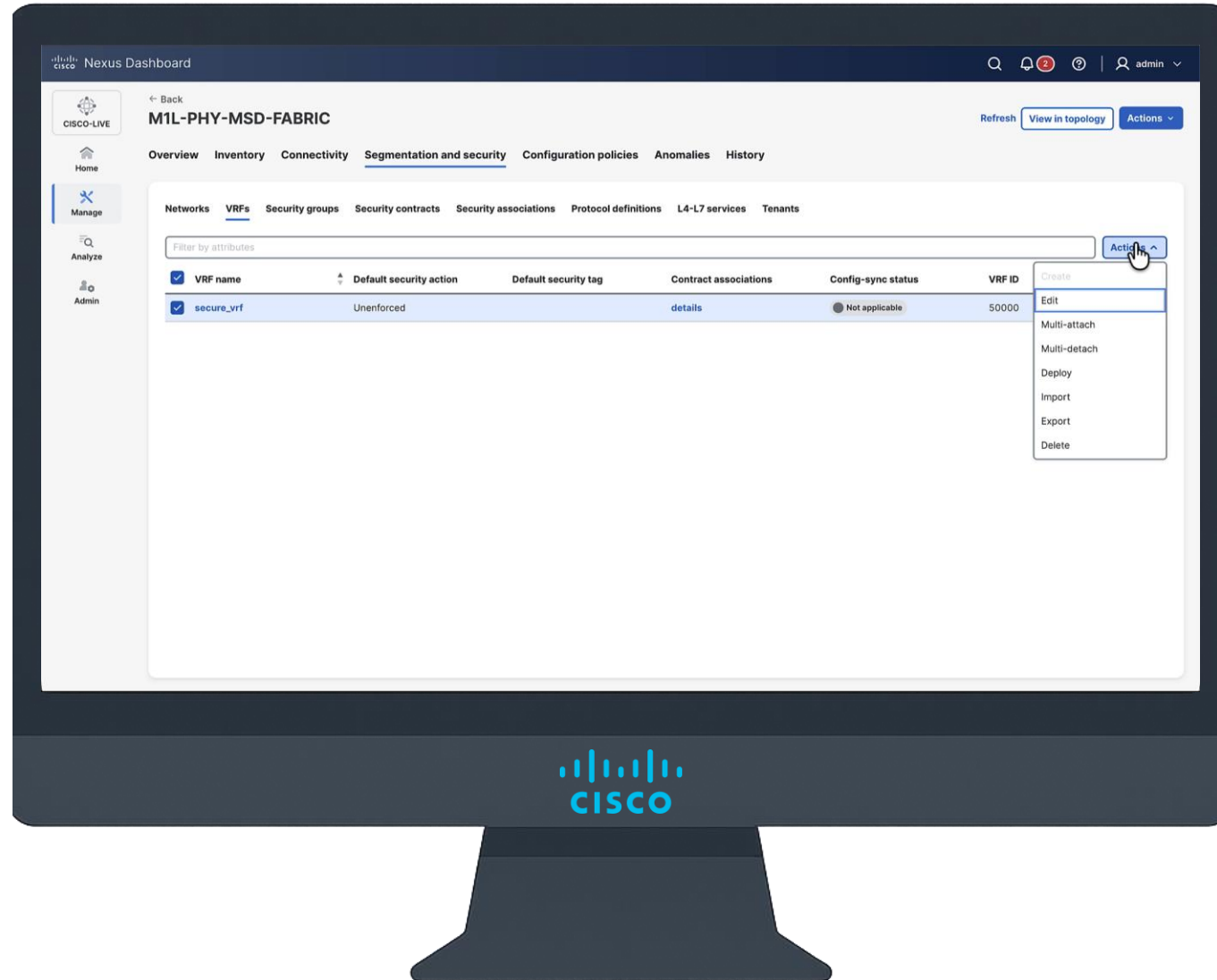
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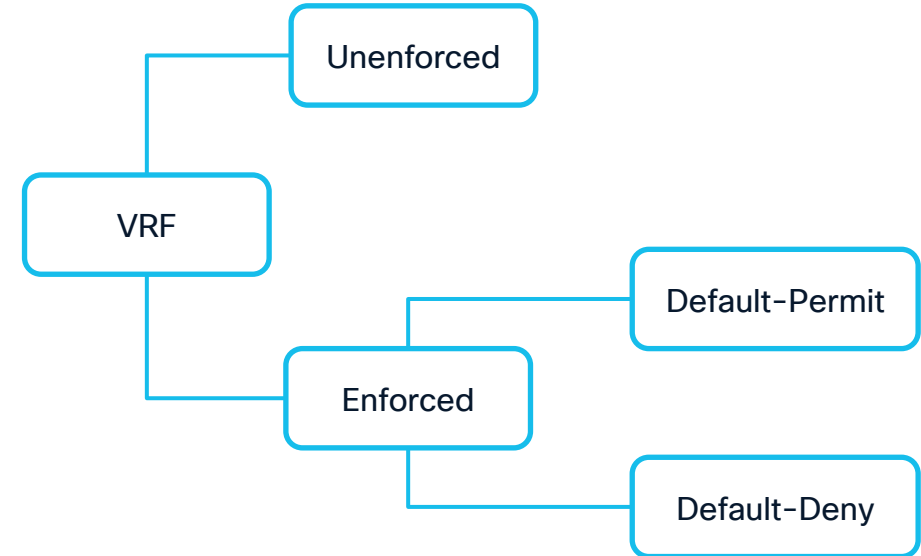
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GPO Use Cases

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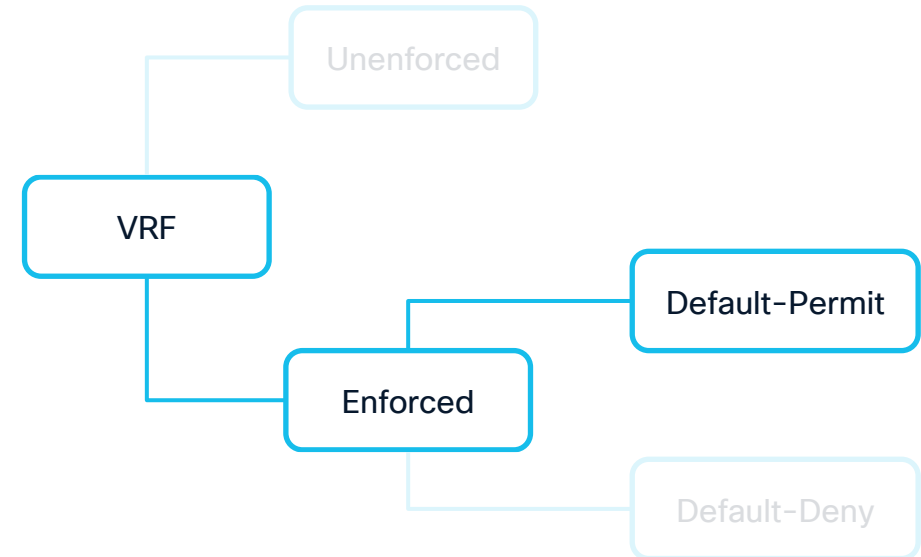
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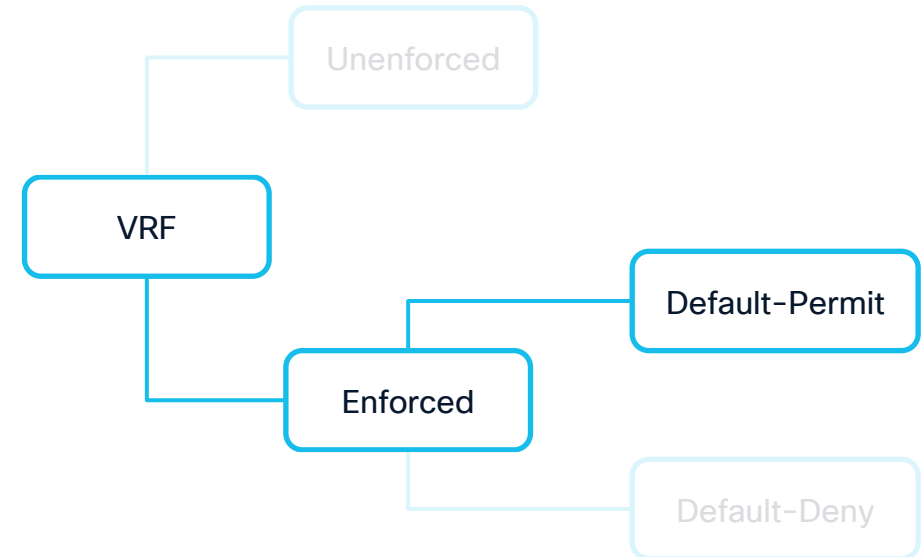
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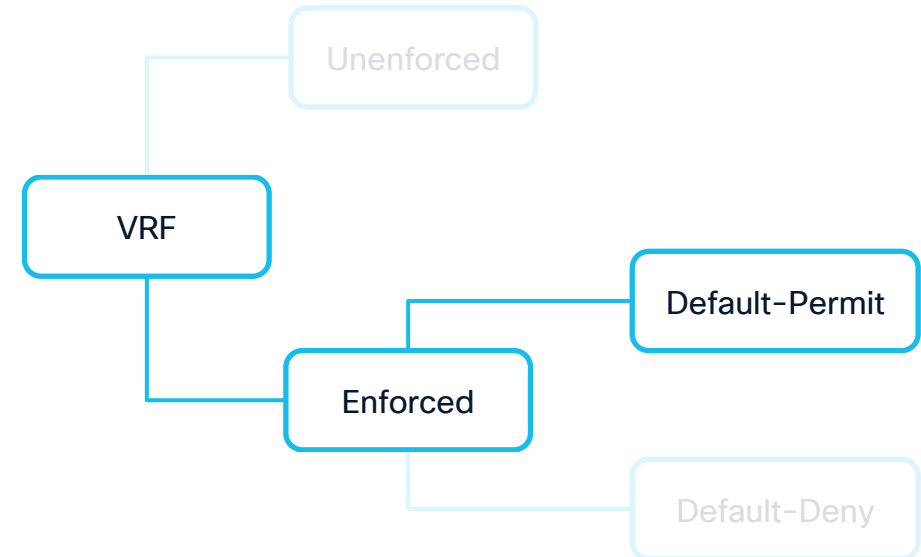
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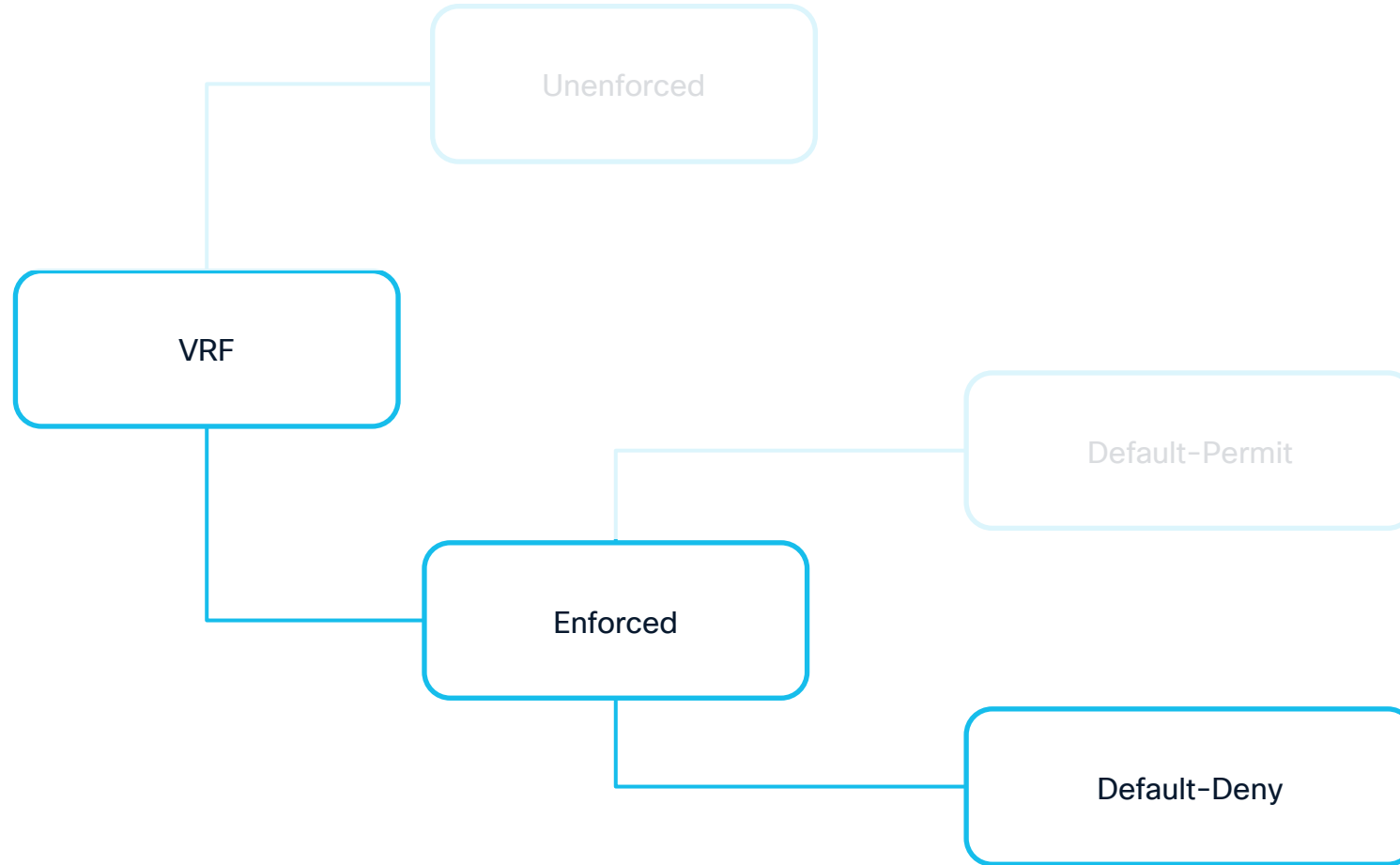


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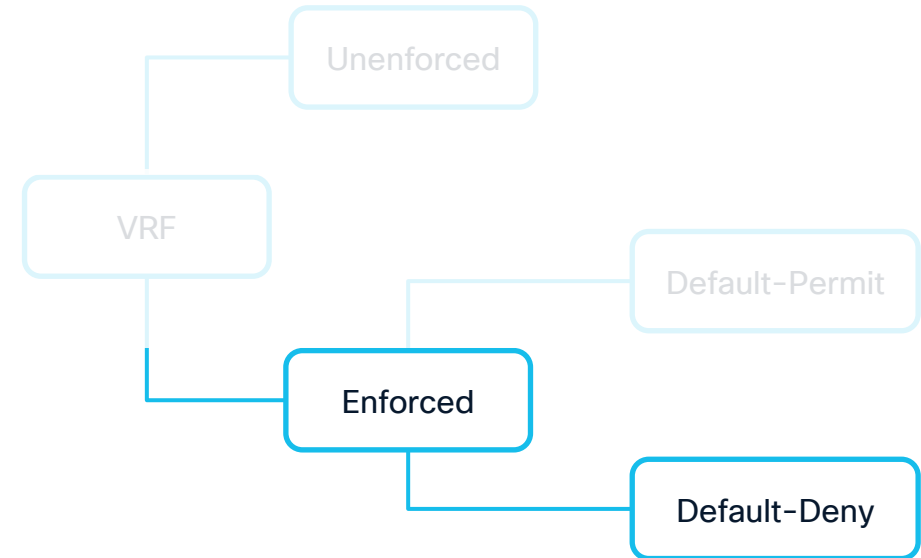
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Group Policy Option Fundamentals

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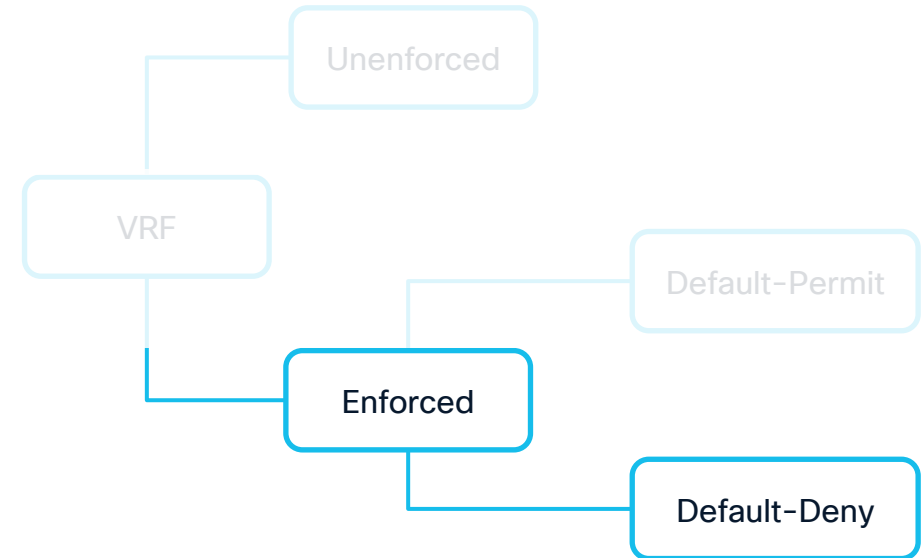
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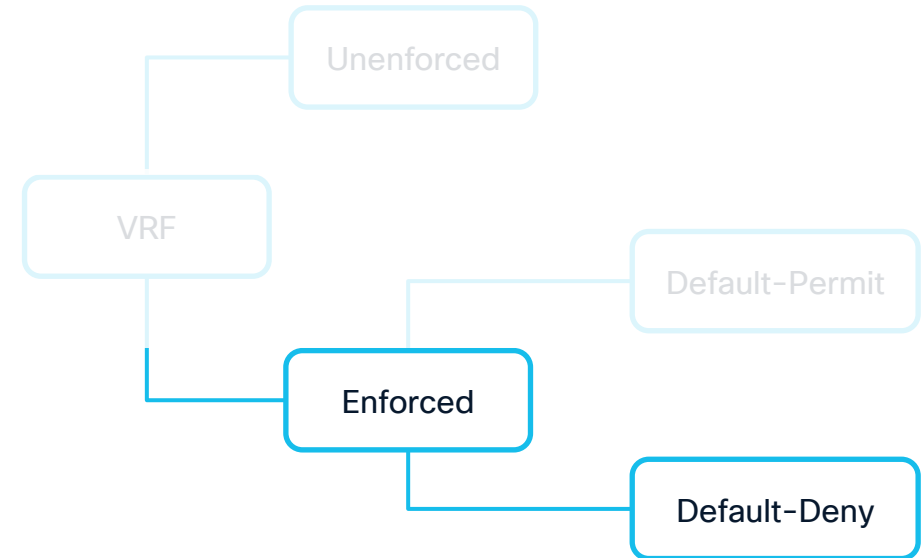
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**Just because traffic is allowed
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Security Team

GPO Based Service Redirection

Service Insertion

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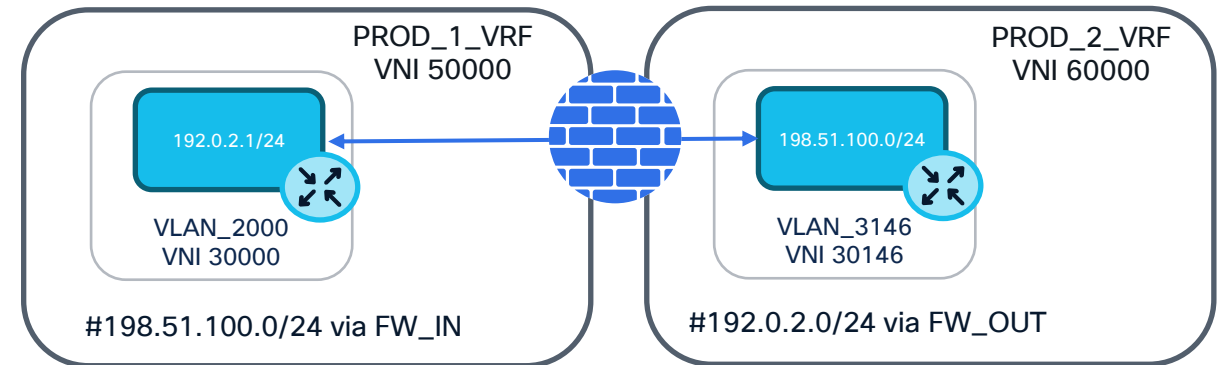
- Offload the traffic to a device connected to the fabric for additional processing
- Stateless ACLs might not be enough
- Companies' security policies might require advance traffic policies for some or all the traffic
- Security teams want to own the devices and the policies that inspect the traffic
- Redirection might also be used for other use cases:
 - NAT, CG-NAT
 - Load Balancing
 - TCP optimizers



Service Insertion

Classic Service Insertion Methods

- Classic methods require traffic to be forwarded to the firewall device by trusting the next hops present in the Layer-2 and Layer-3 RIBs/FIBs. IP/MAC lookup only
- Valid for many use cases:
 - Firewall As Default Gateway
 - Firewall As Perimeter Device
- Introduce configuration complexities and/or sub-optimal performances
- Administrators are forced to disable or work around key fabric functions.
 - DAG when firewall is used as default gateway
 - VRF Leaking with the perimeter firewall

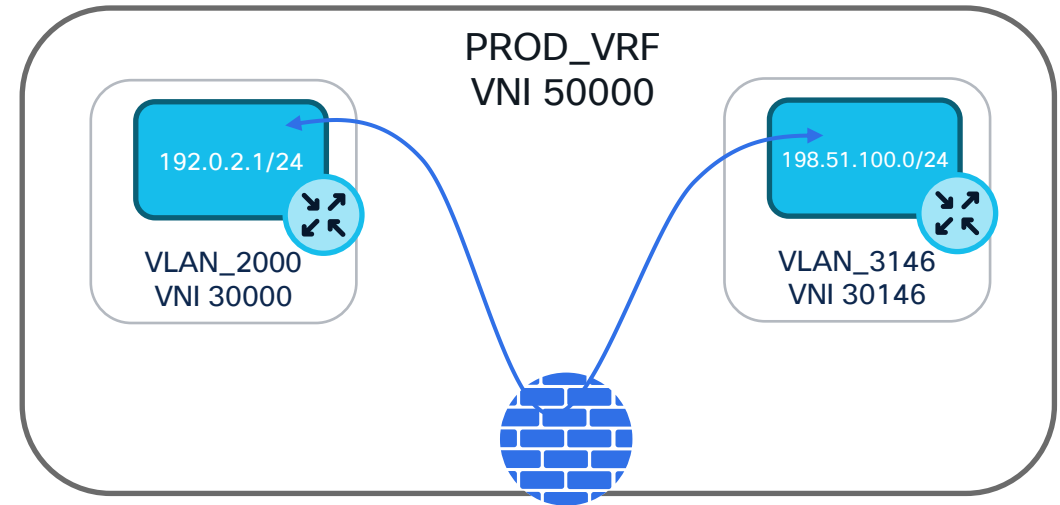


Classic VRF Sandwich

Service Insertion

Service Redirection Methods

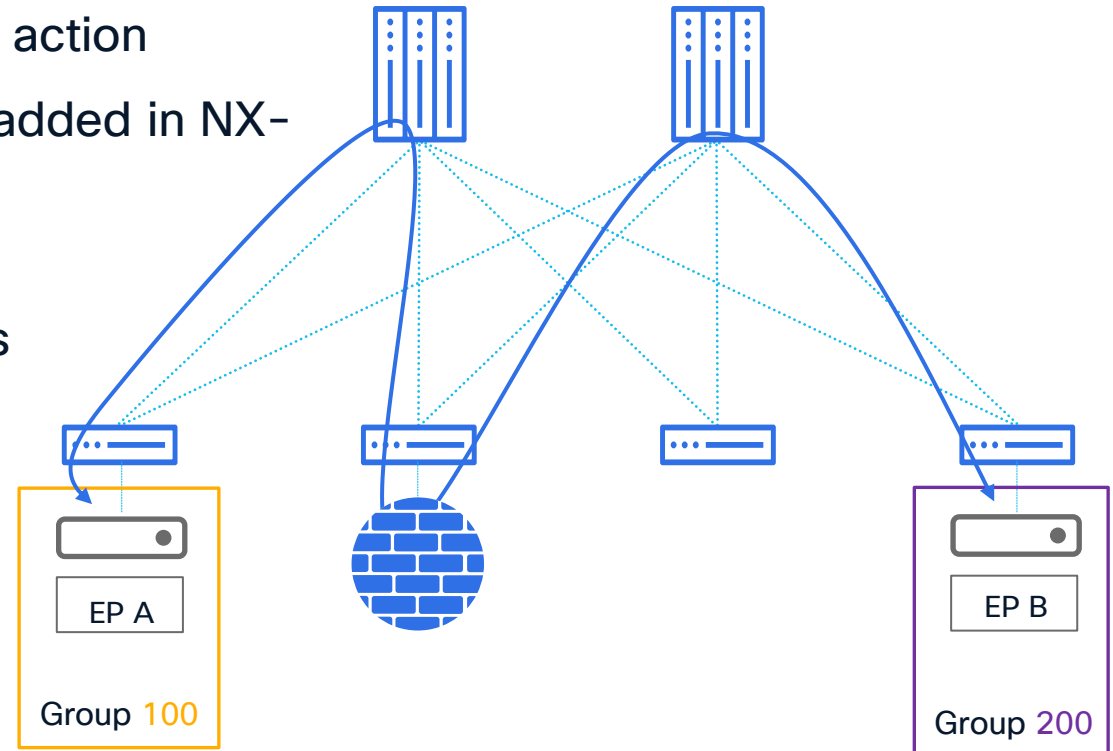
- Redirection/Stitching methods reroute traffic through security devices based on defined policies, there is no need to influence Layer-2 and Layer-3 RIBs/FIBs
- Redirection is totally decoupled from the topology
- NX-OS has multiple features that helps administrators under the ePBR umbrella term
 - Available since NX-OS 9.3(5)
 - Automated and simplified configuration
 - Ensures the symmetry will be maintained
 - Integrates monitoring and fail-action with IP SLA
 - Supports IP access-list and now GPO



GPO Based Service Redirection

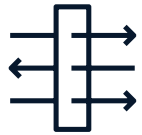
Highlights

- GPO Service Redirection support introduced in NX-OS 10.5(1)F
- Extends SGACL capabilities with the service-chain action
- Multi-Site and multi-node Service Chains support added in NX-OS 10.5(2)F
 - Maximum 5 Service Functions
- Applicable for macro and micro segmentation rules
- Redirection can happen a subset of traffic
 - Granular match rules (filters)
- Not yet available in Nexus Dashboard
 - Workaround will be explored in the next demo



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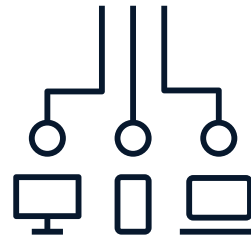
Terminology



FW-A

Service Endpoint

This identifies the devices that will receive the traffic



Service Function

An entity that includes one or multiple Service Endpoints used for the same logical function



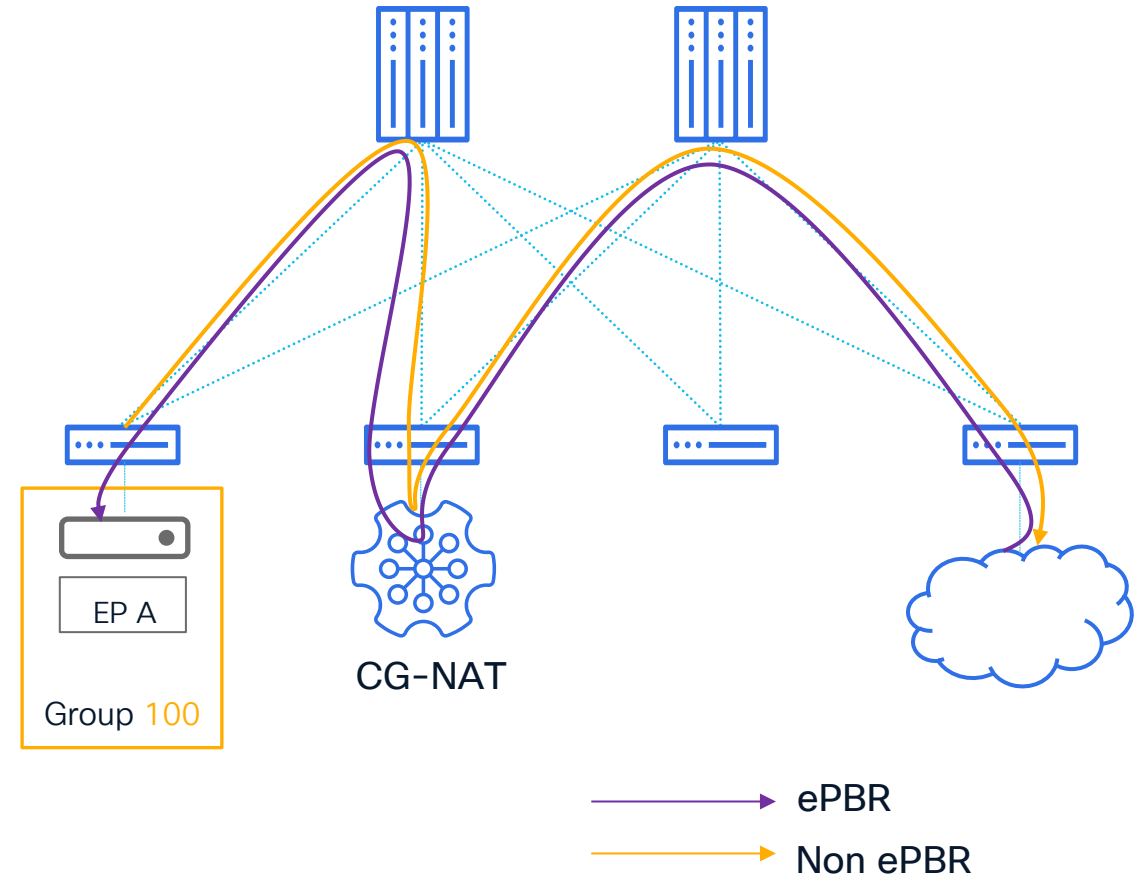
Service Chain

A list of one more Service Functions that Packets will need to traverse in the right order

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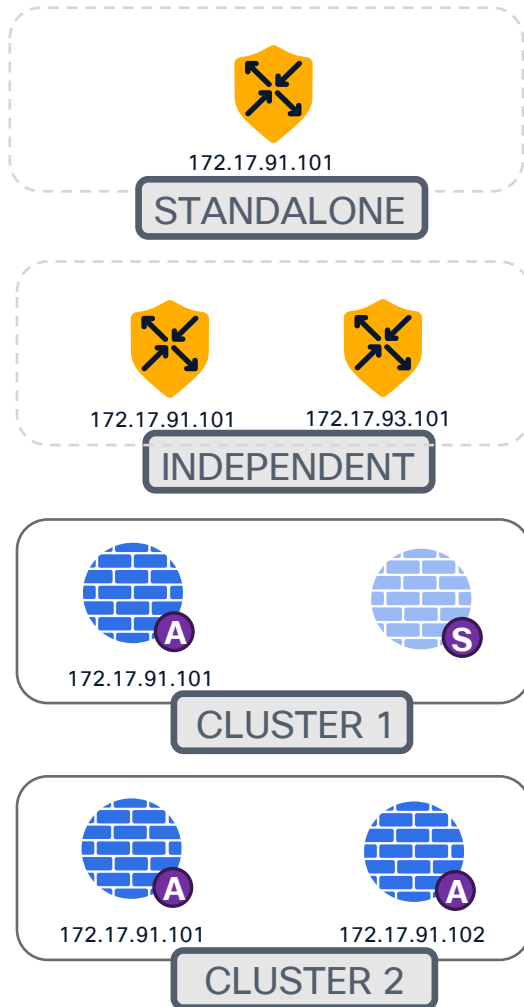
Service Endpoint

- Service Endpoints are networking devices that apply additional policies to the traffic
 - They must operate at Layer3
 - They can be Virtual or Physical
 - They can be standalone or deployed in clusters
- Depending on their function they might require different redirection rules
 - Device that do not apply any NAT rules like firewalls, IPS/IDS or TCP Optimizers
 - Redirection must be applied in both directions
 - Device that apply NAT rules like Load Balancers or CG-NAT devices
 - Redirection might be needed on one or both directions



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Service Function

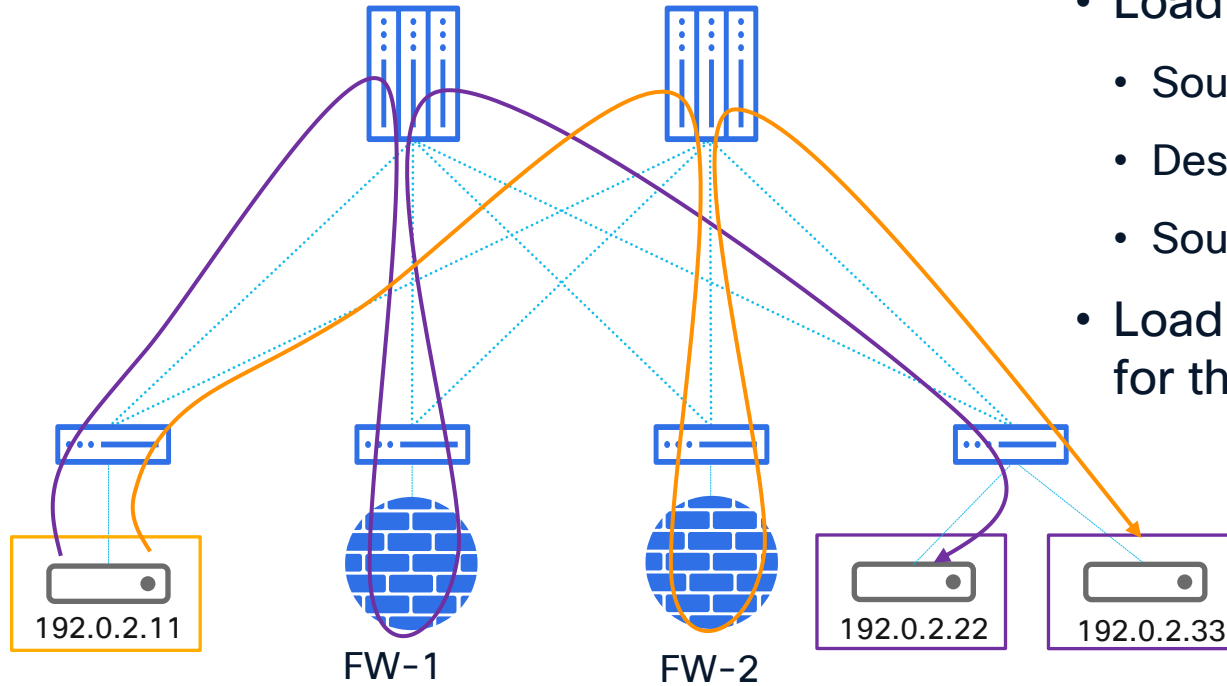


- Service Functions are logical groups of Service-Endpoints that enforce the same traffic policies.
- They can be used to set the IP SLA monitoring, and they will take the device in and out of the pool based on their status
- Can be associated to a single VRF
- When using GPO Service Functions returning traffic must be classified in a SG

```
security-group 10091 name FIREWALL-1
  type layer4-7
  match interface vlan 3101
epbr service FIREWALL-1-SITE-1
  vrf hyper_vrf
  security-group 10091
  probe icmp timeout 1 source-interface loopback98 frequency 2...
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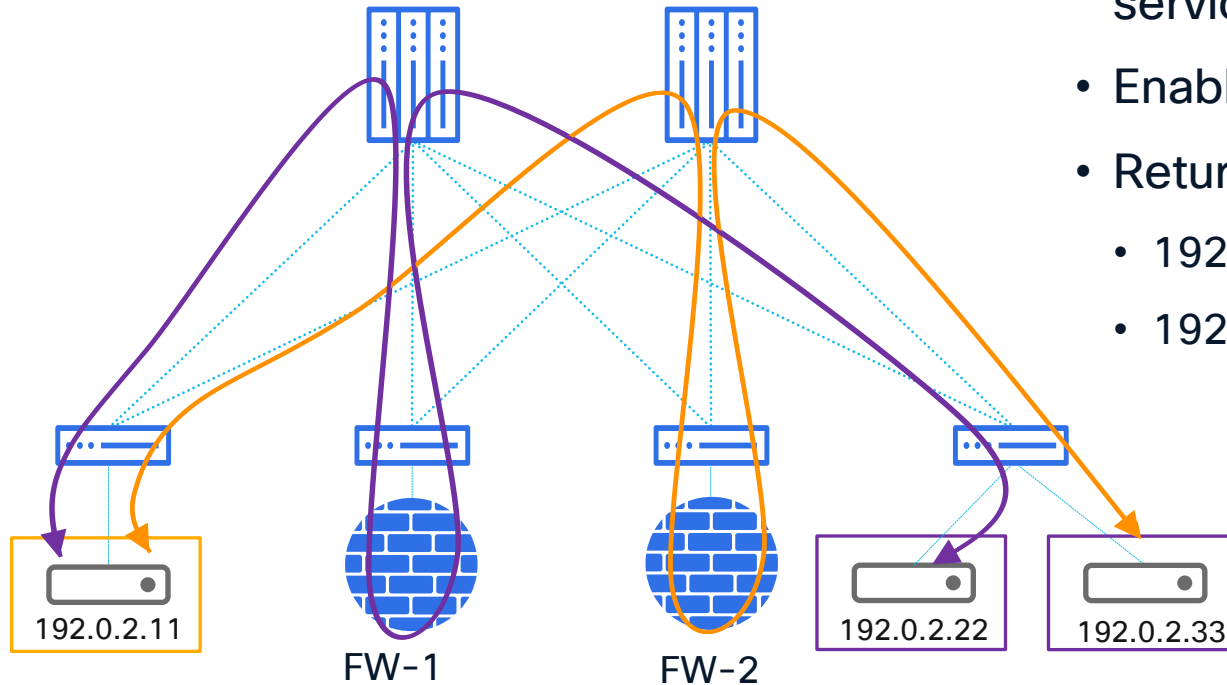
Load Balancing



- When a function has multiple endpoints with different IP addressed
- Load Balancing hash might be calculated based on:
 - Source IP Address
 - Destination IP Address
 - Source, Destination IP Addresses and IP Protocol
- Load Balancing can be set for the entire Service Chain or for the Service Function

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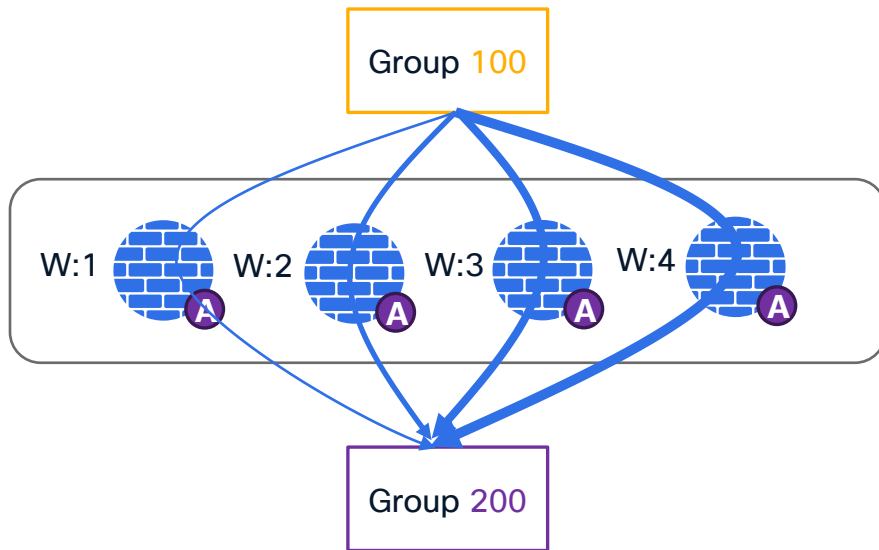
Load Balancing – Symmetric Hashing



- Load Balancing uses symmetric hashing
- Both flow directions will always be hashed in the same service endpoint
- Enabled by default
- Return traffic will always go to the same service endpoint
 - 192.0.2.11 -> 192.0.2.22 = FW-1 = 192.0.2.22 -> 192.0.2.11
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Load Balancing – Weighted Load Balancing

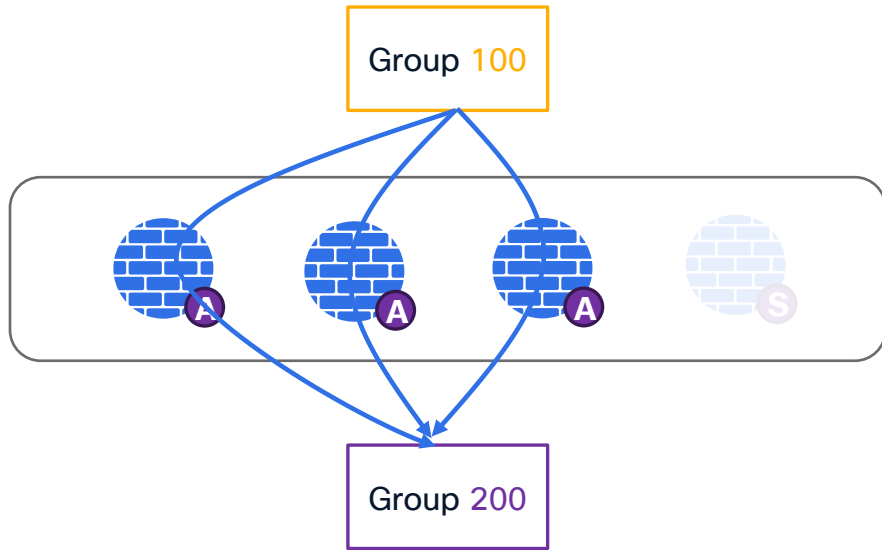


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- Weighted Load Balancing:
 - Unequally distributes the load over the different service endpoints
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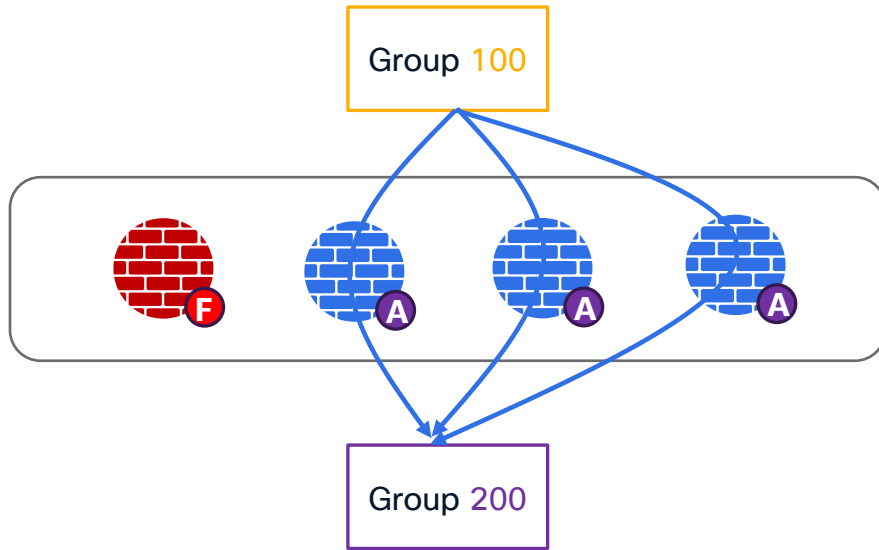


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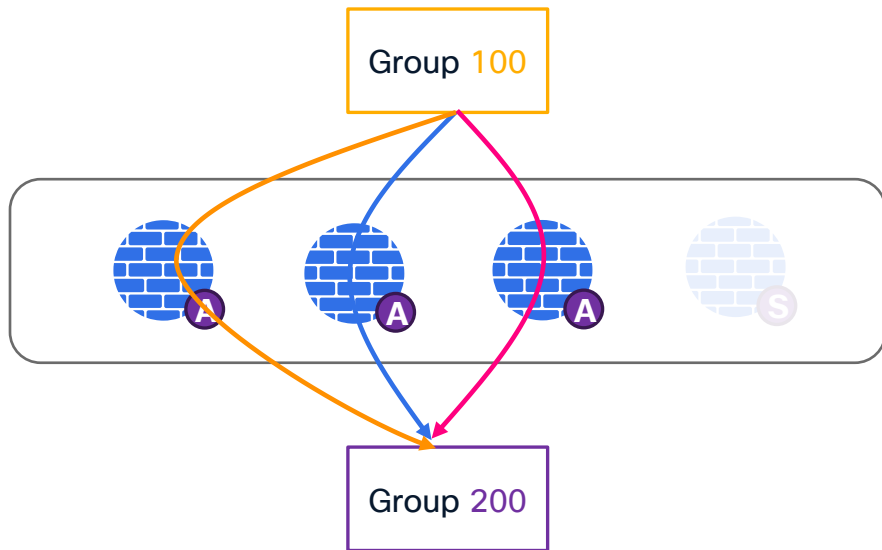
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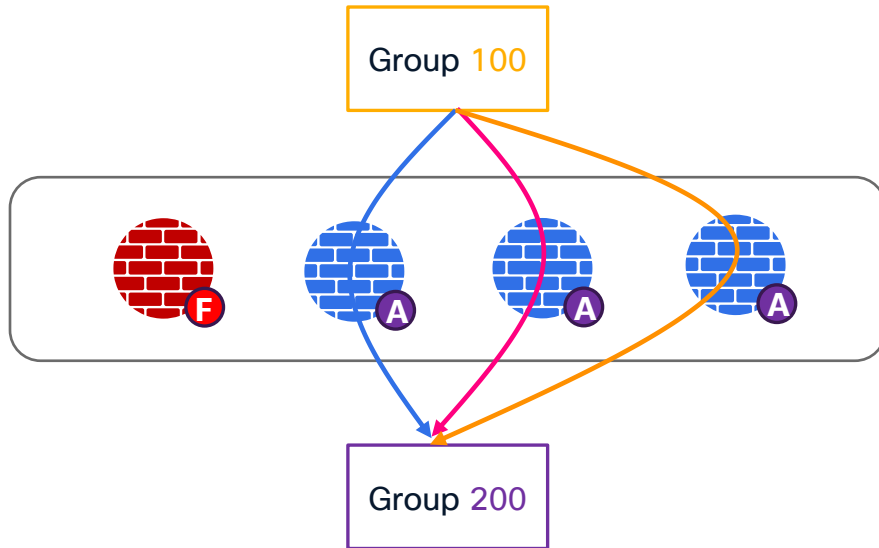
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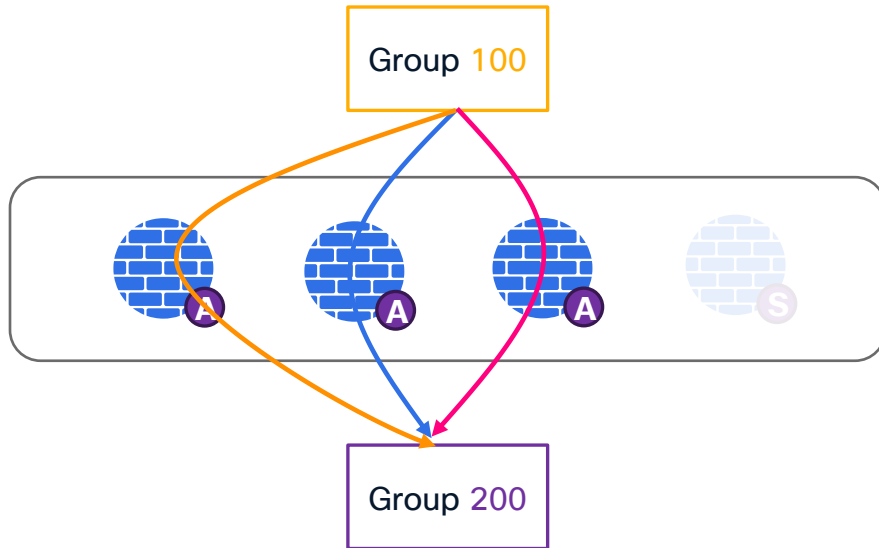
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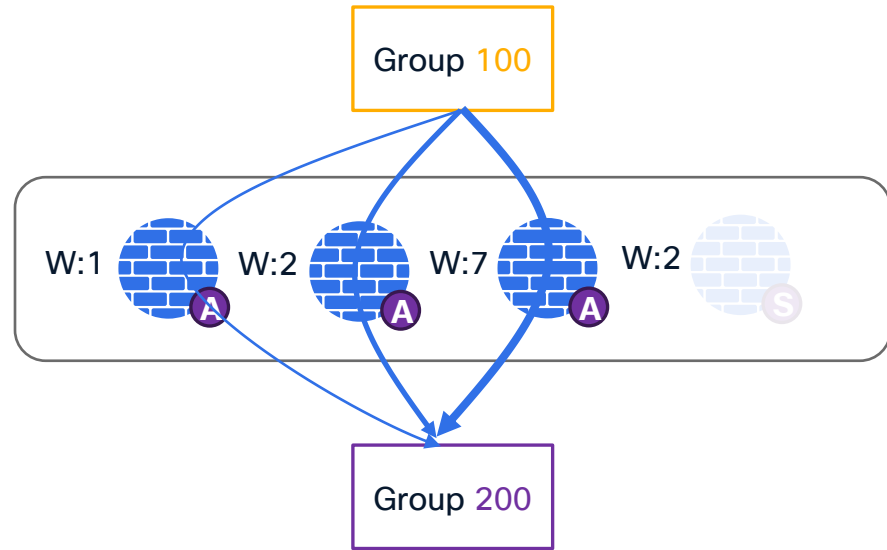
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- Resilient Hashing drastically reduces the impact during failures inside of a redundant service chain
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- Only works when active devices fail and get back active.

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Load Balancing – Combining WLB and N+M

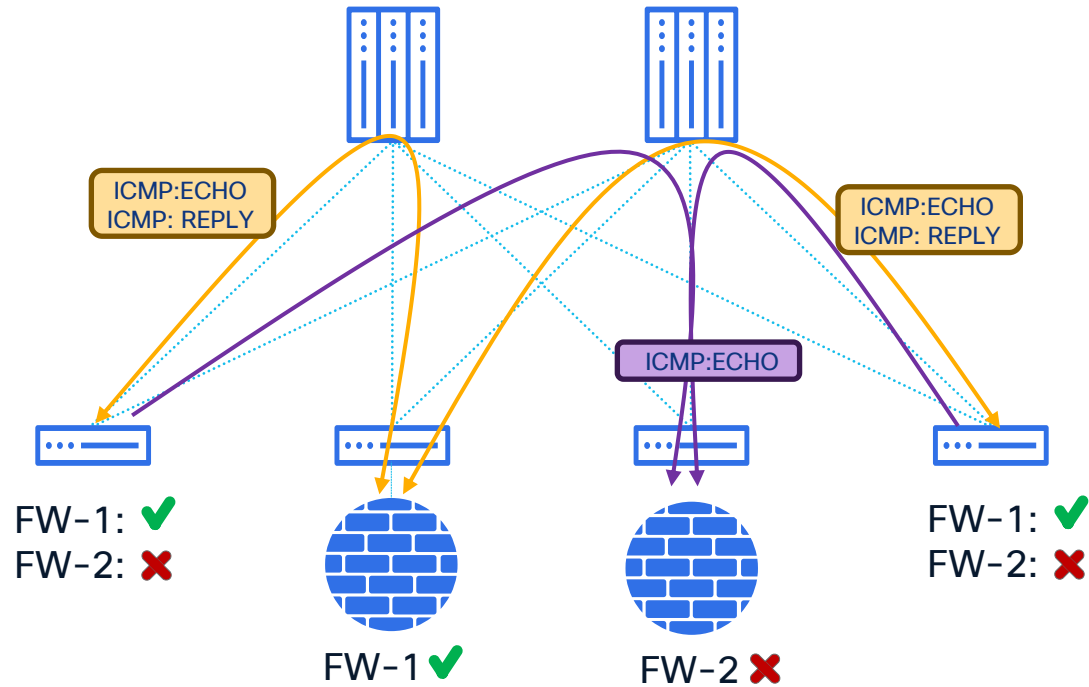


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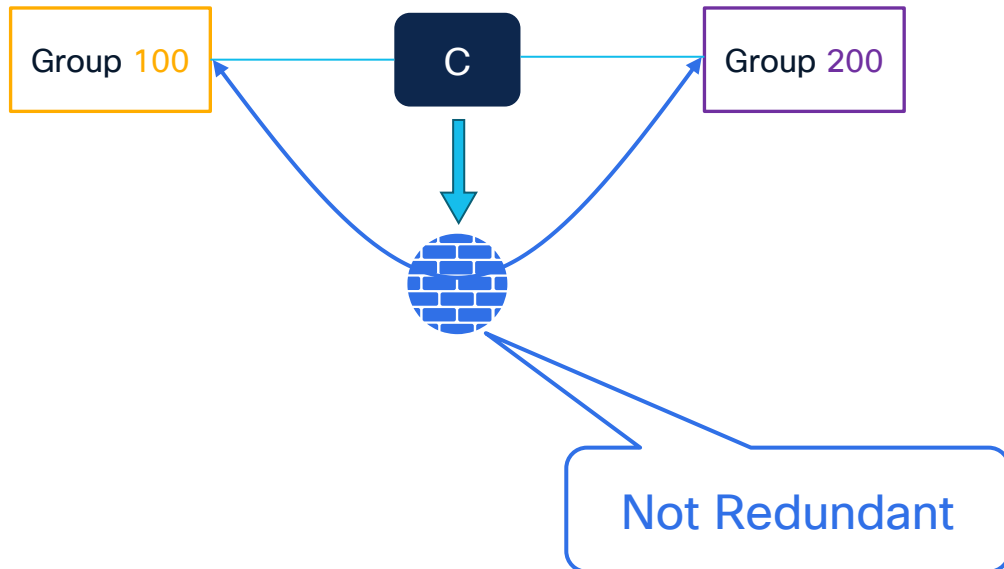
Service Function - Tracking



- Tracking the health of devices avoids blackholes
- All the VTEPs where the traffic is forwarded needs to track the status of the devices via loopbacks
- Unhealthy Service Endpoints must be excluded from the Service Function pool
- Probes can be configured with different protocols
 - ICMP
 - UDP
 - TCP
 - HTTP
- Probes must be sourced from a Loopback, you cannot use a DAG SVI

GPO Based Service Redirection

Service Chains - Single Function

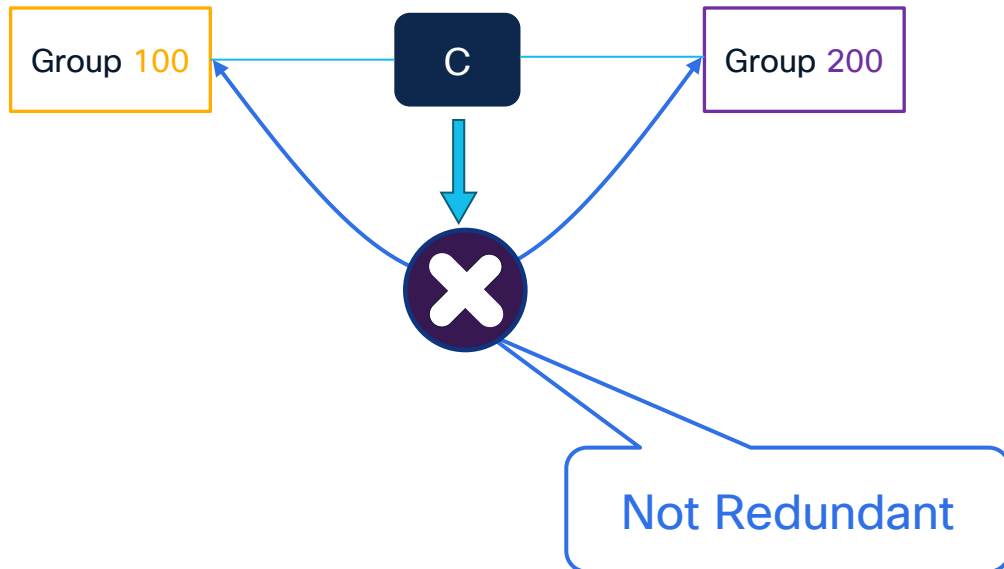


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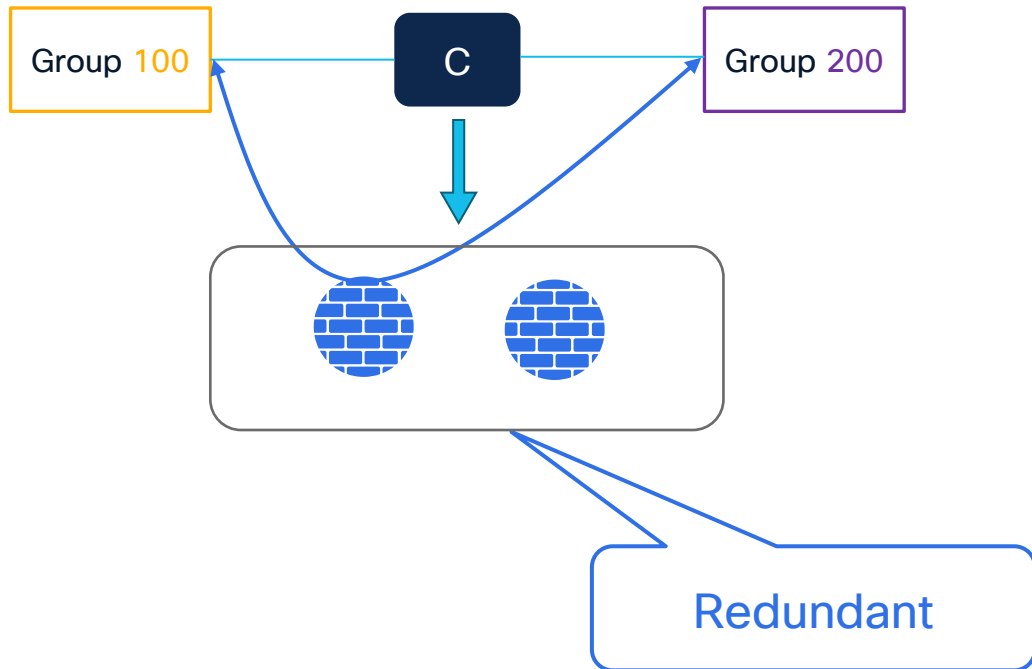


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 - If a function is not UP, we can decide the action
 - Forward - Send the packet to the destination IP
 - Drop - Discard the packet
 - ~~Bypass~~ (not useful with single function service-chains)
- Single Function Service Chains have one step only

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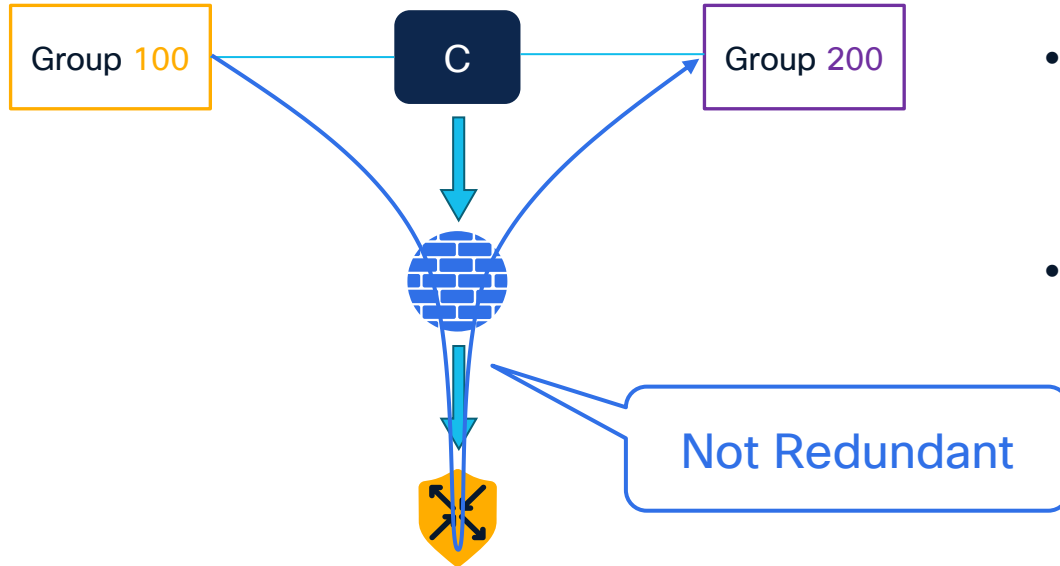
Service Chains - Single Function



- Redundancy can be obtained in different ways
 - Cluster: Active/Standby or Active/Active
 - Independent devices with synchronized policies
- Symmetry is always maintained
 - When multiple service endpoints, with different IP addresses, are defined inside a function, traffic in both directions is always sent to the same node

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Service Chains - Multi Function

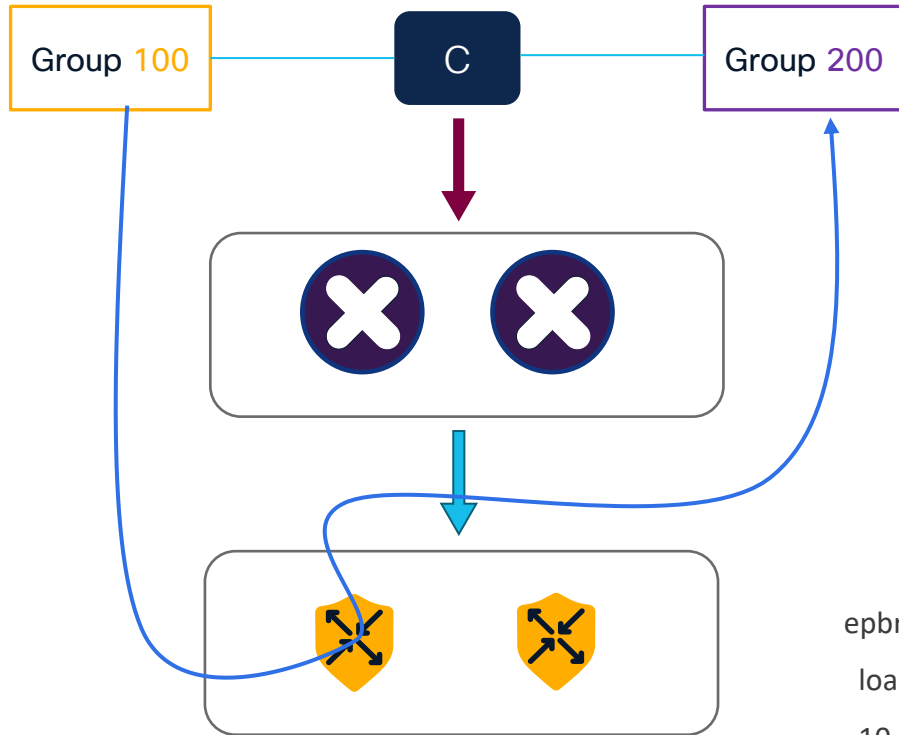


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 - Bypass - Redirect to the next function

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epbr service-chain WEB-CHAIN-SITE-1
load-balance method src-dst-ipprotocol
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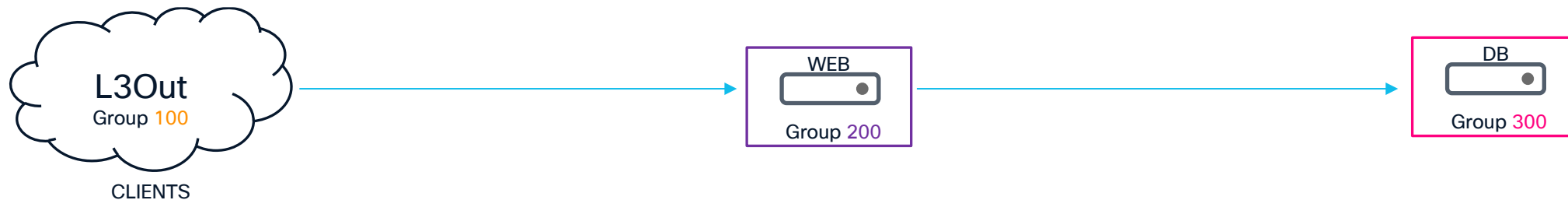
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security-group 300 name WEB  
  match connected-endpoints vrf hyper_vrf ipv4 198.51.100.201/32
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```
vrf context hyper_vrf  
  security enforce tag 13129 default deny  
  security contract source 100 destination 200 policy TO-WEB  
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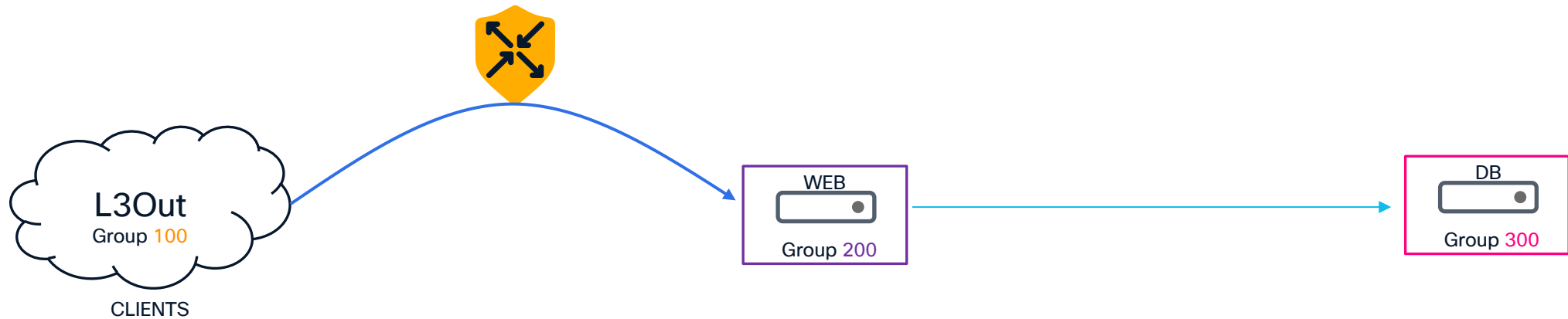
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class-map type security match-any WEB-PORTS  
  match ipv4 tcp stateful dport 443  
  match ipv4 tcp stateful dport 80  
class-map type security match-any DB-PORTS  
  match ipv4 tcp stateful dport 3306
```

```
policy-map type security TO-WEB  
  class WEB-PORTS  
    permit  
policy-map type security TO-DB  
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Enhanced Evergreen Example – Configurations That Will Not Change

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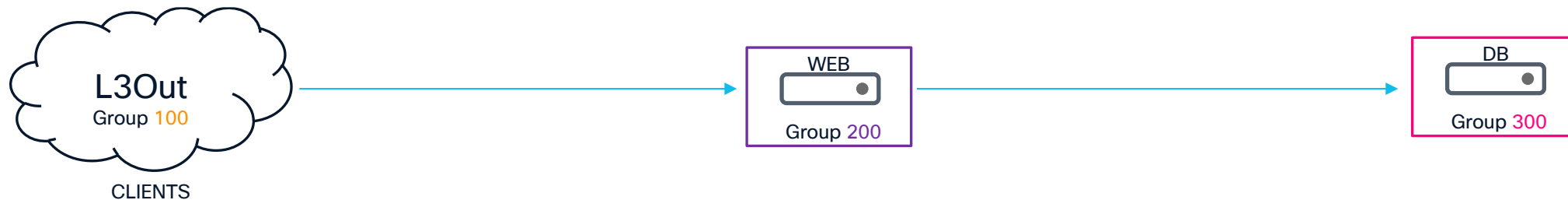
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Enhanced Evergreen Example – Service Definition

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  type layer4-7
  match interface vlan 3101
epbr service WAF
  vrf hyper_vrf
  security-group 10091
  probe icmp timeout 1 source-interface lo98
  service-end-point ip 172.17.91.101
    service-end-point ip 172.17.91.102
epbr service-chain SERVICE-CHAIN-WAF
  10 set service WAF
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```



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Enhanced Evergreen Example – Service Association

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```



Demo#5

Conclusions

Summary

New Security Options for VXLAN EVPN Fabrics

- We just discovered new functionalities that can greatly enhance the security in your Data Center networks
- Group Policy Option:
 - With dynamic classification and grouping of connected endpoints and external networks
 - Remediates persistent security gaps in legacy, migrated environments
 - Essential for new secure greenfield deployments
- Service Redirection with GPO:
 - Easily design and configure the integration between GPO and ePBR service redirection
 - Flexibly map the flows that need to be sent to external devices for additional policies
- Available on standalone NX-OS and Nexus Dashboard*
 - Automation can be achieved with both operational models
 - Automation can integrate external data sources and/or logics

*GPO Service Redirection workflows: future

Resources

Continue your GPO journey

- NX-OS Group Policy Option White Paper:
 - <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/dcn/whitepapers/securing-datacenters-with-microsegmentation-and-vxlan-gpo.html>
- NX-OS Group Policy Option Admin Guide:
 - https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/dcn/nx-os/nexus9000/106x/configuration/vxlan/cisco-nexus-9000-series-nx-os-vxlan-configuration-guide-release-106x/microsegmentation_for_vxlan_fabrics_using_gpo.html
- NX-OS Configuring Service Chaining with Security Groups:
 - <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/dcn/nx-os/nexus9000/106x/configuration/epbr/cisco-nexus-9000-series-nx-os-epbr-configuration-guide/chapter.html>

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